

West Valley Church of Christ – February 23, 2025

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

COMMITMENT INSPIRES

What comes to your mind when you hear the words, commitment, loyalty, and devotion? Senator John McCain, in his book *Faith of Our Fathers* talks about being a prisoner of war in Vietnam. John McCain talked about a particular commander by the name of Mike in his book.

Mike was a Navy pilot and his plane was shot down in battle. McCain wasn't sure how Mike did it, but somehow, he took a bamboo shoot and made a needle. The soldiers had to wear blue pajama tops all the time, so inside the top Mike took some red and white thread and sewed an American flag. Every night when the guards left the room, he would take that top off, turn it inside-out and hang it on the wall. The prisoners would stand facing the flag and repeat the pledge of allegiance. It was the daily highlight. One night a prison guard walked in unexpectedly and grabbed that shirt and took Mike away. When Mike returned his face was so swollen from the beating. Later that night Mike was on the floor with a needle looking for more pieces of material. I tell you there is something that happens inside us when we are in the presence of someone so committed. The commitment of Christ is like no other. His sacrifice inspires us to greater commitment. Your personal commitment, loyalty, and devotion to follow Christ encourages me. Your commitment to the Lord does have an effect on others.



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