Daily Devotion For May 31, 2022

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Hopefully, yesterday you took time to remember the ultimate sacrifice that 1.3 million American men and women have made over the past 245 years so we might enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today.

In one of my previous sermons, I told the true story about a man who operated a drawbridge. At a certain time every afternoon, he raised the bridge for a ferryboat to go by, and then lowered it in time for a passenger train to cross over.

One day, he brought his son to work so he could watch. As his father raised the bridge, the boy got excited and wanted to take a closer look. His father realized his son was missing and began looking for him. To his horror, his son had come dangerously close to the bridge's gears. Frantic, he wanted to go rescue him, but if he left the controls, he would not be back in time to lower the bridge for the approaching passenger train.

He faced a dilemma. If he lowered the bridge, his son would be killed. If he left it raised, hundreds of others would die. He knew what he had to do. With tears streaming down his face, he watched the passenger train roll by. On board, hundreds of people were unaware of the sacrifice the father had just made on their behalf.

This story is a picture of what happened at the Cross. God sacrificed his beloved Son so that we might life, the life we enjoy today and the life we will enjoy for all eternity. The tragedy of God's sacrifice is that most people don't give it a second thought.

**Thought For Today:** How about you? Are you conscious of the ultimate sacrifice God made on your behalf?

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Take time today to thank God for the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord Jesus to set us free from the consequences of sin and death. Deo volente.