



SOLVING THE RELATIONSHIP RUBIK'S CUBE

### Scrambling to Save Lives January 29 & 30, 2022

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The toll the job takes on our heroes:

- Police officers and fire fighters are more likely to die from suicide than in the line of fire.
- **85%** of first responders have experienced symptoms related to mental health conditions.
- Depression and **PTSD** are 5 times more common in first responders than the average profession.
- PTSD is **15%** higher for our soldiers than the average person.
- **30%** of soldiers develop mental health problems within 3-4 months after being home.
- Both soldiers and first responders are **5** times more dependent on drugs and alcohol than the average person.
- **22** veterans commit suicide every single day and the most susceptible group is men ages 50-59.

What do first responders and soldiers have in common?

- Each one is willing to put their own safety at risk to protect ours.

**Joshua 1:9 (NLT)**

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- Each one is committed to serving everyone in their community and nation.

**Romans 14:18 (GNT)**

"And when you serve Christ in this way, you please God and are approved by others."

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