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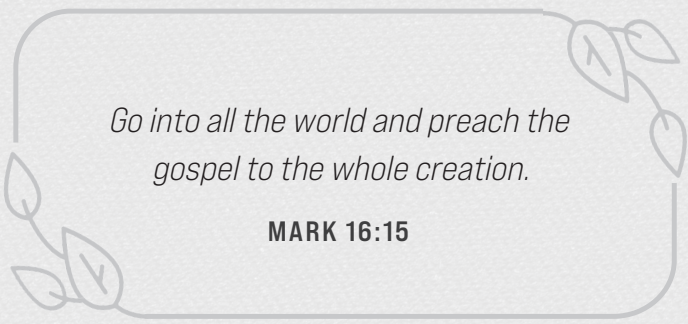
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*Go into all the world and preach the
gospel to the whole creation.*

MARK 16:15



INTRODUCTION

Billy Graham. A spiritual confidant to US presidents beginning with Harry Truman. A respected adviser to myriad world figures, from Winston Churchill to Boris Yeltsin to Ronald Reagan to Bono. For more than seven decades, Mr. Graham spoke to hundreds of millions of people in more than 185 countries and territories—from massive crusades in major cities to small gatherings in remote African villages. He appeared more than fifty times on the Gallup organization’s “Ten Most Admired Men in the World” poll. He also received the Congressional Gold Medal and was honored by the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute for his contribution to race relations.

Well into his nineties, Billy Graham continued to proclaim his message of hope, encouragement, and faith

through televised crusades, a worldwide radio ministry, an internationally syndicated newspaper column, and appearances on programs like *Larry King Live*.

Mr. Graham wrote more than thirty books, including several *New York Times* bestsellers.

Raised on a North Carolina dairy farm during the Great Depression, Billy Graham maintained a humble spirit and singular goal throughout his long ministry. “My purpose in life,” he said, “is to help people find a personal relationship with God.”

This book features highlights from Mr. Graham’s life and ministry. You’ll discover stirring quotes, fascinating anecdotes, and profound spiritual insights sure to capture the mind and the heart.

We hope and pray that this book will give you new insights into a remarkable man—and that his wise words will inspire and encourage you and draw you closer to the God whom Billy Graham served so faithfully.

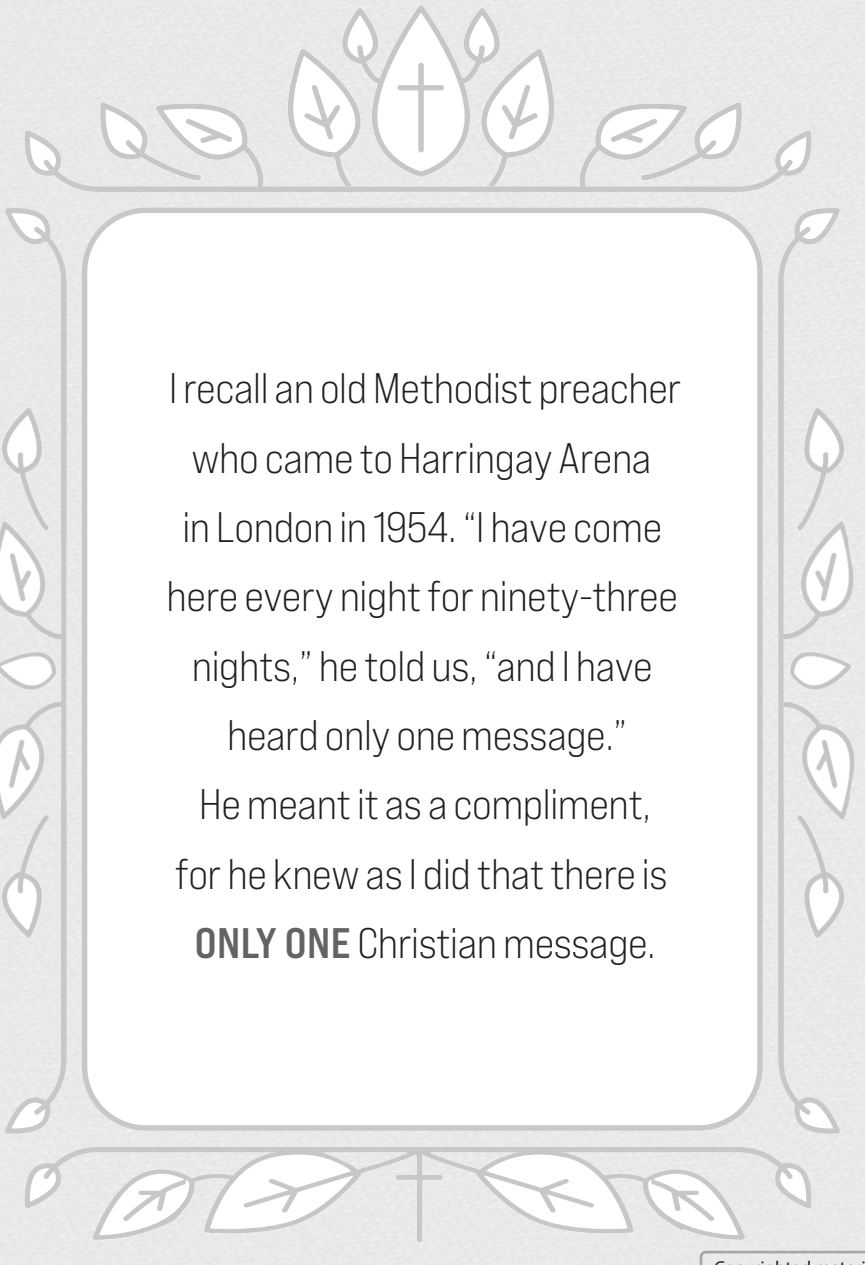


THE HEART OF THE BILLY GRAHAM MESSAGE

I am eager to preach the good news.

ROMANS 1:15



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I recall an old Methodist preacher
who came to Haringay Arena
in London in 1954. "I have come
here every night for ninety-three
nights," he told us, "and I have
heard only one message."

He meant it as a compliment,
for he knew as I did that there is
ONLY ONE Christian message.


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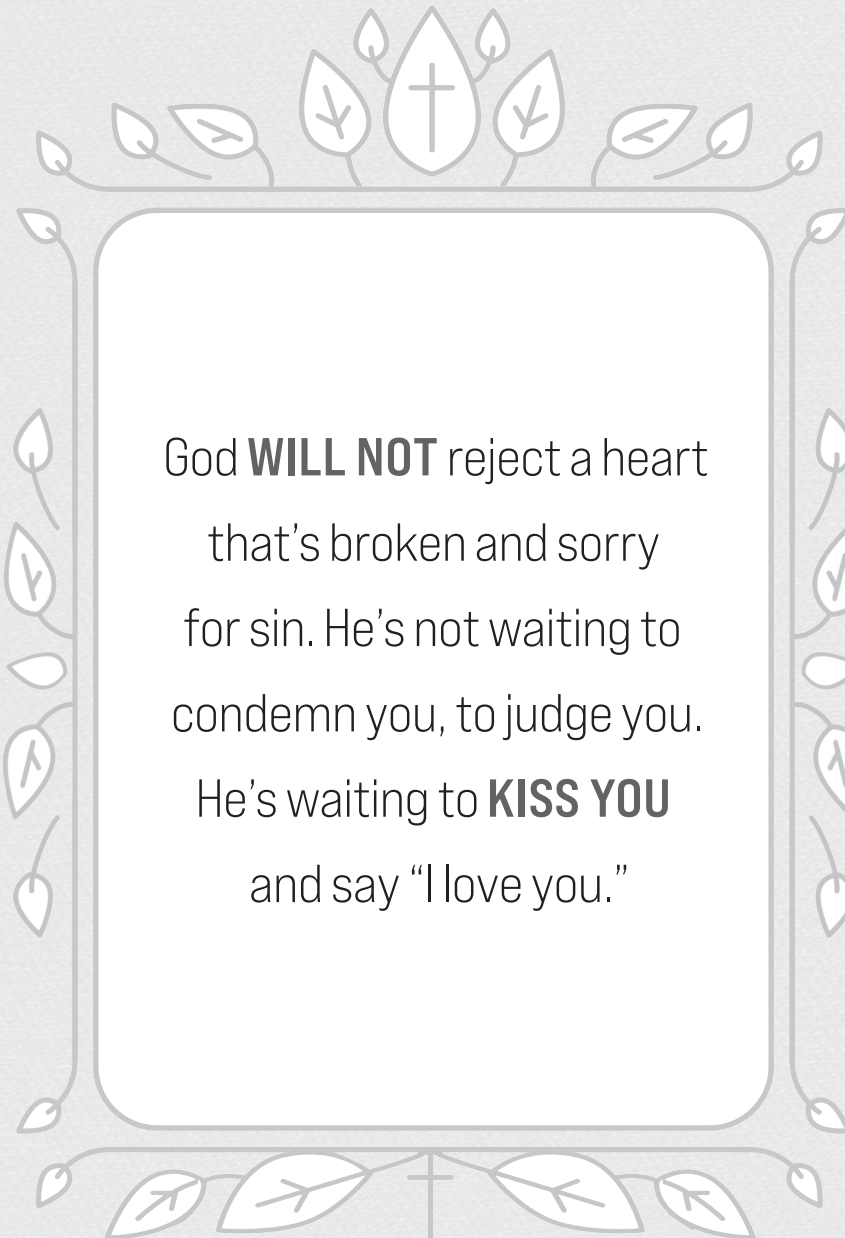
God created us in His image.

He created us and **LOVES** us so that we may live in harmony and fellowship **WITH HIM**. We are not here by chance. God **PUT US HERE** for a **PURPOSE**, and our lives are never fulfilled and complete until His purpose becomes the **FOUNDATION** and center of our lives.



God provided **HIS LOVE** on
the cross. When Christ hung,
bled, and died, it was God
saying to the world,
“I LOVE YOU.”





God **WILL NOT** reject a heart
that's broken and sorry
for sin. He's not waiting to
condemn you, to judge you.
He's waiting to **KISS YOU**
and say "I love you."

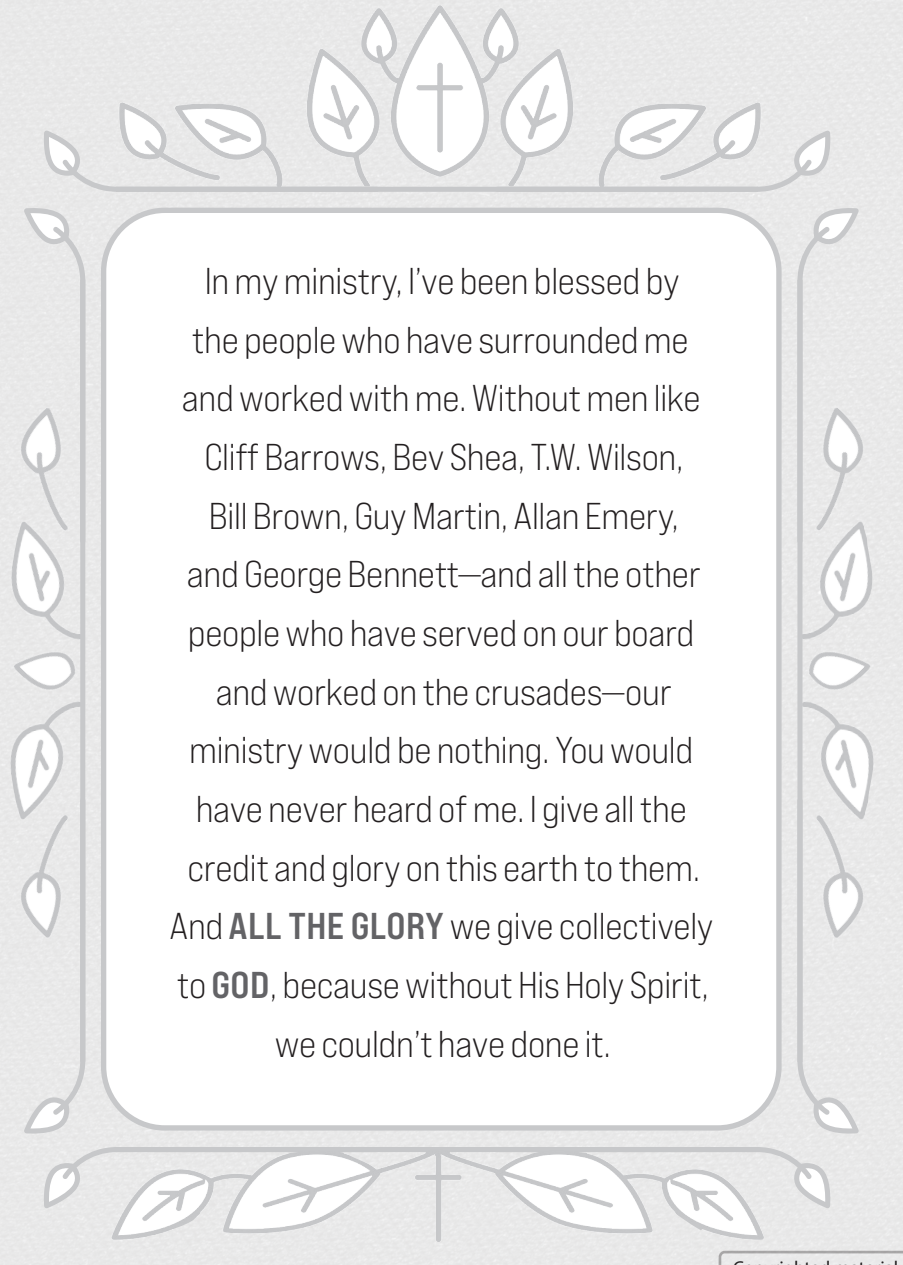


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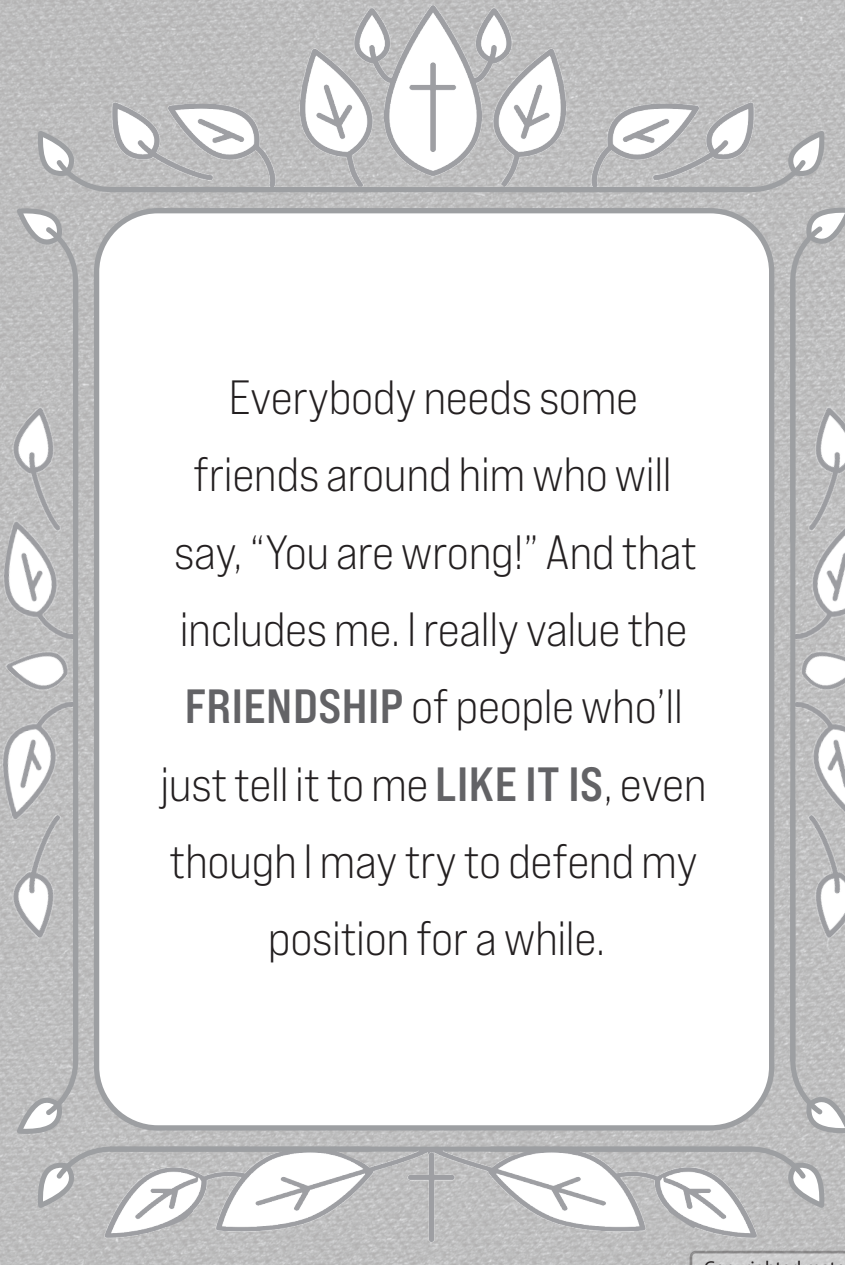
*Show family affection to one
another with brotherly love.*

ROMANS 12:10



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In my ministry, I've been blessed by the people who have surrounded me and worked with me. Without men like Cliff Barrows, Bev Shea, T.W. Wilson, Bill Brown, Guy Martin, Allan Emery, and George Bennett—and all the other people who have served on our board and worked on the crusades—our ministry would be nothing. You would have never heard of me. I give all the credit and glory on this earth to them. And **ALL THE GLORY** we give collectively to **GOD**, because without His Holy Spirit, we couldn't have done it.

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Everybody needs some
friends around him who will
say, "You are wrong!" And that
includes me. I really value the
FRIENDSHIP of people who'll
just tell it to me **LIKE IT IS**, even
though I may try to defend my
position for a while.