Testimony Skip and Buzzie Gray

I. Introduction.

II. Buzzie's testimony.

A. The speaker grew up in Iran as the daughter of missionary parents.

B. She came to faith later because the gospel was always for the Iranians her parents were working with.

C. She gained a great hunger for the word and attended Wheaton College where she learned to let go of those things that are behind. (Philippians 3)

D. The speaker wanted to be a single missionary but God had other plans.

- 1. Health issues hindered her plans as a missionary.
- 2. Meeting her future husband hindered the single part.

E. The speaker and her husband Skip got involved in the Navigators.

F. The speaker and her husband went to Costa Rica, but depression resulted because she found out her own need to grow. Prayer helped her out of it. (Romans 15:13)

G. The speaker and her husband have asked God to help them send missionaries throughout the world, and He has been faithful to do that.

III. Skip's testimony.

A. Who you associate with is more important than what you believe.

B. If you do not have a ministry objective for your marriage, pray for one. God gave the speaker and his wife a ministry objective early in ministry.

IV. Results of obedience, which is the biography of the believer. (Deuteronomy 8:1)

A. Life. This takes five to ten years to form deep convictions.

B. Multiplication. It takes five to ten years to multiply.

C. Possession of the land.

V. We ought to stop and take time to savor life. We must slow down and reflect on the beauty of the Christian life.

Application questions:

1. What encouraged you from Buzzie's testimony, if anything? Explain.

2. How might it be helpful to understand that the Christian life is a process?

3. How are you taking time to reflect upon Christ? What can you do intentionally pause throughout your day?