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How true her words are. I’m sure you can look at your life and remember things that you really wanted to do. Even though your dream may have seemed impossible, because you were so possessed by it, you were able to find a way to accomplish it.

I’ve learned that the first step to success is believing you can make it. And you also must believe that God wants you to succeed. Philippians 4:13 must be indelibly stamped in your spirit: *“I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength”* (NLT). When you find yourself in a crisis and people are saying you can’t do anything, respond with this verse.

You can come through any circumstance, walk through any valley, and go through any trial the devil sends your way. It doesn’t matter what your circumstances look like. God promises you in Psalm 34:17 & 19 that He will deliver you out of all your trials. When you believe what He has said about you, then you can do anything you set your heart to. He is for you and your success.

This issue of our magazine is packed full of Bible truths to help you through this busy time of year. Don’t miss a single page! And be sure to share your favorite quotes from the articles with us on social media. Just #RhemaWOF.



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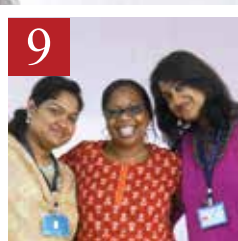
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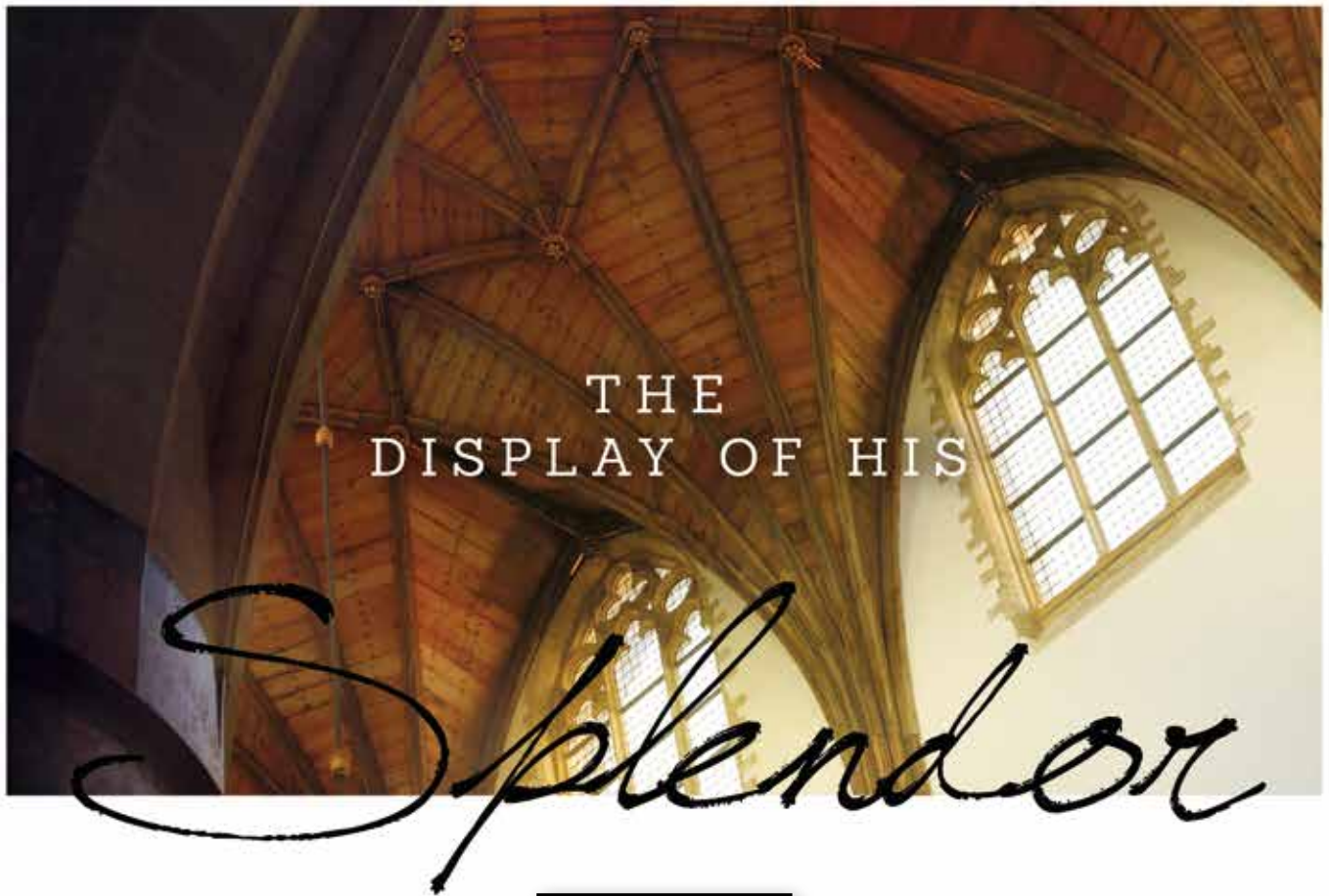
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IF WE EVER NEEDED a greater measure of God's glory, it is today. The Bible has predicted that certain things will happen in the last days, and we are seeing some of those unfortunate events unfolding in our time. The Scriptures also say that the spiritual condition of some people will wax worse and worse. Second Timothy 3:1–4 even lists characteristics of those walking in darkness in the end times. These verses say, *"People will be lovers of themselves . . . without love, unforgiving, slanderous . . . lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God"* (NIV).

But time and again in God's Word, we also see references to increased manifestations of His glory. Throughout history, God's people were designed and created to display His mighty power and glory. And we who are alive today on the earth are no less destined to display His glory—His awesome splendor and majesty.

It is important that we learn how to position ourselves to experience God's greater glory. But it is just as important to discover why God's blessings and glory are not being manifested as they should. We can learn much about this from the experiences of the children of Israel.

In the Book of Haggai, the Lord spelled out why the Israelites were not enjoying His blessings. When they were released from captivity, God told them to rebuild His house, His temple. And they *intended* to do that, but they wanted to do it when it was convenient for *them*, not when God wanted it done. They had neglected spiritual things and were instead caught up in natural,



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material things. As a result, they were not reaping God's blessings.

In Haggai 1:9, God referred to the temple that Solomon had built—the one that was destroyed when the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem. The Israelites had planted crops, but they had reaped almost no harvest. God told them, *"You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. . . . Why? . . . Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house"* (NIV).

But when we read further, we find that God encouraged the people by promising them future glory and blessings if they obeyed Him and rebuilt His house. So in the midst of correcting them, He also gave them hope.

HAGGAI 2:9 (NIV)

9 "The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house," says the Lord Almighty. "And in this place I will grant peace," declares the Lord Almighty."

Isn't that just like God! We need to realize that He desires to pour out His Spirit and manifest His glory more than we want Him to!

The first part of this verse says, *"The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house."* In the "former house," the people saw and experienced the glory of God. Well, what about us today? Where is that greater glory that the prophet Haggai spoke of?

We sometimes refer to the glory of God as a manifestation of His power or presence. In the Old Testament, God's glory appeared only in certain places at particular times. And it was usually upon only the prophets, priests, or kings. But according to First Corinthians, *every* born-again child of God is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16 (NKJV)

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

According to this verse, individual Christians—members of the Body of Christ—are God's temple. Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth, "You are God's temple." And since they were God's temple, *we in the Church today are God's temple!*

In your local church building, you may find cement, steel, wood, bricks, stone, mortar, and so forth. However, although that building is dedicated to the propagation of the Gospel, the power and glory of God do not reside in that or any other building! The glory of God is in *you and me*, and when we walk into church, the glory of God comes in *with us*.

[God] desires to pour out His Spirit and manifest His glory more than we want Him to.



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Therefore, if we want the power of God to show up in our midst, we're going to have to do something—both individually and collectively. We must do certain things for God to move in our local church bodies and in the Body of Christ at large.

Well, what must we do?

- We must cultivate and keep a greater hunger for the things of God and for a move of His Spirit.
- We must continually worship God in spirit and in truth.
- We must hold fast to His Word and to the truth we know without compromise.
- We must preach and teach the Word with ever greater fervency!
- *We must show reverence for the Presence of God in our midst.*

This will come at a price—the price of our time and our earnest desire to seek His face and know Him! It's the price of our obedience to move when He says move and sit still when He says to sit still. Will you pay the price?

God wants His house—that's *you and me*—to be filled with His glory. He wants the glory of this present-day house to be even greater than that of Solomon's temple in its heyday. *We* are the temple in which God dwells. He desires to manifest His greater glory in us as we worship Him, live in integrity according to His Word, and hold the treasures of Heaven as weightier than natural, material things.

So let us consecrate ourselves anew and ask the Lord for fresh oil (Ps. 92:10), that His anointing may flow and be evident to many. Let us seek God as we never have before so that we can experience His power and glory in our midst as never before. As we seek Him, we will reveal His greater glory in these last days. 🕊

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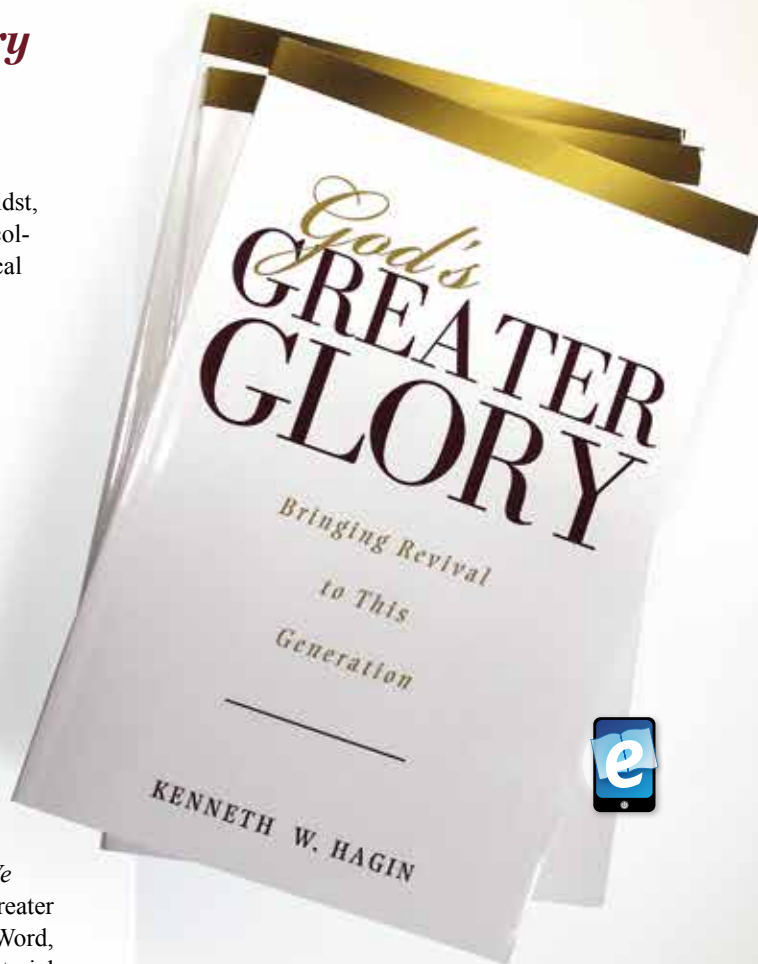
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BEFORE JESUS ascended into Heaven, He said to His disciples, *"Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high"* (Luke 24:49). The word *endued* means "to sink into; to put on; to clothe oneself."

We see in Acts 1:8 that we *"shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon [us]."* This verse is not talking about the Holy Spirit residing in us, but about the Holy Spirit coming upon us.

When we are born again, the Spirit of God comes into us in a measure. But there is another work of the Spirit of God. It's called the

their clothing. In hospitals we can generally tell the difference between doctors, nurses, and technicians by the hospital scrubs they wear. Men and women in the military also wear uniforms. Their clothing identifies which branch of the military they serve in.

Are you clothed with the spiritual clothing God has provided for you? Think about it. We don't go out in public undressed! In the same way, it's not right to go out without our spiritual clothing. That is, without putting on Christ (Gal. 3:27), without putting on the armor of light (Rom. 13:12), and without being endued with God's power (Luke 24:49).

Get Swallowed Up in God's Clothes

Remember, *endued* means "to sink into." When we're *endued*, we "sink into" the power of God. We "sink into" being a new creature in Christ who is created in righteousness and true holiness.

When we're fully clothed with the Holy Spirit and walking in the power of God, we're engulfed in God. Sickness and disease can't stand in our presence because it can't stand in God's presence.

Acts 10:38 says, *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."* The same power that was on Jesus is on us!

Being clothed from on high equips us to share the Gospel with a lost and dying world. It also equips us to minister healing and deliverance to those who need it.

In these last days before Jesus returns, I believe we're going to see a greater demonstration of the power of God. Ordinary Christians clothed in that power will minister on crowded city streets, on highways and byways, in grocery stores, and on their jobs!

We confess many things about who we are in Christ, and that's good. We need to do that. But let's also start saying, "The power of God is on me. I'm clothed with God's power." And then let's boldly minister to those around us in that power!♥

[Editor's Note: Tad Gregurich is Dean of Rhema Bible Training College.]

*When we're clothed in God's armor . . .
the devil can't tell the difference between
God and us!*



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Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The word *baptism* means "to be fully immersed in." The idea here is that we are fully clothed with the power of God. **OUR HEAVENLY FATHER NEVER INTENDED HIS CHILDREN TO LIVE AND OPERATE "NAKED"—THAT IS, WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

What Kind of Clothes Are You Wearing?

Clothing identifies people. Police officers and firemen wear uniforms. We know who they are by

In Ephesians 6:10–18, the Apostle Paul tells us to put on the armor of God. Verse 11 says that we'll *"be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"* when we do this. Another thing that happens when we're clothed in God's armor is that the devil can't tell the difference between God and us!

This heavenly power is for all born-again Christians. It's not limited to those who are called to full-time ministry. You don't have to stand behind a pulpit to be anointed. You just have to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

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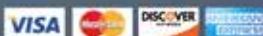
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“I ached because I could hear the cries of the kids, of the women, of the men . . .”

TRACEY ARSENEAULT-FARMER’S HEART is so on fire for the nations that she weeps when she’s not there. One cry of her heart is for the women of Kenya.

This East African nation is graced with savannas, white beaches, wildlife, and game reserves. The diverse culture is full of life, rich with art and music. But behind the attractions lies the hidden darkness of domestic violence against rural women.

Rural Kenyan men are taught to beat their wives at least once a week, shared Tracey. It’s part of their customs. Many men believe it’s a way of disciplining their wives. Tracey saw this firsthand when she visited Africa in 2006 and returned in 2007 and 2008. “Women can’t look at their husbands in public or hold their hands,” she said. “If they do, their husbands have the right to beat them.”

Tracey, a 2007 Rhema USA graduate, asked the Lord how she could bring hope and healing to these women. He told her to hold conferences for village women and share with them Psalm 139:14: “Woman, you are fearfully and wonderfully made.” He also told her to take a team of godly women to help her carry out the plan.

Tracey contacted rural Kenyan churches, and one bishop there who oversees a number of congregations was happy to schedule the meetings. But when the husbands learned of the planned events, they were upset. They didn’t like the idea of the women having a conference of their own. So the local bishop agreed to open the meetings to all men, women, and children. The vision God had put in Tracey’s heart took an unexpected turn, but God had a plan. He gave her messages that would heal and inspire both the women and the men.

Men, women, boys, and girls gathered in churches in Muhoroni, Kisumu, Siaya, and Kakamega. Tracey and her team traveled to each city and poured God’s Word into them. And that Word began breaking chains of ungodly, crippling tradition. Those at the conferences heard that they were God’s creations—valuable, and fearfully and wonderfully made—and that He had a purpose for both families and individuals.

The kids gratefully received backpacks loaded with school supplies and some fun things. They placed stickers on their faces, smiled, and were thankful for pencils and pens.

The women grinned as they tried on reading glasses for the first time. They laughed as they had manicures and facials. And they joyfully took off their worn shoes and put on new sandals. They were blessed!



“You’ve turned our sorrow into joy!” they exclaimed. Jubilant, one Kenyan woman shared, “Words can never say how much you mean to me.”

The men were grateful too. After the conferences they said they were happy to hear the teachings of how God values women. They asked Tracey how they could treat their wives better and other aspects of male-female relationships.



SPENDING TIME WITH KIDS IN KENYA.

During a two-year break in missions work, Tracey held a secular job. Throughout that time she would weep for the lost in the nations. “I ached because I could hear the cries of the kids, of the women, of the men,” she shared. She quit her job and has devoted her life to missions.

60 Nations and Counting

Tracey has ministered in 60 nations. The East Coast native isn’t afraid to go to dangerous areas. “Most of my travels have been in remote, dark places,” she said. “I really do feel God has called me to these places . . . places no man will go. I’m not afraid of doing it.”

Recently she traveled to Myanmar (Burma), where it has been illegal to evangelize. Only four percent of the people profess to be Christian. The vast majority are Buddhist. For years Christians have struggled to share the Gospel there. Now doors are slowly opening.

In Myanmar, Tracey taught in a Bible school being held in a Baptist church. Students attended despite sweltering tropical temperatures and no air conditioning. They

“That’s why we do what we do,” said Tracey, the founder of “GO YE” International Ministries in New Jersey. “That’s the only reason I live—because of people like that.”

Tracey’s heart cries out for the spiritually oppressed, bruised captives in the world. The Lord gave her a vision that she was pregnant with the nations. And He instilled in her a deep, burning passion to see the captives set free and the oppressed delivered through the life-saving message of Christ.

wanted to know God’s Word better and grow up spiritually.

Day after day, Tracey taught spiritual truths to hungry hearts. The students’ hands raced to write down every word. When it was time for her hour lunch, students approached her kindly with questions, wanting to know more. Tracey was moved with humility and compassion when she saw the spiritual hunger and deep love for Jesus in these students.

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God’s goodness is touching and changing lives wherever Tracey goes. She has trips planned to minister in other parts of world. Her heart and purpose are fixed—she is bringing the message of Christ to those who don’t know Him. Her goal is to be His hands and feet to lost and hurting people. Her prayer is, “Lord, send me!” and He does. ♥

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How to Witness About the Holy Spirit

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IN WITNESSING to your immediate family, the Lord may lead you differently from the way He has led me, and that's all right. But in dealing with my family, I never tried to get them saved. I told myself, *I believe that when they see the reality of being born again, they will all want it.* And every single one of them became born again. They all saw the reality of it!

The same thing should be true of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It's not just an experience to receive something to have a big time and enjoy. It is an endowment of power for service! A difference in our service for Christ should be seen after we're baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Let's discuss two simple biblical truths we can share with our loved ones about the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

On the day of Pentecost, believers were gathered together in a house when they heard what sounded like a rushing mighty wind. It filled the house where they were gathered. Scripture tells us that they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking with other tongues (Acts 2:1–4).

This experience is called being filled with the Holy Spirit. John prophesied, *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me . . . shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire"* (Matt. 3:11; see also Luke 3:16).

Looking at this experience from the standpoint of what *Jesus* does, one is *baptized* with the Holy Spirit.

Looking from the standpoint of the believer, one *receives* the Holy Spirit, or is *filled with* the Holy Spirit.

Different Manifestations

In the Bible whenever anyone received this Pentecostal experience after the day of Pentecost, no further reference was made about a rushing mighty wind, though that could and might happen. And nothing more is said about cloven tongues "like as of fire" appearing and sitting on believers. But Scripture does refer to believers speaking with tongues.

These other spectacular manifestations might accompany the baptism in the Holy Spirit, or they might not. But one would expect speaking with tongues to accompany this experience because we see it repeatedly happening in the Book of Acts.

A Separate Experience

Even though the Holy Spirit is at work in the New Birth and comes into believers at that time, we don't call the New Birth "receiving the Holy Spirit." The New Birth is called "receiving Christ." According to Acts 8:5, Philip preached *Christ* to the Samaritans. He didn't preach the Holy Spirit to them.

Acts 8:14 says, *"Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John."* Who is the Word of God? Jesus is (John 1:1, 14). First

Peter 1:23 says, *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, BY THE WORD OF GOD, which liveth and abideth for ever."* The Samaritans were born again by that Word. And Jesus said, *"That which is born of the Spirit is spirit"* (John 3:6). These Samaritans were born of the Spirit, though the Spirit isn't mentioned until verse 15.

We don't pray for sinners to receive the Holy Ghost. We pray with



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them to receive Christ. And when they receive Christ, the Spirit of Christ—which is the Holy Spirit—comes into their hearts. That has to be so, because Paul said, *"If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his"* (Rom. 8:9).

These are two biblical truths that can enlighten our loved ones on the baptism in the Holy Spirit. These scriptures can open the door for them to receive the Holy Spirit—an endowment of power for service.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book *The Spirit Within and the Spirit Upon*.]

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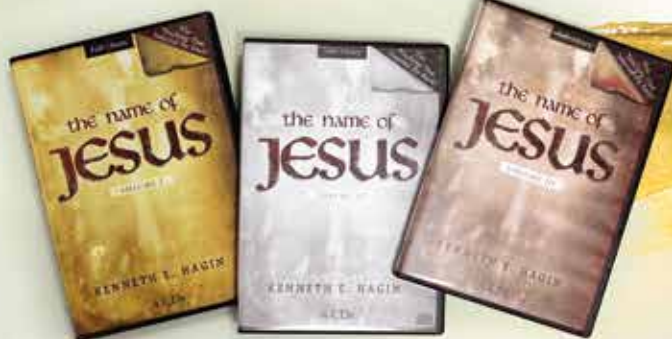
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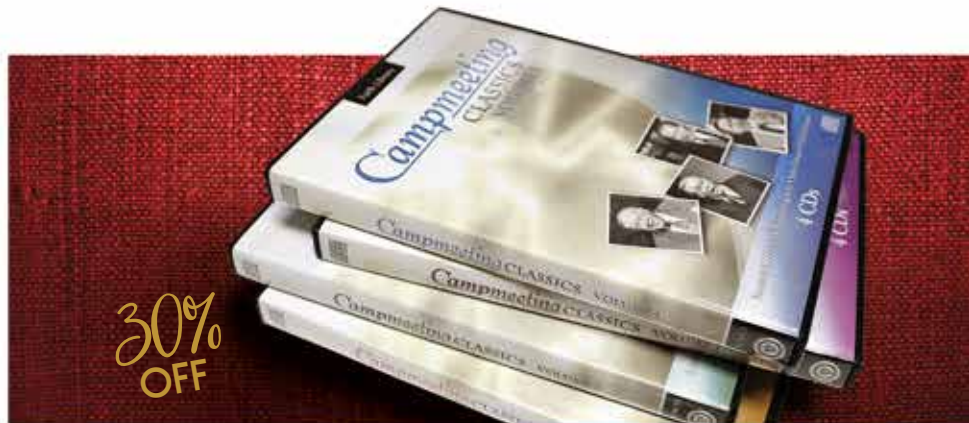
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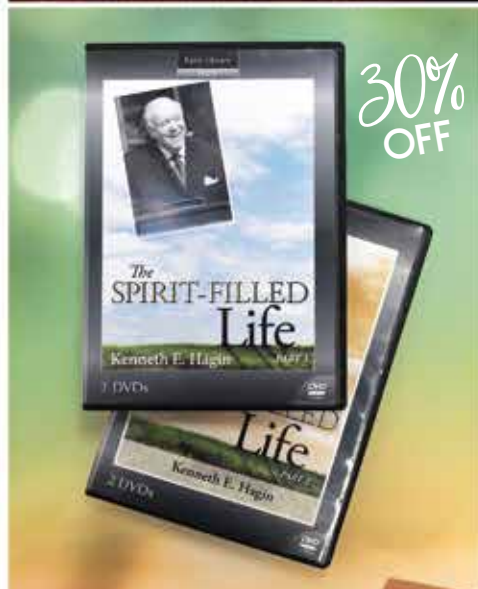


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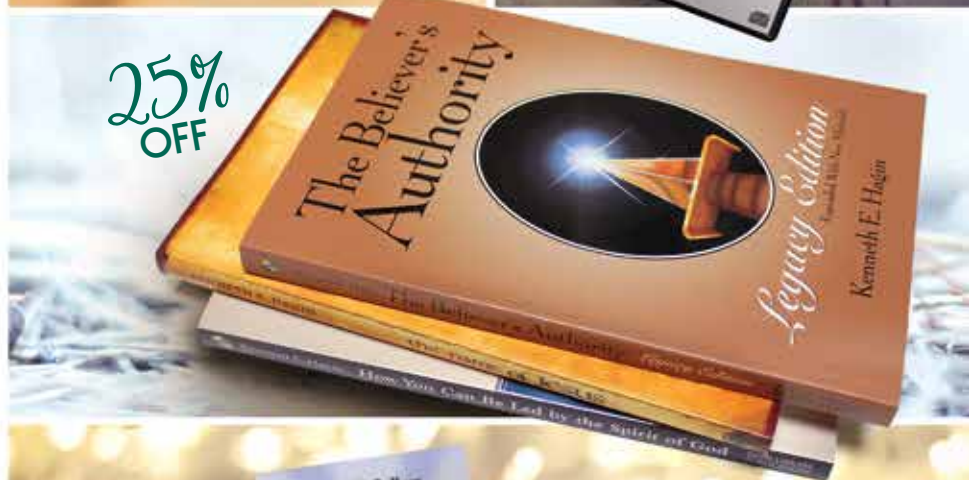
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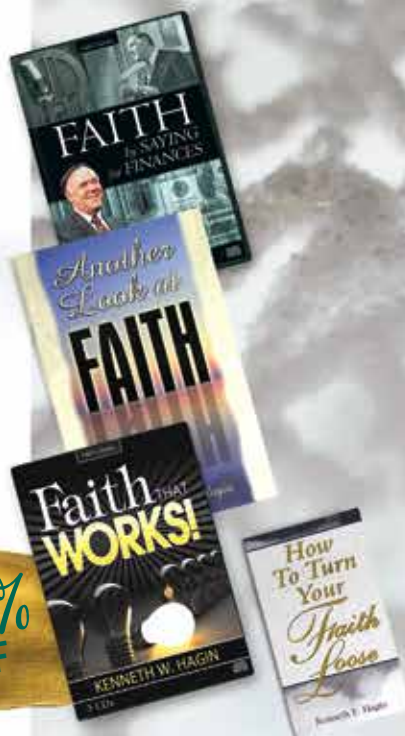
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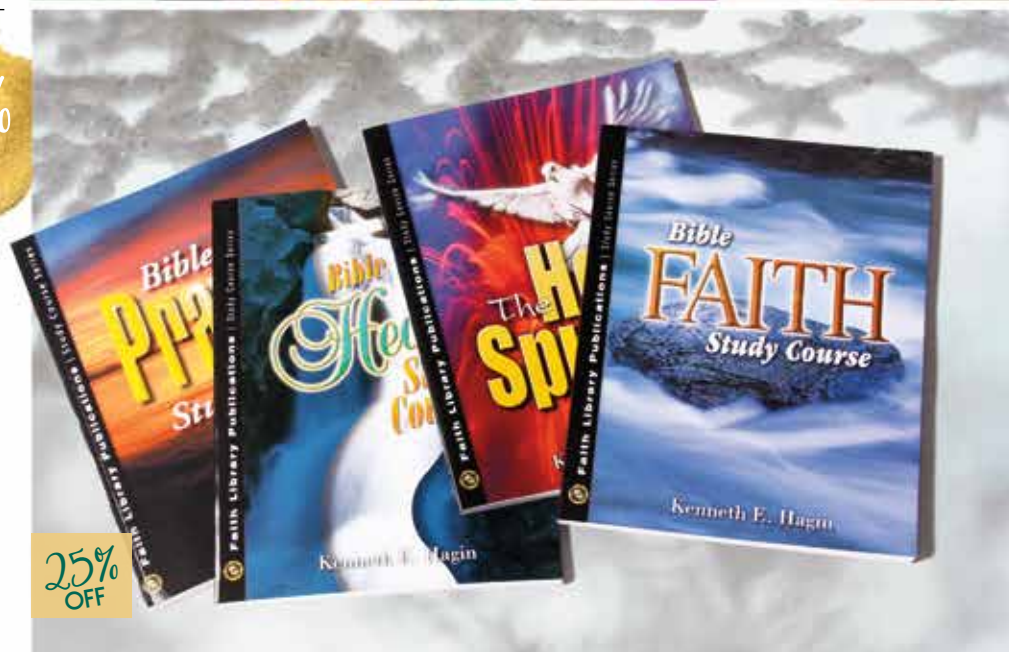
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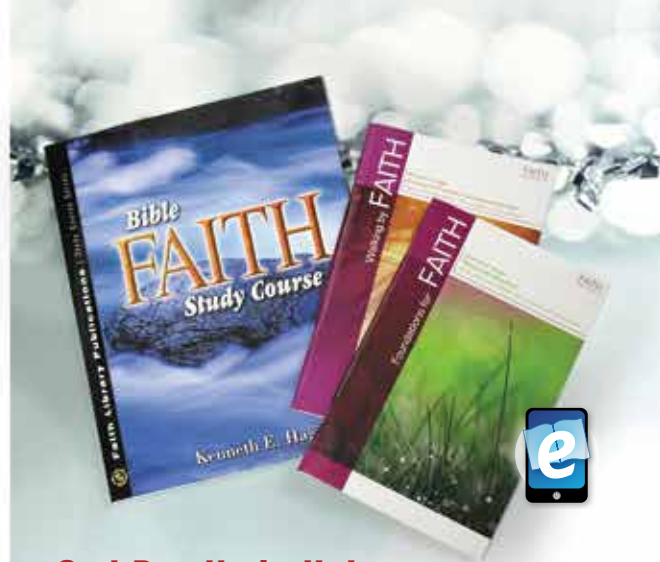
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WITHIN EACH OF US are dreams, plans, goals, and visions. These things may be right on the cusp of happening, or they may be buried under years of neglect.

Some people believe that money is the ultimate resource needed to reach goals. Money, however, is a secondary resource. The primary resources we need to reach our dreams are *time*, *energy*, and *attention*. When these three are working in the same direction on a goal, big gains can happen.

Time

Time is flying by for all of us. No one can add more time to his day, week, or year. We can only manage time better. There are many books, seminars, and systems about time management. The key is to find something that works for you and stick with it.

The difference between intention and attention is the simple word action.



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If we don't manage our time properly, we're letting opportunities pass us by.

Energy

Success takes a lot of work. The truth is, many people don't want to work that hard. They want success, a portfolio, and a great career. But they don't want to exert the energy needed to make that happen.

Energy is influenced by beliefs, perceptions, and values. Have you ever heard of a farmer who wakes

up at 4 a.m. and says, "I'm too tired. I'm not going outside"? No! Farmers get up regardless of how they feel. It's part of their values and upbringing. There's a job to do, so they get up and get it done.

Ultimately, energy boils down to a decision. We'll expend energy on what we want to do. Ask yourself this: If a big paycheck was on the other side of an activity, would you find the energy for it? Sure you would.



Attention

The interesting thing about attention is that you can have the time and energy to do something, but if you lose your focus, that project will never happen. If you spend your attention on something else, that job will not get done.

Attention is a resource. Once it's depleted, it's gone. Nowadays our attention is pulled in a million

directions. We live in a day when we are notified about everything.

Through social media, we know what everyone is doing in every part of the world at every moment of the day! Our attention is being shattered. It's difficult to find quiet.

What are you paying attention to? Some people can't take their eyes off their cellphone. Their attention is not on the task before them. Something else has pulled it away from what needs to be done.

There is a distinction between *attention* and *intention*. There are things in my life that I intended to do, but I never gave them the proper *attention*. As you might guess, they never got done.

The difference between intention and attention is the simple word action. We have dreams, desires,

and plans, but we must put action to them. They don't happen on their own. Remember, we are judged by our actions, not our intentions.

What have you intended to be? What have you intended to do? If these things are not a reality in your life, it's because you haven't put your attention to them.

Let's take advantage of the resources God has given us. Let's use our time and energy wisely. And let's focus on our goals, dreams, and desires by putting action to them. Only then will we achieve the success we've longed for. ♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Don Burns' Power Talk during the 2015 A Call to Arms Men's Conference.]





DON'T CHOKER!



CRAIG W. HAGIN

THE 2016 Masters Tournament held at the Augusta National Golf Club will long be talked about. Jordan Spieth—one of the world's best golfers who many thought would win a second Masters championship—choked on the 12th hole, scoring a quadruple bogey. For those who don't follow golf, that's bad. Really bad.

Being a top player in his game, Jordan probably could have come back and won. But after he choked, he just fell apart.

Life can be this way. Sometimes it seems as if one mistake changes everything. Some people recover—others don't.

I've noticed that when it gets close to summertime, people start messing up. I believe that's because when the weather gets warmer, they start missing church and then quit coming altogether.

You don't have to go to church to go to Heaven, but church is a good place to get fed spiritually. Good spiritual food is what keeps you at the top of your game in life. Church isn't the only place to get fed spiritually. But people aren't always good about reading their Bible or spending time with the Lord every day.

The Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25). I'm sure you can remember times when you struggled with something or you didn't know what to do in a situation. And then while you were sitting in a church service, the Holy Spirit spoke through your pastor and he said exactly what you needed to hear to help you. When you don't go to church, you don't get this much-needed help.

Don't Be Fooled

Who you hang around with influences your habits—good or bad. Going to church keeps you connected with your Christian friends. Not going makes it easy to hang around friends who negatively influence you.

First Corinthians 15:33 (NCV) says, "*Do not be fooled: 'Bad friends will ruin good habits.'*" We often think we're strong enough to be around certain people. But instead of us impacting their lives for the better, they pull us down.

For example, a person who gets off of drugs may want to witness to friends who are still using drugs. The person thinks that just because he hasn't used anything in a year, he's strong enough to go back and hang around with people who are still in that lifestyle.



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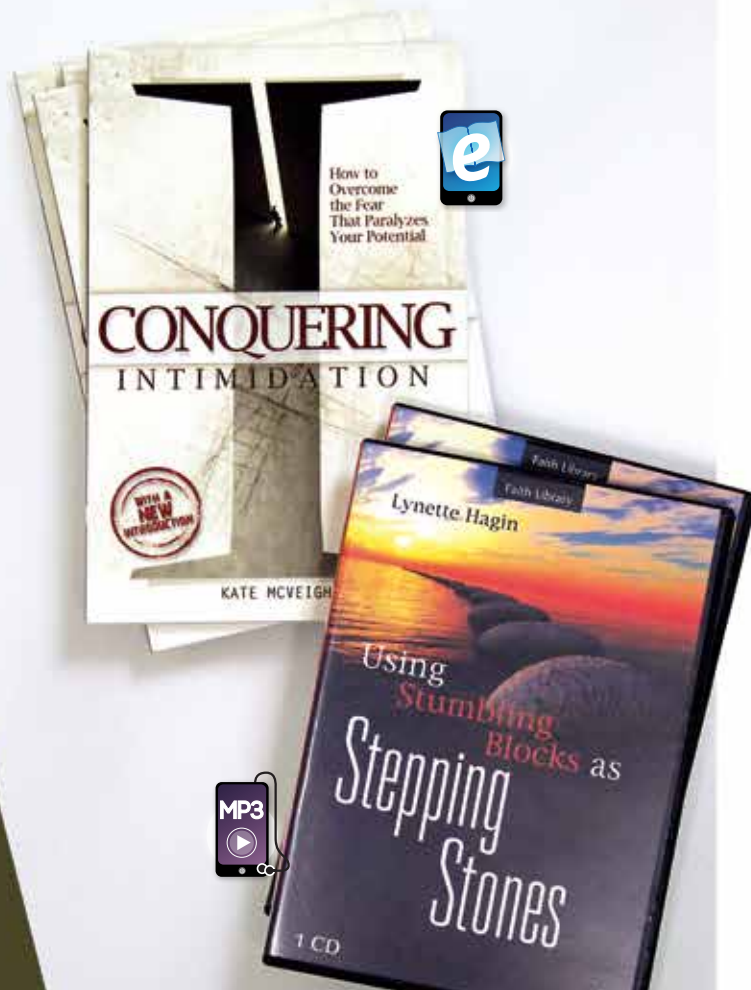
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I know a man who had a real drug problem when he was growing up. His life got turned around, and he eventually became a pastor. Anytime people call his church seeking help with drug addiction, he always has a staff member talk to them. He does this because heroin used to call his name. Even though he is spiritually strong today and could counsel the person without any problems, he never wants to put himself in a compromising situation.

How many times have we willingly gone into places where temptation calls us by our first name? Then when we fall, we wonder how we messed up.

Life Struggles

Choking doesn't have to be about drug addiction. It can be about anything. It can happen over experiencing depression, battling illness, or facing financial difficulty.

Sometimes the circumstances of life land you in a sand trap and you don't see any way out. Nothing seems to work for you. You're under so much pressure that you don't know what to do, and it's hard to hear from God.

*When we're weak,
we need **friends** who
are strong.*



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These are the times when we need our friends who are strong in the Lord. Unfortunately, I've seen people quit talking to their Christian friends during rough patches in their lives. But doing that only pulls them away from the very people who can help them.

When we're weak, we need friends who are strong. And we need to reach out to them—no matter how embarrassed we may feel.

Run to God

The most important part of choking is getting back on track as quickly as possible. We have to get back to higher ground, and often we need to make some changes.

Sometimes we're flying through life and we need to slow down. After Jordan Spieth's first bad shot, I think he rushed into his next shot. Then he made one bad shot after another.

When we keep making mistakes in our personal lives, we need to stop and evaluate our situation. We should set aside some time to think before taking our next step.

Be a Good Friend

On the flip side, when we see friends choke, we can't just let them fall away from the Lord. We need to do something. At the very least, we can pray for them and not condemn them.

We've all fallen down. We've all made mistakes. When we see people we know in bad situations, the best thing to do is pick them up and help them move forward.♥

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What a Week!

CAMPMEETING 2016 was packed with energizing praise and uplifting preaching. Each message built upon the last. Everyone attending and the thousands who watched online were shown how to live victoriously in the last days. At *Summer Blitz* for youth, revival fire was kindled in the hearts of young people. And God moved mightily in the Rhema Kids Campmeeting services. Children's lives were transformed as they heard the Word in fun and engaging ways. From youngest to oldest, people were strengthened, encouraged, and uplifted.

HERE'S A SAMPLE OF WHAT CAMPMEETING 2016 SPEAKERS SAID.

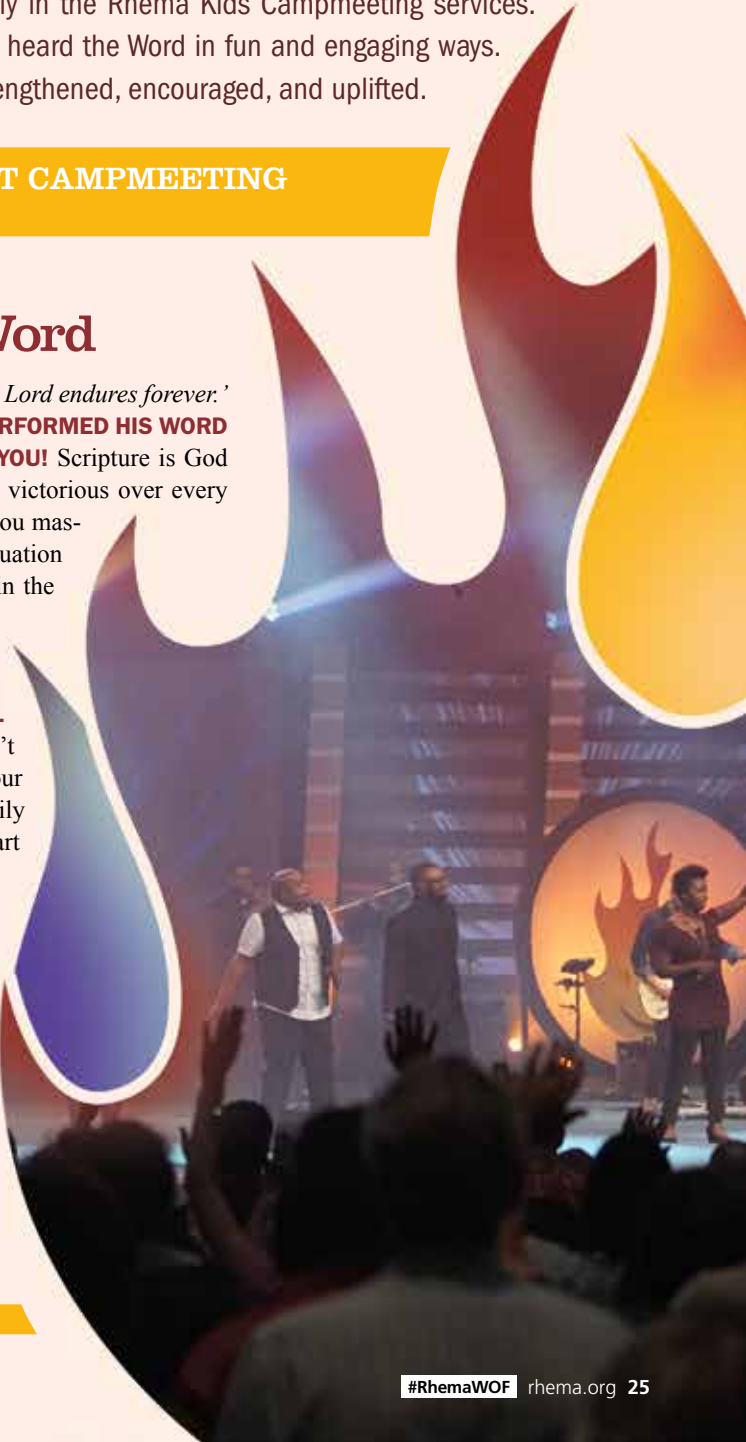
Always Speak the Word

"First Peter 1:25 (NKJV) says, *'The word of the Lord endures forever.'* Peter was saying that **THE SAME GOD WHO PERFORMED HIS WORD FOR ISRAEL WILL ALSO PERFORM IT FOR YOU!** Scripture is God speaking. The Word of God enables you to be victorious over every enemy that comes your direction. It will give you mastery over every adverse circumstance and situation you encounter. His Word will help you stand in the winner's circle with God. **THE WORD OF THE LORD THAT YOU SPEAK WILL CAUSE THINGS TO HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE. IT WILL EQUIP YOU TO TRIUMPH OVER THE DEVIL EVERY TIME!** The words from the Bible can't stay on the pages. They must proceed out of your mouth. You need to meditate on God's Word daily and speak it every day. It has to get in your heart and become a part of you." // **KENNETH W. HAGIN**



"In today's climate, I see a lot of Christians who are fearful. You can't be in faith and fear at the same time. Second Timothy 1:7 says that fear does not come from God. If you're fearful about something, that's not from God. You're actually allowing the devil to have control over this area in your life. Second Timothy 1:7 also says that **GOD HAS GIVEN YOU POWER—POWER TO OVERCOME, POWER TO MOVE FORWARD.**"

// **CRAIG W. HAGIN**



"If God said something to you, He is going to bring it to pass. He is not a man that He shall lie, or the son of man that He shall repent. *If God told you something and if you stay committed to it, though it tarries, it shall surely come to pass.*" // **STEVE HOUPÉ**



FAITH

"We build our faith muscles the more we read, meditate on, speak, and do God's Word. *We have to stay in the gym with our faith.* If we quit reading, thinking on, and speaking the Word, our faith will grow weaker."

// **CHARLES COWAN**



"We are all eating the consequence of our words. Our words determine the outcome of our lives, and our future is determined by the words we speak today. So *if we want to change our future, we have to change what we say.*"

// **DAVID SHEARIN**



KINGDOM PRINCIPLES

"There are kingdom principles we need to tap into and understand. That means there are ways that all this stuff functions within God's Kingdom. *Our faith can work every time when we understand Kingdom principles.*"

// **EARL GLISSON**



"We are in a war. Everything going on right now is to affect what we think and what we believe, so it can govern our lives. But *God has given us spiritual weapons to pull down every contrary thought and argument that comes against our minds.*"

// **DARRELL HUFFMAN**



VICTORY



"There is victory in your voice!" If you can move your mouth, you can move your mountain. Don't let that mountain stay there another month or year! It has to move! Lift up your voice! Something is on the other side of that mountain." // **MARK HANKINS**

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SUMMER BLITZ

YOUNG HEARTS SET AFIRE AT SUMMER BLITZ

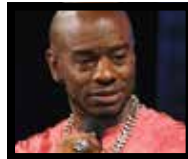
Summer Blitz 2016 was about touching youth with God's power and changing them through His Word. As the week began, it was clear their hearts were eager for Him. And the speakers responded with messages on drawing closer to God, avoiding complacency, and living wholeheartedly for Christ in today's world.

God ministered powerfully to the students each night. They enjoyed energy-packed and intimate worship, received direction on His plans for them, and were reminded that **they are more than conquerors through Christ**. **A number of young people were freed from mental bondage**. Ministers laid hands upon many students and encouraged them.

The young people left inspired and changed, urged to be beacons of God's light to their world, pointing others to Christ. **It was a life-changing week!**♥



"I don't care who you are or where you're at—God has exploits for you to do. He wants you to step out in faith with Him. He sees you as instruments for Him. He sees you as vessels of His glory." **Annie Dixon**



"Some of y'all in here—the devil told you that you were disqualified and that the Lord would never use you. But **the Lord said the blood of Jesus has qualified you! His blood has made you worthy.**" **Mynista**



"The people in your school who have not made Jesus the Lord of their lives have a veil over their face. **When you show them the love of God, you are removing the veil from their face.**" **D.K. Hall**



"You need the fire of God in your generation. You also need the staying power to keep it. A match is great, but it goes out quickly. But **if you make a bonfire, it will stay lit as long as you keep it fed.**" **Julia Post**



"This is your moment to let your light shine and spread some fire. It's your choice. Are you going to keep the fire to yourself or spread it? Be the light. Pass the flame. God has made it easy to share His love." **Emily Hall**



"What are some goals to have a healthy relationship with your friends? **We want to choose friends that are loyal, that love at all times, that agree with us in prayer, and that choose to do the right thing.**" **Rob Post**



"The day you get over what people think about you is the day you find yourself in the midst of a miracle and see your faith at an all-time high. You'll do things you've never done before in your life. And that is revival!" **Ryan Leak**



"We need excitement, but what we need more is power. It's good to be excited about the things of God. But **how much greater is it to lay hands on someone who is sick and they leave changed and different than when they came in!**" **Angie Shearin**



"Your faith needs to be your own. It can't be Mom's or Dad's. It has to be yours. What do I mean by that? You can't live on stories they've told. **You have to have faith adventures of your own.** You have to experience faith for yourself." **Matt McCarty**



"Most people get in a tough situation and they give up. But **the God that we serve will make us victorious**, right in the middle of what we are facing. We will come out not even smelling like smoke!" **Matt Shearin**



"It doesn't take courage to live like everyone else. That's the easy route. **It takes bravery to say no.** That's hard to do. Sometimes when you're brave for the Lord, it looks different to your friends. **Don't think that you're being a coward by saying no.**" **Mia McCarty**





THE RIGHT WAY TO WIN NATIONS



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GOD CAN ONLY MOVE on this earth as His people ask Him to move. God is longing today for someone who will make up the hedge and stand in the gap before Him and intercede for souls in every nation. That's the scriptural way to win cities and nations for God.

EZEKIEL 22:30

30 I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and **STAND IN THE GAP** before me for the land, **THAT I SHOULD NOT DESTROY IT:** but I found none.

In this verse God said He had to destroy the land because as a just God, He had to pronounce a penalty on sin. God's penalty on sin wasn't unjust, because the people had brought judgment upon themselves by their own sin: "*THEIR OWN WAY have I recompensed upon their heads*" (v. 31).

This scripture implies that if God could have found someone to stand in the gap and make up the hedge and intercede for the land, He wouldn't have had to bring judgment on the people.

I once read a statement by John Wesley: "It seems God can do nothing for humanity unless someone *asks* Him to do it."

If someone would just ask Him. Think about that! God didn't say we had to go out and try to fight Satan, a defeated foe, to win cities and nations for God. These verses say that if God's covenant children would just *ask* Him to move

on the earth, He would hear and answer their prayers. Satan is no match for God!

The unsaved people of the world are dominated and ruled by the devil—not by God. Therefore, they are destined to have "their own way recompensed upon their heads" unless they hear and receive the truth of the Gospel and repent.

God looks for those who will boldly ask Him to hold back judgment and give the unsaved more time to repent and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Then it's our responsibility to preach the Gospel so people can be saved and teach them their position of authority in Christ over the devil.

Praying for Those in Authority

Another scriptural way to pray to win cities and nations for God is found in the Book of First Timothy. We are instructed to pray for those in authority. It stands to reason that if people in positions of authority in a nation change to God's glory, then God has more liberty to move in that nation, so the devil's plans are thwarted and men are saved.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2, 4

1 I exhort therefore, that, **FIRST OF ALL**, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for **ALL MEN**;

2 For **KINGS**, and for **ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY**; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

4 [God] will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

LEARN MORE

If you're not sure how to pray for your nation, visit rhema.org/prayer and read Rev. Hagin's prayer from 1983 for the United States. It can serve as a helpful guide.

Notice that Paul said in First Timothy 2:1, “*FIRST OF ALL*.” That means we are to pray for all men and for all those in authority *before* we pray for ourselves or our own families.

Praying according to the Word and putting first things first always produces results. Praying according to the latest spiritual “fad” that’s not based firmly on the Word of God will never produce lasting or eternal results.

As we pray for those in authority, the Bible says we will effect changes in the nations of this world, “*that we may lead A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE*” (1 Tim. 2:2).

If someone would just ask Him.

Yes, there are ruling spirits over cities and nations that influence people who are in authority. Although we can’t “pull down” those demonic strongholds once and for all, as we pray for the leaders of nations, we can thwart and render inoperative the devil’s strategies on the earth and cause God’s purposes to prevail.

But praying for those in authority doesn’t mean we are to pray that the politicians in our favorite political party will be voted into office. We can’t judge by political party alone which candidate is best to fill the leadership positions in our nation.

In other words, we don’t need to get involved with *personalities* in praying for our government; we just need to pray that the right candidate be elected to office. We may all have our *opinion* who is the right one for office, but only *God* knows for sure. Therefore, we just need to pray that God will have His way in the matter.

God wants us to pray for those in authority so there will be peace in our nations. Then we can preach the Gospel undisturbed. As long as the devil has nations in an upheaval, we can’t lead a quiet and peaceable life and preach the Gospel unhindered to the ends of the earth.

According to 2 Thessalonians 3:1–2, when we pray, God will deliver us from “unreasonable and wicked men” in every area and sector in our nation so the Word of God will have free course.

..... FAITH NUGGET

How to Win Your City for God

Winning a city for God doesn’t necessarily mean that every single person in that town will be saved. That’s true because people still have free choice. But our prayers and intercession make it easier for people to yield to God and desire to be saved.

So the most important reason God wants us to pray for the leaders of nations is so the Gospel can be preached and people can be delivered out of the kingdom of darkness. God’s plan and purpose is for the Church to preach the Gospel to every nation: “*And this gospel of the kingdom SHALL BE PREACHED in all the world for a witness unto ALL NATIONS; and then shall the end come*” (Matt. 24:14). This is the scriptural way we render the devil’s work inoperative upon the earth.♥

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin’s book *The Triumphant Church*.]

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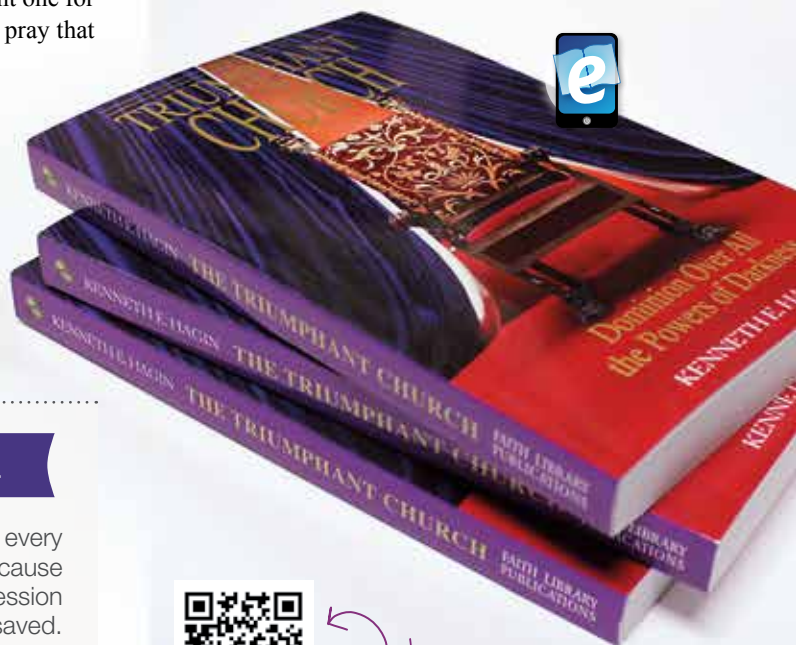
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Thoughts

// 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)

AS THE LEAVES settle around us, we hardly realize that we have settled into the routine of fall. This is the time of the year when families run on back-to-school schedules, football games, and crock-pot dinners. I love the fall season. The weather is beautiful in Oklahoma. The wind seems to die down, the temperatures are nice, and the leaves turn beautiful colors.

However, a few weeks down the road, the pace picks up. Thanksgiving is around the corner, and Christmas comes not long after that. The event that Americans commonly call "the first Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in 1621. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1863. That year, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

Thanksgiving is a time when we all need to concentrate more on being thankful than on the turkey and dressing we consume. As I have said numerous times in this column, life is filled with stress, challenges, and difficulties. Often we become so focused on our circumstances and crises that we forget the many positives we have.

We concentrate on what is wrong with our spouse, children, employer, or fellow employee rather than on being thankful for the good they contribute to our lives. We should all strive to improve ourselves. However, many times we have a poor self-image because we dwell on our negative characteristics instead of on the positive ones God has given us. I love what David said about himself in Psalm 139:14: *"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."* I especially like this verse in the *New Living Translation*: *"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it."*

When my husband says to me, "I can't figure you out sometimes," I reply, "That's because God made me wonderfully complex!" And of course we both laugh about it. We need to think of ourselves the way David did: we are wonderfully made, and we should be thankful. Often we take things for granted, not realizing what life would be like without them.

Several years ago I fell and fractured my shoulder. Because of the fracture, I was unable to use that arm for several weeks. I certainly did not realize how many things in life cannot be done when you have just one arm. I had to depend upon others to button my clothes, tie my shoes, curl my hair, and so forth. I got a new appreciation for having two arms. I began to be thankful for something I had taken for granted.

Rather than dwelling on what you don't have, I encourage you to be thankful for what you do have. The Apostle Paul is a good example of someone who always looked on the positive in spite of circumstances. One of my favorite books of the Bible is *Philippians*. Paul was in prison writing to the Philippian church. He was expressing his thankfulness for the church, and he was encouraging and exhorting them.

Even though Paul was bound in chains, he did not complain about his circumstances. I love what he says in *Philippians 4:4–9*: *"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."*

I encourage you to find something in your life and in the lives of others to be thankful for every day. Express that thankfulness to God as well as to those around you.♥

Lynette



A SWEET, CRUNCHY GOSPEL

How do you help kids *know* that Jesus loves them? One way is through breakfast cereal. An out-of-the-box approach? Definitely. But when it works, the box doesn't matter!

This year's *Rhema Kids Campmeeting* theme was "Cereal." In every service, morning and night, the youngsters looked at a different kid-loved cereal and what it could teach them about Jesus and growing closer to Him. The 11 cereals featured included Rice Krispies, famous for its "snap, crackle, and pop" when you pour on the milk. The faith lesson? When Jesus does something good in our lives, we make noise and tell others about it. From Wheaties, kids learned that serving others is what it takes to be great in God's Kingdom and get your picture on the box. And just as Cocoa Pebbles transforms milk into chocolate milk, knowing Jesus as Savior transforms our lives.

The kids enjoyed powerful praise, worship, and ministry times. Many received Jesus as Savior and were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many were healed. Everyone joined in exciting games and activities, competing daily for the Golden Cereal Bowl trophy. For the children, *Rhema Kids Campmeeting 2016* proved to be a crunchy, crispy, and sweet experience with God. 🍌

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN SAYING?

Confession is good for the soul . . . but it's also good for your faith. That's because what you say (or confess) shows what you believe. You might believe that Jesus is Lord, but Romans 10:9 says that you must say it with your mouth in order to be saved.

Your science teacher will tell you that your mouth is connected to your esophagus and stomach. That's a scientific fact. But spiritually, Jesus said that your mouth is connected to your heart (or your spirit). He said, "Out of the abundance of the heart [or spirit] the mouth speaks" (Matt. 12:34). A person can tell what is in your heart just by listening to the words you've been saying. **So what have you been saying?** Have you been speaking words of faith from God's Word or words of doubt and unbelief?

To the right are a few bad confessions that you might be tempted to say. Find the good confessions from God's Word beneath these bad confessions. Then use the good confessions to defeat the bad confessions you've been saying.

Match the number of the Bad Confession with the letter of the Good Confession that will defeat it.

BAD CONFESSIONS

1. "I'm not very smart when it comes to math!"
2. "I can't do that! It's too hard!"
3. "I'll never get over this sickness!"
4. "I'm afraid something bad is going to happen!"

GOOD CONFESSIONS

- A. "By Jesus' stripes I am healed" (1 Peter 2:24).
- B. "The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1).
- C. "I have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16).
- D. "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

What Have You Been Saying?

1. "I'm not very smart when it comes to math!"—C
2. "I can't do that! It's too hard!"—D
3. "I'll never get over this sickness!"—A
4. "I'm afraid something bad is going to happen!"—B

ANSWERS:



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