

# NO FAMILY LEFT BEHIND



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# WAR AND FAMILIES IN SOCIETY



# The Peace Prayer of St. Francis



- Lord make me an instrument of your peace
- Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
- Where there is injury, pardon;
- Where there is error, truth;
- Where there is doubt, faith;
- Where there is despair, hope;
- Where there is darkness, light;
- And where there is sadness, Joy.
  
- O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
- To be understood, as to understand;
- To be loved, as to love.
- For it is in giving that we receive,
- It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
- And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

# THE WARRIOR

A Universal Archetype with a Unique Spirituality





## THE WOUND

"Rescue my soul from the sword."  
*Psalm 22*

"It is the cause, it is the cause,  
my soul!"  
Shakespeare, *Othello*

"My soul has fled."  
Art, VN combat vet



# TRAUMA

**From the Greek,  
Τραυμα,  
a stabbing wound**

# Women and Families in Wartime



# TEACHINGS OF “MR. TIGER”

NGUYEN TAM HO, MEKONG DELTA, VIET NAM

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“The wound is to the heart,  
not the brain.”

“Sorrow, not survivor’s guilt.”

“The bullet is the messenger  
of karma.”

“To prevent PTSD, stay  
home.”



# PTSD

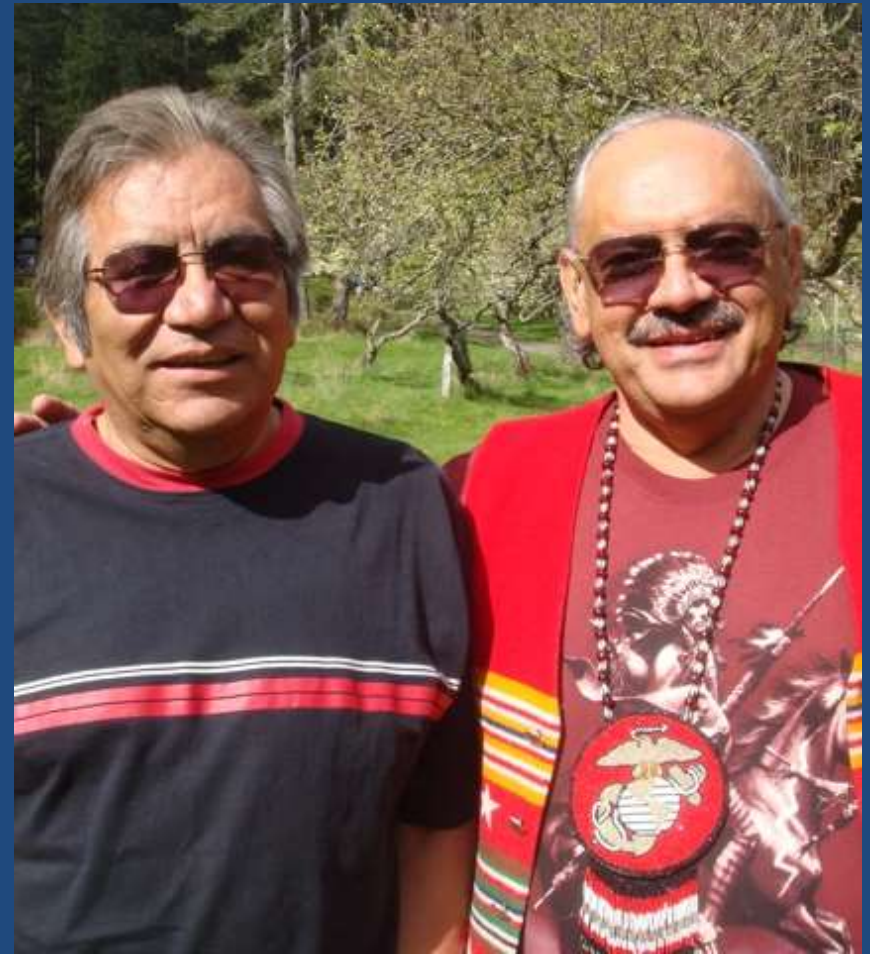
- Post-traumatic soul distress +
- Post-traumatic social disorder
- Necessitate
- Post-traumatic spiritual development
- And restoration of the broken social contract

# WAR, TRAUMA AND HEALING IN THE BIBLE



# Necessities of Return

- Isolation and tending
- Affirmation of warrior destiny
- Purification and cleansing
- Storytelling
- Restitution in the community
- Initiation as an Elder Warrior





Restoring the broken social contract