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“YOU SHALL SEE THE GLORY OF THE LORD.” (EXODUS 16:7)







“My religion and my experience...told me not to go to war, and the memory of my ancestors...told me to get my gun and go fight. I didn't know what to do. I'm telling you there was a war going on inside me, and I didn't know which side to lean to. I was a heap bothered. It is a most awful thing when the wishes of your God and your country...get mixed up and go against each other. One moment I would make up my mind to follow God, and the next I would hesitate and almost make up my mind to follow Uncle Sam. Then I wouldn't know which to follow or what to do. I wanted to follow both but I couldn't. They were opposite. I wanted to be a good Christian and a good American too.”

(Alvin York, as quoted on the Sergeant York Patriotic Foundation website, sgtyork.org)



“God would never be cruel enough to create a cyclone as terrible as that Argonne battle. Only man would ever think of doing an awful thing like that.”

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“Those machine guns were spitting fire and cutting down the undergrowth all around me something awful. And the Germans were yelling orders. You never heard such a racket in all of your life. I didn’t have time to dodge behind a tree or dive into the brush....As soon as the machine guns opened fire on me, I began to exchange shots with them. There were over thirty of them in continuous action, and all I could do was touch the Germans off just as fast as I could. I was sharp shooting.”

(From the journal of Alvin York, October 8, 1918)



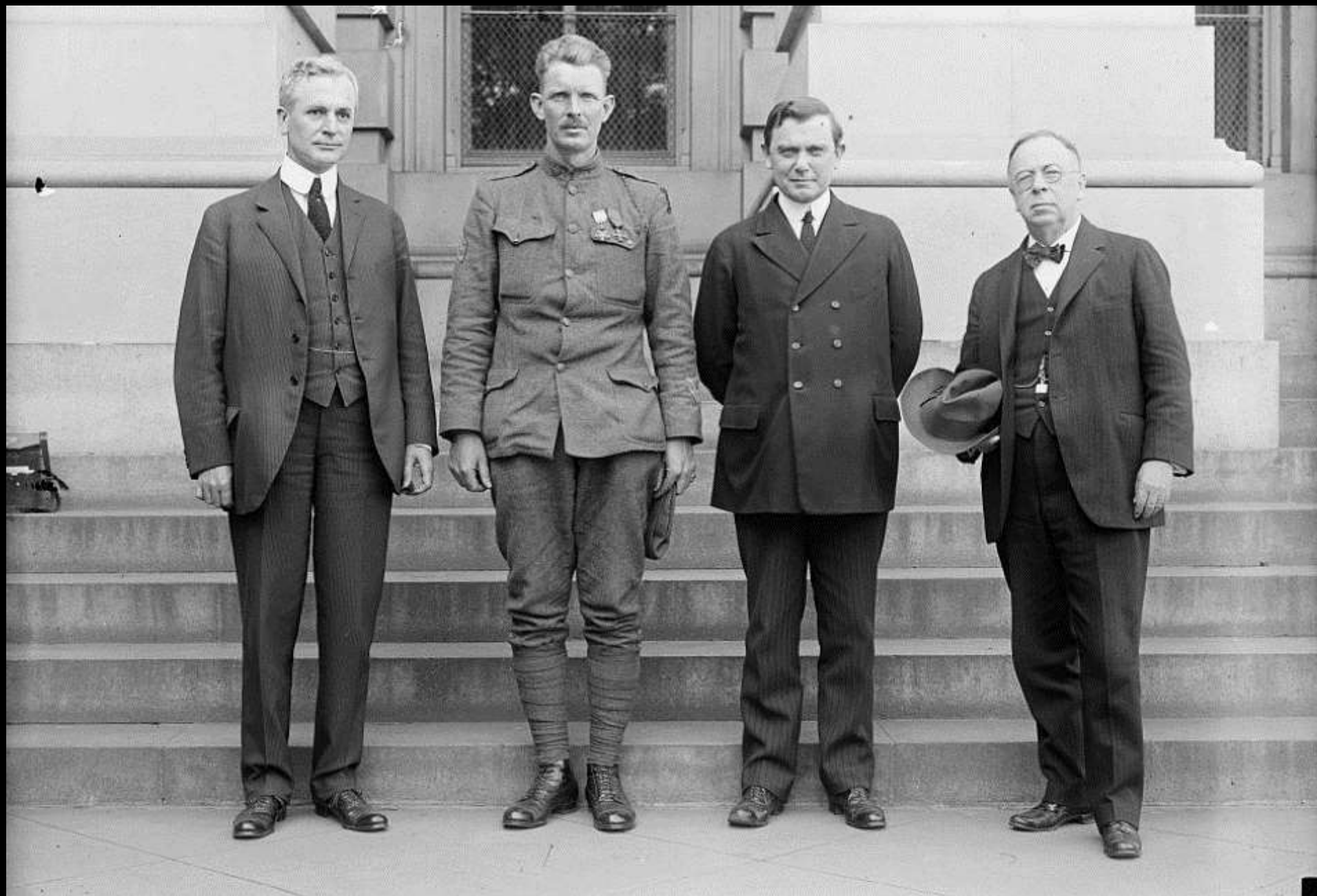
“All the time I kept yelling at them to come down. I didn’t want to kill any more than I had to. But it was they or I. And I was giving them the best I had.”

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“Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon ‘em.”

(From William Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night*, Act 2, Scene 5)

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Exodus 3:1-10 (ESV): “Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. **3** And Moses said, ‘I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.’...”



“...4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ 5 Then he said, ‘Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ 6 And he said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the LORD said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,...”



“...8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”









Exodus 3:11-20 (ESV): “But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?’ **12** He said, ‘But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.’ **13** Then Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you,” and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’...”



“...**14** God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And he said, ‘Say this to the people of Israel: “I AM has sent me to you.”’ **15** God also said to Moses, ‘Say this to the people of Israel: “The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.’”









Exodus 4:10-12 (ESV): “But Moses said to the LORD, ‘Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.’ **11** Then the LORD said to him, ‘Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? **12** Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.’”





Exodus 4:13 (ESV): “But he said, ‘Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.’ **14** Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses”





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Main Point:

SINCE GOD IS THE ONLY

ONE,

THEN MOSES HAD ALREADY

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Hebrews 13:6 (ESV): “So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?’”



Exodus 20:3 (ESV): “You shall have no other gods before me.”



Deuteronomy 6:4 (ESV): “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”





1 Corinthians 8:5-6 (ESV): “For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth – as indeed there are many ‘gods’ and many ‘lords’ – 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.”



Romans 8:31-32 (ESV): “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”



Romans 8:28 (ESV): “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”



James 2:19 (ESV): “You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe – and shudder!”









Act 7:39-40 (ESV): “Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, **40** saying to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’”







John 8:54-58 (ESV): “Jesus answered, ‘If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, “He is our God.” **55** But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. **56** Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.’ **57** So the Jews said to him, ‘You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?’ **58** Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.’”



John 1:14 (ESV): “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”



John 1:17-18 (ESV): “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.”



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Application:

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1 Timothy 2:3-6 (ESV): “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.”



John 3:16 (ESV): “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”





Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV): “There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”



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The background image is a dramatic landscape. In the foreground, a man in a dark, long-sleeved robe stands on a sandy beach, looking towards a massive, towering wave. The wave is a deep teal color and is crashing with white foam. The sky is dark and stormy, with heavy clouds. The overall mood is one of awe and impending danger.

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NEXT WEEK: FAILURE (EXODUS 5-6)