

**The Ultimate Sacrifice  
Memorial Day Service**

**John 15:12-14**

**May 27, 2018**

**Willie McLawhorn Jr.** A soldier from Eastern Carolina has been killed overseas. Corporal Will McLawhorn of Conway in Northampton County has been killed serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. McLawhorn was one of six soldiers killed Sunday in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. The soldiers were killed when an explosives-packed minibus blew up at the entrance of a joint NATO-Afghan base in Kandahar province. They were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. McLawhorn was 23 years old. He was a graduate of Northeast Academy in Lasker NC and was the son of the Rev. Willie and Diane McLawhorn of Conway. The Army says the suicide bomb attack used enough explosives to bring down the building the soldiers were in. The division's commander, Maj. Gen. John Campbell, said during a videoconference from Afghanistan that 11 soldiers were wounded in the Sunday attack but many were able to return to duty.

Campbell said the attack vehicle was loaded with an estimated 1,000 pounds of explosives. He said the vehicle got past an Afghan security point near a joint NATO-Afghan outpost and hit a wall near the building where the six soldiers were.

**His Funeral was on Dec 20, 2011**

- I. **We are to Remember** Those Who Gave The Ultimate Sacrifice as They were **Submissive** to the Law to Love (12) This is my **commandment**, that **you love** one another as **I have loved** you.
  - A. **Commanded** Love This is **my** commandment
  - B. **Christian** Love that **you love** one another
  - C. **Common** Love as **I have loved** you.

**John 13:34-35** "A **new commandment** I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Those who have served in the military understand a Direct Order. It is an order you cannot dismiss without dire consequences.

- II. **We are to Remember** Those Who Gave The Ultimate Sacrifice as They were a **Self-Sacrificing Friend** (13-15)
  - A. **We are to be willing** to **Sacrifice** Ourselves (13) Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends
  - B. **We are to be willing** to **Satisfy** His Orders (14) You are my friends if you do what I command you.
  - C. **We are to be willing** to **Strategize** His Correspondence (15) No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but **I have called you friends**, for all that I have heard from my Father **I have made known to you**.

**Your Enemy will not communicate with you except to deceive you.**

**1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

**Your Counselor will remind you of The Truth.**

**John 14:26** But when the Father sends the Counselor as my representative-- and by the Counselor I mean the Holy Spirit-- he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I myself have told you.

**III. We are to Remember Those Who Gave The Ultimate Sacrifice as They were Surrendered to Go and Bear Fruit (16) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.**

**A. Jesus' Declaration Proclaims that You Have Been Chosen (16) You did not choose me, but I chose you**

**In 1972 I was chosen to Serve America!**

**In 1990 I was Chosen to Serve God!**

**God has Chosen Everyone to be saved!**

**1 Tim 2:3-4** This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **(Sent out RSVP Invitations)**

**It is Our Choice to accept His gift of Grace.**

**Romans 10:9-13** That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," & believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe & are justified, & it is with your mouth that you confess & are saved. 11 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile-- the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**Unfortunately Not everyone will be saved.**

**Romans 10:16** But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

**B. You Can Be Commissioned (16)** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit that your fruit should abide

**C. You Can Be Connected (16)** so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

➤ **Connected through Prayer Matt 6:6** But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

➤ **Connected through Reading Gods Word**  
**Romans 15:4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**Praise Team Takes The Platform**