



# WORD IN MOTION

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*Each one, bring one  
Each one, teach one  
Each one, reach one*

"Word in Motion" is an engaging newsletter that aims to inspire and strengthen the spiritual journeys of young people. Each edition offers powerful messages designed to deepen their connection with God. It features thoughtful reflections, uplifting quotes, and meaningful biblical insights, encouraging readers to grow spiritually, overcome challenges, and express their faith boldly. This newsletter motivates young hearts to move forward in their walk with God, step by step, fostering personal transformation and spiritual growth.



## BIBLE READING OF THE MONTH OF MAY

- ☐ Week 1 (May 1-3) II Kings 4-9
- ☐ Week 2 (May 4-10) II Kings 10-35
- ☐ Week 3 (May 11-17) I Chronicles 1-19
- ☐ Week 4 (May 18-24) I Chronicles 20-29, II Chronicles 1-10
- ☐ Week 5 (May 25-31) II Chronicles 11-34

## BOOKS OF THE MONTH

GENERAL : So you {may} feel a call to preach by David M. Reeve

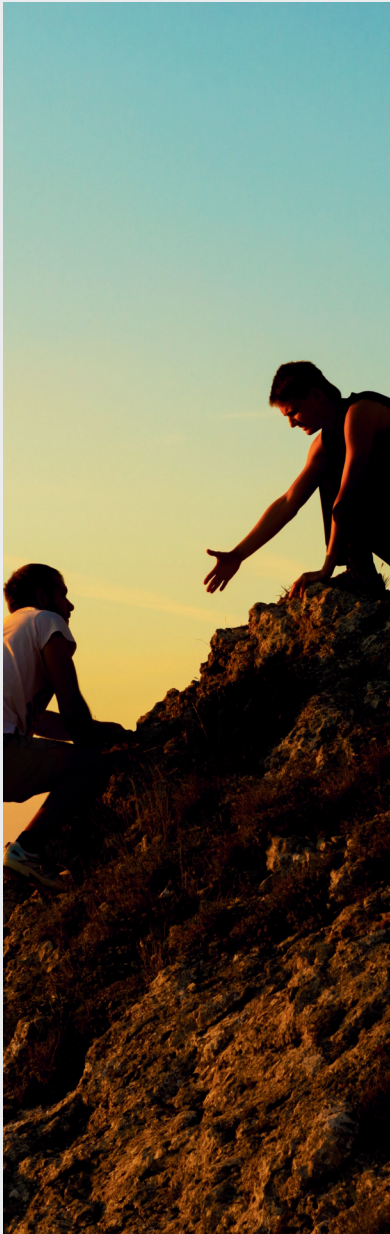
ADVANCED : We preach by Jerry Jones

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# LOVING ONE ANOTHER



Jesus said that a distinguishing mark of Christians would be the love they show toward each other. “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35). How do we measure up to this standard?



In biblical terms, love is not primarily an emotion but a behavior. The focus is not on feelings but on action. Jesus taught us, “*Love your enemies*” (Matthew 5:44). This command does not require us to manufacture fond or romantic feelings toward those who mistreat us, but it teaches us to treat them kindly and compassionately, showing love in the face of persecution and opposition. Thus, Jesus went on to explain in the same verse, “*Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.*”

James similarly explained that true Christian character is revealed not by what we profess but what we do: “*If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?*” (James 2:15-16).

John also emphasized that we must express love by action. “*Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth*” (1 John 3:16-18).

In fact, if we claim to love God but do not show love to people, then we only deceive ourselves. “*If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also*” (1 John 4:20-21).

As this passage indicates, love should begin within the church. Paul instructed, “*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith*” (Galatians 6:10). If we cannot act lovingly toward our fellow believers, then we certainly won’t act lovingly toward unbelievers and opponents of truth.

Therefore, each of us needs to ask: Am I showing love toward others, especially fellow believers? Or more specifically: What am I doing to demonstrate and impart God’s love to other people, especially those in the church?

Answering this question certainly includes avoiding any actions that could harm others. Thus we must not sow discord, cause strife, become tale bearers, or put a stumbling block in people’s lives. But answering this question also involves positive actions such as intercessory prayer, encouragement, courtesy, kindness, mercy, and practical forms of assistance in times of need.

One of the keys to revival and growth is for us to help one another and love one another. In doing so, we will show the world that we are truly Christians.



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# TRUE WORSHIP



By Simon Valenciano-Martel

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“To worship You, I live  
To worship You, I live, I live  
To worship You  
Away, away, away, away from the  
noise  
Alone with You  
Way, away to hear your voice  
And meet with You, meet with You  
It's been a while but hear my  
heart cry again”

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Psalm 150:1-6 KJV  
“Praise ye the LORD. Praise God  
in his sanctuary: praise him in  
the firmament of his power. [2]  
Praise him for his mighty acts:  
praise him according to his  
excellent greatness. [3] Praise  
him with the sound of the  
trumpet: praise him with the  
psaltery and harp. [4] Praise him  
with the timbrel and dance:  
praise him with stringed  
instruments and organs. [5]  
Praise him upon the loud  
cymbals: praise him upon the  
high sounding cymbals. [6] Let  
every thing that hath breath  
praise the LORD. Praise ye the  
LORD.”



## *An overflow of worship*

As an Apostolic Pentecostal, I find that my church experience diverges significantly from that of other denominations. As I share with many of my Christians family and friends, explaining to them how we worshipped, particularly those adhering to Orthodox and Catholic traditions, their reactions often border on disbelief and astonishment. The loud expressions of praise—clapping of hands, joyful leaps, and even sprinting down the aisles, would seem very strange and unknown to them. Presenting them with a glimpse of our Sunday night evangelistic gatherings through videos often leaves their mouth wide open, never would they expect a church service to be that way. Our manner of worship closely mirrors the reverence and devotion demonstrated by David in his worship of the Lord as depicted in the Bible.

The word "praise" originates from the Old French word "preisier," which means "to praise, value, or prize." It originates from the Latin word "pretiare" which means "to prize, value, or esteem." According to Saint Augustine, it is evident that various human faculties are engaged in the creation of music through these instruments: "The breath is employed in blowing the trumpet; the fingers are used in striking the strings of the psaltery and the harp; the whole hand is exerted in beating the timbrel; the feet move in the dance"

For David, worship wasn't just a practice, it wasn't a religious duty or a task to complete – it was a second instinct to his being; it defined his lifestyle and identity. Worship came to David in times of mourning and victory.







#### 1 Samuel 30:1-6 ESV

Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid against the Negeb and against Ziklag. They had overcome Ziklag and burned it with fire [2] and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went their way. [3] And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. [4] Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. [5] David's two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. [6] And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

Despite facing attacks from his enemies and the anger of his own men who sought to stone him, David found peace and inner strength in his unwavering trust in the Lord, his God.

One of my mentors and pastors, Pastor Benjie, once taught that worship is the true essence of our faith to God. Our worship is important to demonstrate our faith to God. In my personal experiences, when I'm in His presence during worship, it lifts the weight of burdens and struggles, offering comfort during trials and tribulations, and infusing joy into moments of sadness.

Interestingly enough, the meanings of the names Ahinoam and Abigail in Hebrew are joy and grace. The devil will target the "joy" in your life and the "grace" in your life. Just like David and the Amalekites, the enemy might try to target the joy and grace in your life, but it has no authority to destroy it. The Amalekites were a brutal and vile nation; despite that, they were not able to destroy or kill the women and children of David and his men.

Yet during his trials and sorrows, he never stopped worshipping God.

## ***THE TESTAMENT OF OUR FAITH***

A pastor once said, "Worship is a testament of our faith to God." The quote is very true; true worship can demonstrate our faith to God, but have we replaced our faith with solely worship? Do we treat our worship as more important than having faith in God? Faith in worship is essential; without faith, our worship is just noise. We can jump, run, and roll on the ground, but if our faith is nowhere to be seen, it is all for nothing. Worship can shake a mountain, but it is our faith in God that can move it.

A man who understood the truth of worship and faith is David. David went through many trials and tribulations; he faced wild animals, giants, and kings. His parents neglected him, his brothers were jealous of him, and his mentor and king despised him. Yet David worshipped God; he worshipped God with all his might and without fear of being criticized for his worship.





# Hidden Word Puzzle



## PROVERBS 10

ATTENTIVE, BEHAVIOR, CHARACTER, CHOICES, CONVERSATION, COURSE, CROOKED, DEVIOUS, DIFFICULT, DISCOVER, ESCAPE, EVIL, FIND, FLESH, FLOW, FORWARD, GUARD, HEALING, HEART, HOLINESS, INCLINE, INNOCENT, LIFE, PONDER, PURITY, RESPECT, REWARDS, RIGHT, SAFE, SAYINGS, SIGHT, SON, SPEECH, SPRINGS, STRAIGHT, SWERVE, VIGILANCE, WAYS, WISE, WITHIN, WORDS

**HIDDEN WORD:**

# OUR TEAM

DEAR MONTHLY READERS,

AS WE CELEBRATE THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR FIRST EDITION, WE WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE PAST 12 MONTHS. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND LOYALTY. YOUR COMMITMENT HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL TO OUR GROWTH, AND WE ARE INCREDIBLY THANKFUL TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, HAVE BEEN PIVOTAL IN HELPING US ADVANCE OUR MISSION AND CONTINUE SPREADING OUR MESSAGE. IF YOU FEEL MOVED TO GIVE FURTHER, ADDITIONAL DONATIONS CAN BE SENT DIRECTLY TO: [GIVE@UPCNDG.ORG](mailto:GIVE@UPCNDG.ORG) WITH THE NOTE: MTM - WIM.

WE ALSO INVITE YOU TO SHARE YOUR OWN CREATIONS WITH US. IF YOU HAVE A WORD, POEM, OR ANY FORM OF EXPRESSION YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT, PLEASE SEND IT TO: [WORDINMOTION@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:WORDINMOTION@OUTLOOK.COM). THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE IS OPEN, AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

LASTLY, WE'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT ALL PAST AND FUTURE EDITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE DIRECTLY ON OUR WEBSITE: [WORDINMOTION.BLOG](http://WORDINMOTION.BLOG).

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