



**MESSAGE TITLE:** THE GREATEST SACRIFICE

**MESSAGE SERIES/OCCASION:** MEMORIAL DAY

**MESSAGE TEXT:** JOHN 15:13

**INTRODUCTION:**

Since the founding of our nation, millions have worn the uniform of the United States military, and hundreds of thousands have given their lives in defense of others.

- Revolutionary War — approximately 25,000 deaths
- Civil War — over 620,000 deaths
- World War I — over 116,000 deaths
- World War II — over 400,000 deaths
- Korea — over 36,000 deaths
- Vietnam — over 58,000 deaths
- Iraq & Afghanistan — thousands more

**John 15:13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

**Proposition:** Christ's supreme sacrifice demands your complete devotion.



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

1. In the message we learned that "Christ's supreme sacrifice demands our complete devotion." What does complete devotion to Christ look like practically in everyday life?

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2. Write down 3 specific prayer requests for our nation that you will remember in prayer this Memorial Day weekend. Share them with one another.

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3. It has been said, "Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. Weak men create hard times." As a nation, how might this cycle be avoided so that the sacrifices of so many are not wasted?

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4. In a culture that promotes a self-centered version of love, how can we demonstrate a John 15:13 kind of love to those around us?

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5. Look up Mark 10:45 and paraphrase it below (write it out in your own words). How will this verse help you with any entitled thinking that you may have fallen into?

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6. While we could never *earn* Christ's sacrifice for us, what should our response be after having received the benefits of it?

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7. Memorial Day reminds us that freedom is costly, yet to us today it seems free. This is a problem because that which is free is often lightly esteemed. How can we counter this tendency? (2Sam. 24:24)

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8. Psalm 77:11-12 emphasizes remembering the works of God. What are some practical ways believers can intentionally remember and meditate on Christ's sacrifice?

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