Compass Life Adult Sunday School

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**“Operation Barbarossa and Pearl Harbor”**

**I. Operation Barbarossa 1941**
Nazi Germany invaded the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on June 22, 1941, in the largest German military operation of World War II. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the perceived Communist threat to Germany, and the seizure of prime land within Soviet had been core policy of the Nazi movement (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). Adolf Hitler regarded the German-Soviet nonaggression pact, signed on August 23, 1939, as a temporary tactical maneuver. On December 18, 1940, he signed Directive 21, the first operational order for the invasion of the Soviet Union. German military and police authorities intended to wage a war of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against the Communist state as well as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Soviet Union, whom they characterized as forming the "racial basis" for the Soviet state. Germany attacked with 134 divisions at full fighting strength and 73 more divisions for deployment behind the front. Three army groups—including more than three million German soldiers, supported by 650,000 troops from Germany’s allies (\_\_ \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_). For months, the Soviet leadership had refused to heed warnings from the western powers of the German troop buildup along its western border. Much of the existing Soviet air force was destroyed on the ground. The Soviet armies were initially overwhelmed. German units encircled millions of Soviet soldiers, who, cut off from supplies and reinforcements, had few options other than to surrender. As the German army advanced deep into Soviet territory, SS and police units followed the troops. With the assistance from German Army personnel, the SS established \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and other holding facilities to concentrate large numbers of Soviet Jews. Success both on the military front and in the murder of the Soviet Jews contributed to Hitler's decision to deport German Jews to the occupied Soviet Union beginning on October 15, 1941, initiating what would become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Despite catastrophic losses in the first six weeks of the war, the Soviet Union failed to collapse. Nevertheless, by late September 1941, German forces reached the gates of Leningrad in the north and Smolensk in the center. German units reached the outskirts of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in early December. Having expected a rapid Soviet collapse, German planners had failed to equip their troops for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. German planners expected their military personnel to live off the land of a conquered Soviet Union at the expense of the local population, which in German calculations would starve to death in the millions. German troops, advancing rapidly, also outran their supply lines. This made their thinly defended flanks vulnerable to Soviet counterattack along the 1,000 mile stretch from Berlin to Moscow. On December 6, 1941, the Soviet Union launched a major counterattack against the center of the front, driving the Germans back from Moscow. In the summer of 1942, Germany resumed the offensive with a massive attack to the south and southeast toward the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Volgograd) on the Volga River and toward the oil fields of the Caucasus.

**II. American Life in 1941**

Americans didn’t want any part of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Despite the rough economic times, American citizens went regularly to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to escape. These theaters were designed for maximum comfort in order to make those attending \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Americans dressed up in suits and ties and dresses to go to the movies. Everyone wore hats, and they always put on their “Sunday Best” to go to church, out to dinner, to take a train or an airplane. Men did not go out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and only old men or psychiatrists had beards. Hem lengths were just below the knee, and women wore makeup, heels, girdles, and stockings before even thinking about going out in public. The most popular movies in 1941 were The Maltese Falcon, Dumbo, and Citizen Kane. Americans listened throughout the day to the radio to performers like: The Battling Bickersons, Jack Benny, and Fibber McGee. Others listened to Tommy Dorsey, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Duke Ellington, Dinah Shore, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Bing Crosby. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1941, and everybody smoked cigarettes everywhere. The average American adult in 1940 consumed 2,558 cigarettes. Old Gold made it clear in their ads that smoking helped women \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. M&Ms were invented in 1941 as a means for soldiers to enjoy chocolate without it melting. During the war the candy was sold exclusively to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In 1941, more than three million cars were manufactured in the United States. Only \_\_\_\_ more were made for the duration of the war. Ford turned out one B-24 bomber every \_\_\_\_ minutes for \_\_\_\_\_ hours a day. The breakfast cereal Cheerios was introduced as CheeriOats by General Mills. The British Secret Intelligence Service, using fake charities, delivered copies of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to POWs held by the Nazis. Hidden inside these games were maps, compasses, real money, and other objects useful for escaping. A political dispute led to Thanksgiving 1941 being celebrated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Democratic Thanksgiving on November 23rd and Republican Thanksgiving on November 30th. FDR divided the country by moving Thanksgiving to the next to last Thursday in November as an attempt to boost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He changed it back in 1941 after half the country refused to celebrate it.

**III. The Attack on Pearl Harbor**

Japan invaded \_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1937 and proceeded to conduct genocidal activities on the Mainland. In retaliation, the Americans slapped a boycott on products headed for Japan. For the boycott to be lifted, the State Department set out four conditions to the Japanese. On December 6 many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ran quotes in advance from the sermons that priests, pastors, ministers, and reverends would give the following day. The Japanese \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Honolulu was just a few blocks from the harbor, had a magnificent view of the fleet. The attack at Pearl Harbor was the idea of Admiral Yamamoto, the Commander in Chief of the Japanese Combined Fleet, who argued that it would “give a fatal blow to the enemy fleet”. In October 1941, the attack was approved by the Japanese naval general staff. Commanded by Vice Admiral Chuichi Nagumo, the Japanese fleet included six aircraft carriers, 24 supporting ships, and a group of submarines. The United States was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an attack. Only hours before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Admiral Husband Kimmel, the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, received a message from the Navy: “This dispatch is to be considered a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The first sign of the Japanese fleet racing towards Pearl Harbor came at 7:00 AM the morning of December 7, when two U.S. Army privates on the Hawaiian island of Oahu were just about to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a mobile radar station they had manned since 4:00 AM. A slight disturbance on the screen gave pause to their actions - a large yet indistinct patch of light, which appeared to the men to come from 50 planes, seemed to be heading towards the island. Confused, one of the privates called the information center across the island, reaching an army lieutenant who assured them the light was simply a fleet of American B-17s. For nearly two weeks prior to the attack, Japanese battleships and destroyers had escorted 43 fighters, 51 dive-bombers, 49 high-level bombers, and 40 torpedo planes from six carriers that floated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ north of Pearl Harbor. The aircraft had traveled in complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to catch the Americans by surprise. At 7:58 AM, the Ford Island command center finally sent a radio alert: “AIR RAID PEARL HARBOR. THIS IS NOT DRILL.” Upon reaching Pearl Harbor, the Japanese torpedo bombers skillfully maneuvered themselves into the harbor in groups of twos and threes in a sudden and forceful attack lasting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In another hour, a second fleet of 167 additional Japanese aircraft bombarded the site. American residents who watched the attack from afar observed in horror as the screams of men on the sunken battleships ripped through the air, smoke rose from the sea, and the injured and dead swam in bloody waters slick with burning oil. When the effects of the attack subsided, the grim casualties became known: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ American civilians and military personnel had been killed, and 1,178 wounded. Two battleships and 188 aircraft were destroyed.

**IV. Should Christians Fight in Wars**

\_\_\_\_\_ brings conflict. Soon after Adam and Eve sinned, we have the account of Cain’s murderous behavior toward Abel. Without the presence of sin and evil, war and conflict would be to us. That God commanded the Israelites to go to war to kill their enemies is clear enough, but does this justify present-day believers to fight for their country? is the most notable proponent of the need for war in certain instances. He argued that in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ innocents were being defended, and thus the goal is preserving the peace; in other words, a just war means that the goal is \_\_\_\_\_ .And, what is more, such a war must be led by proper authorities. As Solomon said, there is a “time for war” (Ecclesiastes 3:8). God expects the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to wage war in defense of its citizens (Romans 13:4). As government is an instrument of God, it is intended to preserve innocent life and discourage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .God’s sovereign plans are often carried out through the warring nature of less-than-perfect governments (Jeremiah 51:20). However, this should not cause us as a nation to irrationally pursue war. As for a person’s participation in war, the Scriptures do not offer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Afforded an incredible opportunity rebuke Roman soldiers, Christ Himself urged soldiers not to leave their posts but to pursue justice and contentment. When Peter is granted an extended opportunity to converse with Cornelius the Centurion, he does not even hint that Cornelius’ occupation was illegitimate (Acts 10). For this reason, we suggest that believers can prayerfully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ military involvement. Enlisting to fight for the cause of both protection and freedom is amply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture.

**2/24 “The Japanese Destruction of China and Korea”**