

## God who protected me



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Thanksto God's blessing, I had a chance to visit Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan back in 2017. Because of that experience, although our languagesand looks are different I feel close to you all. Therefore, with all my heart I wish to deliver God's word for your soul and

faithful life.

As a soldier myself I went through many tough situations such as war and intense training but God led me and protected me every time. When I was 1LT, I joined the Vietnam war. Of course fear approached me as I headed towards to the battlefieldwhere life and death were an inch away. But the Bible says, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." holding this scripture, I could call the victory against fear. I took a battleship when I went to Vietnam. While I was on the way, we met the typhoon near the Philippines, and I had to pray amid the intense situation where I felt like the shipwas going to flip and sink in no time. During the prayer Chapter 43:2 of Isaiah came to my mind "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." and this brought me a comfort.

When I arrived in Vietnam for real-situation adopting training, a war hero at that time introduced his experience at 000height. Situation was like this –due to enemy's strong resistance friendly forces faced continuous damage. He then got ordered to infiltrate into enemy's backline to change the current status quo. He prayed deeply in front of crisis of death then departed at dawn with his special force. Surprisingly, on the day fog was so thick that nobody could see anything, therefore he could successfully flank the enemy without being seen. He then said, "this is clearly God answered my prayer and hid them with the fog." Hearing his testimony my heartbeatfast, and even without noticing I prayed "God! please be my shield in this battlefield."

Like that, prayer meant life to me. When we were to search for enemy's clandestine points or ambush in the enemy's moving path at night, all of us were given magazines, wore bulletproof armors and did a final check. Just before we started, I would say, "let us pray", then everyone including non-Christians focused as much as possible to pray. Seeing that, I realized anyone who is in verge of life and death becomesjust one weak human being and rely on God almighty, and faith is needed even more for soldiers who must die for the order. But that faith isn't just for when you are alive, but also guarantees your soul afterlife as well; thus, I realized in battlefield that believing in God is the most certain and perfect life insurance. I have absolutely no doubt it was God who protected me without the tiniest scar in my skin in the battlefield. And this confession comes from the very person who has that experience. "The Lord is my light and my salvation- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life- of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident."(Psalms 27:1,3)

Soldiers are those who give their lives up in the uncertainty of war. Who can save them from there?

Even if it's not for the war, who can bring comfort in crisis of life? God almighty is the only one. I bless you to have him as a protector and shepherd.