



SFC John Wallace Isom's last official act on active duty—I offer this prayer of praise to You, Father God, on November 30, 2007, after 25 years, 5 months, and 1 day:

**Thanks for all You have done, I made it! WOW!!!!**

December 1, 2007, at midnight:

Thanks to all my team members, family, and friends. I'm looking back on the past 25 years, 5 months, and 1 day—June 29, 1982 to November 30, 2007. It is my last hour of active duty in the United States Army. In about 50 minutes, I'll officially be SFC (retired) John Wallace Isom Jr. As I look back over my life, I see many, many reasons to be thankful. I am glad to be alive, and most of all I thank God for allowing me to retire 9 years after I was out of the Army by law.

1. June 1982: Started out as 11B/Infantry Soldier
2. May 1983: Gunshot wound to the midsection (major surgeries twice in 1983, and in 1995 and 1997)
3. June 1988: Became Army Recruiter- changed to full time in 1991
4. April 1990: Car I was driving involved in an accident, killing a team member
5. December 1990: Married Karen Yvette Wilson (after 17 years, we have 4 children: Joshua, 14, Caleb, 11, Joy, 5, and Christian, 8 months)
6. March 1993: Promoted to rank of E7 then passed up 16 times for next Promotion to E-8
7. February 1994: Did first public sermon (Fight The Good Fight- 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:1-8) and was licensed as a Baptist minister in Tifton, GA
8. March 1999: Unjustly fired/relieved from job in Charleson, SC—by law I was out of the Army with \$57000 and no retirement
9. October 2003: U.S. Army restores my career and grants me a total of 3 promotion chances
10. May 2004: Hand-picked to become a Chaplain Recruiter in Fort Meade, MD
11. May 2007: Offered job as a Chaplain Recruiting Consultant after the military—started October 2007
12. November 30, 2007: last day on active duty
13. December 1, 2007: first day as a retired Army Strong soldier

Father God, I come here as midnight speedily approaches to publicly thank You. Lord, if You had not been on my side, I would not be here right now. Many have tried to ruin my

career, but I can testify that God was and is my refuge and my strength. Lord Jesus, as I move on to the next chapter of my life, I want to trust in You in all my ways and allow You to direct my path. Lord Jesus, my last request on active duty is for You to create in me a clean heart and mind renew day by day a right spirit in me. Lord, please keep me in your presence. I desire You and You alone are worthy. Now, Lord, I pray that You help me live U-CAN! with all my heart and mind. Lord Jesus Christ, this is what You have prepared me for for 25 years. I ask You to take charge of U-CAN! and use me up for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, I love You and I praise You. Thank You for the following:

- 1: Saving me from being lost
- 2: Saving me from being six feet under (I've had numerous close calls, including four bleeding ulcers)
- 3: Saving me from many personal and professional attacks
- 4: Saving me from pride and conceitedness
- 5: Saving me from the striving of others

Thank You again, Lord. The time is now 11:43 p.m. Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that my retirement word is REHOBOTH, taken from Genesis 26:22. I accept and desire for this word to be the foundation for my life, ministry, job, and calling. Lord Jesus, I thank You again and declare that this will be our family Word from December 1, 2007 until the Lord calls me home.

Genesis 26:22: And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it, REHOBOTH, and said, For now the Lord hath made ROOM FOR US, and we SHALL be fruitful in the land"

Lord Jesus Christ, I thank You again as I offer all praise to You who alone are worthy. I want to spend the last few moments before midnight reflecting on You, Lord Jesus Christ. I go forward knowing that I can do all things through You, Jesus Christ. Because You did over 2000 years ago, I CAN! I ask You to help me spread this message to everyone I meet. I pray in Your name, Jesus Christ, amen and amen.

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