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If your heart's desire is to live above the ordinary, Psalm 37:4 (NIV 1984) shows you how to achieve what you want. *"Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart."*

The key to receiving your desires is delighting yourself in the Lord. How do you do that? By seeking Him. By reading His Word. By praying. By learning to think His thoughts. By acting on His Word. When you delight yourself in Him, you are willing to say, "Lord, here are my desires. This is what I want to do. But I'm asking You to show me what to do and how to do it."

If you're ready to live on an exceptional level with God, this issue of *The Word of Faith* is the place to start. My article on page 4 gives you practical actions on how to step outside of your comfort zone and fulfill all of your dreams. My dad's article on page 8 shares insights on how you can be a catalyst for the next move of God. After you're done reading this magazine, be sure to pass it on to a friend so they can experience the goodness of God.

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GET OUT OF THE BOAT



KENNETH W. HAGIN

ONE DAY Jesus and His disciples were in a desert place outside the city of Bethsaida. It was late in the day. They had just fed a multitude with five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus told the 12 disciples to get in the boat and cross to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. He then sent the people away and went up on a mountainside to pray.

A strong wind arose while the disciples were on the lake, and the battering waves tossed the boat. Around 3 o'clock in the morning, Jesus headed toward them walking on water. When the disciples saw Him, they were terrified. They thought they saw a ghost. Jesus called out and told them not to be afraid. (See Matthew 14:13–32.)

Walking on Water

Peter and two other disciples were fishermen. They had spent many hours in boats. You could call it their “comfort zone.” That wasn’t their first time in rough waters on the Sea of Galilee. Although the waves were fierce, they were in their element. But suddenly from out of nowhere, they see someone walking on water!

None of the 12 disciples had ever seen anybody doing this. It was unheard of then, and it’s still unheard of today. But Jesus was walking on water, doing something they didn’t expect.

Isn’t God like that? He often moves in unexpected ways. The disciples should not have been surprised at Jesus doing something they had never seen before. He had a habit of doing the unusual and out of the ordinary.

Although there were 12 disciples in the boat, only Peter walked on water. We all need to have a spirit like Peter’s. He didn’t want to stay where it was comfortable. He saw Jesus doing something amazing and said, “If that’s You, Lord, I want to walk on water with You!”

Peter wasn’t afraid to step out of his comfort zone. It would have been easy to stay in the boat like the other disciples. They were comfortable and content to stay right where they were.

But not Peter! He wasn’t about to stay in the boat when Jesus was on the lake. He wanted to be where Jesus was and do what He was doing.

A Step of Faith

It takes both faith and obedience to produce a new action. Without either, Peter would not have stepped out of the boat. We can have all the faith we want, but until we act on what we believe, nothing will happen. All things are possible with faith (Luke 18:27).

What about you? Are you stuck in your boat? If so, what can you do to step out?

Here is one suggestion: You can pray for the sick and see them recover. It doesn’t have to be in the church either. You can pray for people anywhere and expect God to move.

It takes both faith and obedience to produce a new action.

Your Heavenly Father will help you overcome whatever is keeping you in the boat. But for that to happen, you must obey what He is telling you to do. If you had all the faith in the world, it would not accomplish anything if you were not obedient to do what God says.

It's time to get out of the boat. You've been in your comfort zone for too long. It's time to take a step of faith.

Be Audacious

If you're going to enjoy being with Jesus and doing what He's doing, you have to risk disappointment and frustration. Can you imagine how scary it must have been for Peter to put his leg over the side of the boat and step onto the water in the middle of a storm?

It's easy to think that you would have jumped out of the boat, but fear can keep anybody from taking risks. Put yourself in Peter's position. He risked everything when he stepped into the unknown.

When God tells you to do something, you have to be willing to take the risk. Sometimes it's after you step out that the Lord shows you things. That happened to me when I left my father-in-law's church to work for my dad. It wasn't until we started Rhema Bible Training College that I understood God's direction.

If you don't obey God and stay where you are, you'll only become frustrated and discontented.

Forgive and Forget

Pride and unforgiveness keep us from getting out of the boat. These two things prevent more people from receiving the blessings of God. We will never have all that God wants for us until we conquer them.

You may say, "I can't help the way I feel." The truth is you can. It's a decision. You're the one who decides to be down in the

FAITH NUGGET

Start Walking on Water

Just think of all the things you could do by overcoming your fear of risk-taking. You could teach a Bible study or pray for the sick. You may be thinking that you've never done anything like that before. Who cares! It's time to get out of the boat. You can be used of God. What you want so badly is possible. So stop wishing you were somewhere else, and start looking for the possibilities that exist right where you are.

dumps and feel sorry for yourself over something that happened. Or you can choose not to go down that road and let go of offense. The choice is yours.

You choose to be prideful or not prideful. You decide to forgive or not forgive. It can be hard to let things go. Use the Word of God as your weapon against the feelings of resentment and bitterness.

Do New Things

If you want to see Jesus work in a new way, you have to be prepared to do new things. All of us should be growing as Christians. There are always opportunities to go to new levels with God.

It's reasonable to say that Peter probably never thought about walking on water before that day. In the human realm, it's out of the ordinary. But in the spiritual realm, everything is ordinary with God. It doesn't matter what kind of situation you are facing, if you get out of the boat, Jesus will take you to the other side!♥

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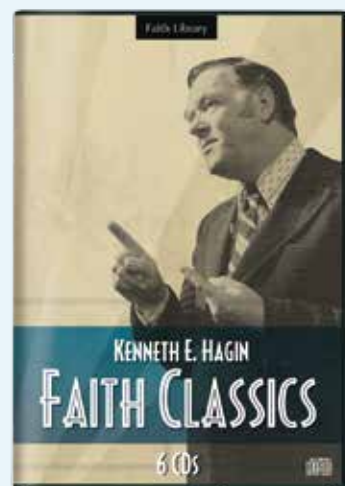
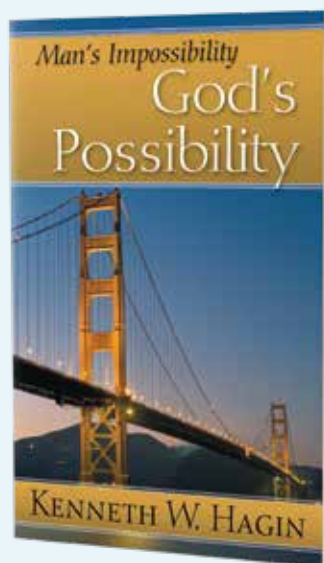
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Humility for Honor

STEVE YODER

WALKING IN HONOR has a lot to do with our attitude and posture in the way we handle relationships. It is impossible to walk in love without honor and respect. And it's impossible to honor others properly without humbling ourselves.

Honor means to treat with great consideration, to respect greatly, to esteem highly, and to treat with deference. Deference has to do with humble submission and considering others before yourself.

Proverbs 15:33 (NLT) tells us that *"humility precedes honor."* To receive honor, you first have to give honor. Where there is a lack of honor and humility, there is pride.

Pride comes from Satan, and he tries to tempt everyone he can with it. James 4:6 (NKJV) says, *"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."* In verse 10 it says, *"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."* We are responsible for humbling ourselves.

At one time anger was a big problem in my life. I was seeking my father's approval, but I was defensive and not good at receiving correction. My dad was a great man, but when he gave me instruction, I took it as criticism.

I began to realize that my problem—my insecurity and anger—stemmed from the pride in my life. I started restudying the subjects of humility as well as submission and authority. It was the key to turning my heart around.

Honor in Relationships

The Word of God tells us to honor our parents (Eph. 6:2–3). Some people may have had an abusive parent. The Bible, however, doesn't tell us only to honor "good" parents. Regardless of how we were treated, we are promised long life and that things will go well for us when we honor our parents properly.

Likewise, when we become parents, we have a responsibility to raise our children and set proper boundaries for them. Sometimes we make mistakes. When we go to our children and apologize for our mistakes, we are honoring them and setting an example for them to follow.

The same is true if you're a business owner or a pastor. You may have offended someone, acted rudely, or did something wrong. It's great when you can set aside your pride and say, "Hey, I made a mistake." It shows that you're real, that you're a person of integrity. This also applies to our relationships with our spouse, friends, and coworkers.

Honoring Authority

We are to honor our leaders, both our spiritual leaders and those who are in governing authorities. God placed them in authority, and they exist by Him (Romans 13:1). And we see in First Corinthians 12:27–28 that God set spiritual leaders in the Body of Christ.

In Exodus, as long as Moses kept his staff raised during the Israelites

battle with the Amalekites, the Israelites were winning. When he let his arms down because of fatigue, Joshua and his men started losing. Aaron and Hur honored Moses by holding up his arms so they could prevail (Exod. 17:9–13).

We all have a part to play in what God wants to be accomplished in the Kingdom of God. You may say, "I'm called to the ministry!" That may be true, but God will give you *to* a vision before He gives you your own vision. The key to a humble heart is knowing that it's not about you. Be teachable no matter who is teaching. Humbling yourself puts you in a position to receive from God and others. It will keep you on top.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO HONOR OTHERS PROPERLY WITHOUT HUMBLING OURSELVES.

You might ask, "Where do I begin? How do I learn humility?" Follow love. It's that simple. The more you humble yourself by following after love when someone has disrespected you, the more God will speak to you. Ask Him for guidance when you don't know what to do or say, and He will help you.♥

[Editor's Note: Steve Yoder is President of Stark Truss Company, Inc., located in Canton, Ohio. This article was adapted from Steve's message during *A Call to Arms Men's Conference 2017*.]



SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT

TO RECEIVE HONOR, YOU FIRST HAVE TO GIVE HONOR.



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DIVINE INSTRUMENTS



IN 1948, I pastored a small church in East Texas. In December of that year, I took time to wait on God. We did not have recorders in those days, but I always had a pad of paper handy. If the Spirit spoke, I would write it down. That day the Lord said something that I have kept with me ever since.

“THE SECRET TO A SUCCESSFUL APOSTOLIC MINISTRY
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If I have had any measure of success at all, it’s on that little piece of paper!

I knew what the Lord meant when He said “full of faith and power,” but He talked to me about those other two—using the divine instruments of travail and compassion. I needed some help there.

Notice how the Holy Spirit said “using the divine-given instruments.” Isn’t that strange language? Well, “divine-given” means “God-given.” But what is an instrument?

For example, a pen is an instrument to write with. It doesn’t jump to the paper and start writing by itself. Someone has to pick it up and start using it. A carpenter has a hammer. A mechanic has wrenches. Instruments are the tools that are used to get the job done.

If we took our car to a mechanic, would he pray all day that God would fix the car? No. He picks up his tools, raises the hood, and gets busy. Similarly, divine-given instruments are God-given tools—travail and compassion—for us to pick up and use.

Deep Prayer of Travail

Notice what Paul said about travail in Galatians 4:19, “*My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.*” He is using the term for a woman traveling in natural birth to explain spiritual travail.

Travail is something we know little or nothing about. We use the word “intercession” so lightly. Travail is one side of intercession—the deeper side. We know a little about the shallow side of intercession—we pray with our understanding and with tongues a little bit. But we know very little about real travail in prayer.

Instruments are the tools that are used to get the job done.

I can remember praying like that in days gone by—travailing and groaning until I actually hurt on the inside. I held my stomach because it felt like it was going to bust. I cried out, “Lost! Lost!” for nearly an hour. Afterward, when I went to preach, the power of God fell within 15 minutes, and every sinner in the house got saved. I did not even give an altar call! They just got up and ran to the altar.

If we had more travail, we would have more things like that happening. There is a place we have not been in prevailing, travailing prayer. Only a few have come to the edge of it.

In every great move of God, the Church—the prayers, intercessors, and travailers—gave birth to it. It did not happen because God willed it. It happened because people listened to the Spirit of God and stirred themselves up to seek Him.

Eager Yearnings of Compassion

Now what do we mean about compassion? In *Christ the Healer*, F.F. Bosworth defines *compassion* as “to love tenderly, to pity, to show mercy, to be full of eager yearning.” If we look to Jesus for our example, we see that He was moved with compassion and people came to him from every quarter (Mark 1:40–45, Matt. 14:13–14).

When are we going to get people healed? When we are so moved with such eager yearning, we can’t keep from praying—we have to lay hands on them. When we reach out to the world around us in the compassion of Jesus, people will come to us.

In every great move of God, the Church—the prayers, intercessors, and travailers—gave birth to it.

If Jesus is in us, then His compassion is in us too. Let’s pick up that tool and start using it.

I have found that I am moved by the Spirit of God toward little children who are afflicted and twisted. I have taken them in my arms, held them up against me, and wept. I feel something—I believe the compassion of Jesus—flowing through me into them. Sometimes I have handed them back to the mothers without seeing any difference. I’ve later received letters from the parents saying from that moment, the child began to change. It’s healing compassion.

Be Irresistible

Some people try to use prayer and compassion when they are not full of faith and power, and they are not effective.

If you are full of the Holy Spirit, you are full of power. But you need something besides power to get the job done. You have to have faith. Then along with the same faith you use for yourself, you need the spirit of compassion to pray and use your faith to help others.

When we are full of faith and power—if we will pick up the divine instruments of travail and compassion and use them for others—we will be irresistible!♥

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin’s single CD message *The Secret of My Success*.]

FAITH IN ACTION

Pray This

Oh God, forgive us for being negligent. We have been comfortable, unconcerned, and careless. We humble ourselves. Forgive us for not wanting to be disturbed. Help us pick up the divine-given instruments of travail and compassion and go forth to save the lost, heal the sick, work signs and wonders, and do the work of God.

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24 Financial Principles

KENNETH E. HAGIN

WE HAVE SEEN an extreme emphasis on material prosperity for Christians. Some believe it involves lavish lifestyles rather than being good stewards and efficiently harnessing abundant resources to minister God's goodness to all who are in need.

GOD'S WORD PROVIDES BALANCE. Both the Old and New Testaments recognize God as the Creator and Possessor of all things (1 Chron. 29:11–14, 16; 1 Cor. 10:26, 28). Therefore, the **PROPER ATTITUDE** toward money, giving, and prosperity is one of **WORSHIP** and **GRATITUDE**.

The Epistles are letters written to the Church—to people trying to live their daily lives according to teachings of the Lord, just like you.

What the apostles have to say about money, giving, and prosperity is so obvious that it requires little commentary. The following 24 principles are clear and unmistakable.

You'll want to read and study these over and over again!

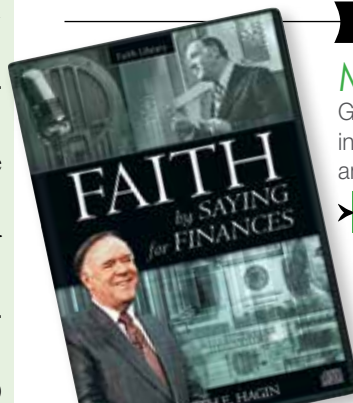
1. Believers are not able to give anything to God that did not originate with Him (Rom. 11:33–35).
2. Some believers operate in a **SPECIAL GRACE OF GIVING** (Rom. 12:6–8).
3. Believers are called upon to be **DILIGENT IN BUSINESS** (Rom. 12:11).
4. Believers are called upon to be **RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS** (Rom. 13:6–8).
5. Believers have a duty to **MINISTER FINANCIALLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE SPIRITUALLY BLESSED THEM** (Rom. 15:25–27; Gal. 6:6 PHILLIPS).
6. **MINISTERS** have a right to be **SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY** by their work in the ministry (1 Cor. 9:4–15; 1 Tim. 5:17–18).
7. **LOVE MUST MOTIVATE** the believer's giving (1 Cor. 13:3).
8. Christians should **PRACTICE CONSISTENT AND SYSTEMATIC GIVING** (1 Cor. 16:1–2).
9. **GIVING IS A "GRACE"** that can be exercised in the midst of challenging circumstances (2 Cor. 8:1–9).
10. God wants all of us to **DO OUR PART** and "carry our weight" in giving (2 Cor. 8:14–15).
11. **MINISTERS SHOULD BE ETHICAL AND ABOVE REPROACH** in church finances (2 Cor. 8:20–21).
12. Paul clearly teaches the **LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING** (2 Cor. 9:6–8; Gal. 6:7–9; Phil. 4:14–19).
13. Paul **SOUGHT PEOPLE'S HEARTS**, not their money (2 Cor. 12:14–18).

14. Paul was eager to **GIVE TO THE POOR** (Gal. 2:9–10).
15. Paul and John encouraged **CHRISTIAN CHARITY AMONG THE BRETHREN** (Gal. 6:10; 1 John 3:17–18).
16. Paul exemplified and taught a **STRONG WORK ETHIC** (Eph. 4:28, 6:5–8; Col. 3:22–24; 1 Thess. 2:9, 4:11–12; 2 Thess. 3:8–12).
17. Paul **ADVOCATED CONTENTMENT** and **DENOUNCED COVETOUSNESS** (Phil. 4:11–13; Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 3:1–3, 8; Titus 1:7).
18. Paul stressed the individual's responsibility to **PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY** (1 Tim. 5:8).
19. Believers are **NOT TO LOVE OR TRUST IN MONEY** (1 Tim 6:5–10, 17–19).
20. Believers in the Early Church considered their **MATERIAL POSSESSIONS OF MUCH LESS VALUE** than their faith (Heb. 10:32–34).
21. Believers were strongly warned **AGAINST FAVORITISM AND PARTIALITY BASED ON WEALTH** (James 2:1–7).
22. **EXPLOITATION** of the poor by the rich **IS CONDEMNED** (James 5:1–6).
23. **"MAKING MERCHANDISE"** of the saints by ministers is condemned (2 Peter 2:2–3, 12–16).
24. **GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO PROSPER** (3 John 1:2).

From these principles, it's clear that God wants His children to prosper materially, physically, and spiritually. I pray these Bible principles selected from the Epistles will be helpful and encouraging.

Remember, the Epistles were written to *you!* Walking in the light of God's Word will keep you balanced in the area of prosperity and every area of life.♥

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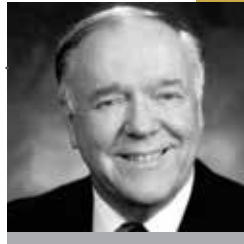
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Called to Manifest Jesus

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For years, the Body of Christ has been learning about faith. Now **IT'S TIME TO START DEMONSTRATING WHAT WE BELIEVE.** We owe the world an encounter with God. Members of the Body of Christ will either minister as one of the five-fold ministry gifts or work in a secular profession. But every Christian is called to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils, and proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.

Jesus believed evidence was needed when preaching the Gospel. He said, "The works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me" (John 5:36 NKJV). The miracles that Jesus performed bore witness that God had sent Him!

Demonstrating God's Power

The same is true for us. When we share the Word, supernatural proof needs to accompany it. A demonstration of the power of God shows that it is true.

Many Christians in the modern-day church seem to think that we can win the world for Jesus without the miraculous! That is wrong thinking. The supernatural power of God has to be in manifestation to reach a lost and dying world.

JESUS IS THE PROTOTYPE of what a person filled and united with God can do. Since we are made in His image, we can do the same works that He did (John 14:12).

Proving Who You Are

It's not good enough to say, "I am a Christian." We need to prove it. **THERE NEEDS TO BE AN OUTWARD MANIFESTATION OF OUR INWARD UNION WITH GOD.**

Second Corinthians 6:16 says that God will live and walk in us. Our hands, feet, and mouth are the hands, feet, and mouth of Jesus. We are to release Him every day to those around us.

Because we are one with God, we can expect the supernatural to happen. When we start thinking like this, the byproduct will be the miraculous.

Quit Feeling Inadequate

Many times we second-guess ourselves. We say things like, "I don't know if I'm good enough. I don't know if I read enough of the Bible today. I don't feel spiritual."

OUR FEELINGS ARE INCONSEQUENTIAL because Jesus said, "My Father who lives in me does his work through Me" (John 14:10

NLT). That means if the Father is in you, you are qualified regardless of how you feel!

Be Used of God

WE'VE BEEN CALLED TO REPRESENT JESUS WITH 100 PERCENT ACCURACY!

Like Jesus, we should be able to say, "If you've seen me, you've seen the Father" (John 14:9). The world is depending on us not only to preach the Gospel but also to demonstrate it! This is the life of a Christian. We have been invited to step into a realm that only God works in—the realm of the impossible.

The ministry of Jesus is still alive today. It is manifested through anyone who is willing to step up and say, "God, use me! I believe in You! I don't care about fame and fortune. I just care about the anointing of God on my life and proving to the world that God loves them."

Paul said in Colossians 2:6 (NKJV), "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." Many have received Jesus, but only a small portion are walking in Jesus. Let that be you! Walk in Him! Live in Him! Manifest Him!♥

"We owe the world an encounter with God."

—CHAD GONZALES



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GOING INTO ALL THE WORLD



FOR MANY, spring break is a time to head to the beach or some other vacation destination. Most students look forward

“IT *changes you* ON THE INSIDE WHEN YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH A STRANGER.”

to sleeping in and relaxing. But a group of teens from the youth ministry of Rhema Bible Church as well as students and alumni from Rhema Bible Training College had different ideas. They set out on a week of ministry—some in other nations and others close to home.

One man was overjoyed and moved to tears. He said that he had a dream that someone would come and bless his family in a big way. He didn’t know how or when. “I know this [house] is what the dream stood for,” he shared.

Varsity Youth Descends on Guatemala

It was an adventure in missions for Rhema’s Varsity Youth! Denise Hagin Burns, Executive Pastor and Family Ministries Pastor, and D.K. Hall, Youth Pastor, took a team of 19 teens and leaders to Guatemala over spring break. The group had many opportunities to step out of their comfort zones and rely on the Holy Spirit.

THE HARVEST IS RIPE

The Varsity Youth ministered in several schools: a preschool, elementary, middle, an all-boys school, and a Christian school. No matter where they preached, the harvest was ripe! The students enthusiastically joined in during praise and worship and responded to altar calls. The Varsity teens helped teach lessons to the children. They loved and prayed with them too.

TAKIN’ IT TO THE STREETS

On several occasions, the team went to local parks to share the Gospel. They sang praise songs in Spanish and performed skits. “It caught everyone’s attention when they saw this group of Americans singing in Spanish,” says D.K.

The week ended with a youth crusade in Antigua. Several Varsity Youth shared their testimonies with the crowd. Without discussing what they were going to say beforehand, the teens talked about the same things. They spoke about having a relationship with God and experiencing the reality of His love. Ten people were born again and filled with the Holy Spirit that night.

Afterward, they preached a salvation message and gave an altar call. One little girl with a huge smile shot up her arm to receive Jesus. Her mom and two brothers also gave their lives to Christ that day.

Reflecting on the trip, Denise shared, “I know that the students are going to be bolder in their schools. They realize it’s not so scary to walk up to people and ask, ‘Hey, do you want to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior?’”

Another man said he attended different churches but never received Christ. He commented that he always left feeling judged and unwelcome. The team prayed with him to make Jesus his Lord and receive the Holy Spirit. “It changes you on the inside when you share the Gospel with a stranger,” says Denise. “It gives you a boldness like you’ve never had before.”

BUILDING HOMES AND HOPE

The team also put their construction skills to the test. They built, furnished, and dedicated three homes. Many houses in Guatemala are very modest with only a dirt floor to sleep on. The new homes were built on concrete slabs and provided a comfortable place for the families.

Guatemala



Rhema Students and Alumni 'Go Ye'

Every year Rhema USA students, alumni, and Rhema Bible Church members are given opportunities to take the Good News to people around the world. In March, three teams set out to do just that. On the international front, teams jetted off to Mexico and Thailand. While one group held down the home fort and ministered locally in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MEXICO

The Rhema USA team of 16—led by instructor Tony McKinnon—joined a Rhema Mexico team led by directors Tim and Rhonda Rogers. The two teams held several tent crusades, did street evangelism in the villages, and ministered to children. Entire households were saved, and lives were changed eternally.

Upwards of 2,500 attended the crusades, and many of the people flooded the altar to receive salvation. There were numerous baptisms in the Holy Spirit, healings, and miracles.

An 18-year-old girl whose kidneys had been destroyed from cancer treatments came to the altar. For eight years, she had been standing in faith for new kidneys. The team prayed for her, and the next day doctors confirmed that she was completely healed!

As the two school teams served in unity, they saw 1,450 salvations and 126 healings. They also provided 251 haircuts, 153 dental services, 91 medical services, and distributed over 1,000 boxes of food that contained enough to feed a family for one month.

Jordan, a 2018 Rhema USA graduate, shared, “I love the people of Mexico. We kept saying Mexico will be wrecked for Jesus, but Mexico wrecked me for Jesus.”

THAILAND

Tad Gregurich, Dean of Rhema USA, led a 23-member team to Thailand, a nation where just over one percent of the population is Christian. For many, the trip was a new experience. For some, it was their first time outside the United States. For most, it was their first time preaching.

With the help of students from the Rhema Mae Sot campus in northern Thailand, the Rhema USA team preached at several churches, held nightly crusades, conducted a three-day seminar, and did street evangelism. Many people were saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit. New believer's classes, taught by team members, were made available for those who received salvation at the crusades.



The group also ministered at Life Impact International, a ministry that rescues children from human trafficking. “The kids worshipped so freely and were so excited that it caused the presence of God to fall,” says Makaelyn, who just completed her first year of studies at Rhema USA.

The 10-day trip ended with the team preaching a powerful Sunday morning church service at Rhema Church Bangkok. Referring to the students, one person remarked, “I have never seen young people that preached the Word and acted on it with such boldness and accuracy.” For everyone, the trip underscored how God uses people who are willing to be used.

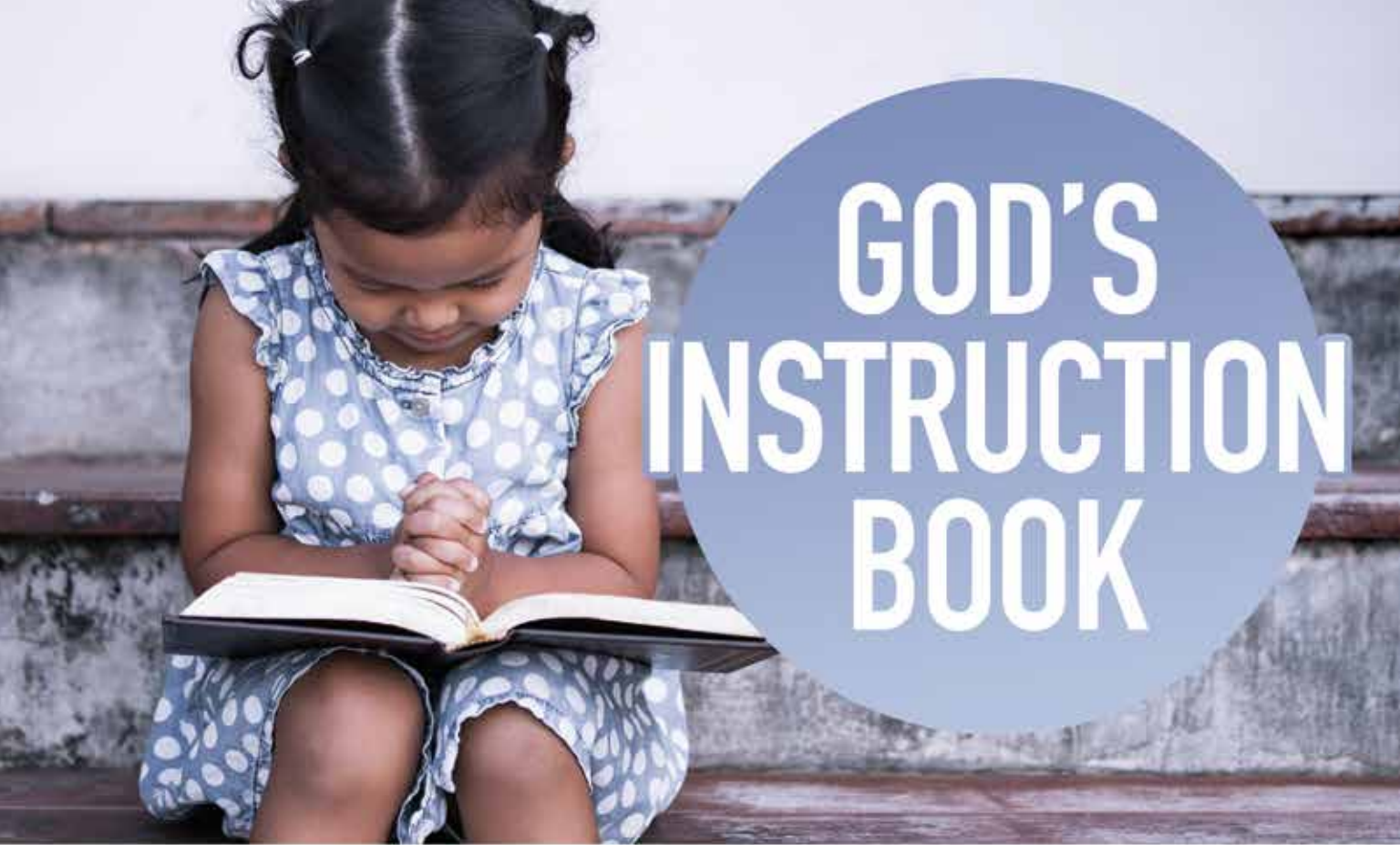
TULSA

After a successful launch in 2017, a local missions option was offered again for students to reach the lost in their own backyard. Thirty-two students and alumni shared God's love, power, and truth on the streets of Tulsa.

It was a glorious week filled with many opportunities for students to put into practice what they had learned in the classroom. The group ministered to everyone from the homeless, mentally ill, and drug addicted to mall workers and patrons, business people, and veterans.

Individuals went from darkness to light as the truth was spoken. Healings manifested as hands were laid on the sick. The gifts of the Spirit flowed and brought encouragement to those who needed it most. This outreach proved that you don't have to cross the ocean to make an impact in the Kingdom of God.

Whether at home or abroad, these mission trips gave everyone who went the opportunity to fulfill Rhema's mandate of taking the message of faith around the world. In every place, not only were people saved, healed, and set free, the participants' lives were also forever changed. ♡



GOD'S INSTRUCTION BOOK



LYNETTE HAGIN

YEARS AGO Kenneth and I bought a swing set for the kids. My husband is very good at putting things together, and he took the time to methodically organize the parts—nuts, bolts, everything. But when he got to the instructions, he put them to the side. He decided he knew how to assemble it. When the swing set was together as he

thought it should be, there were still pieces left! He had to take it apart and start over.

We're all prone to the same thing in life—not reading the instructions! What happens to us? Our lives fall apart because we're not reading God's instruction book. We get in a mess and wonder why. Sometimes it's not even the devil; it's our own fault.

God's Word has every answer that we need. Psalm 119:105 says, *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* Yet I find that people are not reading the instruction book! We "have not," as the Word says, because we "ask not" (James 4:2).

Overcome by the Word

Before I overcame the fear of flying, I remember boarding a commercial plane and trembling. We were going to a funeral where the people died in a plane crash because of fog. After we were in the air, the pilot announced over the intercom that our destination was fogged in. The devil was doing a number on me!

But praise God for the instruction book! I went to His Word and prayed, "Father, You said when we pray, when we believe that we receive whatever we ask, You will do it for us! I thank

God's Word has every answer that we need.



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You that not only will the fog be lifted enough for us to land safely, but it will also disappear! I thank You for doing that for me because I am Your child, and You are concerned about me and what I'm concerned about." (See Mark 11:23–24; Gal. 3:26; Psalm 138:8.)

About an hour before we landed, the pilot announced, "Folks, I have good news. Not only has the fog lifted to where we can land, but there's no fog at all." Thank God!

Overcome Stress

What do you need from God? Every promise in His Word is yours. All you have to do is ask. Pray this: *"Father, Your Word says that no weapon formed against me shall prosper. I thank You for that! I throw every anxiety, worry, and fear over on You. You're right here to help me. You're greater than any challenge, and You live inside of me! Every promise in Your Word is mine, so I invite the Holy Spirit to guide me and teach me from Your Word. Whatever comes my way, I will stand on Your promises."* ♥



WATCH THE MESSAGE

Watch Lynette Hagin online as she ministered at Winter Bible Seminar 2017. <http://bit.do/lh918>

Scriptures to Live By

Whatever you need, God's got it. Plant His Word in your heart! Follow His instructions. God wants to lead, guide, and direct you in every way!

FEAR

If you are fighting fear, I want to give you a scripture. I quote this every time I go on a plane.

PSALM 121:7-8

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

WISDOM

There's no wisdom like the wisdom of the Father! Ask Him for it.

JAMES 1:5 (NLT)

5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

TIREDDNESS

If you need to be physically renewed, don't let the words "I'm tired" come out of your mouth! Say, "I am quickened!"

ROMANS 8:11

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

CHALLENGES

If you are being stretched beyond what you think you can handle, this is my favorite scripture.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

DIFFICULTIES

If you're wondering how you can make it through difficulties, I love these verses:

ISAIAH 43:1-3 (MSG)

1 "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine.

2 When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—

3 Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you."

ENCOURAGEMENT

If you need encouragement, all you need is God.

ISAIAH 40:28-31 (MSG)

28 God doesn't come and go. God lasts. He's Creator of all you can see or imagine. He doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch his breath. And he knows everything, inside and out.

29 He energizes those who get tired, gives fresh strength to dropouts.

30 For even young people tire and drop out, young folk in their prime stumble and fall.

31 But those who wait upon God get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, they run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind.

ENEMIES

If you have someone trying to "take you down," the Word of God will tell you what to do.

ISAIAH 41:10-13 (MSG)

10 "Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you.

11 "Count on it: Everyone who had it in for you will end up out in the cold—real losers. Those who worked against you will end up empty-handed—nothing to show for their lives.

12 When you go out looking for your old adversaries you won't find them—not a trace of your old enemies, not even a memory.

13 That's right. Because I, your God, have a firm grip on you and I'm not letting go. I'm telling you, 'Don't panic. I'm right here to help you.'

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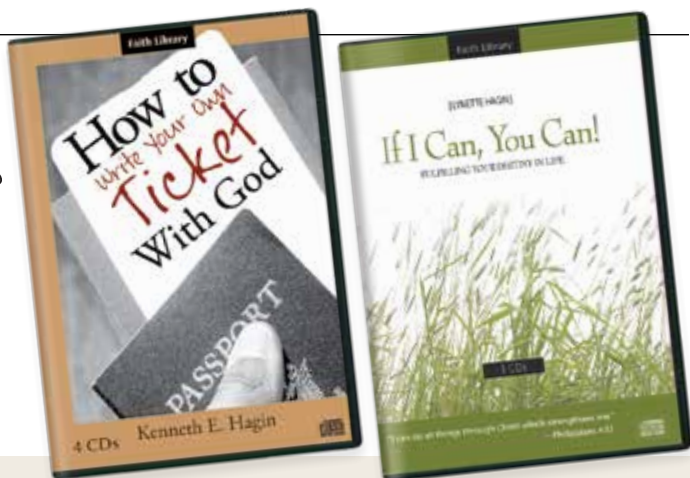
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KENNETH AND LYNETTE HAGIN'S 2018 INTERNATIONAL TRIP



SHORTLY AFTER the Sunday morning service on May 20, Kenneth and Lynette Hagin's Bombardier jet lifted into a blue sky over Tulsa, Oklahoma. On the other side of the world, the Rhema family in Apia, Samoa, and Brisbane, Australia, awaited their arrival.

Samoans: A Blessed People

When the Hagins arrived at Rhema South Pacific, traditional Samoan dancers greeted them. The High Orator spoke these warm words: "We give God all the glory for you today that He has brought you here to the shores of Samoa. We say, 'May God bless you all!'"

First on the schedule for Kenneth and Lynette Hagin was ministry at Rhema South Pacific. The students listened intently, jotting down notes as the Hagins taught from the Word of God. Rev. Hagin ministered on how the Name of Jesus breaks the power of the devil in the lives of men and women. Mrs. Hagin shared how God reveals His plans for their lives through prayer and communing with Him.

During the Friday evening service, 66 people came forward to receive healing, and 16 people accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

In between teaching Rhema South Pacific students during the day and holding public services at night, the Hagins enjoyed a fellowship dinner with third-year Rhema Vanuatu students.

Throughout the week, Kenneth and Lynette Hagin visited Rhema South Pacific graduates who are business owners and leaders in their nation. A common testimony from all of them was how attending Rhema and learning the Word changed their lives.

Doris is the owner of one of the largest supermarkets in Samoa. "God has so blessed our family," she shared. "I want my children to go to [Rhema] too." She and her family are currently building a larger grocery store that includes a gas station and a hair salon.

The Hagins also visited Dr. Rexona, the owner of a medical clinic, and her husband, who is a surgeon; Vui and Shorley who are owners of an engineering firm; and Alec and Jill, owners of a pizzeria.

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Another alumnus is the Minister of Finance of Samoa. "We're all called to different positions," he testified. "I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the fact that I went to Rhema."

After visiting with each of these alumni, the Hagins prayed for God's continued blessings over their businesses and the nation of Samoa.

A Sweet Time in Australia

Rhema Family Church—overseen by Tony and Patsy Cameletti—warmly welcomed Kenneth and Lynette Hagin on May 27.

During the Sunday morning service, Rev. Hagin shared about the blessings Jesus provided through His death, burial, and resurrection. He reminded the congregation of the rights and privileges they have in Christ and how faith accesses those blessings.

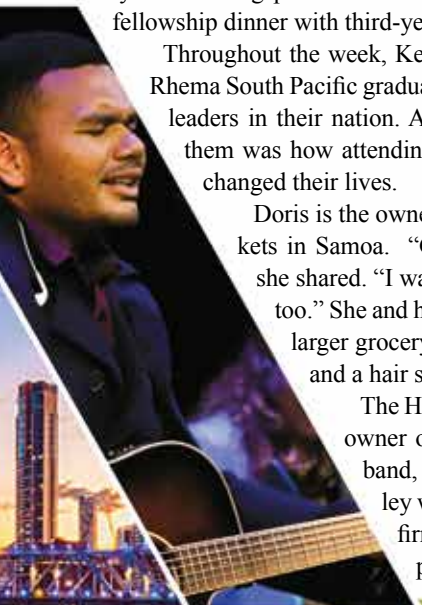
A healing service was held that night. After preaching a powerful message, the Hagins laid hands on the sick and ministered God's healing power. As a result, many received their healings.

One woman woke up with a lump in her neck and couldn't turn her head from side to side. She also had trouble with her knee and was unable to walk up the stairs. After hands were laid on her, the lump disappeared, and she could easily turn her head. And she demonstrated how she could walk up a flight of stairs without pain!

Another woman had so much pain on the bottom of her feet that she could barely walk. Hands were laid on her, and when she woke up the following morning, all of the pain was gone!

While in Brisbane, the Hagins spoke to Rhema Australia alumni. Kenneth and Lynette Hagin encouraged them in their faith and reminded them of God's purpose and plan for their lives. After a time of prayer, the Hagins closed the session by laying hands on all the ministers.

What a time of refreshing it was for our Rhema family in the southern hemisphere! 🇵🇸





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ROCKETS OVER RHEMA 2018

ROCKETS OVER RHEMA began with a song and a dance. *Route 66: The Red, White, and Blue Tour*, a musical with a patriotic twist treated the audience to American history, a budding romance or two, and some heart changes! Even Lynette Hagin's red Thunderbird played a role as "Ruby," and Kenneth W. Hagin had a cameo as the driver hired to keep Ruby safe. Amidst the laughter and '50s music, a warm ovation honoring veterans and active military personnel filled hearts with pride and gratitude.

After the show, people flooded outdoors to experience family-friendly fun across the Rhema USA campus. Synergy Band kicked off the main stage concerts with songs full of praise while crowds visited food trucks and vendor booths lining the walkways. From sticky-fingered children to wide-smiling adults, all enjoyed the fare!

There was something for everyone to experience—inflatable games for kids, giveaways, an impressive car show—even a special opportunity to win \$300 toward tuition at Rhema Bible Training College. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets held young and old. Grassy areas were a family favorite. Kids danced to the music with glow-in-the-dark necklaces and balloons on sticks. Beat the Heat was on hand to promote its safe driving message. An occasional revved engine from one of their two hot rod patrol vehicles signaled enthusiasts to investigate the car show. The exhibition featured a wide array of vehicles—classic to modern, foreign and domestic, hot rods and rat rods, specialty cars, and even custom motorcycles.

In the meantime, Brian Nhira and his talented band hit the stage with energy and passion. From haunting guitars and airtight vocals to intense driving rock, the message was one of finding true love in God. Brian addressed his hometown Tulsa crowd, "We want your dreams to be inspired. And we want you to love deeply!"

Consumed By Fire followed with their earthy blend of Gospel and early rock influences, which the three Ward brothers have distilled into a southern pop sound uniquely their own. Their unity and artistry displayed an unapologetic pursuit of Jesus and faith in God. As they introduced "Hold the Rain," they bolstered the crowd with emphatic encouragement from Mark 11:23, "You gotta speak to the mountain!"

The final band, Citizen Way, focused the night on Jesus with transparent stories and evangelistic compassion wrapped in upbeat pop and soul that would often give way to classic hymns. The audience took over with "How Great Thou Art." By the time "Amazing Grace" was shared by the crowd, many hands were raised in honor to God. People were invited to connect with Jesus, and the evening was sealed as the lead singer, Ben Calhoun, proclaimed, "I love my country! But my citizenship is in Heaven!"

The sun set and cooled the day as people settled in to watch the fireworks. As campus lights dimmed, people stirred with anticipation. Eyes followed the first light trails until a fireball erupted in the sky to ripples of oohs and aahs. The glittering grand finale and an explosion of applause marked the celebration of our freedom— as both patriots and Christians. 🇺🇸



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Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

"THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS; HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME. YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE WATERS NEVER FAIL."
— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES?

I LOVE TO observe people. I like watching their actions and reactions and try to understand why they acted or reacted to certain situations. Recently, I have been alarmed at the discontentment people are experiencing. We are surrounded with many comforts, but I see unhappy, unthankful, and unsatisfied people who have everything and everyone around them.

I now can talk to my grandchildren in the same way my grandparents answered my questions about the "olden days." When my grandmother talked about life without cars, it was hard to imagine. When I tell my grandchildren about life without air conditioning, internet, cell phones, and social media, it is hard for them to fathom. I laugh when they ask me how we listened to music without iTunes.

With all our modern conveniences, one would think that life would be less complicated and exhausting. However, many times we are so consumed with technology that it becomes a hindrance rather than a help to our well-being.

I get concerned with children when I see them so dominated by their phones and other media devices. This month most families have established a routine. Vacations are over, and school has begun. I know that life is busy and scheduling becomes a problem. It is easy to become frustrated and exhausted and decide that life is not what you imagined it to be.

I encourage you to take the time to evaluate your schedule. If you have a family, reevaluate your children's priorities as well. You cannot recapture the years you are spending (or not spending) with your children or spouse. Life is short. Time goes by too fast. There is no replay or rewind. You must enjoy every moment as it comes to you.

I was often told as a child, "Only one life 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last. To me to live is Christ." I am glad my parents always emphasized the importance of placing God first in my life. To go or not go to church was never an option. It was never are we going; it was always what time do we leave. I am grateful that principle was instilled in me, and I have passed it on to my children and grandchildren.

Recently my youngest grandson, Wesley, asked his mother why I was upset. Denise told him, "Son, it's about going to church." Emphatically Wesley said, "You don't tell NaNa that you're not going to church!" I laughed because Wesley knows how I feel about church attendance.

I would encourage you to make church a priority in spite of your busy schedule. The writer of Hebrews gives us excellent advice for the days we are living in. *"Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching"* (Heb. 10:23–25 MSG).

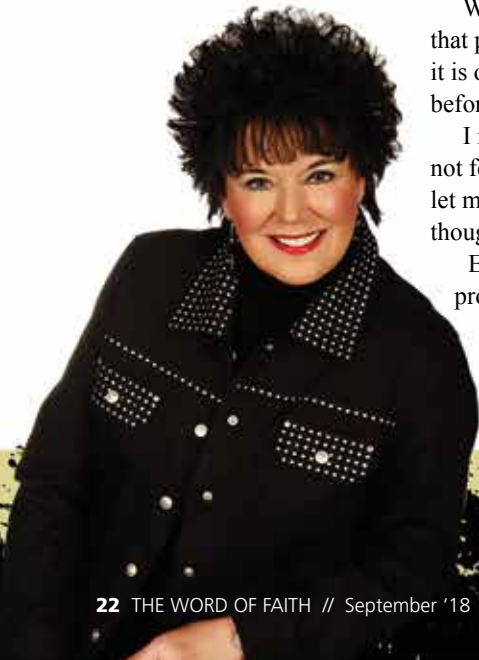
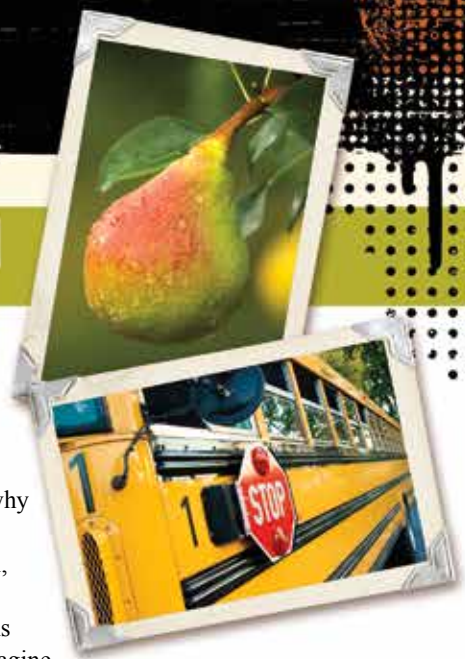
We are living in the last days and need to hear from God more than ever before. Church is a place that puts us in an atmosphere to hear from Him. In life, there are so many voices speaking to us that it is often difficult to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit. But church is where you can be quiet before the Lord and recognize His voice.

I remember one Wednesday evening I was tempted to stay home from church. I was tired and not feeling well. I didn't want to face people and be expected to smile. My upbringing would not let me stay home. As I was sitting in church, it seemed that although no one in leadership knew my thoughts, the entire service had been orchestrated by the Holy Spirit to minister to me.

Every worship song spoke directly to my heart. Even one of the associate pastors gave a word of prophecy during the announcements that ministered to my need. My husband preached a sermon that lifted me up and answered my questions. And best of all, my body was healed by the power of God.

I went away from church healed, whole, strengthened, and renewed. What a blessing I would have missed had I given in to my natural desires. I encourage you to allow God to be the center of your life and home and honor Him by regularly attending church. ♥

Lynette





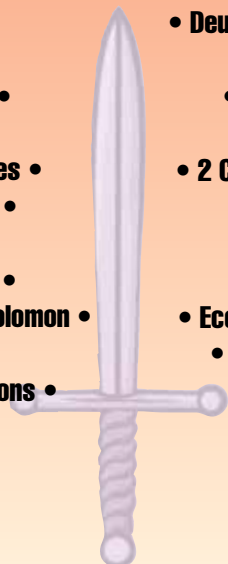
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Fearless, A-nointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-eirs of God

GET YOUR SWORD IN ORDER

If you are skilled at using your sword (the Bible), then you should know the order of the books of the Bible. Draw a line to connect the books of the Old Testament in their correct order. The first three have been done for you. Use the index in your Bible to see if you're right.

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| Genesis • | Exodus • |
| Numbers • | Leviticus • |
| Joshua • | Deuteronomy • |
| Judges • | Ruth • |
| 2 Samuel • | 1 Samuel • |
| 1 Kings • | 2 Kings • |
| 1 Chronicles • | 2 Chronicles • |
| Nehemiah • | Ezra • |
| Esther • | Job • |
| Proverbs • | Psalms • |
| Song of Solomon • | Ecclesiastes • |
| Isaiah • | Jeremiah • |
| Lamentations • | Ezekiel • |
| Hosea • | Daniel • |
| Joel • | Amos • |
| Jonah • | Obadiah • |
| Nahum • | Micah • |
| Zephaniah • | Habakkuk • |
| Haggai • | Zechariah • |
| | Malachi • |



How Sharp Is YOUR SWORD?



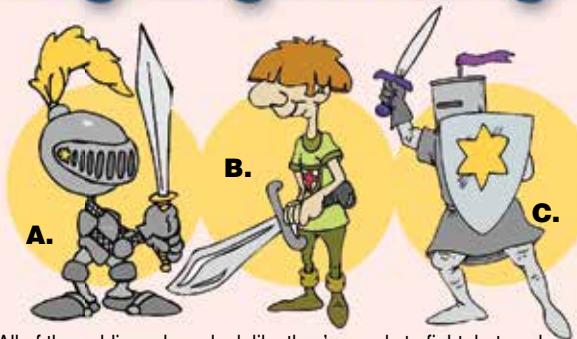
Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God is living and powerful and SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD. God's Word (the Bible) is a weapon that God intends for you to use against your spiritual enemy, the devil. But if you rarely read it or study it, how effective can this weapon be for you?

Let's imagine for a moment that the only way you can "sharpen" your sword is by reading and studying your Bible. That being the case, underline the phrase below that best describes the "sharpness" of YOUR sword.

- A. Couldn't cut through warm butter.
- B. A paper cut would hurt more.
- C. Sharper than any two-edged Popsicle stick.
- D. So sharp that it inflicts pain on the devil every time I use it.

If you underlined A, B, or C then it's time for you to "sharpen" your sword. Second Timothy 2:15 tells us to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Read and study God's Word and keep your sword SHARP!

Forgetting Something?



All of the soldiers above look like they're ready to fight, but each one of them is forgetting at least one item from the full armor of God that we find in Ephesians chapter 6. See if you can find the items that each one is missing.

You Figure It Out
 The soldier pictured has been shot in his backside so we know that he must have been retreating from the enemy because there is no protection for your backside in the armor of God. Think about it... God never intended us to retreat from the enemy or there would be protection for our back.

Forgetting Something?
 A. Missing the shield of faith
 B. Missing the helmet of salvation, breastplate of righteousness, and the shield of faith
 C. Missing feet shod with the preparation of peace and breastplate of righteousness

You Figure It Out



Based on what you know about the armor of God in Ephesians chapter 6, how can you tell that this soldier retreated from the enemy? Think it through carefully.

jokes & riddles



"A merry heart does good, like medicine."
 —Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

How does the biologist like to communicate?

With his "cell" phone

What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?

Coal

John: Why does your sister jump up and down before taking her medicine?

Sam: Because the medicine label says to "shake well before using."

A mushroom walked into a restaurant and the waiter said "You look like a fungi!" (fun guy)

Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you?

Pupil: Not very much!

What did the traffic light say to the car?

Don't look; I'm changing.

There are three houses. One is red, one is blue, and one is white. If the red house is to the left of the house in the middle, and the blue house is to the right of the house in the middle, where is the white house?

In Washington D.C.

Imagine you are in a room, with no doors, windows, or anything. How do you get out?

Stop imagining



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