

# **Inside Elvis' Faith: Stepbrother Says He Was 'A Bible-Carrying Christian'**

Elvis Presley became an international icon before his untimely death in 1977 at the age of 42.

But while the world celebrated "The King of Rock and Roll" for his musical talents, his stepbrother, Billy Stanley, is on a mission to shed light on another part of his life that receives much less attention: his faith.

Stanley, author of the forthcoming book, "The Faith of Elvis: A Story Only a Brother Can Tell," sat down with CBN's Faithwire to reveal some of the unique details of Elvis' faith and life.

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"He was a Christian, and most people don't know that," Stanley said. "When I say 'Christian,' he was a Bible-carrying he went, he took the Bible with him."

In fact, Stanley, who worked for Elvis when he was on tour, was tasked with carrying the performer's Bible, and he often observed his stepbrother down on his knees praying.

"He read the Bible almost every day," he said.

The challenges of fame, of course, were ever-present, especially for someone as well-known and cemented in the culture as Elvis. The singer had no shortage of headlines about his life, and he seemed to struggle with many of the demons fame can often bring about.

"Nobody can really imagine the position Elvis was you have a man that really changed culture," Stanley said. "I always had

the devil on one side, and he's got God on the other side, and there was a constant battle going on inside of his head."

He continued, "[Elvis] did his he was in trouble, he would always turn to God."

Stanley said his stepbrother would often pray for "God's mercy," forgiveness and wisdom.

Listen to Stanley discuss Elvis' faith:

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One of the other elements of the rock star's life was a rabid generosity that, at moments, stunned Stanley and even brought him to tears.

"He was the most generous giver I've ever met my life, giving money, cars and people he didn't even know," he said.

Stanley recalled one time he was driving around Memphis with Elvis. The two were chatting when they passed a homeless man. Elvis did a U-turn and told Stanley to grab his wallet to give money to the man. {eo}

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