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How Can I Witness for Christ?

Answers from Billy Graham.

Witnessing is a vital part of the Christian life; the Bible teaches that the true believer will desire to share with others what God has done for him; read John 4:28-30,39-42 and 1 John 1:1-4.

John 4:28-30: ²⁸Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

John 4:39-42: ³⁹Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴²They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

1 John 1:1-4: ¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

God commands us and empowers us to be His witnesses, Matthew 4:19 “**Come, follow me,**” Jesus said, “**and I will send you out to fish for people**” and Acts 1:8 “**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**” Our testimony may not always be accepted, but through the Holy Spirit we can receive power to live a

victorious Christian life and serve Christ effectively, Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, and Luke 11:13 “**If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**”

Here are a few suggestions that might help you to lead others to Christ: Live a consistent Christ-centered life, Matthew 5:17 “**Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.**”; be a friend and a good listener; pray that the Holy Spirit will give opportunity for witness and prepare the individual to receive the Word of life (John 16:7-11); and avoid arrogance and preachiness.

John 16:7-11: **7**But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. **8**When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: **9**about sin, because people do not believe in me; **10**about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; **11**and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

You should pray daily for the people on your prayer list and ask God for wisdom as you share Christ with them, James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you., and 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

In Christ,
Dirk “Rocketman” Smith
President, Highway Disciples



Thoughts and Ponderings from Amy

SPEAKING AS ONE MADE NEW

Ephesians 4: 17-32

Words hurt. It is astonishing how long the effects of an unkind comment can endure. Often words spoken carelessly are as painful as a physical attack. Proverb 12:18 compare such words to “sword thrusts.”

The Bible has a great deal to say about the way we speak to one another, and it uses strong language. James 3:8 warns, “no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.” The way we speak to other people is a powerful commentary on our walk with the Lord. If we are truly abiding in him, it will be reflected in our speech, because only through the power of the Holy Spirit can the tongue be tamed.

In Ephesians 4, believers are instructed to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:24). One of the ways we “put off” the old self (v.22) is by refusing to speak in ways that do not reflect Christ. Paul writes,

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. (v.29)

The Greek word *sapros*, here translated “corrupting,” is used elsewhere in the Bible to describe bad fruit (Luke 6:43) or bad fish (Matt. 13:48). It means *rotten*. Gossip, slander, coarse jokes, insults-all of these things have no place in the life of the church. Our speech should, without exception, have the effect of edifying and building up our fellow believers.

When one Christian speak to another, the hearer should walk away a recipient of grace. Even when disagreements arise or rebuke is called for, the way we express ourselves verbally should have the ultimate effect of strengthening and encouraging our fellow believers’ faith. Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians, “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt” (Col. 4:6). For we ourselves have been recipients of grace. God has spoken a gracious word to *us*, in the gospel (Eph. 4:32).

Make no mistake: obeying this command of Scripture doesn’t come naturally to us. It requires daily submission to God. We must depend on him to guide our conversations. We must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, knowing that he is grieved when we speak poorly to or against another individual whom he indwells (v. 30). We must “be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger” (James 1:19). And we must be ever mindful of the fact that what comes out of our mouth is a reflection of what is in our heart (Matt. 12:34-37).

God has spoken a gracious word to us. We are called to speak gracious words to others. Written by: Erika Allen (Woman's Study Bible, ESV)

I think all of us have at some point in time in our lives been the recipient of harsh words. Someone gets mad at us or hurt by us and they lash out. Maybe we have been guilty of it ourselves. As a recipient we know how hurtful it can be. The words will sometimes play on repeat inside your head. It could even change the way we see the world and the people in it. And even worse, how we see and feel about ourselves. That is why I believe it is so important to remember these scriptures and be mindful of how we speak to someone. As a child I remember my mother always saying, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corruption talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." And as Erika Allen states above, "Our speech should, without exception, have the effect of edifying and building up our fellow believers."

Every time I have the opportunity to give someone encouragement or a positive, uplifting message it makes my heart happy. Our Father wants us to be a light onto the world, an example of Christ's love. We have an opportunity every time we engage with others to leave them feeling better about themselves. We have the chance for them to feel love and grace. We are disciples and examples of Jesus and his love for everyone.

I love you all!

Amy D Machado
Vice President, Highway Disciples

Always Dancing and Motorcycling 😊



Devotional

Bringing Out Christ's Life

David Wilkerson (1931-2011)

January 21, 2026

I wish I could have met Paul in the final, mature days of his walk with the Lord. I would have asked him, "Brother, what kept you from fainting and giving up? You were constantly pressed down on all sides."

I believe Paul would have answered, "Yes, I was pressed down, but I wasn't distressed by any of it."

"But you write so often of being perplexed by your trials," I would say.

"True, but never once did I give up in despair," he might answer.

"You were also persecuted more than anybody."

"Yes, I was. But the Lord never forsook me through it all."

Today, Paul's words testify to the whole world, "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" (*2 Corinthians 4:8-9, NKJV*). He wanted God's people to know, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (*2 Corinthians 4:17*).

Paul wrote to believers, "For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you" (*2 Corinthians 4:11-12*).

Remember that when financial problems hit, when physical pain strikes, when your name and character are being defamed, all eyes are on you. Your co-workers, your family members, your brothers and sisters in Christ, even strangers are watching and waiting for your reaction.

What do they see flowing out of you in such times? Do they see faith, trust, surrender? Or do they see a despairing, murmuring Christian who will not entrust himself to the resurrection power of Jesus?

Beloved, let death finish its work in you! Let it remove everything that hinders the flow of Christ's life out of you to others. Say to the Lord, "Father, I know these troubles aren't happening to me because you are angry with me but because you are trying to get at something in my soul. Deal with it, Lord. Bring it to death, and out of that death, bring life."

JT's Comments on this devotional:

I want to bring out two things that David Wilkerson points out here:

- #1. There is life from death – this is a main and common consideration in all of scripture. Die to self, live for Christ. We are commanded to do this daily, even moment by moment. As Christ considered others before Himself, even His incarnation is the manifestation of this incredible miracle! From the biggest event in History (His Story-Christ incarnation) to the smallest detail of courtesy and kindness before selfishness and rude behavior, Jesus was the pure embodiment of this concept
- #2. Consider EVERY biblical person in scripture: Apostles, John, Mark, Matthew, Luke, Paul, King David, Samuel, Moses, Jona, Abraham, and all the others. Consider their stories, their lives, what they endured, how they lived, the mistakes that they made, what was THEIR comeback story in the midst of heartache, suffering, misery, and pain. How did they endure, why did they keep the faith, run the race with endurance, all to God's Glory!

Consider your own life, your relationships, your work, the trials and tribulations. What is the overriding theme in your life? Can someone else see Jesus in you as you navigate Your Story? Answer that honestly, consider it carefully, KNOW IT FULLY, and know how Jesus can turn your mess into a message!

God Bless each and every one!

Jack (JT) Clark
Chaplain, Highway Disciples
February 2026



Good Works, Yours or God's?

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Being almost through the month of January, we should all have some idea of what we might be planning to accomplish this year. Places to ride, people to see, sights to behold, things to accomplish, and even things to let go of from the past. Some of us may have made formal plans by buying tickets, making reservations, or notifying family members that we are coming (Einstein vacation, where everything is relative). A lot of us have an idea, but we haven't done any work on it yet, because we simply don't know if we will be able to carry out our plan or not.

But here's the thing: God told us through Paul in the scripture above that He prepared good works for us to accomplish way before we got here physically, and He wants us to walk in those good works. We can make all the plans we want, formalize them or not, but if God is not in them, maybe we are wasting our time? Consider this:

Proverbs 16:9 – “A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.”

Proverbs 19:21 – “There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the Lord's counsel – that will stand.”

This is NOT saying that we should not make plans or do various things we'd like to do.

That is important for our health and enjoyment, but what it IS saying is to include God in our plans and see what good works we can accomplish as we go through our year. Now the idea of good works is a little gray, because we want to accomplish God's good works, not just our own.

Paul defined some good works in I Tim. 5:10 and 6:18 and II Cor. 9:9 as “brought up children, lodged strangers, washed the saints feet, relieved the afflicted” and “ready to give,

willing to share" and "he has dispersed abroad, given to the poor". These are heavy things to consider, but our modern day works can be just as effective in serving God and man.

So carry on with your planning, but also consider how we can do great things for God. Maybe simple things, maybe weighty like those mentioned above. But seek God and include Him in your plans, so your year will be blessed

Matthew 5:16 – "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."

Chris "Cowboy" Nightingale
Road Captain



Written by Jack Clark

Verse 1

I brought my broken story,
I brought the weight I couldn't hide.
But You wrapped Your arms around me,
Pulled the shame from deep inside.
No judgment in Your presence,
Just mercy running through Your veins—
The Savior who stood in my place
And showed me the Glory of His Face!

Chorus

Unconditional love—
That's who You are,
Not holding my failures,
But healing my scars.
You lifted my life
Into the throne room of kings,
I'm Yours, You're mine,
Under everlasting wings.
In suffering, in triumph,
In the fire or the storm—
I'm forever held in glory,
Now and forever Yours.

Verse 2

You called me son, You called me daughter,
Placed a crown upon my soul.
I stand in holy confidence
Where condemnation cannot go.
And when the night grows heavy,
Your Spirit breathes me through—
You turn my weakness into strength
By the power of Your truth.

Chorus

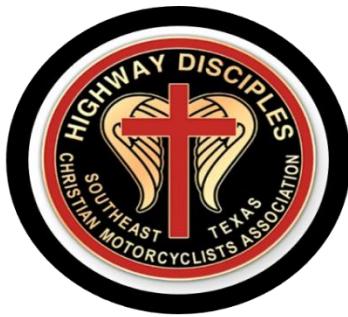
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I'm forever held in glory,
Now and forever Yours.

Bridge

No height, no depth,
No shadow, no sword,
No fear of tomorrow
Can pull me from the Lord.
Your promise is my anchor,
Your presence is my song—
The One who loved me first
Will hold me all life long.

Final Chorus

Unconditional love—
That's who You are,
You shattered my darkness
And welcomed my heart.
Your kingdom is my home,
Your glory is my reward—
I'm redeemed, restored,
Now and forever Yours.



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2026 Bike Blessings in The Woodlands







Calendar of Events

Feb. 7	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. – Fellowship Ride	All Chris
Feb. 21	Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm	All
Feb. 28	19 th Annual Chili Cook Off at Mancuso Harley-Davidson Crossroads (12710 Crossroads Park Dr, Houston, TX 77065), 12 – 4 pm. We will set up or pop-up. Set up starts at 10:00 am. Need someone to tow the trailer.	
March 1	CMA Day of Prayer. Meet at Buc-ee's at 1 pm with KSU at 1:15 pm	Chris/Jack
March 7	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. – Fellowship Ride	All Chris
March 13 & 14	<u>Seasons of Refreshing</u> at Parkway Baptist Church (1501 Southwest Pkwy, College Station, TX 77840)	
March 21	Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm	All
March 27-29	<u>Spring Texas Mile</u> at Chase Field Industrial and Airport Complex (2745 Byrd Street, Beeville, TX 78102)	
April 4	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. – Fellowship Ride	All Chris
April 12 - 14	Gypsy <u>12th Annual Crossroads Motorcycle Rally</u> at 179 Church St., Victoria, TX 77905	
April 18	Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm	All
April 25	RFS Shotgun event at American Shooting Centers (16500 Westheimer Pkwy, Houston, TX 77082) time TBD	Chris/Dirk
May 2	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. – Fellowship Ride	All Chris
May 14 – 16	<u>CMA SETX State Rally – Consuming Fire</u> . Fireman's Park (901 N. Park St., Brenham TX 77833).	
May 16	Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm	All
June 6	Chapter Meeting @ Rudy's BBQ, Katy, Texas 8:30am breakfast / 9:00am meeting. – Fellowship Ride	All Chris
June 20	Bike Night at Texas Traditions, 5321 Highway Blvd, Katy, TX 77494, 6 pm	All

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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