

"I always thank my God as I remember you (Cecil) in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the Saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Saints" Philemon 4-7.

Rick Lindsay informed me of Cecil Ross's death yesterday, and I realized we had lost a great man of the faith, and also experienced a true passing of a modern day saint. Cecil loved the Lord Jesus with all his heart, and was a faithful, trustworthy, loyal brother in the Lord. I first met Cecil and Rick at the Promise Keepers headquarters in Denver the Fall of 1995, as Rick and Cecil said "We are anointing the road with oil from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean", as they were driving across America. I was taken aback by these two men, their Spiritual mission, and the sincerity of their purpose. I was impressed with Cecil's boldness for Jesus, and responded to these two men: "Press On Mighty Warriors". That was the first time I met Cecil Ross. I am saddened by his early death, but we have all heard the saying the "good die young". Cecil is now with the Lord Jesus interceding for the Saints left here on earth.

Cecil was a faithful supporter of the PK ministry after that time. He returned to Georgia, and served with Sister Alberta Harris in helping start the prayer movement at some of the PK stadium conferences for men in the South East. In 1997 at the PK Stand In The Gap Gathering in Washington, DC. Cecil was instrumental, after a 40 fast and intercession through prayer, in helping PK to explode throughout the country. We all know it wasn't about PK, but it was about men like Cecil that represented men who were a positive Christian example in helping PK grow. Cecil was a respected leader being faithful to promote the Kingdom of Christ on Earth. Without men like Cecil volunteering, their never would have been a Promise Keepers movement.

Cecil Ross's call sign was "Mercy Two", as assigned by Rick Lindsay. This call sign was given by Rick to men across the US who loved Jesus and served Him well through the church, the men's ministry movement, and their personal walk with the Lord. You see the personal stories about Cecil's Kingdom service will go on and on even after his passing from this earth; but, he has already heard those all important words, from His Savior's mouth, "Well done good and faithful servant, come and share your Master's happiness" (Matthew 25:21). Well done here on earth Cecil! We will miss you more than you will ever know.

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Call sign: "Warrior Won "