1 00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,360

# 2 00:00:09,360 --> 00:00:13,170 He that dwelleth in the

secret place of the most high

# 3

00:00:13,170 --> 00:00:17,340 shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

## 4

00:00:17,340 --> 00:00:24,420 I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God.

5 00:00:24,420 --> 00:00:25,875 In him will I trust.

6 00:00:25,875 --> 00:00:29,950

## 7 00:00:29,950 --> 00:00:32,425 This was the beginning for our generation.

#### 8 00:00:32 425 --> 00:00:51

00:00:32,425 --> 00:00:51,240

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00:00:51,240 --> 00:00:53,850 Here, in the peaceful houses of worship,

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00:00:53,850 --> 00:00:58,140 young Americans grew to manhood in the sight of God.

11 00:00:58,140 --> 00:00:59,760 Among these men, there were those

12 00:00:59,760 --> 00:01:01,910 Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

who would grow to guide the souls of other men.

# 13 00:01:01,910 --> 00:01:05,750

14 00:01:05,750 --> 00:01:10,190 You knew them then as ministers, priests, and rabbis.

15 00:01:10,190 --> 00:01:13,640 You know them now as chaplains.

16 00:01:13,640 --> 00:01:17,450 On a battle-scarred field somewhere inside Germany,

17 00:01:17,450 --> 00:01:21,080 American soldiers kneel to pray.

18 00:01:21,080 --> 00:01:24,590 These humble men know the power of arms.

19 00:01:24,590 --> 00:01:27,830 They have felt the might of the enemy's firepower.

20 00:01:27,830 --> 00:01:30,260 They have crawled through the mud.

21 00:01:30,260 --> 00:01:33,320 They have died there to destroy the enemy who

22 00:01:33,320 --> 00:01:40,450 would destroy all free men, and yet look at their faces.

23 00:01:40,450 --> 00:01:43,790 Each holds a simple truth. 24 00:01:43,790 --> 00:01:47,150 Battles, they say, are won by military power.

# 25

00:01:47,150 --> 00:01:50,150 Wars are won by spiritual power.

#### 26

00:01:50,150 --> 00:01:52,010 Look closely at their faces.

## 27

00:01:52,010 --> 00:01:55,160 Can the chaplain ask a higher reward?

## 28 00:01:55,160 --> 00:01:56,750 Can this strength be defeated?

29 00:01:56,750 --> 00:02:01,090

# 30 00:02:01,090 --> 00:02:03,580 There are many sides to the spiritual well-being

#### 31 00:02:03,580 --> 00:02:06,430 of the soldier, and these sides are also

32 00:02:06,430 --> 00:02:07,628 the concern of the chaplain.

# 33 00:02:07,628 --> 00:02:10,320

# 34 00:02:10,320 --> 00:02:13,410 He is more than a man who leads them in prayer.

# 35 00:02:13,410 --> 00:02:18,500 He's a friend, the mailman.

00:02:18,500 --> 00:02:19,820 Why not?

#### 37

00:02:19,820 --> 00:02:22,790 Here's a chance to see his men smile.

## 38

00:02:22,790 --> 00:02:25,760 He's one of them, and they are glad that he is there

## 39

00:02:25,760 --> 00:02:27,920 among them.

## 40

00:02:27,920 --> 00:02:32,220 Morale is an everyday service of the army chaplain, a magazine,

## 41

00:02:32,220 --> 00:02:35,960 an extra package of cigarettes, a joke remembered,

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00:02:35,960 --> 00:02:39,890 a friendly exchange of views in the a lull of battle.

# 43

00:02:39,890 --> 00:02:42,620 Noah Webster says, friendship is the state

# 44

00:02:42,620 --> 00:02:46,880 of being friends and affection arising from mutual esteem,

# 45

00:02:46,880 --> 00:02:49,820 respect, and goodwill.

## 46

00:02:49,820 --> 00:02:51,860 How like that definition is this scene?

47 00:02:51,860 --> 00:02:54,800 48

00:02:54,800 --> 00:02:57,980 Leadership, Webster says, is the property of one

## 49

00:02:57,980 --> 00:03:01,880 who can guide or show the way, one who inspires the confidence

# 50

00:03:01,880 --> 00:03:03,980 and enthusiasm of other men.

#### 51

00:03:03,980 --> 00:03:06,380 Perhaps this soldier needs encouragement.

## 52

00:03:06,380 --> 00:03:07,940 Perhaps he wants to tell the chaplain

## 53

00:03:07,940 --> 00:03:10,607 of some disturbing news that has come from home in the afternoon

# 54

00:03:10,607 --> 00:03:13,550 mail, or perhaps he just wants to tell him

## 55

00:03:13,550 --> 00:03:18,500 how lovely his girl looked that last day at the train.

## 56

00:03:18,500 --> 00:03:21,080 But whatever, in the heat of battle

# 57

00:03:21,080 --> 00:03:24,380 or in the grim respites between, the chaplain

## 58

00:03:24,380 --> 00:03:30,295 is there, offering judgment, integrity, and friendship.

59 00:03:30,295 --> 00:03:34,180

## 60 00:03:34,180 --> 00:03:36,970 Wherever an American soldier goes to fight,

# 61

00:03:36,970 --> 00:03:40,990 an army chaplain goes with him, armed only with faith

#### 62

00:03:40,990 --> 00:03:44,300 and the word of God the gives free men

#### 63

00:03:44,300 --> 00:03:46,610 the moral strength and courage to fight

#### 64

00:03:46,610 --> 00:03:50,215 for the freedom of all men.

## 65

00:03:50,215 --> 00:03:55,340 Faith, friendship, and high courage--

## 66

00:03:55,340 --> 00:03:57,320 these are the spiritual weapons with which

## 67

00:03:57,320 --> 00:03:59,020 an army chaplain goes to war.

#### 68 00:03:59.020 --> 00:04

00:03:59,020 --> 00:04:03,800

# 69 00:04:03,800 --> 00:04:05,300 The chaplain brought his ingenuity

70 00:04:05,300 --> 00:04:07,280 to the Italian battlefront, where

## 71 00:04:07,280 --> 00:04:09,800 our men were pressing ever closer to the southern border

72 00:04:09,800 --> 00:04:11,420 of Germany.

# 73 00:04:11,420 --> 00:04:13,160 His Sunday service reached the men

74 00:04:13,160 --> 00:04:15,020 holding their positions all along the front.

75 00:04:15,020 --> 00:04:18,600

76 00:04:18,600 --> 00:04:20,730 Through this amplifier, the chaplain's message

## 77

00:04:20,730 --> 00:04:24,540 was heard by the enemy, and perhaps in the enemy camp

78 00:04:24,540 --> 00:04:27,385 there were some men who listened and understood.

79 00:04:27,385 --> 00:04:35,000

## 80 00:04:35,000 --> 00:04:37,160 The army chaplain has taken ingenuity

81 00:04:37,160 --> 00:04:39,980 to the dense jungles of the Pacific, 82 00:04:39,980 --> 00:04:44,800 and out of the wilderness a church is wrought,

#### 83

00:04:44,800 --> 00:04:50,290 a church where men may pray and find peace, men of any race,

## 84

00:04:50,290 --> 00:04:55,120 of any creed, of any color, a church that

#### 85

00:04:55,120 --> 00:04:57,550 is a part of the men who built it,

#### 86

00:04:57,550 --> 00:05:01,960 men who have lived together and died together for the right

#### 87

00:05:01,960 --> 00:05:15,430 to pray together, for the right to worship at Easter,

#### 88

00:05:15,430 --> 00:05:24,620 for the right to observe Passover, for the right

#### 89

00:05:24,620 --> 00:05:32,990 to sing the Lord's praises, for the right

#### 90

00:05:32,990 --> 00:05:35,150 of a Japanese-American chaplain to lead

#### 91

00:05:35,150 --> 00:05:37,910 his men from a leaflet called "Hymns From

#### 92

00:05:37,910 --> 00:05:45,260 Home" on a war-weary street, and for the right

#### 93

00:05:45,260 --> 00:05:47,670 to celebrate mass.

94 00:05:47,670 --> 00:05:50,540 This is why free men fight.

95 00:05:50,540 --> 00:05:52,400 This is why free men keep faith.

96 00:05:52,400 --> 00:05:57,810

97 00:05:57,810 --> 00:06:00,840 In these breathless hours before invasion,

98 00:06:00,840 --> 00:06:03,330 an army chaplain stood erect to lead

99 00:06:03,330 --> 00:06:06,390 these humble men in prayer.

100 00:06:06,390 --> 00:06:09,930 This was the 11th hour, a time when men instinctively

101 00:06:09,930 --> 00:06:11,450 felt closer to God.

102 00:06:11,450 --> 00:06:22,420

103 00:06:22,420 --> 00:06:24,970 When the mouths of assault boats fell open,

104 00:06:24,970 --> 00:06:28,570 soldier and chaplain alike stormed ashore. 105 00:06:28,570 --> 00:06:32,300 Strong in the strength of the Lord, they do not march alone.

106 00:06:32,300 --> 00:06:35,290

107 00:06:35,290 --> 00:06:37,870 This is Germany, home of the men who

108 00:06:37,870 --> 00:06:40,480 denied God and persecuted those who

109 00:06:40,480 --> 00:06:43,510 would not break faith with him.

110 00:06:43,510 --> 00:06:46,120 And so the army chaplain has become the missionary

111 00:06:46,120 --> 00:06:53,410 of every liberated mile, and they entered into a covenant

112 00:06:53,410 --> 00:06:57,430 to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their hearts

113 00:06:57,430 --> 00:07:00,160 and with all their souls.

114 00:07:00,160 --> 00:07:03,040 And when they, in their trouble, did turn unto him

115 00:07:03,040 --> 00:07:06,120 and sought him, he was found of them.

# 117 00:07:09,570 --> 00:07:12,540 In this conquered German town east of the Rhine,

118 00:07:12,540 --> 00:07:15,820 the cathedral doors have again been opened,

119 00:07:15,820 --> 00:07:19,320 and this is the way victorious American soldiers have chosen

120 00:07:19,320 --> 00:07:21,950 to celebrate their conquest.

121 00:07:21,950 --> 00:07:25,430 Surely, then, there is hope for an abiding peace,

122 00:07:25,430 --> 00:07:27,390 so long as there are men such as these

123 00:07:27,390 --> 00:07:35,190 who will pray, so long as there are men such as these

124 00:07:35,190 --> 00:07:36,148 who will lead them.

125 00:07:36,148 --> 00:07:38,840

126 00:07:38,840 --> 00:07:42,590 No textbook or manual can describe all the duties

127 00:07:42,590 --> 00:07:46,250 of the army chaplain, for in combat his actions are not Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

128 00:07:46,250 --> 00:07:48,710 always governed by the book.

## 129 00:07:48,710 --> 00:07:52,280 His wish is to be at the side of a man in pain,

## 130

00:07:52,280 --> 00:07:55,640 to encourage the sick and suffering,

131 00:07:55,640 --> 00:08:00,770 to aid the distressed, to comfort the dying,

## 132

00:08:00,770 --> 00:08:05,780 and to bury the dead, no martial music here.

#### 133

00:08:05,780 --> 00:08:10,750 And yet there is a greater strength in the solitude.

## 134

00:08:10,750 --> 00:08:16,910 A cross or star marks the place where these heroes lie at rest.

135 00:08:16,910 --> 00:08:21,620

136 00:08:21,620 --> 00:08:23,150 The Lord is my shepherd.

137 00:08:23,150 --> 00:08:24,900 I shall not want.

138 00:08:24,900 --> 00:08:28,180 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

139 00:08:28,180 --> 00:08:30,840 Contact reference@ushmm.org for further information about this collection

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

140 00:08:30,840 --> 00:08:32,940 He restoreth my soul.

141 00:08:32,940 --> 00:08:37,010 He leadeth me on the paths of righteousness for his namesake.

142 00:08:37,010 --> 00:08:40,620 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

143 00:08:40,620 --> 00:08:44,030 I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.

144 00:08:44,030 --> 00:08:46,040 Thy rod and thy staff--

145 00:08:46,040 --> 00:08:47,930 they comfort me.

146 00:08:47,930 --> 00:08:50,450 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence

147 00:08:50,450 --> 00:08:52,260 of mine enemies.

148 00:08:52,260 --> 00:08:54,610 Thou anointest my head with oil.

149 00:08:54,610 --> 00:08:56,790 My cup runneth over.

150 00:08:56,790 --> 00:08:59,100 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow

151 00:08:59,100 --> 00:09:02,340 me all the days of my life, and I

152 00:09:02,340 --> 00:09:05,480 will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

153 00:09:05,480 --> 00:09:09,270

154 00:09:09,270 --> 00:09:12,110 When the war is won, soldier and chaplain

155 00:09:12,110 --> 00:09:15,800 will return to these peaceful houses of worship.

156 00:09:15,800 --> 00:09:17,720 Here, young Americans will continue

157 00:09:17,720 --> 00:09:20,710 to grow to manhood in the sight of God.

158 00:09:20,710 --> 00:09:25,860 Here, a free people will still pray for an everlasting peace.

159 00:09:25,860 --> 00:09:55,000