

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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Thank you for praying for me as I traveled to New Jersey to preach for a week at America's Keswick. It was truly a blessing as God used me, and for that I am grateful.

Here are just a few of the responses we have had:

Dear Rev. Hodges,

"Thank you for blessing us so much at Keswick. We had a wonderful, wonderful time. We are still abiding above. Much love and thank you for helping us to choose to walk in the Spirit. Take care. Love you much. Thank you for being a great, great blessing in our lives."

Dear Rev. Hodges,

"I just wanted to send a thank you for your message that I received at the America's Keswick last week. I enjoyed your sessions daily and the messages rang true to my heart. I was there alone and away from my husband and kids. On the last day of my visit, my family came with me to the evening session. I ended up picking up your Encouraging Marriage CD and the CD Self Your Own Worst Enemy. I began the Marriage CD today and I look forward to learning and applying it to my life. I have been praying and praying for God to help me with my marriage and my family and He answered my prayers with these CD's that I can learn and get started at living the life and marriage our Father intended for me. I will also pray for your ministry and I pray many more wives like me, who desperately love the Lord, will be able to receive these messages. Thank you again for coming to Keswick and delivering such a much needed message. My entire family thanks you."

Our Pastor,

"We have arrived home and miss waking up to your messages @ Keswick! We are thankful that we can hear you on your web site! Dave has written a song inspired through the Holy Spirit through your teachings. It has already blessed us, hope that it blesses you."

As you can see, my friend, God is using us! Thank you for helping me! It was truly a blessing as God used me and, for that, I am grateful.

Recently, my family and I took an overnight trip with friends to see “The Helen Keller Birthplace,” to take the tour of her childhood home. To remember the seemingly insurmountable odds she faced in being deaf and blind is inspiring. I was touched by the patience of her private tutor, Anne Sullivan. It reminded me of the patience needed to minister to this hurting world. I was also moved at how Helen knew God before she even knew a language.

You see, Helen was blind and deaf from the age of two and had lived a life of isolation, unable to speak words she could not hear, and unable to know what a word was. Helen told the Rev. Phillips Brooks, that even before she could call God anything, she knew God was there, *“I know who you are talking about I just did not know His name.”*

Romans 1:19 – *“...what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.”*

My friend, the same Holy Spirit Who spoke to her, as a little girl is the same Holy Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead and lives inside of you and me.

The Bible says in **1 Corinthians 6:19** – *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit **who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”*

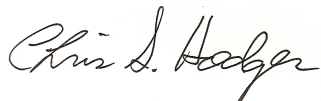
As believers in Christ, we need to practice His presence in our daily living. Listening to His Spirit and obeying His faintest whispers causes you to be in the absolute center of His will for your life. Simply let go and let God have all there is of you.

I was reminded as I officiated a beautiful garden wedding this month how we (Christians) are the bride of Christ. He is the head and we are His body. We are in Him and He is in us. As we live surrendered lives we will be a blessing to others wherever God leads us.

The Bible says about His church in **Ephesians 5:25** – *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.”*

Christ loved us and gave Himself for us. Let’s be submissive to Him who is our life!

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3