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EDUSODE 7

Patriotism

My Personal PODs • points of decision

1. Some say that if patriotism is carried too far, it can become nationalism (meaning that MY country, tribe, family, idea, etc.) is not only better than yours, but to be accepted and served unquestioningly because it is superior to all others. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
2. Does patriotism mean I must hate all others? Explain your answer.
3. Binary thinking reduces everything to an either/or level (a light is either on or off. It can't be both*). The conclusion is usually that there is only ONE "right" response or answer. Can there be more than one right answer? Did you see any of this with Doss and his unit? Be specific. (*if the light has a dimmer, is it on, or is it off?)
4. How do you define patriotism? How do you show your patriotism? Would you say your patriotism is wide or narrow? Share why and how.
5. Is patriotism a feeling, or a decision? What's the difference?
6. Is patriotism a preference, or a principle? How can you tell one from the other?
7. President Truman said, "There is some risk involved in action: there always is. But there is far more risk in failure to act." Do you agree or disagree? Share your point of view.