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"The Martyr's Oath: Living for the Jesus They're Willing to Die For" AND "10 Things You Must Know About the Global War on Christianity"

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It's the time of year when American Christians get involved in Christmas. But Christians in other lands are shopping or looking for a perfect tree; they are boldly witnessing to the saving grace of Jesus no matter what their circumstances or the physical danger such bravery may incur.

More Christians have died for their faith in the last century than in all the previous centuries combined. Persecution has dramatically escalated, and the scale of brutality has worsened. Boko Haram is systematically targeting Christians for obliteration. It is deadlier than ISIS.

We need to hear the powerful words of brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East and Africa, in communist countries and other nations which are hostile to Christians. The author was in India attending the graduation at a Bible school whose founder knew firsthand persecution, having survived at least 15 attempts to assassinate him. His 2000 students would be qualified for graduation only after repeating the Martyr's Oath after him. Under a blazing sun, the students roared their determination to follow Christ no matter what the cost here on Earth.

He was challenged, and he extends that challenge to us: *Why are so few of us in America willing to live for Jesus when others are so willing to die for Him?*

God is using the persecution, torture and murder of His followers to affect Muslims, communists, and other nonbelievers in incredible number. More Muslims have come to belief in Christ in the last 30 years than at any point in Islam's history.

What can we do in the west? Pray for them, right now. Get involved in ministry, welcoming refugees who can hear the truth about God for the first time. (The flow of refugees into this country offers an unprecedented opportunity for witness.) Use the unique gifts God has given you for the benefit of the persecuted. Provide financial support for the persecuted church through such organization as Barnabas Aid, Voice of the Martyrs and TheKAIROSTrust.com.

Go to the website, martyrsoath.com, take the oath, share it with your church. Pray. Get involved. Give. Trust God. Take risks for Him. It's worth it.

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