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## Don't Quit!

There's always a temptation to grow impatient if something doesn't happen when we think it should. When prayers aren't answered on our timetable or when dreams don't happen as quickly as we had hoped, we can become restless, which only hurts us in the end.

You may feel called to a particular career, but you're not there yet. That's okay. God's not in a hurry, so you shouldn't feel pressured.

We live in an impatient world, and we all have to work on being patient. Patience is one of the hardest qualities to develop. On the highway, people can become impatient with other drivers, especially if they're in a hurry to get somewhere. And people often get impatient with their children, waiters, store clerks, and so forth.

One indication that we are impatient with the Lord is when we start complaining and whining to Him. You might say, "I would never do such a thing!" But when we ask—"Lord, why haven't You already done such and such? I don't understand what is taking so long"—we are in unbelief.

Patience is necessary because we can't stay in faith without it. Hebrews 6:12 tells us it's through faith and *patience* that we inherit the promises of God.

I encourage you to allow the fruit of the Spirit in you to dominate you—to let the patience on the inside to be displayed on the outside. Galatians 6:9 says, "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*" Now is not the time to "faint," or lose patience, because in due season you *shall* reap!

We have a great magazine for you this month. You won't want to miss a single page.

*Kenneth W. Hagin*

PS. Happy Independence Day to those of you in the U.S., and happy Canada Day to our northern neighbors. I believe that as we allow patience to work in us, we will see the manifestation of everything we are standing in faith for.



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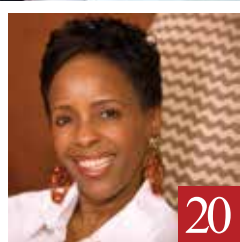
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# FAITH vs. FEELINGS



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**TOO MANY** people try to get acquainted with God through their feelings. When they feel good, they think God has heard their prayers. When they don't feel particularly good, they believe He has not heard them. Their faith is based on their feelings, while it should be based on God's Word.

## A 'Thomas' Faith

### **JOHN 20:24–29**

**24** But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

**25** The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

**26** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

**27** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

**28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

**29** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Thomas was one who based his faith on his feelings. He said he would not believe unless he could *see* with his own eyes the prints of the nails in Jesus' hands and *touch* these nail prints with his hands. He relied on what he could see and feel.

We have many "Thomas Christians" today—those who only believe what they can feel, see, hear, or touch. Real faith in God is based on the Word of God. Real faith says, "If God says it's true, it is." Believing God is believing what is written in scripture. If God's Word says He hears me, I know He does, because His Word cannot lie.

If our faith is based on feelings, we are using natural human faith, and we cannot get spiritual results with natural human faith. We have to use scriptural faith—Bible faith—which is believing in God's Word.

Once I prayed for a woman who had been through many healing lines, but she had never received her healing. After I prayed,



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she immediately said, “I haven’t got it yet. Pray again.” I prayed again, and when I was finished, she said the same thing.

After praying a third time with seemingly no results, I asked her, “When are you going to start believing you are healed?”

“When I get healed,” she replied.

“Why in the world would you want to believe it then? It seems to me that you would know it then,” I told her.

Anyone can believe what they feel, hear, or see. We live and operate in the physical realm, and obviously, we have to walk by sight. But when it comes to spiritual things, we don’t walk by sight, we walk by faith.

## Healing Is Spiritual

God’s healing is spiritual healing. If medical science heals, it heals through the physical. But when God heals, He heals through the spirit.

Spiritual healing—or divine healing—is received from God in the same way that the New Birth, which is a rebirth of the spirit, is received.

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

When you are born again, it is not your body that is born again. When Paul said, “*if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature*,” he was not talking about your body being made new. You still have the same body you always had. The New Birth doesn’t change the physical in any way. After you are saved, it’s your inner man—your spirit being—that is born again. And it’s the man on the inside that is supposed to dominate the physical body.

The New Birth is the rebirth of the human spirit. Jesus said, “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*” (John 3:6). You cannot tell immediately what happens on the inside of you when you are born again, because it takes place in your human spirit. However, if you walk in the light of what you have, it will become evident in the process of time.

When some people come to the altar, they are very emotional. They cry, jump up, and hug everyone. Then there are people who come to the altar for salvation and are not emotional at all.

I certainly believe in feelings, but I put them last. God’s Word comes first; faith in God’s Word second; and feelings last. Too many people turn it around and put feelings first, faith in their feelings second, and the Word of God last. These people will never make a success of anything.

When walking in the natural, we have to go by our physical senses. For example, if we are crossing a street and our eyes tell us that cars are coming, we must wait until they pass. Too many

people try to believe in God with that physical, natural faith. If their physical senses tell them it’s not so, they believe it’s not so.

Our physical senses have nothing to do with the Bible. Psalm 119:89 says, “*For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.*” God’s Word is true, regardless of our feelings or the circumstances.

## Formula for Faith

Here is a formula that will enable your faith to work for you. First, have God’s Word for whatever you may be seeking. Second, believe God’s Word. Third, refuse to consider contradictory circumstances, i.e., what your physical senses perceive. Fourth, praise God for the answer.

Follow these four steps, and you always will get results. You’ll receive deliverance, healing, answered prayer, or whatever you may be seeking from the Lord. ♥

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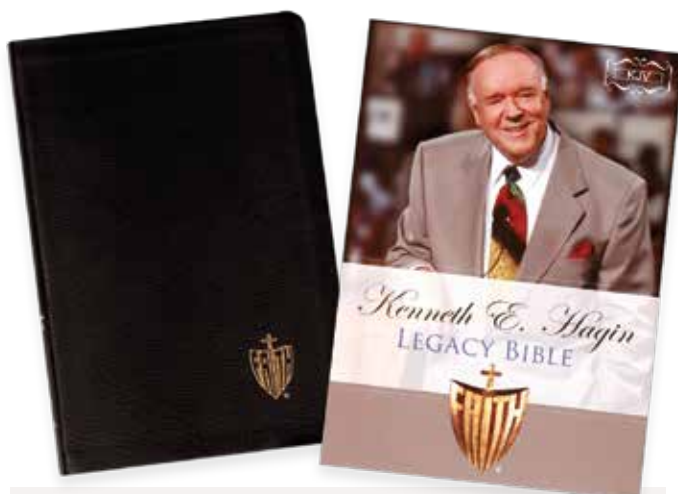
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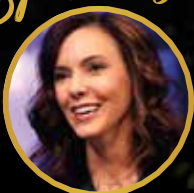
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# A Living Testimony

LYNETTE ESTRADA

**GOD WANTS US** to be a living demonstration of all the good things He has placed in us as a testimony to the world. Where we are not only *performing* signs and wonders, but we *are* the sign and wonder. Getting to that place requires spiritual discipline, which is something most people don't want to hear. But if we are going to see results, it's necessary.

By studying the parable of the sower, we can learn how to demonstrate the goodness of God.

## MARK 4:13–16, 20 (NKJV)

**13** And He [Jesus] said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?

**14** The sower sows the word.

**15** And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

**16** These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

**20** But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some

thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

Jesus explains that the seed is God's Word. The ground represents the condition of our hearts. Verse 20 talks about the seed that is sown in good soil. This is the kind of heart that we should aspire to have. When the ground of our heart is good, we “*hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit.*”

God expects us to bear fruit. It identifies us as Jesus' disciples (John 15:8), and it's what makes us a sign and a wonder. People should look at us in awe and ask, “How did you do that? You don't have an education. You don't have experience. How are you able to do what you're doing?”

The answer is found in the word “discipline.”

## 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24–25 (NLT)

**24** Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!

**25** All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

Every day we should be intentionally disciplining ourselves as

if we were training for something. Good athletes are disciplined in their training. Believers who want to be living demonstrations for God need to be disciplined in their spiritual training.

What does spiritual training and discipline look like for a child of God? It means praying each day with tenacity and reading our Bible daily. We are to connect with God and not merely go through the motions.

When situations aren't going right, we need to stay in faith and unwaveringly apply the Word to it until it turns around. It's a testimony to see our prayers answered—to us and others.

By being a living example, we are demonstrating God's goodness, faithfulness, and grace. We are declaring to the world, Heaven, and hell that we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus.

It is God's will that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). How will this happen if we're not testifying by our lives, if we're not bearing fruit?

We must commit to disciplining ourselves to being a living example. The Holy Spirit will nudge us to pray and read our Bible instead of going out. When that happens, let's remember our commitment and respond to Him by making the necessary adjustments.

It will take focus and fight. But if we don't quit, we will see God's goodness and faithfulness in our lives. And those around us will see it too. Remember, we are here to be a demonstrator, to be a testimony, and to be a witness that God's Word is true.♥

[Editor's Note: Lynette Estrada co-pastors with her husband, Kenneth, at Kingdom Life Int'l. Church. This article was adapted from her session at *Kindle the Flame* 2017.]



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# GOD WANTS YOU WELL



KENNETH W. HAGIN

**SOME BELIEVERS** in the Body of Christ don't understand God's will about sickness and healing. They think they are sick for a reason. They believe that God wants them to be sick, and that He has put sickness on them to learn a lesson. Both are

wrong beliefs. The truth is that God wants you well!

In the New Testament, we never see where Jesus put sickness on anyone. When people came to Him for healing, He never said, "No, it's not My will. Just suffer a little longer." Not one time did this happen.

## JOHN 14:8-10 (NIV)

**8** Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

**9** Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

**10** Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

This passage of scripture emphasizes knowing God. Philip wanted to know God the Father. He even asked Jesus to show the Father to him and the other disciples. Jesus answered him by saying, "*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father*" (v. 9). In other words, "If you want to know what God is like, look at Me."

If we want to see God at work, we only need to look at Jesus. If we are going to know what the will of God is, we can look at Jesus and the works He did in His earthly ministry.

It doesn't make sense to say that God put sickness on people when Jesus said, "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father." You see, if our Heavenly Father put sickness on people, then Jesus would have had to do the same thing when He was on the earth. Moreover, Jesus would have had to refuse to heal some people during His earthly ministry and say, "No, God put that on you for a reason." But in the New Testament, we only find Jesus healing people.

## Who's to Blame?

If God doesn't put sickness on people, who does? Many men, women, and children are sick and dying, so it's vital for us to know where sickness comes from. Then we can help people understand and receive healing. And we can obtain healing if we need it.

## ACTS 10:38

**38** 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.

This verse says that Jesus went around doing good and healing the sick. Notice that it not only identifies the One doing the healing, but it also makes it clear who is making people sick. Does it say that Jesus was healing all who were oppressed of God? No! It says Jesus healed all who were oppressed of the devil. Now you



## Healing Scriptures

Read these healing scriptures aloud to yourself and meditate on them continually. God's Word is life and health to your body (Prov. 4:22).

### ISAIAH 53:4-5 (NKJV)

**4** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

**5** But He was wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

### MATTHEW 8:17 (NKJV)

**17** That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

### 1 PETER 2:24 (NKJV)

**24** Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

### PSALM 103:2-3 (NKJV)

**2** Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

**3** Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.

### PSALM 34:19 (NKJV)

**19** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

[Editor's Note: You will find this list along with many other scriptures about healing in Kenneth E. Hagin's book *Healing Scriptures*.]

know why blaming God for sickness and disease doesn't make sense.

Sometimes people make up reasons why their friends or family members are sick because they can't figure out why they weren't healed. Their loved ones were godly Christians who believed in divine healing, but for some reason, didn't get well. So everyone close to them tries to figure out why they didn't receive healing. When they can't figure it out, they make something up. They come up with the idea that God must have made the person sick for a reason.

## 'Is Any Sick Among You?'

Many examples in the Bible show God is a Healer. He doesn't want anyone to suffer from sickness. Let's look at another passage of scripture that proves healing is God's will.

### JAMES 5:14-15

**14** Is any sick among you? [Among who? Among those in the Church.] let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

**15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Notice verse 14 asks, "Are there any sick among you?" This question implies that there should not have been any sick among them. In other words, being sick did not regularly happen. Otherwise, James wouldn't have to ask if anybody was sick; he would have just known or assumed that there were.

This passage goes on to tell us what to do if anyone is sick, which means we aren't to leave them sick in that condition, thinking God is trying to teach them something. This verse instructs us to call for the elders of the church, anoint them with oil, and pray the prayer of faith; then the Lord will raise them healed and whole!

It's God's nature to heal. In other words, His will is healing. We need to remember that Satan is the author of sickness and disease. God is the author of divine healing and health!♥

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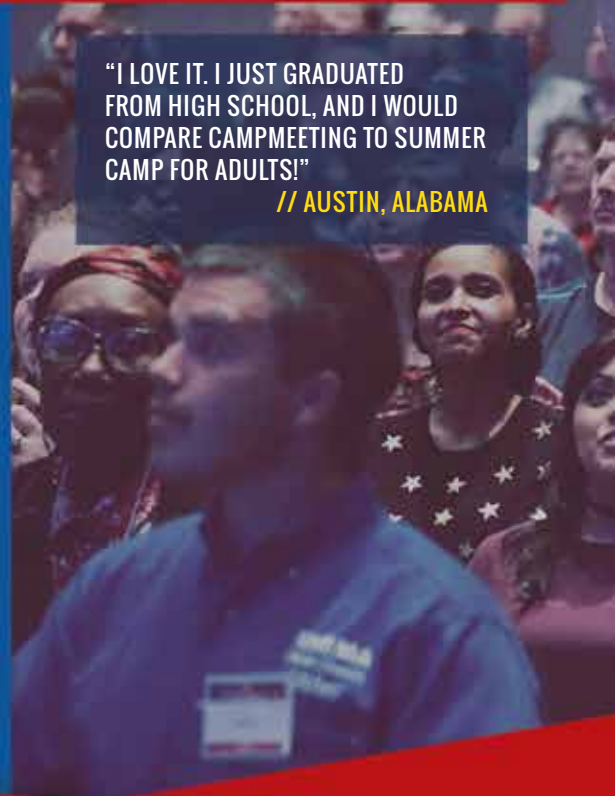
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**WITH TIMES** as perilous as they are, it's important that we claim the promises of God for protection over our lives. All of us refer to certain scriptures more frequently than other verses. One scripture passage that I've always claimed for protection is Psalm 91. Every day I speak it over my entire family. Of course, when we claim this psalm, it is important to abide by its guidelines and understand how they relate to us.



LYNETTE HAGIN

Psalm 91:1–2 says, *"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust."* The *New International Version* translates verse 1 this way, *"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."*

To dwell in the shelter of the Most High means to live in constant communion with God and place Him first in our lives. Doing these two things must be our number one priority if we want the benefits of Psalm 91. So often Christians neglect their relationship with God; they put it off until a tragedy happens. Then they run back to the shelter of God. We should not live that way.

God didn't say to visit Him occasionally; He said to dwell *"in the shelter of the Most High"* (NIV). To dwell refers to continually inhabiting. In other words, we constantly have to reside in the secret place in God. It must be our *permanent*—not temporary—dwelling place. When we have this kind of relationship with our Heavenly

Father, we can boldly claim that He is our refuge and fortress. In times of trouble, we can run to Him confidently, knowing He will take care of us.

Verses 3 and 4 say, *"Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."* I read those verses for years and heard ministers describe the way a mother hen protects her chicks. But I wasn't raised on a farm, so it was unfamiliar to me until I saw it happen for myself.

Several years ago, some geese were eating the baby ducks that inhabit our park on the Rhema USA campus. So our maintenance staff placed a mother duck and her babies in a pen until the ducklings were old enough to protect themselves. One day I went to check on the baby ducks. As I approached the enclosure, the mother duck sensed what she thought was danger and began frantically gathering the ducklings under her wings. I was amazed at how quickly she covered them until they were out of sight.

Seeing Psalm 91:4 visibly illustrated made an indelible impression on me. Now imagine that happening to us. Whatever

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comes our way, our Heavenly Father so covers us with His protecting arms that the enemy can't find us. This passage assures us that God will deliver us from any harmful situation or circumstance that may come our way.

Verses 10 and 11 in the *New Living Translation* say, *"No evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go."* I quote these verses often, especially when symptoms try to fasten themselves on any member of my family. At those times I quickly tell the devil, "You cannot put that symptom on us because I have already claimed that no plague can come to our family."

The crowning promises in the psalm are in verses 15 and 16 (NLT): *"When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."*

I encourage you to take the promises in Psalm 91, confess them daily, believe what God has promised, and watch them become a reality in your life. ♥

#### FAITH IN ACTION

## A Prayer of Protection

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your promises of protection for our lives. I confess Psalm 91 over my loved ones and myself, and I am resting in Your care. I know that whatever comes our way, You will cover us with Your protecting arms and deliver us in the Name of Jesus.

### PSALM 91 CONFESSION\*

Father, I thank You that I dwell in the shelter of the Most High and that I am secure in the shadow of the Almighty whose power no enemy can withstand. I will say of You, Lord, "You are my place of safety and protection. You are my God. I trust and rest in you." You will rescue me from every hidden trap of the enemy and deadly diseases. Your massive arms are wrapped around me, protecting me. I can run under Your covering of majesty and hide. Your faithfulness is a shield that keeps me from harm.

I will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night nor fear a spirit of darkness coming against me. I don't fear a thing! Whether by night or day, demonic danger or powers of evil launched against me will not trouble me. Even in a time of disaster where thousands die, I will remain unscathed and unharmed. I will only watch and see the wicked punished.

When I live my life under the shadow of God Most High, my secret hiding place, I will always be shielded from harm. No disaster will come to my home. God has put His angels in charge of me to defend and guard me in all my ways. If I walk into a trap, they are there to protect me and keep me from stumbling.

I will walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, trampling every one of them beneath my feet! Because I have placed my love on You, Lord, You will save me and set me securely on high. Because I know Your Name, I confidently trust and rely on You, knowing that You will never abandon me. I call upon You, and You will answer me. You will be with me in trouble. You will rescue and honor me. With long life, You will satisfy me and let me see Your salvation!

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IN THE MIDDLE of my third grade, my dad, Kenneth E. Hagin, started traveling in ministry. He was seldom home to see me compete in sports. But in between meetings, he often would drive all night just so he could eat breakfast with all of us. If I had a school holiday and he was close enough, he would pick me up and bring me with him.

I missed my dad a lot. Many times I'd go behind the back porch and put my face in the fur of my collie so nobody could see my tears as Dad drove off.

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**2 THE FATHER WAS FAIR.** He divided his livelihood equally. Even though the son's request seemed a bit unreasonable, the father did not say anything. A child's behavior is no reason to stop being good to them. Show goodness toward them and guide them back to correctness.

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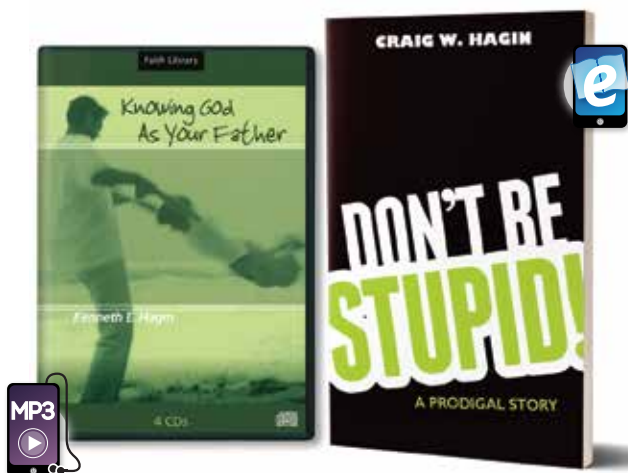
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**3 THE FATHER BELIEVED IN HIS SON.** When the son was still a long way off, his father saw him. This shows that he was looking for his son to come home. When we stray, our Heavenly Father is watching and looking for us to return.

**4 THE FATHER SHOWED HIS LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY.** He saw the son and had compassion on him! He didn't run and say, "You've done wrong." He didn't accuse him. Instead, he immediately welcomed him back. The son said he didn't deserve it, but the father didn't pay any attention to his words.

**5 THE FATHER CELEBRATED THE RETURN OF HIS SON.** Affirmation and celebration are needed every step of the way, not just when a child has accomplished some life goals.

**6 THE FATHER RESTORED AND DEFENDED HIS SON.** He received him back with open arms—as if he had never been away! He even defended the son against his older brother. Fathers stand by their children even when they are not perfect.

## Seeing God in You

Our Heavenly Father does all these things in us. One of the best ways you can be a good father is to let your children see you interact with your Heavenly Father. As your life unfolds, your family will see more than God's plan—they will see His character. The same things God does for His sons and daughters, you can do for yours. ♥

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# THE HEART OF A



# WORSHIPPER

**WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT** of worship. When Deborah Banks, an '87 RBTC graduate, picked up the microphone and began to sing, it was as though the windows of Heaven opened. The crowd stood to their feet and lifted their voices in unison to praise Almighty God.

Deborah told the people to write their prayer requests on a piece of paper and hand the paper to the person next to them. During the evening, they would see God perform miracles as they praised Him. That night, He answered prayers.

One father asked God to help his son. He was considering leaving the military because it was so hard for him. While they were worshipping, he called. "I'm not going to quit," he said. "I'm going to stay on." Through the simple act of worship, many people were healed and others were set free.

Flowing with the Spirit of God is something Deborah learned from Kenneth E. Hagin, a man who flowed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit as naturally as a fish swims in water and a bird flies in the air.

## Learning the Move of the Spirit

As the organist for Rhema Singers and Band, Deborah traveled with Rev. Hagin to *All Faiths' Crusades* and *Holy Ghost Meetings*. From 1992 to 1998, she had a front-row seat to a mighty move of the Spirit. Behind the scenes, she watched Rev. Hagin pray and consecrate himself and the service to God. He stood on First Corinthians 2:5, "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of

*"When we worship God through our voices or our instruments, we create an environment for Him to move and demonstrate Himself."*

men, but in the power of God." That power always manifested in his meetings.

Members of RS&B also prayed and committed themselves to doing God's will during the services. The Lord honored the faith of Rev. Hagin and the ministry team. God confirmed His Word with miracles. As a result, people walked out of wheelchairs, short legs grew out to match its counterpart, and the sick were healed.

## Flowing With the Holy Ghost

Deborah carried those same traits into what she is doing today. She has cultivated humility and consecration in her music ministry. She endeavors to carry out the Lord's plans by being sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

"Whatever God says to do, we do," she says. "Whatever God says to sing, we sing." Deborah goes into each meeting as a yielded vessel to the Lord.



One time Deborah and her music team had planned to open with a particular worship song. The Lord directed her to begin with something different. It created an atmosphere for the Spirit of God to minister to the congregation. As a result, someone gave their heart to the Lord.

## Leading Others

Deborah's heart is to train musicians how to flow with the Spirit of God during the worship service. She teaches vocalists and instrumentalists how to lead a congregation into worship. She wants to impart her technical skills as well as the ability to know how the Holy Spirit is moving so He can be followed during any service.

It starts with showing the worship team how to cultivate a deep, personal life of worship, which is essential if they want to lead others into the rivers of corporate Spirit-led worship.

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flow with the Spirit of God in worship, our lives will be completely transformed, and God will be magnificently glorified.”

## Creating a Hunger for God

Deborah wants believers to seek a closer relationship with God beyond the four walls of the church. She desires that the Body of Christ would make worship a part of their lifestyle. Whenever she ministers, her services are designed for that purpose.

“I want people to go away hungry for God. So when they go home, they keep the worship going. If they do that, it will change their lives. A lot of people don’t realize what praise and worship will do. God inhabits the praise of the people. When they praise Him, He is not going to stay away from sounds that are made in His honor. When we honor Him through praise, worship, and singing, He’s going to show up, and things are going to happen.”♥

TO LEARN MORE about Deborah, go to [DeborahKBanksMinistries.com](http://DeborahKBanksMinistries.com).



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## Deborah's Journey to RBTC

Deborah was at a point where she felt there was more to life than what she was experiencing. Hungering for more of the Lord she prayed, “God, I need You to do some things for me, or all I’m going to do is go to school, go to work, and come home. I’m going to stop playing the organ. I’m not going to do anything. I’m just going to come home and sit in this apartment.”

Shortly after that prayer, Ida, Deborah's upstairs neighbor, received *The Word of Faith* magazine. Ida subscribed to many magazines, and they seemed to arrive at the same time. The postman usually put them on the floor since they didn’t all fit in the mailbox.

One day, Deborah noticed an issue of *The Word of Faith* magazine on the cement. When she saw it, she thought, “Let me check this out!”

The first article was about Healing School. Something inside of Deborah leaped when she read it. She then came across an ad for RBTC and read, “Do you know that God has something special for you to do but don’t know how to do it? Do music, praise, and worship well up within you?”

Deborah told a friend about the ad. He immediately said, “Go, girl, go! You’ll never be the same.” In six months, she had moved to Broken Arrow and was enrolled in Rhema. “They were the best two years of my life,” she says.



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## Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

### CASTING YOUR CARES

**MY HUSBAND** and I are frequently asked, "How do you keep your busy schedule, stay sane, and not become totally exhausted?" As I pondered that question, I realized there are several things we have practiced during our almost 53 years of marriage that have enabled us to maintain the schedule we have.

You may not realize the effects worry has on your physical body. My father-in-law used to call worrying a sin. He consistently emphasized that people did not need to worry if they believed the Word. First Peter 5:7 (AMPC) says, "*Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.*"

Constantly worrying will cause you to be tired and can lead to depression. My husband and I cast all of our cares on the Lord and trust Him to take care of them. I like the following refrain of an old hymn: "Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you out. Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there."\*

I encourage you to cast your cares on God. It's amazing how refreshed you will feel when you let go of worry. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28–30 (NKJV), "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*"

Kenneth and I have also learned the importance of taking time away from the hustle and bustle of life. When our children were still at home, Friday night was always family night. We usually went to a restaurant and let the children decide what kind of activity they wanted to do after that. It could have been going to a movie, playing Putt-Putt, going bowling, or playing a board game at home.

Our children still talk about the vacations we took. We always asked them what they wanted to do as we were making lasting memories for them. One time both Craig and Denise decided that we should take an amusement park vacation. In a two-week period, we went to four amusement parks!

Now that we are empty nesters, we also take two-day mini-vacations when we need to get away from the busyness of life. Often people take time off, but they never disconnect from their computer, cell phone, and emails. I encourage you to do what I call "detoxing from media." It is amazing what it will do for your soul.

Jesus recognized the importance of getting away to rest. Mark 6:30–31 (NLT) says, "*The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. Then Jesus said, 'Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.' He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat.*"

The most important thing you can do is build yourself up in the Word of God. My husband and I go to the scripture for whatever we need. We believe God will perform what He promised. If we need wisdom, we look to James 1:5 (NLT), "*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*" As we place our trust in the Heavenly Father, He always comes through with the wisdom we need.

When our bodies grow weary, we call on Romans 8:11, "*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.*"

Certainly, we cannot consistently abuse our bodies by not getting rest. However, when our schedule does not permit us to get the proper amount of sleep, we call on the Father to quicken our bodies. He has never failed us. I trust these tips will help you navigate your busy schedule successfully.♥

*Lynette*

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# Kids' Page

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## Call on YOUR LAWYER in HEAVEN



When police arrest a person who has done something wrong, they let him make one phone call to contact a person who can help him. Well, there are times in your life as a Christian when you do something wrong and you sin. In those times, you also need to make a call to someone who can help you. The Bible tells us in First John 2:1 that "if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (NKJV). An advocate is a person who is a legal advisor, or a LAWYER. Jesus is our lawyer who represents us before God! If we sin, First John 1:9 tells us to "confess our sins." When we confess our sins, Jesus goes before the Father (the Judge) on our behalf to plead our case. And the Father forgives us and clears our record. Always remember, there are two good things about having Jesus as your lawyer: (1) He's the Judge's Son, and (2) He's already received the punishment for your sin. So, the next time you sin, quickly confess your sin and call on Jesus . . . YOUR LAWYER IN HEAVEN!

## Judge the Differences

You be the judge of what the differences are between the two pictures below. There are six in all!

A.



B.



## jokes & riddles



"A merry heart does good, like medicine."

—Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

How many seconds are there in a year?

12—January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd . . .

There is a word, six letters it contains. When I subtract one, twelve is what remains. What is the word?

Dozens

What do you get when you cross a porcupine and a turtle?

A slowpoke

What's in the middle of nowhere?

The letter H

What is more dangerous than pulling a shark's tooth?

Giving a porcupine a back rub

What happened to the lady who dreamed she was eating a huge marshmallow?

She woke up and her pillow had disappeared.

What letters are bad for your teeth?

D K (Decay)

A frog, a duck, and a skunk went to a movie. Tickets cost \$1. Which animal didn't get in?

The skunk, because the frog had a greenback, the duck had a bill, but the skunk only had a scent.





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