

Faith Leaders, Others Celebrate Billy Graham's Legacy on Third Anniversary of His Death

Three years after the famed evangelist's death on Feb. 21, 2018, faith leaders and others worldwide celebrate Billy Graham's legacy even as they continue to mourn his passing. TBN will broadcast a special documentary on Graham's life, *Billy Graham: An Extraordinary Journey* tonight at 8 p.m. Eastern. Produced in 2018, the documentary examines how God used Graham to share the gospel message to millions over his lifetime.

Join us TONIGHT at 8/7c for @BillyGraham: An Extraordinary Journey. #RememberingBillyGraham

– TBN (@TBN) February 22, 2021

In a tweet posted yesterday, Franklin Graham recalled the call that brought the news of his father's passing:

Three years ago today I received the call that my father @BillyGraham had passed away—I'll never forget it. I knew at that moment that his faith had become sight.

– Franklin Graham (@Franklin_Graham) February 21, 2021

Franklin Graham's son Will, also following in the family heritage of evangelism, shared his thoughts in a tweet that pointed to "the promise of eternity for those who call on Jesus as Savior."

Three years ago this morning, my grandfather @BillyGraham

slipped silently & sweetly into the presence of Jesus. While I still miss him greatly, I know that it's just temporary. With the promise of eternity for those who call on Jesus as Savior, I will see him again soon.

– Will Graham (@WillGraham_4) February 21, 2021

The remembrances of Billy Graham stretched far beyond the Graham family, however. Greg Laurie, senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, California, and founder of the Harvest Crusades, noted Graham's legacy, saying he was "used by God to lead millions of people to Christ":

Three years ago, on this day, Billy Graham went to Heaven. Can you imagine the rewards that were awaiting this singular servant of God? Billy was used by God to lead millions of people to Christ. He is deeply missed

– Greg Laurie (@greglaurie) February 21, 2021

And pastor and author Lee Strobel, author of *The Case for Christ*, asked a key question: Who's Billy's successor? Millions of contagious Christians who are trained, equipped and deployed:

Billy Graham graduated to heaven 3 years ago today. God used him to make an awesome impact! Who's Billy's successor? Millions of contagious Christians who are trained, equipped and deployed. I'm giving rest of my life to fulfilling that mission!

– Lee Strobel (@LeeStrobel) February 21, 2021

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association tweeted out a request for responses from those who may have attended a Billy Graham crusade and received many responses:

Did you ever attend a @BillyGraham Crusade? Comment with the

city and year you heard him preach as we honor his life and legacy—3 years after his homegoing.

– BGEA (@BGEA) February 21, 2021

Robert Thompson responded to the BGEA tweet with “I attended Billy’s Asheville NC Crusade in 1977 where I rededicated my life to Christ. What an amazing spiritual legacy he left for us to continue until He returns!

And Sandy Anthony posted, “I got saved at his Phoenix Az crusade in 1974. I was 14 years old!”

Jennifer Pelfrey wrote, “Nashville, TN, 2000. The gospel message gave me reason to live after suffering traumatic, personal loss earlier that year.”

How did Billy Graham’s life impact yours? Reach out on social media and let us know what you think! {eo}

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