



MEMORIAL DAY



REMEMBER AND HONOR



Edward Christian Church

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The background of the image is a close-up, high-resolution photograph of the American flag. The stars and stripes are clearly visible, with a slight wavy motion. The colors are vibrant, with a deep blue for the canton and bright red and white for the stripes. The text is overlaid on the flag.

WHEN SACRIFICE SPEAKS

John 15:12-13

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a wavy pattern. The colors are rich and somewhat muted, with a golden-brown glow over the red and white stripes.

SACRIFICE HAS A VOICE

Sacrifice Preaches

Sacrifice Testifies

Sacrifice Reveals Love

An American flag waves on a flagpole in the foreground, set against a background of a cemetery with numerous white crosses under a sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

TODAY WE REMEMBER

- **Freedom is Never Free**
- **Sacrifice is the Price Of Liberty**
- **We Honor Those Who Gave All**

A dramatic scene of a man in a dark coat embracing a child in the rain. The man stands with his arms outstretched, holding the child who is crouching in front of him. The background is a dark, stormy sky with heavy rain falling. The overall mood is one of protection and love.

JOHN 15:12-13

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."



“AS I HAVE LOVED YOU”

- **Love that Initiates**
- **Love that Pursues**
- **Love that Sacrifices**



LIFE APPLICATION

LOVE FIRST

- Jesus Loved First
- Who Must You Love First?



CHALLENGE #1

WHO MUST YOU INITIATE WITH?

- **Stop waiting**
- **Start obeying**

A person is running away from the camera on a wet city street at night. It is raining heavily, and the streetlights create a warm, golden glow. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants. In the background, another person is walking away from the camera. The overall mood is one of determination and perseverance.

Life Application #2

Love Pursues

- **Step Toward People**
- **Step Into the Mess**

Challenge #2

Who Is God Calling You To Pursue Again?

- A Child
- A Spouse
- A Prodigal





“LAY DOWN HIS LIFE”

- *Tithēmi* = to place down willingly
- Love proven by sacrifice



Life Application #3

Love Lays Something Down

- Not Feelings
- Sacrifice

DEEP CHALLENGE #3

WHAT MUST YOU LAY DOWN?

- **Pride**
- **Control**
- **Fear**

SACRIFICE SPEAKS

- **Jesus' sacrifice speaks salvation**
- **Soldiers' sacrifice speaks freedom**
- **Everyday sacrifice speaks love**



EXAMPLE #1: JESUS

THE LOVE THAT REDEEMS


- **Loved us at our worst**
- **Died for us in sin**
- **Rose for us in power**

LIFE APPLICATION #4

STOP TRYING TO EARN WHAT JESUS PAID

FOR



A soldier in silhouette stands in a cemetery, looking towards an American flag flying on a tall pole. The scene is set at sunrise or sunset, with a warm, golden glow over the rows of white crosses in the field.

EXAMPLE #2: SOLDIERS

THE LOVE THAT PROTECTS

- **Sacrifice comfort**
- **Sacrifice safety**
- **Sacrifice self**

An American flag waves on a flagpole in the foreground. In the background, a cemetery with many white crosses is visible under a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene.

LIFE APPLICATION #5

LIVE WORTHY OF THEIR SACRIFICE

A person stands at the center of a fork in a road, looking out over a vast landscape. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and a bright sunburst breaks through on the left side, casting rays of light across the scene. The road curves to the left and right, leading the eye towards the horizon. The overall mood is contemplative and challenging.

DEEP CHALLENGE #5

**ARE YOU USING FREEDOM FOR GOD OR
SELF?**



EXAMPLE #3: EVERYDAY PEOPLE

THE LOVE THAT SUSTAINS

- **Parents**
- **Caregivers**
- **Servants**
- **Quiet heroes**



LIFE APPLICATION #6

BE A QUIET HERO FOR SOMEONE

A person is kneeling in prayer in the center of a church aisle, viewed from behind. The church has high stone walls, arched windows, and wooden pews. Dramatic lighting from a window on the left creates a bright beam of light that illuminates the person and the surrounding air, which is filled with a fine mist or dust. The overall atmosphere is solemn and contemplative.

DEEP CHALLENGE #6

**WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE
FAITHFUL?**

SACRIFICE IS SEED

- **What you lay down, God lifts up**
- **What you surrender, God strengthens**
- **What you release, God redeems**



LIFE APPLICATION #7
**YOUR SACRIFICE TODAY IS TOMORROW'S
BREAKTHROUGH**



DEEP CHALLENGE #7

WHAT SEED IS GOD ASKING YOU TO PLANT?



DECLARATIONS

SPEAK THIS OVER YOUR LIFE

- **I Choose Love That Costs Something**
- **I Choose Courage Over Comfort**
 - **I Choose Faith Over Fear**
- **I Choose Surrender Over Self-will**



A person is kneeling in prayer in a church. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a cross on the wall. The text is overlaid on the image.

ALTAR CALL — THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE

If you're weary — come.

If you're tangled — come.

If you're wounded — come.

If you're fighting alone — come.

If you're ready to lay something down — come.

And if you need salvation —

The greatest sacrifice was made for you



ALTAR CALL

THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE

- Lay it down
- Let God lift you up
- Receive His love

A large wooden cross stands on a grassy hill. The background is a dramatic sunset with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting rays of light through a sky filled with dark, textured clouds. The overall mood is solemn and inspirational.

CLOSING DECLARATION

**"NO GREATER LOVE —
AND THAT LOVE IS YOURS TODAY."**