

Team Jesus Racing Ministry

June 2018

True Hero

Few of us get to meet a true hero. I have told you about my Dad, a WWII veteran and still serving in the honor guard for the VFW. I have mentioned other family members that have served our country. On Memorial Day a true hero of this country and one in service to the Lord stepped in to eternity.

My brother-in-law, CMS Patrick D. Crawford (Ret), was both family in family but more so, a brother in Christ. Pat served just days short of 30 years in the Air Force. Upon retirement he taught for near 15 years. Impressive to say the least! But what will stay with me is the example of finishing well. Acts 20:24 is the verse TJRM has been built around. The verse has two primary points. One, share the gospel. Two, finish well by sharing truth. Pat was exemplary in His finish. He suffered well, despite the debilitating effects of Multiple System Atrophy - a tragic, painful illness.

Pat had a deep concern for people's souls and their eternity. He was faithful to the Lord and his family as a husband and father. One glaring example of his faith and faithfulness was his Bible Study at the Veterans home, where he lived since June 2016. Thursday morning he would gather those willing to participate and he would teach. Even his last Thursday on earth he taught. His body was fighting against him but he remained driven to share the gospel and truth from God's Word. That is finishing well! That is living out 2 Timothy 4:7

So I leave you with two challenges. One, have you heard and followed the LORD in His gospel? The gospel truth is that we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have missed the mark. God knows sin has a price. God knows there is no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood from a perfect sacrifice. God knows our sin and our need. He knows there is no place for sin in Heaven thus that we need a Savior. So God provided His Son, Jesus, to pay that price. Jesus died on the cross, was buried in the tomb and raised three days later and was seen by over 500 people. He calls us to acknowledge that we are the ones who sinned and to call out, "Jesus is LORD". He wants us to repent, turn from our sin. Place your trust and faith in Jesus alone. Have you?

Acts 20:24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course (race) and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. (ESV)

Second, I challenge you to tell someone the Good News today, this week. Be intentional. Be deliberate. Armed with God's Word, the Bible, go share the truth and hope we have in Jesus.

We love you Pat and thank you for the tremendous example!

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. Acts 20:24 NIV

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

Upcoming Events

June

29 – MIS Silver Crown plus Big 8 series
Salute to America Fireworks!

30 – Jefferson Speedway plus Fireworks

July

6 – MIS super late and late model double feature

7 – Jefferson Speedway Tundra

13 – MIS

14 – Jefferson Speedway

20 – MIS

21 – Jefferson Speedway

27 – MIS Must See Sprints

28 – Jefferson Speedway

Schedule tentative and subject to change

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