

## 2023 CMA SERVICES DEVOTIONS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023:

**DEVOTION:**

**ROGER WILSON**

**SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12: 9-20**

#### **“MERCY”**

He spoke of how much mercy God showed him and brought him home. God has given him a love for people. Doesn't know a stranger, it's just someone he hasn't met yet. A man came to this church yesterday, because he remembered that CMA used to be at this church. He came to see Roger, and hadn't seen Roger in years! He said I don't know if you remember me, but I remember you! They visited for a little while. He isn't doing well, and his 52 yr. old wife is now bedridden. The point: love must be sincere, hate evil.

God has called us to be a vision of hope to the people here, through Jesus. Remember the song: “They'll know we are Christians by our Love”...God's Love.

Roger told of a couple that CMA had the opportunity to help yesterday. They lost the husband's wallet, it had \$600 in it, and that was all they had. The man stayed in their vehicle, he was embarrassed. Roger went and visited with him. He told Roger that he “doesn't beg”. CMA loved on them and took up an offering and we gave them plenty of food.

My hope and my strength comes from God's love. From the Grace that God showed me. Much grace was shown to me, much is required.

Don't worry about getting even with others – that's God's job.

The Love of God will give us strength. It's not about us, it's all about Jesus! Let His love shine through you. Do this through His strength. Don't be grumpy, just because you're tired. What would Jesus do on Friday or Saturday, after a long week – He would Love them, and give them much Grace, and be an encourager!

He told of how he and Eli were greeted the other day at the local Harley Davidson dealer by a young man. They were able to encourage and bless him...and he was an encouragement to them.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023:

**DEVOTION:**

**JOHN OGDEN, SR.**

**SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 12: 2-3**

He reminded everyone to meet and visit with our Ministry Partners that are here. This year over \$21 million was raised, overall RFS has raised over \$99 million.

#### **“Who We Are”**

Our role is to take the message of Jess to those who are hurting. He told us of how, years ago, a rough looking man came and asked him, as he was taking it down, if he could have the CMA Banner. John folded it up and gave it to him. Miss Becky asked him why he did that, and he said he just thought he should. The biker took that banner back and put it in their clubhouse. Years later he sent the banner back to CMA. He said that everytime he looked at the at that banner he felt God was speaking to him. He finally gave his life to the Lord, and that's when he felt he should send the banner back to CMA.

The Holy Spirit told John that God has given us His favor. Now, He's going to give us His influence. Get prepared and pay attention – the pace of evangelism is going to increase! God is preparing CMA for this!

Renew your mind by reading the Word. It's the lamp unto my feet, my guide in difficult situations. And Keep the Faith. Always follow Jesus!

Many of you are using your resources and time to serve God. Some of you don't even know what a “vacation” is! This is it! God is with you as you spend your life and resources to share the Gospel of Jesus.

May we always remember why we do what we do!

He said he could share how God is working, here in Sturgis, but he can't to some people, because it would be exposing a lifestyle.

We are here to share the life changing love of Jesus to a hurting world. This is what John & Miss Becky do.

May we walk the streets of this city today, and throughout the week, and operate in God's Love.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023:**

**DEVOTION: DAVID CURRY WITH GCR**

**SCRIPTURE: MATT. 16:2; 13:44; I JOHN 5:3**

**ROGER:** talked about how he gets weak kneed when he cuts himself – and then when he thinks about the blood that Jesus shed for him! A very sober thought.

**DAVID:** Roger was the first CMA'er that he met. In July of 2013, when he was made the CEO he was told about CMA. He did the member training book. Then, he wanted to meet these "crazy" people. This is his third time coming to volunteer at Sturgis. He loves working with us here. He said he can park cars better than anybody!

We're here to represent Jesus, and to introduce people to Jesus. When Christians get together they tend to put on a certain face...nice people, doing nice things. We can relate more than some people know, to the people here. We are all sinners...not nice people, doing nice things. He talked about looking at a picture. When it is framed, it helps us to focus on the picture. Let's be keeping the frame of the overall picture.

He read the scriptures: Matt. 16:2 - Read the signs of the times. Identify what is happening. What is going on? Financial insecurities, right is wrong, fear, confusion, etc. People Need the Lord...it's clear! When you walk out today – people are hurting.

He told that his brother is in real estate and he has a "financial guy". The financial guy was always dressed real nice, suit and tie; drove a nice car, etc. He always looked good. Yesterday the financial guy went home and shot himself! No one knew he was hurting! People are looking for help, healing, hope, confidence – they need Jesus!

Matt. 13:44 - about the treasure found in a field, was hidden again, and the field was bought. What do you have? What are you willing to give up? He just bought some land. It's a process, and it can be a worry...can I afford it? This scripture talks about the Treasure. He didn't steal it, he bought the land because he knew he couldn't afford to buy the Treasure. In Jesus we found something we didn't even know what He would change in us!

I John 5:3 – Jesus' commandments are not burdensome. David told how he was raised in a rather constrained religion. Lists of Do's and Don'ts. Being a Christian is not! We're calling people to a likeness of Jesus. The Holy Spirit brings the flow of how to live new every morning. Walk out in confidence today.

He told the story of "Moses" (not his real name). And how he is an undercover Christian in a foreign land.

David closed in prayer.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023:**

**DEVOTION: BILL SNELL WITH MISSIONARY VENTURES**

**SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1: 1; ISAIAH 55:8-12**

Bill handed out new bookmarks to everyone. He told what Missionary Ventures does and the impact that we are having giving a Pastor a vehicle to help. The impact is exponential. They just passed 20 million people saved!

He spoke about how normally it is so hard to work with other Pastor's. but our partnership with GCR, Jesus Film, and CMA is so unusual and phenomenal. It's wonderful and precious. He appreciates all of us here and the hard work that we do here.

He read **John 1:1** - The Word.

How important do you believe the Word of God is to God?!? The Spoken Word, the Written Word, and the Revealed Word (Jesus)! Every one of us relates to a Father who loves us and speaks to us. The spoken Word, defining Word that God has given you can become less important to you before it comes to fruition. Sometimes, as time goes by, we lose confidence in what He has told us. It's very important to the Father that we stay with His Word. I believe that God means what He says! He said that he normally does not say "Thus sayeth the Lord" but.... "Thus sayeth the Lord...I meant what I said!" There is power in the revealed Word of God. Sometimes it takes time. God's time is not our time. Don't let time rob you of the confidence of The Word that God has given to you!

He read **Isaiah 55:8-12** His thoughts, His way's, they are higher than ours. And God promises that "My Word will not return to me empty!" It will accomplish what He intends for it to. We are the beneficiary of the Word of God. It is always good for us.

Testimony: In 2000 he moved from Boulder, Colorado, to Florida. At the time he was a Pastor at the church that started the Promise Keepers. It was great working there. Then, he learned to do mortgage work. God really blessed him and he met a lot of people who had money and connections. Then, a Pastoring opportunity came up in Orlando, Florida. His daughter was in college and was not happy with moving. She had met a guy and "Oh no – not for my

daughter!” His nick name for him was “Nincompoop”. Reluctantly, they let her go back to Colorado to school. He worried and fretted about getting a call from her asking if he will marry them!

They had just bought a home, that had a swimming pool. The pool needed to be refinished. Which meant that they had to empty it. Well, where they lived the water table was pretty high. So, when they emptied the pool it came up and broke apart. Frogs came up, for a year. “The Song of the Frogs” he heard them saying “you’re daughter’s not coming back, she’s going to marry that guy!” Then, his wife got a call from their daughter, she was crying. They had broken up and she wanted to come home. Our finances were very tight. His wife looked at him and said...I’m going to go get her! She flew out and picked up their daughter and her dog, and brought them back to Orlando. Within months she met a Godly man and the “Love of her life” and they now have 3 kids.

The moment we prayed, God answered. We just hadn’t seen the answer yet. I gave it to Him and kept taking it back, over and over.

God means what He says!

Take the time to remember what God had told you!

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023:**

**DEVOTION: DAVID WATERSON WITH GLOBAL CHRISTIAN RELIEF SCRIPTURE: I SAM. 18:1-4; RUTH 1:16-17**

THIS IS HIS FIRST TIME TO STURGIS, AND ELI’S AND BILL’S ALSO! HE SAID THAT STURGIS IS THE “SUPER BOWL OF CMA MINISTRY”. SEEING WHAT YOU ARE DOING HERE...IT’S AMAZING! YOU ARE WILD, CRAZY SERVANTS OF THE KING!

You may be attacked on the way here, here, or on the way home.

Charles Plum was a fighter pilot in Vietnam, and a Christian. He was shot down on his 75<sup>th</sup> mission and was a POW for 6 years. Charles told a story of how several years, after he was back in the US, he was eating lunch with his wife. A man came up to him and said “hey, you are Charles Plum, and you were a fighter pilot in Vietnam. And you were shot down on your 75<sup>th</sup> mission”...Charles did not recognize this man. Charles asked him how do you know all this? The man looked at him and said... “I packed your parachute!”

#### **WHO PACKS YOUR PARACHUTE?**

David talked about “Brotherhoods”. Some are close relationship, some are not. We are part of several “Brotherhoods”. We are Christians, we are CMA’ers, etc.

David started talking about the soul of Jonathan and how it was knit to the soul of David – the first day they met. In my life I have had several “Jonathan’s”. Who are they? He told of his childhood friend, Jim. They were knit together souls. All through high school they were together, partied and so forth. At 18, David told Jim that he had to stop partying and get back to church. Jim told him that he should. Now, he hasn’t seen Jim in over 30 years.

Now, he’s been spending a lot of time with these guys (the Ministry Partners) ...our Jonathans! Love will not pass away, if it has no selfish end to it.

David said that he tells his son... “nothing you can ever do to make me love you more, and there is nothing you can do to make me love you less.”

David told us he was named after a King (King David) and a famous General, Lee.

We get to have a David and be a Jonathan. It doesn’t matter who we are. It’s a blessing to be a David too. He said he’s better off helping others (a Jonathan), than leading others (a David). The role of Jonathan is one of the most beautiful roles you can have – a servant. David couldn’t be David without Jonathan. God gives us partners to strengthen and help us to do God’s will.

I Peter 2:17 – Honor all men, Love the Brotherhood, Fear God, and Honor the King. Pray for your leaders.

Remember...You are a part of several brotherhoods...the first is we are Sons & Daughters of God.

Honor the King.

David closed in prayer.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023:**

**DEVOTION: ELI PEREZ WITH THE JESUS FILM    **SCRIPTURE: II PETER 1;2;3****

(ELI ASKED TRACEY TO LET HIM KNOW WHEN 10 MINUTES IS UP. SHE TRIED, BUT HE DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION TO HER. LASTED 20 MINUTES, INSTEAD OF 15.)

Eli opened in prayer first.

“A Fly By”

Eli said that he is more like a “crop duster” – swoop down and checking out II Peter’s chapters. The big picture in II Peter is: Live Godly in light of God’s return.

CHAPTER I: Simon Peter walked with Jesus. His target audience is to people who are solid in their faith. The first letter is communicating Hope and Grace to Endure the hard times that they were going through. Eli believes that Peter and Paul were pen pals – their letters were so similar.

Verse 5: Devotion to God – godliness.

Diligence in Faith; Moral excellence; knowledge; perseverance; self-control; brotherhood; love.

As long as you practice these things, and knowing Jesus better and better, you will not stumble.

Apply God’s provision for godly living.

CHAPTER II: The purpose of this letter is to Remember: His Word; His Promise; His Return. The words that Peter was sharing were not his – but God’s, so they have authority! In the last days, there will be false prophets and mockers with their mocking.

Verse 10: The Day of the Lord will come!

God is patient and wants non to perish, but all to come to repentance. Be a person of Holy conduct and godliness. His Promise – a new Heaven and a New Earth. When the Master does a “total recall” Eli said that he is looking forward to a new body. You are a chosen race a Holy people.

After working with CMA here at Sturgis it is evident: you Love Jesus, you’re passionate about the Gospel and you Love people.

Ephesians 1:3 and Romans 8: 31-32

God has given us all we need to live a godly life. We have God’s Holy Spirit, His Holy Word, and His Holy people.

Let us encourage each other. God has given us all we need!

“Landing the Plane” - Revelations 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”