

## INTRODUCTION

Our speaker tonight (today) is Billy Riggs. Billy has been speaking publicly for more than twenty-five years and has sold more than a hundred thousand recordings of his speeches. He is the author of nearly 250 tapes and messages, and three books, the latest of which is entitled *Replace Your Grand Illusions with Grander Realities*. He holds two master's degrees and was the founder and chairman of three organizations. He resides in Austin, Texas, and was one of the first 300 speakers in America to be recognized as a Certified Speaking Professional.

Billy was a multi-millionaire by age 18, but only in Turkish Lira. His name regularly appears on the cover of Time magazine, but only on the address label. He has three children. Two of them are adopted, and he's still seeking a good home for the third.

Billy is also a world-class illusionist who has been featured on ten cruise ships, and has performed before audiences as large as 20,000 people. He has appeared (and *dis-*appeared!) at the MGM Grand and Paris Hotels in Las Vegas, Caesar's in Lake Tahoe, and the Tropicana in Atlantic City. Look for him soon in his own national PBS television special. But the accomplishment he is proudest of is that he is an Eagle Scout and the Den Leader of his son's Cub Scout den in Austin. Please welcome, Billy Riggs.