

Sermon Title: **What is a Veteran-NOTES**

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**Verses- 2 Samuel 23:8-12, Hebrews 11:32, Psalm 144, Deuteronomy 9 and 20, Judges 1, Philippians 4:13**

## **What does it mean to be a Veteran?**

A veteran is a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service and was discharged or released under honorable conditions.

A **Christian veteran** is a Christian who has served in the military and is faithful to Jesus.

Here are some ways that Christians can exemplify their faith while serving in the military:

### **Value others**

Christians should prioritize the needs of others and act in a just, merciful, and compassionate way.

### **Honor those they serve with**

Christians should value the camaraderie and brotherhood that often exists among veterans and honor each other above themselves.

### **Be humble**

Christians should walk humbly with God and reflect the character of Jesus Christ in all aspects of their lives.

### **Recognize the service of all.**

Christians should honor all military branches and recognize the service of those who work in roles other than direct combat.

The word "veteran" comes from the Latin word *veteranus*, which means "old" or "of long experience". The first known use of the word was in 1509.

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**(Big Idea!)** A veteran of the Christian Faith knows your relationship with God is the most important thing in your life, **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE!**

Next week, Pastor Mike will continue the “**Seek and Save the Lost**” series with “**Bring Joy in Heaven and on Earth.**” For those of you who struggle to bring joy in these troubled times, I bet this will bless you greatly!

**Tomorrow is Veteran’s Day** - and the post office will be closed to celebrate the holiday - but it is a day that we often neglect in the church. We can easily dismiss it as a secular holiday - in 1938, the 11th of November of each year became a legal holiday - - a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily set aside to honor veterans of World War I, celebrating the time the agreement to end WWI was signed. However, in 1954, the wording was changed to Veteran’s Day, and November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. And we are more than happy to honor all our armed service veterans. They deserve both recognition and honor.

**Remember the price of freedom.** Freedom Isn't Free, by Kelly Strong

**Honor those who fought for our freedom.**

**Take a stand and stand our ground.**

**Pray for those in harm’s way.**

**Unwavering trust and obedience to God, even in difficult circumstances, lead to blessings and are inspiring examples of our walk with the Lord.**

**You, too, can be a veteran of the Christian Faith.**