

## GOD AND THE MILITARY – Session #3

## Questions & Answers

### THE CENTRAL TRUTH:

Acts 4:19-20 - *But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard.”*

Question 1: What kind of Biblical support is there to help individuals who feel that their integrity will be compromised if they follow the order of a superior?

Question 2: In the military community there can be a lot of pressure to behave immorally. What advice would you give to Christians in these situations?

*Isaiah 5:20 - Woe to those who call evil good, and god evil; who substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

The Example of **D**\_\_\_\_\_!

Question 3: Is there a difference between killing in hand-to-hand combat and killing by using a weapons system that kills from a distance?

Question 4: What happens if a military person is responsible for killing civilians because he or she had wrong info?

Question 5: Can Christians in the military use weapons that kill indiscriminately, e.g. nuclear or chemical weapons?

Question 6: How can a Christian leader evaluate others without being biased towards Christians who demonstrate character and traits that agree with his or her beliefs?

*Proverbs 24:11-12a – Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, O hold them back. If you say, “See we did not know this,” Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts?*

*Galatians 6:1 – Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.*

*Matthew 7:4-5 – “Or how can you say to your brother, Let me take the speck out of your eye, and behold, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly enough to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”*

Question 7: How proactive should a member of the military be about handling misconduct or ethical violations among his or her peers?

Question 8: How can I be sure that I know enough about an order to obey it?

APPLYING THE TRUTH - “do not merely listen to the word, do what it says”, James 1:22

Pray and ask God to help you choose one of the following to implement during the next week.

1. Read Daniel 1. Why did Daniel take a stand over the issue he did? What characteristics and qualities did Daniel display in the way he chose to make a stand? How can depending on God help you be wise & humble like Daniel?
2. Memorize one of the verses from this session that was particularly meaningful to you.
3. Read the story of Naaman and Elisha from II Kings 5. How does Naaman’s dilemma about kneeling with his king in the temple relate to issues you face in the military? Write down one situation where you believe it would be OK to “go along” and another situation where you would feel forced to “take a stand”.