

The Faithful Pivot

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance of the fallen in warfare since the Civil War. It is a day to reflect national pride.

True national pride comes from remembering that all nations exist because of God. “From one man, He has made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the time set for them and the exact places where they should live.” (Acts 17:26, NIV; Gen.10-11)

This Memorial Sunday, we will pay tribute to an outstanding spiritually mature believer who impacted three different nations for Christ at the same time.

This spiritually mature believer was a member of an elite group of believers known as the FAITHFUL PIVOT. You can read about other members recorded in Heb.11.

FAITHFUL PIVOT is a spiritually mature believer who plays a key role in advancing the plan of God in human history. Who is this FAITHFUL PIVOT believer? _____ (Heb.11:22)

1. **Revelation** – Future – directive will of God – four dreams

- Joseph (Gen.37:2, 5-11)
- Cup-bearer and Baker (Gen.40:1-8, 9-23)
- Pharaoh (Gen.41:1-9, 25-33)
- Jacob (Gen.46:2-4)

2. **Reality** – Famine and Food – directive will being fulfilled – Egypt, Israel, and Canaan (Gen.41:54)

- Joseph (23 years later) – Gen.42:6-9 and 46
- Cupbearer and baker (3 days later and 2 years) – Gen.40:23; 41:1; 43:1, 26-28; 44:14
- Pharaoh (14 years later) – Gen. 41-47
- Jacob (430 years later) – Gen.46 and Ex.12:40

WALK BY FAITH NOT SIGHT (2 Cor.5:7)

3. **Reconciliation** – Family and Forgiveness (Eph.4:30-32) – Joseph’s dream (Gen.37:2, 19-20; 41:46; 45:4-7; 50:20)

(Gen.45:5) “And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, **because** (directive will) it was to save lives that **God sent me** ahead of you.”

(Gen.45:7) “But **God sent me** ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.”

(Gen.50:20) “You intended to harm me, but **God intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” (Rom.8:28)

(Gen.50:25) “And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, ‘God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place.’”

4. **Remembrance** – Faithful Successions of Pivots – 430 years later – Joseph to Moses (Ex.12:40; 6:13-25)

“Moses took the bones of Joseph with him **because** Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, ‘God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.’” (Ex.13:19; **Gen.50:25**)

- **430 years later** a Memorial Day tribute was paid to the faithfulness of God by Moses.
- **1500 years later** another Memorial Day tribute was paid to the faithfulness of God by the writer of Hebrews – “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” (Heb.10:23; 11:22)
- **3400 years later** another Memorial Day tribute has been paid to the faithfulness of God’s grace by those attending DSBC on 5/27/12.

(1 Cor.1:9)

“God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE BY A 21 CENTURY FAITHFUL PIVOT

As a member or guest of DSBC this Memorial Day, let us consider being a

FAITHFUL PIVOT FOR JESUS CHRIST

In the home land of America beginning in Birmingham, Alabama.