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The United States suffered quite a blow on December 7, 1941... shaking the very foundation of America.

Attack on Pearl Harbor – December 7, 1941



The USS Arizona Memorial

Most people know about the USS Arizona from the Memorial established in Pearl Harbor... but what do you know about the **USS Oklahoma**? It too was present on that fateful day...



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Pearl Harbor Raid, 7 December 1941 --

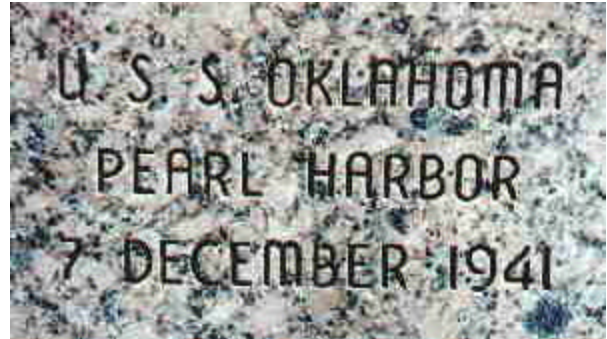
USS *Oklahoma* and USS *Maryland* during the Pearl Harbor Attack

On 7 December 1941, USS [Maryland \(BB-46\)](#) was moored inboard of USS [Oklahoma \(BB-37\)](#), and was thus protected by her when Japanese torpedo planes struck. The unfortunate *Oklahoma*, an older ship with much less adequate protection against underwater damage, was hit by up to nine torpedoes. Her hull's port side was opened almost completely from below the forward gun turret back to the third turret, a distance of over 250 feet. She listed quickly, her port bilge struck the harbor bottom, and she then rolled almost completely over. *Oklahoma* came to rest less than twenty minutes after she was first hit. Some of her starboard underwater hull and the starboard propeller were now all that showed above the surface of Pearl Harbor.

Some of *Oklahoma's* men were still alive inside her upturned hull, and their rescue became the focus of an intense effort over the next two days. Thirty-two Sailors were recovered alive, but over four-hundred were killed. In 1943, the capsized ship was rolled upright and raised in one of the salvage profession's greatest undertakings, but she was not further repaired.

Maryland was hit by two bombs, which caused relatively light damage and some flooding forward. Four of her men lost their lives. The battleship was able to steam to the west coast for final repairs later in December and was fully returned to service in February 1942.

Source: <http://www.history.navy.mil/photos/events/wwii-pac/pearlhbr/ph-okm.htm>



Here are some pictures taken in downtown Oklahoma City from the memorial of the USS Oklahoma.

Here is one story of the Chaplain that was on board the USS Oklahoma...


Over on the USS Oklahoma was Chaplain Al Schmidt. This was to have been Al Schmidt's last service on board the ship. He had gone three decks down to prepare for the service and to hear confessions. The following week, he would have been transferred over to duty on shore.


Suddenly, they felt four tremendous explosions. Four torpedoes had struck the port side of the Oklahoma. The lights went out. Al, with those in the compartment with him, made their way out and tried to get up to the starboard side where they hoped they would find an open port hole. They did. Al Schmidt assisted men out of the port hole. He then tried to get through it, and couldn't. When they recovered his body weeks later, they discovered he had attached some of his ecclesiastical gear to his belt and that was prohibiting his getting through the port hole. But realizing there were other men who had come into the compartment and they were being prevented from escape, he had the men outside push him back in.

Source: http://www.bluejacket.com/pearl_harbor_address.htm


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Summary of Losses

U.S. Ship Losses 		
Arizona	battleship	total loss; sunk —eight heavy bomb hits total loss; capsized and sunk —five or more torpedo hits sunk; later raised and repaired —five to seven torpedo hits; two bomb hits sunk; later raised and repaired —two torpedo hits; one large bomb hit; one or more bomb near misses heavy damage; beached and later repaired —one torpedo hit; at least five bomb hits; two bomb near misses moderate damage; repaired —one bomb hit moderate damage; repaired —two bomb hits moderate damage; repaired —two bomb hits
Oklahoma	battleship	
West Virginia	battleship	
California	battleship	
Nevada	battleship	
Pennsylvania	battleship	
Maryland	battleship	
Tennessee	battleship	
Utah	target ship	
Helena	light cruiser	
Honolulu	light cruiser	heavy damage; repaired —one torpedo hit moderate damage; repaired —one bomb near miss heavy damage; repaired —one torpedo hit; one bomb hit
Raleigh	light cruiser	
Shaw	destroyer	heavy damage; repaired —three bomb hits damaged beyond repair —one direct bomb hit; secondary explosions caused by depth charges damaged beyond repair —two direct bomb hits; secondary explosions caused by depth charges and torpedoes
Cassin	destroyer	
Downes	destroyer	
Vestal	repair ship	heavy damage; repaired —two bomb hits
Oglala	mine-layer	sunk; salvaged and repaired —one torpedo which passed under the ship and exploded against the <i>Helena</i>
Curtiss	seaplane tender	heavy damage; repaired —one bomb hit; Japanese plane out of control struck on starboard crane

U.S. Aircraft Losses 		
Bellows Field		3 planes
Ewa Marine Corps Air Station		33 planes
Ford Island Naval Air Station		26 planes
Hickam Field		18 planes
Kaneohe Naval Air Station		28 planes
Wheeler Field		52 planes
USS <i>Enterprise</i>		5 planes
Total:		165 planes

U.S. Casualties		
	Killed	Wounded
Navy	2,008	710
Army	218	364
Marines	109	69
Civilians	68	35
Total:	2,403	1,178

Japanese Losses 		
Aircraft		
Fighters	9	
Dive-bombers	15	
Torpedo bombers	5	Total: 29
Submarines		
Large I-class subs	1	
Midget subs	5	Total: 6
Casualties		
Airmen	55	
Large I-class sub	121	
Midget Sub crew	9	Total: 185

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Many lessons from history show that at any time, any where, calamity can strike... and tragedy occurs. Whether it be acts of war, or acts of witness... there will be casualties for those who are not ready in the face of the enemy. As a Christian soldier, you must ask yourself is your **foundation** on rock or sand? In the face of lifes challenges, are you ready to stand?

God has provided us with the way to build a **foundation** that is sure... one that is built on Christ Jesus. It's up to the Christian to prepare for good and bad times... as Paul said in Philippians 4:11-13(KJV):

- 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
- 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
- 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

How to spiritually build your foundation so you may stand sure no matter what happens in your journey through life.

Is it Wisdom, Might, or Money? Nope...

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (KJV)

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (KJV)

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

(adapted from "This We Believe" from the Basis of the Open Bible Trust)

Evangelical Foundation

1. The Deity of Christ
2. Understand the all-sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice

Fundamental Foundation

1. The inspired Bible
2. We are called unto good works
3. Faith comes by hearing the word of God
4. Scripture is the final authority

Dispensational Foundation

1. Handling the word of God accurately
2. Understanding how God deals with man over the ages
3. Know your calling

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Scripture References:

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Luke 6:47-49 (KJV)

- 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:
- 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the **foundation** on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.
- 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a **foundation** built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

1 Cor 3:10-11 (KJV)

- 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the **foundation**, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
- 11 For other **foundation** can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:19-22 (KJV)

- 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- 20 And are built upon the **foundation** of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
- 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

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- 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good **foundation** against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

2 Tim 2:16-19 (KJV)

- 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.
- 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;
- 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.
- 19 Nevertheless the **foundation** of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.