

I AM.

My brother-in-law, also my best friend in this life, has an incredible story to tell. When he's ready to share it, I will read it eagerly! In the meantime, I'll write about the 2 words he came up with.

We were talking one day and I wondered aloud at what GOD's 2 words would be to describe the Bible?

"I AM" he said.

I simply replied "WOW."

I had never thought of it before, but I really think those just might be the 2 words that GOD would say. I guess I will have to wait and see!

GOD's names reveal His character to us. In the 1990's I bought a poster with many of the names of GOD in the Bible. It was called the I AM poster. (Pictured to the right) I worked at a local plumbing supply warehouse. The place where we filled the orders the walls had been covered from the work surface to the roof with pornography. The warehouse manager "Shorty" told me their policy.

And thou shalt
call his name Jesus,
Prince of Peace, Mighty God,
Wonderful Counselor, Holy One,
Lamb of God, Prince of Life,
Lord God Almighty,
Lion of the Tribe of Judah,
Root of David, Word of Life,
Author and Finisher of Our Faith,
Advocate, The Way, Dayspring,
Lord of All, I Am, Son of God,
Shepherd and Bishop of Souls,
Messiah, The Truth, Saviour,
Chief Cornerstone, King of Kings,
Righteous Judge, Light of the World,
Head of the Church, Morning Star,
Sun of Righteousness, Lord
Jesus Christ, Chief Shepherd,
Resurrection and Life,
Horn of Salvation, Governor,
The Alpha and Omega.

“If you don’t like them don’t look at them because they aren’t coming down. But you can put up whatever you want. Just be sure you use discretion.”

I talked to my Dad about the poster I planned to put up. He told me I shouldn’t rock the boat. He was just watching out for me. At the time I was 21 years old, had been married for 2 years. We were living in a 1 bedroom apartment with our 1 year old son.

“Shorty was probably trying to tell you not to start something that might get you in trouble. Like losing your job.”

So, unable to calm down my excitement, I bought the I AM poster that weekend. It's hard to describe how I felt. I had buried myself in the New Testament for a couple of years at this point. I basically woke up every day with the desire to share the good news of GOD's love with someone, anyone!

On Monday morning I asked if I could put it up.

“Hey Shorty! I got my poster and want to put it up. I'm going to have to remove some of the other pictures to do it though.”

“Don't take down too many!”

I stood on a pallet and they used a forklift to get me to the spot I chose. My concern for my safety was nonexistent compared to my desire to share my faith. I happily removed enough that the poster would not be touching any of the other images.

The very next delivery that day I received the shipment, unloaded it, and then signed the truck drivers manifest. He stood there for a moment looking at the walls and then he stopped when he got to the poster.

“What in the world is that poster up there with all these pictures?”

I offered a different perspective and asked him a question.

“What in the world are all those pictures up there with that poster? Let me tell you about it!”

That started so many conversations that ended with me getting to share the gospel. From that day forward I received as many deliveries as I could just to talk with the truck drivers about Jesus. And, I didn't lose my job!

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed –a righteousness that is by faith from first to

last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 1:16-17 NIV

If you have an opportunity to share your faith, **ask GOD to be with you**. Actually, you already have His answer ...

I AM.