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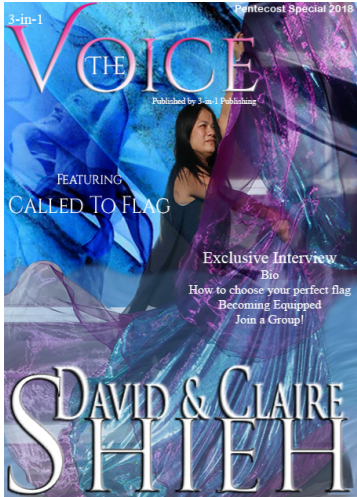
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CALLED TO FLAG


Looking at Prophetic Praise & Worship

Introduction

Welcome to our very special Pentecost edition of 3-in-1 The Voice. To help us celebrate this special time, we are delighted to introduce you to **CALLED TO FLAG**.

Husband and wife team, **David and Claire Shieh**, Co-founded Called to Flag in 2011, as a way to serve the Body of Christ, by building and equipping others in techniques and teachings of Praise & Worship flagging.

Flagging offers a unique way to communicate to Father God through the direction and power of the Holy Spirit. The flags and banners suddenly become an extension of the person's praise and worship, just as song is to a singer.

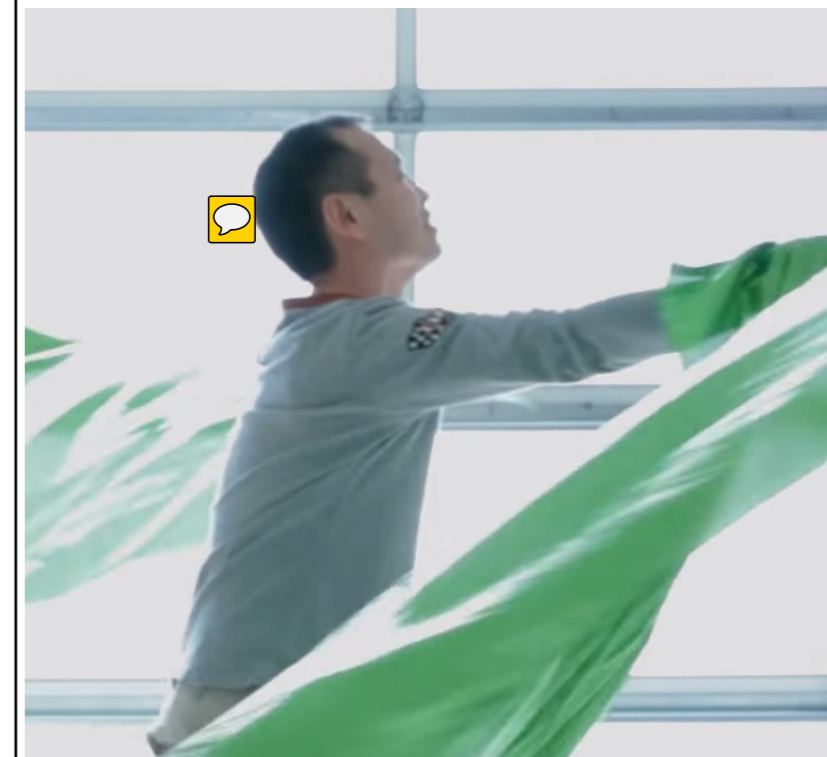
Combined with free dance moves, beautiful reflective materials, the individual is enabled to freely express, physically praise and worship from the **spiritual realm**. 

David and Claire share their story of how they were both called to flag in a powerful double testimony, and how you too can learn this beautiful and mysterious way to worship God...

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Pictured above:
DAVID & CLAIRE SHIEH - Co-founders of CALLED TO FLAG
www.calledtoflag.com
Below: David Prophetic Flagging.





Claire - The Flag Maker

In 2011, Claire was prophesied over that God was going to revive to her her rich spiritual inheritance, which came through her blood line. At that time Claire was the first and only believer in her family. She asked God how can she, with such a weak family history, have any inheritance to do with kingdom inheritance? A few months later, she attended a PIH (Partners In Harvest) West Coast Women's Retreat. There were over 100 women in the conference, and she had donated a set of flags for a draw. Before the number was drawn out, the Holy Spirit spoke to her, that she was going to win her donated flags back. She said to the Holy Spirit... "NO! that will be embarrassing!" As the host announced the winning person... Claire won her own flags back!

Soon a prayer group in Abbotsford, Claire's town, heard about Claire donating and then winning back her own set of flags. A leader in this group told David, her husband, there is a deeper meaning in this about Claire winning her own flags back, but the leader could not explain what it was.

A few weeks later, the Holy Spirit spoke to Claire and asked her to go and research her family name. At that time she only knew that her family name meant "give." She felt an urgency, though, to do what she had been asked to do. Soon the first message popped up about her family name. "Shih施" in ancient Chinese character was a graphic of "the tribe of the flag." They were a tribe known as "flag warriors."

As she researched more, she found that 3600 years ago there was a Xia dynasty. When Xia perished, the royalty had to hide, escape and change their family name. That was the beginning of the family "Shih施". Again, in one of China's first history book's, there was a first mention about the family "施", and it translated "this family "施" are royal flag makers."

Soon, she found out that in the Xia Dynasty the royalty only worshiped One God. She realized that was the same God that she worshiped now. God spoke to her about how He honored and still remembered the faithfulness of her ancestors and blood-line to Him. He asked her if she wanted to take her flags back. In that moment she felt overwhelmed by God's love for her and her family. For the ten years before, she had felt little and small compared to David her husband who was a fourth generational believer, but that was now gone! All the puzzle pieces were fitting to together; why she had been attracted to and picked up flags with ease, why she loved the colors of the flags, why she prayed and flagged the way she did, our what the prophesy had been talking about with her spiritual inheritance, and finally winning her flags back in the draw! This was her royal family and spiritual inheritance!

As humans, we forget. We don't really know exactly what our grandparents did, BUT GOD remembers the faithfulness of our ancestors from 3,600 years ago and He is faithful.

Interview

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DAVID & CLAIRE SHIEH

Q1. Hi David and Claire. Thank you so much for taking part in this interview. Firstly, how did you come to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

Claire is from Tainan, Taiwan. She grew up in a family that worshipped false gods. Her father is a taoist temple leader in her hometown. In 1997, her family sent her to learn English in America in Brownwood, TX, and then she was able to study computer graphic design in San Francisco, CA. During the time in San Francisco, she was invited to visit a friend's family in Paradise, CA for Thanksgiving 2001. This family invited her to go to church with them. Out of the respect to the hosting family, she attended the church with the family, but set a strong wall in her heart to protect her family belief. Sitting at the back of the church during the worship time, she couldn't understand much of what they were singing about because the vocabularies used in worship were unfamiliar to her. While worship was happening, she watched the people dancing and fully expressing their hearts in movement. Holy Spirit encountered Claire in a very powerful way; even to this day, she can't fully explain what happened, aside from "It felt like a thousand emotions crashing into each other. I felt like I was able to know Holy Spirit, and was connecting with His care, mercy, kindness, love, compassion, etc. Yet, at the same moment, she felt very unworthy of being seen by Him, as He saw every part of me." Then the wall she set inside of her heart start to crashing down as she watch the dancers dance. She tried to compose herself together, as it was an unfamiliar place, but the feeling was so great to the degree that she couldn't restrain from the emotions: she burst out crying like a little baby in need - it was hard to catch her own breath. Claire's friend's brother noticed what she was experiencing, and she remembers him yelling "It's Holy Spirit, it's Holy Spirit, it's Holy Spirit!" Claire didn't know "What is Holy Spirit?" Approximately after Thanksgiving Break, Claire returned to San Francisco. This encounter changed her; she would ask everyone she met if they already know God. If the answer was yes, she would ask them to tell her stories about God. Claire's lifestyle changed to a cheerful and joyful lifestyle - she would laugh for no apparent reason, and would have to excuse herself from situations to avoid interrupting people. She was told that new believers feel that way, and it might eventually wear off; to this day, the Holy Spirit never left her after the encounter. **Many**

months later she was baptized and then met David.



David was brought up in a Christian family but he never really came into his own faith until God radically met him at the end of himself in 2001. He was instantly transformed from the "ultimate black sheep of the

He was instantly transformed from the "ultimate black sheep of the family," to a radically-in-love-with-God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit. Growing up, there was always a present feeling in the back of his heart that God was real, but he never really followed the way of Christians. He thought Christians were weird & hypocritical, so from a very early age he turned his heart away from "religion." He grew up isolated and bullied, being a 1 of 3 asians in a school of caucasians. He turned inwards, never able to voice his opinions or connect with opportunities. He turned to secular music, and found peace there; it was as if someone was always comforting him when he listened to these songs that had been created around the world. He now knows it was Holy Spirit who was keeping his heart soft to Father God. As a young adult, David became rebellious and a major party man, going to clubs, looking to alcohol and women to fill his void. At this point in his life he felt that there was no hope, and that the world was going to end, so we might as well party until it ends. In 2001 Papa God was wooing his heart



back to Him. David was living with a girl, when suddenly he felt he had to "Get right with God." He presented his feelings to his girlfriend, and she said she had no interest. He broke up with her on the spot. He also knew that he must visit his parents, who were at the time, interns at a church in San Francisco, and apologize to them for how he had treated them disrespectfully in rebellion for many years. He also knew he had to sever connections to his life of rebellion, which included immediately resigning from his employment position. A few weeks later, the night before leaving to San Francisco, he was feeling highly depressed in his own major pity-party. "Why did I break up with the girl I 'thought' I was going to marry; why did I jump into the the unknown with no job and no idea what the future would hold?" He cried until he could not cry anymore because he wanted to simply be loved. In an instant between cries, Father God broke through his thoughts and whispered to him, "Now you know how I feel about you." Instantly, and without a shadow of a doubt, David knew that God was real. He went on his trip to San Francisco to make amends with his parents. This is where he met Claire, at the church his parents interned at.

Q1b How did you come up with the name Called to Flag?

Claire started flagging in 2009. In 2010 she spent 6 months taking flagging lessons from a flagging teacher at a local church, in Abbotsford, BC, Canada. She fell in love with worship using flags. While Claire loved her teachers, she was never fully satisfied with the teaching about worship flags. She felt that there was more locked inside the activity than the bare knowledge she was receiving. This led her to pursue research Online; she couldn't find much definition or originality in the teachings she was seeing. There was a lot of the same stuff in very similar styles, with different experiences. How was anybody supposed to get revelation about what God thinks about worship if all the theology presented was copy-cut-pasted from inaccurate sources? Where did the origins of worship flagging even originate from, if the Bible didn't even talk about flag-worship? Often Claire would be asking God is there was anything He wanted to show her about worship flagging, because the amount of 'spiritual junk food' that had been publicized simply wasn't what she was looking for, and it didn't match with her spirit. One day, in 2013, David woke up from his sleep, and he heard God say to him, "Promote, promote, promote flagging." So he asked God what he would do to promote flagging. Right away, he knew he needed to make a video of himself flagging! After this, he asked Claire to make a video as well. Both videos were posted on their personal Facebook Profiles and, for the first time, many people saw their style of worship. So many people asked them where they got their flags, who made them, and what they meant. Because Claire made her own flags, people began inquiring about purchasing flags from her. At the time, she didn't make flags for sale.

David and Claire came to the point where, amidst all the inquiries, social media, they simply put their energies into hearing what God is saying about flagging, their career, calling, ministry, business, lifestyle, church commitments... life went through a few changes when they asked themselves "What if we are actually 'Called to Flag'?" As the words came out of their mouth, "Called to Flag" became the brand name that you see today, through a couple laughing and enjoying the Presence of God. Both of them felt the season of their life shifting into a brand new gear.

Here is where they told God "If you have called us into this ministry, you need to supply us with a message. We don't want other people's stuff, or irrelevant topics and messages. What are you doing that is alive and relevant today?" For the first two years, they went through this 'gearshift' knowing they were called to flag, so they produced flagging videos with no message. They never tried to set up a ministry, or a business for that matter. Flagging just dropped on their lap. After many stories and events of how God intervened to set up His business in them, 2 years of producing videos finally was partnered with the message that they feel God released to them. As they often will say, "We don't want people to see us as "flaggers." We want

people to see us as a son and a daughter. Through our art, we will release sonship, identity in Christ, and revival through God's glory all over the earth."

Q2. Using flags and banners is a very unique form of Praise and Worship. They used to be carried by various armies going into battle. Do you consider this a form of battle-cry or something else?

We consider flagging as an expression of worship. It can also mean a form of battle cry in certain situations but this is never our main focus or teaching. There are so many ways that a flag can be used by a flagger; whether it be praise, worship, intercession, prophetic, declaratory, prayerfully, etc. In one song we can step into all these aspects. In an audience setting, the viewer can interpret flagging as well. In all that we express with our flags, we point the way to our Father. Just like Jesus, we want to live out of a place of doing what we see Father doing.



There's a lot of interesting teachings on the Internet about the "warring" powers of a flag. To us, this is a scary thought as some people have put so much meaning into their flags & movements that it has become an idol to them. For example, if a flag is named "His Kingdom Come," a flag user with wrong teaching would actually think that because she is using those flags, that His Kingdom will come, only if those flags are waved. Or if a flag is named "His Presence," and someone fails/forgets to wave them, then His Presence will not come. You can see how this teaching can get a little bit goofy, especially when out of context verses are tossed into the mix. We have a few funny videos on our website which help explain our ourselves, as well as a Q&A page that will shed little more light into our thoughts.

Q3. Can anyone learn to Praise and Worship in this way?

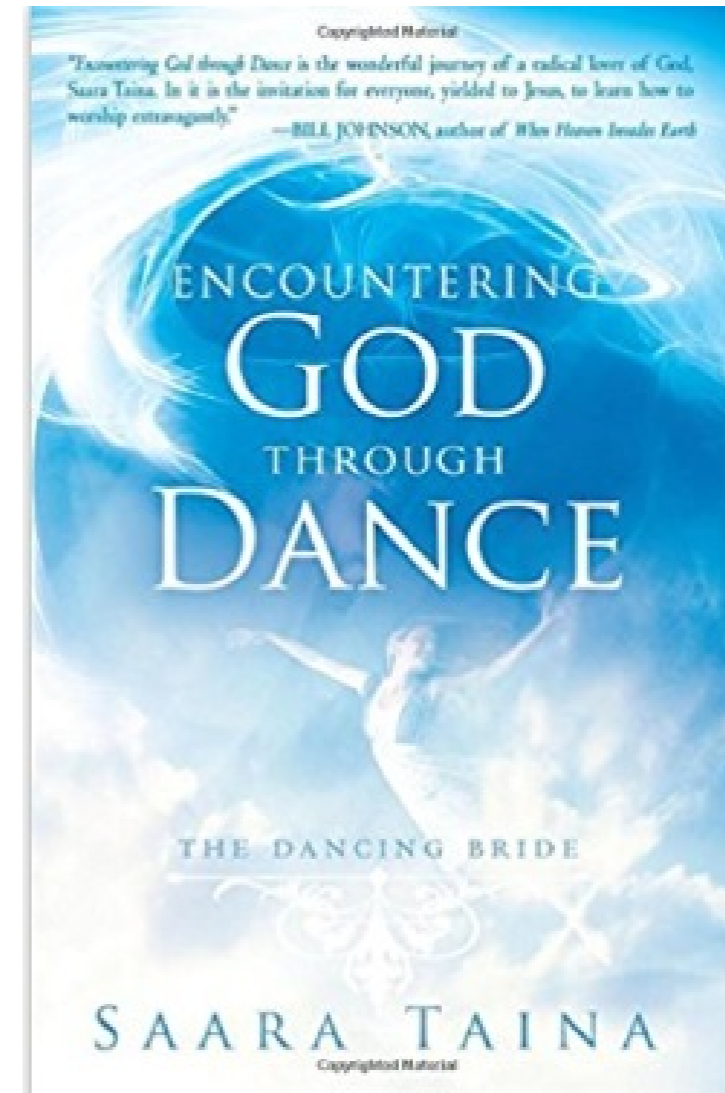
Anyone can learn. We like to encourage people to learn, and we've provided free video teachings to get you started on how to flag, including some simple steps to get your arms moving.

Q4. For someone starting off who feels led to flag, what advice would you give them?

1. Get some flags
2. Find a time/place to worship
3. Practice Practice Practice (No dynamic of flagging is more important than another: Athletic growth, Crafting skills, Hosting the Presence of God...)
4. Do it with other people (We love to do this with other creative people, who want to participate, but can't necessarily dance)

Q5. Your flags are magnificent – how important is it for someone worshipping to use the 'right' flag. Is it the color, texture or flexibility of material that matters most?

Thank you. We make high quality premium flags that flow very well. We're developing and pioneering new technologies to help make this happen. Before wood was the only choice, but many people have found them heavy, cumbersome, and simply dangerous to use when in close contact with people. What set us apart was the development of a flexible rod that is light, strong, easy on the wrists, and flows very well. Now, we are leading the industry, and most flag makers are now imitating and adopting our style of rod. This in turn has helped gain more acceptance of flags in more 'traditional' churches. In terms of using the "right" flag, I would say that having a well made flag helps the overall enjoyment of worship. In terms of the "right" flag for worship, any flag is a good flag to use during worship, in our opinion. The characteristics have nothing to do with how you're worshipping... unless they do. We believe the Holy Spirit can move through the simplest of dances. God looks at your heart when worshipping Him - not what's in your hands. If a certain color means something to you, that's great! Color meanings are suggestive. To one person it can mean one thing & to another it can mean something completely different.



Above & below: Considered the best 'Flagging' book to date - David & Claire recommend anyone considering 'flagging' should read this book ['ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH DANCE: The Dancing Bride'](#) by [SAARA TAINA](#). Also available by Saara is [DANCE PASTOR](#). References to book by kind permission of the author.



Q6. Is there a spiritual connection to the flag?

It's more about your heart... I would connect with my Father God on a spiritual level before we connect with a set of flags. The flags in and of themselves are nothing but instruments; no different than a guitar. Often we'll use the worship to open access to the heart of a person, so they can hear from God for themselves. This process also works for ourselves too.

Q7. So, I'm just starting off, I have my banner, I'm all ready to go, but I don't know how to use it. What is the first thing I need to do?

The first thing we recommend you learn to do is watch lots of our worship flagging videos on our website, Facebook Page, and Youtube Channel to get inspired. Once you get your flags simply start using them. The easiest move would be simply waving the flags back and forth to get the feel of your flags. Then start trying other moves. You can also ask Holy Spirit to teach you, and I guarantee you that He will. Now practice practice practice. Lots of the best moves you learn will be mistakes, where you stumble into your own style. Most importantly...Have fun!

Q8. For someone starting off who is self-conscious perhaps about publicly showing off their gift at first, can they have 'online' lessons? Where would they go?

Our free teachings on our website are a multi-purpose video series. You can learn, or worship, using our videos. Claire does most of the worship videos, and the teachings are done by many of us. We also have practice at our church every Tuesday night where you can come & practice in a safe & fun environment. We also stream our practices on Facebook every other Tuesday. These are available to view on Facebook and Youtube. We have many 'students' from all over the world.

Q9. Do you flag mostly as individuals or in a group?

We enjoy both personal and corporate worship flagging. We flag together: In our Sunday church setting, usually there's not much space, so we take turns giving what we have, and then another person will get a chance.

We have done some ministry/prayer flagging sessions, where we will all flag and pray over one person. We find playing a follow-the-leader style is cool in group settings, and a great way to learn to flow as a team.

We also enjoy flagging by ourselves. This seems to be the most intimate time with Father God as no one else is around. and you have can give your full attention.

Q10. How do you choose what music to use?

For our videos online we typically feel a certain tug in our heart and then start listening to the song more and try to understand why it speaks to us. We try to feel what the writer is conveying. We also try to hear what God wants to say with the video that we are going to make. We then try to dance out the message in the song and partner with Holy Spirit in touching the life of the viewer. Hopefully it works :)

Q11. There is so much in flagging. There is dance, movement, music, interpretation, artistry and then there is the movement of the flag. Do you consider the flag as an extension of you – spiritually, physically or both?

We would consider the flags an extension of us. We feel like we are painting a story about our relationship with God that others can visually see. We are pointing the way to the Father & inviting others to go in deeper with Him.

Q12. You receive orders from all over the world. When you make a custom-made flag what is the process? How do you choose the material? Colors? Effect?

There's a lot of processes happening behind the scenes action after a flag is ordered, which you'd never see. Things like sourcing fabric from all over the world, innovating basic supplies and tools, establishing methods for efficient production & shipping... Lots of different things.

The biggest part of our process are the employees that work for us. We believe each one of them is important, and we invest our time and energy into them. When you're ordering a set of flags, you're ordering the expertise that each person has built into their life/work, and you're seeing it in the product that you're receiving. We always recommend Liquid Metal Series flags to first-time flaggers, as it will ignite the beginner stages, and will carry you through to advanced levels of flagging.

Q13. What other advice would you give someone who wants to join a group or start one in their church?

Joining a group would be beneficial and fun. If you are thinking of starting a group please approach your leadership team and ask for permission first. If yes, then great! You'll want to set up some guidelines so everyone can be safe. It would be a good idea to discuss some of the following: community building of flaggers, proper attire, do's-and-don'ts of flag use, storage, dedicated space for flagging, practice times, etc. If your leadership team says no, be patient. Maybe get to know the leadership team more & build relationship with them. Sometimes you might have to navigate some tough issues from the past experiences. Just be yourself, and a door will open up.

David's Story

David started flagging in public in 2012 while he was on a missions trip to Port Hardy. He yearned to be free in praising God & was determined on this trip not to come home the same way he left. He has been wanting to flag in public ever since he started watching his wife flag in 2009 but he didn't have the courage to. He did, however, start flagging at home by himself when no one was around & quickly found that he too had some kind of connection to flags.

So, on this missions trip, during a worship night David felt the prompting of God telling him that now was the time to pick up the flags. God has prompted him before many times in past worship times at his home church but he had always shied away but this time the Holy Spirit empowered him & the rest is history. David has a desire to see the younger generation pick up their flags & worship their King.



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