

**“‘Duty’ fills in when  
‘faithful’ is tired or  
discouraged!”**

### They Kept On Despite ...

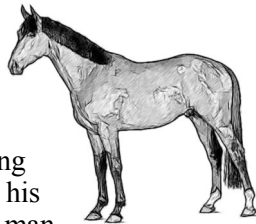
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she could not go up to a majority of the apartments because of the inaccessibility of her wheelchair, she either sent helpers to knock on doors or stood outside the apartment until she got someone’s attention. As a result of her determination, many, many Chicago children got to church, and many were saved!

### Better Than Going Fast

*Author Unknown*

Seeing a little fellow patting his father’s horse that was standing in front of his house, a man asked, “Can your horse go fast, my boy?”



“No, not very,” he replied,

“but he can stand fast.”

That is a virtue not to be despised in either a horse or a man.

### They Failed to Hold the Rope

*Walter Knight*

Off the coast of Nova Scotia, a ship, caught in the jaws of a violent storm, went to pieces. There was a frightful loss of life! Seemingly, only one man survived. Amidst the over-whelming waves, he clung to debris from the wrecked vessel.

Anxious ones, gathered on shore, seemed powerless to do anything, until a brave young man requested that a rope be tied about his body, the people on shore holding onto it while he would swim out to where the lone survivor floundered. With great effort, he finally reached the imperiled man. Grasping the ship-wrecked man, he signaled to be pulled in. ‘Midst their wild cheers and excitement, those on shore had failed to hold onto the rope! Both the would-be rescuer and the rescued were swallowed up by the merciless waves! Many have gone forth into ministries far away with the message of life in Christ. Are we in the homeland failing to hold the rope?

**“... Stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.”**

*Psalm 57:7*

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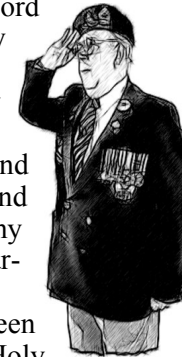



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### I Am a Soldier!

*Author Unknown*

I am a soldier in the army of my God! The Lord Jesus Christ is my commanding officer; the Holy Bible is my code of conduct; and faith, prayer, and the Word are my weapons of warfare!



I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity, and tested by fire!

I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity! I will either retire in this army at the rapture or die in this army; but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out, or be pushed out! I am faithful, reliable, capable, and dependable!

If my God needs me to teach children, work with the youth, help adults, or just sit and learn, He can use me, because I am here! I am a soldier!

I am not a baby! I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed

up, pumped up, picked up, or pepped up!

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### They Kept On Despite Difficulties

*Bill Brinkworth*

Heroes of the faith have continued since biblical times. Here are a few of the countless faithful ones:

\* Hundreds of thousands of Christians lost their lives rather than deny that Jesus is the only way to heaven, or that the Bible is the preserved Word of God. The

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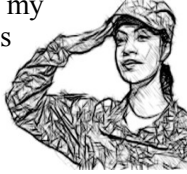
*Over the 23+ years of this ministry, much has been said about sin, and how many have been ruined by it. This edition, however, is dedicated to the countless many that have not fallen away from serving the Lord, and are still faithfully at the task to which God has called them. Here is to the many soul-winners, preachers, Sunday school teachers, bus workers, deaf workers, prison chaplains, and many more that have “stood by the stuff” and are still loyally serving the Lord!*

## I Am a Soldier!

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I am a soldier! No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me, or lure me!

I am not a wimp! I am in place, saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His name, and building His kingdom!



No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or give me hand-outs! I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to! I am committed!

I cannot have my feelings hurt badly enough to turn me around! I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside! I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit! When Jesus called me into this army, I had nothing! If I end up with nothing, I will still come out even! I will win! My God will supply all my needs! I am more than a conqueror! I will always triumph! I can do all things through Christ!

Devils cannot defeat me! People cannot disillusion me! Weather cannot weary me! Sickness cannot stop me! Battles cannot beat me! Money cannot buy me! Governments cannot silence me, and Hell cannot handle me! I am a soldier!

Even death cannot destroy me! For when my Commander

calls me from this battle field, He will promote me to be a captain, and then bring me back to rule this world with Him!

I am a soldier in the army; and I'm marching, claiming victory! I will not give up! I will not turn around! I am a soldier, marching Heaven-bound. Here I stand!

Will you stand with me?

## God Reigns! I Will Be True

*Author Unknown*

*What matter if the clouds hang low?*

*What matter if the bleak winds blow?*

*What matter if I may not know  
The reason why these things are so?*

*God reigns! I will be true.*

*What matter if my friends are few?*

*What matter where they are, or who?*

*What matter what men say or do?*

*What matter what God leads me through?*

*He reigns! I will be true.*

*What matter if this life is brief?*

*What matter if I've toil or grief?*

*I, in my Saviour, find relief.*

*Of all my joy, He is the chief.*

*God reigns! I will be true.*

*No matter what I must resign;  
No matter how the fire refine,  
If I but with His image shine.  
By faith I clasp His hands Divine.  
God reigns! I will be true.*

*No matter if my bark is frail,  
In Jesus' name I breast the gale.  
No matter if all else shall fail,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
God reigns! I will be true.*

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unwavering faithfulness of these heroes of the faith is the reason the Truth from the Word of God is still preached in many churches, and that we still have the preserved Word of God available to us. The testimonies of many of those heroes can be read in Foxes Book of Martyrs (1563).

\* Fanny Crosby (March 23, 1820 – Feb. 12, 1915). Although blinded shortly after her birth, Fanny did not let her handicap hinder her from being a Christian testimony and serving the Lord. Her over 8,000 hymns are still sung today, including: "Blessed Assurance" and "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour". She also spent her life teaching and doing rescue mission work.

\* Horatio Spafford. Horatio lost many of his properties to the devastation of the 1871 Great Chicago Fire, and was ruined

financially. He sent his family to Europe while he stayed behind and handled some business. On the trip over, four of his daughters died after their ship sank in the Atlantic. Only his wife survived. Traveling to join his wife, he penned one of the greatest hymns about having peace when going through a crisis. It is entitled "It Is Well with My Soul" and has encouraged many people while going through life's difficulties.

\* John R. Rice and Billy Sunday. These men, and many more, took a stand in the early to mid-twentieth century to stop the damage done by alcohol. Because of their strong stand against the sin, many came to church, got saved, and allowed the Lord to change their lives. This angered many saloon owners to the point that they threatened the lives of many that opposed alcohol. Still, the faithful men and woman would not deviate from telling those involved in alcohol consumption the biblical truth. Many got saved and had their lives turned around by the strong stand of these faithful Christians.

Many years ago a crippled, bound-to-her-wheel chair woman felt called to the ministry of bus-ing in children so they could attend Sunday school. Every Saturday, despite how she felt or the weather, she had someone take her to the neighborhood where she wanted to invite children. Although it was in the city, and

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**"Don't be a 'has-been', be a 'still-doing'!"**