



The Harvest

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Moving

*“... and the Ruach Elohim was hovering
over the water.”
~ Genesis 1:2 ~*

As we've been exploring, we see God's character revealed through His Word. Scripture gives descriptions of God – His actions and His words. As early as *Genesis 1*, we see the first descriptor of the Lord: He moves. This might seem like an odd observation. Of course, God moves! He created every living thing, so obviously He must move!

Why might it be significant that the first thing we see God do in Scripture is move?

Movement is characteristic of life. In the scientific community, we measure movement as a sign of life: the pumping of the heart, the coursing of blood through the body, electrical activity in the brain, etc. When these movements cease to exist, life no longer exists. It is significant, then, that everything in the first two verses of the Bible is still and quiet other than God Himself. He is the first One to move.

It's also interesting to note that, in this movement, God isn't actually accomplishing anything. He has not set out to create anything or achieve a purpose. He is moving just for the sake of moving. He is living for the sake of living. He is existing **with** a purpose – not **for** a purpose.

The next thing we see God do is create. He uses His words to make life in nature: in the water, in the air, on land, plants, animals, and humans. His words cause action. His movement creates movement. Unlike at the very beginning of *Genesis 1*, God is existing **for** a purpose. God is moving to create and bring life into that which was void.

Lastly, we see countless times that God moves on behalf of His people. When Israel fights a battle, the Lord promises to fight for them (*Joshua 5-7*), and He causes Jericho's walls to collapse. When His people wandered in the wilderness, He led them in a cloud and a pillar of fire (*Numbers 9:17*). When Paul and Silas are imprisoned, God breaks their shackles (*Acts 16:16-40*). God never stops moving on behalf of His people. God never stops putting in the work to show us that we are cared for, loved, and safe as He fights for us.

