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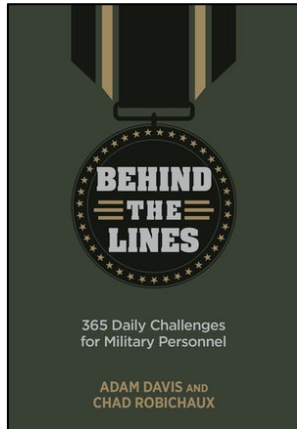
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BEHIND THE LINES

Encouragement and Godly Wisdom for Those Who Serve & Protect

Former police officer and former Marine reveal the calling, the dangers, and the spiritual parallels of battle.



Minneapolis MN: Military service is not for the faint of heart. It's a life that requires someone to be resilient, plan for attack, and stay in the fight, despite the intensity of conflict. Their strategy and valiant response is the only hope of survival for innocent people who come under attack.

Many of the twenty million-plus military veterans may not be currently on the battlefield but they wage other wars that include PTSD, loneliness, medical issues, financial struggles, and feeling spiritually stagnant.

Adam Davis and **Chad Robichaux** understand the sacrifice, grit and determination required from our military personnel to serve our country. Both men now offer outreach and assistance to service the military, vets and their families through their ministry and books.

Davis is a former police officer who is trained as a FBI hostage negotiator and Robichaux served eight deployments to Afghanistan and is a former Professional MMA fighter. During their times of service, they experienced the darkness and unspeakable evil of humanity but through their faith, kept focused on their calling to protect, instill and even restore peace and freedom in our country.

In their book *Behind the Lines: 365 Daily Challenges for Military Personnel* (BroadStreet® Publishing) the authors inspire and equip readers with God's wisdom as they hold the line against evil and protect the innocent. Some highlights include:

- **Never Alone on Assignment:** The promise of an eternal partner will give you the peace and confidence for a successful and safe assignment. This includes proper training and preparation and regularly engaging in prayer. Remember God will not fail you. Although God goes before you, you are still responsible to prepare for battle. (Psalm 23:4)
- **Selfless Service:** Loving those who cannot repay you is the most rewarding love. Selfless love can only come from a heart full of passion for God and renewed mind from God's Word. Let your legacy be serving with the love of Jesus and a selfless love for others. (Romans 12:10)
- **Instrument of Justice:** The armed forces is to benefit our nation. You are an extension of the hand of God when addressing evil or those who make threats to our nation. As military you have the authority to fight but do so in an honorable manner. (Acts 25:11)
- **Battle Ready:** Protectors of freedom and justice are not given a spirit of fear. When battle is at hand, we must be the terror the enemy fears which requires courage and self-control. Remember God has given us power over fear, stress, and worry. (Romans 13:3)
- **Order and Peace:** The role of military on the battlefield brings order to chaotic situations and bring peace during violence. God uses your words, demeanor, and calm presence in times the enemy intends to destroy innocent people. Remember you are God's instrument to bring peace to His people. (1 Cor. 14:33)

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“Military service requires you to be resilient as part of a greater role in protecting the life of this great nation. Through diligent service, you keep the enemies at bay and flush out evil from the lives of the innocent. You play a role in the hope of our nation,” says Davis. “You may be surrounded by enemies from every side, but you will not be defeated. Stand firmly on the promises of God’s Word, for it is alive and active. God will restore righteousness and justice. He will reestablish peace and order in our nation. Continue to shine as a lighthouse of hope to those who may have no hope.”

Behind the Lines shares personal stories, applicable bible verses, and personal prayers that parallel the preparation for the battles and victories in our physical and spiritual lives. The authors offer insight on strength for serving, protection in times of danger, peace during chaos, lasting integrity, and discernment on duty.

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Suggested Interview Questions:

1. *Behind the Lines* is written to encourage and inspire those who serve our nation. What are some issues that those who serve our nation and their families are dealing with today?
2. What are some misconceptions that have been perpetuated in the media about those who serve our nation – including military and the police?
3. What are some of the topics and issues covered in *Behind the Lines*? What is the background of both authors?
4. Why is faith important in the lives of those who risk their lives for others? What assurance should they hold onto when they feel lonely or afraid?
5. Have you encountered moments on duty that you saw God's hand in a situation? Can you share an example? What did you learn from those moments?
6. Many forget the wives and families of those who serve also make a sacrifice. What words of encouragement do you offer to those just starting out serving our nation?
7. You write that the enemy can attack the life of those who serve including their families (infidelity), emotions (depression/PTSD), and physically (fatigue). What precautions can be made to lessen the attack?
8. How do you parallel the job of those who serve our nation with spiritual battle?
9. How can Christians that are called to serve our country be an example to their colleagues who may not follow the same faith?
10. How can Christians best pray for those who are called to protect and serve our country?
11. Where can we find out more about your ministry?

Notable Quotes from *Behind the Lines*:

The price of engaging in sexual immorality goes beyond the initial contact. It brings pain to someone you love and someone who loves you deeply; it brings pain to your children, your family, your friends, and the people who look up to you. Please, heed the warnings. Do not be seduced by the temptations of those who would lure you into their destructive traps. Infidelity will claim your family, your career, and your joy and leave you empty and destitute. Yes, you can rebound in time, but some things take a lifetime to come back from, and this decision is one of them! (pg. 20)

Your courage, wisdom, experience, professionalism, and readiness will make those who plot terror think twice about the consequences they might face. To this end, you are marked as the hands of justice, protecting the innocent and removing wicked and evil people from this world. If you have felt discouraged by the outcomes of trials in the past, remember your job is not to prosecute or judge but to enforce justice on evil to protect the innocent. Focus on doing your job with excellence and bringing an end to the plans of those who bring pain, frustration, and disaster to the lives of innocent and helpless people. (pg. 49)

When you pray for someone who persecutes you, you are letting go of the poison of bitterness and the seeds of hatred and anger. When Jesus commanded us to pray for those who persecute us, he was telling us this for our own benefit. Not only do we operate in obedience to the words spoken by Jesus, but we are also pruning ourselves of unfruitful and poisonous elements that will prevent our growth in Christ. It may not be an easy task, but praying for those who hate us, persecute us, and despise us will produce marvelous results. (pg. 139)

When your enemy stumbles and falls, it may be tempting to initially celebrate and tell the world how faithful God is to vindicate you. While he is faithful to vindicate, we are called to love our enemies. A heart of love for our enemies does not desire to see them fall or stumble, so we should not rejoice in their fall. There is power, strength, honor, and confidence in the silence of a vindicated person. Don't take matters into your own hands. Be a person of honor and let God handle it. And when he does, don't gloat about it. (pg. 181)

When you help restore a person's life by protecting it and the lives of their family, and when you help them obtain the resources and assistance they need to survive, they begin to see through the propaganda and mischaracterizations of America's military and instead see the hearts of the men and women who serve our nation. Think about the ways God has used your service to restore the lives of broken people—through words or actions—and how he has strategically positioned you, even in the presence of your enemies, as a minister for his glory. (pg. 191)

When we call on God for help, he will come. He will address our needs according to his Word, and he will not fail us. However, when we place worry and anxiety ahead of our faith in what his Word says he will do for us, and when we allow God's timing to discourage us, we can further delay the victory he has prepared for our lives. Know that, if you are in need, help is on the way the moment you call for it. It will arrive, not a moment too late. (pg. 345)

From the moment you raised your right hand to swear in making an oath to serve this nation, to being promoted and climbing the ranks, the authority and position you are entrusted with is to be honorable to the people you serve. Through all you do today, let those you encounter and interact with see the hand of almighty God in your life, guiding you, leading you, and changing you for his good. He has not placed any leader in authority for his or her own benefit but for his own glory so that others may come to salvation through Christ. (pg. 366)