

Working at Kingdom Resort had afforded Billy the opportunity to go away on weekends for concerts and retreats. Billy met thousands of people who passed through Kingdom Resort, and many of them asked him to come to their church and share his ministry of music and speaking. Billy had already booked ministry events through March.

When Billy left Kingdom Resort, he stepped out in faith into full-time evangelism. Billy's prophetic message came true for the resort; it struggled over the next season and shut its doors before fall of the same year. It grieved Billy and all who had the privilege of being a part of it.

Billy never looked back. The Lord began a new adventure in his life. Billy knew in his heart that he had to follow God no matter the cost. He asked God what it was that He wanted him to do. God said, "I want you to sing and share your faith."

"But God, I don't really sing that well," Billy replied. He knew that he could sell a Broadway tune to an audience. He knew that he could sing in a group. He could even share Scripture and his faith. But to sing ...solo ... what was God thinking? Nevertheless, Billy surrendered to God's call to full-time ministry.

The first concert to mark Billy's commission was presented on a Saturday evening at Evergreen Church in Sevierville, Tennessee. Billy shared Christ through music and testimony and saw three new souls ushered into the Kingdom of God. The next morning after the worship service, Pastor Randy Davis asked to see Billy in his office. Randy shared how much he loved him and that he admired everything he was doing. Randy then said, "Billy, you are a true man of God. I know how much God uses you. That was evident by last night's concert. However, I feel I need to tell you that music is not your strong point. Your voice is okay, but you are real 'pitchy,' and you're not that great a singer. Perhaps you need to reconsider what you think God is showing you."

Billy was devastated. He wasn't upset with Randy, who had always been one of his biggest supporters. He was upset that God was asking him to do something that he felt he wasn't capable of to begin with. Was God trying to humiliate him?

Billy sat in his packed car and cried for a few minutes. He began to ask God what to do. God was not interested in his ability but in his obedience. It dawned on Billy that if he would ever succeed at this, that it would have to be all God. It took little faith for Billy to act or direct a play; he could do those things easily. These were talents that God had given him. To speak his heart in front of a group was also innate to his nature. But God had asked Billy to sing as a soloist. This would require faith beyond talent. God whispered to him, "Billy, I am going to take your weakest ability and use it for My glory. You will never be able to claim any glory for yourself for singing. Every time you stand to sing, you will be utterly dependent on Me to get you through. You will use your other gifts, but this is what I am calling you to."

Peace swept through Billy as he started his car and headed to perform a concert at another church that evening. When he stood that night, he knew what it was like to be a vessel for God. He knew that God would have to give him the confidence and ability to stand once more. God was more than faithful. Billy finally knew what it was like to be absolutely dependent upon God for everything. By the end of March, Billy had so many bookings that he no longer needed another job. Everywhere he went, God opened new doors for him.