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### **There is Hope!**

The last video Jim and I saw together lifted our spirits. We often talked about how the world seemed to be floundering without God and spinning out of control. Our society seems bent on subverting gender norms, justifying politically motivated behavior, and actively choosing to condemn Christianity. The video of the dedication of the bronze statue of Billy Graham instilled much needed hope in our hearts. The video is attached and I recommend listening at least to the last thirty minutes.

Although Jim and I were not raised in “evangelical” churches, we have great respect for their traditions. They espouse a strong belief in the authority of the Bible, they emphasize personal conversion, and they have an unwavering assertion that Jesus came to save humanity. In other words, an evangelical tells a starving man that he has nourishing bread that will end his hunger. Once the bread is received and the starving man is filled, the Holy Spirit empowers growth to help him/her become more Christ-like.

Billy Graham was the quintessential evangelist. His simple, clear message was the clarion call for millions of people around the world. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association was founded in Minnesota and remained there for over fifty years. When growing up in Minnesota, Billy Graham had a strong presence. When his Evangelistic Association move to North Carolina, he became their “favorite son.” The North Carolina delegation lobbied tirelessly for ten years to secure a statue for Billy Graham. They succeeded and now, he is in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol Building.

He was described as “America’s Pastor” and one who befriended and counseled every president since Harry Truman. He was able to rise above the political fray and be an ambassador for hope in the world. The verses on the statue are John 3:16: and John 14:6 and he is holding the Bible and pointing to

Galatians 6:14:

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

There it is... the simple message of the gospel that transforms the hearts of mankind and transcends the cacophony of the world to bring peace and hope.

**In Memory of Robert "Jim" Jackway  
October 4, 1946 – June 24, 2024**

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