

Chaplaincy Opportunities and Issues

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What is a chaplain?

- Definition
- Derivation
- Duty
- Differences
- Distinction

Mission

- ❑ What is a Chaplain?
- ❑ What arenas besides the military?
- ❑ What is their historic role?
- ❑ What are current challenges?
- ❑ What is the future?
- ❑ How can local churches be involved?
- ❑ How should we help those who get out and deal with issues related to PTSD?

What arenas besides the military utilize chaplains?

- Hospitals
- Prisons
- Sports Teams
- Businesses
- Educational Institutions
- Police & Fire

What is their historic role?

- American Revolution
- Civil War
- Senate





What are current challenges and problems?

- Current Data
- Recruiting
- Budget
- Don't Ask Don't Tell (DADT)
- Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)
- Realignments
- Church Employment
- Chaplain experience
- Contradictory legal policy

What is the future of the chaplaincy?

- ❑ Many positive opportunities
- ❑ Fewer Chaplains serving in churches
- ❑ Church/Chaplain tension
- ❑ Suicides among the ranks
- ❑ Downsizing
- ❑ Ministering to next generation
- ❑ Job opportunities

How can local churches be involved with the military?

- Relationship with State Chaplain
- Military is protective of families
- Partners in Care (PIC)

How should we help those who get out and deal with issues related to PTSD or injuries?

- ❑ What is Post-Traumatic-Stress-Disorder?
- ❑ Medical aspects of PTSD
- ❑ PTSD is described in various ways
- ❑ How do you deal with it biblically?
- ❑ Practical discipleship/counsel tools

Tools for PTSD

- Learn about symptoms
- Manage flashbacks to control your thoughts and emotions
- Address guilt
- Build resiliency
- Stop avoiding the problem

Practical Suggestions

- Renew Relationships
- Become more active
- Acceptance
- Develop a daily activity plan
- See things for how they really are
- Train yourself to relax
- Prepare to sleep better
- Take a break from anger

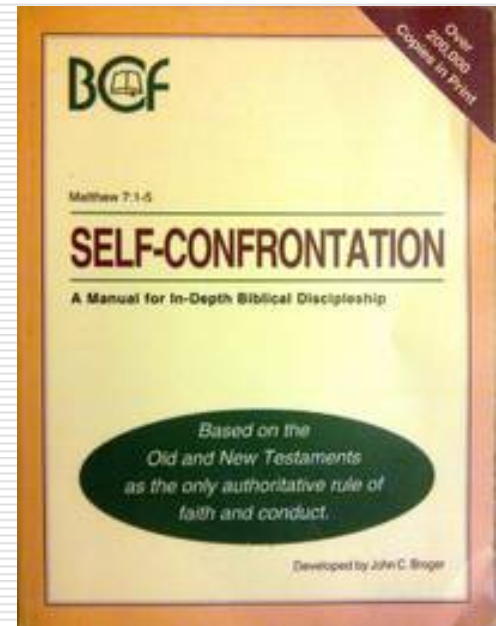
Resources

- ❑ Veteran's Toolkit for PTSD, by Chaplain Ramsey Coutta
- ❑ Self-Confrontation- A Manual for In-Depth Discipleship

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- ❑ NANC (National Association of Nouthetic Counselors)

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