

Kevin Sorbo's Transformative Encounter as a Teen with Billy Graham

Actor Kevin Sorbo is known today for his roles in faith-based movies, like "God's Not Dead" and "Left Behind," but the iconic "Hercules" star's Christian roots took form at an early age.

Sorbo recently told CBN's "Faith vs. Culture" he first read the prophetic book of Revelation when he was a young child and has been a lifelong Christian.

"I've been a Christian all my life ... I grew up that way," he said. "I grew up in a very strong Lutheran family."

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Like many Christian youths, Sorbo was involved in youth programs at his church, recalling an "awesome" youth pastor who would spend time pouring faith into him and fellow teens.

"We had a thing called The Room on Wednesday nights so, after basketball practice, football, whatever, ... you go to The Room," he said. "It was this double classroom. They had bean bags and couches and stuff when we'd hang out and we would talk the Bible with him. That was kind of huge for me."

Then, at the age of 13, Sorbo had a powerful experience that has stuck with him: he met the late Rev. Billy Graham one August at the St. Paul Fairgrounds. He had gone to see the evangelist speak and ended up having a powerful encounter with him.

"It was so moving for me; I remember it very vividly," Sorbo

said. "And I remember, because I did something I normally wouldn't do."

The actor said he was never the "pick me, pick me" guy who would raise his hand on command. But, when Graham asked people to come to the front, something led Sorbo to head down with others.



After he sat down, he met the evangelist.

"All of a sudden, a hand went on my head and I turned around and it was the Rev. Graham," Sorbo recalled. "And ... we had a little chat."

Graham prayed for Sorbo, and the actor said the moment forever stuck with him.

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