



WORD IN MOTION

JUNE 2025

EDITION #13

“

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 JUNE

- ☐ Week 1 (June 1-7) II Chron. 35-36, Ezra, Nehemiah 1-10
- ☐ Week 2 (June 8-14) Nehemiah 11-13, Esther, Job 1-19
- ☐ Week 3 (June 15-21) Job 20-42, Psalms 1-18
- ☐ Week 4 (June 22-28) Psalms 19-70
- ☐ Week 5 (June 29-30) Psalms 71-78

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

GENERAL : "Miracles" by Lee Stoneking

ADVANCED : "How to speak to youth" By Ken Davis

FRENCH : "La vie Apostoliques" par David K. Bernard



CLOSENESS WITH God

This may be a statement we think about often, especially concerning our relationship with the Lord. We feel close to Him, but I would like to submit a question: Are we satisfying ourselves with nearness and not considering the importance of closeness? Is nearness the same as closeness?

Nearness = point that is not far away in state, resemblance, or number

Closeness = involved in a very friendly or affectionate relationship

Truthfully, it is all too easy to mistake nearness for closeness.



I think it's safe to assume this happened to the disciples. Because of their involvement in His earthly ministry, they were near the Lord and enjoyed a relationship with Him that few had the opportunity to experience.

We often allow our imaginations to run a little...just thinking about what it would be like to have Jesus Christ physically reveal Himself in one of our church services, a prayer meeting, or at home. Perhaps we even daydream about what it would be like to spend an entire day with the Day Star of our lives. This is the world in which the disciples lived. They walked with Him, talked with Him, and sat at the same table to share a meal. They were often close enough to see and hear Him sigh at the end of the day. To be sure, they could look into His weary eyes as he scanned the crowd for yet another hurting soul to minister to.

They saw Him when the wind blew His hair, and he had to pause throughout the day to rest His dirt-clad feet. They watched Him go through his daily routines; they were right there. Because they were near, they knew about the days He felt energetic and when His body was taxed with weariness.

Yet, despite all this “nearness”, there were times they were not “close” enough to Him to sense the urgency of the hour. They were not close enough to even understand His true mission.

The same can be said for us in 2024. We can be near the Lord because of our involvement in specific church ministries. We can be committed to God's call and diligent in fulfilling the obligations we've signed up for. However, we are not exempt from mistaking nearness for closeness.

We live in a world filled with distractions, one of the enemy's most effective tools against this generation. Although we may not be as tempted to commit a blatant sin, we may also neglect the fundamental aspects of our relationship with God.

It may seem too basic to take seriously. However, we cannot afford to disregard time set aside for daily devotion—things like daily prayer, time spent reading the word of God, and quiet times of meditation. We will never grow beyond needing these important aspects of our daily walk with the Lord. No postgraduate course we will take will ever exempt us from the need to nurture these fundamental aspects of our walk with God.

Please allow me to encourage you to create these habits in your youth. The sooner you establish these baselines, the better off you will be. You have no idea where your life will take you, but you must be committed to taking these fundamental aspects of Christianity with you. Whether you spend adulthood in the ministry or the secular world, these standards will bring balance and buoyancy to your walk with God.



Reverend Steve A. Boyd

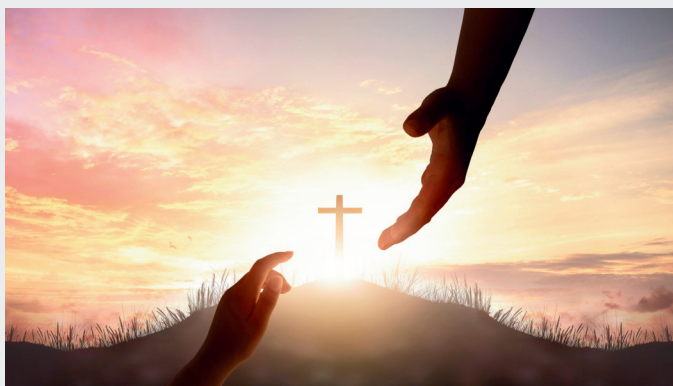
He serves as the Florida District Superintendent of the UPCI. His extensive experience includes roles such as Sectional Youth President, Sectional Secretary, and Sectional Presbyter. He has been part of the Florida District Board since January 1999. At the 2020 District Conference, he was elected as the Florida District Superintendent. In 2022, Reverend Boyd was also elected to the Board of the Urshan Graduate School of Theology.

A CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Have you ever had a conversation with God? A moment, a time, a place where you vividly heard God speaking to you? Over 476 times in the Bible, God speaks directly to someone. One of those instances was Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:4–6). A single interaction with God changed the life of Saul (later called Paul), leading him to become one of the greatest apostles who ever lived. One moment—a single conversation with God—can change everything in your life. Have you ever heard God speak to you? The answer is probably yes.

Revelation 3:20 (KJV) says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." God is constantly standing at the door, ready to speak to us. Yet the mistake many of us make is closing that door and not letting Him into our lives.

The voice of God can be as silent as snow falling at midnight or as loud as a train barreling down the tracks. Our awareness of His voice is what enables us to recognize it. A child knows his father's voice because it is familiar—he hears it often and responds to it.



John 10:27 (KJV) says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." We are His sheep, and He is our Shepherd. We are created to hear the voice of God and respond to it. There will be times when God calls us to go, and times when He calls us to stay—but we must learn to listen and obey.

When Jesus met His disciples, He required one thing: **Leave everything behind and follow Me.**

It was a difficult request—leaving behind family, work, and everything familiar for the unknown. The disciples had no idea where Jesus was taking them—only that He was the one calling.

Sometimes, the voice of God will not be distinct; rather, it will come through someone else. It may be heard in the voices that impact your life—your youth leaders, your parents, or your pastor. God has assigned those people to help guide you down the right path.

Hebrews 13:7 (KJV) says, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." There will be times when you're going through something that no one else knows about, and during a sermon, your pastor speaks directly to that situation. That's not a coincidence. That's God. Listen closely.

Don't ignore the voices God places in your life. They are people specifically chosen to help you grow. Don't overlook familiar voices just because they aren't wrapped in mystery or miracles. Sometimes, the most powerful word from God sounds like someone who loves you, telling you the truth. **Listen closely. God is speaking.**

Going back to the original question: **Have you ever had a conversation with God?** I have the privilege to say yes. I remember the experience of hearing His voice and talking with Him. It wasn't like Paul's encounter—a blinding light in the middle of the road—but a quiet night during prayer. I gave God space to speak to me—and sometimes, that's what's missing. We don't let Him talk. That still, small voice spoke to me, and a great feeling of peace and love filled the room. It can fill yours too. You just have to let God speak—and listen.

Self-evaluating questions :

- Can you recognize the voice of God in your life?
- If Jesus called you today, would you follow Him?
- Are you aware of the voices speaking into your life?
- Who are the voices God is using to reach you?
- Has God ever spoken to you?

BY SIMON VALENCIANO-MARTEL

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How Consistent Is Your Prayer Life?

- 1. I pray for at least one hour every day. (4 Points)
- 2. I pray nearly every day. (3 Points)
- 3. I pray occasionally throughout the week. (2 Points)
- 4. I do not pray during the week. (1 Points)

2. How Is Your Bible Reading?

- 1. I read the Bible every day. (4 Points)
- 2. I read almost every day. (3 Points)
- 3. I read sometimes during the week. (2 Points)
- 4. I don't read at all. (1 Points)

3. How Deep Is Your Worship Life?

- 1. I worship God daily, even outside of church. (4 Points)
- 2. I worship mostly during church services. (3 Points)
- 3. I sometimes engage in worship at home. (2 Points)
- 4. I rarely or never spend time in worship. (1 Points)

4. How Connected Are You to Your Spiritual Leaders?

- 1. I regularly seek guidance from my pastor or leaders. (4 Points)
- 2. I occasionally talk with my leaders for advice or prayer. (3 Points)
- 3. I rarely engage with my spiritual leaders. (2 Points)
- 4. I feel disconnected or don't reach out at all. (1 Points)

5. How Do You Reflect God's Love to Others?

- 1. I intentionally show love and grace like Jesus. (4 Points)
- 2. I try to be kind and loving, but I fall short often. (3 Points)
- 3. I struggle with patience, forgiveness, or love. (2 Points)
- 4. I rarely think about how I reflect God to others. (1 Points)

6. How Committed Are You to Church Community?

- 1. I attend and serve regularly at church. (4 Points)
- 2. I attend church almost every week. (3 Points)
- 3. I go to church occasionally. (2 Points)
- 4. I rarely or never go to church. (1 Points)

7. How Often Do You Share Your Faith?

- 1. I regularly share the Gospel and my testimony. (4 Points)
- 2. I share my faith when the opportunity arises. (3 Points)
- 3. I rarely talk about my faith with others. (2 Points)
- 4. I never talk about my faith. (1 Points)

8. How Do You Respond to Conviction?

- 1. I immediately repent and seek God's forgiveness. (4 Points)
- 2. I feel convicted but delay making changes. (3 Points)
- 3. I often ignore conviction. (2 Points)
- 4. I don't feel conviction often. (1 Points)

9. How Often Do You Serve Others?

- 1. I serve others regularly through ministry or outreach. (4 Points)
- 2. I try to serve when opportunities come up. (3 Points)
- 3. I rarely think about serving others. (2 Points)
- 4. I don't serve others in any consistent way. (1 Points)

10. How Much Do You Trust God with Your Future?

- 1. I fully trust God's plan and timing. (4 Points)
- 2. I mostly trust God, but sometimes worry. (3 Points)
- 3. I'm often anxious about the future. (2 Points)
- 4. I rarely think about God's role in my future. (1 Points)

Score of 35–40 — You're Doing a Great Job!

You're doing an awesome job in your walk with God! You're praying, reading your Bible, and trying to live the right way. Keep going! Stay close to God and let Him use you to help others grow too. You're on the right path—don't stop now!

Score of 28–34 — You're Growing!

You're doing well, and you're growing in your faith. You're not perfect (none of us are!), but you're making an effort to follow God. Keep working on your daily habits like prayer and Bible reading. You're heading in the right direction—keep it up!

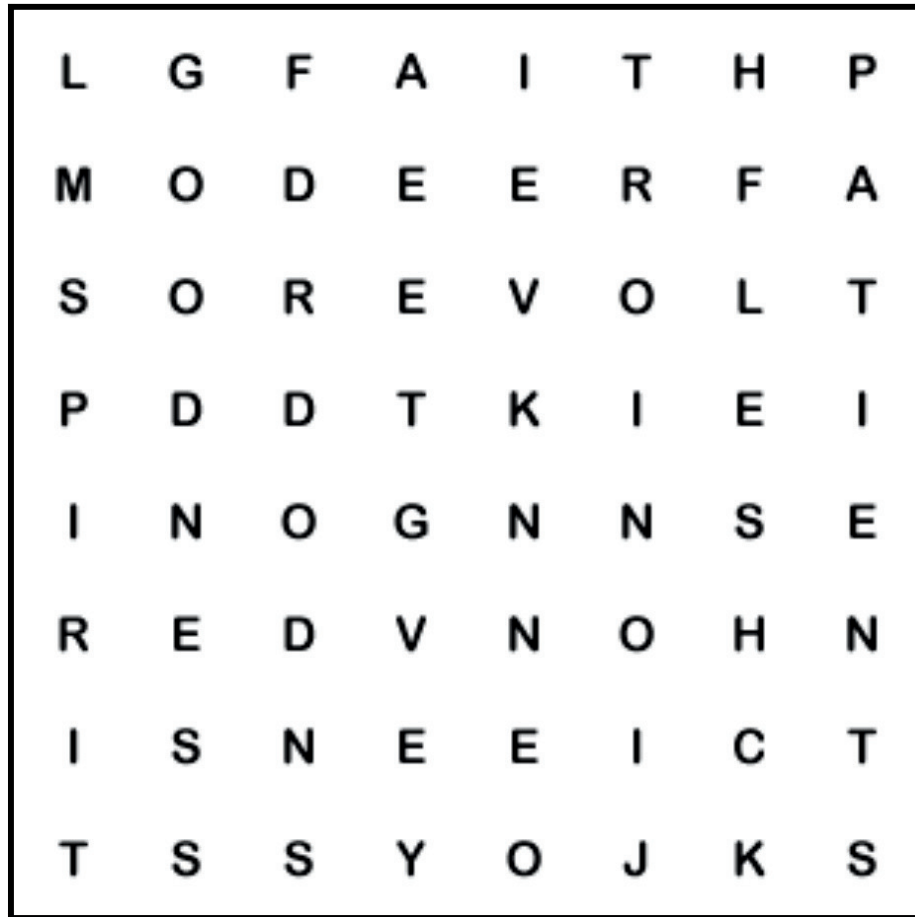
Score of 20–27 — You Need to Refocus

You believe in God, but you might be getting distracted or not spending much time with Him. That's okay—God still wants to be close to you. Try to make time for Him each day. Even small steps can bring big change. Start fresh today!

Score of 10–19 — Time to Make a Change

It looks like your relationship with God isn't very strong right now. But the good news is—it's not too late! God is waiting for you. He loves you and wants to speak to you. Start with one small step: say a prayer, read a verse, or talk to someone about faith. You can grow from here.

Hidden Word Puzzle



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

CONTROL, DOVE, FAITH, FLESH, FREEDOM,
GOODNESS, JOY, KINGDOM, LOVE, PATIENT,
SPIRIT

HIDDEN WORD :

OUR TEAM

DEAR MONTHLY READERS,

AS WE CELEBRATE OVER A YEAR SINCE THE INCEPTION OF WORD IN MOTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND LOYALTY. YOUR DEDICATION HAS BEEN CRUCIAL TO OUR GROWTH, AND WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL, HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ADVANCING OUR MISSION AND CONTINUING TO SHARE OUR MESSAGE. IF YOU FEEL INSPIRED TO GIVE FURTHER, ADDITIONAL DONATIONS CAN BE SENT DIRECTLY TO: 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 THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT, PLEASE SEND IT TO: WORDINMOTION@OUTLOOK.COM. THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE IS OPEN, AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

LASTLY, WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT ALL PAST AND FUTURE EDITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE DIRECTLY ON OUR WEBSITE: WORDINMOTION.BLOG.

BLESSINGS,

Simon Valenciano-Martel



ADMINISTRATOR
Simon Valenciano-Martel



HEAD EDITOR
Jonathan Mark Laude



EDITOR/ WRITER
William (Gizzy) Sleep III



WRITER
Kasey-Michelle Suarez



WRITER
Kate-Rochelle Suarez



PHOTOGRAPHER
Jobelle Rachel Terrible