

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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He Kept His Promise!

It was a dark chapter in American military history as the General stood on the deck of the submarine – looking back over the island that he had just lost. As he watched the flashes of bombs blasting in the distance, his ears became filled with the thunder of artillery. The end was near. Soon the enemy would take control of the Philippine Islands.

General Douglas MacArthur was not a General to retreat, but alas he was. It broke his heart to leave this people who so depended on him and the might of his command. As he moved away from the Island, he uttered the infamous ***“I Shall Return!”*** The battle was lost. Yet, MacArthur did return and his return – with a mightier Army than before – would lead to a certain victory and ultimately the total victory over the enemy.

The people of the Philippines fled to the hills when “General Mac” left, but they knew he would return – because he said he would and that was good enough for them. He made a promise to return and that instilled in their hearts the strength to keep them going knowing that victory would be theirs. Yet, they had to endure the brutality of the enemy while secretly saying in their heart, *“He will come back; he promised and we will remain faithful to his promise!”* History records that the “General” remained faithful to his promise and he did return.

Jesus has revealed His plan to us that is born on this same promise – *He will return* – He promised He would. *“I will come again and receive you until myself that where I am there ye may be also”* were His words to His disciples. The same thoughts that are written on page after page in His inspired Word. Yes, Jesus “lost” the initial battle to those who could not accept Him as the Son of God. He suffered the cruel death on the cross. But He promised to return!

What a wonderful day it was when the General landed again on the shores of the Islands. Bedlam broke loose. Everyone was joyful and happy for now they were set free. The General's promise was good and total victory belonged to the “faithful.”

And when we ***“ . . . shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”*** (Luke 21:27-28) He will come because He promised! And the pain and suffering will cease for those who remain faithful and victory – total victory – will be for those who are ***“faithful until death”***.

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland