



THE FORWARD EDGE OF FREEDOM

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SUMMER IS HERE! I know officially it isn't here until June 21st, but it's in full swing already. My sister's brother came over a few days and we built a shed behind our house. The first day we got fried; the second day we worked in the rain; the third day was just right. We used 2 ton of pea gravel for the foundation and then built an awesome wood base. The metal structure went on top...though I think we would have had less hassle tossing some wood walls up and building some trusses. It came out great though, and we are looking forward to getting the garage organized now that we have a little more storage space.

I had the chaplain duty phone for a week. The duty phone is for emergencies during after normal work hours and the weekend. The base chaplains take turns, and it's never boring having the duty phone. We still have the responsibility of our work related phone; this is in addition. The first time the phone went off it was 0300. My wife was trying to answer the house phone, and I was trying to shut the alarm off. Coming out of a sound sleep and never having heard this phone ring, we didn't know what was making all that racket. The most serious call was a young Marine threatening suicide, but he was off base and wouldn't give us his location. That was another very late night, but the Lord worked out the situation. The funniest call was a Marine that was requesting an emergency wedding. He wanted to know if I would marry him "today or tomorrow". My wife was dying to know what constituted an emergency wedding, but I didn't go that far into the details. I just encouraged him to see his own battalion chaplain on the following Monday as this wasn't a true emergency. The military has a saying that is along these lines: "Poor planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on ours."

One Sunday morning, on the way to preach at the chapel, I felt the Lord lead me to preach a completely different sermon than I had studied. I felt led to preach on surrendering to full time service though I had no idea how the Lord intended to use this kind of message. In the chapel service that morning, a man had come to visit his brother who is a Marine. At the end of the service, he surrendered to the ministry. Who can tell what God will do when we listen to the nudging of the Holy Spirit! Remember the verse "Be still and know that I am God." It's in a still small voice that He speaks to us; sometimes we get so busy with just living life that we forget to stop and be silent so the Lord can speak to us.



Your Friend in the Fight for Truth,
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Ps. 149:6 "LET THE HIGH PRAISES OF GOD BE IN THEIR MOUTH, AND A TWO-EDGED SWORD IN THEIR HAND."

