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有一個流行語『好好生活吧！』(get a life!)，此通常被用來鞭策那些陷入平庸的人，對他們來說無足輕重就是舉足輕重。我們想要『神的軍隊在動員系列』能幫助所有信徒活出有意義的生活，留下一連串舉足輕重的成就。要使用聖經的說法，就是完成主要我們結果子的命令，並且使果子長存（參考約翰福音 15：16）。

首先，倘若你的生活很無聊，你絕對沒有在正確的位置，沒有比神與親近祂更有趣的事了，也沒有比真實基督徒生活更大的探險了！沒有比宗教更無聊的事；沒有比真實基督徒生活更刺激的，但也沒有比活在這些時候更困難的，這不是給軟弱的人！神正在動員一個最堅決、無懼的戰士，這些人不被恐懼控制，乃是倚靠信心，他們也會受到使命的驅使。

當神創造了人，祂命令人『**生養眾多、遍滿（倍增）地面**』，所以我們天性的一部份想要成就，並且成就大事—『倍增』。這樣的渴望並不是驕傲或自我野心，雖然可能會被其誤用，但倍增真的是我們的基本組成。當我們藉著擁抱耶穌的贖罪犧牲而蒙救贖時，我們便開始重新與神的終極目的連結。很重要的是，主也在約翰福音十五章陳述祂會剪掉不結果子的枝子。因此，不結果子的生命絕不是一項選擇。

這即是何以我們要動員；當你動員一個軍隊時，是以訓練為開始，就可以建造一個可以完成目標的效率軍隊。正如我們曾講過，要成為主有效力量的一部份就是能夠聽見祂的命令並遵從。雖然認得祂的聲音一直是許多信徒的終極目的，但它只是根基，不過是我們訓練的開端。沒有此能力，我們便無法往前，一旦我們有了此能力，我們一定要繼續前進。

一個軍隊發展的四階段：

- 1) 動員
- 2) 訓練
- 3) 裝備
- 4) 部署

動員進入神的軍隊，並在祂的身體中找著我們的正確位置不是終極目標，而是使我們繼續下去前的必要目標，這也有時間順序的考量。當我在海軍時，在基本訓練後我被送到不同的學校做高等的訓練，然後再被指派到分遣艦隊。為著這樣的目的，我們有時會由一個教會轉換到另一個教會，每一個教會都有我們訓練所需的專項，但最終我們會有一個更固定的任務，成為我們被指派之教會肢體很好的一部份，那甚至可能是我們一生的任務。即便如此，我們必須總是預備好，讓聖靈將我們放在肢體中討祂喜悅的地方。

當然，我們現在在基督身體中所擁有的最大問題，就是大部分基督徒沒有一個活躍的教會生活，因而妨礙了他們的發展。這個議題有許多可以談的，正如我們過去所做的，但現在我們將專注在那些正在被動員的人，他們現在不是已經在對的位置，就是即將抵達那裡。

我們也必須謹記在心，軍隊被動員是因為有一個危急的戰爭正持續進行。我們不知道有多少人的救恩取決於我們的順服，但即使我們的呼召再模糊都能協助服事，很可能許多的靈魂都仰賴著我們，在我們身上怎麼會有如此的責任呢？那即是神呼召的本質。想一想亞當不順服的結果，我們或許認為這並不公平，因為亞當並沒有祈求被放在一個位置，使得他的行為影響到之後的世世代代。然而，他被給予管轄全地的權柄，權柄帶來責任。聖經清楚教導，我們的所做所為影響巨大，對此的解答就是順服！我們並不是單單被呼召得救上天堂，我們乃是被重價買贖，不再屬於自己。不管喜歡與否，我們是軍人，我們可以拒絕我們的呼召，並埋藏我們被託付的才幹，但我們若這樣做，我們可以確保在審判的那一日我們將聽見『**你這又惡又懶的僕人**』（參考馬太福音 25：26）。

倘若我們擁抱十架—耶穌十架的救贖，我們就不再有權利做我們想做的事。我們有一個呼召、使命與目的，在地上沒有其他人被裝備做和我們一樣的事。我們可以拒絕我們的呼召，主就會把它給另一個人，正如我們在這段經文中所看到的模式，但我確信任何認真研讀每週一話的人絕沒有那樣做的意圖。

我們已經入伍在軍隊中，有一場危急的戰爭正在進行，這場戰爭的最後結果一定勝利，但我們要決定在戰爭中我們將如何做，以及被呼召來防禦或獲勝的萬國與萬民將如何做。正確看到此方式在於不懼怕，反而將其當作一個機會。你可以被用來釋放許多人從他們的網綁中得自由，甚至釋放整個國家得自由。你或許不會被呼召到前線作戰，而是看守裝備；然而，你會因著做你的部分而大得獎賞。

下週我們將來看一些關於戰爭非常重要卻振奮的原則，這是我們訓練的一部份。這是一個光明的軍隊，主喜歡祂軍隊的每一個人在光中前進，他們知道要往哪裡去，也知道他們被呼召來做的事情。我們將前進戰場，我們可以預期前面充滿衝突，但我們也可以確信：這將是我們所經歷最充滿成就感的探險。

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首先，倘若你的生活很无聊，你绝对没有在正确的位置，没有比神与亲近祂更有趣的事了，也没有比真实基督徒生活更大的探险了！没有比宗教更无聊的事；没有比真实基督徒生活更刺激的，但也没有比活在这些时候更困难的，这不是给软弱的人！神正在动员一个最坚决、无惧的战士，这些人不被恐惧控制，乃是倚靠信心，他们也会受到使命的驱使。

当神创造了人，祂命令人『**生养众多、遍满（倍增）地面**』，所以我们天性的一部份想要成就，并且成就大事『倍增』。这样的渴望并不是骄傲或自我野心，虽然可能会被其误用，但倍增真的是我们的基本组成。当我们借着拥抱耶稣的赎罪牺牲而蒙救赎时，我们便开始重新与神的终极目的连结。很重要的一点是，主也在约翰福音十五章陈述祂会剪掉不结果子的枝子。因此，不结果子的生命绝不是一项选择。

这即是何以我们要动员；当你动员一个军队时，是以训练为开始，就可以建造一个可以完成目标的效率军队。正如我们曾讲过，要成为主有效力量的一部份就是能够听见祂的命令并遵从。虽然认得祂的声音一直是许多信徒的终极目的，但它只是根基，不过是我们训练的开端。没有此能力，我们便无法往前，一旦我们有了此能力，我们一定要继续前进。

一个军队发展的四阶段：

- 1) 动员
- 2) 训练
- 3) 装备
- 4) 部署

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当然,我们现在在基督身体中所拥有的最大问题,就是大部分基督徒没有一个活跃的教会生活,因而妨碍了他们的发展。这个议题有许多可以谈的,正如我们过去所做的,但现在我们将专注在那些正在被动员的人,他们现在不是已经在对的位置,就是即将抵达那里。

我们也必须谨记在心,军队被动员是因为有一个危急的战争正持续进行。我们不知道有多少人的救恩取决于我们的顺服,但即使我们的呼召再模糊都能协助服事,很可能许多的灵魂都仰赖着我们,在我们身上怎么会有如此的责任呢?那即是神呼召的本质。想一想亚当不顺服的结果,我们或许认为这并不公平,因为亚当并没有祈求被放在一个位置,使得他的行为影响到之后的世世代代。然而,他被给予管辖全地的权柄,权柄带来责任。圣经清楚教导,我们的所做所为影响巨大,对此的解答就是顺服!我们并不是单单被呼召得救上天堂,我们乃是被重价买赎,不再属于自己。不管喜欢与否,我们是军人,我们可以拒绝我们的呼召,并埋藏我们被托付的才干,但我们若这样做,我们可以确保在审判的那一日我们将听见『你这又恶又懒的仆人』(参考马太福音 25:26)。

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我们已经入伍在军队中,有一场危急的战争正在进行,这场战争的最后结果一定胜利,但我们要决定在战争中我们将如何做,以及被呼召来防御或获胜的万国与万民将如何做。正确看到此方式在于不惧怕,反而将其当作一个机会。你可以被用来释放许多人从他们的捆绑中得自由,甚至释放整个国家得自由。你或许不会被呼召到前线作战,而是看守装备;然而,你会因着做你的部分而大得奖赏。

下周我们将来看一些关于战争非常重要却振奋的原则,这是我们训练的一部份。这是一个光明的军队,主喜欢祂军队的每一个人在光中前进,他们知道要往哪里去,也知道他们被呼召来做的事情。我们将前进战场,我们可以预期前面充满冲突,但我们也可以确信:这将是我们所经历最充满成就感的探险。

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The Army of God Mobilizes, Part 8

A popular saying has been “Get a life!” This is typically used as a rebuke to those who are so trapped in the mundane that the insignificant is significant to them. We want this series to help all believers live lives of significance and leave a trail of significant accomplishments. To use biblical terms, it is fulfilling the Lord’s command to bear fruit, and fruit that remains (see John 15: 16).

First, if your life is boring, you are definitely not in the right place. There is nothing more interesting than God and getting close to Him. There is no greater adventure than the true Christian life. There is nothing more boring than religion. There is nothing more exciting than the true Christian life, but there is also nothing more difficult to live in these times. This is not for wimps! God is mobilizing an army of the most resolute, fearless warriors. These will not be controlled by fears, but by faith. They are also constrained by their mission.

When God created man, He commanded him to **“be fruitful and multiply.”** So there is a part of our very nature that wants to accomplish and to accomplish big things—to “multiply.” This desire is not pride or selfish ambition, though it can be perverted by those, but it is really our basic makeup. When we have been redeemed by embracing the atonement sacrifice of Jesus, it is the beginning of our realignment to the ultimate purposes of God. The calling on every Christian is to be fruitful and multiply. This is so important that the Lord also stated in John 15 that He would cut off the branches that did not bear fruit. Therefore, having a life that is not bearing fruit is not an option.

This is why we are mobilizing. When you mobilize an army, it is to begin the training that will lead to the building of an effective army that can accomplish its objectives. As we have covered, very basic to being a part of the effective force of the Lord is to be able to hear His commands and obey them. Knowing His voice is basic, and though this remains something of an ultimate purpose with many believers, it is just the beginning of our training. We cannot go further without this ability, but we must go further once we do have it.

The four stages of developing an army are:

- 1) Mobilizing
- 2) Training

3) Equipping

4) Deploying

Mobilizing into the army of God and finding our right place in His body is not the goal, but a goal that is necessary before we go on. There is also a factor of timing for this. When I was in the Navy, after basic training I was sent to various schools for more advanced training before I was assigned to a squadron and sent to the fleet. It is for this purpose that we are sometimes shifted from one congregation to another. Each congregation may specialize in something we need for our training, but ultimately we have a more permanent assignment that could well be the church body that we will be assigned to, possibly even for the rest of our life. Even so, we must always be ready for the Holy Spirit to place us in the body as it pleases Him.

Of course, one of the biggest problems we have in the body right now is that most Christians do not have a vital local church life, and are therefore stymied in their development. A lot could be said about this, as we have in the past, but for now we will focus on those who are being mobilized, who are either in their right place for now, or are getting there.

We must also keep in mind that the army is being mobilized because there is a desperate war going on. We do not know how many salvations are dependent on our obedience, but even if we are called to the most seemingly obscure helps ministry, it is likely that many souls are depending on us. How could there be such a responsibility put on us? That is the nature of the call of God. Think about the consequences of Adam's obedience of disobedience. We may not think this is fair, that Adam did not ask to be put in a position where his actions would affect billions. However, he was given authority over the earth, and with authority comes responsibility. The clear teaching of Scripture is that what we do affects many more. The answer to this is to obey! We were not called just so we could be saved and go to heaven, but we were bought with a price, and we are no longer our own. We are soldiers, like it or not. We can reject our calling and bury the talents we have been trusted with, but if we do, we can be sure that on that great judgment day we will hear, **"You wicked, lazy slave" (see Matthew 25:26).**

If we have embraced the cross, the atonement of the cross of Jesus, we no longer have the right to do what we want to do. We have a calling, a mission, and a purpose that no one else on this planet is equipped to do like us. We can reject our calling, and it will be given to another, as we see a pattern of this in the Scriptures,

but I am sure anyone serious enough to be reading this has no intention of that.

We have been enlisted in the army, and there is a desperate war going on. There is no doubt about the ultimate outcome of this war, but there is much to be decided about how we will do in the war and how the nations and people we have been called to defend or win will do. The right way to look at this is not fearfully, but as an opportunity. You could be used to set many free from their bondage, maybe even whole nations. You may not be called to the frontline of the battle, but just to stay with the baggage. However, you will receive a great reward for doing your part.

Next week we are going to begin looking at some very serious, but exciting principles about the war itself. This is a part of our training. This is an army of light, and the Lord likes for everyone in His army to be marching in the light, knowing where they are going and what they will be called to do. We are going to march into battle, and we can count on there being conflicts, but we can also be sure that this will be the most fulfilling adventure we could ever be a part of.