

2026 Sturgis Devotions

Monday, August 10 Roger Wilson “The Great Commission” Matthew 28

PASTOR KEVIN PREACHED ON SUNDAY ABOUT “GETTING OUT OF THE BOAT, AND GETTING ON THE WATER! WALK WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ” THAT’S WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING. JESUS COMMISSIONED THE DISCIPLES O GO – AND HE ALSO COMMISSIONED US TO GO! GO AND TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE LOVE OF JESUS! DON’T WAIT FOR THE LOS TO COME TO YOU! GO TO THEM! ROGER TOLD HOW WHEN HE FIRSTED CAME INTO CMA, HE HAD A HARD TIME TALKING WITH PEOPLE, OTHER THAN CMA’ERS. GOD CHANGED THAT. GOD DIDN’T TELL US TO JUDGE WEATHER THEY’RE WORTHY OR NOT! JUST GO AND SHARE JESUS’ LOVE! DON’T WAIT!

ROGER GAVE HIS TESTIMONY ABOUT A COUPLE THE SPIRIT MOVED. HOW WHEN HE WAS TALKING WITH THEM, THEY BOTH GOT TEARY EYED AND ASKED HIM TO PRAY FOR THEIR DAUGHTERS WHO WEREN’T LIVING AS THEY SHOULD. SHOW THEM JESUS – AND THEY’LL WANT WHAT YOU’VE GOT. BUILD EACH OTHER UP TO GO AND DO WHAT WE’RE CALLED TO DO. FOLLOW THE LEADINAG OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. BY YOU DOING THAT – YOU ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO GO! **TO FOLLOW JESUS REQUIRES SACRIFICE. LEAVE YOUR COMFORT ZONE! GO!** ALL OF YOU HERE HAVE SACRIFICED TO BE HERE! HE SAID TO GET OUT AND HAVE FUN WITH PEOPLE, AND TOLD AGAIN ABOUT THE 4 AT THE SCH. THEY LOVED IT! JESUS HAD FUN! HE SAID...”I KNOW HIS DISCIPLES WERE HEADACHES” ...NOT THAT YOU GIVE ME HEADACHES!” ...LET’S MOVE ON...I’M NOT AS WORTHY AS JESUS!

LOOK WHAT THEY DID TO JESUS. HE HOLY SPIRIT WILL MOVE AS YOU GO AND SHARE WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN YOUR LIFE. ROGER SPOKE OF HIS TESTIMONY AND HOW HE WAS TRYING TO DESTROY HIS LIFE. HIS FRIENDS’ COMMENT... “I DON’T HAVE A TESTIMONY LIKE YOURS” ...ROGER TOLD HIM, BECAUSE HE (HIS FRIEND) RECEIVED JESUS AT A YOUNG AGE – HIS TESTIMONY IS GREATER THAN ROGERS! YOU ALL HAVE TESTIMONIES – IF YOU’RE HERE, GOD CALLED YOU HERE AND HE WILL USE YOU – IN SPITE OF WHAT YOU THINK YOU CAN OR CAN’T DO! ROGER IS SO THANKFUL THAT JESUS DIED FOR HIM – EVEN KNOWING WHAT A SINNER ROGER WAS GOING TO BE.

Tuesday, August 11 John Ogden Sr.

GOOD MORNING, YOU’RE A GOOD LOOKING GROUP. JOHN TOLD OF HOW HE AND MISS BECKY WERE WOKING AT A BOOTH AND A GENTLMAN WENT BY THEM A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT TIMES. FINALLY HE CAME AND ASKED IF JOHN WOULD PRAY FOR HIM. ABSOLUTELY! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS BE AVAILABLE!

JOHN HAS BEEN THINKING A LOT ABOUT STURGIS. IN 1976 – HERB & SHIRLEY FIRST EXPERIENCE AT STURGIS. FROM THE FIRST MOMENT THAT THEY ARRIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN WORKING AT THIS RALLY EVER SINCE! HE TOLD ABOUT THE HANDMADE CMA BANNER THAT SHIRLEY HAD MADE. THEY USED IT WHILE THERE, ESPECIALLY AT THE SERVICE. AFTERWARDS, WHILE THEY WERE FOLDING THE BANNER, A BIKER CAME UP AND ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE IT. HERB WANTED TO SAY NO...BUT, HE FELT HE SHOULD GO AHEAD AND GIVE IT TO HIM. YEARS LATER THE BANNER WAS SENT BACK TO CMA, WITH A LETTER THAT EXPLAINED THAT THIS BIKER HUNG THAT BANNER IN THEIR CLUBHOUSE! BUT, EVERYTIME HE SAW IT, THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD GRIP HIM. THE BIKER GAVE HIS LIFE TO THE LORD!

WE IN THE U.S. HAVE A MISCONCEPTION OF JESUS AND GETTING SAVED! NOT EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL WONDERFUL. WHILE OUR SALVATION THROUGH JESUS IS FREE...SERVING HIM WILL COST US! NOT ALWAYS IS IT WHAT WE THINK IS GOOD. SOMETIMES WE CRY OUT TO GOD AND ASK HIM – “GOD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHERE ARE YOU?” HE SAID THAT MISS BECKY PRAYED TO GOD ASKING HIM THAT YEARS AGO!

THINK ABOUT MOSES. ALL THE BABIES AT THAT TIME WERE BEING KILLED, AND HE WAS LIVING IN A PALACE! WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG MAN HE LOST HIS TEMPER AND KILLED A MAN AND WAS BANISHED TO THE BACKSIDE OF THE DESERT. IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS A FAILURE. HE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT. GOD DIDN'T ISOLATE HIM, HE PROTECTED HIM. HE WAS MOVING MOSES AND PREPARING HIM FOR WHAT WAS COMING.

THE BIBLE SAYS ... "THE FOOTSTEPS OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON ARE DIRECTED BY THE LORD." HE BRINGS PEOPLE AND SITUATIONS INTO OUR LIFE – TO GET US WHERE HE WANTS US TO BE. JOHN AT TIMES HAS THOUGHT THAT HE WAS HAVING THE WORST DAYS OF HIS LIFE. NOT SO! GOD IS MOLDING US...SATAN WANTS US TO GIVE UP...DON'T GIVE UP! JOHN HAS WOKEN UP AT TIMES AND SAID TO GOD – "JUST TAKE ME, KILL ME – I JUST CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE". BUT, WHEN HE GOES TO THE LORD, GOD GUIDES HIM. SOMETIMES BEING IN THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL IS NOT "JUST BEING HAPPY". YOU CAN BE IN GOD'S WILL AND HAVE PROBLEMS! THINK ABOUT PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON! THEY SERVED GOD, WERE FAITHFUL AND PRAISED GOD. GOD HAS PLANS FOR US. THEY STAYED IN JAIL – EVEN WHEN THE DOORS WERE OPENED. EARLIER ON AN ANGEL APPEARED TO THEM AND REDIRECTED THEM. THEN, HE HAD A DREAM AND HE KNEW HE MUST GO. THAT'S WHEN HE MET THE LADY! WHEN SHE WAS SAVED, HER OWNER HAD THEM PUT IN JAIL. PAUL WAS DIRECTED BY GOD 3 TIMES – TO END UP IN PRISON – TO SET OTHERS FREE! IT JUST MIGHT BE THAT GOD HAS US IN THE CENTER OF HIS HAND, TO PUT US EXACTLY WHERE HE WANTS US TO BE. HE ISOLATES US SOMETIMES TO BE IN THE CENTER OF HIS WILL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY IN CMA. GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE US ALONE. THE SCRIPTURE TELLS US WE WILL HAVE VICTORY AND VICTORY AND VICTORY. YOU CAN'T HAVE VICTORY WITHOUT A BATTLE. SO MANY HERE HAVE TOLD JOHN THAT THEY ARE PRAYING FOR HIM AND MISS BECKY. THANK YOU!

KEEP PUTTING ONE FOOT FORWARD AND KEEP FOLLOWING JESUS!

Wednesday, August 12

Jay Wilber

Luke 5

JANE: GOOD MORING. THIS IS THEIR 11TH YEAR HERE. SHE TOLD OF A MAN WHO WAS GIVEN AN ANGEL AND HE CAME TO HER AND THANKED HER AND WANTED TO THANK WHOEVER MADE IT. WE ARE ALL MAKING A DIFFERENCE. ONE COUPLE PULLED IN ON THEIR ARMY BIKE AND ASKED JANE IF SHE REMEMBERED THEM...AND SHE DID! THEY WERE SO PLEASED. IT'S ABOUT BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS.

JAY: HE WENT ON WITH THAT TESTIMONY. LAST YEAR THEY TOLD HE AND JANE THAT THEY WERE 4 YEARS SOBER. THE COUPLE WENT TO A NEW HOTEL THIS TIME. THE FRIDGE IN IT WAS FULL OF ALCOHOL. SHE HAD A PANIC ATTACK...AND THEN SHE REMEMBERED THAT CMA WAS HERE AND THEY WOULD PRAY WITH HER.

WHEN JESUS WAS WALKING ON THE SHORE A CROWD WAS GATHERING. HE ASKED SIMON IF HE COULD GET IN HIS BOAT. SIMON SAID YES. JESUS PREACHED FROM THE BOAT. AFTERWARDS, JESUS ASKED SIMON HOW HE'D DONE WITH HIS FISHING EARLIER. SIMON TOLD HIM THAT HE DIDN'T CATCH ANYTHING. JESUS TOLD HIM TO GO OUT AGAIN. SIMON PROTESTED SOME. DON'T WE ALL DO THAT? JESUS ASKS US TO DO SOMETHING AND WE COME UP WITH EXCUSES AND TRY TO ARGUE WITH HIM. SIMON SAID... "BUT, BECAUSE YOU SAY SO...I WILL GO" AFTER SIMON CAUGHT MORE FISH THAN EVER BEFORE...HE REALIZED THAT AND HE FELL TO HIS KNEES AND WORSHIPPED JESUS. JESUS THEN CALLED HIM TO FOLLOW HIM AND HE WOULD MAKE HIM A FISHER OF MEN. JESUS KNEW SIMON AND THAT HE WOULD DENY JESUS 3 TIMES. BUT HE CHOSE SIMON ANYWAYS. JESUS TOLD SIMON, THE NIGHT BEFORE HE WAS BETRAYED, NOT TO BE AFRAID. SIMON PETER TOLD JESUS THAT HE WOULD ALWAYS FOLLOW HIM AND HE WOULD NEVER DENY HIM. AND JESUS TOLD HIM... "YES YOU WILL...3 TIMES! IMAGINE HOW PETER FELT WHEN HE FULFILLED THAT PROPHECY!

BUT...ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS JESUS DID, AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, WAS TO GO AND FIND HIS FRIEND PETER – TO TELL HIM THAT IT’S OKAY! HE STILL HAS WORK FOR HIM TO DO.

JESUS IS HERE THIS WEEK AND THROUGH US HE IS TELLING US – IT’S OKAY I AM WITH YOU! IN THE BOOK OF JOHN THEY ACTUALLY GAVE THE NUMBER OF FISH THAT WERE CAUGHT IN THE NET, AND NOTED THAT THE NET DID NOT BREAK. DIG DEEP IN HIS WORD! JAY STARTED LOOKING UP THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS AND HE LEARNED THAT THE NET NOT BREAKING SIGNIFIES THAT THE CHURCH WILL BE UNITED AND NOT BREAK. THE 153 FISH...AT THAT TIME...THERE WERE ONLY 153 DIFFERENT TYPES OF FISH AT THAT TIME. SALVATION IS FOR EVERYONE! THE NUMBER 153 IS A MATHEMATICAL TRIANGULAR NUMBER. HE EXPLAINED THAT IF YOU ADD THE NUMBERS 1-17, INDIVIDUALLY, IT ADDS UP TO 153. IN GREEK “153” REPRESENTS “SON OF GOD”. WHEN THEY CAME TO SHORE JESUS FIXED THEM BREAKFAST, THEN HE ASKED PETER.. “PETER, DO YOU LOVE ME?” THREE TIMES! AND EACH TIME JESUS TOLD HIM... “THEN FEED MY SHEEP”. THIS REPRESENTED THAT PETER WOULD LATER DENY JESUS THREE TIMES!

JESUS IS ASKING CMA – “DO YOU LOVE ME? THEN, FEED MY SHEEP!” NOTHING WE CAN DO CAN SEPARATE US, AND THEM, FROM GOD’S LOVE. GO OUT AND SHOW OUR LOVE FOR JESUS! THAT’S WHY WE ARE HERE.

Thursday, August 13 Doug Johnson The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5: 13 – 16

Doug read the scripture to us. It says that we are the “Salt of the earth”, and the “Light of the world”. Let your light shine in such a way that people will be able to see the light. Live in a way to push back the darkness with His light. He gave us our identity. Salt is salty, and light shines. Be obedient to Him. Just showing up brings light and changes things.

Years ago he was at an ABATE event. It was not a very lively group. One guy got up on stage and he mooned everyone. Doug and Terri finally snuck out and left. Later than man looked them up and came to them and apologized. He said he was just trying to liven things up a bit. He came back the next day and apologized to them again.

Salt adds flavor to food. It is also a preservative – it draws out moisture from the food to keep bacteria from growing. One year his dad had a ham that he had salted and hung in the basement. When he finally brought it up and they ate it...it was still good! Your presence spoils spiritual decay! Salt doesn’t shout, it quietly works from within. We should do that...earning the right to speak. When you add salt, to flavor your food – you only sprinkle a little bit at a time. Same for us – just sharing a word of encouragement, giving a helping hand and such!

Psalms 119:103 Colossians 4:6 Matthew 3:14

You are the light of the world! Darkness is the lack of light! As a kid, I was in a cave in Kentucky and when they turned the lights off it was completely dark. You couldn’t see anything! We are the light! Hope affects the attitude! It encourages people when they need it!

Psalms 119:105 Let your light point to Jesus!

Your HOPE and Encouragement pushes back the darkness. Don’t hide your faith – live purely! Let your kindness show. Live courageously, live Biblically. Remember, a gentle answer turns away wrath. Your presence, your words, can change the darkness.

Friday, August 14 Lyle Herman Galatians 6:9; Mark 16:15

Lyle likes to look at history. Here’s a bit of trivia about Sturgis

1. Sturgis is the World’s Largest Motorcycle Rally.
2. August 14, 1938 – It was a one day event. It had 9 men racing. It had 200 in attendance. There were 8 Indians and 1 Harley Davidson racing. Johnny Spiegelhoff, on the only Harley Davidson, won the races.

3. The name of the Rally originally was "The Black Hills Motor Classic".
4. The Rally was not held from 1942 – 1945, because of World War II. They were rationing gas at that time.

Galatians 6:9 says "Do not grow weary!" This is the 86th year of people coming to Sturgis. Now it's a 10 day celebration. Last year 660,000 people showed up! There are Bike Shows, Concerts, Rides, Vendors, Food, Etc. It's now a "Motorcycle Mecca". A wild festive environment. It has beautiful rides, and there is a sense of camaraderie and belonging. We have people who have started to go to a church and not felt accepted, so they leave it. They come to Sturgis and feel accepted.

Why would Christians come to Sturgis? Outreach, evangelism, fellowship!

CMA first came to Sturgis in 1976. CMA started in 1975!

Mark 16:15 We came to serve and share Jesus. It is a way to deepen our faith. CMA has a booklet "The First Lady's First Trip to Sturgis". He suggested that we all read it, it's very interesting. It tells of Herb and Shirley going into their tent and trying to sleep. Later in the night they could hear things like: "Let's burn their tent down" and much more. The next day they packed up and left. Probably didn't think they'd come back.

But, CMA did come back! And, a couple years later Wayne was preaching about "Walking the walk, and talking the talk". Greg Heinrich was in front of Mr. Al's. Dan Fitzpatrick helped. Then, there was Curtis Clements and the Water Wagon. The Lord has always given CMA a platform to share at Sturgis.

Mark 6:15-16 I Peter 3:15-16 Matthew 4:19-20

One of the first days here he went to a vendor friend, TJ's, to look. Some women asked them to go 4 booths down, to Rico, his dad had died. They were able to pray with him.

The Sturgis Hotel is a popular place here for CMA. Dave got up and asked "the nicest girl in the place" if she wanted an angel. She came and thanked them. They asked if she had anything they could pray for her. She said that a grandparent had died and the family was taking it pretty hard. So they prayed! Philippians 4:7 For the Peace of Jesus for her family!

Thank you for coming here. Go back and tell your chapters what happened here!

Saturday, August 15

Brian Bidleman

Acts 2: I Corinthians 13

Brian said that he used to come here too. This is his 28th year here at Sturgis – it has changed. He showed us his necklace...it has a Cross Anchor on it. Then, on his arm – a Cross Anchor with "The Way". Then, on his leg – another Cross Anchor. Why show those? Why does he have anchors? The Anchor was a symbol for the early church. And the church was called – "The Way". Acts 2 – talks about the early church, "the Way". It talks about there were many wonders and signs by the disciples. Everyone was together. And, day by day the Lord added to their numbers.

What are you anchored in? Are you anchored in Love? I Corinthians 13:4 "Love is....Patient, kind, etc. (Brian read the scripture) That's what Love looks like. Are you anchored in Love? Sometimes "Christians" judge. Some say "We have come so Jesus can save you!" Is that loving? Are you loving in your community?

He and Stew have a mutual friend – Jimmy. Jimmy says... "Check your blues at the door!" Brian says "Check your love at the door!"

When he and Julaine first got here she couldn't find a parking place and got upset. She was upset until she spoke with a lady at a booth and said "Let's Pray!"

In Matthew ...which Commandment is the greatest? Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind. And second is like it ... "Love your neighbor as yourself". Brian runs a men's homeless shelter.

Everyday they have to find ways to show and tell them that God loves them, because they don't know Him. We have to do that at home, in the streets, etc. - don't judge!

Have you ever judged someone for being judgemental? Jesus was anchored in love. He commanded us to love others, as we love ourselves. Brian always has at least 30 guys with him. And they don't know that they can love themselves. Check your love at the door and make sure that you're filled with His Love.

Remind yourself - What am I anchored in?!