

ProVision Project

WHEN LOVE COMES HOME

Good morning. It's time for us to receive the Lord's tithe and your offering.

As we continue to honor those veterans who have served, we have asked some of our teenagers to serve as ushers because we have a special song during the offering for our veterans.

One of the realities of life for our veterans is that their life affects so many when they serve. Since America's entry into World War I at least 559,698 members of our armed forces have given their life for our freedom and the freedom of others.

These paid the ultimate sacrifice and today we want to honor them.

We also want to honor those who served along side them. You who are present and positioned yourself for this same level of sacrifice, we honor you today.

Additionally, we know that the spouses and children of these same heroes, those who gave their lives and those who are here, sacrificed.

Today we not only want to honor our veterans, but also our veteran families. Some that today still deal with the repercussions of that sacrifice.

In 2011 Navy servicemen Scott Horne was on his second tour in Afghanistan. He knew that this would be his last tour of duty. He had spent a career serving the people of this nation and his family had sacrificed for it.

The radio station K-Love was having a contest called "The Next Great Love Song."

Scott was no songwriter, but he submitted the idea for a song in a letter to his wife Jennifer. This letter contained things like, "My heart aches for you every second of every day, and I don't know how to fill the emptiness I feel when I'm without you," and, "You are gentle, strong and courageous, and have done an outstanding job with the kids in my absence."

Christian singer Matthew West was inspired by that letter to write our special song today *When Love Comes Home*.

Today as you give let's remember Jesus' statement, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

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Jesus, like our veterans and their families, sacrificed his life and his home in Heaven to gain us as an earthly family. When we give to the kingdom we join the ranks of those who both in the natural who have sacrificed something of our own for a greater cause, in this case, the cause of Christ.

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