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2025 In Review



This year has been an incredible year of ministry. We have seen people come to the Lord, hearts changed, and the Kingdom advanced.

As many of you know I work with a church planting ministry in one of the last communist countries in the world. I have been teaching a seminar monthly on worship and how it develops discipleship in our lives both individually and corporately.

The week I was in the Caribbean was busy. I lead a conference on discipleship, worship and leadership, I spoke at several churches, and Sunday evening I spoke to over 40 pastors from about a dozen different denominations on marriage and family. My tablet quit working that evening and I "winged it." THE Holy Spirit moved mightily in our midst that evening and many pastors confessed their sins and asked for forgiveness.

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NEWS UPDATE



A week of couples counseling

Part of my time on this missions trip was counseling couples. I worked with engaged, newly married and middle-aged families. Again the Holy Spirit did great things in the lives of these families.



This trip I had the privilege to speak again to a church I had previously been. They welcomed me back with open arms. Once again the Spirit convicted, encouraged and restored people who were struggling with their faith.



A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Africa

For almost two years I had been talking with the president of an evangelical seminary in West Africa about teaching the theology of worship. The president was excited for me to come and had turned over the details to the provost of the seminary.

For an unknown reason the Provost decided they didn't want me to come. Even though there was no cost to the school, the trip would have been paid for by AFM.

With rare insight I told folks that God had different plans for his servant's time and ministry. Two days later he received an email inviting him to come to the Philippines and teach the same course.

I felt a bit like Paul when he had the Macedonian vision. "Come over and help us." I had just come back from another trip overseas where I had encountered problems with my visa. For the second time in as many visits I encountered a similar issue getting into the Philippines.

Ephesians warns us that that our battle is with spiritual forces who are trying to thwart God's

purpose and plan.

Both times the Holy Spirit moved mightily in power and lives were drastically changed. Not because of the teacher, but in spite of the speaker. An unforeseen benefit was I had time to spend writing and editing his book on worship.



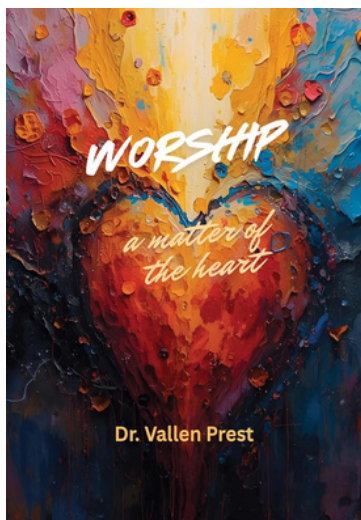
WORSHIP

a matter of the heart

We are excited to share with you the publication of Dr. Val's first book on worship

For over 40 years I have taught on worship. Many times I was asked if I could publish my teachings in a book.

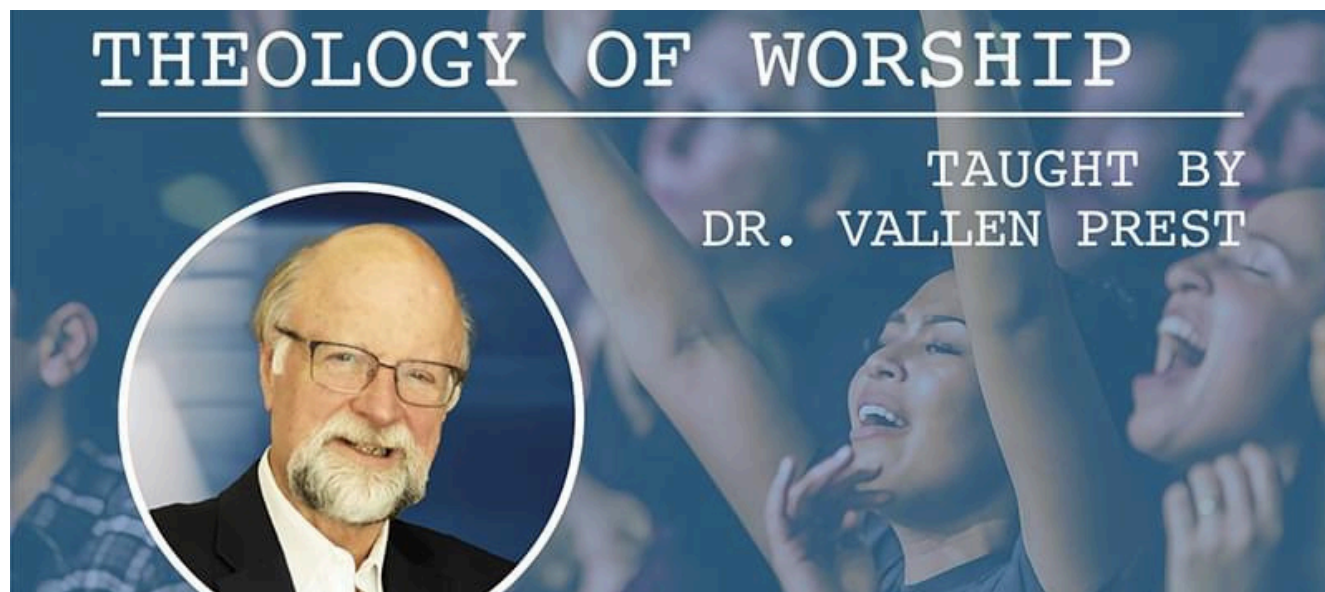
About a year ago Dr. Val was teaching at the Detroit Bible Institute, a couple of the students were pastors in India.



people have a specific way that they believe is the correct way to worship. Val thought that way at the beginning of his ministry.

One day a couple of friends asked if he had ever read the Bible asking the Holy Spirit to open his eyes to the truth of true worship. He did.

You are invited to read what Val learned from studying the Bible and not man's opinion.



Brother Naveen asked if the class notes could be turned into a book because he wanted to translate the book into Telugu, one of the major languages of India. Brother Naveen is one of the leaders of Christ Evangelical Ministries in Andhra Pradesh.

Dr Val taught pastors and missionaries there for a about six years of years.

Brother Naveen's request was the kindling of the fire to set aside another book on worship that a publisher had been interested in. And prompted him to finish this book for publishing.

How should we worship? This is the question that is often debated generation after generation. Usually, godly

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Stay tuned for future books in the matter of the heart series.

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This year we again provided Bibles for people in the Latin Caribbean, as well as a church in Kenya, and a evangelical ministry in India. This work is extremely important and your efforts have been used to reach many people for the Lord.

I had the opportunity to help

handout over 300 Bibles to pastors and missionaries for distribution to their congregations and to new converts. When the average monthly salary is the equivalent to \$20.00 US it is no wonder that many believers (including pastors) do not own a Bible.

WATCHSTANDER

The watchstander is a nautical term and usually refers to the Chief Officer (or First Mate) who stands in for the captain of the ship. He has three fundamental duties: navigate the ship, safely avoid traffic, and respond to any emergencies that may arise. As one of God's watchmen my responsibilities include navigating the followers of Christ through the seas of post modernity, avoid any kind of traffic that will take us off our course or cause us to flounder and to be there to address any emergencies that might arise during our journey. As a trained theologian, teacher, professor, and pastor I have observed society and addresses the many issues from a Biblical perspective.

