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Remaining Thankful in Dark Days: Encouragement From Will Graham

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This Thanksgiving, it's important to stop for a moment and consider all of the blessings that we have. It's easy to do most of the time—when you have a roof over your head, food on the table, a job that provides, family that's doing well, and the health to see another day.

But maybe you're struggling deeply with physical challenges, financial difficulties, or familial problems. You may have recently received bad news that has shaken your world and left you on uncertain ground. Are you dealing with deep and personal pain?

The truth is it's not always so easy to give thanks. Frankly, it's often easier to complain—or just huddle in the corner and look helplessly on as the world seems to fall apart around us.

Of course, as Christians we understand that there's more to the story.

In his book, *Hope for the Troubled Heart*, my grandfather, Billy Graham, wrote: "We're living in a time of spiritual darkness and political upheaval. Only the forward-looking Christian remains sincerely optimistic and joyful, knowing that Christ will win in the end and 'if we endure, we will also reign with him' (2 Timothy 2:12, ESV)."

If Christians can be thankful about only one thing in this world, it's this: We know the One who is in control, the Rock to whom we cling. Jesus alone is the source of joy and peace when the 24-hour news cycle—or our personal situation—is filled with angst and despair.

My friend, if you're struggling, I want you to know that the Savior sees you. He hasn't forgotten you. He understands your sorrow and tears. I don't believe you're reading this today by accident. God wants you to know that He's with you.

In Matthew 6:26, Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (NKJV). The answer, of course, is yes. You are far more valuable—so valuable that Jesus gave His life for you.

Even if you don't feel very thankful today, take heart in knowing that you are being held in His arms. Regardless of what's going on around us in this dark world, we do have hope. We do have reason to be thankful.

Find peace with God this Thanksgiving.

In Christ,

Dirk "Rocketman" Smith
President, Highway Disciples



A Message from your VP

SEARCHED AND KNOWN

PSALM 139

Go outside on a clear midsummer night and look up at the stars. Consider how many stars, planets, solar systems, and galaxies you see. Think about how many people live on Planet Earth today – more than 7 billion. Reflect on how many cells make up each of those 7 billion people. Then, try to comprehend how immense the God of the universe is, who cares for the largest galaxies and the tiniest cells. If we try to understand how big God is, we will not be able to wrap our minds around him. It is even more overwhelming when we begin to think of our own smallness in the universe.

Psalm 139 reminds us both of our place and God's perfection, giving us an assurance that, as small as we are, each of us has unique value in God's creation. This psalm highlights God's omniscience and omnipresence—he knows everything, and he is everywhere. So, God not only knows the location of every one of those seven-billion-plus people on earth at this very moment, but he also knows what we are thinking and what we are about to say.

There is not one place we can go on earth where God is not present. When James Cameron reached the deepest point of the ocean at 35,756 feet below sea level, God was there. When Neil Armstrong stepped on to the surface of the moon, God was there. And when you sit down in the kitchen for a cup of coffee, run to the store for groceries, or take a hike in the mountains, God is there. We can no more outrun the presence of God than we can outrun our own shadow. Which is good news – if you are looking for God, you do not need to search the entire world. He is right beside you, delighting to commune with you.

Because God is all knowing and ever-present, there is nothing that happens anywhere in the universe that God does not know about. Although our finite minds cannot comprehend it, God oversees every single incident in our lives and the lives of everyone else on earth. God cares so intimately for each one of us that he knit together every cell in our bodies. He cares for us when we scrape our knees and break our arms, when we lose a job, and when we simply miss the train.

The more we know him, the more we understand his perfect character – not only his omniscience and omnipresence, but also his holiness, mercy, love, sovereignty, justice, kindness, and grace. And the more we know him, the more we praise him for who He is. We praise God for creating us with all of our abilities and disabilities, knowing that he has a unique plan for each of us. And we trust the omniscient and omnipotent God of the universe to lead us all through life and then on to life everlasting. Written by ~~ Elisabeth Maxwell (Lisa) Ryken

What an amazing comfort it is to know that no matter what, where, or when God is with you. All He wants is you exactly as you are. He made you after all, all your thoughts, experiences, all of

it. He loves you unconditionally. And then the more you get to know Him the more you become like Him. How is something so simple so hard for so many people in this world. When people struggling with hurts, pains, and life's traumas all they have to do is know and embrace God's love. I pray everyone finds and knows peace and that you are fiercely loved.

Amy D Machado
Vice President, Highway Disciples

Always Dancing and Motorcycling 😊

Pumpkin Bars

- **Ingredients**



- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 1-2/3 cups sugar
- 1 cup canola oil
- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- **ICING:**
- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 to 2 tablespoons 2% milk

- 1. **Directions**

- 2. In a bowl, beat the eggs, sugar, oil and pumpkin until well blended. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually add to pumpkin mixture and mix well. Pour into an ungreased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until set. Cool completely.
- 3. For icing, beat the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, butter and vanilla in a small bowl. Add enough milk to achieve spreading consistency. Spread icing over bars. Store in the refrigerator.

Devotional: The Power of Testimony

I believe there is a synchronicity in life's events. We all, as humans, persons of our own pursuit, serve time as a master. We get up at a certain time, go to work, come home, have family activities, adventures, experiences then go to bed. All to do it again the next day. We look forward to vacations when we get to plan our TIME! All of this is based on 24 hour cycles, 7 day weeks, 365 day years. Time rolls on and stops for no man. Even computers require time servers to keep them on a synchronous time schedule.

There is an ebb and flow to life and a way that works smoothly and rougher roads to choose. All roads have trouble, but sometimes our choices make the journey more difficult than it needs to be. I believe that understanding God's will, His will for our lives gives us the best opportunities to enjoy the journey and build towards better futures. Synchronizing our wills with His Will changes perspectives, gives us better discernment, produces more productive relationships, and improves our lives immeasurably.

Consider Gary Wilkerson's devotion on how to tap into the overflowing bounty that our Lord provides:

Gary Wilkerson
September 26, 2025

When it comes to the resources of heaven, the prophet Zechariah speaks a powerful yet mysterious word: "On that day the Lord will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the Lord, going before them" (*Zechariah 12:8, ESV*).

Zechariah was looking down through history to our day. Because of Christ's work for us, even the weakest Christian will be as strong as David, Israel's greatest king. Even more, the strongest believer will "be like God," meaning like Christ. It all sounds outlandish, yet in this prophecy, God gives us an image of the resources he has made available to his church. The reserves of heaven are meant to come pouring out on us to his great glory, especially in our trials.

Much of the church has yet to grasp this. When some Christians come to heaven's bank teller window, they stand mute. The Holy Spirit asks them, "What can I do for you?" They don't know to ask for the wealth available to them. Instead, they answer, "Lord, just give me whatever you want to. I don't have any ambition, but you are sovereign. You can do as you please."

That may sound humble, even godly, but scripture suggests this attitude actually frustrates the Holy Spirit. His response may be, "What do you mean there's nothing in your heart? Don't you see the enemy at work, ravaging the lives of people you love? Don't you see loved ones in fear

and bondage who would be set free if only they knew my delivering power? Look around. There are kingdoms to conquer, enemies to slay, demons to cast out!”

Paul tells us to “earnestly desire the spiritual gifts.” That means when we come to the teller’s window, our request ought to be, “Lord, I have the gift of faith. Could you also give me the gift of evangelism, so I might bring others to faith?” Or “Lord, you’ve gifted me with prophecy. Please, give me a word today for my sister who’s enduring great pain with no hope.”

One of the greatest lessons my father, David Wilkerson, taught me was, “You can have as much of Jesus as you want.” My message in turn is to say to you: Go to the teller’s window and ask extravagantly!

P.S.:

Folks, this is living a transformed life and one with Power, Love, and Grace. Living inside of Christ’s great love for us, and for His Divine pleasure affords us a life truly to be lived!

Blessings,
Jack (JT) Clark
Chaplain, Highway Disciples



From Your Road Captain

Serving The World in Galveston

As most of you are aware, the Lonestar Rally is going to be held in Galveston on November 6th through 9th. Several of our members are signed up to go, and some have not yet signed up. If you have not planned to go, this is your reminder that we are called by God to serve, and be the hands and feet of Jesus. We must use our time wisely, not missing opportunities to minister to those who do not yet know Jesus. You could very well be the last chance a particular biker or rider has to hear God's word, whether verbally, in a tract, or just seeing a Christian serving others in Godly love.

Philippians 2:3-4 "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

Those coming to the rally may not realize it, but we are looking out for their interests because we KNOW things that they do not yet know. We are in a position to show them how to successfully get to Heaven, free of charge, and that is the greatest gift we could possibly share with them.

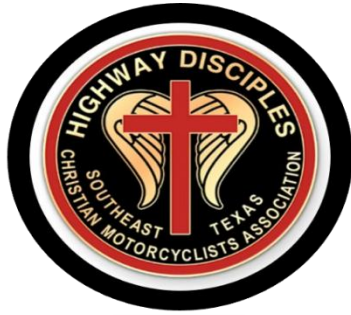
Now I know some of you have obligations, like work, family, etc., but let's make sure it's not due to "selfish ambition" or just serving ourselves, as a sacrifice of some of our time in Galveston can be very rewarding. When we compassionately serve others, the world will see something in us that is distinctive, because we are modeling the kind of service that Jesus rendered. We are called to serve others, even if it's hard, inconvenient or cuts into our personal time. When Jesus told us to "give, and it shall be given to you", He wasn't just talking about money. He was talking about the law of sowing and reaping, where we give in a variety of ways, money, time, energy serving others, and even love, and God will enforce that law and cause blessing to come back to us in many different ways.

Philippians 2:14 "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky."

We all know this world has become warped and crooked in many ways, so let's get down there and shine like stars in the sky to help the world get to a better place. Even if you can only spare one day, or one shift, God will be well-pleased with your service!

Chris Nightingale,
Chapter Road Captain





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Road Captain



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Calendar of Events

Nov. 1	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. Officer Elections – Fellowship Ride	ALL Chris
Nov. 6 – 9	Lone Star Rally, Galveston, TX. Volunteer Sign Up link . CMA Ministry Guide .	
Nov. 13	West Houston Bike Night . Meet at Mancuso Harley-Davidson Crossroads at 6:30 pm with KSU at 7 for a ride to Roadhouse 2920 (21835 Fm 2920 Rd, Hockley, TX 77447) or just go to Roadhouse 2920. 7-9 pm.	
Nov. 22	Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm	ALL
Dec. 6	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. Officer Elections – Fellowship Ride	ALL Chris
Dec. 7	NW San Jacinto High Rollers Toy Run , Honda of Houston, 10039 Huffmeister Rd, Houston, TX. 77065. Meet at the Shell (1807 W. Grand Parkway N, Katy. Intersection of Franz and Grand Parkway) at 10:45 with KSU at 11:00, or just meet at Honda of Houston ~11:30. KSU for Toy Run at noon	
Dec. 13	Wreaths Across America Escort Ride . Meet at Valero, 20203 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77450, at 5:05 am, with KSU at 5:15 am.	All
Dec. 13	Christmas Party 6 pm at the Clark's house, 14210 Islandwoods Dr., Houston, TX 77095	All
Dec. 20	Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm	ALL
Dec 21	Breakfast Taco Rolling Party, Amy Machado's, 3023 Madison Elm St., Katy, 77493, 7:00am	ALL
Dec 21	Fort Bend Gypsy's Toy Run, Wild West Motorplex, 22515 Katy Fwy. Gate opens at 9:00 am. KSU at 11:00 am.	ALL
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Jan. 3	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. – Fellowship Ride	ALL Chris
Jan. 17	Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm	ALL
Feb. 7	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. – Fellowship Ride	ALL Chris
Feb. 13 & 14	Seasons of Refreshing at Parkway Baptist Church (1501 Southwest Pkwy, College Station, TX 77840)	
Feb. 21	Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm	ALL

Events in “BOLD” are chapter focused events w/officer or member contact to the side

**Be sure to check your e-mail on a regular basis for new events
that may not appear on the calendar and for any changes to the events listed.**

Please go here to sign-up/register for CMA SE Texas events <https://www.cmasetx.com>

Officers’ Meetings –3rd Monday of Every Month 6:00 pm at Rudy’s

Any member can attend.

Please contact an officer if there is something you want added to the agenda.

Other Ministry Opportunities:

Please let us know if you have a ministry event or opportunity that needs to be added

CMA Highway Servants

Meets at Schobels Restaurant in Columbus – Third Saturday Monthly / 8:30am

Schobels is located at

2020 Milam St.

Columbus, TX 78934

CMA New Testament Riders

Meets at Waller County Line BBQ – Third Saturday Monthly / 9:00 am

Waller County Line BBQ is located at

20727 FM 362

Waller, TX 77484