

Pastor Bayless Conley Remains in Intensive Care Unit After Critical Boating Accident

After a boating accident in late January, Pastor **Bayless Conley** remains hospitalized in the intensive care unit.

Conley is pastor of Cottonwood Church in Los Alamitos, Calif., and a speaker known for applying the Bible to everyday life through his television program, *Answers With Bayless Conley*. The broadcast reaches into more than 200 nations in the world.

"The injuries sustained to his neck and throat areas are beginning to heal," his ministry has said in a statement. "The doctors are pleased with how he is progressing and expect a full recovery."

"Currently he remains in ICU. Please continue to hold Pastor Bayless up in **prayer**, believing for a rapid **healing** process. The Conley family is doing well and continues to be full of faith. They thank you for all of the love and support!"

Bayless grew up in Southern California, where, during his teenage years, he became involved in a lifestyle of drug and alcohol abuse. After years of searching for truth and a number of near-death experiences, he found answers and freedom in Jesus when a 12-year-old boy shared God's message of hope with him in a park one day. Bayless' background and story have enabled him to reach a diverse audience globally.

Bayless and his wife, Janet, are the parents of three grown children and enthusiastic grandparents to grandsons Asher and Sawyer. Together they lead Cottonwood Church in Orange County, Calif., and passionately pursue life, God and family.

Bayless' ministry representatives also said the church and all

of its ministry activities continue to move forward like normal. The church's leadership team is managing its day-to-day operational affairs.

"Again, the Conley family thanks you for your continued prayers," the statement concludes.