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# Moving when God speaks

a car came racing around the curve. Had she not moved, she would have been killed. She was told later that if she had been in her old car when she hit the deer, she probably wouldn't have survived. I cried when she told me the story.

Brittany knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that God spoke to her that day in her car. He said, "Move," with an exclamation point and she did. Her life was saved!

In the book of Matthew, Joseph is a great example of obeying the voice of God immediately. During the night, in a dream an angel gave directions for Joseph to follow. Matthew 1:24 tells us that the next morning (not a week or month later), he obeyed. Lives depended on it! (Mary could have been stoned to death had her community found out she was unmarried and unexpectedly expecting.)

In Matthew 2:13, Joseph again received a word from the Lord and moved. Herod was going to search for the Child to kill Him! With no time to waste, Joseph got up, DURING THE NIGHT, packed up Baby Jesus and Mary, and headed out of the country! Lives depended on his obedi-

ence!  
Brittany and Joseph inspire me to move when God speaks!

Every morning, I read my Bible and pray asking God to speak to me, to direct me, to use me. But sometimes when He speaks, I get scared. I stall. I want to send it to a committee (in my head) for future review. I want to be sure it's really Him and not the caffeine in my coffee. I want to wait but I can't be that way!

People cross my path every day, in spite of COVID, who need an encouraging word or to hear about the love of Jesus. I KNOW when God speaks to me, when He nudges me. In that moment, sometimes my heart begins to race; I feel my neck burn. Who knows what they are going through? They need the good news. They need words of life and I have them to share! If I will just move...Lives depend on my obedience!

Father, help me to obey when You speak! Please give me courage to follow where You lead and share Jesus every chance I get!

That day on the curvy road in Virginia, Brittany heard God speak and obeyed. It saved her very life! She will never forget it and she will never be the same.

Brittany was headed to work. A counselor in the Virginia school systems, her path is not always a straight road. This day, she was on her way to Coeburn Middle School in her brand new Traverse. Rounding a curve at 35 mph, she slammed on the breaks. A huge deer stood in the middle of her lane and there was no way not to hit it! Everything moved in slow motion. The enormous animal was hurled into the air, flipping over the hood and down the driver's side door. Stopped in the middle of the road and trying to regain her senses, she heard an audible voice say, "MOVE!"

Bewildered and heart still quaking, she steered her vehicle to the side of the road. The second she was clear of the highway,

## Music in the Worship?

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Should men judge their spiritual lives on things that are desirable, pleasurable, pleasing to the ear? Or, should we base our worship on things that are clearly specified in God's Word? When one examines **2 Corinthians 5:10**, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad," we can clearly see that we will all give an accounting for our acts of worship and also for a lack of worship as well. So again, in **Revelations 20:12**, we see for ourselves that the books (the Bible) will be the Set of Laws that we are to have lived by, given from God himself. "They were judged every man according to their works." Paul stated this in **2 Timothy 3:16**, where he identifies "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

So, with this being said, where should one look unto as a sure guide for all they did in attempted worship of God? **2 Corinthians 13:5** says we are to "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" Now, the reason that we as members of Christ's Church lean so heavily upon what is written in the Bible is this, **John 12:48-50** says that the words spoken by Christ "the same shall judge (us all) in the last day."

So, I believe that one ought to be clear, precise, and specific when they worship the Lord. Also, in **John 6:63**, Jesus says, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; (makes alive) the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." So, I conclude this, that if we are ever going to be saved from our sins, we need to obey all the truth. And, if we are ever going to gain a home in God's Heaven, it will be because we have done our best to follow his words unto death without interjecting any

words, thoughts, ideas of our own. Notice, Paul says the flesh profiteth nothing. John 14:6 and Acts 4:12 declare that Jesus and the words that he has spoken, when obeyed, will eternally save one's soul "for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12 Anything less is to be eternally lost.

Now, to get back to our original topic, concerning music in worship, I ask, will God accept any kind of music in worship, or has he specified a kind of music? Now, at this time, many will be thinking, "These people must be "looney tunes," but let me assure you that millions who use the specified music during worship could not all misunderstand. Then, there are those that say, "Well, under the Old Testament, they used all kinds of instruments of music-making; so, we are safe in doing so today." Let us be fair and examine this idea first of all. We are not living under any of the Old Testament Law today. Read **Colossians 2:14** that says Jesus "took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." I encourage a good, slow reading of Hebrews, chapters 9 and 10. Well, one can clearly see that when Jesus shed his blood, the Old Testament Law was over and that presently we are living under the New Testament alone. So, does the present day Church of the Lord have music in its worship? Yes indeed! How do we accomplish this?

In **1 Corinthians 14:15**, it says, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." Also, in **Ephesians 5:19**, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." **Colossians 3:16** also says "singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Then in **Hebrews 13:15**, it says "let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." Which is the purpose of all scriptural singing, giving again notice in **Mark 14:26**, the meat they ate together before the coming crucifixion, "and when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." Now, Friend, the truth is this; if you desire to worship in a spiritual manner, you will not add to what is written in God's Word. You can do so if you wish, but do you really want to risk your home in Heaven because of what you like, or doing what is specified? I will await your call. Waco 1-859-369-4165.

Sincerely, Bob Casey

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 Peter 3:17-18

For it is **better**, if it is **God's will**, to **suffer** for **doing good** than for doing **evil**. For **Christ** also suffered **once** for **sins**, the **righteous** for **the** unrighteous, to **bring you** to God. He was **put** to **death** in the **body** but **made alive** in the **Spirit**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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### Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Peter in Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Matthew 4, how many days and nights did Jesus fast before his temptation by Satan? 3, 12, 40, 7x70

3. In Genesis 24, who played the matchmaker for Isaac and Rebekah? Nahor, A shepherd,

Bethuel, Abraham's servant

4. From Proverbs 6, what is held up as an example to the lazy man? Bee, Flea, Locust, Ant

5. Who said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away"? Satan, Adam, Job, Haman

6. Who/what was Shishak? Roast lamb, Birthplace of Moses, Serpent, King of Egypt

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"Test Your Bible knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

## Seeds of Hope



Dan and his Dad were sitting together looking at a family photograph album. Looking at a picture of a young man who had a head full of hair he asked, "Who's that guy, Dad?"

"Me," he replied. "That's how I used to look."

"What happened?" he asked curiously.

Things change. People change. Times change. The universe changes. The heavens, admitted the Psalmist, will grow old. God will change them as a man putting on new clothing and throwing away the old. And then he wrote, "But You will remain the same, and Your years will never end!"

Everyone is familiar with change. It is part of life. There are times

when it is welcome and there are times when we fight against anything that is new and different, untried and unproven. There are days when everything is turned upside down and inside out. Some mornings begin with peace and calm and then turn into a tempest by lunch. We assume that we will escape every illness and live long only to be diagnosed with cancer. We know that our marriage will last a life time only to receive a notice that our spouse wants a divorce.

Is there any news that could be more welcome - more comforting - more desired - more important - more joy producing than the words of the Psalmist: "You - O Lord - will remain the same"? Now and through eternity.

No matter the day or the difficulty, the problem or the pain, His love and His faithfulness guard us!

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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### TODAY'S WORD

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"Well, that harebrained Jones boy finally prevailed on a get-rich-quick scheme.

He \_\_\_\_\_ with our daughter!"

## Stickeler's Puzzle

**STICKELERS** (sic)  
by Terry Stickels

You may know that a decade is 10 years, a century is 100 years and a sesquicentennial is 150 years ... but can you tell me the number of years in a lustrum?

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