

Taking a Bullet

In the 1993 movie *In the Line of Fire*, Clint Eastwood played Secret Service agent Frank Horrigan.

Horrigan had protected the life of the president of the United States for more than three decades, but he was haunted by the memory of what had happened 30 years before. Horrigan was a young agent assigned to President Kennedy on that fateful day in Dallas in 1963. When the assassin fired, Horrigan froze in shock.

For 30 years afterward, he wrestled with the ultimate question for a Secret Service agent: Can I take a bullet for the president?

In the climax of the movie, Horrigan did what he had been unable to do earlier: he threw himself into the path of an assassin's bullet to save the chief executive.

Secret Service agents are willing to do such a thing because they believe the president is so valuable to our country and the world that he is worth dying for. Obviously, they would not take a bullet for just anyone.

At Calvary, the situation was reversed. The President of the Universe actually took a bullet for each of us.

It is at the cross that we see how valuable we are to God.

And that should give us enormous confidence as we represent and serve Him in the mission He has called us to do.

– Beecher Hunter

