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**THE STAND**  
**HIS GLORY**

Iraq is war. War is Iraq. In the thoughts of all Americans.

Many in the world and in our own country think that the American Military Machine has ordered our armed forces to Iraq to kill or be killed. Death, one side or the other, happens every day.

The guilty and the innocent are both victims. Soldiers die in battle or at the hands of terrorists.

The possibility and prospect of death are everywhere.

But there is another kind of Iraq Invader which is non-military humanitarian in motivation. There are the business types and builders. There are service providers of every ilk. There is the medical, the Salvation Army and the Red Cross among others rendering much needed aid and assistance to the population.

And then there is the missionary. People of faith, all faiths, have gone to Iraq to spread the message of love and comfort in the face of hatred and death. There was one Christian missionary who was an incredible example, exemplifying all that a real Christian should be. Her name was Karen Watson. She went to Iraq to spread the gospel, to witness and to work. She knew the danger, but that was of little or no concern. Her purpose in her work and for her life was to serve her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ no matter the risk, no matter the cost.

Karen Watson went to Iraq in 2003. Karen Watson missionary was killed in 2004. She was killed fighting the fight of faith, of hope and love. She laid her all, her life on the altar and gave it up willing for the Lord she loved.

When she went to Iraq, she left behind a letter for her pastor. That letter was only to be read or made public in the event of her death. The words so simple and serene are an incredibly powerful sermon, from this servant of her Lord now with Him. Her testimony:

TO OBEY IS MY OBJECTIVE

TO SUFFER IS EXPECTED

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## HIS GLORY WILL BE MY REWARD

How wonderful, how eloquent, how spiritual.

The servant at work, obeying. Her objective was crystal clear. Whatever He wanted she would do.

Karen Watson knew up front she would suffer. She expected that to happen, even the ultimate suffering, her very own death. That to her was a small, but right price to pay for the privilege of serving her Lord. Her only objective was HIS GLORY. Her witness in her life and her death was a shining spiritual star which could only add to the luster of HIS GLORY. What a testimony from the life of a daughter of the Living God.

Here then was a Christian so utterly committed that it was expected that a life born again by the power of God would be laid on the altar. Risking that life and suffering to boot were expected. She took, up The Cross with joy and passion. What a woman this Karen Watson.

The day may come when any of us who name the name of Christ may be called upon to lay all, even our life on the altar. I wonder whether or not we would react like Karen Watson or like Peter of old who denied HIM three times. There is no greater love than one who lays down a life for a friend, especially when that friend is Jesus Christ.

Now she is with Him. His glory is her glory.

What a woman.

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