

New Website Offerings

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

MINI-MESSAGES

YOU'RE IN GOD'S ARMY NOW!

**Here's the bottom line. You know it and I know it. We won't
Many of you and your families have embarked on a new
adventure. You have entered into another phase of the battle
here on earth and the greater battle in the heavenly realms. As
Paul said in Ephesians 6:12, "for the struggle is not against
flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities,
against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual
forces of evil in the heavenly realms."**

**Although you may not be headed into conflict in Iraq or
Afghanistan; many of you have entered a higher level of the
spiritual battle zone and these battle zones or many and varied.
Some of you have entered new schools, began your marriage as
newly weds or assumed increased levels of responsibilities on
your jobs.**

**Since you are "commissioned" to enter into this battle, you can
expect a number of skirmishes. Every battle has its crisis point.
The point when you just want to throw up your hands and give
up. The question is, "When crisis enters into your life will you
view this as a time that may seem unfair and just to be
tolerated, or will you view this as a challenge allowed by God
for His greater purpose?"**

A MOMENT OF MEDITATION

COMMISSIONED

**After gaining some experience in warfare, soldiers usually
Ever see an elderly person looking bewildered in a shopping
mall and wish there was a manager close by to help them?
Ever spot someone in tears in your office and wish you had a
counselor on staff? Ever know a neighbor whose life was so
obviously out of control that you wished your preacher could
share a couple of the insights with her that you heard in last
Sunday's sermon?**

**From this point forward, consider yourself commissioned to do
something in these and similar situations. There aren't store
managers enough for all the bewildered elderly people who get
into distress in a mall or shopping center. There aren't enough
counselors to match with people who are in pain over bad news
or strained relationships. And there aren't enough ordained
ministers to go around for all the people who need to find
meaning in their spiritual lives.**

**But where did we get the idea that it takes a professional to
help someone? I know, for example, what the term "ordained
minister" means. But I'm not so sure you can find either the
term or the concept in the Bible. Yes, Scripture talks about
people with special gifts and ministries. But one of the texts
that refers to such persons says their job is to use their abilities
to equip the rest of us to be helpers – the biblical term is "work
of ministry" – to one another (Ephesians 4:12).**

AUDIO MESSAGES & MUSIC – TEENS

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER-CARMAN

SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART-CARMAN

PRAISE HIM-CARMAN

PEACE LIKE A RIVER-CARMAN