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Renewed Readiness
(2 Peter 3:1-15)

SSMC HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY CELEBRATION

A man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark pinstriped suit jacket over a light purple button-down shirt, is sitting on a ledge. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a high-angle view of a densely populated city with many buildings and a large road with traffic. The lighting suggests it's either early morning or late afternoon.

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- **World Outreach International (WOI) exists to impact Least Reached People groups with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**
- WOI currently has 350+ personnel ministering among 91 such people groups on five continents.
- The goal is to impact at least a further 55 ethnic communities by 2020.
- WOI five major ministry focuses :

R • Raising Leaders

E • Evangelism and Church Planting

A • All Nations Mobilisation

C • Children's Ministry

H • Humanitarian Aid



You can make a difference...





What is a
least-reached
people group?



A “least-reached people” is a culturally unique ethnic group who require outside assistance because they do not have sufficient resources or communities of believing Christians to effectively evangelise their own people.

There are still 2.9 billion people in the world who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

RENEWED READINESS

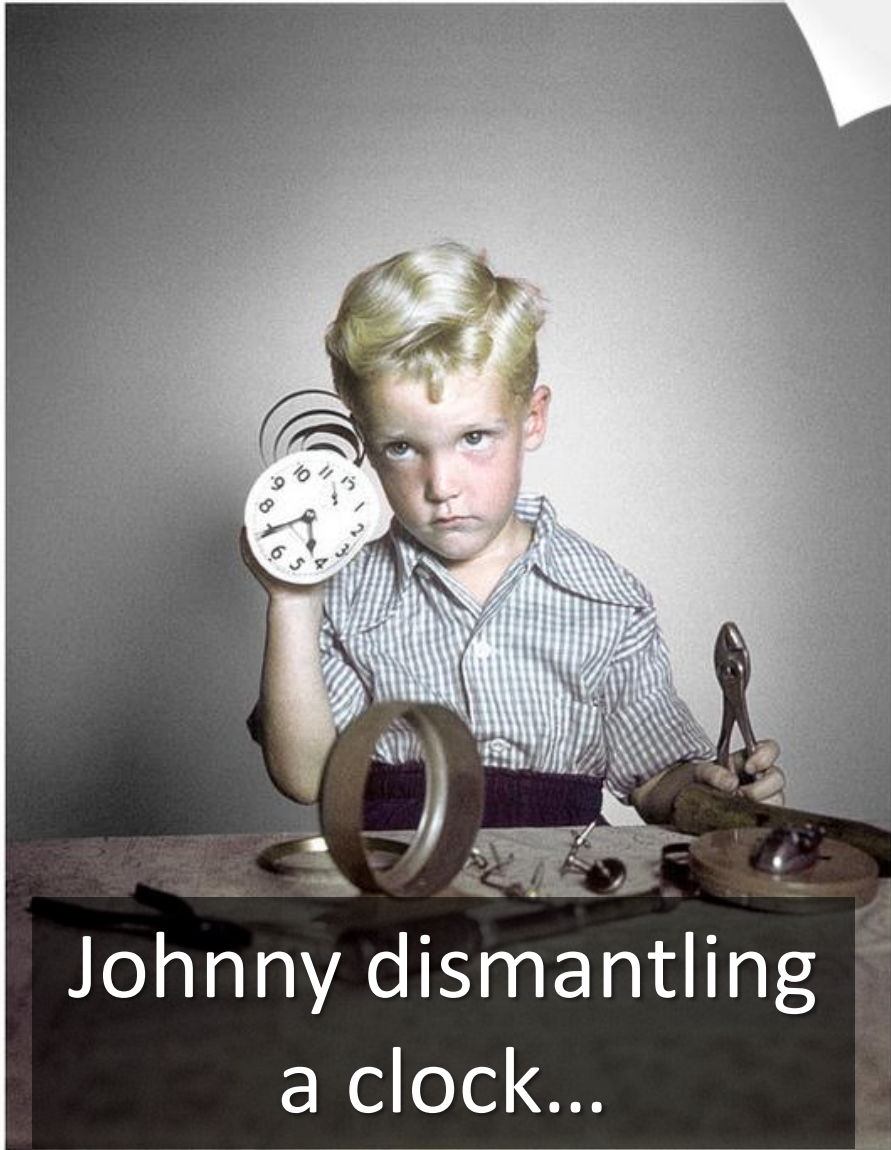
2 Peter 3:1-15

Text: verses 10-15





A Story



Johnny dismantling
a clock...





**DING!
DONG**

It's later than it has ever been!

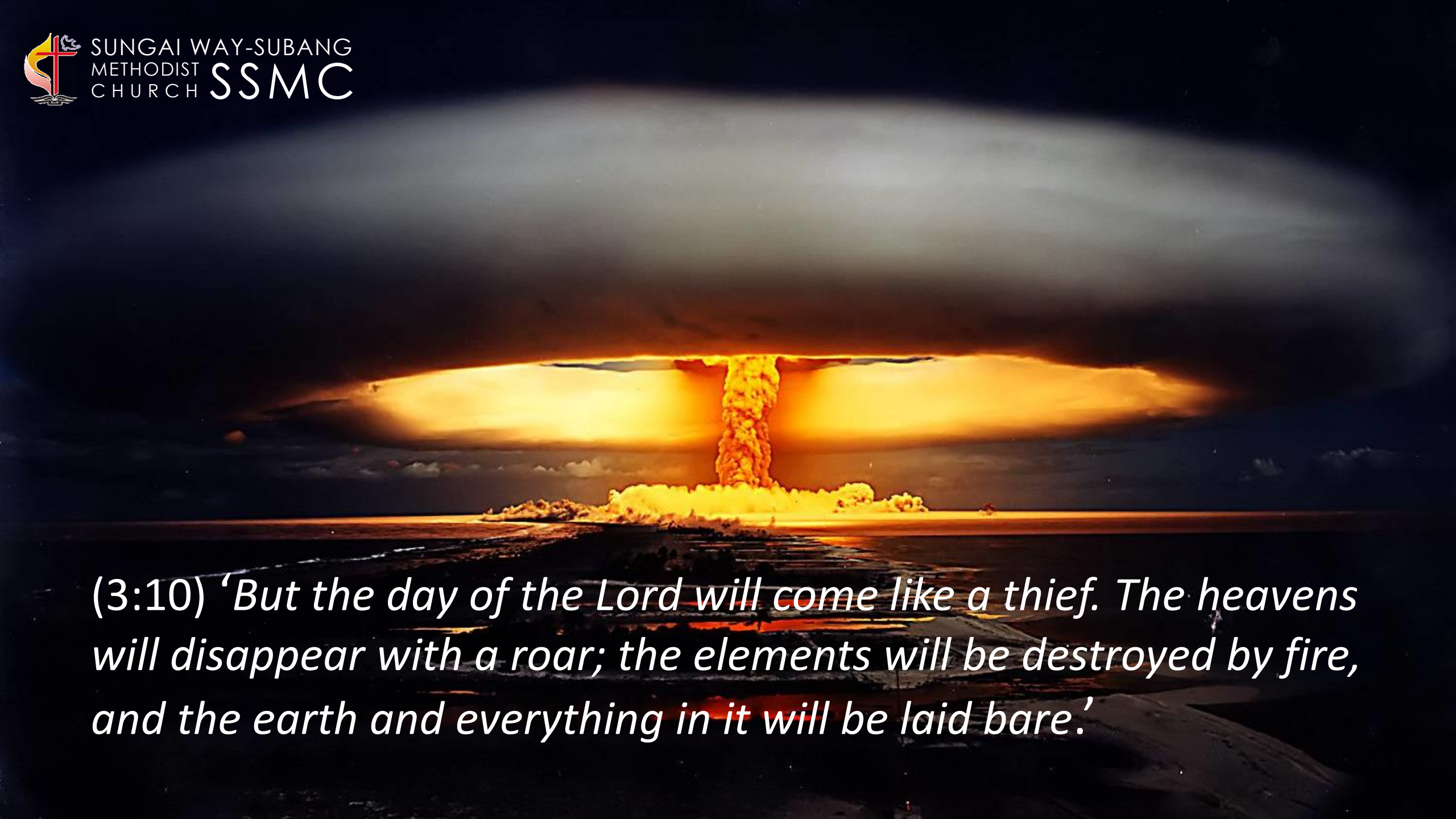
(2 Peter 3:10) 'But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

(11) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives (12) as you look forward to the day of the God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. (13) But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a

new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

(14) So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. (15) Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation...

(17) Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. (18) But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



(3:10) 'But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.'

A large nuclear mushroom cloud explosion is shown against a dark, stormy sky. The cloud is bright orange and yellow, with a thick column of smoke rising from the ground. The explosion is centered in the background, with a dark, flat landscape in the foreground. The overall scene is dramatic and ominous.

(3:11) 'Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?'

1. HOLY AND GODLY

(3:11) ‘...You ought to live holy and godly lives...

(3:14) ‘...make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.’

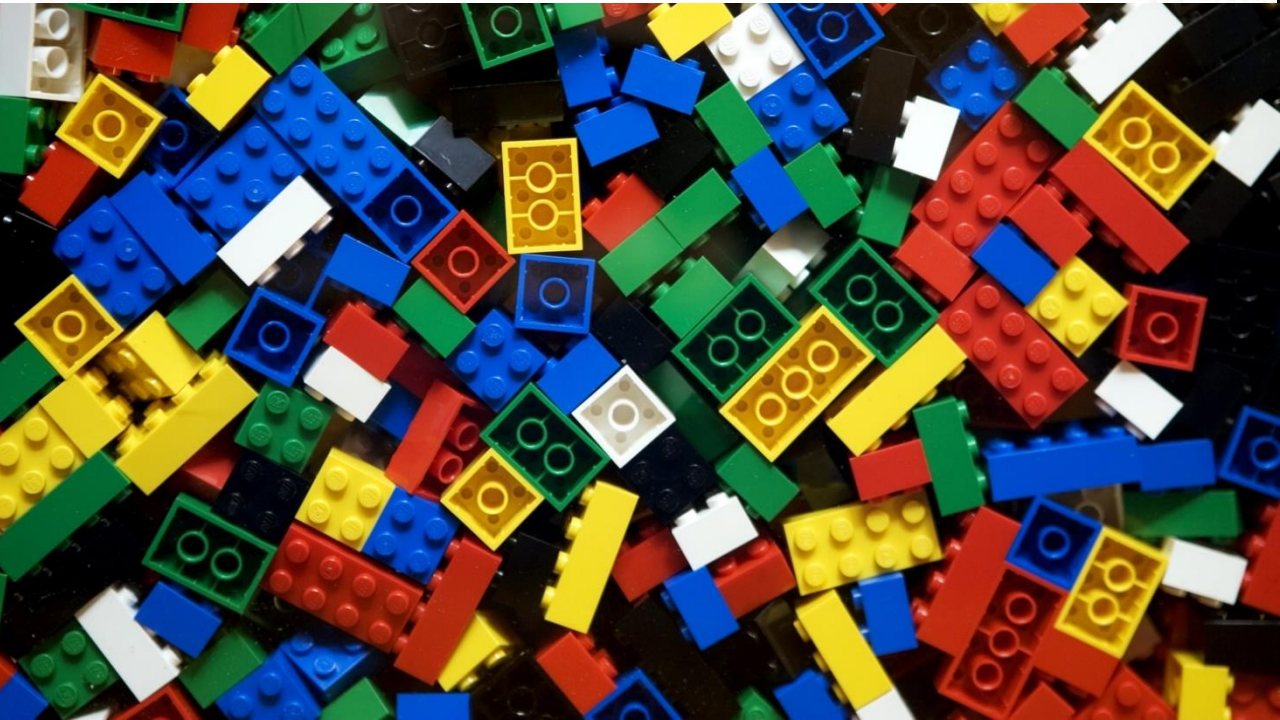
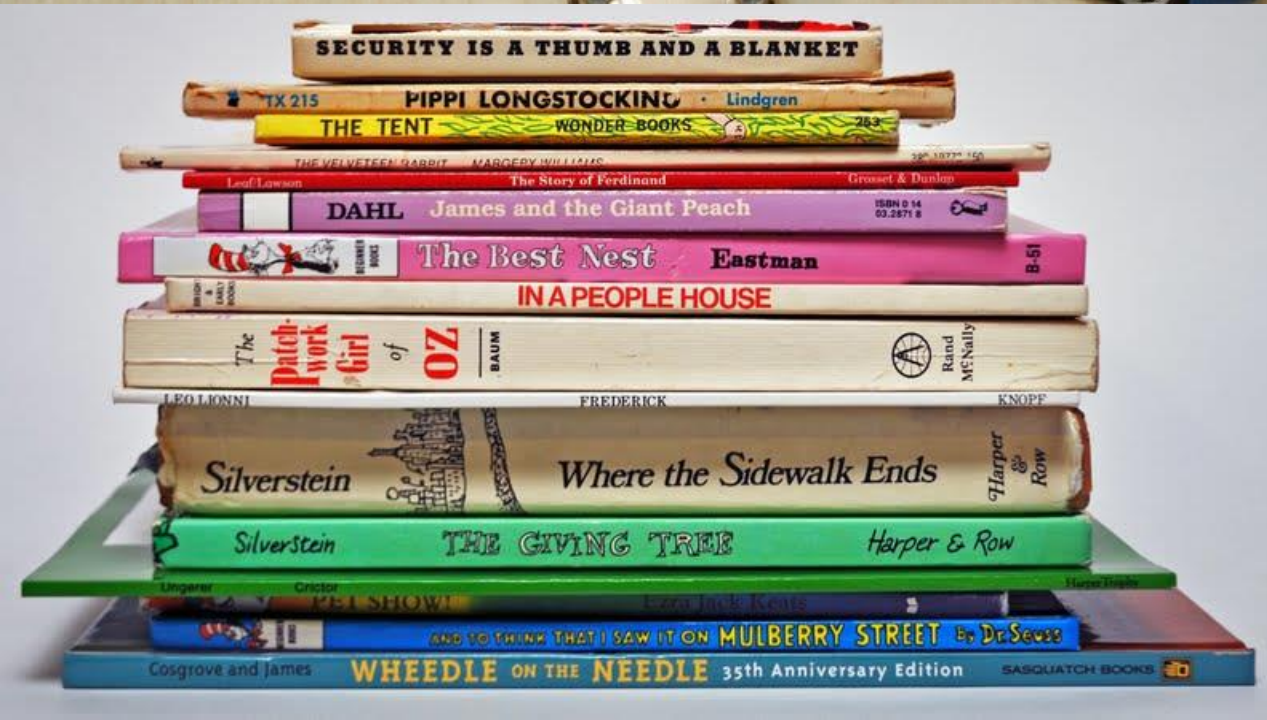
**‘holy’ = ‘set apart, separated unto, sacred,
consecrated, sanctified, clean, his
‘godly’ = ‘practical awareness of God in every
aspect of our lives’**

(3:13) 'But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.'



2. DILIGENT IN WORKING ON OUR LIFE

*(3:14) '...make every effort
to be found spotless,
blameless and at peace
with him.'*





David's convenient way of tidying room but not really "making every effort" ...



3. ACTIVE IN SHARING OUR FAITH



‘The delay of Christ’s second coming to salvation is not, after all, the failure of God’s plan, but rather the condition of its success.’

C S Lewis

*Novelist, poet, academic,
apologist, philosopher
(1898 – 1963)*



*(3:10) 'But the
day of the Lord
will come like a
thief...'*



(Matthew 24:27) 'For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man.'

(Matthew 24:42) 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come...

(44) So you must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.'



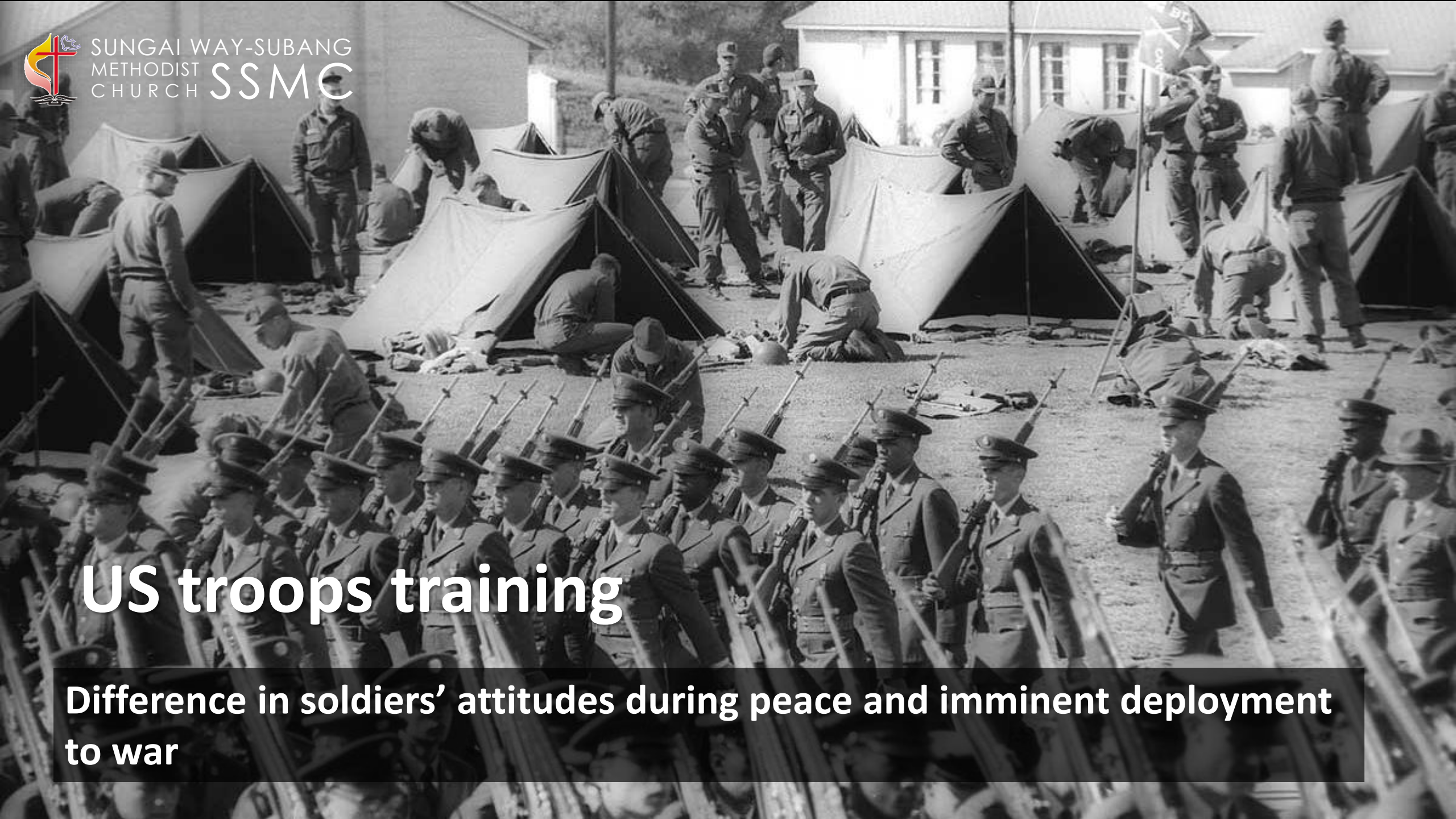
4. VIGILANT & WATCHFUL

(3:17) '...be on your guard...'



(1 Peter 5:8)
'Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.'





US troops training

Difference in soldiers' attitudes during peace and imminent deployment to war

5. CONTINUALLY GROWING



***(3:18) 'But
grow in grace and
knowledge of our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ.'***

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

What kind of lives ought we to live?

1. Holy and godly
2. Diligent in working on our life
3. Active in sharing our faith
4. Vigilant and watchful (on guard)
5. Continually growing