

**Ephesians 4 NIV | For Two Voices**  
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TAM23 scripture presentation for two voices.

*Standing facing the audience, widely spaced apart.*

ONE                    Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

TWO                    Be completely humble,

ONE                    and gentle,

TWO                    be patient,

ONE                    bearing with one another-

ALL                    -in love.

ONE                    Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the

ALL                    -bond of peace.

TWO                    *(Walking forward)* You see, there is one body,

ONE                    *(Walking forward)* and one Spirit,

TWO                    just as you were called to *one hope*.

*Plant selves, now a bit downstage.*

ONE                    One Lord.

TWO                    One faith.

ALL                    One God-

TWO                    -and Father of all,

ONE                    -who is over all,

TWO                    -and through all,

ONE                    -and in all.

TWO But to each one of us-

ALL -*grace* has been given as Christ apportioned it. (*movement on 'grace'*)

ONE This is why it says: (*Gestures as though reading the Bible*)

TWO (*Performed with gusto/large arm gestures*) “When he ascended on high he took many captives, and gave gifts to his people.”

ONE (*more natural*) What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?

TWO He who *descended* (*both reaching down*) is the very one who *ascended* (*both reaching up*)

ALL (*looking to the heavens*) -higher than all the heavens in order to fill the whole universe. (*staggering backwards with the vastness of space*)

*Shift in tone. Faster, facing frong.*

ONE So Christ himself gave the apostles,

TWO the prophets,

ONE the evangelists,

TWO the pastors and teachers,

ONE -to equip his people for-

ALL -works of service, (*low to the ground pose indicating 'service' – freeze for TWO to say...*)

TWO -so that the body of Christ may be-

ALL BUILT UP (*on each word, make the frozen pose higher – freeze for ONE to say...*)

ONE -until we all reach-

ALL (*stand neutrally*) -unity in the faith-

TWO -and become mature,

ONE -attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

TWO                   Then we will no longer be infants,

ONE                   -tossed back and forth by the waves,  
*(All lean back on 'back' and all lean forward on 'forth')*

TWO                   -and blown here and there by every wind of teaching,  
*(All lean right on 'here' and left on 'there'.)*

ONE                   *(Noticing scheming gossipers off stage)*  
 -and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

ALL                   *(All point a finger up, like an idea has interrupted)* Instead-

*Through the next beat, create a pillar of fists building on top of one another)*

TWO                   Speak the truth in love.  
*(TWO places one fist out as the base.)*

ONE                   We will grow to become, *(adds fist to pillar)*

TWO                   -in every respect- *(TWO adds fist)*

ONE                   -the mature body of him who is-

TWO                   -the head, that is, *(ONE adds fist)*

ALL                   Christ.

*Over the next beat, choreograph a dramatic deconstructing of the pillar and reconstructing of the physical body of ONE in its place.*

ONE                   From Him the whole body, *(Adding to the body.)*

TWO                   -joined and held together by every supporting ligament,  
*(Adding to the body.)*

ONE                   -grows and builds itself up- *(Adding to the body.)*

ALL                   -in love –

ONE                   -as each part does its work.

*Beat. Release.*

ONE                   So I tell you this, *(walking forward)*

TWO -and insist on it in the Lord, (*walking forward*)

ALL -that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do,  
(*facing away from each other, backing into each other profile to audience*)

TWO -in the futility of their thinking.

ONE They are darkened in their understanding,

TWO -and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in  
them-

ONE -due to the hardening of their hearts.

TWO Having lost all sensitivity,

ONE -they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every  
kind of impurity,

ALL -and they are full of greed.

ONE That, (*draws attention with pointed finger up on 'that'.*)

ALL -however- (*TWO does point finger up on 'however'*)

ONE -is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ-

ALL -and were taught in him- (*facing front*)

TWO -in accordance with the truth that is-

ALL -in Jesus.

ONE You were taught, with regard to your former way of life,

TWO to put off your old self,

ONE -which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

TWO To be made new in the attitude of your minds;

ONE and to put on the- (*gesture as putting on a coat*)

ALL New Self. Created to be like God- (*gesture up*)

ONE -in true righteousness and holiness.

TWO                   Therefore each of you must put off falsehood,

ONE                   -and speak truthfully to your neighbor,  
*(shakes hands with TWO) -for we are all members of (speaking to fellow actors)*

ALL                   -one body.

TWO                   So, “In your anger do not sin”

ONE                   Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

TWO                   -and do not give the devil a foothold.

*TWO sneaks a candy out of ONE’s pocket, but they get caught...*

ONE                   *(to two)* Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, so that they may have something to *share* with those in need.

*ONE gives TWO a candy.*

TWO                   *(To audience)* Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, *(looks back to ONE who’s yelling at an invisible person off stage)-* that it may benefit those who listen. *(ONE joins TWO facing front, a change of heart)*. Get rid of all bitterness,

ONE                   rage,

TWO                   anger,

ONE                   brawling,

TWO                   and slander,

ONE                   along with every form of malice.

ALL                   Be kind and compassionate to one another,

ONE                   forgiving each other,

ALL                   -just as Christ God forgave you.

*End*