

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 33:4-5

For the **word** of the **LORD** is **right** and **true**; he is **faithful** in **all** he **does**. The **LORD** **loves** righteousness **and justice**; the **earth** is **full** of **his unfailing love**.

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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 TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Balaam in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. How did the paralyzed man's friends present him through the crowds to get to Jesus? Donkey-pulled cart, Lowered through roof, Pulled up stairs, Trumpets blaring
3. From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark?

Burned it, Built an altar, Performed a marriage, Hiked to mountains

4. What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers

5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? Jehoahaz, Jehoash, Jehu, Jehoram

6. Whose biblical name means "eagle"? Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam

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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



the same statements every time we visit: "You're working too hard. You're working too much. You need to go on a vacation or you will kill yourself. Why do you work so hard? Do you want to die?"

Each time we have this discussion I give him the same answer: "Dear friend, I am going to die. But I do not know when. So, I want to get as much done for the Lord as I possibly can. But I promise I will care for myself."

And then I remind him of Psalm 103:15-16: "As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more."

Our days may be few or they may be many. But one thing is for certain: We have fewer days to serve Him after today than we did yesterday. We must make each one count for our Lord.

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# Stickeler's Puzzle

**STICKELERS** [sic]  
 by Terry Stickels

What letter comes next?

P O I U Y T R ?

HINT: Think right to left.

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 12



by Dawn Reed  
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"I need to drive around the lake," I quietly informed my beloved.

"Uh, oh," he responded, "are you OK?"

"Yes. My brain just needs a break."

For many years, a drive around the lake here in Floyd County has been my tension reliever. A decade ago, during a difficult (non-family related) time, I drove it several times each week. Stopping at a favorite picnic area right on the water, I took a seat at the table, and prayed/cried out my anguish to my Heavenly Father.

The Lord was faithful, as always. It took years along with many tearful prayers at the lake, but He parted the Red Sea for me. It was more difficult than I could have imagined, but the victory was wonderfully sweet.

While I live in that valley no

# A Drive Around The Lake

longer, I remember it well. I prayed and had to wait for God to move.

A new crisis has come. I need answers; I need direction. And I know where to turn. After much prayer, the smartest thing I can do is to wait on God to answer-moving for me or directing me to move. Oh, that doesn't mean doing nothing. Actually, it's just the opposite. I'm inviting my Heavenly Father into the situation. I pour out my anguish aloud to Him and then step back, watching and listening.

While waiting on God's answer, I immerse myself in His Word every day. I pray and ask Him to speak. I listen to messages or podcasts by godly leaders, and praise and worship music (K-Love is my fave). I remember the valleys He has already brought me through, His faithfulness and goodness. I need to be still (hardest part!)... and wait.

In answer to my need to go around the lake today, my beloved said, "Well, I will take you." He grabbed his keys.

I had already read God's Word. I'd presented to Him the new crisis. I had sung, "Yes He Can" by Cain 'til my head hurt and might have even lifted my hands. I had thanked Him that He hears and would give me direction and an answer. I told myself continuously that He was able. I just couldn't shut up in my head! A drive around the lake would surely clear my

mind. When Jesus quieted the storm in Mark 4, He didn't whisper. The wind and the waves were making a big racket. He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves: "Quiet! Be still!"-with an exclamation point.

That's where I was that day. I needed to "Be still!"-with an exclamation point. I needed the storm in my brain and heart to be calmed with peace that only comes from the presence of Jesus.

In "Flooded", Nicki Koziarz mentions that the words "silent" and "listen" have the same letters. In essence, we can't hear if we're not quiet. She encouraged readers to set a timer for 10 minutes to sit in silence, being still and listening to God. I got halfway through. #workingonit

You may be like me: a work in progress. I DO trust the Lord. I KNOW what He can do. I REMEMBER all that He has done. But, if I am turning it over and over in my head, am I really turning it over to Him? I need to let go and let God take care of it and lead or shove me through it. To hear Him, though, I need to BE STILL at least for a few minutes.

Isaiah 40:31 reads, "Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength..." (KJV). PtL!

Today, they shall also go for a quiet ride around the lake. Jesus loved the lake, you know.

# The Importance of the Word of God

by **BOB CASEY, preacher**  
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The term "Word" is from Savar, meaning "a thing said." Then Logos stresses "the thought of mind" from the speaker. Then Rhema, "the expression." But, the choice, is often one of the "emphases" rather than the meaning.

Logos is used of Jesus as the Revelation of God in John 1:1. He is noted as supreme and definitive before he came into the world. In **John 1:14**, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." Before his coming, the Word was revealed through the Patriarchs (Genesis 15:1), also the lawgiver Moses (Exodus 4:30) and through the Prophets (Numbers 22:18). **Hebrews 4:12** says, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Then in Genesis 1-2, we see the Creative Word at work as with his "Word," God spoke this world into existence. The Word of God is sure, "settled in heaven," **Psalms 119:89** and is forever, and cannot be broken (John 10:35.) Also the Word of God is to be done as well as heard or talked about (James 1:22-25).

How sad, it seems, that the Bible, the Book of God is the most widely printed book in the world but the least studied than most others. Most have their own personal copy but hardly open it. So, its contents are hidden from them through their own choice. **Hebrews 2:1-3** says, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that

heard him." So, through the Word we clearly see that this Great Salvation, and the plans of it, are outlined through the Gospel which is the Word of our Lord who gave it unto us.

So, the power of God is unto Salvation to all those who will hear it, believe it, and obey it. Romans 2:16 says so!

So, in Acts 2, we can see The Word penetrating the hearts of many who had helped in the deaths of our Lord. Then, we can see that the Word has power to convince and to convict the sinner or "gainsayers." **Titus 1:14** Also, the Word of God reveals the day therein "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." **2 Corinthians 5:10** Then, in the same chapter, verse 11, the Word reveals that the Lord also had a day of terror from Heaven to be levied upon the unrepent-ed. See Romans 20:11-15

Then, in **John 12:48**, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." In **Philippians 2:15-16**, Paul instructs the Christians to remain "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; <sup>16</sup>Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ."

So today, all who attempt to teach or preach should take heed unto Paul's admonition to **2 Timothy 4:2-5**, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Closing, in **1 John 2:5**, it is written, "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him." I hope you are one of them.

P.S. -- Please visit with us the next Lord's Day.  
 Sincerely, Bob Casey



"Why, we'd love to go \_\_\_\_\_, Jill!"

# 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!

- Cause: UNICED
- Notice: GRADER
- Lift: AIRES
- Soften: ANEW

TODAY'S WORD

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