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Military COC [Code of Conduct]

Article I - I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

Article II - I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

Article III - If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and to aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

Article IV - If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

Article V - When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

Article VI - I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

- Remember Who You Are
- You're Not Alone
- Never Give Up Hope
- Return with Honor

NOTES: _____

Group Questions

1. What was the last military movie you watched? Were you or a member of your family ever in the military? Do you have anyone in your family who was a POW?
2. Anything in this weeks message that caused you questions, special insights, or convictions that you would like to share?
3. What ways can you think of that we as Christians here in America often suffer?
 - a. In what ways have you been or seen suffering?
 - b. Why do you think it is so important for us to understand that when we are suffering we are not alone?
 - c. When you are suffering what is a meaningful way people have encouraged you in the past?
4. How do you think Christians should or do suffer differently then people without Jesus?
 - a. What are some doctrines / character attributes of God that cause us to hold fast to our hope?
 - b. What is one particular doctrine / character trait of God that has brought you special comfort in the past?
 - c. What do you think: Sometimes suffering can be so bad that people do lose hope... does that mean they lose salvation also? What about in light of [Heb 11.1](#)?
5. For the American troops the COC pastor mentioned is key to help them in a POW situation. What elements of [Eph 3.1-13](#) are key for us as Christians who will experience suffering ourselves?
6. What are some Bible verses you can think of that point to the idea of “Returning Home With Honor” from a Christian perspective.
7. Are you ready to suffer for Christ? What scares you most about that idea? How can the members of your group help prepare you for the coming day of trouble?