

Dear Friend of **Abiding Above**,

July 2009

This summer seems to be going by so fast! I pray you and your families are walking along with Him Who is your Life!

Atlanta, GA: I have just returned from preaching to inmates in the Atlanta prison system and saw 4 precious souls pray to receive Jesus Christ! I spoke to them about all the many personal problems we see among those people of the world who are not behind bars. I reminded them that thousands across our land are in self-made prisons. The answer is the same for both, Jesus, the Son of the living God! I encouraged them, that placing their trust and future in Christ will set their souls free for all eternity, and reminded them that we are all in the same boat, whether in prison or out, we all will die one day. Tears began to flow as they contemplated these sobering words, *“What have you done with Jesus?”*

My friend, we need to remember, no matter what a person has done, they can be forgiven. The ground is level at the foot of the cross! I encouraged these men who prayed, and asked Jesus into their hearts, to get totally focused on the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and the winning of inmates and their families to the Lord. If they will only do this there will be much reward for them in heaven. Think of all the people who are free, who spend their time and resources on themselves, gaining no reward in heaven.

My dear friend, what are you living for? Are you in your own self-made prison?

Jesus said in **Matthew 25:21** - *His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’*

Jesus, God’s Son, also said in **Matthew 25:34-36** - *Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’*

Partner With Abiding Above Ministries: My friend, this ministry, *'Abiding Above Ministries,'* is doing exactly what Jesus encouraged us to do. When you partner with us, you are helping us fulfill God's call in reaching the lost for Christ. Not everyone is called to other cities and remote places of the world to reach people for Christ, but you can help us as we go, you my friend, send me. I could not do this without you! I am so grateful for your support. Well done!



First Baptist Church-Marianna, AR

Arkansas: I traveled to Arkansas to preach twice this month and it was my joy to have travel with me, my friends Jim and Carolyn Alsip, and Larry Browning. They are a great encouragement to me in the Lord's work and support me in all that God is leading me to do. As we traveled together I was reminded of the Apostle Paul's words to the Romans.

Romans 1:11-12 - *For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.*

We truly encouraged one another as we traveled along with the absolute satisfaction of knowing we were in the center of the will of God.

There were many decisions made as I preached on, *'How To Have Personal Revival,'* and many free Bible Study Lessons were distributed among the people. We have already received completed lessons in the mail to be graded with new lessons being mailed back to them so they may continue in their spiritual growth. Yes, we are reaching and discipling many people for Christ and we need your help to continue.

Reaching The Multitudes: We continue to look for new ways to spread the message of Jesus Christ, as well as to encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ. You may now connect with us at, *"Abiding Above with Chris Hodges"* at the following sites:



Remember: Join “Abiding Above with Chris Hodges,” each Monday through Friday @ **4:56 PM** on [WCRV – 640 AM](http://WCRV-640AM).

“Abiding Above with Chris Hodges,” can now be heard on [Universal Christian Radio](http://www.universalchristianradio.com).
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Our 2 -minute programs can be heard at **8:26 & 8:59 AM Central** Monday through Friday.

We will also be heard on Satellite Radio through the following stations: Galaxy 19, Glory Star, & Spirit Cast, reaching over 4 million plus listeners throughout North America, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and parts of South America.

New Web Site Coming Soon: We are looking forward to the launch of our new web site, www.abidingabove.org in just a couple of weeks. This has been in the works for several months and we are excited to bring this to you. We will have a fresh new look, along with new sermons, podcasting, and a host of other new features. If you would like to sign up for E-mail updates please send your E-mail information to: calsip@abidingabove.org and we will be glad to add your name to our list. Our E-mails are sent out occasionally, usually during periods of travel, or special occasions. We understand the congestion too much E-mail can create, and you can be sure we do not share your information with others.

[What others are saying about, ‘Abiding Above Ministries.’](#)

Dear Pastor Hodges,

I just discovered that you are also on air at night. This is terrific. I get to hear you every morning and then I can share your lesson at night with my husband. Herbert had not heard you before, but now we can both enjoy your message. It is a joy to share in your ministry. **Eva / Kentucky**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

My neighbor Alice has a Glory Star satellite receiver and we always listen to the morning programs together. We particularly enjoy hearing your uplifting messages everyday. We both agree that you always give us something to think and talk about. Bless you and your family. **Mary / West Virginia**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

A friend of mine in Sydney has been telling me about this station and I got around to listening a couple of weeks ago. I am glad he finally got through to me about this. I have been hearing your spot this week and really like what I heard. I am enjoying learning more and more about my Lord and Savior. Your insights are always valuable and I have a feeling I will be listening to you for a long time to come. **Niles / Australia**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

I am a long-time UCR listener and I want you to know that I greatly admire the way you boil down a lesson to such precise language. Your study is so evident and your teaching is so helpful. **Martin / England**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

I appreciate very much that you speak so clear. Some of my family members do not speak English very well and the clear way you speak to us is so important to them. They are listening and learning and growing in the Lord because of your voice on the radio.

Maria / California

Amen Brother Hodges!

You say what needs to be said. I always get a blessing from your broadcast and I know this world needs to hear more of the true word of God. I am so glad that you speak out in your special and unique broadcast. **Marilynn / New York**

Dear Brother Hodges,

I listen to UCR right up to bedtime every night and your message is always excellent. I always look forward to the few minutes I spend with you and I always know that I will receive a blessing. God is so good and I want the world to know and to praise Him the risen Lord and Savior! **Janice / Mississippi**

Dear Pastor Hodges,

My friend Elizabeth and I are listening to you every evening and I cannot begin to tell you how much Elizabeth has changed. She has made dramatic changes in her life and is really growing in Christ. You would not believe the Christian she is becoming. The influence of really having Christ in her life has made all the difference. Bless you Brother Hodges. **Betty / Oregon**

We have received many responses, not only from within the United States, but also in places as far away as England and Australia, just to list a few. This is the ministry you are supporting and together we are reaching around the globe for Christ. I am so grateful for your prayers and your support of 'Abiding Above Ministries.'

Abiding above,



Chris S. Hodges

President

Abiding Above Ministries

Colossians 3:1-3