



Walter Bradley was one of the co-founders of Campus Crusade's faculty ministry back in 1980; and a professor at three universities totaling over 40 years. He spoke last month at North Texas and Texas Woman's University:

"In all my years as an undergrad and grad student, I never had a professor identify themselves as a Christian. **When I became a professor, I realized that I had the opportunity to be for my students what no one had been for me** – a professor who was also known as a follower of Jesus."

"I didn't take class time to discuss Christianity, but I let students know something about me – my background, family and the importance of my faith -- and to know that outside of class I was willing to talk with them about their spiritual journeys.

In Numbers 13 the spies encountered what the King James' Version calls "giants" living in the Promised Land... "and we were in our own sight grasshoppers" (13:33). Bradley explained that too often professors feel like grasshoppers, worrying about what students or colleagues would think if their Christian faith is discovered, and thus remain silent.

### "My Final Years"

Bradley also spoke to engineering students at North Texas: "There are 11 million coconut farmers who live on less than \$500 per year. By finding commercial uses for their formerly discarded coconut shells, they can finally afford to send their children to school with the promise of a better life."

Bradley explained the unique properties of these shells: anti-microbial, nonflammable, stiff, dense. When fused with polymers (plastic), they make a unique cushioning material used in car trunk liners.

"I wanted to spend my final years of research helping the poorest of the world's poor," he said. He told students how his desire to honor God as a Christian led him to seek out these solutions.

One of the leaders of our Christian faculty group is Nandika D'Souza. When she was a graduate student at Texas A&M, Walter Bradley was the department chairman: "I learnt from him how important it is to be open about being a Christian faculty," she said.

His visit was another reminder of faith that lives on.

--- Steve & Sarah



Walter Bradley in the lab of Sheldon Shi and Nandika D'Souza, both professors of mechanical engineering at UNT