

Phil Waldrep Personal Profile

Phil Waldrep gave his life to Christ when he was 7 years old. When he was fourteen, Waldrep felt called to preach God's Word and began his ministry immediately by speaking at local revival services. And in his early 20s, Waldrep established Phil Waldrep Ministries to equip, instruct, encourage and motivate both Christians and non-Christians.

"The word that most embodies my ministry is *encouragement*," Waldrep says. "I want to encourage God's faithful servants, give them hope, and help them to understand that they are not alone in feeling lonely, discouraged or even afraid. If they know there is someone who shares those feelings – someone who can empathize – they are encouraged."

Phil Waldrep Ministries is dedicated to sharing the gospel of Christ through all means, traditional and non-traditional, and to provide quality resources for believers to grow in their relationship with God, family, and associates. Waldrep's first book, "**Parenting Prodigals: Six Principles for Bringing Your Son or Daughter Back to God,**" was recently published by Baxter Press.

"Wherever I go," Waldrep says, "I meet men and women who have lost someone they love. The person isn't dead, but the pain of the loss is just as intense. They have lost a prodigal: a son or daughter, a grandchild, or a sister or a brother who has walked away from God and the family."

Waldrep wrote "Parenting Prodigals" to encourage parents whose grown children have turned from the faith of their youth. But Waldrep doesn't focus his advice on what parents can do to change their prodigals. "We need to be honest with ourselves and realize that there are limits to what we can do to change other people," he says. "Maybe we are afraid that we are too late. But God is a God of miracles, and sometimes His miracles begin within us."

Waldrep lives in Alabama with his wife and their two children.

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