

Myrrh

The Meaning Behind the Name

Formerly known as *The Murks*, the group says God specifically directed them to change their name to Myrrh in the spring of 2002. God awakened Bill, and impressed on his heart that we needed to change the name of our group from *The Murks* to *Myrrh*. Amazingly enough, when Bill told the rest of the family about the idea, they loved it! They didn't want to rush into anything though, so they decided to seek godly counsel, and to commit it to prayer.

"It's not a very smart move to change your name after 20 years in ministry," says Bill. "But I just knew that God had spoken to me, and when we went to scripture to find out more about Myrrh, we were astounded. The scriptural uses for Myrrh went hand in hand with the theme of our ministry! Here are just a few of the things we found:

Myrrh is an oil to be used as a balm for healing (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Myrrh is used to anoint someone for service to the King (Esther 2:12)

When burned as incense, myrrh is a symbol of prayers rising to heaven. Liquid myrrh was used in the making of the holy anointing oil for the anointing of the priests and the articles of the tabernacle.

"...It will be the sacred anointing oil. Then use it to anoint the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony". Exodus 30:25,26

"All your robes are fragrant with myrrh...the music of the strings makes you glad". Psalms 45:8

"Something else that a pastor friend pointed out to us is that Myrrh comes from a nut, found only in the desert. And in order to release the sweet smelling fragrance, the nut must be broken and burned. God has brought us through a season of difficulty and hardship. We have been through the fire, but have come out on the other side, filled with the fragrance of the knowledge of him (II Cor. 2:14-15). Myrrh was also used to prepare Queen Esther for the king. And as one of our prayer partners put it, 'I was listening to your music, I just felt bathed in sweet smelling oil.'"

Myrrh's ministry is much more than just musical entertainment. Together, Myrrh has performed in all fifty states and over twenty-five foreign countries. Their music receives airplay on six continents, and in Uganda alone over five million people hear their music every day. "From the beginning of our ministry, our commitment to musical excellence has not wavered, but our calling is to truly minister through testimony and music." Myrrh