



Assembly / Vespers Program Script | COURAGE

Run of Program Script for Leader

➤ Program Leader | SA President, Youth Pastor, Bible, or History Teacher / Professor

- **PROGRAM LEADER HOST:** Good evening, Welcome to the Desmond Doss Vespers, I'm _____. We want to thank you all for coming this evening. As we begin our program, for the benefit of those of you who are too young to have witnessed the beginnings of the Desmond Doss story brought to the world; here is a preview of the documentary film, "The Conscientious Objector", directed by Terry Benedict, a film about a Seventh-day Adventist WWII hero who received the Congressional Medal of Honor. This documentary inspired the making of the highly acclaimed Academy Award winning feature film "Hacksaw Ridge", directed by Mel Gibson, which has been seen by hundreds of millions of people around the world and has led to the formation of the *Desmond Doss Foundation* and this *Educational Program* being introduced this evening. Here are the two trailers from these acclaimed films, which set the stage for what you're about to experience this evening.

PLAY: "TCO" Trailer / Program Leader - Points to Screen.

PLAY: "Hacksaw Ridge" Trailer

- **HOST:** Desmond Doss displayed incredible courage and faith in a battlefield so fierce survival was virtually impossible. This Veteran's Weekend the foundation is introducing to the world - through the *Desmond Doss Foundation Website* their educational program. The Desmond Doss Edusodes: A Point of Decision Interactive Experience. These Edusodes were developed to help young people adapt positive character traits that will enable them to become the next generation of solid citizens. *Let's get started:* Edusode 1 - **COURAGE.**
- **HOST: Play Edusode 1 / Program Leader - Points to Screen**

- **HOST:** If you were inspired and impacted by what you saw here this evening, there are several ways to get involved*:
 - 1) *A Formal Classroom Setting* - where your teacher will “go deeper” into the *Desmond Doss POD Experience* – you will be invited to explore your points of decision with “Courage”. Mr. | Ms. _____ is going to “go deeper” in your (history, Bible) class; get a “battle buddy” and get ready for an exciting interactive experience!
 - 2) *A Study Group with Your Friends* - meet and discuss the questions posed by the Edusode Instructor, Dr. Dick Stenbakken | COL U.S. Army (Ret.)
 - 3) *Personally Visit* – the DDF website and surf thorough the Edusode at your own pace, desmonddossfoundation.org

**Optional extra credit if the teacher/professor so chooses.*

- **OFFERING**:** **In Closing**, thank you for being here... (Leaders comments) and *in keeping with Desmond’s Wishes, the offering this evening is Split 50/50 with the Desmond Doss Foundation with half of the offering staying right here in our community in support of our youth activities and programs.*

****Last Slide of the Program while the leader calls for offering | Scripture:** *Desmond’s Favorite Bible Text shows on screen: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5,6 NKJV*

- **BENEDICTION:**

Footnote for Host, Educators & Leaders: As with *Edusode 1 - Courage*, each *Edusode* will involve a series of questions that can be discussed in classroom or group setting where the questions posed will enable those in attendance to share their thoughts regarding each *Edusode* and its impact on their life. Other settings can be special venues where the teacher/professor, instructor, or leader (weekend retreats etc.) will invite the attendees to explore their *Points-of-Decision* for each character value presented.

If you’re school is unable to incorporate into their classroom or a group setting with a teacher or professor, feel free to make an announcement; encouraging the students to go to the desmonddossfoundation.org website and study each *Edusode* on their own or with a friend/battle buddy, “we believe the experience will be impactful and beneficial for their life”. DDF