



# Shiloh Messenger

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## *THE RIGHTEOUS ARE AS BOLD AS A LION*

*Proverbs 28:1*

William Ashley “Billy” Sunday (1862-1935)

Billy Sunday was born in Ames, Iowa. His Father died when he was less than a year old and Billy grew up in an Orphanage. He was a skilled sportsman and became a professional baseball player and played in the National League for seven years. He was converted to Christ through the Street Preaching of Harry Monroe of the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago.

After entering the Ministry, Sunday Preached in the Army camps during World War 1, and later held City wide meetings in the various cities across America. Sunday broke Pulpits when he preached, confronting world-weary men and women with a strong, passionate, dramatic Gospel couched in the language of the common man. His messages would target private and public sins and the things that promoted them, especially “Booze” - The drug of Choice for the times.

Known as the “Baseball Evangelist” he was more than a Preacher in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. He was a man who galvanized religion into an active force against the social evils . He helped close 200 salons in one city and brought to preaching a mixture of humor and hellfire that made listeners take heed.

He was a one-man human video running, rasping to the small and the great of his time from a high-profile platform of his own past sports fame. He would exhort: “You don’t need gold, you need God; You don’t need Booze, You need The Bible, and You do not need Jags, You need JESUS.”

Billy Sunday began speaking to youth groups while he was still an active professional baseball player. In the 1890’s Billy was offered 500.00 a month to play baseball for the Philadelphia. Billy turned that down to work for the Chicago YMCA for 83.33 a month. Billy left baseball and signed on with God. Billy organized Bible Studies, gave his testimony, and worked with the derelicts on Skid Row.

Billy worked on the Evangelistic Crusades of Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman for three years. When Dr. Chapman took a Church in Philadelphia, Billy was invited to give a series of messages in Garner, Iowa. That was the beginning of Billy’s crusades. 268 people made a decision to give their lives to God.

In one meeting in Philadelphia, over two million people attended during a period of eight weeks. He held campaigns for over twenty years with such intensity that he physically “Burned out” for CHRIST. His preaching was influential in the support of the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution.

In his 39 years of preaching, Billy Sunday addressed an estimated 100 million men and women without the benefit of television, radio or public address systems such as we have today with Internet and vast Social Media.

From 1896 until his death in 1935, Billy Sunday was never without an opportunity to share The Gospel. In 1915, Billy conducted meetings in Philadelphia from January 3 to March 21. More than 2 million people attended the meetings and over 40,000 people made decisions for God.

“ Unless you have made a complete surrender and are doing HIS WILL, it will avail you nothing, no matter if you have reformed a thousand times and have your name on fifty Church records.” Billy Sunday

“ If you are a stranger to prayer, you are a stranger to the greatest source of power known to human beings.” Billy Sunday

“One reason sin flourishes is that it is treated like a cream puff instead of a rattlesnake.” Billy Sunday

“Let’s quit fiddling with religion, and do something to bring the world to Christ.”

\*\*\* Portions of Billy Sundays Biography are shared from The Revival Study Bible

## Shiloh Graduate

Hello, my name is Jason Henry and I am a 2004 graduate of Shiloh Ministries. I would like to remind you that this is not a reflection of past sins, but a remembrance of The Father's Love for His children, And how HE is relentless in His pursuit of redeeming humanity. Much like every man who has called Shiloh home for a year, I came there a desperate, addicted man, who was unaware of the bondage I was living in. I was also unaware of the harm that bondage was causing me and those who loved me. But the most important thing I was unaware of is that God truly did love me, that He sent His Son to die on my behalf and that it was my sin that put Jesus on the Cross. I also learned that Jesus sent His Holy Spirit and that because of the death, burial and Resurrection of Jesus, Holy Spirit is now The Good Shepherd leading me and I don't have to live in bondage anymore. Many have called Shiloh a Spiritual Bootcamp, a year long discipleship program, and it is that, but for me it was a place where I learned how to rest in God. I experienced restoration through the guidance of The Good Shepherd. The chains of addiction, anger, anxiety and depression were not just broken, but were resolved through the council of The Holy Spirit. Shiloh for me was the green pasture that David speaks of in Psalm 23. It wasn't always easy but we aren't promised an easy life. Shiloh was the place where I learned My Shepherd's voice. I learned to follow HIM, and to lean on HIM for guidance. I learned to trust HIM for provision and power. The Bible says a 3 stranded cord is not easily broken.



While at Shiloh, the 3 stranded cord for me was Worship, Prayer, and The Word of God. All three of these are active in everyday Shiloh living. I learned how important they all were and the roll they play in Spiritual Warfare. I came there a defeated, helpless man. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004 I graduated as a Man of God, Delivered, free, sanctified and filled with The Spirit of God! Since leaving Shiloh I have received my diploma, certificate in Bible studies from Reign Bible Institute, and I have been Ordained as the Associate Pastor of my home church. I also will be marrying a beautiful God-fearing woman named Lori McDaniel on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. As I reflect on all the things God has delivered me from and where I am today, I sit in awe of HIS Faithfulness! For God to be able to use someone with a past like mine, only proves HIS love for mankind. I thank you so much for reading this and thank you so much for your giving of prayer, encouragement, and finance to Shiloh. I love you and I thank God for you! I pray 2020 will be the year of overflow for you and your family.

**Shiloh Ministries is one of The Lord's many Ministry tools to reconcile men for restoration. We are blessed to be used of Him to preach the un-searchable riches that are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:8). Everyday we are hearing such wonderful testimonies of our Graduates pursuing their calling of a Godly husband, father, missionary, Staff person at local Churches and a minister of reconciliation in the work place. We are asking that you prayerfully consider financially supporting Shiloh Ministries every month. The Lord's ministry at Shiloh has always been financially free for the man who desires freedom from his addictions. Because of this, we simply trust The Holy Spirit to lead people to give financially. This ministry is grateful to those who express gratitude to God by co-laboring with us in discipleship. The expenditures are huge managing a campus that houses over 30 students, staff & interns. Please prayerfully consider Shiloh Ministries every month as good ground for your financial seed. We invite you to visit our web-site and read our Testimony section. It bares witness of our graduates fruit that is on display, for The Glory of God. Thanks for your giving to The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh!**

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