

Silent Soldiers

“And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and **tell** his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy; **and did run to bring his disciples word**” (Mat. 28:5-8).

Soon after the Lord’s resurrection, the women who had come to the sepulcher were told to go and tell His disciples that He lives. Without delay they went and shared this good news! Do you think that their going and sharing what they believed was a “political correct” thing to do? It wasn’t too long after the resurrection that the apostles were told not to share their faith with others; in fact, imprisonment and persecution would result if they continued doing so (Acts 5:28-29). How did they respond? They responded by going and sharing the gospel with those they came in contact with.

Recently, the Pentagon released a statement confirming that soldiers could be prosecuted for promoting their faith. Mikey Weinstein is the head of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (he’s also an anti-Christian extremist), and says Christians- including Chaplains- sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in the military are guilty of “treason,” and of committing an act of “spiritual rape” as serious a crime as “sexual assault.” He also asserted that Christians sharing their faith in the military are “enemies of the Constitution.” Legislation may soon be drawn up and voted on to stop military personnel from sharing their faith with others. Soldiers who are found guilty of evangelizing will be court martialed or imprisoned. Interestingly, this report follows another report that states the government is seeking to ban weapon manufacturers from inscribing scripture references on military-issued guns. If laws are passed to stop soldiers from sharing their faith with others, it is just a matter of time before other laws are passed to ban everyday citizens from doing it.

It is sad to think how far our nation has digressed spiritually. There are factions inside our government that are seeking to silence Christians altogether. But even sadder than that are Christians who are living as though those laws have already passed; that is, they are silent in regards to their faith. It is our Christian duty (command) to tell others about Jesus, whether lawful or not! We've got good news- Jesus lives- let's go and share it!

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