

Return to the Simple Message of Jesus

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Familiar words, fresh attention

We can hear a familiar message so often that we stop listening closely. In Lord, Do It Again, Roger Ferguson remembers Billy Graham and returns to Scripture and Jesus. We invite you to watch the complete teaching, then open the passages for yourself. The teaching closes with Roger's own on-camera invitation and prayer.

Begin with the Word

Read John 1:1-5 and 14 in their literary context. Notice how John speaks of the Word, life, light and becoming flesh. Then read Colossians 1:15-20. These passages help us attend to Jesus rather than allowing a remembered public figure to become the center of our faith.

History and application

Billy Graham's public ministry supplies historical context for this reflection. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association preserves his Washington message following September 11, 2001. The Billy Graham Library's article Through the Foot of the Cross records Franklin Graham's description of the Library's focus on Jesus and the cross. Keep that attribution clear: those opening remarks are Franklin's.

Read toward Jesus

This teaching is shared for Simchat Torah, a later Jewish celebration of completing and restarting the Torah-reading cycle. Our Christian reflection is an application alongside that celebration, not a claim that the later custom is identical with the Torah's commanded festivals. Let the occasion prompt attentive reading without replacing Jewish practice with our own meaning.

Continue with the passages

Read Nehemiah 8:1-3,12; John 1:1-5,14; 1 Corinthians 1:18,22-24; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Colossians 1:15-20; and 2 Timothy 3:15-17. What invites you to return to Jesus with fresh attention? Scripture quotations in the full teaching use the Berean Standard Bible. This article reproduces no archival audio, exhibit photographs or historical quotations. Historical references: BGEA, Address at National Day of Prayer and Remembrance; Billy Graham Library, Through the Foot of the Cross.

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