

Texas Man Helps 7,000 People Through Simple Roadside Ministry of Listening and Prayer

A small tent near a Texas intersection has quietly become one of the most powerful ministries in America.

No massive sanctuary. No celebrity platform. No expensive production. Just two lawn chairs, a handmade sign and a man willing to listen.

For five years, William Norman has sat under a roadside tent in Azle, Texas, offering strangers something many people are desperate for but rarely receive anymore: compassion, friendship and time.

The sign beside him says it all: "Need to Talk? I'll Listen."

According to Breitbart News, Norman has now helped nearly 7,000 people through what he calls the "Listening Corner" ministry. In an age where people scroll past suffering, argue online and barely know their neighbors, his quiet act of consistency has become a lifeline for hurting people across his community and beyond.

Norman marked the fifth anniversary of the ministry Wednesday with a heartfelt Facebook post thanking the people who supported him along the way.

"The encouragement of the people of Azle, Springtown, and the surrounding communities are the lifeblood of this ministry that has helped so many across this entire nation," he wrote. "YOU helped me spread the love of Christ to a hurting world."

That phrase stands out because it cuts through so much of the

noise in modern culture. Spread the love of Christ to a hurting world.



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Not dominate people. Not scream at them. Not win arguments online.

Love them.

Breitbart reported that the ministry began after Norman's grandson inspired him to serve others following a personal challenge. Norman said the idea stayed on his heart until he finally acted on it.

"The more I thought about it, the more it got laid on my heart," Norman told Breitbart News.

So he bought a tent from Walmart, set up a couple of lawn chairs and placed his sign near the road. Then something remarkable happened.

"People just started coming," Norman said. "They were lined up in the parking lot."

Some people were grieving. Others were struggling with addiction, broken relationships, loneliness or homelessness. Many simply needed someone to acknowledge them and hear their story without judgment.

Norman never charged anyone. He never turned the ministry into a business. He simply showed up day after day.

"You just have to show up," he told Breitbart. "I think it's about consistency and commitment to it."

That consistency matters more than many people realize. We live in a world filled with temporary attention spans and surface-level relationships. People are starving for

authenticity. They are desperate for someone who actually cares enough to stay.

Norman's ministry reminds us that Christianity is often most powerful in the ordinary moments. A prayer beside a roadside chair can carry just as much impact as a sermon behind a pulpit.

Over the years, many people returned to tell Norman they overcame addictions, repaired relationships and found healthier paths forward. Those stories are reminders that kindness is not weakness. Compassion changes lives.

Norman also made it clear that prayer remains central to everything he does.

"A lot of people just stop and ask for prayer going through stuff and I'm there for them," he said.

His daily prayer before beginning the ministry speaks volumes about the posture Christians should carry when ministering to others.

"Lord, give me the wisdom to say the correct thing," Norman told Breitbart. "Not just the knowledge, but the wisdom to give them correct information and or help. Let me listen out here and only speak when I should speak."

That kind of humility is increasingly rare. So many people want to be heard. Fewer are willing to listen.

Even health challenges have not stopped Norman from continuing the ministry through heat, cold and rough weather. He keeps showing up because people keep needing hope.

His final message to Americans may be simple, but it carries the kind of truth our nation desperately needs right now.

"I tell people this all the time," Norman said. "Acknowledge others, show up for others, show kindness to others, and love

others.”

Then he added the heart behind it all:

“Because we’re gonna win more people to Christ by doing that.”

And he’s right.

Sometimes the most powerful ministry does not happen on a stage. Sometimes it happens under a roadside tent where one faithful Christian decides another hurting person is worth listening to.

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Christian Pastor Handcuffed Mid-Sermon in Shocking Free Speech Crackdown

What happened on a street in Watford, England, should alarm every Christian and every defender of free speech across the Western world.

A pastor preaching the gospel in public was handcuffed, detained for 12 hours and investigated under “hate speech” laws while violent criminals, organized abuse networks and national scandals continue to expose the catastrophic failures

of Britain's political and law enforcement leadership.

Pastor Steve Maile, 66, says he was arrested while preaching in Watford on April 18 after discussing Islam and calling Muslims to salvation through Jesus Christ, according to Fox News Digital.

"It's called inciting religious hatred – which is false," Maile told Fox News Digital. "The cross of Christ is a message of hope, love, mercy, and reconciliation to a fallen world... How could that be hate?"

Authorities arrested Ethan Adrian Armenta-Lagunas, 20, and Gabriel Alex Javier, 18, both of Salem. They face charges including first-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon, criminal mischief and recklessly endangering another person.

Police said multiple firearms were allegedly discovered inside Armenta-Lagunas' apartment during the investigation. Authorities are still searching for a third suspect, Anthony Taylor-Manriquez, 22, who is considered armed and dangerous.

Investigators said Garcia was leaving the restaurant with his wife and children, ages 2 and 7, when shots rang out near the drive-thru. Bullets shattered the family's car windows, though Garcia's wife and children escaped physical injury.

Yet amid the violence and fear, Garcia's actions became the story that captured widespread attention.

"In the middle of chaos and fear, while he was injured and in pain, he somehow found the strength to drive us out of the scene to safety," Garcia's wife wrote in an online fundraiser, according to Fox News. "He protected our family before thinking of himself. That is the kind of man and father he is."



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The account reads like something out of a movie, but for this Oregon family, it became a testimony of survival and what many are calling a miracle.

Images shared online reportedly showed the bullet removed from Garcia's head during surgery. Despite the severity of the injury, his wife said he avoided major brain damage and is now recovering at home.

"The doctors told us what we already believe – this is nothing short of a miracle," she said, according to Fox News. "Now he faces a long road of rest, healing, and recovery."

Stories like this remind us how fragile life can be and how quickly ordinary moments can turn into tragedy. A routine stop for food became a nightmare no family should ever endure. Yet in the middle of violence, God's protection remained evident.

Scripture reminds us in Psalm 46:1 that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Garcia's survival after such a devastating injury stands as a powerful reminder that the Lord still moves in ways doctors and human understanding cannot fully explain.

As Garcia continues recovering and authorities search for the remaining suspect, we should keep this family lifted in prayer. Pray for complete healing for Garcia, peace for his wife and children after the trauma they experienced, and protection over their family in the difficult days ahead.

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Jim Breuer Says Netflix's Roast of Kevin Hart Exposed a Dark Truth About Celebrity Culture

The laughter was loud. The jokes were brutal. But according to Jim Breuer, the recent celebrity roast exposed something far more unsettling than comedians trading insults on stage.

It exposed a culture so addicted to fame that morality barely matters anymore.

During a recent podcast segment, Breuer unraveled a stream of thoughts that jumped from artificial intelligence and media manipulation to celebrity scandals, entertainment hypocrisy and the growing feeling that modern life itself has become artificial.

"We only get to see what the media shows you," Breuer said.

The former Saturday Night Live star did not speak as someone observing Hollywood from a distance. Breuer spent years inside the entertainment machine, building a career through stand-up comedy, acting and television before later embracing Christianity and openly speaking about his faith in Jesus Christ.

That journey gave added weight to his frustration with what he sees happening inside celebrity culture.

The conversation began with Breuer reacting to the explosion of AI-generated content online. From fake videos to digitally recreated actors, Breuer questioned how much of modern media can actually be trusted anymore.

“Do you really think AI is just showing up now?” he asked. “Or do you think maybe AI’s been around a long time?”



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Breuer pointed to digitally recreated actors appearing in recent Star Wars films and wondered how advanced the technology may already be behind closed doors.

“Did you ever think, ‘Wow, can you imagine if they used AI for government and government officials with people that weren’t even real?’” Breuer said. “You really don’t know anymore.”

The comedian also reflected on visiting EPCOT decades ago and seeing futuristic technology concepts like video calling long before they became mainstream.

“How would they know that?” Breuer asked. “How long have they known that?”

But the podcast shifted into much deeper territory once Breuer began discussing the recent roast event involving comedians like Shane Gillis, Tony Hinchcliffe and Katt Williams.

For Breuer, the bigger story was not the jokes themselves.

It was the public’s willingness to ignore nearly any scandal, controversy or moral failing if the celebrity involved remains entertaining enough.

“Are we the only industry,” Breuer asked, “where your morality is put aside when your favorite pop star, favorite comedian, favorite whoever does it and you just pretend it doesn’t happen?”

Breuer referenced how celebrity scandals often disappear almost instantly from public memory while ordinary families would be shattered by similar behavior.

“In the real world, you can’t get past these situations,” he said.

Even while criticizing the entertainment world, Breuer repeatedly stopped short of personally condemning anyone involved.

“To each his own,” he said.

The deeper message throughout the segment carried a tone of exhaustion more than outrage.

Breuer explained that he no longer follows mainstream news closely, avoids politics and has largely disconnected from professional sports because so much of modern culture feels manipulated or scripted.

“What is real anymore?” Breuer asked. “What isn’t real anymore?”

For someone who spent years climbing through Hollywood, the comments sounded less like a conspiracy rant and more like a man who walked through the machine, saw behind the curtain and no longer trusts the performance.

To watch the segment, click here (Editor’s Note: Mild language).

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Buddhist Woman Struck by Lightning Encounters Jesus in Supernatural Survival Story

For decades, Messianic worship leader Paul Wilbur carried a message most of the evangelical world largely ignored: America had lost touch with the biblical rhythm of rest, worship and covenant that began in Genesis itself.

Now, after President Donald Trump publicly called the nation back to Shabbat, Wilbur believes the conversation has suddenly moved from the fringes straight into the White House.

“Donald Trump has become the first US president to call for a national Shabbat,” Wilbur said during a recent episode of “Today with Paul Wilbur.” “Did I see this coming? Honestly, never in a million years.”

The moment stunned Wilbur because the message of Shabbat has defined much of his ministry for more than 50 years. But to Wilbur, this is not about politics. It is about restoration.

“We have a president that’s calling the nation to Shabbat,” Wilbur said. “This is just so unreal for us here.”

What makes Wilbur’s perspective so different from mainstream evangelical reactions is the lens through which he sees the issue. He does not view Shabbat as a discarded Old Testament ritual. He sees it as part of the eternal culture of God’s Kingdom.



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“There is a culture that attends to that king and his kingdom and his covenant,” Wilbur explained. “This Shabbat is bringing a shift, hopefully, to America.”

That shift, according to Wilbur and his son Nathan, reaches far beyond taking a day off work.

Nathan Wilbur described modern society as spiritually inverted because it abandoned God’s original order.

“Everything we see here on Earth right now is actually backwards,” Nathan said. “It’s upside down. Why? Because we’ve fallen away from the original purpose of God, which revolves around a day of rest.”

The Wilburs repeatedly pointed back to Genesis, arguing the biblical pattern of rest was established before the law of Moses, before Israel became a nation and before modern denominational divisions ever emerged.

“Chapter two speaks about this rest,” Paul Wilbur said. “It goes all the way through the prophets and through the Torah ... all the way to Yeshua who is Lord of the Sabbath for a good reason.”

That phrase, “Lord of the Sabbath,” sits at the center of Wilbur’s argument.

For years, many Christians have been taught Jesus abolished Sabbath observance entirely. Wilbur pushed back directly against that interpretation, pointing to Matthew 5.

“Don’t think that I’ve come to abolish the Torah or the prophets,” Wilbur quoted from Scripture. “I’ve not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.”

Wilbur argued the Greek word for “fulfill” means “to raise to its highest expression,” not to eliminate.

“He said, ‘I came to make them abound,’” Wilbur explained. “I

didn't come to do away with the Torah. I came for it to prosper in your hearts and minds."

This is where the conversation takes on a prophetic tone.

Wilbur does not claim Trump fulfilled prophecy by calling America to Shabbat. But he clearly sees something spiritually significant unfolding beneath the surface.

The discussion repeatedly returned to restoration, covenant and the coming Kingdom of God.

Nathan Wilbur pointed to Isaiah 66, where Scripture describes worship "from Shabbat to Shabbat" during the future reign of Christ from Jerusalem.

"God doesn't create something and then do away with it," Nathan said. "He restores it and brings it back to its original purpose."

To the Wilburs, this is not legalism. It is invitation.

"Honestly, nobody has to do anything they don't want to," Nathan said. "They're all invitations to join in the story."

That "story" is the part many modern believers have never fully explored.

Wilbur described Christians as being "grafted" into an ancient covenant story connected to Israel, the feasts of the Lord and the Kingdom culture established by God from the beginning.

And that is why Trump's public comments caught his attention so deeply.

For Wilbur, the mystery is not merely why a president mentioned Shabbat.

The mystery is why America suddenly seems willing to listen.

"We're excited about it because it's another opportunity for

our brothers and sisters who love the Messiah of Israel ... let's think about this Shabbat thing again," Wilbur said.

The deeper question now hovering over the conversation is impossible to ignore: Is America witnessing the early stages of a spiritual restoration many believers never expected to see in their lifetime?

Wilbur believes one thing with certainty.

"Yeshua, He is the message," he said. "Sabbath is not the message, it is part of the message."

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