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## (Painful Parenthesis)



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The year 2018 is behind us. What does 2019 promise?

**NOTHING!**

Just because it's a new year, the future does not offer any promises. We control the New Year's promises to us by sheer will. As General Patton said, "A man must know his destiny. If he does not recognize it, then he is lost!" The future is what we make it. We walk by faith not by sight.

Several of the greatest moments of my life occurred in 2018. In reality, 2018 started off to be one of the most difficult experiences of my life and ended up the same way. However, the space between these parenthetical, confrontational, and disappointing experiences can only be described as amazing – Kinda like eating a delicious and tender steak between slices of stale bread!

So, how do you deal with those difficult, disappointing and discouraging times of sadness and loss? Get rid of the bread!

In 2018, my difficulties started with surgeries and ended with floods.

If I give way to the painful, physical distracting and fearful interruptions of my war-related recovery and focus on *poor me*, and *the world owes me a living*, I allow the focus and passion of my purpose to wane, and failure will inevitably follow. Fifty-seven surgeries, since my injury in Vietnam, have taught me that you never give up! I did not, and I will not, allow the darkness of a clouded and blurred past to determine a future without direction or definition.

I know where, and what direction I'm going. I know what it looks like.

Someone said that between two great extremes, you will find the truth in the middle.

My parenthetical disappointments have only served to be river banks to control the mighty flow of "Holy Water" moving me in the right direction for the future.

**God allows times of suffering to teach us obedience.**

Obedience is not achieved by never being satisfied, running in every direction looking for your ship to come in, and thinking that a better deal will leave the failures of your past to remain there. Those failures will follow you until they discipline you and guide you for a future, albeit, without any promise of success. But it is a promise of a future! Success hinges on, and is determined in our darkest hours, not by a light revealing the end of the journey, but by the light which reveals the next step. If you don't take the next step, you will get nowhere fast. Take the next step. That much you can see. It's not what you cannot see that threatens you. It's not taking the next step that will derail you.

At this juncture in my life, I cannot truly see how the end will play out. Several months ago it was so dark that my future was threatened. I could not see the possibility of a solution. The future offered up nothing. It looked hopeless, an hour of great loss. I finally determined that my cause, as Jesus put it, "was greater than the hour." If the enemy of your soul can dampen your passion, he will destroy your purpose.

What happens between your painful parentheses is your chance of a lifetime to develop the purpose of your existence. The pain of the parenthesis is endured by your passion.

Never give up. Don't strike out! God is on your side. Keep a single eye — a focused, immutable, non-wavering eye on the ball, and your next swing will be a hit, IF NOT A HOME RUN!

The future is not determined by fate or in empty promises, but rather, by faith.

Life is no longer God's search for man, but man's search for God. In His search, God found man in the Garden. Man finds God when he searches his own heart. As the Word of God declares, the throne of God is, indeed, in Heaven. But, it is also found in the heart of man.

*Your Word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.*

# What Can I Say?

What can I say to convince you that your role in the most effective ministry to our military and retired veterans in the nation is as vital as the role of the ministry itself? You are the wheels that carry the load of operations that reach into the lives of tens of thousands of active duty warriors worldwide and to retirees on the home front.

What is your image of the military, as a whole, and of veterans as a people group?

Consider the value ingrained into your personal life and that of your family, community, and country. When the nation is being shredded politically, when the landmarks of society's moral guidelines are being moved, if not removed, and when the enemies of our traditions, liberty and freedom are attacked at home and abroad, to whom do we turn? Not democrats or republicans — Not professors on liberal campuses — Not presidents or potentates — Not Hollywood.

We and our children sleep well at night, without the sound of exploding Taliban grenades or Al Qaeda truck bombs because the United States military is “on the wall” as watchmen of the night, defending every word of the Constitution and every citizen in securing, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

So, what is our responsibility to those guardians who sacrifice life and limb for the protection of a nation? Is it enough to give them a first class seat on an airline, a free cup of coffee, a “welcome home” ceremony, to buy their meal at a restaurant, to make a house payment or to provide for the medical and educational future for the service member and family? ALL the above and MORE!

It's the MORE that concerns me. It is NOT enough to satisfy our obligations providing the social, educational and medical needs of the warrior. The most important, and least provided for — the shortcoming in restoring our devastated military personnel is SPIRITUAL RENEWAL. Resiliency for recovery is paramount. Without faith, the hope of healing in every aspect of recovery, is short-lived, temporal and frustrating.

*No hope is better than false hope.*

What am I leading up to? Our taxes finance governmental programs to pay for social services, medical services, and educational attributes for service members.

Is the most important provision, to restore hope and spiritual reconnection, somehow supposed to magically appear? We all know that it is a futile and false hope to attempt to restore a broken warrior without faith.

This new year is beginning with a difficult contrast in reality.

The open door policy of our program for our active duty, hurting heroes has never been so unrestricted. Retired warrior are signing up for help from PTSD issues which are killing them...literally.

The counter punch is that the faithful support of several of our strongest donors have been threatened by conditions beyond their control, and it hits this organization with a perplexing dilemma. We are all dressed up and have the place to go. We just need the funds to get there.

I am well aware that God is my source. Tell that to yourself when the rug is pulled out from under you. We all know it's true, but, it's never easy to sit back and say nothing. I also know God uses people to be His hand extended. I believe we at this ministry are, indeed, God's hand extended to the most deserving souls of our time. Now, it's time for God's hand to be extended to this operation. The question is, will YOU be that hand extended?

This ministry has been in service to those who serve for decades. Long before 9/11. However, since 9/11, our commitment went from occasional but frequent visits in ministry to military installations, to constant contact with the military active duty worldwide and the medically retired National Treasures. With a stellar reputation of integrity in financial ethics and moral purity, I commit to give you the best ROI possible on your investment into this Foundation.

Monthly support is tantamount to longevity. While monthly giving is the life blood to an enduring effort in ministry, the jolt of a one-time, large donation can put a timely and urgent project over the top with immediate results. I am asking you to be God's hand extended with the intervention He asks of you.

Without borrowing money and buying the banker a new boat with the interest on a loan, we are staying on the cash only principle to repair the flood damage at Eagles Summit Ranch in Texas. The flood destroyed too much to detail here. However, this is one that cannot be left out. The septic systems for the new chapel and six new couples' cabins were severely damaged and MUST be repaired immediately. Wounded soldiers from Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio are attending the session in January. The system must be operational for us to use. The cost is approximately \$10,000 depending on current prices.

Can you extend your support to assist us in this urgent need above your monthly support? If so, please designate your intentions so we can separate that gift for its intended use.

Thank you in advance for believing in, and sharing the vision of the ROEVER FOUNDATION'S, OPERATION WARRIOR RECONNECT, by serving those who serve.

God bless you in your generosity.

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