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Memorial Day 2019

As we approach the Memorial Day weekend, I want to invite us to think about how we are working to faithfully pass on our faith to the next generation of faithful witnesses. Memorial Day calls us to recognize and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our great country. Visiting the hallowed grounds of the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. is still one of the most reverent experiences I have ever had. According to encyclopedia reports, there are over 400,000 people buried there. We truly are blessed by those who have gone before.

As the Apostle Paul approached the end of his life, he invested heavily in the training of the young disciple Timothy. I am sure Timothy was one of many Paul trained. The ministry of the Church depended on not just Paul giving his life but Paul also training and developing others who would faithfully carry on after Paul's life was over on earth. In 2 Timothy 2:2, Paul gives Timothy a charge we must all consider. It may be the greatest need of the Church. *"The things you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also"*. Paul says that Timothy must give himself with complete faithful devotion to train and develop other faithful ones with great patience and careful instruction so they will pass on the faith. Like a mentor challenged me years ago when he gave me this charge, *"Proportion your life by those you hope to train"*.

- Maybe one of the greatest ways we can honor and memorialize someone we love and respect is to pass on the things we have learned from them.

So consider with me this Memorial Day weekend as we seek to follow our Lord and honor those who have gone before us. Who are the ones we are seeking to train and develop to walk with the Lord and carry on the work when we are gone? Is our life really proportioned by those we hope to train?

I look forward to seeing you Sunday morning as we worship our Lord together.

Faithfully,
Pastor Garry

*"We are a **faith fellowship** of believers on our journey **together** with our Lord... meeting needs, mending hearts."*