

Dear Friend of **Abiding Above**,

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When I was a child we loved to run races. We would always start the race with, “*Get on your marks, get set, go!*”

Our new radio broadcast, “Abiding Above with Chris Hodges,” is on the mark; we are set and ready to go. I guess you could say we are sitting on **G** and waiting on the **O!**

We will air a 2 minute broadcast every Monday through Friday beginning April 6, at 4:56 pm. I am praying that it will be an encouragement to you and a blessing to the thousands who will be tuning in to hear us on WCRV 640 AM at this time.



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We also plan to make these broadcasts available online at www.abidingabove.org. You can also check out and download some of my most requested sermons and sign up for our free discipleship lessons that we are doing with people all over America through the mail.

Helena Revival: Earlier in March I had the joy of preaching in Helena, AR, and seeing the altar filled to capacity as I preached a message entitled, “*How To Have Personal Revival.*” It was a cold and snowy day, but the people walked away with a warm heart, and a resolute will, to live a life fully surrendered to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I wish you could have been there to witness this move of the Spirit of God. You may want a free copy of this sermon. You can write to us at the address below or e-mail us at info@abidingabove.org. I know you will be blessed by it.

Ministry in Atlanta, GA: I have just returned from Atlanta, GA, where I ministered in a prison that my friend, Barry Singer works in as the chaplain. We were able to go in and invite the prisoners to attend a service I preached. I saw 17 men pray to receive Christ! We handed out Bible lessons to the inmates to help them grow spiritually. Please pray for these men in their new life in Christ. The temptations are strong in such a place as a prison. As a follow up to my message, I shared with them how they could overcome the world, the flesh (self), and the devil, by resting in the indwelling Holy Spirit Who will keep them above these three enemies of the Christian. I also had the joy of preaching in the chapel service for another local ministry. They were encouraged by my personal testimony and I was encouraged by their steadfast commitment to serve our Lord.

While I was traveling in Georgia, I had the joy of visiting two dear friends, Mr. George Eager and Mrs. Dell Thompson. These two are precious souls to me. They have lived a very long life with most of their time serving in ministry. They told me to never give up, keep ministering, and trust in the Lord with all of my heart. They are living testimonies to the faithfulness of God. I was encouraged and inspired as I listened to them rehearse their life's story. It reminded me once again of this,

**“Only one life, twill soon be past
Only what is done for Christ will last.
And when I’m dying how glad I’ll be
That the light of my life was burned out for Thee.”**

My friend; let us stop for a moment to reflect on our own life. Let us ask ourselves this question, *“What am I doing with this life God has given to me?”* Even a long life on earth is short compared to eternity.

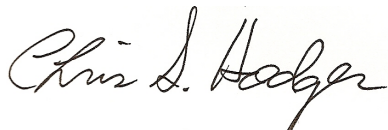
Just two days ago I was quietly sitting on a bench in a local cemetery thinking about the brevity of life. I had just completed officiating a memorial service for a 33-year-old man who left this earth in a tragic accident.

I close this newsletter with these sobering words from God’s Holy Word.

“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit,” whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.” **James 4:13-14**

Thank you for helping me. I am grateful to you forever.

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3