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War is a Country of Will

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Ever since it came out, Act of Valor has been one of my favorite movies. It's more than just a "guy thing". It's toys with my motivations and stirs my ongoing commitment to duty and to be willing to lay it all down if need be. The line that has captured my fascination in Act of Valor is this: "War is a country of will. If you are not willing to give up everything, you've already lost."

When it comes to seeing spiritual resilience flourish on this earth, no one is more willing than God Himself. In fact, in the Lord Jesus Christ's own prayer, He said to His Father "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done." During his brutal struggle in the bitter darkness and agonizing personal loneliness of Gethsemane, Jesus said to His Father ".Nevertheless, Not My will, but Your will be done" (Luke 22:42). I believe He understands our darkness. I believe He understands our battle of wills. I believe He understands our loneliness. I believe He understands our personal pain. Do you want some Good News today? According to my faith, He is willing and able to do something about it.

By my faith practice I believe, no one can ever match the supreme act of valor of a perfect, spotless, sinless and holy Christ willingly offering Himself for all humanity. Just as with the Navy Seal in Act of Valor, Christ yelled "Grenade!" for all eternity and laid down and bled out as He absorbed the destructive power of spiritual death in his own body, in order to shield us from eternal darkness and spiritual death. "War is a country of will". Jesus Christ was willing to give up everything for us to experience spiritual life, rest, and resiliency.

Do you want to be more spiritually resilient? Then I ask you to consider this Spiritual Resiliency Challenge: Instead of striving and straining on your own this week to "be more spiritually willing", just let go of your own willingness. Open and receive spiritual rest for your soul through God's greater ability and willingness to provide your spiritual life and strength. "For it is God who is at work in you to both will and to do His good pleasure"(Philippians 2:13). God Bless You!