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BATTLE WORN SOUL CARE

As military chaplains, we are humbled to live in the fray with the warriors who daily steward our freedom with their sacrifices. Vocationally and personally, we are committed to providing spiritual care that is marked by rugged honesty, fierce compassion and robust biblical truth. We call this approach to ministry "battle worn soul care." This brand of gritty spiritual care is built upon three key convictions: life is messy, theology bleeds and the tomb is empty.

Life is Messy. Pain, suffering, sorrow and heartache are the norm, not the exception in this life. We are all experts at covering up this fact. In reality, we are all well acquainted with the mess within and the mess without. Life is messy. Life is hard. Battle worn soul care looks this reality in the face. It lives where the mess intersects with soul mending truth.

Theology Must Bleed. The messiness of life must ground any discussion of God and faith in reality. Theology is another term for this discussion that seeks to understand God and explore the intersection of faith with real life. The best theology is anything but clean. Battle worn soul care understands this and practices theology in the fray, theology that intersects with the mess, theology that bleeds.

The Tomb is Empty. In the mess of life, we all need theology that bleeds. We need the truth of a crucified God. In the darkness, we need resurrection light. We need hope. The empty tomb changes everything. Battle worn soul care acknowledges pain, bleeds with the hurting and wages war on hopelessness as it pushes image-bearers to God's conquest over death in the resurrection of Jesus.



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