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Title: Never Forget the High Cost of Freedom

Text: 2 Samuel 23

Why a Memorial Service?

To give thanks to God for those who sacrificed all.

To keep fresh in our minds that our freedom was purchased by the blood of Patriots.

To teach our children to never forget that our freedom comes at a cost

What Can We Do to Honor Those Who Died?

Ceremonies, monuments, historical records, recognize their surviving families

Freedom Always Comes with a Cost:

God Paid for Our Sin & Those Who Gave Their All

2 Samuel 23:14-17 - ¹⁴At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem. ¹⁵David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" ¹⁶So the three mighty men broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the LORD. ¹⁷"Far be it from me, O LORD, to do this!" he said. "Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?" And David would not drink it. Such were the exploits of the three mighty men.

Salvation of mankind cost God the death of His Only Son.

1 Corinthians 6:20 - you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.

We were slaves to sin Jesus set us free.

We should live for God because He died for us.

The country we live in was founded by people who were willing to give their lives to defend our country.

We should live in gratitude and defend our way of life.