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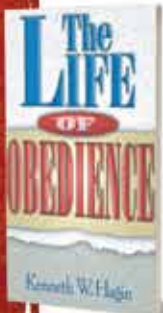
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When I face difficulties, I often think of Habakkuk 3:19 (NIV), *“The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.”*

Jesus said that we are *in* the world but not *of* the world. So don’t let troubles get you down! You can go right over the top of them as you rejoice in God!

God can make your feet like that of a deer. In other words, circumstances won’t hem you in. You can leap over problems. And you won’t run in your strength. God will enable you to run the race that is before you. As you yield to Him, He will cause you to step into blessings that you have never imagined.

However, you won’t walk in those blessings if you allow tests, trials, and circumstances to confine you. If you wring your hands in worry and doubt, your feet will not be like those of the deer, able to go to the high places.

When circumstances change for the worse, you can rejoice in the Lord, knowing that His Word has enough power in it to turn your situation around and raise you up. And as you thank and praise God and take hold of His strength, you will hurdle over the obstacles and land right in the middle of the blessings of God!

We’ve put together a great magazine that will help you to live victoriously. We want you to leap over every trial and live an abundant life. Be sure to share this magazine with someone who needs encouragement.

Merry Christmas from our family to yours! I pray you will experience God’s peace, joy, and love as never before.

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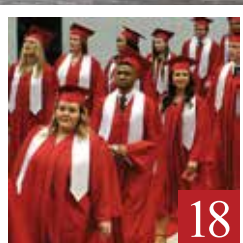
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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

FOR MOST PEOPLE, the month of December is filled with many festive activities. It is a time for attending parties and other special events as well as visiting family and friends. If your calendar looks like mine, you may be wondering if you will have enough time and energy to accomplish all the tasks you need to get done.

When my grandchildren were little, one of my tasks was shopping for toys! Each December, they would give me a list of what they wanted to receive for Christmas. Over the course of the month, they would continually add to their wish list when they saw new toys advertised. They were confident that the gifts they had requested would be under my Christmas tree. The thought of not receiving what they asked for never entered their mind.

As a loving grandparent, I searched endlessly to find each of their desires. If we, as parents and grandparents, want to give to our family, how much more does our Heavenly Father delight in giving to His children! Jesus reassured us of our Heavenly Father's love when He said, "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him" (Matt. 7:11 NIV). Not only will God give gifts to us when we ask,



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but He also gave us His *best* gift—the Lord Jesus Christ—even before we asked!

When Adam messed up, God made a way to redeem mankind by giving His only Son, Jesus. How could we ever doubt God's love for us? It's hard to imagine loving someone so much that we would sacrifice our only child to save that person's life. But God did exactly that.

In the busyness of the Christmas season, let us not forget the reason we celebrate the birth of our Savior and Redeemer. May we not get so

involved in all the festivities that we fail to honor the birthday of our Lord.

It concerns me to see so many Christians focused solely on receiving God's blessings and failing to remember the mission He gave us. Matthew 5:14–16 (NKJV) says, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

I am so stirred in my spirit of how vitally important it is for us to focus on witnessing to those around us. Statistics show that

Christmastime is when feelings of stress, anxiety, disappointment, isolation, and loneliness intensify. It is a time when those without families yearn for the fellowship of a loved one. And for those who have lost loved ones, that loss can become more painful as we remember the good times we shared with them.

There are many hurting people in the world, and Jesus is their answer. It is up to us to present a Savior to them. God cannot do anything on this earth except through the voices of His children. I challenge you to accept the mission our Heavenly Father gave us. Make it not only the primary focus of your Christmas activities but also a priority in your everyday life.

LET'S PRAY FOR
OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A
witness AND A *blessing*.

I remember one time when I witnessed to someone who unexpectedly crossed my path. I could have missed the opportunity had I not been willing to take time in the midst of a quick lunch and busy schedule to become a listening ear.

I want to encourage you to get involved in giving to someone in need. Find a needy family and adopt them as your Christmas project. Include your children by having them use their money to buy gifts for those who are less fortunate.

Over the years, we have blessed families during the holiday season. It is so rewarding to see how grateful they are to be remembered at Christmas. I'm reminded of the scripture in Acts 20:35 that says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is truly gratifying to see a broad smile on the face of a child who has experienced lack.

FAITH IN ACTION

The Light of the World

One of my favorite Rhema Bible Church events is the *Carols, Candlelight & Communion* Christmas Eve service. I love when the auditorium lights are dimmed, and the only light that remains comes from our glowing candles. It is such a vivid reminder of why Jesus was born. He came to this world as a gift from God to be the Light of the World for us. That was His mission—and it should be ours too. After all, what better gift to give than Jesus? And the gift of eternal life is something we can share any time of the year.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for bringing me out of darkness and into Your Light. I'm sorry for getting caught up in the busyness of life and losing focus on why You came to this earth. I ask that You bring opportunities my way. I want to be a witness and an instrument for presenting You to the lost and hurting people in my world.

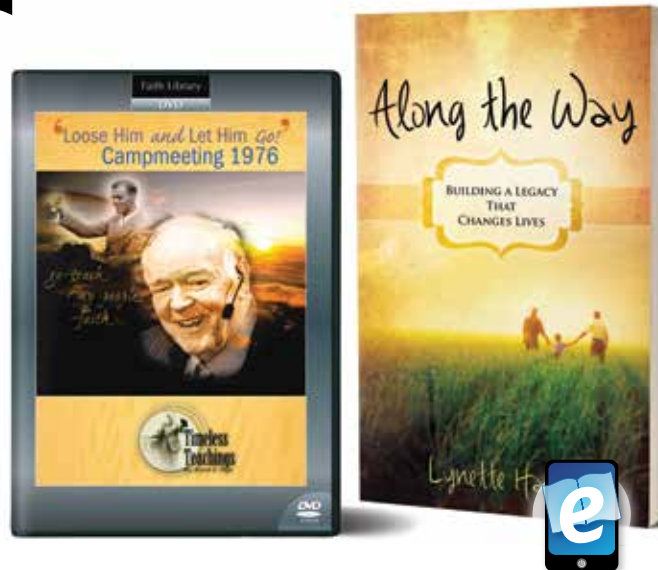
Let's pray for opportunities to be a witness and a blessing. And we must be sensitive when the Lord brings them our way. We can miss opportunities by being too busy to notice His signals.

This Christmas season and throughout the year, remember to focus on the important things. Concentrate on giving to those in need, and most of all, remember to be thankful for the Lord Jesus Christ. Never forget that you are a light to the world. Let your light burn so brightly that you become an instrument that presents Christ to those around you. ♥

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GOD IS A God of second chances. **HE IS THE MASTER OF TAKING SOMEONE'S MESS AND TURNING IT INTO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.** Paul is a good example of this. After his marriage fell apart, he walked away from God. He began hanging out with a backslidden friend, doing things that landed him in jail. Paul was lost and hurting, but God never gave up on him.

While in prison, Paul rededicated his life to Lord and enrolled in Rhema Correspondence Bible School. Although he is illiterate, he could supernaturally read the Bible and the books he received from RCBS. He devoured each lesson. The knowledge Paul gained from studying the Word and hearing the message of faith changed his outlook on life and gave him a future and a hope.

Today, Paul is a free man—both spiritually and naturally. He regularly ministers to the homeless and those who have been released from prison. “I remind them that we have all fallen short of the Lord, but through repentance and redemption we are forgiven,” he says.

Paul is grateful that RCBS helped him to become grounded in the Word, and as a result, his relationship with God has grown. “Not only did [RCBS] feed my spirit,” shares Paul, “it gave me something my ego needed—a Certificate of Accomplishment. **IT GAVE ME THE FEELING I COULD AMOUNT TO SOMETHING.** It has kept me afloat during some very tough times. [RCBS] was my island in a very stormy sea.”

Help Change a Life

You can help change an inmate's life. Rhema Correspondence Bible School's *Adopt an Inmate* gives

you the opportunity to adopt an inmate by underwriting the cost of 16 RCBS lessons. This includes three courses: Dynamics of Faith (5 lessons); Healing Truths

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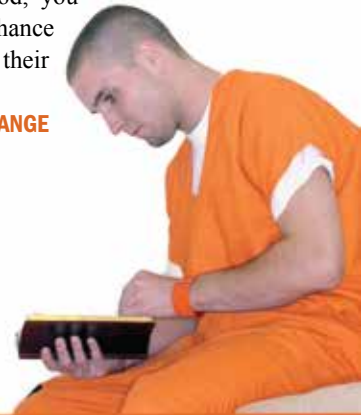
(7 lessons); and Life of Prayer (4 lessons). It only takes \$60 to get started. This covers the inmate's application fee and the first lesson. You also have the option to adopt an inmate through the entire course of 35 lessons! Consecutive lessons are \$35 each.

Currently, there are so many inmates on the RCBS scholarship waiting list that it takes approximately one year before an individual is selected. But you can change that. You can sponsor an inmate today!

Adopt an Inmate allows you to adopt someone you know, such as a relative or friend. Or you can adopt the next inmate on the list.

When you're helping an inmate learn the Bible and build a relationship with God, you are giving them a second chance at life—a chance to rewrite their future.

ARE YOU READY TO HELP CHANGE A LIFE? 📖



I don't know how to put this into words. I know that I feel so amazing on the inside. I used to not care. But for the first time, I want a life. The books and lessons I get from you, my readings, it all has showed me a new way. I'm even learning how to forgive. I want so much for the power of God to overflow in me. I will have that. God bless you! ”

—CAREY

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“I was in prison and you came to Me.”

—Matthew 25:36 (NKJV)





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Kindle the Flame 2019 is scheduled for September 26–28 on the Rhema USA campus.♥

WHO WE REALLY ARE

LYNETTE HAGIN

What image do you see when you look in a mirror? I'm not referring to your natural features, but who you are on the inside. If we're going to be all that God has called us to be, we have to look into the mirror of our life. We must take our masks off and see ourselves for who we really are.

MIRRORS DON'T HIDE ANYTHING; THEY SHOW EVERYTHING. The mirror of our life reveals our thoughts, actions, intents, and agendas. It's important that we can see what needs to be changed in our hearts.

In First Samuel chapter 16, God told Samuel to go to Jesse's house and anoint one of his sons to be king. Jesse bought his oldest son who was tall, handsome, and fit. Samuel thought, "Surely, this is the one!" *"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart' "* (1 Sam. 16:7 NLT). Seven of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel. Each time, God said no.

Jesse sent for his youngest son. When David arrived, the Lord said, *"This is the one; anoint him"* (1 Sam. 16:12 NLT). David was a man after God's heart (Acts 13:22). He was quick to do everything God asked.

CAN WE SAY WE ARE WOMEN AFTER GOD'S HEART?



THE UNEDITED YOU

DENISE HAGIN BURNS

WE EDIT OURSELVES CONSTANTLY. It's in our culture to put the best out there. While everyone on social media is #livingmybestlife, we compare our real life with their "best life." Then we feel bad about our lives and feel the pressure to edit.

WHEN WE EDIT OURSELVES, WE'RE NO LONGER WHO WE REALLY ARE. We hide our feelings and thoughts. We put on the smile. Here's the tension: the more we edit, the more isolated and lonely we become. No one knows who we really are.

Here's my challenge: #1) Walk back into your world and be unedited. **BE THE REAL YOU.** #2) **BEAR EACH OTHER'S BURDENS** (Gal. 6:2). Find out somebody else's story. Why? So we can **FULLFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST—LOVING OTHERS AS GOD LOVES US. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DO.**



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// JEN TRINGALE



“Sometimes when God shuts a door in our lives, we remember the beautiful song that played when the door was open. So we try to push it back open. But we must remember that **GOD’S PLANS ARE BIGGER THAN OUR OWN. WAIT FOR HIS PLAN TO HAPPEN, AND IT WILL.** If we don’t force it, it will be the authentic hand of God that opens the door.” // JILL DONOVAN



“The price to save families wasn’t casual. Redemption—Jesus’ blood—targets your ‘family photo’ and the cracks in it—the things that don’t remind anybody of God. His blood paid for families to be restored, but it must be applied to have its effect. **HE NEEDS YOU TO GO IN YOUR PRAYER CLOSET, CLOSE THE DOOR, AND APPLY THE BLOOD LIKE A HOLY ANTIBIOTIC TO THE DYSFUNCTIONAL DISEASE IN YOUR FAMILY.”** // PATSY CAMENETI



“To be the woman of God you are supposed to be and not an emotional mess, you must look into the mirror of the Word every day. **YOU HAVE TO GET CONTROL OF YOUR SOUL SO NOTHING ELSE CONTROLS YOU.** The issues that flow out of you directly result from what you are feeding on. **THAT’S WHY IT’S VITALLY IMPORTANT TO RENEW YOUR MIND CONSTANTLY.”**
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YEARS AGO I broke my leg while riding my dirt bike. My dad told me, “Son, if I could take your place, I would.” He didn’t like seeing me in pain. If you are a parent or grandparent, you know it hurts to watch your child or grandchild suffer. **YOU’LL DO ANYTHING YOU CAN TO REMOVE THE SUFFERING.**

Think about this as we look at Jairus in Luke chapter 8. His daughter was dying, and he came to Jesus for help. Imagine how excited Jairus was when Jesus said He would come to his home! Scripture records, “*As [Jesus] went, the multitudes thronged Him*” (Luke 8:42 NKJV).

That’s when the woman with a blood disease touched the hem of Jesus’ garment and was healed. Jairus just witnessed a great miracle and then received the worst news: “*Your daughter is dead*” (v. 49 NKJV). He went from elation to loss. We can imagine how he felt. Jesus heard what was said and responded, “*Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well*” (v. 50 NKJV).

Maybe we’re not in situations where someone is dying, but how many of us are trusting God, and it seems like everybody else is getting their needs met? Instead of our situation getting better, it got worse.

In looking at Jairus’ situation, we see three steps that Jesus gave him. We can follow those same steps today and get results.

1 Do Not Be Afraid

When we hear bad news, fearful thoughts are going to come. But it’s never okay to dwell on those thoughts. Understand that when we say, “I’m afraid,” we are speaking contrary to the Word of God. The Bible says that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7). What we should do is cast down fear-filled thoughts (2 Cor. 10:5) by saying,

“God has not given me a spirit of fear. I am not going to be afraid.”

FEAR IS THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH.

When we are afraid of something, we are not in faith. We will have plenty of opportunities to be frightened, but sometimes we have to eradicate fear from our lives. We need to quit trying to figure things out, and let God do it! If Jairus had become afraid or disappointed by what was said, he would have stepped out of faith. We can never let fear motivate us.

2 Only Believe

Jesus didn’t give Jairus a choice! He told him to believe—*only* believe. What do we believe? That God met all our needs when Jesus died on the cross. When He said, “It is finished,” He was talking about our issues, our problems, and our situations. We just need to claim what we need today.

Some people believe that God *can* heal but think they’re not good enough for Him to heal them. We can’t discount ourselves! Jesus didn’t come for worthy people. He came for all people. He made

us worthy. For those who aren’t Christians, the Bible says that Jesus stands at the door of their hearts and knocks (Rev. 3:20), waiting for them to respond. It’s not about what we have done. It’s about how much God loves us. **NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM HIS LOVE.**

3 See Your Needs Met

When we get out of fear and only believe, our needs will be met. It will happen. (Read what happened for Jairus in Luke 8:51–56.) We can’t *make* anything happen. But we can believe and *let* it happen. **GOD WANTS TO MEET OUR NEEDS.** We have the easy part, and that is to believe. It’s all about trusting God.

When things look as though they are getting worse, we can’t let that sway us. Jesus said, “**ONLY BELIEVE.**” He didn’t give a time frame, so keep believing! It’s incredible what He can do—more than we can ask or think! Remember that God loves us. He’s always for us and never against us. Kick out unbelief! Resist fear! Let Him move, and we will receive what we need.♥



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IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, the common layman—we would call him a believer today—had no anointing *in* or *on* him. The presence of God was kept shut up in the Holy of Holies in the Temple. God, however, anointed the king, priest, and prophet to stand in their respective offices. The Spirit of God came *upon* them to enable them to fulfill what they were called to do.

Anointings Today

God is still anointing *prophets* today. Under the Old Covenant, the prophet gave guidance to the people because they didn't have the Holy Spirit. Today, believers have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them. The primary ministry of the New Testament prophet is to preach or teach the Word. Prophesying is not the main thrust of the prophet's ministry.

God is still anointing *priests*. In the Old Testament, the function of the priest was to represent the people. Only the High Priest was permitted to enter the Holy of Holies where the presence of God was. He was the *intercessor* for the Israelites. God is anointing intercessors today. He is anointing people to pray.

God is still anointing *kings*. We are all kings. Romans 5:17 says that we shall "*reign in life*." It's because of the anointing that we are able to reign. And it's by the Spirit of God that victories come, not by the hand of man.

ISAIAH 10:27

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke

from off thy neck, and *the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing*.

Sometimes we turn that phrase around and say, "It's the anointing that destroys (or breaks) the yoke. This is true in our lives: The yoke of sickness or anything the devil tries to put on us is destroyed because of the anointing.

In the Gospels, we see how the anointing was on Jesus. We can learn about ministering under the anointing by studying His life.

LUKE 4:14–19

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

We see in verse 18 that God anointed Jesus primarily to do two things—to preach and heal. In connection with preaching, Jesus was also anointed to teach.

The Ministry of Jesus

When discussing the earthly ministry of Jesus, most people immediately respond, “He was the Son of God.” Of course, He was. They fail to realize that as the Son of God, Jesus was one thing. But as a person ministering, He was another thing.

Jesus was just as much the Son of God at age 21 as He was when He was 30 years old. Yet, until He was 30, He never healed anyone or wrought a miracle. Jesus did not minister as the Son of God—He ministered as a mere man anointed by the Holy Spirit.

If people thought for a moment, they would see this from Luke 4. Jesus was in His hometown of Nazareth. He went to the synagogue and was given the scroll of Isaiah to read from. He began, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me*” (v. 18). After He had finished reading the passage of scripture, Jesus sat down, and everyone in the synagogue looked at Him. He then said, “*This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears*” (Luke 4:21).

If Jesus had ministered as the Son of God, He would not have needed to be anointed. Or if He had ministered as God manifested in the flesh, would God have needed to be anointed? Who can anoint God?

Philippians 2:7 (TLB and AMPC) tells us that Jesus “laid aside” or “stripped Himself” of His mighty power and glory when He came into this world. He came as a man. Although in person He was the Son of God, in power He was not the Son of God.

When people say that Jesus ministered on the earth as the Son of God, they put Him *in ministry* in a class by Himself. That would mean that nobody else could minister in the same way, or even come close to it.

As a person, because Jesus is the Son of God, He is in a class by Himself. But in ministry, He is not. Why? Remember what Jesus said in John 14:12, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*”

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anointed by the Holy Spirit.

If the miracles and healings Jesus did were in a class by themselves, He told a falsehood. But He told us in the above verse that not only could we do what He did but also greater works. We’ve been religiously brainwashed to think that because Jesus is the Son of God, we couldn’t possibly minister like Him. But that is not true.

Jesus in the Fivefold Ministry

Jesus stood in all of the fivefold ministries listed in Ephesians 4:11—apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher. An anointing goes with each of these offices. If you function in your office, the anointing will be there. It can become stronger—it can be increased—or you can cause it to diminish and decrease.

In John 3:34, John the Baptist, speaking about Jesus, infers that He had the Holy Spirit *without measure*, inferring that we have the Spirit *by measure*.

There is a measure of the Holy Spirit *in* the believer for a certain purpose, but an anointing *comes upon* you to stand in the office—or ministry—to which God has called you.

Because Jesus had the Holy Spirit without measure, He stood in all five of the ministry gifts, and He is the model for us to follow.♥

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin’s book *Understanding the Anointing*.]

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From Death to Life

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WHEN ADAM SINNED in the Garden of Eden, he became separated from God. At that moment, humanity also became separated from God.

Adam was driven from the Garden with no legal ground to approach God. He could no longer respond to the call of God, only to his new nature and new master.

MANKIND BECAME LAWBREAKERS AND SINNERS. Spiritually, we became children of the devil and partakers of his nature. This explains why conduct can't save us. Right behavior does not change the sin nature every person is born with. We have to be born again.

No one can stand in the Presence of God as they are because of the sin nature. For anyone to escape the penalty of sin, they have to be saved by someone who can pay that penalty and give them a new nature.

Since we are a spirit being that lives in a body, our nature can change. **WE CAN BECOME A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST JESUS!** It doesn't matter how many degrees we obtain, how much money we accumulate, or how religious we are. On our own, we don't have any merit to stand in the Presence of God. We are lost; not because of what we have done, but because of the sin nature we inherited. Without Jesus, we are spiritually dead.

But thanks to God, Christ has redeemed us from spiritual death! Jesus did not have any sin in Him. He was not conceived the way we were, so He didn't have the spiritual nature of the devil in Him.

Jesus paid sin's penalty on the cross. He took upon Himself our sin nature so we might have eternal life (Heb. 9:26). Jesus said, *"I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life"* (John 5:24).

THE NEW BIRTH DOES NOT TAKE PLACE GRADUALLY. IT IS INSTANTANEOUS! We receive this gift the moment we believe. We just have to admit our helplessness and hopelessness. We have to admit that we are what the Bible says—lost sinners. Then we can accept what Christ did for us.

Have you passed from spiritual death to spiritual life? Is God your Father? Is His Spirit within your spirit confirming that you are a child of God? If you are not born again, accept Christ as your Savior today!♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book *Welcome to God's Family*.]

FAITH IN ACTION

Receive Jesus as Your Lord and Savior

Becoming a *new creation* from above is a result of the New Birth. It is the direct operation of the Word and the Spirit of God on your life. Your spirit being is changed completely when you sincerely repent and turn to God.

If you would like to go from spiritual death to life, pray the following prayer from your heart:

God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I acknowledge that I am a sinner. I need Your forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins and from this moment, I turn from the sinful life I have lived. I declare that Jesus is Lord, and I believe that God raised Him from the dead (Rom. 10:9–10). Jesus, I surrender my life to You. Thank You for dying on the cross and shedding Your blood for me. I ask You to be Lord of my life and fill me with Your Spirit. I receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You God for forgiving me and giving me eternal life. I am now born again. I am a child of God!

Christ has redeemed us from spiritual death!

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he mandate **"GO TEACH MY PEOPLE FAITH"** is the heartbeat of Kenneth Hagin Ministries. The message of faith in God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ were ministered to countless men and women in 2018. As a result, lives were changed, bodies were healed, and hope was restored. Here's a recap of how God worked through Rhema.



Thirsty for God

"He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."
—Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

In the small town of Kenedy, Texas, Kenneth and Lynette Hagin held a *Living Faith Crusade* in April at The Word Fellowship Church. The 175-seat sanctuary and the overflow room were packed every night. People came ready to experience the presence of the Almighty, and God satisfied their hearts.

The final night of the *Living Faith Crusade* was set aside to minister healing to the sick. Rev. Hagin taught on the woman with the issue of blood. He explained that she received her healing through faith. **AS THE AUDIENCE LISTENED, FAITH ROSE IN THEIR HEARTS.** At the end of the service, those who needed healing made their way to the front where hands were laid on each person.

GOD CONFIRMED HIS WORD WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING! Earleen, the wife of Pastor Trey Hill, wasn't able to walk up steps or sleep on one side of her body after having hip replacement surgery. After the Hagin's prayed for her, she can walk up the stairs and sleep on her side without any pain.

One woman had polio as a child and always used a walker to get around. That night, **SHE LEFT WITHOUT THE WALKER!** Another woman experienced pain when raising her hands higher than her head. Now she can fully extend her arms without experiencing any pain! A man with stage 4 cancer was ministered to. He went back to the doctors, and they couldn't find any trace of cancer!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Hagins held 15 *Living Faith Crusades* in 2018. In every city, people came ready to draw near to God and receive from Him! There were many healings and over 100 salvations.

Heaven on Earth

"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."
—John 14:14 (NIV)

Every day people face troubles and seek answers. The prayer partners at Kenneth Hagin Ministries pray with many partners and friends during their time of need. **GOD HEARS AND ANSWERS PRAYER!** Here is one testimony.

"Thank you for standing with me in faith and prayer for my great-grandchild. Thanks be to the God, he is now eating table food. For three years, he never ate a morsel of food, but now he is eating. I will continue to use the prayer cloth for his further healing" —**JAMES**



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—Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

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Michaelann wrote, “Thank you so much for your book *How to Live Worry-Free*. I needed to read it desperately. I started underlining and writing some of the things you said on 3” x 4” cards and saying them every day. I’m in my 70s, and I just started driving again after years. I’m able to do my own errands!”

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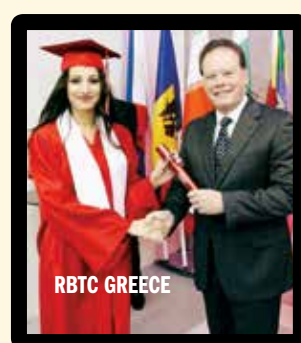
—Romans 10:15 (GW)

Rhema USA graduated its 44th class in May. International students have been coming to Rhema since 1978. **MANY OF THEM OVERCAME FINANCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL CHALLENGES TO GET HERE.** In 2018, men and women from 22 countries came to the U.S. to study. They became versed in the Word of God and learned how to follow the Holy Spirit.

Today, there are Rhema campuses all over the world—**253 CAMPUSES IN 51 NATIONS.** Rhema’s quest to train laborers will never stop. The world needs trained men and women to preach the Gospel of Christ and bring souls into the Kingdom of God.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over spring break, Rhema USA sent teams to Mexico, Thailand, and various places in Tulsa. Over 1,450 people gave their lives to the Lord that week. Janna, a team member on the Thailand trip shares, “Rhema Word Partners are partnering with people they don’t even know because they want the will of God to be done—not only in my life but also in the lives of other students. It’s incredible. I’m beyond grateful.”



The Spirit of Faith

Winter Bible Seminar, Campmeeting, Kindle the Flame Women’s Conference, and A Call to Arms Men’s Conference are held every year in the Rhema Bible Church auditorium. These conferences are another way Kenneth Hagin Ministries builds faith in the Body of Christ. One thing is sure: **RHEMA WILL DO ITS PART** to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of faith to the uttermost parts of the world before Jesus returns. ♡





WHAT DO

Angels

DO?

CHRISTMAS IS a season of gift giving and beautiful decorations. Angels are a holiday adornment we see on everything—from Christmas trees to holiday cards. But what do they represent? What do *real* angels really do?

Throughout the Bible, we see angels doing mighty things for God’s people. That supernatural activity is still happening today! Our lives should be filled with supernatural happenings with angels playing a significant role. We need to pay more attention to them and be sensitive to their activity. Angels are doing far more for us than we realize!

God’s Supernatural Agents

Angels watch over us. I call them God’s supernatural agents. Hebrews 1:14 (NIV) reveals them as ministering spirits who are sent to serve us. They protect us, carry out assignments, and bring messages from God. Throughout the Bible, they appeared in human form.

Hebrews 13:2 (NKJV) says, *“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.”* Some people want to worship angels. But we’re not to worship them (Rev. 22:8–9) or seek visitations. My dad used to say that if we pray for angelic visitations, the devil might accommodate us (2 Cor. 11:14). Jesus is the One we worship.

Hebrews 1:1–14 shows us how much greater Jesus is than angels and that they were created to worship Him. It concludes by explaining the proper place of angels in our lives: *“Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation”* (v. 14 NLT). Angels were made to follow the commands that God gives them.



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Put Angels to Work

We need to learn how to put our angels to work for us! They are waiting to hear what they are allowed to do in our lives.

Psalm 103:20 (NKJV) says, *“Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.”* God’s Word Translation says they are *“mighty beings who carry out [the Lord’s] orders and are ready to obey his spoken orders.”*

When we speak the Word of God, we allow the angels to do their job. That’s because we are quoting spoken orders from God!

Have you noticed that the Bible is God talking? It is silent when no one speaks it. Scripture only comes alive when it’s read

Angels are doing far more for us than we realize!

and then uttered. It’s just a great book lying on the coffee table until somebody opens it up and declares, “No weapon formed against me will prosper!” (Isa. 54:17).

When we speak in agreement with God’s Word, angels have the right to operate. When we talk contradictory to the Word, their hands are tied. Angels are listening to our words! When the angel visited Daniel, he said, *“I have come because of your words”* (Dan. 10:12 NKJV).

Ministering Spirits, Go!

When my dad started in the traveling ministry, we experienced hard times. He was good at exercising faith for healing, but not for money! While in prayer, the Lord ministered to Dad

about finances.* After explaining that God had put the wealth and resources in the earth for His people, Jesus told Dad to do three things:

- 1 USE** your authority in the Name of Jesus to claim what you need.
- 2 BIND** the devil and command him to take his hands off your money.
- 3 TELL** the ministering spirits to go and cause the finances to come.

Dad didn't have trouble with the first two because he already knew about authority in Jesus' Name and binding the devil. But he had a little difficulty with ministering spirits because he had never been taught about angels. Yet he began to do it, and things changed.

These three steps aren't limited to finances. We can do this with anything. We've learned faith and confession. But many of us aren't putting our angels into operation. We hear of people binding things all the time. But if we're going to bind, then send the ministering spirits out to help!

Allow Angels to Minister

My dad's book *I Believe in Visions* covers the angelic visitations he had. In it, you'll find that one time God sent an angel to Dad, but he didn't respond. (See chapter 6, "The Angel's Visit.")

We need to be more conscious that ministering spirits are around us all the time. It will help raise our expectations of what God can do for us in our current situations! Perhaps, we then can yield to angels in a way that allows them to minister to us!

Psalms 34:7 (NLT) says, "*The angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him.*" The word *fear* means "being in awe." It appears that angels are always guarding, but this verse implies that they are only watching over those who worship Him in awe.

We all need to realize that we have angels who are ready to minister for us! Wherever we are, angels are listening to our words, waiting to carry out God's Word spoken by us.♥

*To learn more, go to rhema.org to purchase Kenneth E. Hagin's minibook *How God Taught Me About Prosperity*.

FAITH IN ACTION

Send Angels Now!

Angels have probably done things for you that you didn't realize! When you pray and ask God for something, ministering spirits cause it to happen. Take a moment and put your angels to work:

1. "I claim _____ (insert your need) based on _____ (insert scripture)."
2. "Devil, I bind you in Jesus' Name. Keep your hands off _____ (what you claimed)."
3. "Ministering spirits, go and cause _____ (what you claimed) to happen!"

Angels and Jesus

There are multiple incidents in the Word of God of angelic activity in the life of Jesus. The angel Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus to Mary (Luke 1:26–38). Joseph was instructed by an angel to take Mary home as his wife (Matt. 1:18–25 NIV). Jesus' birth was announced by angels to the shepherds (Luke 2:8–15). Joseph was warned by the angel of the Lord in a dream to escape to Egypt and was later told when it was safe to return. (Matt. 2:13, 19–20).

When Jesus ended His 40-day fast, "*angels came and ministered to Him*" (Matt. 4:11 NKJV). In the Garden of Gethsemane, angels strengthened Him (Luke 22:43). Angels rolled back the stone from Jesus' tomb (Matt. 28:2–8). When He ascended into Heaven, two angels told those who were watching that Jesus would be coming back (Acts 1:9–11).

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

DECEMBER IS A busy month. Most people spend the month going to various Christmas parties, decorating their Christmas tree, shopping for gifts, and preparing for a special Christmas dinner. In the midst of all the celebrations, it is easy to forget the reason for the season.

Christmas is really about a big present God gave the world over 2,000 years ago—*Jesus!* A well-known verse in the Bible and probably the first one you memorized is John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

I still become emotional when I read that verse. Even though humanity messed up, God loved His creation so much that He sent His best gift—His Son Jesus—to redeem us from our fallen state. I am grateful for that gift, and it is important to remind our families of it.

Many families have traditions they observe at Christmastime. Many years ago, my husband and I established the traditions we celebrate.

On Christmas Eve, we attend the *Carols, Candlelight & Communion* service at Rhema Bible Church. Afterward, our family gets together for dinner where we eat my famous Chicken and Dumplings. The entire family loves them, but it can be a miracle to find one item that everyone agrees on!

Before we open the gifts, my husband reminds our family of God's goodness. He tells us that God should be the most important person in our lives, and it is because of the Lord's provision we can give gifts. Then we pray for families that are experiencing difficulties during this time.

As I was meditating on what the Lord would have me write this month, the words "Jehovah Jireh, God our Provider," came to me. As I said previously, God provided a way for our salvation through the blood of Jesus. But God's provisions go beyond that.

The Christmas season brings considerable financial pressure that every family experiences. Parents want to give their children the special gift they have been asking for. It can be a cause of concern, worry, and frustration as parents wonder where the finances will come from.

This is when we need to go to the promises of God. I trust the following passage will be of comfort to you.

"Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, 'That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things?"

"Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need'"
(Luke 12:22–31 NLT).

I encourage you to trust God for the financial supply you need for this Christmas season. It may come in various ways—through a raise or bonus or through other methods. I always ask God to direct me to where the items I need are on sale. Don't limit God on how He provides.

Trust Him as the Apostle Paul declared in Philippians 4:19 (NLT) *"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."*

Have a Merry Christmas, and remember to celebrate the greatest event, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!♥

Lynette





Kids' Page

Fearless, A-nointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-airs of God

Candy Cane Maze

Find your way through the Candy Cane Maze.

Start Here



Finish

The Three W's of Christmas

If you carefully read the Christmas story in Matthew chapter 2 and Luke chapter 2, you will discover three different groups of people whose reaction to Jesus' birth begins with the letter "W."

1. The wise men "W"orshipped (Matthew 2:11).
2. The shepherds "W"itnessed (Luke 2:17).
3. The people "W"ondered (Luke 2:18).

Our reactions should be the same this Christmas season. Like the wise men who brought Him gifts and worshipped, we, too, should offer Jesus the gift of our thanks and praise as we **WORSHIP** Him this Christmas. Like the shepherds who told others in Bethlehem of the birth of the Son of God, we also should tell others about our Savior by **WITNESSING** to them during this season. And just as the people who heard the shepherds' testimony **WONDERED** in awe of the things they had heard, we also should remember that this is the most wonderful time of the year as we think about the awesomeness of this holiday, Christmas, that changed the world forever! **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Seek and Ye Shall Find!

Looks like the wise men brought more than gold, frankincense, and myrrh! See if you can find these other items.

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| hamburger | birthday cake | baby bottle |
| banana | corncob | pizza |
| rocket | | teacup |
| hotdog | | candle |



CHRISTMAS

SPELL IT OUT!

Using only letters from the word Christmas to the left, fill in the blanks below.

1. They weren't just s men, they were wise men!
2. By the expensive gifts the wise men brought, you might guess they were h.
3. The wise men used the a instead of a road map to find Jesus.
4. When the wise men found Jesus they worshipped i .
5. "For unto you is born s day in the city of David a Savior, which is i the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

jokes & riddles



"A merry heart does good, like medicine."

—Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

What do you call a wall built out of teddy bears?
A Bear-icade

What do you call it when a rooster scribbles on a piece of paper?
Cocka-DOODLE

Why did the rocket go to the foot doctor?
Because it had Missile-TOE

There are three houses in a row. The Red House is on the far right and the Green House is on the far left. So, where is the White House?
In Washington, D.C.

What has teeth but doesn't eat and hair that it doesn't keep?
A Comb

1. Smart 2. Rich 3. Star 4. Him 5. This, Christ

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