CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

No ordinary man...

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"Surely this man was the Son of God."
–Matthew 27:54

The centurion's day began like any other day or even a hundred others. It was bad enough to be in Judea, but to spend the hot afternoon on a rocky hill supervising the death of pickpockets and rabble-rousers! Half the crowd taunted, half cried. The Soldiers griped. The priests bossed. It was a thankless job in a strange land. He was ready for the day to be over before it began.

He was curious about the attention given to the flatfooted peasant. He smiled as he read the sign that would go on the cross. The condemned looked like anything but a king. What could he have done to be here?

Then Jesus raised his head. He wasn't angry. He simply looked at those who knew him and began to move from face to face as if he had a word for each.

Then, for just a moment he looked at the centurion. The centurion didn't know what the look meant, but it made him swallow and his stomach feel empty. There was something different about this condemned man. As he watched a Soldier grab the Nazarene and yank him to the ground, something told him this was not going to be a normal day.

The centurion sat on a rock and stared at the three criminals. Their heads were limp, occasionally rolling from side to side. The jeering was silent, which was unusual. Those who had wept now waited.

Suddenly the center head ceased to bob. His eyes opened and said, "It is finished."

The centurion stood up from the rock and took a few paces toward the Nazarene. As he got closer, he could tell that Jesus was staring into the sky. He saw something that no one else could see.

He looked up into the face of this one near death. The King looked down at the dusty old centurion. Jesus' hands were fastened; they couldn't reach out. His feet were nailed to timber; they couldn't walk toward him. His head was heavy with pain; he could scarcely move it. But his eyes … they said it all. They were the eyes of God.

Maybe this is what made the centurion say what he said. He saw the eyes of God. He saw the same eyes that had been seen by the woman at the well, a young lad with some fish and bread, and a four-day-dead Lazarus in a cemetery. In that moment, God's eyes said, "It's all right. I've seen the storms and it's still all right."

For the centurion, his convictions began to flow together like rivers. This was no normal carpenter, he spoke under his breath. This was no normal man.

Had the centurion not said it, the Soldiers would have. Had the centurion not said it, the rocks would have as they began to shake. But he did say it. It fell to a nameless foreigner to state what they all knew. Truly this man was the Son of God.

Jesus continues to speak even today!

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Drinking and driving safety of utmost concern.....

By 1st LT. RODNEY HALL
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Scientific data from various academic sources and research findings provide convincingly clear evidence that important driving skills are impaired at very low blood alcohol concentrations (BAC).

Many thousands of people are killed each year by drunk drivers and hundreds of thousands more are injured. Irrefutable facts stare us in the face, verified by study after study. However year after year we are faced with the same dilemma.

When you are behind the wheel of a motor vehicle, all of your senses must be on alert. You need to react quickly to potential threatening conditions and then make split-second decisions. Being a good driver takes skill and judgment. No matter how good a driver you are, alcohol will decrease your skill and impair your judgment. This is why drinking and driving is so hazardous. You and I both know we do not want to put ourselves or our love ones in potential danger.

Drinking and driving has many risks. Even one drink might be enough to impair your driving ability. From the moment alcohol enters your bloodstream; you begin to lose your ability to think clearly. From drinking, your reaction time, depth perception, coordination, and vision are all impaired.

Nationwide, nearly 50 percent of all highway deaths are alcohol related. Most drivers who have had something to drink have low BAC and few are involved in fatal crashes.

On the other hand, while only a few drivers have BAC's higher than .15, a much higher proportion of those drivers have fatal crashes. High BAC drivers tend to be male, ages 25 thru 35. In 2009, Mississippi had 700 highway fatalities. 294 of these fatalities were alcohol related (or 38 percent).

While society has done much to improve highway safety, you can do much to protect yourself.

- Don't drink and drive and don't ride with anyone who has too much to drink.
- Volunteer to be a designated driver
- Drive defensively and always implement good risk assessment
- When ever possible use four-lane highways and avoid rural roads
- Always use a seat belt

Many people are aware of the risks of drinking and driving and still make the choice to do so. They know all of the potential dangers and still make the decision to get behind the wheel. They do not take into consideration the people that they put in harm.

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