

Introduction to Pearl Harbor Testimonies

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I. Introduction.

- A. A man who gave 80% of his earnings to the Navigators.
- B. Another testimony of a man who gave \$5.40 as his tithe. He was challenged - can't you give \$5.50?
- C. Testimony of a man who wanted to be baptized as a Christian and not under a denomination.

II. The testimony of Tim Brink.

- A. He was invited over to a Navigator's home and for the first time heard of the love of God as described in John 3:16.
- B. Another Navigator asked him if he was a Christian and he was not sure. He began reading his Bible and reading tracts. One tract - the plan of salvation - helped him to make a decision for Christ.
- C. Tim enlisted in the Navy but was delayed for a time because he got sick - he cried out to the Lord to make him well and God did.
- D. Tim was on the Hindenburg at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked and barely escaped the destruction of the ship. He helped others escape, but began wondering of those who did not make it - whether they had known Christ.
- E. He began ministry through Bible study with the Navigators after this.
- F. The Lord directed Tim in many ways and eventually brought his family to the Navigator's Headquarters.. (Psalms 37:5)

III. A testimony of Harold Degroff.

- A. We are all baptized into one body. (1 Corinthians 12)
- B. A man wanted to join a Southern Baptist Church, but he had to be baptized by an ordained Southern Baptist minister to do so. He really did not want to be a part of the church though when the requirement was made known.

IV. Another testimony.

- A. The first time he heard about the Navigators was through Ray Stedman and Harold Degroff.
- B. The man began working with the Navigators in the Navy and served at Iwo Jima. Psalm 23 took on new meaning for him there.