



No Greater Love

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” John 15:13 NKJV

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The “go to” Bible verse regarding military service has traditionally been John 15:13, “No greater love...”. For purposes of service that scripture would be easily understood by the layperson and service member alike. This passage is often quoted during Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day programs. I submit that a more fitting passage of scripture could be Philippians 1:20 (NKJV), “according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.” A call to service. A call to serve a cause greater than ourselves. Therefore, “no greater love” is directly related to our call to service whether we are living or our lives have been sacrificed. You, as a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a friend or family member of one who has served demonstrate no greater love when you perform your calling unashamed, with boldness, to magnify Christ in your body and mind.

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