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I love what Del Tackett said in the Truth Project when he talked about the combination of numbers at the top of this paragraph. When this generation sees this number it is going to mean something different than nine hundred eleven or 9-1-1. That is so true. When I see this number I remember a phone call that woke me early in the morning and my friend yelling, "America's been attacked, we've been bombed." I remember the pictures, I remember the stunned disbelief that this could be happening to us, I remember that it was one of the times that I really prayed for our President, our leaders, and our men and women in the military. Eight years have passed since this happened and it is still something that works in our hearts every time we think about it.

To the men and women in the military, retired, reserve, or active, we offer you our deepest gratitude. You who defend this country from threats both external and internal so that we can enjoy the freedom that the Lord has blessed us with, we thank you. Please know that you will always be in our hearts and that we will continue to lift you up in prayer.

We know what the last days will look like according to 2 Timothy 3:1-5, that they will be perilous times and that there will be all sorts of evils going on. It only takes a quick visit to the newsstand to see that we are living in the last days. The world has embraced a lie and they are in desperate need of a Savior. He is Christ, crucified for our sin, and raised again on the third day. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have the hope that this dying world needs.

I want to challenge us today to do a few things. Take a moment and lift our service men and women along with their families up in prayer. Pray for our military officers, as well as our state and federal leaders. Yes we might not be on the battlefields of Afghanistan, and Iraq, or the battlefield of politics but we can come alongside our warriors and our leaders as we lift them up in prayer! Finally, check out Ephesians chapter 6 and see that God is calling us to be warriors. Warriors on the spiritual battlefield and the weapons that we have are mighty! So, this week *remember, pray* and *fight* in the Lord's army.

Youth Pastor~ Eli