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Does God Care How I Spend My Time?

Part 1 in 4-part soul refresher on using our time wisely.
From the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

"The greatest waste in all of our earth is our waste of the time God has given us each day." — Billy Graham

This summer, we're taking a look at the one resource we all have to give—and how we can surrender every second of it to our Savior. Week one focuses on this overarching question: Does God really care what I do with the hours in my day?

We live in a world obsessed with efficiency. Just look at all the resources available to plan out your day and the technology to make every task go faster. Maybe you designate a little time here and there for church, prayer, or Bible reading—enough to check the box for God—but guard the remaining hours for your own purposes. You may be setting time aside for God, but are you setting your life apart for Him?

The Apostle Paul wrote, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15–16, NKJV).

"That word 'redeem' is a business word," Billy Graham once said. "We are to redeem—we are to buy—the time at any cost to invest it in the kingdom of God."

In God's plan, we stop viewing time as our own, focusing instead on using the moments we have for His glory. Thankfully, God did not leave us here wondering how to serve Him. He's called each one of us to make His Name known to the people around us.

Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20, NKJV).

"You choose between two masters, self or Christ," Mr. Graham said. "The cross means that you're willing to not only go and die, but to live for Him—to go back to the school, back to your job, back to your home, back to your neighborhood—and live for Jesus Christ."

And living for Him includes getting to know Him better. Billy Graham explained it this way:

"Think of a human friendship. How do we grow closer to someone on a human level? The most important way is by spending time with them. ... And the same is true with God. When we read or hear His Word, He speaks to us. When we pray, we speak to Him. And when we worship Him and obey Him, we are doing His will and participating in His work."

Practical Ways to Spend Time With God

In addition to devoting part of your day to praying and reading the Bible, here are a few additional ways to make every second count for your Savior:

- **Begin each day with a simple prayer to set your focus on the Lord.** "Some of the busiest men and women I've ever known were also some of the most committed to Christ," Mr. Graham said. "Their lives weren't broken up into a series of separate, unrelated compartments. ... Instead, Jesus Christ was at the center of everything they did. ... Ask Him to help you use your time wisely, and to put Him first in everything." Read more from Billy Graham on prioritizing God.

- **Ask the Lord to show you how to love the people you interact with each day.** That might include coworkers, cashiers, neighbors, or customers. "Following Christ means seeing others through His eyes," Mr. Graham said. "Is His Holy Spirit filling us with His love, and are we seeking to touch others for Christ?" Billy Graham shares more about what it means to follow Christ—even when life is busy.

- **Keep your mind on God throughout the day, no matter where you are.** Find opportunities to weave Scripture and prayer into your day: play worship music in the car, or listen to the Bible on a walk. "The key is to realize that God is always with you, and you can turn to Him in prayer at any time—even while you're getting ready for work or driving your children to school," Mr. Graham said. He once offered this advice to a busy mom feeling guilty about neglecting God.

Finally, remember that your life matters to God and His kingdom. Thank Him for the blessing it is to fulfill His purposes for the rest of your days. Imagine what God can do with the time you surrender to Him!

In Christ,
Dirk "Rocketman" Smith
President, Highway Disciples

Thoughts and Ponderings from Amy



HE IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS

JOHN 11

The book of John is "written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). AS we learn of Lazarus's miraculous recovery, we see this belief that leads to life beautifully demonstrated.

Everyone has been questioning Jesus-the scribes and Pharisees, the Jewish crowds, even his own disciples. And many don't like the answers they are given. When Jesus identifies himself as the God of Abraham and Isaac, a group of Jews (who had previously expressed belief in him) are enraged and attempt to stone him (8:58-59). Later, when Jesus makes the bold claim that "I and the Father are one," the antagonistic Jewish leaders "picked up stones again to stone him" (10:30-31). But Jesus escapes and leaves Judea.

While he is away, his friend Lazarus becomes ill and dies. The Bible makes it clear that Jesus loves Lazarus (11:3, 5). And yet, when told that Lazarus is ill, rather than go to him Jesus chooses to stay "two days longer in the place where he was" (v. 6). Why would he respond in such a way? Jesus certainly did not allow Lazarus to die out of malice or a lack of concern. Rather, he allowed him to die precisely *because* of his love for him. Jesus knew that Lazarus's death would give his beloved friends the opportunity to see firsthand that he was exactly who he claimed to be-the one with the authority to lay his life down, and to take it up again (10:18). John 11:45 says that many of the Jews believed in Jesus after seeing Lazarus raised from the dead.

In the same way, Christ died for our sins because of his great love for us. "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved" (Eph. 2:4-5). What must we do to be saved? We must believe that Christ is who he says he is: the Son of God. We

must believe that he died on the cross for the sins of all who would trust in him. We must believe that he triumphed over death so that all who trust in him, though they die, shall live (John 11:25).

Those of us who have this life in him must continue to trust in Christ, regardless of our circumstances. We must have faith that the Lord always acts out of his love for us, even if it means temporary pain, suffering, or loss. What we see now is not the end. What we see is always a means to an end-that is, the glory of God revealed more fully to us and through us as we continue to trust Christ for what we cannot see. Written by: Kristie Anyabwile (Woman's Study Bible, ESV)

John 11:35 "Jesus wept." It is unbelievable how heavy and impactful just two words can be. When someone close to us dies the grief and pain can feel unbearable. "When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in the spirit and greatly troubled" (v. 33).
In this time of loss for my two friends who have lost their sons, I find comfort in these verses. Feeling deep sorrow for loss is not a lack of faith but a natural human response. It is also a time to remember that death is temporary.

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this" (v. 25-26)? That is all we must do, believe. William was 23 years old, Graham was 18. Jesus was 33 years old when his mother, Mary, witnesses her son killed. We will all rise again and live forever with our Father and Jesus, just believe. Jesus loves you so deeply, each and every one of us. Just believe.

I love you all!

Amy D Machado
Vice President, Highway Disciples

Always Dancing and Motorcycling 😊

Message from our Chaplain

The Greatest Miracle
"The gospel is good news of great joy for all people."
— Pastor Jason Wolin, Senior Pastor, Cypress Bible Church
Scripture
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
— Romans 3:23
"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
— 1 Corinthians 1:18

Devotional

Pastor Jason Wolin reminds us that Cypress Bible Church exists because someone obeyed the Great Commission. Someone carried the gospel. Someone spoke the name of Jesus. Someone was faithful.

Because of that obedience, your eternal destiny was changed.

Think about that for a moment. Perhaps a parent shared Christ with you. Perhaps it was a friend, a pastor, a Sunday school teacher, a spouse, or even a stranger. However it happened, God used a faithful messenger to bring you the greatest news you would ever hear.

But before it became good news, it had to begin with bad news.

That is the part we naturally resist. We don't mind hearing that God loves us. We welcome the message of peace, forgiveness, hope, and heaven. But the gospel first confronts us with a difficult truth: we need saving.

A Savior only matters if there is something to be saved from.

The offense of the gospel is not that God offers mercy. The offense is God's diagnosis of our condition. Scripture says that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. The gospel declares that our deepest problem is not financial, political, relational, or physical. Our deepest problem is separation from God.

Yet once we accept God's diagnosis, the good news becomes truly glorious.

Christ did not come to make bad people a little better. He came to make dead people alive. In Acts, God demonstrated the presence of His Spirit through visible miracles. The lame walked. The sick were healed. People spoke in languages they had never learned. These signs were evidence that God was present and active among His people.

But there is a miracle even greater than a lame man walking.

It is the miracle of a sinner being transformed. A hardened heart softened. A guilty conscience forgiven. A proud soul humbled. A rebellious life surrendered. No doctor can perform that surgery. No program can manufacture that change. No amount of self-improvement can produce a new heart. Only the Spirit of God can do that.

Just as the wind cannot be seen but its effects are undeniable, the Spirit's work becomes visible in a changed life. Bitterness gives way to forgiveness. Fear gives way to trust. Self-centeredness gives way to love. The old life begins to fade, and Christ begins to shine through.

That is the miracle many of us overlook because it happened gradually. Yet it is no less supernatural than a blind man receiving sight or a lame man leaping for joy.

If you belong to Christ today, you are living proof that God is still performing miracles. The greatest miracle is not merely that Jesus healed bodies. The greatest miracle is that He saves souls. And just as someone carried that message to you, God now sends you to carry it to others.

Reflection Questions

1. Who was the person God used to bring the gospel into your life?
2. Have you forgotten how miraculous your conversion truly was?
3. What evidence of God's transforming work can you see in your life today?
4. Who are the three people God may be calling you to pray for and intentionally point toward Christ?

Prayer

Father, thank You for sending faithful people to share the gospel with me. Thank You for loving me enough to tell me the truth about my condition and then providing the cure through Jesus Christ. Forgive me for forgetting the miracle You have performed in my own life. Open my eyes to see the evidence of Your Spirit at work within me. Give me courage to share the good news with others, not as a salesman, but as a grateful witness to the grace I have received. May my life point others to Jesus, the Author of life and the Savior of sinners. Amen.

Inspired by themes from Acts 3 and the teaching of Pastor Jason Wolin, Senior Pastor of Cypress Bible Church, regarding the Great Commission, the offense of the gospel, and the evidence of the Holy Spirit's transforming work.

God Bless each and every one!
Jack (JT) Clark
Chaplain, Highway Disciples



From Your Road Captain

"My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
— Philippians 4:19

Covetousness, at its root, is a statement of doubt. It says: I do not trust that God will give me what I need. I do not trust that what He has provided is sufficient. I do not trust His judgment about what is good for me. And so I will reach for what He has chosen not to give me, because my appetite is a better guide than His wisdom. That is the posture. And it is a lie straight from the enemy of your soul.

Paul's answer to covetousness is not willpower. It is a Person. "My God will supply every need of yours." Not some needs. Not your modest needs. Every need. According to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. That is not a limited budget. That is the limitless abundance of the God who made the universe, channeled through the saving work of Jesus Christ, directed toward your specific and personal situation. Your God is not poor. He is not stingy. He is not indifferent to your need. He is the Father who gave His own Son, and having given that, Paul says, how will He not graciously give us all things as well?

The Tenth Commandment closes the Ten Commandments not as an afterthought but as a capstone. The first commandment says: I am the Lord your God. The last commandment says: trust Him enough to be content with what He gives. They are bookends around the entire moral law. And if you genuinely believe the first, if God is truly your God, the sovereign Lord who loves you and knows you and provides for you, then the last should follow naturally. You do not covet what belongs to someone else when you genuinely believe that the God who gave them that has something different and equally good in store for you.

The psalmist said it beautifully: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). Not because all my desires are instantly fulfilled. But because the Shepherd is good, and He knows what His sheep need, and He will not let the truly needed thing go unprovided.
He is your God. He knows what you need. Trust Him with the rest.

GOD KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED. TRUST HIS PROVISION MORE THAN YOUR APPETITE

Devotional by Pastor Jack Graham

Hydration Hints for Motorcyclists

15 Tips on How to Stay Hydrated During Motorcycle Touring - VikingBags

Motorcycle Heat Safety: How to Stay Cool Riding in Hot Weather | Harley-Davidson® Insurance

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Highway Disciples Bike Night
5321 Highway Blvd.
3rd Saturday Night of the Month



Food, Fun and Fellowship.

6 pm

Come Join Us

Calendar of Events

August 1	**Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting.**	**All**
August 8	**Fellowship Breakfast Ride. Meet at Buc-ee's (27700 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) at 7:30 am with KSU at 7:45 am.**	**Chris**
August 11	**Cycle Gear Bike Night (24727 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) 5 to 7 pm. Trailer will be there at 4:30 pm for setup.**	
August 15	**Fellowship Dinner at Texas Tradition, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm**	**All**
August 18	**Texas Tradition Sprit Day, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494 . 10:30 am to 9 pm. Officer's Meeting at 6:30 pm**	**All**
Aug. 22	**Gary Baty's Katy Celebration of Life at Katy Community Fellowship (24102 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494) at 11:00 am. We will meet at Buc-ee's at 10:20 am with KSU at 10:30 am and ride to the church as a group. Please wear black jeans/slacks, white button-down shirt and black vest.**	**All**
Sept. 5	**Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting.**	**All**
Sept. 8	**Cycle Gear Bike Night (24727 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) 5 to 7 pm. Trailer will be there at 4:30 pm for setup.**	
Sept. 12	**Fellowship Breakfast Ride. Meet at Buc-ee's (27700 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) at 7:30 am with KSU at 7:45 am.**	**Chris**
Sept. 19	SETX Multi-Chapter "Garage Sale". New Day Church (17326 Butera Rd., Magnolia, TX 77355). Setup at 7:00 am. Sales 8 am – 1 pm. Praise and Worship at 2 pm, followed by covered dish dinner inside church.	
Sept. 19	**Fellowship Dinner at Texas Tradition, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm**	**All**
Sept. 20	Run For the Son Sunday at New Day Church (17326 Butera Rd., Magnolia, TX 77355) at 10:30 service.	
Oct. 3	**Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. Officer Nominations** **– Fellowship Ride**	**All** **Chris**
Oct. 13	**Cycle Gear Bike Night (24727 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77494) 5 to 7 pm. Trailer will be there at 4:30 pm for setup.**	
Oct. 17	**Fellowship Dinner at Texas Tradition, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm**	**All**
Oct. 21-25	**Changing of the Colors Rally. Iron Mountain, Mena, AR 71953**	
Oct. 23-25	The Texas Mile, 2745 Byrd St., Beeville, TX 78102. Volunteer Link coming soon.	

Oct. 31	**Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. Officer Elections**	**All**
	– Fellowship Ride	**Chris**
Nov. 5 – 8	**Lone Star Rally, Galveston, TX. Volunteer link. Hospital Ministry Link.**	
Nov. 21	**Fellowship Dinner at Texas Tradition, 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 Tuesday of Every Month 6:30 pm at Rudy's
Any member can attend.
Please contact an officer if there is something you want added to the agenda.

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
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