

# Living for Something Worth Dying For

Mt. Vernon Christian Church

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  - Over 1 million men and women who have died while serving in the military of the United States
  - People who gave up their lives for those of others
  - People who took risks because they saw the rewards
  - People who had the conviction that what they were fighting for was worth their lives

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  - Matthew 16:21-23 – Jesus embraced living and dying
  - John 15:9-17 – Jesus defined the greatest love
  - Romans 5:6-8 – Jesus was motivated by initiating love
  - Jesus lived each day loving the very same people for whom he would later give his life.

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  - Hebrews 11:11-16; 11:32-40 – There were so many people who lived for something worth dying for...and died for it, too!
  - Martyrs during the centuries (Foxe's Book of Martyrs)
  - People today
  - Persecuted believers around the world

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  - What is it that we consider the most valuable?
  - What do we consider so important it would be worth dying for?
  - How do we go about living today that prepares us to make that sacrifice “tomorrow?”
  - What stories do we tell ourselves that reinforce what is so important to us that we would die for that?

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- a key choice today: “I’m going to live for something (Someone) worth dying for.”
  - Today is the day for choice.
  - Today is the day to say, “I’m joining with many others in saying that I’m going to live in light of something (Someone) worth dying for.”
  - Today is the day in which we can encourage others to also make this choice.

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