



## **The Battle of Midway**

June 4, 1942—the Battle of Midway. America had been devastated at Pearl Harbor six months earlier, and we desperately needed a victory that would turn the tide of war in the Pacific. Midway was the turning point. The battle was won in less than five minutes against overwhelming odds. American Torpedo planes from the carriers Yorktown, Enterprise and Hornet kept Japanese Zeros busy at lower altitudes. And in doing so, prevented any subsequent launches from enemy ships. At the same time, waves of American dive-bombers destroyed the four Japanese carriers, causing over 3,000 casualties in the attack. It was a case of extreme sacrifice as 100 of the 132 pilots died in order to make a way for the enemy to be defeated.

Like Jesus, these men died so others could live. No wonder the scriptures tell us, there is no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend.

This is Pastor Stephen Chitty. Remember, *Life Matters*, and so do you.