

Daily Devotion For December 7, 2021

“For by grace you have been saved by grace....” Ephesians 2:8-9

Today, December 7th marks the 80th anniversary of the deadly attack on Pearl Harbor that resulted in 3500 American casualties. The attack altered America’s destiny and tested the will of the American people. The man who led the first wave of attacks on Pearl Harbor was a captain in the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service by the name of Mitsuo Fuchida. Fuchida was responsible for the coordination of the entire aerial attack.

After the war in 1948, Fuchida was passing by the bronze statue of Hachiko at the Shibuya Station when he was handed a pamphlet about the life of Jacob DeShazer, a member of the Doolittle Raid who was captured by the Japanese after his B-25 bomber ran out of fuel over occupied China. In the pamphlet, "I Was a Prisoner of Japan" DeShazer, a former Air Force staff sergeant told his story of imprisonment, torture and his account of an "awakening to God." That experience increased Fuchida's curiosity of the Christian faith and later became a Christian and formed the Captain Fuchida Evangelistic Association based in Seattle, Washington. In the years that followed he spoke full-time of his conversion to the Christian faith in presentations titled "From Pearl Harbor To Calvary".

Thought For Today: As we remember the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, we recognize that no one is beyond God’s mercy and grace. Take time to reflect on the freedoms we have because of the service of others.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Take time to praise God for his amazing love and his amazing grace. Deo Volente.