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UNTIL MY LAST BREATH

In a couple of weeks we will be hosting the 20th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast. This event allows our Chaplain's and local businesses to show their support and appreciation for those who give so much protecting us. This year's theme is "Until my last breath." This gives a true window in to the dedication and commitment of our Law Enforcement personnel. They have volunteered to serve and protect, sometimes those who don't seem to deserve it, with everything they have. What an amazing and, sometimes daunting, task. I cannot express the gratitude and awe I have for each and every LE officer who makes this commitment day in and day out. Thank you for all you do!

In looking at this, I can't help but to remember the extreme

example of this given by our Savior Jesus Christ. In Mark chapter 15 we read of Christ's ultimate sacrifice of dying on the cross for us. Did we deserve that? Do we continuously show our appreciation for that sacrifice? I know I don't.

Mark 15:37 says this: "With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last." Jesus sacrificed and served those who needed it most until His very last breath on that cross.

I want to aim for that kind of commitment. Psalms 104:33 puts it perfectly: "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath." But it is easier said than done. That type of commitment takes an every day renewed strength like found in Isaiah 40:28-31 "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of

the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Do you need a renewed strength today? Jesus is there waiting to serve you with everything He has until the very end of time. I am so very thankful for the God we serve and all the ways He allows me to serve others. I hope to see a lot of you there at this year's Breakfast. If you have any questions, or need anything at all, please let me know.

Chaplain Mark Smith