WOW: Word Of the Week

Unhesitatingly

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From the introduction to our book, "***Memories that are not written down are destined to be lost. Our story reminds us of who we are—or at least who we want to be! Special moments…always seeking to walk through God's open doors. We celebrate His goodness and guidance.***

"I Have a Word for You" – Unhesitatingly (from *Unhesitatingly*, pp. 3-4)

Unhesitatingly. Not a common word. The dictionary gives synonyms: immediately, willingly, confidently.

In the university, I taught a class entitled, "Introduction to Ministry." As part of getting to know the students and helping them develop self-awareness, I asked students to write spiritual autobiographies. To help them understand the assignment, I often shared bits and pieces of my journey in ministry and mission work.

It was the first week of the fall term. My "Introduction to Ministry" class met at 4:00 P.M. Jan had prepared a light snack and brought it to the classroom for the students. We liked sharing our story as a couple—for us ministry and mission work have been a shared endeavor.

As we shared our sample autobiography, class members enjoyed the snacks. Jan stayed around to help clean up after class was ended. As we were talking, getting acquainted with the students, one student, Lois, said to us, "I have a word for you. I have a word that describes your life and ministry."

"Tell us!" we replied.

Without hesitation, she answered: "Unhesitatingly. You have lived your life in ministry unhesitatingly. You have gone, you have served, where God called you—without looking back."

When Lois shared her word with us twenty years ago, Jan and I had a long history of shared ministry. I had been involved in ministry for forty years. But we adopted Lois's word as our own. We agree. Unhesitatingly describes how we have tried to serve in ministry and mission work. Unhesitatingly has become our word, and our prayer.

WOW! What about you? What about our churches? Our brothers and sisters in the Lord? Our mission work?

How do you live your Christian life? Do you see God's open doors? Do you answer quickly, willingly, confidently? An opportunity comes – fleeting, gone before you know it. The word goes unspoken—encouragement, affirmation, gratitude. The question goes unanswered—an inquiring heart goes away to inquire elsewhere. A receptive open heart goes unseen, or at least undeveloped, unanswered.

The "un" words pile up easily for me right now. "Un" is too often an apt description of our Christian lives. Unmoved, unchanged, uncommitted, unconvinced, uninvolved…

A bit self-serving, admittedly. Nonetheless, I encourage you. Get and read our book! God is calling you to live your life unhesitatingly!