



Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy July 2022 Newsletter

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Sheriff Chaplain's Corner

What should we do when we feel the need to act in haste?

Anyone ever rush in and act in haste? Ever move out of fear, anger, or other emotions? How about scams on social media, from telemarketers, or craigslist, that are too good to be true? We have probably all been in situations where we feel the pressure to make a hasty choice.

In looking at Scripture, God does not tell us to rush into decisions. (He just doesn't appear to work that way). In fact, we will see in today's message that He usually works and guides us in the opposite approach.

People in the financial (or business) world know that success rarely follows a "snap decision". Our Heavenly Father will not tell us to rush in blindly. (He always equips us. Ex: Wisdom.)

During my time in the Army, I was taught early on about the 1/3-2/3 rule. This helped me understand that in any mission, an effective leader makes every effort to utilize the first 1/3rd of the allotted time into the planning of each operation before taking action. Then productively accomplishing the mission with the remaining 2/3rds of the planned-out time. This served me well for my entire military career, and still does so to this very day.

My friends, at times we may need to move swiftly, but we can move swiftly "in The Will of God", and not hurry into a situation without God's Blessing. An example from the movie "HACKSAW RIDGE" a true story from WWII, tells of a time when it was the Sabbath and they were all waiting for their Army Medic, Desmond Doss, to finish his time of worship and prayer before the unit would go back up the ridge for the next wave of combat.

This decision to strategically and patiently wait, brought victory to Desmond Doss and his unit that day; and the same practice can bring victory to us and to our team this very day.

In our life, the enemy (our adversary) almost always tries to manipulate us into acting immediately and rashly. Because satan knows that if we do back off and think long enough & pray, we will most likely reconsider and make a healthy decision.

When we rush in, and most of us have done this before, we have made mistakes; and if we continue to act in haste, we could create situations that we regret for a long time.

That is why Scripture tells us to wait on God and find our rest in Him.

Psalm 27:14 (NIV) ***Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.***

Psalm 62:5 (NIV) ***Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.***

If we feel an overwhelming urge to act in haste, then we had better pull in the reins and patiently wait. Because The Lord wants us to get all the details and His guidance first; before we take any action.

Look at 2 examples/King Saul (1 Sam. 10:8) and Nehemiah (When Artaxerxes sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem), who both waited until God put the specifics in place. Then they moved in trust and obedience.

1 Sam. 10:8 ***“Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do.”***

Nehemiah 2:8b ***And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.***

Both Saul and Nehemiah waited for God to guide and equip them. **When God faithful did so; Only then did they move and take wise action, and they had Had the gracious hand of God upon them.**

Each one of us can do the same today! **Just ask the LORD. He is listening.**

Blessings from Above, Ch Robert Kinnune



Partnership Highlights

During the month of June, our chaplain team had the pleasure of partnering with the WSP Chaplaincy, SCOPE, the City of Spokane Police Chaplaincy and others to support our officers and deputies at multiple events!

We greatly value these opportunities for cross organizational collaboration and ministry.

Thank you to the WSP Chaplains

We wanted to give a big shout-out to the WSP Chaplaincy for providing their food trailer and being present to help our team at multiple events in June. What a blessing to be able to provide good food and refreshments to our officers and deputies!



Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office Tour

Our Chaplains enjoyed a tour recently of the Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office (SCMEO). The Chaplains work closely with their employees and enjoy this professional relationship with them. The job of the SCMEO is often to determine the cause and manner of death of an individual. Though necessary, it's not an easy job. Our team was impressed with the consistent professionalism and compassion each employee showed. The citizens of Spokane County are blessed to have trained and experienced employees within this organization.



"Ministry of Presence": A Valuable Tool

Most of us are aware that a Chaplain is called when a tragedy (usually involving death) has occurred and the family & those affected are in need of a loving, supportive, wise & often spiritual voice that can bring some sense of calm in a tough situation. Many times, a chaplain will spend hours at a scene barely speaking but bringing what is referred to as a "ministry of presence". Words are often not necessary in these situations so just having a listening ear with compassion is all that is needed. The chaplains are able to do this easier as they know they have the chaplain team backing them up in prayer while at the scene.

Talk to a Chaplain

Whether you're an officer, county employee, community member, or friend our chaplain team is here for you.

- 24x7 Support Spiritual
- Guidance & Referrals
- Pastoral Counseling
- Conversation
- Crisis Intervention
- Weddings & Funerals

Resource of the Month



**STEPHEN
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For those experiencing a difficult time in life & need a safe person to talk to, Stephen Minister's are trained to listen to, care for & walk alongside them. SCSO chaplains are grateful for this resource.