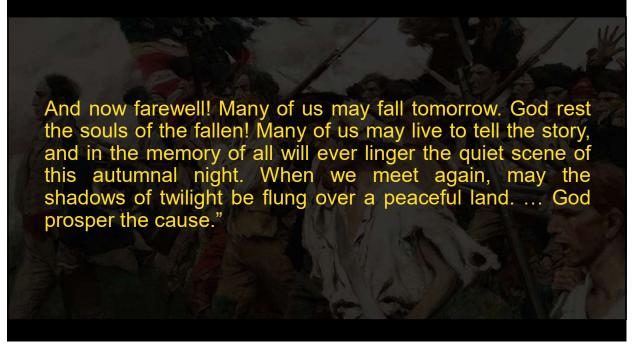


And in the hour of battle, when all around is lit by the lurid cannonade-glare, and the piercing musket-flash, when the wounded strew the ground, and the dead litter your path, then remember that God is with you; God the awful and infinite fights for you and will triumph. You have taken the sword, but not in the spirit of wrong and ravage. You have taken the sword for your homes, your wives, your little ones; for truth, for justice and right, and to you the promise is: Be of good cheer, your foes have taken the sword in defiance of all that man holds dear; they shall perish by the sword....





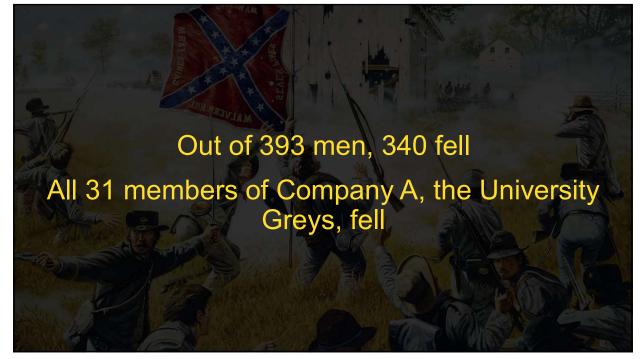






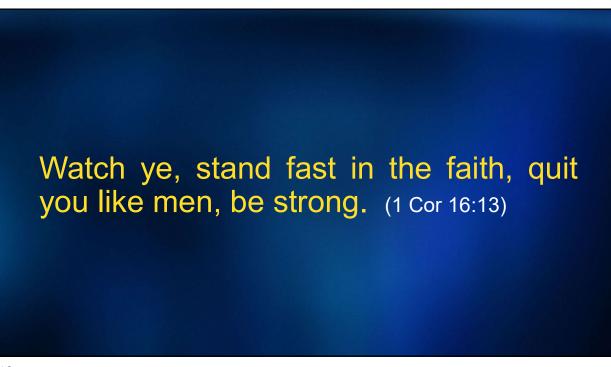
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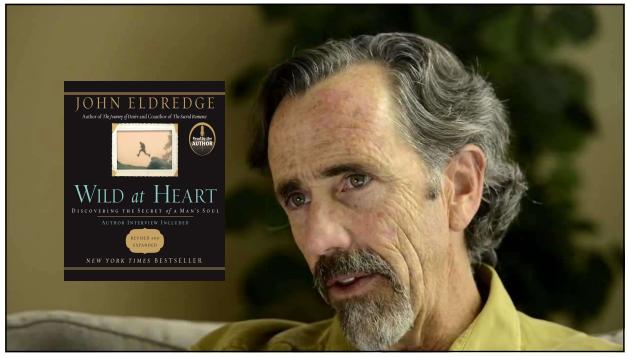


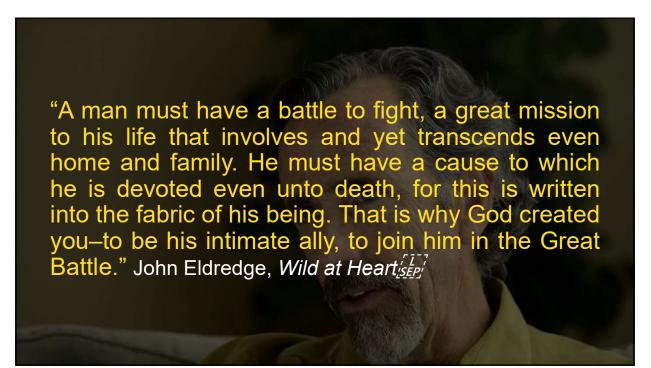












"I find it ironic today, that while audiences long for reality in their media that is filled with aggressive and violent behavior, their own lives are becoming less real and more complacent. ... Men are warriors at heart, but men in the 21st century have been tamed and reduced to mere spectators. It is time for us to join the King of kings and Lord of lords in this Great Battle that requires our complete devotion."



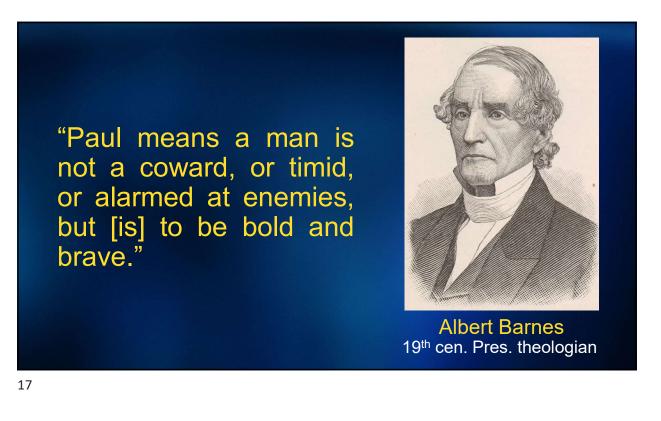
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1 Cor 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Today, *quit* means "to stop" or "to give up," but it can also mean "to conduct oneself in a specified way."

The Greek word translated "quit" is *andrizomai* and appears only here in the N.T. and 25 times in the O.T.



In Joshua 1:6 *andrizomai* is translated: "Be strong and of good courage."

1 Sam 4:9 "quit [conduct] yourselves like men, and fight."

Bible scholars and Bible translations translate it as "play the man," "be courageous," or "act like men."

Mark Hamby defines it as: "To 'quit ye like men' implies the gathering of moral conviction with the exercise of manly valor."



Matthew Poole 17th Century theologian

"... you are as soldiers fighting against the world, the flesh, and the devil; do not behave yourselves like children, whom the least opposition will terrify and throw down; but like men, with a spiritual courage and fortitude, becoming such who have so good a Captain [Heb 2:10], and so good a cause."

Scripture is filled with this concept:

Ex 15:3-4 The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name. ⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

Ps 144:1-2 Blessed be the Lord my strength, Who teaches my hands for war, and my fingers to fight: ² My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdues my people under me.

2 Tim 2:3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith,

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

1 Cor 15:32 If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me?

Abraham's war against King Chedorlaomer and his allies Joshua's war with Amalek Saul's wars with the Amalekites David's wars with the Philistines Gen 14:14-20 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. ¹⁶ So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his well as the women and the people. aoods. as ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

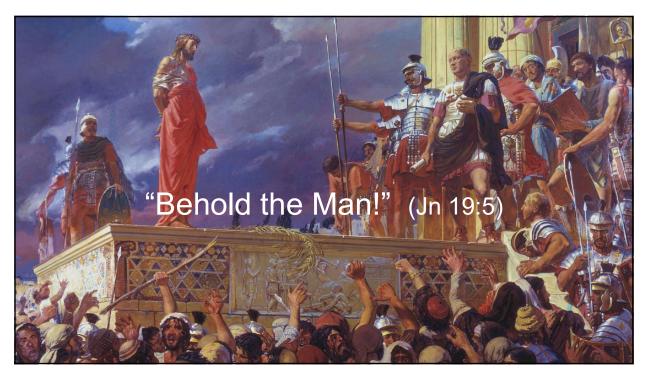
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Joshua – "Choose you this day who you will serve. Those who are on the Lord's side come to me." (Josh 24:15)

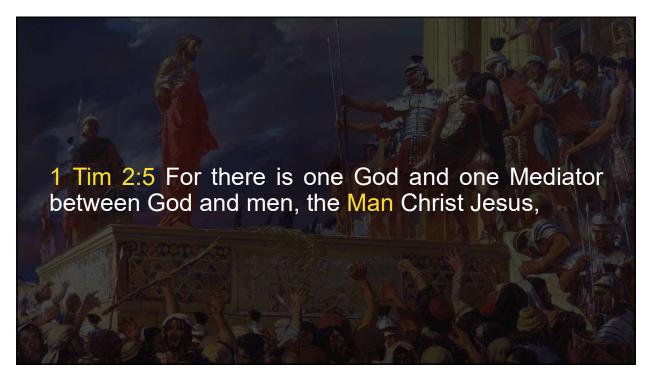
David – "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you."

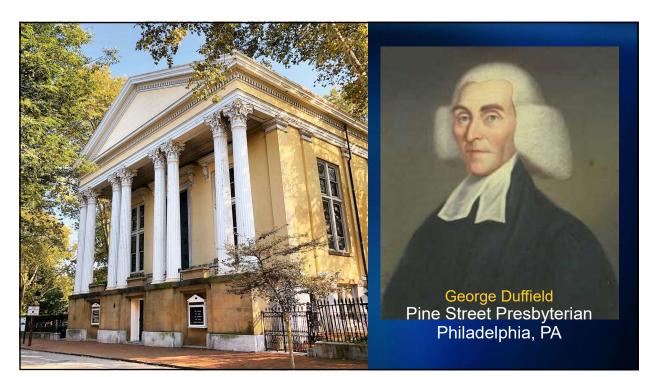
(1 Sam 17:45)

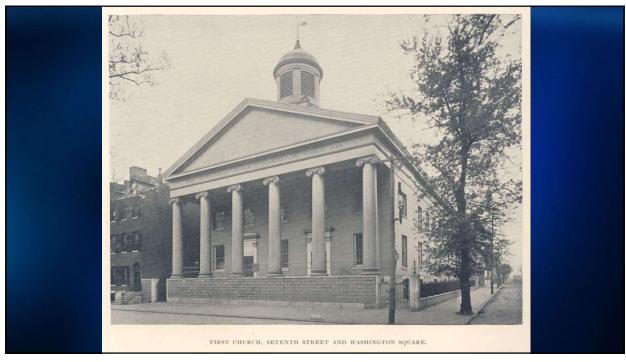
Peter - "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29)



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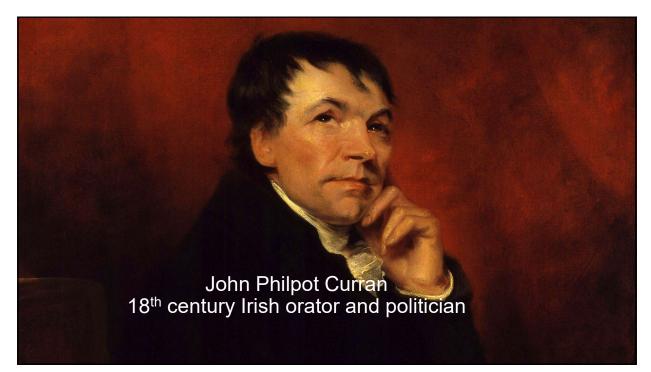






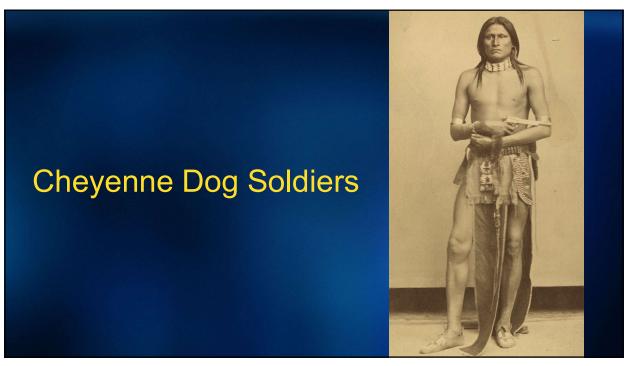
How do we "quit" like men?

- 1. Stand watch over the truth
- 2. Stand fast in the faith
- 3. Stand as God's man for your family
- 4. Stand up in defense of liberty
- 5. Stand strong as a man



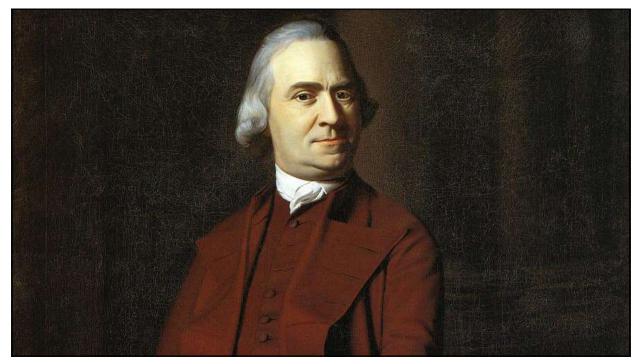
"It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt."

The Speeches Of The Right Honourable John Philpot Curran, (Dublin: Printed by Jay Stockdale And Sons, 1808), "Speech Of John Philpot Curran, Esq.; On The Right Of Election Of Lord Mayor Of The City Of Dublin, Delivered Before The Lord Lieutenant And Privy Council Of Ireland, 1790," p. 5



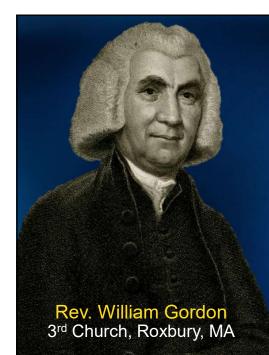
Established in 1975, the Kaibiles, Guatemala's fearless counter revolutionary commando forces have a motto that we could learn from. It says:

"If I advance, follow me. If I stop, urge me on. If I retreat, kill me."



"If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin."

Letter to James Warren, October 24, 1780



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Simeon Howard, Pastor West Church, Boston

Massachusetts election sermon, May 31, 1780:

"There can be no doubt but God often brings distress and ruin upon a sinful people through the ill management of their rulers, given up to error and blindness. ... therefore, if a people desire to have rulers of wise and understanding hearts, counseled and directed by Heaven, they should take care that they be men who fear God."

Thornton, John Wingate, *The Pulpit of the American Revolution* (Boston: Gould & Lincoln, 1860), Introduction, p. XXXVIII., p. 373.