



Shiloh Messenger

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I am a Bondservant of Christ

**"SO THAT ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH MAY KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE."
1 KINGS 8:60**

Watchman Nee was born in 1903 to second generation Christian Parents in Foochow, China. His Paternal Grandfather studied at the American Congregational College in Foochow and became the first Chinese Pastor among the Congregationalists in Northern Fukien province. Watchman Nee was consecrated to the Lord before his birth. He stated that his birth was an answer to prayer as his Mother was fearful that she would follow her Sister in law in bearing six daughters, since according to Chinese Custom, boys were preferable to girls. She had already borne two daughters, and although at that time she did not fully understand the implications of prayer, she spoke to The Lord and said, "If I should bear a son, I will present him to You." At the age of seventeen and after considerable struggle, Nee was dynamically saved on the evening of 29th of April, 1920. He states he was alone in his room, struggling to decide whether or not to believe in The Lord. He goes on saying, "At first I was reluctant but as I tried to pray I saw the magnitude of my sins and the reality and efficacy of Jesus as The Savior. As I visualized The Lord's Hands stretched out on the cross, they seemed to be welcoming me and The Lord was saying," "I am waiting here to receive you." "Realizing the effectiveness of Christ's Blood in cleansing my sins and being overwhelmed by such love, I accepted Him there." At the moment of his salvation, his plans for his future were entirely abandoned. He testified, "From the evening I was saved, I began a new life, for the life of The Eternal God had entered into me." Watchman Nee's rich ministry was the issue of both revelation and suffering. He carried out this ministry by preaching The Gospel, teaching The Bible, traveling, contacting people, corresponding with people, holding conferences, conducting trainings, and producing publications. His writings are contained in a set of sixty two volumes, entitled The Collected works of Watchman Nee which span from his first publications in 1922 to his final recorded speaking in 1950. Following the takeover in China, Watchman Nee was arrested in March 1952 for the sake of The Gospel. He was falsely condemned, judged, and sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment. He died in confinement on May 30th, 1972. He left a piece of paper under his pillow, which had several lines of big words written in a shaken hand. He wanted to testify to the truth which he had even until his death. "The Truth is CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD who died for the redemption of sinners and resurrected after three days. This is the greatest truth in the universe. I die because of my belief in Christ. Watchman Nee," he was among the most gifted and insightful Christians in the 20th century and he was light-years ahead of so many contemporary Christian Authors and leaders, including scholars. Yet today, most Christians under 40 have never heard of him, let alone read him. Some of his most beloved and influential writings are, "Sit Walk Stand, Changed into His Likeness, The release of The Spirit, The Normal Christian Life, and The Character of God's Workman," to name a few. Nee became intimate with The Bible through diligent study by various methods. In his early days of ministry, he spent one third of his income on personal needs, one third on helping others, and the remaining third on Spiritual Books, reading as many as three thousand from various authors since the first century. His ability to select, comprehend, discern, memorize relevant material, and to grasp and retain the main points of a book while reading gave him revival core basics that he used both in public meetings and writings. In 1947, Nee placed the entire Local Assembly Movement under central leadership and launched an evangelism program that dispatched workers to unreached areas. By 1949, there were seven hundred Churches with a combined membership of seventy thousand. These are a few quotes from Watchman Nee, "Negligence in prayer withers the inner man. Nothing can be a substitute for it, not even Christian work. Many are so preoccupied with work that they allow little time for prayer. Prayer enables us first inwardly to overcome the enemy and then outwardly to deal with him. Living in The Spirit means that I trust Holy Spirit to do in me what I cannot do myself. This is completely different from the life I would naturally live myself. Each time I am faced with a new demand from The Lord, I look to Him to do in me what He requires of me. It is not a case of trying, but of trusting, not of struggling, but resting IN Him. All Knowledge is the outgrowth of obedience, everything else is just information. The Christian Life from start to Finish is based upon the principle of utter dependence upon The Lord Jesus."

We encourage you to check out some of his writings. He was a very devoted follower of Christ who truly was a Bondservant of Christ and who gave his life for The Gospel. We can learn from such a passionate Follower of The Lord Jesus.

***Portions of this Biography on Watchman Nee are shared from The Revival Study Bible and The Asian Revivalist.

Shiloh Graduate

Hello, Charles Nickens here with Hannah, my most amazing beautiful wife, and we have a baby on the way! THE LORD IS GOOD! I graduated Shiloh June 11th, 2010 after 16 hard years of trying to numb myself through multiple forms of addiction and struggling even longer with self hatred and hopelessness. After Shiloh, I went straight into full time Ministry at Hillside Church in Mont Belvieu, Texas waiting for God to release me into Missions. After almost 3 years at Hillside, God finally said, "GO." On December 19th, 2012 I was ordained and sent off to Youth with a Mission Tyler to begin one and half years of Missionary Training. Since then I have been to 16 Nations including war zones and closed and persecuted Countries all for JESUS. In 2015 I took a scouting trip to East Asia and moved to China in 2016. In January of 2017 I was introduced to this beautiful Chinese Christian Woman, and for me it was love at First Sight. On February 2, 2019, Pastor Rocky Fondren married Hannah and I. We are now full time in China where we are seeing people come to Christ almost every week. At the moment we are ministering in a China Registered Church where we serve on the Leadership team, we volunteer in a Christian Elementary School, and we have a Home Group. Hannah Counsels one on one with some of the women in the Church and she has started a New Believer's class. I counsel one on one with men in the Church. We run a men's group once a week, along with a healing and deliverance group. I am also in Pastoral training while Hannah is studying to be a Professional Counselor. We are very thankful for The Lord using us to share HIS LOVE in China! We are grateful to people like you who support Shiloh Ministries through prayer, encouragement, and financial help. We are lives that have been changed for The Glory of God! From the deepest part of mine and Hannah's heart Thank You! Please continue to pray for us as we are Amplifying, Illuminating, and Infusing Hope around The World.



We want to thank everyone who financially partners with us in this Supernatural Ministry. It is because of special people like you, men have the opportunity to encounter the "Presence of God." Since the year 2000, we have been participating with the Lord in seeing men restored back to Him, so their destiny can be fulfilled. We are thrilled to hear from our graduates testifying about their experiences of advancing the Kingdom of God in their families, the market places and foreign countries where many are serving as missionaries. We would also like to invite others to help us financially in this ministry of reconciliation for restoration. Please consider Shiloh Ministries as good ground for your financial seed. We invite everyone to come and take a tour of the Shiloh Campus, if you are in the Liberty area (located 45 miles east of downtown Houston). We would be glad to meet you and show you what extraordinary things the Lord is doing at Shiloh. Thanks again, for co-laboring with us and prayerfully considering financially supporting The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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We love you and are thankful for your love and financial support of The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

Blessings multiplied back to you!!

Rocky & Debbie



**Rocky & Debbie Fondren
Founders & Sr. Leaders**