



**"Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him." (1 Sam 16:18)**

The Bible articulates that David was a man after God's own heart, he was a man of war (a warrior), and the Lord was with him. Many Christians and more U.S. Marines than I wish to remember would come up to me and ask me how I could be a sniper and such a devoted Christian. It simply did not conform to their view of Christianity. Unfortunately, due to their lack of knowledge, they did not know what the scriptures teach nor the power of God. (Matt 22:29) For little do they know the Holy Spirit's divine calling, His sovereign will for certain men in the nation of Israel, was to send these men, these brave warriors, charging out onto the field of battle and into combat to fight and kill - warriors like Joshua, David, Samson, and Gideon to name a few. When you find yourself on the battlefield you keep good company and have more in common with the men mentioned above than you have ever thought or imagined.

Bear all this in mind when the IEDs are exploding, the next injury and casualty report comes in, and residue of gun powder in a combat zone is all too familiar a smell to you. Commit to your heart these words the Lord spoke to Joshua, "I will not leave you nor forsake you." (Josh 1:5)  
Like David, you are a warrior and the Lord is with you.

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