

## My Spiritual Role Model

Who is my spiritual role model? There are a lot of role models out there, but my spiritual example is Desmond Doss. He is my inspiration because he never carried a weapon, he risked his life to save other people, and he stayed faithful to what he believed even though he had challenges. Desmond Doss is my spiritual mentor!

To commence, Desmond Doss was always unarmed even in situations of life and death because one commandment guided him from Exodus 20: 13, "You shall not murder". When he was in the Battle of Guam 1944, Japanese started to target the American medics. Doss ran to injured men without a pistol. He was under fire nearly every minute. The second example was that he did not even touch an armament at all. The sergeants kept pressuring him to touch and to use the gun, but Doss wouldn't break his belief. Another way was when all of his friends died in battle. Even though he wanted revenge, he never picked up a firearm. I want to be like him. I never want to touch a firearm because I never want to harm a human being. I want to follow in his footsteps.

Secondly, Doss never gave up on injured soldiers. He gambled his life for them. In the battle Layti, during a Japanese

counter attack a fellow medic ran to aid of a machine gunner , but was shot in the process. Doss heard the screams of help he ran to help them. In the Battle of Okinawa, Doss went to the aid of four injured men even though he was twenty five feet from enemy lines and being attacked by gunfire and grenades. Another time was when he was caught in an enemy tank attack, he told the litter bears to take a critical injury instead of him. John 15:13 states, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends". Doss was willing to lay down his life for his comrades. I want to be like Desmond Doss to be willing to up my life for God. I want to not give up on people who do not believe in God.

Lastly, he stayed faithful to what he believed during intense pressure. When he was in training camp, his fellow soldiers mocked him for his beliefs, but he didn't care. When they allowed him to have Saturdays off to go to church and honor the sabbath, he had to work more on his other training days than the other soldiers. Doss was a vegetarian. His comrades saw him as inferior and even threatened to kill him, but he still stayed committed to his moral and beliefs. When he had to train with a gun, his officer tried to force him to use him, but he refused and was mocked and punished for it. I want to be able to stay to

what I believe. No matter what is done to me, I want to remain faithful to God and his commandments.

In conclusion, my devotional ideal is Desmond Doss. My dream is to be like him one day. I want to be able to respect life by not harming others with weapons, to help others in need, and stand firm for God. I will be like him and be willing to live my beliefs!

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