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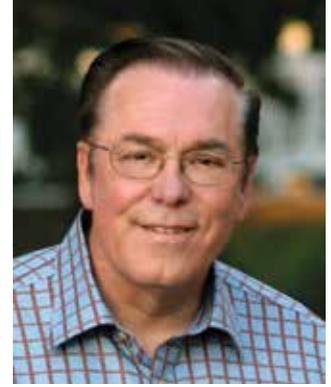
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Speak the Name!

When my daughter, Denise, was a little girl, she was in the ministry office building doing something, and somebody said to her, “You can’t do that.” She turned around, looked at that person, and said, “Do you know who I am?”

That’s the way we have to be with the devil. We need to know that we are God’s children and then walk in the authority Jesus gave us. Like my daughter, we need to look him right in the eye and say, “Hey, you’re messing with the wrong person! My Father owns this place, and I can demonstrate His saving, healing, and delivering power in the Name of His Son, Jesus!”

You see, if we don’t use the authority we have in Jesus’ Name, we limit God’s power in our lives. And our Heavenly Father didn’t send Jesus to die for us just so we could strive and struggle. No! In the 14th chapter of John, Jesus said we could ask anything in His Name and He would do it. In the 16th chapter He went on to say that the Father would give us whatever we asked in His Name. Plus, He said in verse 24 that He wanted us to always be filled with joy. That’s why He gave us His Name to use in prayer!

It doesn’t matter what you’re facing today. The Name of Jesus is the most powerful name in the universe! His Name is above all other names. It’s above sin, sickness, and poverty. It’s above loneliness and anything else that would try to hurt or hinder you or those you love. And when you use your authority and speak that Name, according to God’s Word the atmosphere around you has to change! Don’t wait. . . . Start speaking that wonderful Name right now—Jesus!

Kenneth W. Hagin

PS. This is the time of year when we observe Independence Day here in the U.S.—and in Canada, too. As we celebrate our heritage, let’s make it a point to speak the Name of Jesus over the United States (and Canada, or whatever nation you live in.) Let’s use our authority to bring God’s power on the scene—around the world!

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Joe and Nicole Doran and their children took a year off from their regular lives and traveled around the world sharing the Gospel. Read their story.

UNLIMITED!



KENNETH W. HAGIN

WHAT IS the biggest thing you think God can do?

Most people would say, “There’s no limit. God can do anything.” That’s right, but let me rephrase the question.

What is the biggest thing you think God can do for you? This brings things a little closer to home.

What is the biggest thing you think God can do for you *today*?

Now we’re getting very specific. That question puts your response in the *now*!

I’ve asked these questions to help you realize that we often think about God and what He can do for us in a vague or general way. Yes, we know that God can do anything. We know that He promises to provide for His children. But will He provide for me today?

In John 10:10 (Amplified) Jesus said, “*I came that [you] may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).*”

We see from this verse that God wants us to have a full, abundant, overflowing life. But the truth is, we can’t have abundance until we can think in abundance. To live the way God wants us to, we must change the way we think and talk about what His Word says we can have.

TRAPPED BY THEIR MINDSET

This passage in Exodus shows that God intended all along to bring the Israelites out of slavery and into abundance.

EXODUS 3:7-8 (NIV)

7 The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.”

When the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, they lived in a land of *not enough*. After they escaped from Egypt and entered the wilderness, they were in a land of *just enough*. Every day God provided just enough for them to live on.

It’s interesting to note that when they first stood at the border to cross over into Canaan’s Land where they would have *more than enough*, they couldn’t do it. (See Num. 13:25–33.) Their thinking was wrong, and it kept them from what God wanted for them. As a result, they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years.

CHANGING OUR MINDSET

Today, far too many Christians are like the children of Israel. They are living in lack and poverty and don’t have enough. Or they might have just enough. They’re standing at the edge of the promises of God—a *place of more than enough*—but they don’t cross over because of wrong thinking. Before their lives can change, they have to change the way they think. The prophet Isaiah shows us how to break free from a limiting mindset.

ISAIAH 54:2 (NIV)

2 Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.



ENLARGE THE PLACE OF YOUR TENT

Broaden your thoughts. Make room in your mind to embrace God’s thoughts and His abundance. God never had a small thought. Quit thinking small. Instead, cultivate the habit of thinking large.



STRETCH YOUR TENT CURTAINS WIDE

Stretch your imagination. Go places in your thought life that will lift you to a higher level in line with the Word. Daydream with the Holy Ghost. See yourself going places you’ve never been to and doing things you’ve never done before.

God Promises to Supply

To live in God's abundance, we must think in line with His Word. Meditate on these scriptures to build your faith that He is willing and able to provide for you.

- **PSALM 23:1** // "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."
- **PSALM 37:3-4 (NIV)** // "Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."
- **MATTHEW 6:33** // "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
- **MARK 11:24 (NIV)** // "'Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.'"
- **JOHN 10:10 (NKJV)** // "'I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.'"
- **2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 (NKJV)** // "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."
- **PHILIPPIANS 4:19 (NKJV)** // "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
- **3 JOHN 2 (NKJV)** // "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

3 DO NOT HOLD BACK

At every opportunity, meditate on God's possibilities and promises. Keep in mind that as you begin daydreaming with the Holy Ghost, negative thoughts will also come. If you're not careful, you'll stop what God wants to do in your life by saying things like, "That couldn't be God," or "I can't do that."

4 LENGTHEN YOUR CORDS

Lengthen your thoughts until you touch the very extremes of what God can do according to His Word. Your thoughts can be compared to links on a chain. When you think and imagine in line with the Word of God, you can add an unlimited number of links to your chain. These will enable you to stretch out into God's abundance. On the other hand, wrong thoughts will only limit you and keep you shackled to lack.

5 STRENGTHEN YOUR STAKES

Be courageous and strong in your thought life. Continually fortify your mind with God's Word and persist in building Bible-based attitudes of increase. Once you build your faith to live in abundance, stand your ground and refuse to be moved off of your faith.

It's time to leave the lands of *not enough* and *just enough* behind. It's time to move into the land of *more than enough*—the abundant life God wants you to experience. And know that as God's Word on abundance becomes real in your heart, it won't be long before you see it in your life!♥

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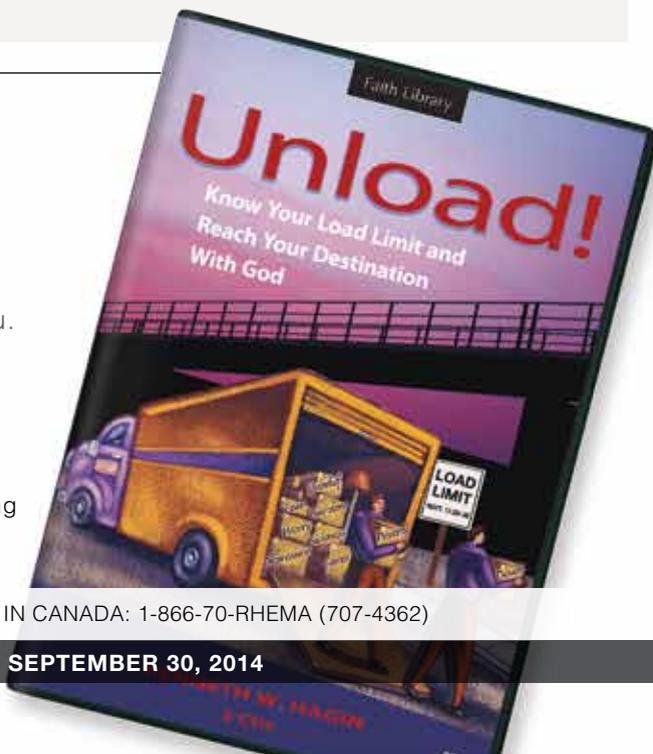
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Dad 101

KENNETH W. HAGIN & CRAIG W. HAGIN



FATHER'S DAY IS always a special day. It's a time to make sure our dads know they're appreciated—to let them know how important they really are.

In honor of all the dads out there, we thought we'd share our top dad tips. Let's be honest. Being a dad sometimes takes a lot of hard work and dedication. But it's also one of the most rewarding jobs in the world!

1 Establish a Relationship

KENNETH: I believe that one secret to success with your children is establishing a relationship with them when they're young—from the moment they're born. Too many fathers want to wait until their children are older. But it doesn't work that way.

When Craig was a baby, I got up with him every other night. (Lynette and I took turns!) On Saturdays I would get him up, feed and dress him, and then take him with me—wherever I had to go. I also took him to his first race when he was a baby, and I continued to do that as he got older. I did the same thing with my daughter, Denise. I helped her with her cheerleading and attended her ballet recitals. I was *with* my kids. I established a relationship with them.

2 Avoid Overreacting

CRAIG: It's important to listen to your child's side of the story before you jump to conclusions. Even if you know they're not telling the truth, give them an opportunity to plead their case. Listen to what they say before you decide anything. It's also a good idea to remember how you were as a kid. Put yourself in their situation, because kids are kids.

3 Don't Be Afraid to Tell Your Kids You're Wrong

KENNETH: I had to tell my kids I was wrong several times when they were growing up. Some may say, "You'll lose your credibility with them that way." Actually, you're *building* credibility with your kids. They know you're not afraid to make a change if you're wrong.

CRAIG: I've had a lot of parents tell me they're having problems with their teens. They want to know why. The truth is, your kids are a reflection of you. A lot of things they learn, they learn at a young age by watching you. (I have three boys, and each one of them has some of my qualities!)

Although your kids might not admit it to you, you play a key role in their lives. That's why it's so important for us to spend as much time with our kids as we can when they're young. Establish the relationship early and it will help them—and you—later on.

4 Do Things Together as a Family

KENNETH: When Craig played sports, we all supported him. When Denise did ballet and cheerleading, we all supported her. I'm not saying that Craig and I enjoyed ballet that much, but we were there! We also purposed to eat supper together every night around the table. That was a time when we could talk about anything we wanted to.



5 Follow Through

CRAIG: If you promise your kids you're going to do something, then do it. The number one complaint we hear—especially from teens—is that mom or dad didn't keep their promise. I understand that unexpected things can happen. But do all you can to follow through with what you've told them.

YOUR Father God IS FAITHFUL!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF DAD YOU HAD IN THE NATURAL. YOUR FATHER GOD IS ALWAYS *faithful*. HE WILL NEVER QUIT ON YOU. HE WILL HELP YOU WITH WHATEVER YOU'RE GOING THROUGH. HE WILL *always* BE AROUND!

Happy Father's Day!

6

Give Your Kids Yourself

KENNETH: I think the greatest thing you can do to raise children in the world we live in is to spend time with them. Give them yourself. Just be there for them. When Craig was a teen, he'd come in at night and want to talk. He'd ask, "Dad, are you asleep?" Even if I was, I'd get up. It didn't matter that I was tired. He wanted to talk, so we'd talk—sometimes late into the night!

CRAIG: When I was younger, I always felt comfortable talking to my dad about things in my life. I knew he wouldn't judge me. We'd talk about it and then move forward. God gave me an awesome dad! And I try to follow in his footsteps with my boys.

Pray

KENNETH: I prayed for my kids every day. I prayed, "Father, I thank You that they'll grow up strong physically, mentally, and spiritually." Now I do that for my grandkids.

CRAIG: In today's world, we need to pray protection over our kids. We don't know what they'll face during the day. That's why we need to learn to be led by the Holy Spirit. Then our kids will always be in the right place at the right time.

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Going God's Way

Check out this excerpt from the book *Listen to Your Heart!*



KENNETH W. HAGIN

WHEN YOU SEEK direction from God, don't try to figure out His plan for you with your mind or physical senses. It's easy to do that. You begin to think, "This happened and that happened, so this is what I should do." That conclusion may seem right at first. But if it's not God's plan for your life, it can end in failure.

The Bible says you are to walk by *faith* in God and not by *sight* (2 Cor. 5:7). You can't be moved by what your physical senses tell you about a situation. Follow what God's Word and the Holy Spirit tell you. That's living according to your spirit!

Of course, it's true that your physical senses sometimes give you information you should pay attention to. For instance, when you touch a hot stove, your sense of touch will tell you, "Take your hand off that stove *quickly!*" You need to

obey that! What I'm talking about are those problems you face in life that don't seem to have a solution on this earth. Your physical senses may tell you, "Run from this problem!" Your mind might say, "There's no way out!"

In this kind of situation, you need to receive the Holy Spirit's direction and stand on God's Word without wavering. You need to **MAKE UP YOUR MIND TO BELIEVE THE WORD NO MATTER WHAT YOU SEE, FEEL, OR THINK.**

What Will You Listen To?

Successfully following God's plan for your life depends on what you choose to listen to. Will you listen to your physical senses? Or will you listen to the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit? In spiritual matters, if you just

listen to your physical senses or your mind, you are in danger of losing your joy. You're in danger of losing the victories God intends for you to have in life according to His Word.

For example, if you focus your attention on what you see on the news, you can become depressed thinking about the problems in this world today. You may wonder, "How are we ever going to make it?"

It doesn't matter what your mind or physical senses tell you! It doesn't matter what the newscasters say! **REGARDLESS OF WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES LOOK LIKE, THE WORD OF GOD IS STILL TRUE.** Get quiet on the inside and begin listening to what your heart—your spirit—is saying. The Holy Spirit will minister the truth of God's Word to you.

Your Heavenly Father is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. He can take care of you, just as He took care of the children of Israel in the wilderness. For 40 years He led them by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exod. 13:21). He fed them heavenly manna and kept their shoes and clothing from wearing out (Deut. 8:3-4). He protected them.

God has promised to take care of *you* too! Your answer may not come the way you have it figured out in your mind, but trust your Heavenly Father. **LEARN TO LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S DIRECTION TO YOUR HEART, AND HE WILL SEE YOU THROUGH TO VICTORY IN EVERY SITUATION!**

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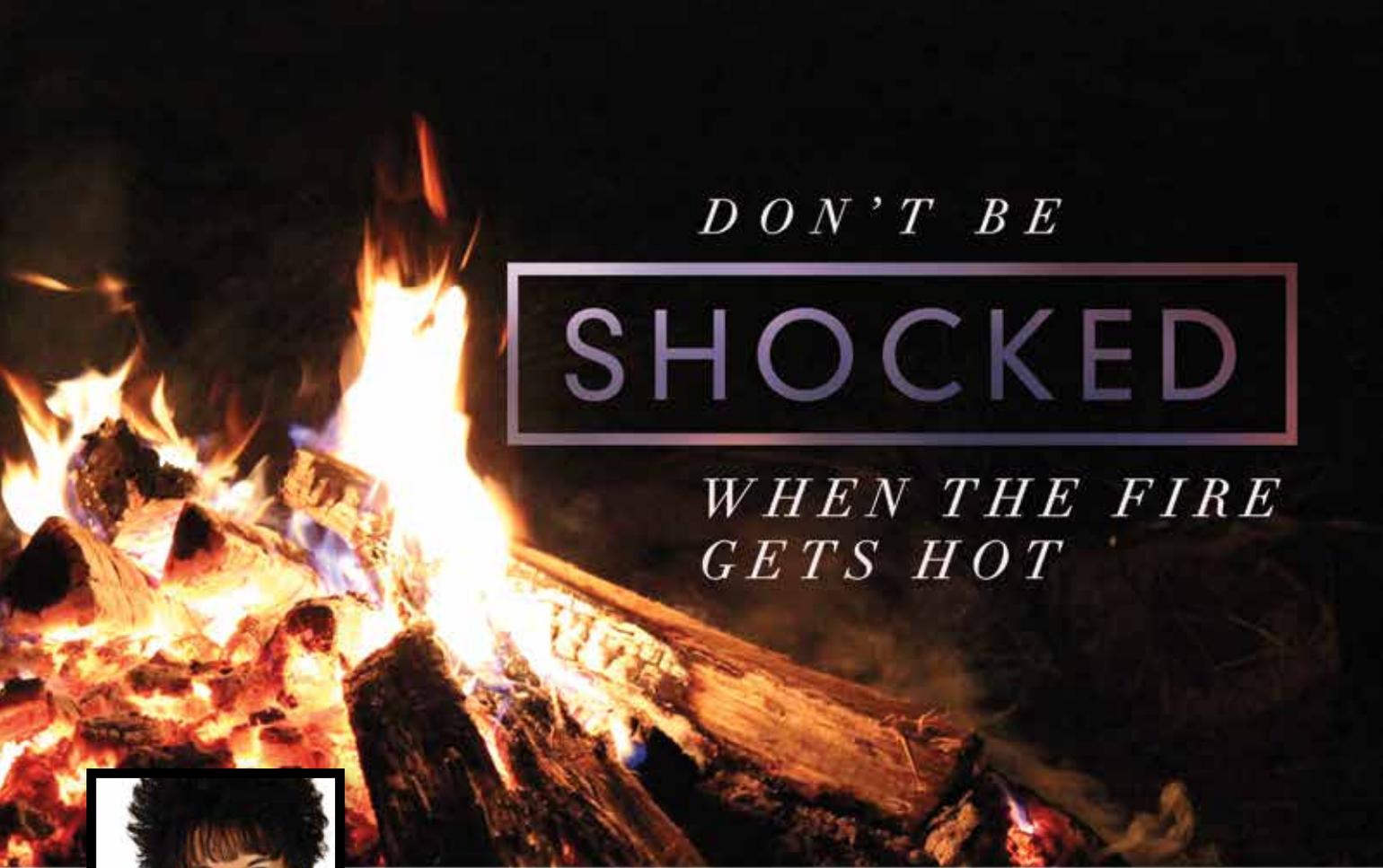


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WHEN THE FIRE GETS HOT



LYNETTE HAGIN

FIERY TRIALS are a part of life. I've experienced them and I'm sure you have too. I know that the same God Who met me in the middle of a fiery trial will

meet you in the middle of yours. He's going to cause you to triumph, just as He promised in His Word (2 Cor. 2:14).

The Apostle Peter said, *"Don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you"* (1 Peter 4:12 NLT). He also said that the trial of our faith is *"much more precious than of gold that perisheth"* (1 Peter 1:7).

Trials will come and our faith will be tested by going through the fire. But the Lord promises in Isaiah 43:2, *"When thou walkest through the fire, thou shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."*

I'll never forget the time my husband, Ken, and I visited a gold mine in South Africa and watched the process involved in refining gold. Gold has impurities in it, and before it can be used for jewelry or any other purpose, the impurities must be burned out.

Ken and I watched in amazement as the gold was placed in a big crucible, thrust into the fire, and heated until it melted. As the fire burned, the impurities rose to the top and were skimmed off.

In the same way, you and I may feel as if we're roasting in the middle of a big fire. When we see the impurities rising to the top, we need to remember that God wants those things to be skimmed off and purged out of our lives.

Now let's be real about this for a moment. The fiery trials and testings of our faith aren't much fun, are they? Sometimes when the tests come, I say, "God, it's too hard!"

But each time those thoughts come, the Greater One on the inside rises up and I begin to say, "Yes, I'm being tested by the fire, but I'm also being purified. And I'm determined that I will come out of the fire like pure gold."

TRIED BY FIRE

In Daniel chapter 3 we read how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were tried in the fire. They weren't thrown into the flames because they did anything wrong. They were cast into King Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace because they refused to bow down to the king's golden image.

Although the three Hebrew children were cast into the furnace, Jesus met them in the middle of the fire. They had to go through the fire, but when they came out, they didn't even smell like smoke. Their hair wasn't singed. Their clothes weren't burned. There weren't any signs that they had ever been in the fire.

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When they came out of the furnace, they were singing the praises of God! Not only that, the king was praising God too. He issued a decree that if anybody said anything bad about the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they would be put to death (Daniel 3:29).

We're all going to be tested by the fire. Why? Because the devil is the god of this world. First Peter 5:8 says that Satan goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. But he can't devour us if we won't allow it.

You may feel as if you've been in the fire so long that you're burned to a crisp. You may feel that you can't make it through one more test or trial. But you can—because Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (NKJV).

COUNTING IT JOY

No matter how much we meditate on and believe the Word, our faith will never grow without trials and tests. Yes, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). But faith grows as it's tested. And there will be many tests and trials of our faith.

James 1:2 says, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." The New International Version says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds." Why? "Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance" (v. 3).

You can rejoice when the tests and trials of life come, because it's the testing time that builds your endurance. If that doesn't make you feel like shouting, you can rejoice because God said

the trial of your faith will cause you to come forth like pure gold (1 Peter 1:7).

The Apostle Paul knew what it was like to be tested by fire. Second Corinthians 11:24–28 says that he was beaten five times with 39 stripes and three times with rods. Once he was stoned and three times he suffered shipwreck. For a day and a night he was tossed about in the deep.

FAITH NUGGET

Stay Ahead of the Devil's Attacks

In 1983 my husband and I learned that our son, Craig, had a brain tumor. We prayed and stood firmly on God's Word, believing for Craig's healing. Doctors operated to remove the tumor, and today Craig is healthy with no side effects.

After the operation, I decided to stay ahead of the enemy's attacks. I determined to surround my family with good health through faith and prayer. I wasn't going to wait until something bad happened to them and then scramble to pray and confess God's Word.

So every day I mention each family member by name and say, "Thank You, Father, that every system in their bodies functions normally—every organ, every muscle, every nerve. They are healthy and whole in every way. No evil will overtake them and no plague shall come nigh them. With long life You will satisfy them and show them Your salvation."

Whenever the enemy attacks their health, I say, "Oh no you don't, Satan. I have surrounded my family with health and protection."

It's important to proclaim God's Word over our lives every day. The enemy is always trying to kill, steal, and destroy. But as we continually declare the Word, we will stop him in his tracks.

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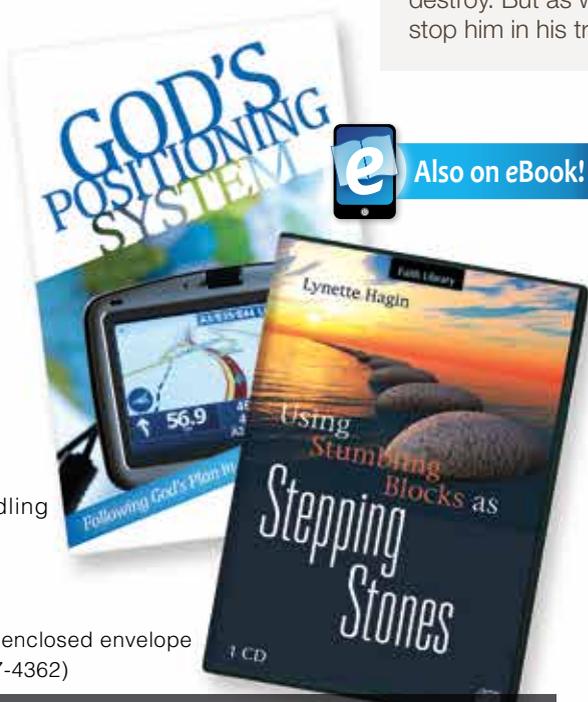
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He was in perils in the city, perils in the wilderness, perils in the sea, and perils among false brethren. He had more afflictions, trials, and troubles than anyone I know of, but he was still able to boldly say, "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ" (2 Cor. 2:14). Because Paul could say that, we are able to boldly proclaim it too.

The next time the fire gets hot and the devil starts howling in your ear, let Paul's words ring in your heart. Just begin to declare, as he did, "Now thanks be unto God, Who always causes me to triumph in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!"

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LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!

God is moving in the lives of His people. Here are a few testimonies of answered prayer.

“Last month I called to request prayer regarding my bone marrow. Today I had a doctor’s appointment. My doctor told me there was no sign of cancer!”
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The Spiritual Tides Are Rising

KENNETH AND LYNETTE HAGIN’S first *Living Faith Crusade* of 2014 began on a high note. From the chords of the first song, it was clear that the people at Abundant Life Fellowship in Roseville, California, craved more of God and His presence. **MANY IN THE CONGREGATION CAME TO THE FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM DURING WORSHIP, AND THE ANOINTING WAS STRONG AND TANGIBLE.**

The crusade worship team is usually time conscious. They want to turn the service over to Kenneth Hagin sooner rather than later. But on the crusade’s second night, worship lasted an hour and ten minutes, even though to everyone in the building it seemed like only 20 minutes!

Expectancy hung in the air as the congregation pulled on the ministry gifts. And in response, the Holy Spirit flowed through Rev. Hagin in exceptional ways.

During the crusade healing service, as many as 600 people came forward to have hands laid on them. At least one third of those testified later that

they could feel an immediate difference in their bodies!

After the final service, the crusade team quickly packed up and headed five hours south to Antelope Valley Christian Fellowship in Lancaster, California. There they met with the same hunger, expectancy, and anointing.

During the healing service in that crusade, Kenneth Hagin called out specific problems: stomach ailments, shoulder pain, and fear of having a heart attack. He also called forward those who had lost their passion for the Lord and wanted the fire of God. Members of the crusade team said there weren’t many dry eyes in the building. They could see on the people’s faces how God had touched them.

If you’re facing what seems to be an insurmountable obstacle, make your way to the nearest *Living Faith Crusade*. Don’t miss out on what God can do for you.

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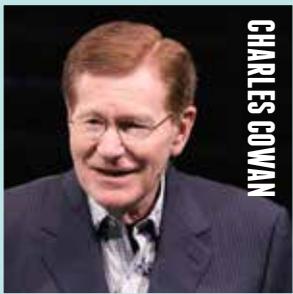
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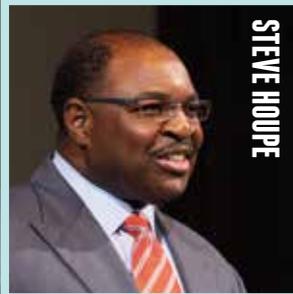
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// **Kenneth W. Hagin,**
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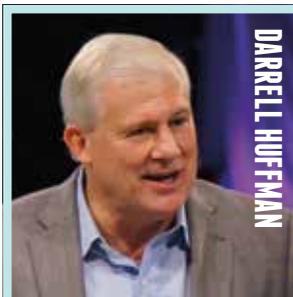
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“Quit thinking your own thoughts. Quit thinking about how hard it is and that you can never make it. Get out of that loser mentality and start thinking on what the Word says about you. You’re more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus!”

// **Craig W. Hagin,**
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ONE FAMILY'S FAITH JOURNEY:

SHARING THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD

“OUR PURPOSE WAS TO *be a blessing*, TO BE A *help*. THAT’S WHAT WE HAD IN MIND,”

NICOLE DORAN, a 1991 Rhema USA graduate, had always dreamed of taking her family on a trip around the world. When her husband, Joe, overheard her sharing her dream with their friends, his ears perked up. Curious, they all began to discuss how it could be done. The idea soon progressed from taking a short-term missions trip to putting a bunch of short trips together. “We came up with this idea that sounded crazy,” said Joe, also a 1991 Rhema USA grad and a traveling missionary. “We would leave my business for a year and take the whole family. We’d homeschool the kids and go on a one-year missions trip.”

Before deciding to take his wife and three children—Megan, Lindsay, and Luke—around the world to spread the Gospel, Joe met with some trusted friends and got sound counsel. But ultimately Joe knew he needed the green light from God to go ahead. He prayed about the year for his family. “I got direction,” he said. “I needed to pursue it.” The Dorans would later need that confirmation from God to keep going.

GOD OPENS DOORS

Joe reached out to Rhema Bible Training College campuses and Rhema churches around the world, and God opened doors. They were invited to come serve in churches, help with outreach projects, minister, and teach the Gospel. God kept the Dorans busy. In one year they traveled to 24 countries, taught 622 class sessions, and ministered in 48 church services.

JOE AND NICOLE DORAN TAKE TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULE TO SEE THE SIGHTS.



was Samoa, where they served for seven weeks at Rhema South Pacific. Next, the family flew to Rhema Australia and ministered

THE DORAN FAMILY VISITS THE BABI YAR MEMORIAL IN KIEV, UKRAINE.



there three weeks. From there they traveled to Thailand, where they served at an orphanage run by Life Impact International, a ministry founded by Rhema USA graduate Lana Vasquez.

While in Thailand, Joe, Nicole, and their children traveled with Lana’s staff to the Burmese border. The Dorans were taken aback at the sight of children, many without parents, searching for food. This eye-opening, heart-wrenching experience showed the family a different side of ministry.

“There was this one little girl who had a little baby on her back. She couldn’t have been any more than seven or eight, and she was in charge of that baby,” Nicole shared. “They came and asked us for food. It was heartbreaking seeing that. My kids were totally silent. They just didn’t

JOE DORAN MINISTERS IN FRANCISTOWN, BOTSWANA.



have the words. When you see that, you just want to give them everything you have.”

The Dorans spent two weeks sharing the love of God with the orphanage children. Then they traveled to Bangkok, where Joe and Nicole each taught three hours of classes a day for two weeks at Rhema Thailand. This was a stretch for Nicole. She'd always been the wife, mom, and organizer, and had left the teaching

to Joe. But the school needed teaching help, so she pitched in. “Even though I didn't want to do this particular thing, I said yes, because it's not about me or what I'm comfortable with.” She made it, though she admitted, “I was sweating bullets. There were definitely some panicky moments.”



JOE DORAN (BACK ROW, LEFT) AT RHEMA KENYA'S GRADUATION

Then it was off to India, where the Dorans taught and served for a month at two Rhema campuses.

The Dorans were in Africa for nearly five months, three of those in Kenya. Joe traveled alone to Burundi to conduct a three-day conference for about 50 pastors. One pastor walked six hours round trip each day to hear Joe teach the Word. They had little to no training, and it had been five years since someone had come to teach them.

WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY

Even in God's perfect will, there are challenges. While serving at Rhema campuses in Kenya, the Dorans learned that the people leasing their home in the U.S. had broken the agreement. That added mortgage payments to their budget. Then Joe received a phone call about his 20-year-old business. It wasn't doing well.

Joe remembers that call. “They said, ‘I don't know if the business will be here when you get back.’” On top of that, the family didn't have enough support for the rest of their trip. As the pressure mounted, Joe thought back to when he had asked God whether they should go at all.

Joe and Nicole talked it over. “We said, ‘We are supposed to be here.’ We made up our minds that we were not going to be moved. . . . We walked it out, and God provided,” one

breakthrough at a time. Their business picked up and the finances began coming.

The journey continued. Three weeks at Rhema Zambia teaching the Word and helping with projects. Nearly a month in Botswana helping Rhema missionaries with teaching, painting, shelf-building, and other missions complex maintenance. Three weekends at Rhema Nigeria teaching and helping. The Dorans were accomplishing what they set out to do: help where God needed them.

After a break in Italy, the family zigzagged across Europe, spending weeks helping Rhema schools and missionaries in Greece, Ukraine, Germany, France, Sweden, and Norway, and then heading for home via Amsterdam.

IT PAYS TO OBEY

Once the Doran family was back in the U.S., God honored their commitment to take a year and follow His plan. Their older daughter, Megan, 17, enjoyed playing volleyball and had a desire to play in college. The high school junior year is a key recruiting time for college athletic scholarships, but Megan sacrificed that opportunity to travel with her family. After the trip, Megan learned that one school would have been interested in her if she had stayed home.

While Megan was at a volleyball camp at another university, a recruiter saw her play and was impressed. That school offered her a full volleyball scholarship.

The Doran family stuck with God's plan, and He made it a successful journey for each one of them. And they were a blessing to many along the way. Joe commented, “It pays to follow Him. It pays to obey. God is faithful.”♥



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FAITH IS much like a switch. It doesn't contain power in itself. But it's what we use to activate the power of God. Faith gives action to the power.

The Apostle Paul knew how to activate God's power. As we follow his example, we can have the same results.

At the end of his life, Paul made two requests. First, he wanted to know Christ, and second, he wanted to know the power of His resurrection (Phil. 3:10).

When speaking to the Corinthians, Paul said, *"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom"* (1 Cor. 2:1).

This is an interesting verse. Most people who speak in front of others want to do a good job. They don't want to flop! Paul, however, wasn't concerned with how he sounded. His goal wasn't to impress others or move the crowd with what he said.

Paul went on to say, *"My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power"* (v. 4). Whenever Paul spoke, he wanted people to experience God's power.

Paul's Addiction

Throughout his ministry, Paul found himself in difficult situations. He was beaten with

rods, stoned, and shipwrecked, just to name a few of the things that happened to him. Yet, he was able to say, *"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN AM I STRONG"* (2 Cor. 12:10).

Paul was addicted to the power and strength of God. He came to know that God's strength was available to him, and he relied on it. Many times he wouldn't even make a demand on God's strength until he came to the end of his.

Because God's strength was so amazing to experience, instead of repelling hardships, Paul welcomed them. He boasted during those times because in his weakness, God's power would show up. Rather than abhorring bad situations, Paul craved to see what God would do.

The prophet Zechariah wrote, *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts"* (Zech. 4:6). We can never rely on our physical strength or mental ability.

The power of God will never be activated in our lives through our own might. In fact, the miracles that were recorded in the Bible happened when people *didn't* have enough might.

Think Like This

What are we to do then? Paul tells us in Philippians 2:5 (NKJV), *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."*

How did Jesus think while He was on the earth?

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-8 (NKJV)

6 Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus' ministry was so strong because He did only what the Father told Him to do. And in Jesus' sweet yielding of not trying to be something, God was something through Jesus.

Jesus lived His entire life in submission to God. His submission didn't start when they pounded nails into His hands and feet. It happened every day of His life. And in Jesus' submission to God, the Holy Spirit was able to work powerfully through Him!



Total Access

Imagine what God could look like in us if we gave Him complete access and total permission in our lives. We would look just like Jesus!

God has a purpose and plan for each of us. It will take His resurrection power to fulfill that plan. We have to be raised into the places God wants us to be in. There's no way we can get there and do everything He asks in our own strength and ability.

Paul bowed his knees to the Father of our Lord. He spent time with God and was strengthened in his inner man. (See Eph. 3:14-21.) To experience that resurrection power, we must do the same. As we begin exchanging our strength for God's strength and our ability for His ability, we will see His resurrection power begin to flow through us. ♥

[Editor's Note: Patsy Cameneti is a regular speaker at *Kindle the Flame*.]

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I ENJOY WATCHING the old Andy Griffith Show. Sheriff Andy and his deputy, Barney Fife, always make me laugh. Actually, Barney was pretty incompetent in almost every situation. He'd have never gotten anything done if it weren't for Sheriff Andy. The only reason he accomplished anything was the power that stood behind him.

There are a lot of us who have been Barney Fife in our Christian walk. But **THANK GOD FOR THE POWER THAT'S BEHIND US.** Thank God for the wonderful Name of Jesus and the Holy Spirit!

You know, one thing I think we miss a lot of times in our Christian walk is that this power isn't just for us. Certainly, we're blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. And we need to know who we are in Christ and everything related to that. But how do we take that power and affect those around us? How do we share the love of God with others?

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO KNOWING THE WORD OF GOD. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Verse 20 is what I want us to focus on: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever

I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Jesus makes a very interesting statement here: "Go and make disciples, and teach them to observe the things that I have commanded you." This means that today—in 2014—we are still to be doing the things Jesus commanded.

See, **JESUS DIDN'T SAVE US SO WE COULD JUST DO WHAT WE WANT.** He didn't save us for anarchy. It's true that we're free. We're free to love Him. We're free from the devil. We're free from sin, sickness, and poverty. But we haven't been set free from God's words. We still have to obey Him—His Word.

Why should we obey the Word? It's simple. Because we love Him. In John 14:23 Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." **LOVE SHOULD BE OUR MOTIVATION—FOR EVERYTHING.**

Greater

I believe a greater manifestation of God's presence is available when we keep His Word. Look at what happened in Mark chapter 16 when the disciples preached the Word.

MARK 16:20

20 They went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word **WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING.**

When the disciples did what Jesus had "commanded" them to do—when they preached the Word—signs followed! Remember what Jesus said in John 6:63? "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

He followed that up in John 8:32 saying, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (NKJV). What is the "truth"? It's the Word of God!

We find similar results in Acts chapter 6 as the Word is preached. Now, as this chapter begins, we find that the disciples have a problem. The number of believers has increased, and they're unable to minister effectively to all those in need. They finally decide to appoint seven men—full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom—who can free them up to focus on prayer and the ministry of the Word (vv. 1-3).

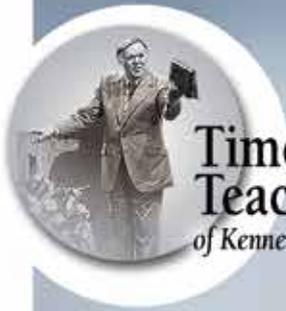
Notice what happened in verse 7 when the disciples did this: "THE WORD OF GOD INCREASED; and THE NUMBER OF THE DISCIPLES MULTIPLIED in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." The Word increased

and there was a multiplication of disciples!

Do you see why the Word of God is so important? **THE MORE WORD WE HAVE IN OUR LIVES—THE MORE WORD WE SPEAK AND DO—THE MORE WE'RE GOING TO BE IN LINE WITH WHAT GOD SAID WE SHOULD HAVE AND WHO HE SAID WE SHOULD BE.** The more we'll be able to reach those around us. And that's what it's all about!♥

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





Timeless
Teachings
of Kenneth E. Hagin

RECOGNIZE THE *source*

SO MANY TIMES people do not know whether God or the devil is doing certain things. “Well,” they say, “maybe the Lord is trying to teach me something.”

I remember hearing an evangelist years ago. He’d had a tent which seated 20,000 people. But when he put it up in Texas, a tornado came along and blew it away. At this meeting they were taking up a special offering to help him get another tent. I remember he said, and I almost fell off the bench when I heard him say it, “I don’t know whether God or the devil blew away my tent.”

God is not blowing down gospel tents! God is putting them up!

“Yes,” somebody said, “but God allowed it.”

God is not the god of this world. Second Corinthians 4:4 calls Satan the god of this world. And the laws governing the earth today came into being with the fall of man.

It is because people do not understand this that they accuse God of accidents, sickness, the death of loved ones, storms, catastrophes, earthquakes, and floods. God is not responsible for, nor the author of, any one of those things.

Jesus set aside these natural laws, as we understand them, in order to bless humanity. Jesus stood on board

a ship and rebuked a storm, saying, “Peace, be still” (Mark 4:39). According to John 14:10 it was God in Him Who did that work. If God caused the storm, He would be working against Himself in causing it to cease.

That cannot be. For Jesus said, “*If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand*” (Mark 3:24–25).

DETERMINE THE SOURCE

It is very easy to find out where things come from. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself contrasted His works with the works of the devil in John chapter 10.

JOHN 10:10

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

In contrasting His works with the works of the devil, Jesus is contrasting God’s works with the works of the devil. For on one occasion Jesus said, “*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work*” (John 9:4).

On another occasion when one disciple said to Him, “Show us the Father,” Jesus answered, “*He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. . . . The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works*” (John 14:9–10). If you want to see God at work, look at Jesus.



IF YOU WANT TO
see God AT WORK,
LOOK AT JESUS.

It would absolutely erase all confusion as to where a thing is coming from if we would listen to the Word of God.

If you will get into God's Word, it will straighten out your thinking. Think in line with what the Word says—not necessarily with what you have been taught it says, nor what somebody told you it says. Ask yourself, "What does the Word of God say?"

DON'T BLAME GOD

You need to realize this: Many times, particularly in the Old Testament, when it talks about God's doing something, He did not actually perform it. In other words, He was not the *agent* who did it. He did not send evil on anyone. God already had warned them, "If you sin, these things will happen to you."

Suppose, for instance, a man climbs up on a house, then falls off and breaks his leg. God put into motion the law of gravity. But the man could not say, "God broke my leg," or, "God pushed me off the roof," or even, "God did it." No. God put into motion the law of gravity; the man violated it and reaped the results.

Now then, when certain things happen in life—such as sickness and disease, catastrophe, and so forth—and people say, "God did it," no, He did not. They happen because man sinned. Not the individual involved, necessarily, but Adam sinned—and all mankind fell heir to the terrible results. As John Alexander Dowie said, "Sickness is the foul offspring of its mother Sin and its father Satan."

But, thank God, we do not have to let Satan dominate us. Even though he is the god of this world, he does not have the right to dominate the Church. He does not have the right to dominate us as believers.

STAND YOUR GROUND

It is important to recognize that the source of the opposition is Satan—and to stand your ground.

Too many people are ready to give up something instead of recognizing that it is Satan who is trying to keep it from happening. Many of the things we pray about—finances, healing, and so on—have to come to pass in this world realm. And Satan is at work here. He will put up every block he can to keep it from happening. Then if there is a delay, some people say, "Maybe God doesn't want me to have that after all." They lose out when they should have recognized the source of all opposition is Satan and not allowed him to defeat them.

FAITH IN ACTION

Walk in Victory

You don't have to yield to things that are wrong. You can stand against them.

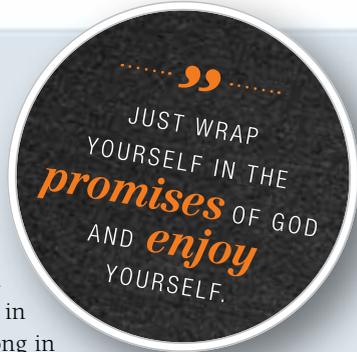
If doubt persists in coming against my mind, I say, "Doubt, I resist you." I speak to it. I am recognizing the source of my opposition as the enemy. I am not going to yield to it. If fear comes, I speak to it. "Fear," I say, "I resist you in Jesus' Name."

If a wrong thought comes to you, resist it in the same way. Speak to it. Say, "No, I will not entertain that."

God revealed to the Apostle Paul exactly what we are to do when opposition arises. Paul, writing to the Church at Ephesus, plainly said, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord" (Eph. 6:10).

It does not say a thing in the world about us being strong in ourselves. That's where people miss it. They drop back into the natural and try to do it themselves. It says, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Just wrap yourself in the promises of God and enjoy yourself.

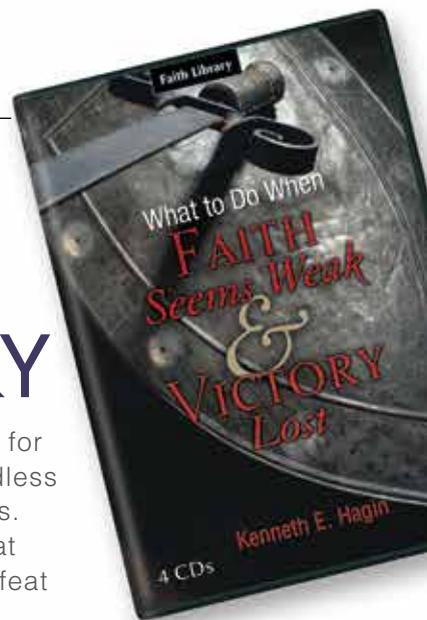
If you want to walk in victory, recognize that the source of all opposition is Satan, and stand against it. We need to realize that we have authority over the devil in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We can stand against him. We can be victorious through Jesus.♥



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Thoughts

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"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)

IN OUR SOCIETY TODAY, *trust* is a word that has taken a back seat. When I was a teenager, my parents would tell me stories of never having to sign contracts. A handshake was a sufficient contract in their day. If you were negotiating the sale of something, the two parties would shake hands and consider it a done deal.

What a shame that we have strayed so far from the principles of godly character, ethics, and treating others fairly. In business deals these days, it is very important to listen to the Holy Ghost. Otherwise you may be taken advantage of. Your decision to purchase something could end up costing you financially instead of blessing you.

As I was teaching recently in one of our *Living Faith Crusades*, the Lord reminded me of something He had told me many years ago. At the time I was laboring over making the right decision in a situation. He said, "Pray that everything that lies in secret shall be revealed." I had never thought of praying like that. Then He brought me to two scriptures to use in those prayers. The first is Daniel 2:22 (NLT): "He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light." The second is Luke 8:17 (NLT): "For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed will be brought to light and made known to all."

I began praying that way in every situation I encountered. He also told me to tell those contemplating marriage to pray that way concerning their intended partner. Several years ago one of our church members who had attended since he was a young child told me he was seriously dating a woman and thinking about marrying her. I said to him, "You've waited a long time to get married. Make

sure that you are choosing the right one." Then I told him to pray that everything hidden in that person would be revealed—that any hidden agendas would come to light.

Several months later, I asked him about that relationship. "I broke up with her," he replied. I said, "Wow!

What happened?" He said, "As soon as I began praying that prayer, so many things began to be revealed that I wasn't aware of. I realized I had made a mistake in pursuing that relationship."

Praise God for the Holy Ghost! He will show us things to come if we will just be sensitive to His voice. Many times the voice of the Holy Spirit is very soft. You must give Him your full attention in order to hear His instructions.

After I shared that revelation with those attending the *Living Faith Crusade*, many in the congregation began praying that prayer. The next morning I received a wonderful testimony. One couple was about to sign what they thought would be a lucrative real estate contract. After hearing my exhortation, they prayed concerning the contract that everything hidden would be revealed.

Suddenly in the negotiations, very alarming things began to be revealed about the property. Further investigation showed that \$33,000 in repairs would be needed before the property was sellable. Of course, they didn't sign the contract and the Lord kept them from losing that \$33,000. However, that same day they closed another deal that netted them \$22,000. Isn't that just like the Lord? He gives us exceeding abundantly, above all we can ask or think.

We may have very few people in this world who we can trust. However, I am so thankful that there is someone Who we can put our trust in—our Heavenly Father. In Proverbs 3:5–8 (Message) He commanded us, "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!"

Have you ever cried out, "God, why did You let me get into this situation?" It wasn't God Who did that; it was you trying to take things into your own hands rather than looking to Him for direction. God will always lead you down the right path and guide you into right decisions if you will make Him the center of your decision-making process.

Trust God. He will turn everything around for your good when you let Him have the steering wheel of your life. ♥



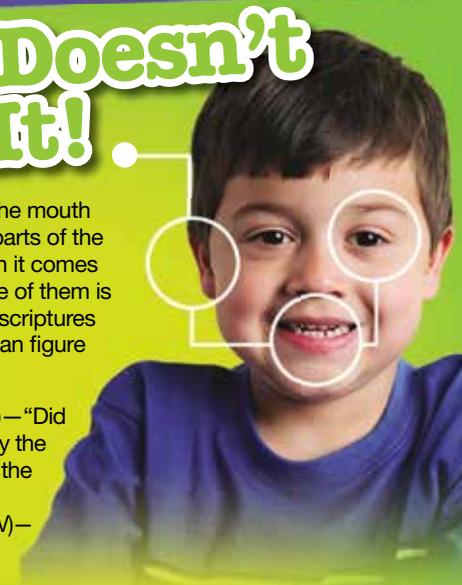
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Kids' Page

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

Faith Doesn't Need It!



3 Heroes of Faith!

Hebrews chapter 11 is often called the "Hall of Faith." Within the first seven verses, you will find the names of three Heroes of Faith. Those heroes' names are shown in the three green boxes below, but you've got to figure them out by putting the letters and pictures together to create the sound of each name.

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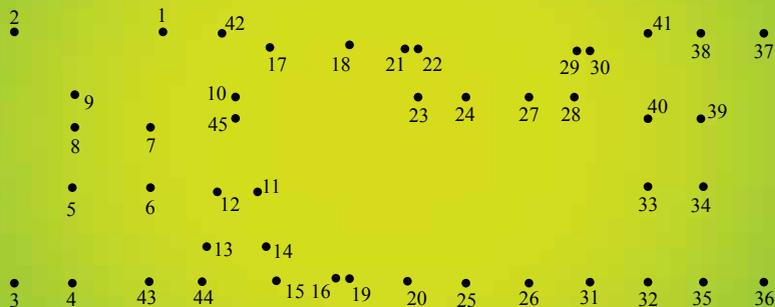
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3.

Connect the Dots

Using a pencil or pen, connect the dots below starting at the number 1 and go all the way to the number 45 to discover the secret to success!



The eye, the ear, and the mouth are all very important parts of the human body. But when it comes to the walk of faith, one of them is not needed. Read the scriptures below and see if you can figure out which one it is.

Galatians 3:2 (NKJV)—“Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)—“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Romans 10:8 (NKJV)—“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach).”

Hebrews 11:1—“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Matthew 17:20 (NKJV)—“For assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)—“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Did you figure it out? Faith comes by “hearing something” with the ear, and faith is expressed by “saying something” with the mouth. But when it comes to faith . . . “the eyes DON'T have it!”

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

What did the traffic light say to the car?
“Don't look now. I'm changing.”

What did the Martian say to the gardener?
“Take me to your weeder!”

What do you call a stop watch on the moon?

A lunar tick

What is the most dangerous city in the whole world?

Electri-city

What would you use to cut the sea in half?

A sea saw

Answers:

1. ABEL 2. ENOCH
3. NOAH

CONNECT THE DOTS:
Connecting the dots spells out the word FAITH







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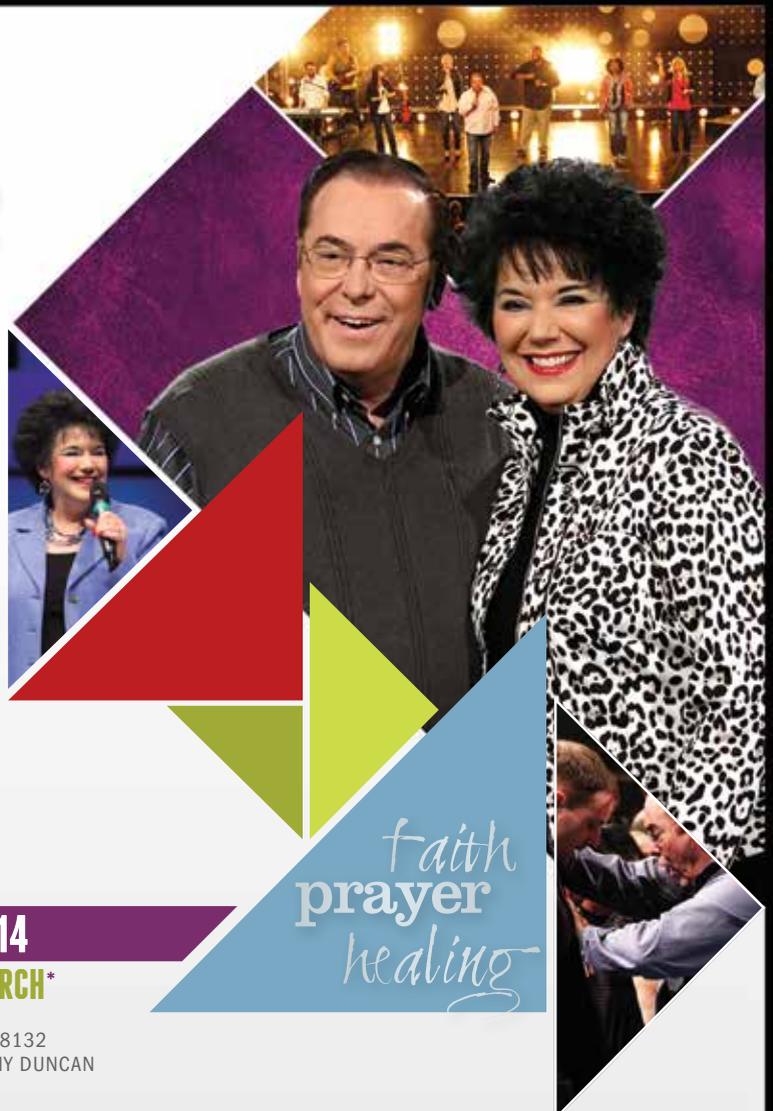
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