

As Bill's pastor, I have had the great privilege of watching him grow in his faith over these past few years, but greater is the privilege to call him "friend" and "brother".

As a new believer in Christ in the late nineties, Bill reached out to me, investing his time, sharing his life, nurturing and encouraging me, he gave me all that he had, in order that I might become the man that God wanted me to be. Bill exemplified Hebrews 10:24 "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

Bill "spurred" me on to heights that I could only dream of, heights that became attainable, as I learned to walk in Christ, as Bill walked. Bill spurred me on "toward love" in my relationship with my wife, with my children, and with others. He spurred me on towards "good deeds", deeds of serving and ministering to others in the body of Christ, deeds that, at first, I was afraid to attempt, but deeds that eventually led me to recognize God's call on my life, the call to be a church planter and pastor.

As Bill's pastor and friend, I was sad to see him move away from Texas, but, as Bill "spurred" me on in so many ways, it was my turn to spur him on to follow the Lord's lead and call on his life to launch the ministry of **Hope In Marriage**.

My hope for you is that you would find a friend, a life-giving friend, as I have found in Bill. My prayer for you is that you would find hope in your marriage as you learn to put your trust in HIM...Jesus!

God Bless!



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Debbie has a passion for couples with struggling marriages. Her willingness to share her story with others and invest time and concern for those who are struggling can really make a difference in their lives. She knows from experience how God can heal and strengthen a marriage.

God Bless,

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