

## WAR!

SERMON OUTLINE FOR THE 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE END OF WORLD WAR I

### Introduction

- Sergeant Henry Gunther, U.S. Army
- *In Flanders Fields* by John MacCrae

### 1. War in the Old Testament

- Genesis 14:1-3
- Deuteronomy 5:17

### 2. A Deepened Understanding

- Matthew 5:21-22
- Rwandan Genocide: April-July 1994

### 3. Spiritual Warfare

- Matthew 24:6
- Mark 13:7
- Luke 14:31
- Luke 10:17-20
- Romans 7:23
- 2 Corinthians 10:3
- Hebrews 11:34
- James 4:1
- 1 Peter 2:11
- Romans 13:1-7
- Revelation 7:14

### 4. Sacrifice

- Gunnery Sergeant Fred W. Stockham, U.S. Army
- Jesus Christ

### *Purposeful reflecting ...*

- History reminds us of the action of God in the past, encourages us to find Him in the present, and assures us of His providence for our future. What events in your own history confirm that God has acted?
- The complete words for distributing the elements in Communion are as follows.

*<sup>1</sup> The body of our Lord Jesus Christ given for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. <sup>2</sup> Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart with faith and thanksgiving.*

The first part confirms the life-giving nature of our relationship with Jesus while the second part obeys Jesus' command that we do this in remembrance of Him. Other than Communion, how are you reminded of Jesus' sacrifice in your own life?

- Do you dread the possibility of war with Russia, China, Iran, or North Korea? How would being in a shooting war with another nation differ from our spiritual war with Satan? How are they similar?
- Be thankful that God gives us courage to sacrifice for others during war, but don't glorify war because of these glimpses of inspiration. Is war the ultimate rebellion against God, or is it just an intense act of disobedience?