

DESMOND DOSS' BIBLICAL DETERMINATION TO DEFEND HIS FAITH IN THE HACKSAW RIDGE MOVIE

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Abstract

The film is one of the innovations of drama literary works. There are various types of films. One of them is an action movie that includes war and military action. This type of film is usually famous for bloodshed. Hacksaw Ridge Movie is just the opposite. The main character in this film is a medic soldier who is against killing or touching weapons. This character is the son of a former World War I corporal and a devout Adventist Christian. A devout Christian knows God's word and works on it. It is including the commandments that God said in the Torah. One of God's commands in the Torah in Exodus 20:13 (King James Version) is "Thou shalt not kill." Bible says that a person who believes in God must be able to faithfully exercise his faith because God is faithful. The main character in this film has the determination to be faithful to his faith. The purpose of this study is to find evidence in the form of data relating to what makes the main character in this film decide not to kill, how he maintains his faith, and what effect he gets from his decision. In conducting this research, the writer uses descriptive methods with data collection are include literature study, observation, and note-taking. The collected data is then analyzed and presented qualitatively. The result showed that the writer found two data which became the strongest reason for the main character not to kill; nine data that prove how the main character fights for his faith; and eight data that prove the effects of the main character's determination. From this film, the writer can conclude that, if a person has true faith, he should work on that faith faithfully.

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INTRODUCTION

Literature is a reflection of the nation's socio-cultural conditions that must be passed on to the younger generation, literature has great potential in bringing society to transformation, one of which is character transformation (Suryaman, 2010). In general, literature is divided into three parts,

namely poetry, prose, and drama. Along with the development of times, literature began to be enjoyed in visual forms such as Movies. The movie is a part of art that is considered as part of the development of literary works, especially drama (Aldredge, 2020). It can be said that movies are part of modern drama. A movie itself is a series

of images that are projected sequentially quickly onto a screen through light using optical phenomena that are created to convey a message for entertainment (Putri et al., 2020).

A movie is a very effective medium for conveying drama to evoke emotions. In contrast to dramas that are shown live with full-screen decorations, movies use framing techniques to focus the audience on important parts that give it special meaning and power. The movie consists of several genres. The genre itself is a concept in the movie world that describes the similarity of style, theme, and communicative function. Meanwhile, *Hacksaw Ridge* is an action movie genre that is a sub-genre of war and military action. Action movies have a close relationship with classic strife and narratives of struggle, including staged warfare.

Hacksaw Ridge showcases Desmon Doss' experience of fighting in World War II. The uniqueness of Desmond's struggle does not lie in Desmon's gallant wielding a weapon. But quite the opposite. Desmon, who is an Adventist Christian, is very determined to keep his faith faithful to the sixth commandment of the Torah, namely, "Thou shalt not kill" Exodus 20:13 (KJV). Faithfulness is a quality to stick to a belief or continue to support a person or organization. The Bible makes it clear that faithfulness is a part of God's character. Stoltz states that in Psalm 33:4 shows that the Lord's word is right and all His work is done in faithfulness (Stoltz, 2018). It is not easy to live faithfully but Hebrews 13:5b clearly says that for He hath said: I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (KJV)

Faith is a decision to believe and deny oneself so that a person no longer relies on his wisdom and strength but attaches himself to the power and words of the One he trusts (Bibleinfo, 2022). Hebrew explains,

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Jiao, 2021). One of the proofs of the faithful determination of the faith of Bible characters that are in harmony with the Desmon's faith is the faith of the triad of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (from Daniel, 2021). A determination to defend his Faith regardless of the worst risk that will happen (Putri & Saifurrohman, 2018).

The determination of the faith of Desmond ended with receiving an award as an unarmed hero who managed to save 75 lives alone in World War II against Japan (Frank, 2017). But of course, the award is not obtained for free, there is a price to be paid. As Jesus said in Matthew 10:38-39 that everyone who follows Jesus must take up his cross and not defend his life. Desmond left his comfort zone to devote himself to his country as a form of serving God. Not only that, Desmond never stops studying God's Word, day and night. Exactly as Joshua 1:8 says that to receive God's promises, every believer must meditate on the Word, day, and night.

To support the research, the writer used the theory of Biblical Hermeneutics (Schmidt, 2016). This theory is the theory of understanding and the interpretation of language, and it includes of the Bible. This theory used by the writer to analyse the Bible, especially the Torah and the Gospel. The Torah is called as the Pentateuch because it contains the five books of Genesis through Deuteronomy (Mann, 2013). In the other hand, the Gospel is the word of God of the Messiah, Jesus, that was written by the disciples of Jesus, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (Stevanus, 2020). The writer uses the King James Version (KJV) as the one of the types of the Bible translation for the research (Campbell, 2010).

Departing from the existing problems, the writer decided to examine the three limitations of the problem. The first is what made Desmond determined not to kill. The second is how Desmond persisted to the end not to kill. Finally, what is the effect of Desmond's faithful determination of faith.

METHOD

This research used a qualitative research design to find deep meaning in Desmond's determination to maintain the faithfulness of his faith (Kurniadi, 2020). According to Sugiyono (Sugiyono, 2013), the qualitative research method is a research method based on the philosophy of post-positivism that is used to examine the condition of a natural object where the researcher is the key instrument.

In qualitative research there are two sources of data collection, namely primary data sources and secondary data sources (Sugiyono, 2013). Primary data is data obtained directly from the source providing data to data collectors through various activities. This data is factual, valid, and specific according to the needs of the researcher. Researchers play an active role in obtaining primary data. Secondary data is a data source that already exists and is used as supporting data for primary data. The main data sources of this research are Hacksaw Ridge Movie, and the secondary data sources are Bibles, and the expert's journals and books.

The writer used literature study, observation, and note-taking to collect the data. Literature study is a series of certain activities related to the methods of collecting bibliography, taking notes, and reading, and managing research materials. Research materials in the study of literature can be in the form of oral, written, audio or video. Observation is a data collection

technique that is carried out by paying attention directly to the object being studied (Kawulich, 2012). Meanwhile, note-taking is a data collection method that applies the practice of writing and recording important points from data sources (Pratama, 2019). Researchers conducted a literature study on videos, and other additional data, observing every second of the movie and taking important points related to the topic of discussion. The collected data will be analyzed by the descriptive method and presented informally.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

In this chapter, the writer will show data related to the three problem boundaries that have been explained in the discussion chapter, namely: What made Desmond determined not to kill; How Desmond persisted to the end not to kill; What is the effect of Desmond's faithful determination of faith.

What made Desmond determined not to kill

Determination is a decision to do something without hesitation knowing all the risks. Desmond was determined to maintain his faith not to kill according to what God commanded in Exodus 20:13 (Yoder, 1980). The writer finds two data that form a strong basis for why Desmond is determined not to kill even though he is in war. The two data are interpretations of Desmond's faith. The following are these data:

Data 1. God's Command

Expert [07:37 – 08:11]

Desmond : **"I could have killed him."**

Mom : "Yes, you could have. Murder, it's the worst sin of all. **And to take another man's life, that is the most egregious**

sin in the Lord's sight. Nothing hurts his heart so much.”

Context:

After Desmond and Harold came back from the cliff top, they got into a fight. Their mother had tried to intervene, but Desmond had hit Hal with a brick first, causing Hal's head to bleed. Desmond felt very guilty. While Mom and Dad were treating Hal, Desmond stared at the walls of their house. There he saw the 10 commandments of God and the contents of the 6th commandment were “Thou shalt not kill”. Desmond's father was ready to punish Desmond for his actions to his brother, but Desmond's mother came and took over Desmond. They engage in conversation.

Analysis:

The first reason why Desmond decided not to kill even in a state of war was that he realized that killing was a violation of God's command. In the conversation, Desmond was made aware by his mother that killing is an act that is very displeasing to God. Little Desmond who was still innocent thought simply that he as a devout Christian should not disobey God's commandments.

Data 2. His promise to God

Expert [1:30:00 – 1:31:10]

Desmond : “My dad used to beat me and my brother just because the sun rose, and then whip us just because it set. I could take that, **but when he would do it to our momma ...**“

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Smitty : “But you didn't kill him?”

Desmond : “In my heart, I did. **So that's why I made my promise to God, I ain't never going to touch a gun again.**”

Context:

Desmond and Smitty were in the puddle waiting for the morning after the first day of war had been postponed. Then Desmond has a nightmare. Shortly, he tells Smitty his biggest reason for not wanting to kill and holding a gun. He told how when he was an adult, before joining a medical officer, he almost killed his father with a gun because his drunken father almost killed his mother.

Analysis:

The second reason why Desmond did not want to kill even in a state of war was that he had promised God that he would never touch a gun again for the rest of his life after he almost killed his father. These two Desmond's strong reasons did not undermine Desmond's longing to serve his country. On the other hand, Desmond is even more convinced by his faith that when God gives the word to his son not to kill, there must be a way out of every problem without ending up killing each other. This also includes the problem of the war that occurred in America against Japan. Desmond was determined to enlist as a medic and join the American army.

How Desmond persisted to the end not to kill

Killing is one of the common things in war. One of the objects that can be used to kill in war is a rifle. The writer found data where Desmond had the opportunity to kill, but he decided to remain faithful to God's command and the promise he had made to God, that he would not kill. The Word of God in Hebrew 13:5b clearly states that God will not forsake everyone who believes faithfully in Him (Schoonover-Shoffner, 2009). The following are data that show how Desmond persists not killing:

Data 1. Not practicing weapons

Expert [36:22 – 36:49]

Sarge Howell : “Problem, Private Corn Stalk? Is there not one in your size, or is it the color that is the issue?”

Desmond : “No, Sarge. ... **I was told I don’t have to carry a weapon.**”

Sarge Howell : “Come again? Step forward, Private. I can’t be hearing this right.”

Desmond : “Well, I’m sorry, Sergeant. **I can’t touch a gun.**”

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Context:

Desmond and his company are doing a series of training like a soldier. Desmond was able to outperform his peers in various training tests. As far as weapons practice, while all his comrades chose their weapons, Desmond just stood there. When Sarge asks why Desmond did not take the remaining weapons, Desmond explains calmly.

Analysis:

The first way Desmond persists his faith not to kill is by not taking up arms training after completing all the other physical training. Despite Desmond being the laughing stock of Sarge and his company, he does not get angry and simply explains to Sarge that from the start of his enlistment he had said that he would not touch a weapon.

Data 2. Reaffirming God’s command

Expert [42:34 – 43:39]

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Kol Stel. : “Well, I’m trying to understand, all right? **Was it God who told you not to pick up a rifle?**”

Desmond : “**God says not to kill. That’s one of His most important Commandments.**”

Kol. Stel : “Most people take that to mean, “Don’t commit murder”. War is a

completely different set of circumstances.”

Desmond : “Jesus said, A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”

Kol. Stelzer : “This is Satan himself we’re fighting. Surely, as a good Christian, you can see that.”

Desmoooooooooooooooooooooooooooo : “I can see that, sir, and that is why I joined up. But I’m sorry, I will not bear arms.”

Context:

Along with Sarge Howell, Desmond confronts Colonel Stelzer to continue his case for refusing to touch a gun. There Desmond was asked many questions that Colonel Stelzer asked to shake Desmond’s faith. Although Desmond was finally charged with section 8 for being considered mentally disturbed, Desmond still explained that he was only carrying out God’s commands, as a person he believed in.

Analysis:

The second way Desmond persists to his faith was by reaffirming God’s commandments to Colonel Stelzer. Desmond explained intelligently that he realized he was not wrong. [42:49] He is just doing what he believes in. Although the Colonel said that war is a different matter, Desmond firmly said that still, God’s commandment is not to kill and love one another. Exactly as it is written in John 15:12 “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” KJV (Taylor, 2004). Desmond concluded the conversation by stating that because he realized he had to follow God’s commands and that he was a devout Christian, he joined the Army and became a medic to help those who were injured. Because helping is a real form of love.

*Data 3. Battered but not fighting
Expert [46:55 – 48:08]*

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Sarge Howell : “All right, Doss. Private Doss, **can you identify the men that beat you?**”

Desmond : “No, sarge.”

Sarge Howell : “Are you saying that you don’t know who attacked you?”

Desmond : “**I never said I was attacked, Sarge.**”

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Context:’s company mates beat Desmond to a pulp on the night they returned from Sarge Howell’s punishment for Desmond’s actions. In the morning Sarge asks Desmond who the perpetrator of the violence is. But Desmond did not tell the culprit and went back to doing what he had to do that day.

Analysis:

The third way that Desmond does to persists to his faith is by not repaying evil with evil. In that state, Desmond had the opportunity to tell Sarge who had battered him. But he chose to love those who were mean to him. He remained patient and continued to maintain his faith. Desmond’s action is exactly what God’s Word says in 1 Peter 3:9 that God wants to love and peace so that everyone who believes should not repay evil with evil or insults with insults (Christensen, 2015).

*Data 4. Refuse Col. Ham’s orders
Expert [49:21 – 50:06]*

Col. Ham : “Show me you know how to handle a rifle and I’ll sign your furlough. ...”

Desmond : “**I won’t touch a rifle, sir.**”

Col. Ham : “I’m not asking you, Private! **That is a direct order from a company commander.**”

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Context:

Desmond is waiting in line to receive his first leave of absence. He was very excited because it was his wedding day with Dorothy. When it was his turn, Col. Ham from the outside came in and angrily stated Desmond would not be allowed to leave if he did not show Col. Ham and all the people in the room that he can handle a rifle.

Analysis:

The fourth way to persist to his faith is to not follow orders from his superiors. Even though it was his wedding day, Desmond chose to go to prison instead of breaking the promise he had made to God. He entrusted everything to God and by faith declared that he was able to endure all things in Jesus as Philippians 4:13 says (Bugg, 1991).

*Data 5. Explaining to Dorothy
Expert [53:24 – 53:56]*

Desmond : “I can’t do that.”

Dorothy : “Yes, you can. It’s just pride. Pride and stubbornness. **Don’t confuse your will with the Lord’s.**”

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Desmond : “Have I been prideful? Maybe I’m prideful. **But I don’t know how I’m going to live with myself if I don’t stay true to what I believe. ...**”

Context:

Desmond is in a dungeon for his decision not to take up arms. Dorothy came after Col. Stelzer fails to persuade Desmond to take up the gun. Instead of obeying Dorothy’s persuasion, Desmond explained back to his girlfriend that he did not know how he could live without doing what he believed in.

Analysis:

Desmond's fifth way to persist to his faith is to tell Dorothy that he cannot live without practicing the faith he has decided. Desmond consciously said that true faith is a faith that is done. He believed that the gospel was the power of God and that every righteous person would live by faith, just as God said in Romans 1:17b (Dockery, 1989).

*Data 6. Decide to proceed to a Court-martial
Expert [58:00 – 58:30]...*

Defendant : **"Private Doss wishes to enter a "not guilty" plea."**

Judge : "... I thought this was agreed. **You wanted to enter some sort of plea bargain."**

Desmond : "Yes, sir, but **I change my mind."**

Judge : "Just like that. **You wish to proceed to a court-martial?"**

Desmond : **"Yes, sir."**

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Context:

Desmond is in the courtroom. He persisted in his claim that he was innocent.

Analysis:

Desmond's sixth way to persist to his faith was to choose to go to trial. Desmond went to trial arguing that he did not break the law if he did not touch a gun because his decision was protected by American law. He waited faithfully even though the atmosphere was very gripping in the room.

*Data 7. Joking to Smitty
Expert [1:28:48 – 1:29:14]*

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Desmond : "... I got myself skewered. I couldn't do anything."

Smitty : **"Rifle's just there. It's won't bite."**

Desmond : "Yeah, it will. Look around you."

Smitty : "After what we've just been through, **any sane man would be screaming for a weapon."**

Desmond : **"I never claimed to be sane. My daddy is a drunk. ..."**

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Context:

After finding some of the injured, Desmond and Smitty look for a place to spend the night. After joking, at Smitty Desmond's orders got first sleep. He had a bad dream and woke up terrified. Smitty offers Desmond to touch the rifle.

Analysis:

Desmond's seventh way to persist to his faith is to joke with Smitty. Instead of obeying Smitty's words to hold the rifle, Desmond prefers to joke by saying that he is indeed insane.

*Data 8. Keep asking God
Expert [01:38:12 – 1:38:46]*

Desmond : **"What is you want me?"**

Desmond : "I don't understand"

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Context:

Desmond saw the destruction that occurred. Many died, including his best friend Smitty. He then wept and asked God, what God wanted him to do. From behind the explosion.

Analysis:

Desmond's eighth way to hold on to his faith was to ask God. Desmond did not rely on his strength. He was weeping looking up at the sky and trying to hear God's voice. And this shows the real Christian. Because only the creator knows, what His creation was created for.

*Data 9. God one more!
Expert [1:50:32 – 1:51:51]*

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Desmond: "Please, Lord, help me get one more. Help me get one more."

[01:51:06]

Desmond: "Please, help me get one more."

[01:51:28]

Desmond: "One more. Help me get one more."

[01:51:44]

Desmond: "One more. Help me get one more. One more."

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Context:

Amid Desmond who was chasing with his breath because he had to save the wounded soldiers as soon as possible before being killed by the Japanese soldiers, the American stronghold was destroyed. This made it difficult for Desmond to continue the quest. He did not give up. He continued his search and with full fidelity of faith, he begged God to help him find one more person.

Analysis:

Desmond's last way to continue to persist to his faith was to ask God to help him help one more person every time he finished helping one person. In that situation, Desmond could have gotten emotional and taken up arms to kill the Japanese soldiers who continued to roam while he searched for the wounded American soldiers. But with faithfulness, Desmond chooses to fight a war of faith with God. He prayed and kept asking God to help him get one more person every time he managed to lose one. What Desmond does is exactly like the song of David which is written in Psalm 138:7-8 (Laird, 2006). And yes, the same God had helped Desmond to the

end.

What is the effect of Desmond's faithful determination of faith

The eternal God is faithful and He always keeps His promises. The Bible clearly states that God is always with everyone who decides to be faithful. Faithful is meant in this study as loyalty to the faith. The faith in question is not faith that is just said, but also faith that is done. Desmond in this film has interpreted his faithfulness to his faith. He was willing to carry the Cross and become the object of ridicule by many people. He did not even save his life and continued to search in the middle of the war when everyone was away from the battlefield. Not only that, but he also faithfully meditated on God's Word, day, and night. Desmond did exactly as God commanded and he also kept his promise to God. God's word in Joshua 1:3 that everyone who does God's commandments faithfully deserves a reward from heaven. The following data shows the effects of Desmond's determination.

Data 1. Descend to the battlefield

Expert [1:01:12 – 1:03:19]

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Judge : "... Thank you, Corporal Doss. **Let me have the letter. ...**"

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Judge : "(reading the letter) ... The defendant's rights as a conscientious objector are protected by an Act of Congress and **he cannot be compelled to waive those rights.** And include, in this case, **his disobeying orders to bear arms. ...**"

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Judge : **“Then this case is dismissed. Private Doss, you are free to run into the hellfire of battle without a single weapon to protect yourself. ...”**

Context:

In the courtroom. When Desmond was frantic because he might not be allowed to go to war, his father Thomas Doss arrived just in time and brought a letter from Brigadier General Musgrove, the captain who undertook him during World War I in France, Belleau Wood. The former corporal was initially barred from entering and had a small conversation with the judge before receiving the letter. But he explains that he knows the law. And he knows that his son is protected by law for his decision to become a medic without a single weapon with him.

Analysis:

The effect of Desmond's first determination was to take to the battlefield and get a mandate to continue training as a combat medic. From Desmond, the writer can learn that everything that is done faithfully without thinking about the results, will surely bear effect by itself. Because God is faithful in keeping his promises. God never promise that the sky will always be blue, but God promise that He will always be with us.

Data 2. Gaining Wisdom

Expert [01:38:12 – 1:38:46]

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Desmond : **“I can't hear you.”**

Man : **“Medic, help me! Help me! ...”**

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Desmond : **“Alright.”**

Context:

Desmond is in turmoil because of the destruction that is before his eyes. Whi-

le he was crying and asking God what God wanted him to do, suddenly a voice asking for help was heard from the battlefield. Immediately Desmond heard the voice of God and continued his search.

Analysis:

The second effect of Desmond's determination was to hear God's voice. Deuteronomy 7:12 says that because a believer faithfully obeys God's rules, God will reveal His promises and His faithful love (Earl, 2009). The wisdom to hear God's voice is one of the tangibles of God's promise and faithful love.

3. Desmond's existence is appreciated

Expert [1:58:55 – 1:59:28]

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Capt. Glover : **“... Are you wounded?”**

Desmond : **“Mm. No. ...”**

Capt. Glover : **“Let's get this soldier to a hospital tent, right now. Come on, easy now. ...”**

Men : **“Make some space.”**

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Context:

Desmond managed to get down from the hill, another Private approached him and tried to help him. Desmond looks worried due to the tense atmosphere he experienced all night alone on the hill. Capt. Glover immediately gave orders to take Desmond to the hospital tent.

Analysis:

The effect of Desmond's next determination is starting to be appreciated. Since Desmond has publicly declared himself not to touch guns, almost all his co-workers take him lightly. No one appreciates Desmond. But thanks to the loyalty he worked for, Desmond, who had just deployed dozens of wounded American soldiers, was finally honoured.

Data 4. Recognition

Expert [2:01:02 – 2:01:21]

Capt. Glover : “**All I saw was a skinny kid.** I didn’t know you were. **You’ve done more than any other man could have done in the service of his country.** And I have never been more wrong about someone in my life. **I hope one day you can forgive me. ...**”

Context:

Desmond sat back and read the Bible. The captain arrives and declares himself admitting his guilt over the response that Desmond is useless.

Analysis:

The effect of Desmond’s fourth determination is recognition. Glover admits that he has misjudged Desmond. And he hoped that Desmond would forgive him. The humble Desmond nodded his head and smiled. Because for Desmond, there is nothing too great that he can do without the presence of God. He never stopped to study the truth of God’s Word as David sings in Psalm 1:2.

Data 5. Create a sense of security

Expert [2:01:33 – 02:02:09]

Capt. Glover : “... We have to go back up tomorrow. **I realize that tomorrow is your sabbath.** ... Most of these men don’t believe the same way you do. But they believe so much in how much you believe. And what you did on that Ridge is nothing short of a miracle, and they want a piece of it. **And they’re not going to go up there without you.**”

Context:

After Capt. Glover apologizes to Desmond, explaining that they must continue the war.

Analysis:

The effect of Desmond’s fifth determination is to create a sense of security. Glover realizes that tomorrow is Desmond’s Sabbath. He knew that Desmond did not work on the Sabbath. Glover then told how the other colleagues felt. That they felt safe when they had to go to war with Desmond with them. This is, of course, inversely proportional to those who, during training, beat Desmond to a pulp. Glover explains that they do not have as much faith as Desmond. But they believed as much as Desmond believed. Without hesitation, Glover’s gaze showed hope that Desmond would go up to war with them tomorrow.

Data 6. Waiting faithfully

Expert [2:02:20 – 2:02:32]

Commander : “What the hell is your delay, captain? You were supposed to begin that assault 10 minutes ago!”

Capt. Glover : “**We are waiting, sir.**”

Commander : “Waiting for what?”

Capt. Glover : “**Private Doss to finish praying for us, sir.**”

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Context:

The troops under Glover’s leadership are ready for war. Since it was the Sabbath and they had agreed to go to war only if Desmond was with them, they waited for Desmond to finish his prayer.

Analysis:

The effect of Desmond’s sixth determination is to be faithfully awaited. It was an unforgettable history for Desmond. He who was never expected by all his colleagues finally became the most awaited. No one even wants to continue the war if Desmond does not come up to the battlefield. The writer learns that the power of prayer that is done faithfully will surely produce a sweet effect. Job 23:10 says that he be-

believes that God knows his way of life and that if God puts him to the test, he will appear like gold (Ministries, 2012). Even though Job is not doing well in his story, he remains true to his faith and continues to believe that God has not forsaken him. Likewise, Desmond is also faithful to continue to do God's command not to kill but to love. In the end, Desmond emerged like gold and became the most valuable.

Data 7. Japan lost

Expert [2:04:39 - 2:04:55]

A. Sol. : "... Get down! **Get on the ground.** On the ground. Now!"

Japs : "... (Japanese language) ..."

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Context:

America carried out an all-out attack on Japan. They succeeded in carrying out an unexpected ground attack because previously they had lost too many troops.

Analysis:

The effect of Desmond's seventh determination was that Japan lost. On the last day of World War II at Hacksaw Ridge, Desmond and his company agreed to rely on God. They believed as much as Desmond believed. Their collaboration has paid off.

Data 8. America wins

Expert [2:07:15 - 2:07:29]

Man : "... lay down. I got the morphine."

Capt. Glover : "Let's go, **let's get these men out of here.**"

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Desmond : "... **My Bible.** ..."

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Capt. Glover : "You're going home, Desmond. **We've taken Hacksaw.**"

Private : "Hold up, hold up! Desmond! Desmond (while giving Desmond's Bible)"

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Context:

Japan lost. Desmond was hit by a hoax explosion from Japan. His right leg is injured, Capt. Glover gave orders to immediately remove Desmond from Hacksaw.

Analysis:

The culmination of the effect of Desmond's faithfulness to faith was when America succeeded in controlling Hacksaw. With a wound to his right thigh and a Bible in his arms, Desmond descends from Hacksaw on a makeshift stretcher. Desmond's smile was visible because he realized that the bloodshed was over. Desmond did not then become arrogant and forget God's help when the war was over. He remains humble. When the Bible that was usually in his pocket was thrown out when the Japanese explosion hit him, he then shouted "... **My Bible** ..." and immediately embraced his Bible which was found by his partner. The effect of Desmond's determination is also the interpretation of Proverbs 1:33 that when a believer faithfully listens to the voice of God, he will stay safe and protected from the horrors of calamity.

CONCLUSIONS

Desmond Doss determined not to kill because of God's Command, and His Promise to God. This is following the sixth commandment of God in Exodus 20:13 which says "Thou shalt not kill". As a devout Adventist Christian, he should follow and work for what he believes.

The ways how Desmond Doss persisted not to kill are: Not Practicing a Weapon, Reaffirming God's Command, Battered but Not Fighting, Refuse Col. Ham's Orders, He explains to Dorothy, Decide to proceed to a Court-martial, Joking to Smitty, Keep asking God, and asking God to help Him to help one more soldier every time He helped one. Without any weapon, Desmond proves that as God helped Jo-

shua (Joshua 31:1-8), He also helped him to help the soldiers get down from the ridge. This also proves that God never gives an empty promise.

The effects of Desmond's determination to defend his faith are: Descend to the Battlefield, Gaining Wisdom, Desmond Data is Appreciated, Recognition, Create a Sense of Security, Waiting Faithfully, Japan Lost, and finally America wins the war. Seeing Desmond's determination to defend his faith, he deserves the award from the American Government as a medical soldier who managed to take down 75 soldiers alone without weapons. This is exactly what the bible says in Hebrew 10:30 that God is a fair God that always rewards every human being according to what he does.

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