

## Communion Meditation

Deu 20.1-9

“Excused from Military Service”

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### The Lord Your God is With You

- **v1** ~ “Do not be afraid – God is with you”
  - “who brought you up from the land of Egypt”
- **v3-4** ~ “do not be afraid – God goes with you”
  - “to fight for you against your enemies”
- Remember: God fought for you before – He’ll do it again

### Officers Excuse Some from the Battle

- **v5** ~ “What man has built a new house – another man”
- **v6** ~ “What man has planted a vineyard – another man”
- **v7** ~ “What man is betrothed to a woman – another man”
- Note each relates to some investment in the future
- Note it pertains to order of men obtaining home, then living, then wife
- **III**: “Billy, Don’t be a Hero” – 1974 – Paper Lace / Bo Donaldson
  - Under biblical law Billy may need not have gone off to war

### Officers Excuse the Fearful

- **v8** ~ “What man is fearful & fainthearted – heart of brethren”
  - Fear is contagious – 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Bull Run
  - “There is Jackson, standing like a stone wall”
  - Courage is also contagious
- **Read v9** ~ “And so it shall .. lead the people”
  - “make captains .. to lead”

### 4 Observations

All soldiers were men

Military service was not compulsory

Role for priests, officers, and captains (religious, civil, military)

Military subject to civilian leadership

Read v4 ~ “**God fights for you!**” / The battle belongs to the Lord