

Carlos Ray Norris – better known now to the world as Chuck Norris .. was born on March 10th 1940

From Belief.net ... “Chuck Norris was an actor, author and martial artist. He had 3 separate black belts: One in Tang Soo Do, one in Brazilian jiu-jitsu and the last in judo. After serving in the United States Air Force, Norris won many martial arts championships and later founded his discipline, Chun Kuk Do. Where he trained many celebrities in martial arts. It was his friend and fellow martial artist Bruce Lee who invited him to play one of the villains in “The Way of the Dragon” and began his acting career.

SLIDE: JOKE LIST

We all know that Chuck Norris went on to become “literally” the stuff of legends. His persona was used to produced an unending parade of meme’s and jokes celebrating his grandiose superpowers – let’s check out just a few of them

SLIDES: MEME SLIDES

Chuck Norris was famous actor, a black belt in 3 disciplines and known the world over as “Walker, Texas Ranger” and may have the most meme’s on anyone on the planet BUT ... he’s gone

SLIDE: MEMES NEVER DIE

Even with all the fame and the memes, Chuck Norris was still just a man with a physical body

Just like you and me

So what exactly does Chuck Norris have to do with a Saturday morning men’s breakfast on the subject of pursuing Christian holiness????

We’re talking about Mr. Norris this morning because of something much more profound than his martial arts skills or his fame.

Chuck Norris is this morning’s subject because, THE most profound, THE most important, THE most world changing things about Chuck Norris were found in his

CHRISTIAN FAITH

Did you know, Chuck Norris SAID these things?

- “Real men do live for Christ. It is important to make your peace with Christ while the opp exists.”
- “Luck had nothing to do with it; God had everything to do with it.”
- “There was a man whose tears could cure cancer... His name was Jesus, not Chuck Norris.”
- “My wife Gina and I are Christians, and our faith is the primary anchor for our souls.”

Chuck Norris gave himself to Jesus at age 12, at a Billy Graham crusade. During the height of his Hollywood career he strayed from his faith, but God called him back and Christianity deeply influenced his later life and career. Christian themes are found throughout his hit series Walker, Texas Ranger. He wrote Christian-themed books and was a member of the Prestwood Baptist Church in

Dallas, Texas. Chuck Norris went on to live his life as an “outspoken Christian”. A Christian that lived his faith OUT LOUD, at the risk of his worldly success.

In his autobiography, “Against All Odds: My Story,” he detailed the night when his wife went into pre-term labor with twins, writing, “I had earned millions of dollars in my life. I’d been a friend to several presidents, yet all the money in my bank account couldn’t help me now. There was only one person to whom I could turn. It was God.”

Commencement

At Liberty university in 2008, Norris said to the graduating students “how instrumental God was in his life.” He said he had “been in films and had fame and fortune, but I was very unhappy, and I couldn’t figure out why.” He said his wife, Gena, helped restore his faith: “It’s like the Holy Spirit hit me and said, ‘Chuck it’s time to come home.’” He said “I was hot for the Lord, and I still am to this day.”

SLIDE: BE CHRISTIAN SHARE YOUR FAITH

Chuck Norris was a Christian who UNASHAMEDLY SHARED his faith with others
You may not be famous, but you can do the same

Bibles in Schools:

Chuck Norris, also served on the board of the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools, and wrote an Op-ed article in 2013 calling for the inclusion of Bible studies in public schools, insisting that the idea was not inconsistent with the principles of the Founding Fathers of our country.

SLIDE: BE CHRISTIAN DEFEND YOUR FAITH

Chuck Norris was a Christian who thought our kids should know the bible and he SAID IT
You may not be famous, but you can do the same

Religious Neutering

In an op-ed published by Townhall in 2014, Chuck Norris railed against what he called “religious neutering” by Barak Obama. He said Obama was promoting religious intolerance, and was disgusted that “We haven’t even hit Thanksgiving yet, and already the war on Christmas is underway.”

SLIDE: BE CHRISTIAN FIGHT FOR GOD

Chuck Norris was a Christian who believed in our Christian heritage and he FOUGHT for it
You may not be famous, but you can do the same

A Mothers Prayers

In 2021, Chuck Norris wrote an Op-ed that said: “My mother has prayed for me all my life, through thick and thin,” When nearly losing my soul to Hollywood, she was back home praying for my success and salvation and for me to find a Christian woman, and it worked.” Gena is the mother of our twins, the love of my life, and my best friend,”

SLIDE: BE CHRISTIAN SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

Chuck Norris was a Christian who was HUMBLE enough to TELL others how God saved him
You may not be famous, but you can do the same

It's obvious that Chuck Norris was radically changed by God, and through his faith, he WAS supernaturally changed

Yet, ANY man who calls on Jesus, has a claim to this same supernatural changes offered in Christ

And this is a great place for a reality check ... because THESE supernatural changes aren't some FICTIONAL set of powers reflected in a laundry list of FICTIONAL meme's for the world to giggle at

SLIDE: REAL/UNREAL

Let me repeat ... NONE of those meme's is reality, none of the TV shows or movies that Chuck starred in were reality. NONE of this was actually "Chuck Norris." It's like so much of the worldly things we encounter outside of our faith. They are fake imitations and shadows of what life in Christ offers.

Want to know the REAL Chuck Norris? Then look no further than his faith – because that part of him WAS real and.... Guess what – YOU are his brother in the same family. The MOST real part of Chuck Norris is something you have in common with him. Christian brotherhood.

And, that same Christian faith produces REAL changes in REAL men that are so PROFOUND that IF there were memes created from it – they would appear EVEN MORE FANTASTIC than the ones we just saw!

Here's an example to think about ... how many times have you heard people comment about a buddy who got saved by saying - "What HAPPENED to him? He's changed! - He's not the same man!

What they are so amazed about is the seismic shifts in behavior – behavior changes that can only be explained by a SUPERNATURAL SPIRITUAL REBIRTH – as we move from ...

- Selfish to selfless
- Proud to humble
- Indifferent to Love
- Anger to peace

All of this impossible for the world to understand BUT all as REAL as can be ... and it can only happen by the power of the Holy Spirit a power that ALL men who follow Christ have access to.

A few Sunday's ago, Pastor Ken was preaching through Romans when he mentioned a scripture in John 12:1-8 where Mary is anointing Jesus with expensive perfume and the disciples are indignant at what they call the "waste" of the act.

Pastor Ken said that the reaction of Jesus when he told them to "leave her be" was a lesson for all of us that "what the world sees as a waste, Jesus saw as "legendary." Jesus said in his own words that Mary's name and her actions would be remembered "wherever the gospel was preached" – and 2,000 years later, we still talk about Mary! Now THAT'S LEGENDARY!

SLIDE: GOD WILL HONOR

You see, God will honor what matters to God. God values the things He loves and the actions of His people that advance His plans – not ours

What God saw in Chuck Norris as “legendary” was NOT his black belts but the belt of truth he wore in the name of his savior Jesus Christ. He had the visibly changed heart of a Christian and spoke boldly about Jesus.

What’s the point of today’s message?

- Chuck Norris was WAY more than an actor, author or skilled martial artist
- His Christian mark on this world IS what makes him legendary to God
- WE, that’s every one of us in this room, have the same power given every Christian ...
- The power to make OUR Christian walk and pursuit of holiness honoring to God

In our VERY brief lives here on earth we have a chance to be remembered for DOING something that matters, we’ve been given a “one-of-a-kind” life to change the world and we have been gifted a chance to “make a difference.” Career, fame, money, possessions won’t make a bit of difference ...

SLIDE: JESUS

- It’s Jesus that makes that difference
- It’s Jesus that is available to anyone
- It’s Jesus that fulfills our desires, gives us peace and heals us

And, in the end it was JESUS that made Chuck Norris these 3 things:

1. A fellow brother in Christ
2. An outspoken and unashamed Christian
3. Legendary in the kingdom of Heaven

Legendary, just like YOU ARE every time you speak up for Jesus, help a stranger, love on your neighbor and step up to protect the innocent

Be LEGENDARY

by the way ...

I looks at dozens of Chuck Norris memes and except for ONE they were all fictional
Here’s the ONLY one that was the TRUTH

Chuck Norris died, but he’s alright now

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