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as a soldier.

**(2 TIM 2:3–4)**

# 1. SOLDIERS ARE NOT INDIVIDUALS

from whom the whole body,  
joined and held together by  
every joint with which it is  
equipped, when each part is  
working properly, makes the  
body grow so that it builds  
itself up in love.  
(Ephesians 4:16)

If all were a single member,  
where would the body be? (1 Cor 12:19)

When He had washed their feet and put on His  
outer garments and resumed His place, He said  
to them, "Do you understand what I have done to  
you?" (John 13:12)

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<sup>46</sup>While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. <sup>47</sup>Someone said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You.” <sup>48</sup>But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, “**Who is My mother and who are My brothers?**” <sup>49</sup>And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers! <sup>50</sup>For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.” (Matt 12:46–50)

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πραγματεία  
*(pragmateia)*  
affairs,  
business,  
occupation



### MAJOR RICHARD WINTERS

- 2 Bronze Stars
- Purple Heart
- Parachutist Badge
- Combat Infantryman badge

### AFTER THE WAR?

Production Supervisor for a glue  
factory in New Jersey

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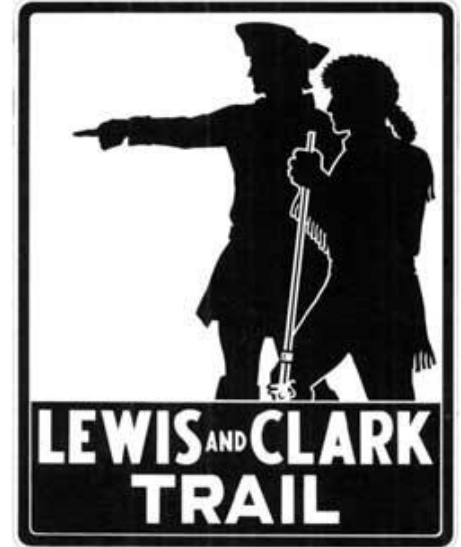
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### 3. HARDSHIP IS EXPECTED AND TRAINED FOR

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;  
(1 Pet 4:12)

Ξένος  
*(xénos)*  
strange,  
foreign, alien

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that **they were strangers** and pilgrims on the earth. (Heb 11:13)



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## 4. CHAIN OF AUTHORITY IS VITAL

“And thus I will go in to the king,  
which is not according to the law; and  
if I perish, I perish.”  
(Esther 4:16)

For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; <sup>8</sup> for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7–8)

And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:18–20)

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## 5. SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY COLLECTIVE ACHIEVEMENT

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

(1 Cor 12:26)

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (Jas 5:19-20)

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Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!  
(Psalms 133:1)