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## WHITE CROSSES “A Memorial Day Tribute”

**One day when our children were small, we were traveling home from a vacation in northern California. As we made our way along the highway, our kids spied something beside the road they didn't understand. On a windswept hillside about one hundred yards off the highway were thousands of white crosses standing in perfect rank and file.**

**“Daddy, what is that?” one of my children asked. It occurred to me that younger generations can grow up without understanding why they have the freedom to drive along a highway....or to sit safely in our home....or to worship at the church we love.**

**So I took time to explain to them the significance of that hillside. In language they could understand, I told them that the brave women and men under those crosses paid the ultimate price for our liberty. “All around the world there are cemeteries like that,” I said, “just as beautiful as this one.”**

**Then I quoted from John McCrae's timeless poem: “In Flanders Fields the poppies blow/Between the crosses row on row/That mark our place....”-I couldn't even finish the poem, as I was moved to tears.**

**Perhaps you know of those who died in battle. In paying the ultimate price, they did what they considered their duty, never expecting to be applauded for it. Most people will never know their story, but God never missed one minute of it.**

**There are certain scenes that, whenever I come across them, always cause me to pause and let the wonder in. A row of white crosses in a military cemetery is one of those places. My children, now grown with families of their own, share that wonder with me. AMEN.**

**~Dr. Charles R. Swindoll**

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

