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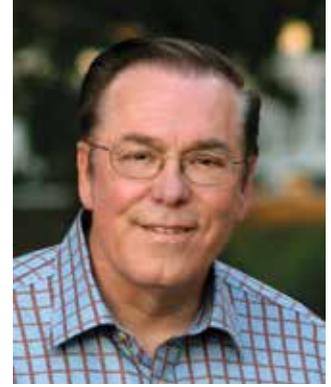
First Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV) tells us to *"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* The Message Bible says, *"Be cheerful no matter what."* A lot of people don't read this verse correctly. They think we're supposed to give thanks for the circumstance. But it's actually telling us to give thanks in the circumstance. Why? Because giving thanks enables God to change our situation. It enables Him to bring us out!

You see, complaining never makes a situation better. All it does is amplify frustration, spread discontent, and invite the devil to cause havoc in our lives. When we complain instead of giving thanks, it actually lessens our ability to handle the situation (Ps. 77:3). And it's also the first step toward passively accepting whatever life hands us. But thanksgiving creates power in our lives. And it enables us to shine as great witnesses for God in a dark world.

This Thanksgiving, as you feast on special foods and enjoy fellowship with family and friends, remember to thank God. Thank Him for what you have. Thank Him for what He's done for you. Thank Him from a grateful heart, because He's so good!

I encourage you to really grab hold of the teaching in this month's magazine. Craig's article on page 22 gives new life to the story of Jesus and the fig tree in Mark chapter 11. And my article on page 4 will remind you of God's benefits—benefits you can be thankful for.

I pray you'll have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday (both in the U.S. and Canada)! Remember, no matter what situation you're in—no matter what you're facing—give thanks. God is with you and He can turn everything around!



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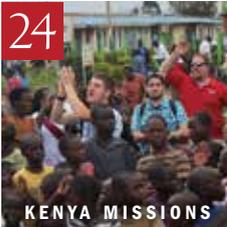
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FORGET NOT GOD'S MERCY AND HEALING

GOD WANTS US to enjoy all of His blessings. The Psalmist wrote about this in Psalm 103. Verses 2 and 3 say, “*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases*” (NKJV).

In order to live in the fullness of what God has provided for us in Jesus Christ, we'll have to do what Psalm 103:2 says: forget not all of God's benefits! The blessings we don't know about or the ones we forget about are the blessings we won't enjoy.

God's Word is full of blessings for us. But the only way we can take advantage of those benefits is to find out what the Word says about them and believe that God's promises are true. Then we must continually remember to act on those promises in our everyday lives.

All of God's wonderful benefits belong to us because they were secured for us by Jesus Christ. All of those blessings belong to us now. But we have to learn how to take advantage of what belongs to us before it will benefit us.

FORGET NOT GOD'S FORGIVENESS

First, we need to *forget not* God's forgiveness. Psalm 103:2 (NKJV) says that God “*forgives ALL your iniquities,*” not just a few of them. Some people live their daily lives dwelling on

their past failures, mistakes, and sins. Have you ever met anyone like that?

A person who is always dwelling on past failures can't receive all the benefits God has for him right now because he is forgetting that he's already been forgiven. Therefore, he never really lives free from condemnation.

Suppose we failed God in the past. We messed up. Well, it's true that something happened; we can't change the past. But our mistake doesn't need to dictate our future. Whatever we have done, God will forgive us if we will ask Him to. And if we've asked God for forgiveness, He has forgiven us, and as far as He is concerned, that past sin doesn't exist anymore.

So instead of dwelling on your past, forget not God's love and mercy! Forget not His forgiveness! And forget not that when He forgives, He forgets. In Jeremiah 31:34

God says, “*I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more*” (NIV).

When God forgives our failures and past mistakes, He does not remember them. And He won't hold those sins against us anymore.

Yes, the devil will try to remind us of our past mistakes. But we must stand our ground on God's Word and *forget not* that God has forgiven us!



FORGET NOT GOD'S BENEFIT OF HEALING

Another one of God's benefits we are to forget not is healing. Again, Psalm 103:2-3 (NKJV) says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: . . . WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES."

God's benefit of healing is for every believer. But a lot of Christians don't get healed because they haven't taken the time to find out what God says in His Word about healing. They've either forgotten about that benefit or they don't know about it, so they can't enjoy healing.

Then there are other believers who know all about the *doctrine* of healing. They can quote Isaiah 53:4 and 5, Matthew 8:17, and First Peter 2:24. But the problem is, they aren't acting on those scriptures.

If we are waiting on God to heal us, then we're forgetting to act on the scriptures that say He has already healed us! For example, First Peter 2:24 (NKJV) says, "By whose stripes you were healed." That's past tense! Therefore, we just need to *act* on the Word!

Some Christians say, "I'm waiting on God." But did you know that it's unscriptural to wait on God to give you a benefit He's already provided for you in His Word? You may have to wait *before* God in prayer about something He hasn't specifically talked about in His Word. But you don't have to wait *on* God for any of the provisions He's already said belong to you in Christ.

Once we ask God to perform His Word in our lives, we might have to wait until our answer is manifested. But that's not passive waiting. If we are in faith, we are involved in activity because we're actively believing God. We're not just passively waiting around for something to happen. By forgetting not God's promise of



Stop waiting

ON GOD TO HEAL YOU
AND *start acting*

ON THE SCRIPTURES
THAT SAY HE HAS
ALREADY HEALED YOU!

healing, we are like James, who said, "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do" (James 2:18 NIV 1984). Faith is actively standing on God's promises! Being a doer of the Word is faith in action (James 1:22-25).

God desires that we enjoy all of His blessings, but we can only do that as we *forget not* those blessings. God forgives all our iniquities and heals all our

diseases. As we begin to act on His Word and walk in the light of these benefits and others, we will enjoy the life God has provided for us.♥

FAITH IN ACTION

Express Gratitude

What should we do from the time we ask God in faith for our answer and the time it actually comes into manifestation in our lives? We should demonstrate our faith in Him and His Word by thanking and praising Him for our answer. **ACTIVE FAITH HAS A VOICE OF PRAISE.**

One thing we shouldn't do is just sit around and wait. We should stay in faith by actively praising God and thanking Him that His Word is true and that He has already heard and answered our prayer.

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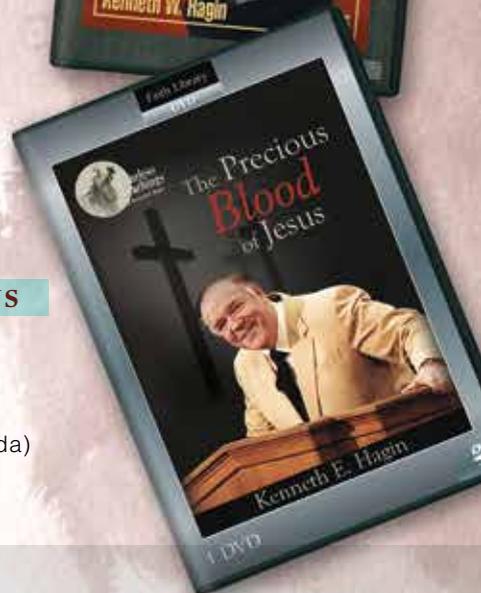
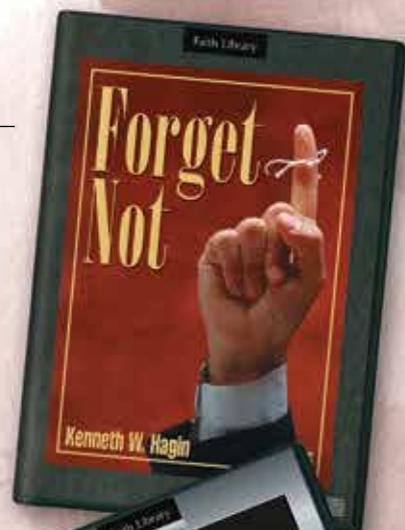
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Throughout history, countless men and women have fought so others could live in freedom. God wants people everywhere to have the freedom to worship and serve Him. He especially desires that they have the freedom to accept His Son, Jesus, as their Savior and Lord. War hinders the spread of the Gospel. But **BECAUSE BATTLES HAVE BEEN FOUGHT, THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST IS NOW BEING SHARED OPENLY** in places like

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A World War II Veteran

We also want to honor 97-year-old Woody Russell, who has attended Rhema Bible Church for the past five years. Born on a farm in 1917 in southern Illinois, he was the youngest of 11 children.

After World War II broke out, Woody eagerly enlisted in 1942 and served as a gunner in the Army Air Corps. Stationed in England, he flew many night missions on a B-17 bomber, dropping “leaflet bombs” behind enemy lines. German citizens typically heard only Nazi propaganda. These leaflets refuted the lies Hitler’s regime was spreading and let the German people know what was really happening.

During his time in Europe, Woody took part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. He retired from the Army as a staff sergeant and received the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service to our nation.

Post-War Years

After the war, Woody and his wife, Gladys, spent a short time in Sioux City, Iowa, at a military base before returning to southern Illinois, where they lived until they retired in 1980. From there they moved to Lake Placid, Florida.

An avid fisherman, Woody fished six days a week, but never on Sunday in honor of the Lord’s Day. The Russells lived a tranquil life in Lake

Placid. They hand-fed hotdogs to cranes at their back door, kept an eye on a neighboring alligator, and had more bananas, oranges, and grapefruit growing in their yard than they could eat.

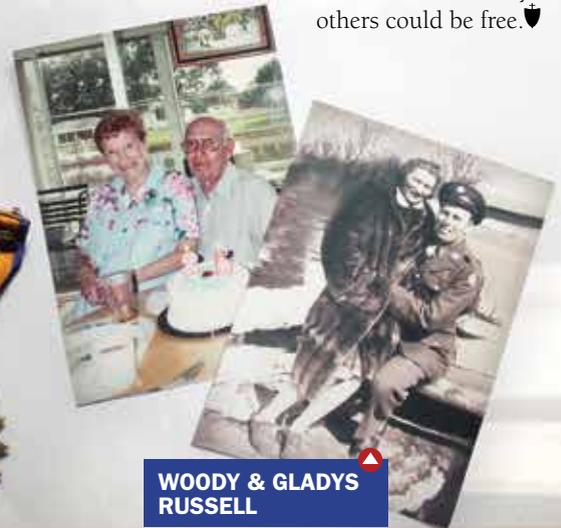
In 2003, Woody’s daughter, Mary Lynn, moved to Florida to be her parents’ caretaker. Gladys, Woody’s beloved wife of 68 years, went home to be with the Lord in 2009 at age 93. Nine months later, Woody and Mary Lynn moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and began attending Rhema Bible Church.

Living by Godly Principles

MARY LYNN CREDITS HER PARENTS’ LONGEVITY TO LIVING BY GODLY PRINCIPLES. “They always did everything in moderation,” she says. “They always tithed and gave. And they ferociously worked in the churches they attended.”

We salute you, Woody, and all the other men and women who have served our nation. Thank you for your service to our country. The United States would not be the great nation it is without men and women who have willingly put their lives in harm’s way so others could be free. ♥

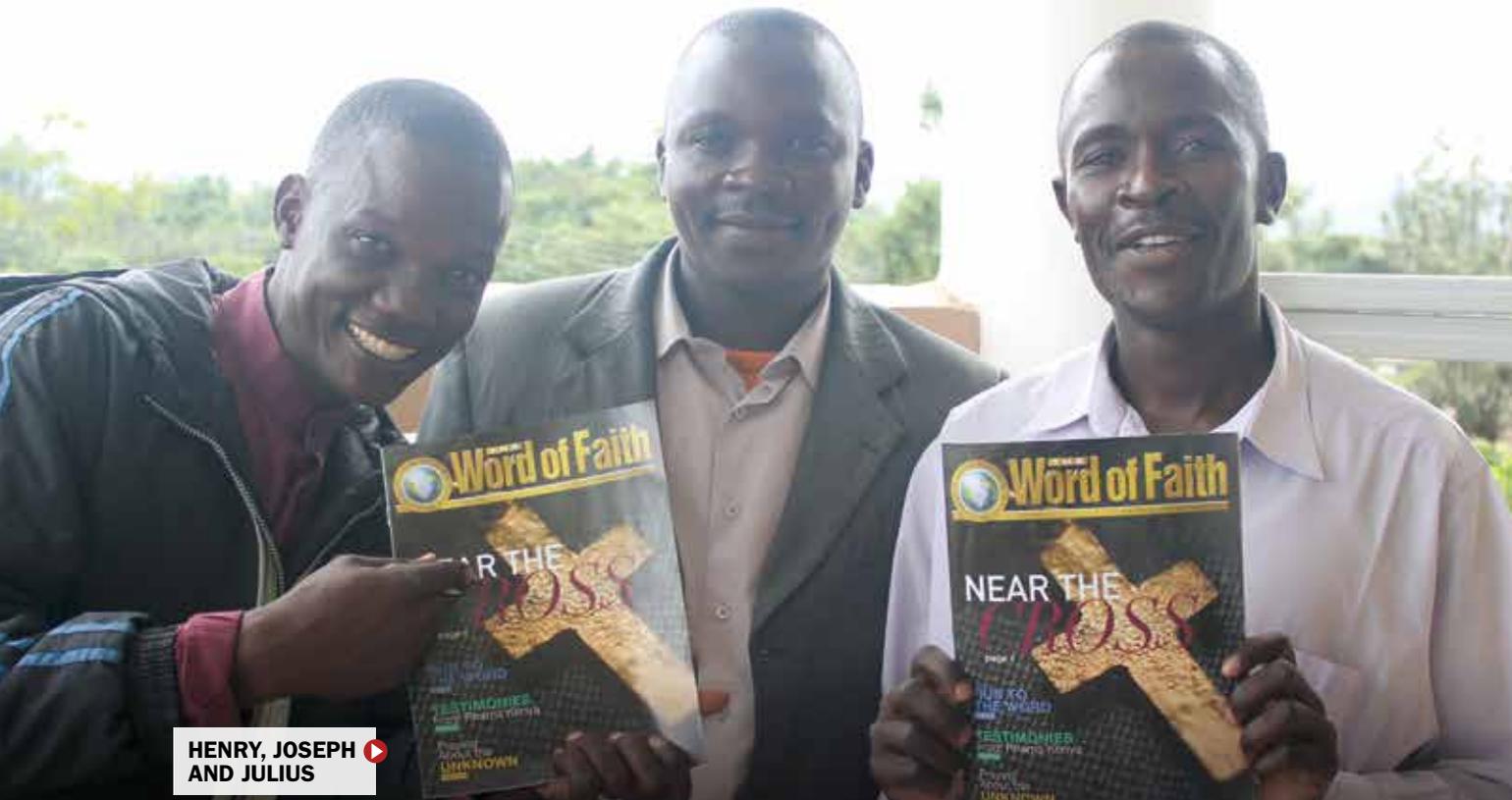
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“It seems, therefore, that the laying on of hands will work when nothing else will!”



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THE DOCTRINE OF

LAYING ON OF HANDS

LAYING ON OF HANDS is one of the six fundamental principles of the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ listed in Hebrews 6:1–2. Jesus Himself freely employed laying on of hands to heal people. In Mark chapter 6, we see Jesus in His hometown of Nazareth:

MARK 6:5 (NKJV)

5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that **He laid His hands on a few sick people** and healed them.

Notice this text is speaking of Jesus. It doesn't say He *wouldn't* do mighty works in Nazareth. It says He *couldn't*. It seems, therefore, that the laying on of hands will work when nothing else

Jesus LAID HANDS ON SICK PEOPLE, AND HE EXHORTED *believers* TO LAY HANDS ON THE SICK TOO.



will! The few who were healed that day were healed by the laying on of Jesus' hands.

Another example of Jesus' laying hands on someone is found in Matthew 8:15. The

Bible says when Jesus entered Peter's house, He found Peter's mother-in-law sick with a fever. "*So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them*" (NKJV).

MARK 8:22-25 (NKJV)

22 Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and **begged Him to touch him**.

23 So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes **and put His hands on him**, He asked him if he saw anything.

24 And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

25 Then **He put His hands on his eyes** again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

This blind man was healed by the laying on of Jesus' hands. Some may say, "Jesus prayed for that blind man twice." I do not know that He prayed for him *at all*. The Bible does not say that He prayed. The Bible says *He laid hands on him twice!* It is scripturally correct to lay your hands, a second time, on a sick person, if necessary. It's good to know what Jesus did in certain circumstances. Then we will know what to do.

MARK 7:32-33, 35 (NKJV)

32 Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they **begged Him to put His hand on him.**

33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and **put His fingers in his ears**, and He spat and **touched his tongue. . . .**

35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

In the above two cases, notice that groups of people brought the blind man and the deaf man to Jesus. These people, as well as the sick themselves, believed in the laying on of hands and got results.

If you want the laying on of hands to work for you, you have to believe in it. Without faith, the laying on of hands is merely a ritual, and nothing will happen.

In the case of the deaf man, Scripture does not say that the people asked Jesus to heal the man, although that is inferred. It says they asked Him to put His hands on him.

MARK 5:22-23 (NKJV)

22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet

23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. **Come and lay Your hands on her**, that she may be healed, and she will live.”

Jairus believed in the laying on of hands. He didn't say, “Come and *pray* for her.” He said, “Come and *lay Your hands on her; that she may be healed.*” Jairus believed his daughter would be healed when hands were laid on her.

We know from Scripture that the child died before Jesus reached Jairus' house. But Mark 5:41 (NKJV) says, “*Then He took the child by the hand.*” In other words, Jesus touched her. He took her by the hand. She was raised from the dead and was healed.

Jesus laid hands on sick people, and He exhorted believers to lay hands on the sick too. Jesus said in Mark 16:18 (NKJV), “*They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.*”

Who will lay hands on the sick? The answer is found in the 15th verse where Jesus told **His disciples**, “*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature*” (NKJV). One of the signs that shall follow those who believe is, “*They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.*”

People still preach repentance and water baptism. Nobody objects to that. Why not, then, preach *all* of the Great Commission?

The disciples took Jesus seriously. Acts 5:12 (NKJV) says, “*And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people.*”

Paul practiced the laying on of hands too. In Acts chapter 28, we find Paul shipwrecked on an island. The father of the ruler of the island was ill, so Paul went to his house “*and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him*” (v. 8 NKJV). The man was healed through the laying on of hands.

Scripture goes on to say that the islanders brought their sick to Paul and he ministered to them. Obviously Paul ministered by the laying on of hands.

ACTS 19:11-12 (NKJV)

11 Now God worked unusual miracles **by the hands of Paul**, **12** so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Here, not only were the sick healed, but the demonized were delivered as cloths Paul had laid his hands on were laid upon their bodies.

Some will say, “The apostles could do that, but it's not for us today.” This is a worn-out lie that no one should be listening to! Jesus didn't say these signs would follow just the apostles. To say that we cannot lay hands on the sick today is to say that one of the fundamental principles of the doctrine of Christ has been done away with.

If laying on of hands for healing has been done away with, no one would have a right to believe in the doctrine of repentance.

I'm not going to take anything away from the doctrine of Christ. I believe all of it. I am a follower of Christ. I am a stickler for the doctrine of Christ. And one of the doctrines is laying on of hands.♥

(Editor's Note: This article has been adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's minibook *Laying On of Hands*.)

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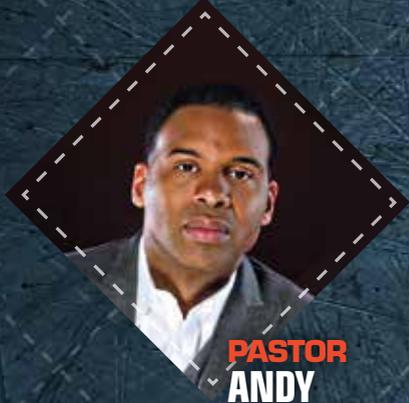
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Snapshot of a Faithful Man

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“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to FAITHFUL men who will be able to teach others also.”

—2 TIMOTHY 2:2 (NKJV)

IN SECOND TIMOTHY, Paul instructed Timothy to give to faithful men the things that he had given him. It is interesting to note that he did not say for Timothy to give those things to men of great ability. Paul knew that **IT'S MUCH EASIER TO TAKE A FAITHFUL MAN AND MAKE HIM ABLE THAN IT IS TO TAKE AN ABLE MAN AND MAKE HIM FAITHFUL!**

So what exactly is a faithful man? I believe faithfulness is revealed in three dimensions:

- 1. LOYALTY**
- 2. SUBMISSION**
- 3. CONSTANCY**

Let's talk about loyalty first. Some people think faithfulness and loyalty are the same. But they're not. For example, an employee may come to work every morning promptly at 8:00 a.m. That's faithfulness. But if that employee goes into an office and steals supplies, he's not being loyal. A loyal person would never steal from his employer.

See, loyalty doesn't mean we always agree. But it does mean we share a common ideal—an ideal we're both working toward. Loyalty is a dimension of a truly faithful person! And oftentimes **THE FAVOR OF GOD COMES UPON OUR LIVES WHEN WE ARE FAITHFUL IN UNSEEN PLACES.**

Secondly, faithful men are also submitted men. To be trusted in authority, one must be submitted to authority. Submission is really about coming under a common mission. Think about the military. Every man in the platoon understands he is there to fulfill the mission of those in authority over him. Individual desires yield to the corporate mission.

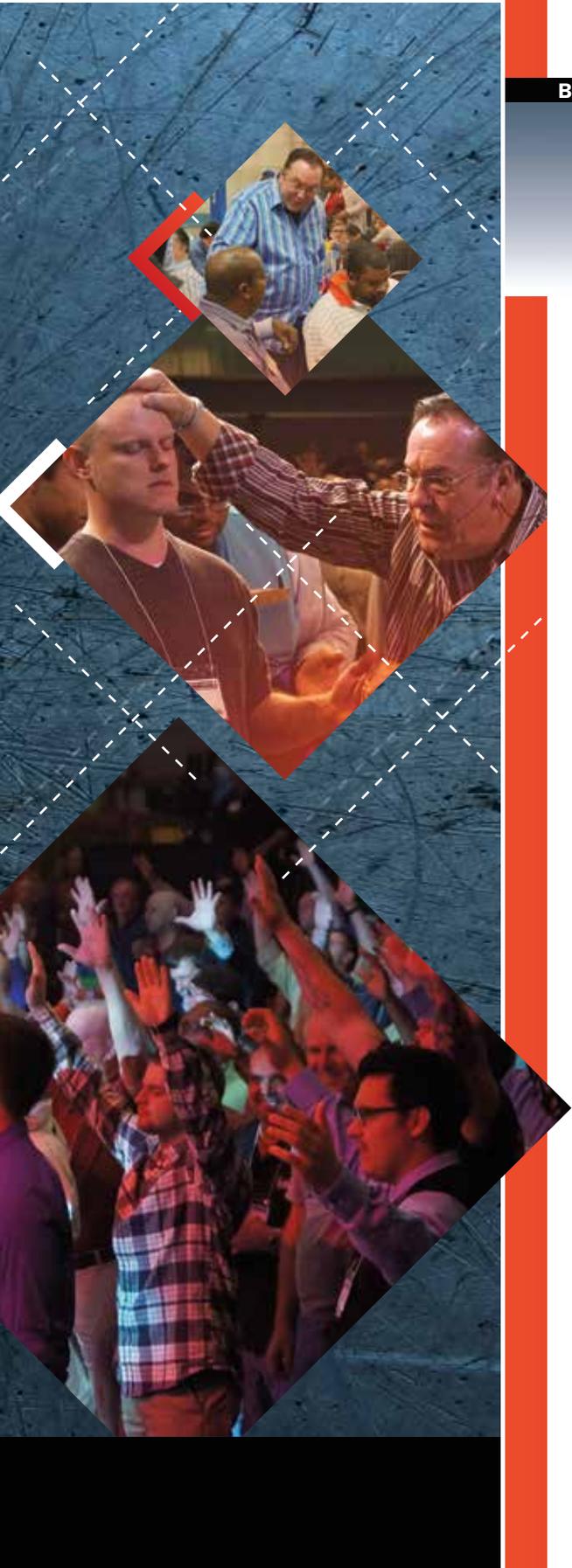
And there is power in the unity that submission produces.

I do want to point out that there is a difference between submission and obedience. Obedience always produces action. Submission refers to a person's attitude and spirit. That means it is possible for a person to be obedient in action but rebellious in attitude and spirit. **A TRULY FAITHFUL MAN DOES NOT JUST OBEY; HE WILLINGLY SUBMITS TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER HIM** so that the mission can be accomplished.

The final dimension of a faithful man is constancy. The constancy of our attitude, words, and actions gives security and stability to those around us. Trust is built because of constancy. The more predictable a man is because of constancy, the more stable and trustworthy his character is.

When was the last time you stopped to evaluate yourself in these three areas? How loyal are you? How submitted are you to those in authority over you? And how constant are you with your words and actions?

It's so important to be faithful. Paul wanted Timothy to teach what he had learned to other faithful men who, in turn, would find other faithful men to teach. We are taught to teach. We are fed to feed. We are given to, to give. We are comforted to comfort. We are led to lead. We are blessed to bless! Have you found other faithful men to teach what has been taught to you? It is time to get busy reaching and teaching other faithful men!♥



“Our God is able . . .”

How to Prosper

LYNETTE HAGIN



WHEN I WAS very young, my parents taught me about tithing—giving the Lord 10 percent of my income. I learned at the age of 3 or 4 that if I received a dollar, 10 cents of that dollar was supposed to go to the Lord.

I was taught that God blessed us, but we were supposed to give the tithe back to Him. That was always sacred to me, and I've followed that principle all of my life. It was never a question of *whether* I was going to tithe. The only question I asked was, “How much is my tithe this week?”

These days, people are holding on tightly to their wallets. Many are thinking, “I'd better save all I can.” And the first place they cut back on their spending is at church. But our giving to the Lord is the one place where we should never tighten our budgets!

Of course, Satan will do everything he can to try to stop you from tithing. Why? Because he knows the blessings you're going to receive

when you tithe, and he loves to keep you from receiving God's blessings.

He'll tell you, “If you tithe, you won't have enough money to pay your bills.” He'll threaten you by saying, “If you tithe, you're not going to be able to eat this week.” I've tithed all of my life, and I've never gone hungry, and I've always been able to pay my bills.

I'm thankful my parents taught me to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and also to give my tithes and offerings to the Lord. They knew that following these biblical principles would cause me to prosper and be successful in life.

Having More Than Enough

I will never forget an incident that happened in 1966, right after Ken and I were married. Our budget was really tight in those days, and it's always been my responsibility to pay the bills and make the

budget work. In other words, I am the keeper of the books in our household. But as I began to calculate what our expenses were going to be that month, I realized there wasn't enough money to meet all of our needs.

For the first time in my life, the thought crossed my mind, “You can hold back your tithes this month and make it up next month.” But because the principle of tithing had been so firmly implanted in me, I was able to say, “No, Satan, you're not going to cut off the very thing that's going to open the windows of Heaven for me.”

I told Ken about the situation, and we joined hands and agreed that our needs would be met. Then I wrote out our tithe check and told the Lord, “We're standing on Your Word and we're expecting You to meet every need.”

There were times when I tried to figure out how God was going to help us pay all the bills. I watched for extra money to arrive in the mail, but we didn't receive any. No

money dropped out of Heaven. No one handed us a special offering at church.

At the end of the month, I had paid every bill, we had not missed any meals, and we had \$5 left in our bank account. I do not know where the money came from, but **I CAN TRUTHFULLY TELL YOU THAT OUR GOD IS ABLE TO SUPPLY ALL OF OUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS** (Phil. 4:19).

I told the Lord, “The first thing I'm going to do every month is write out our tithe check. Then I'm going to calculate the rest of our budget for the month.” From that day to this, as soon as our pay is deposited in the bank, the very first check I write is for our tithe. And because we're honoring God and putting Him first, He always supplies our needs.♥

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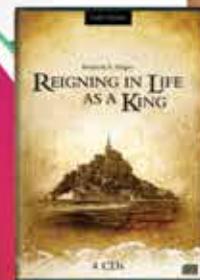
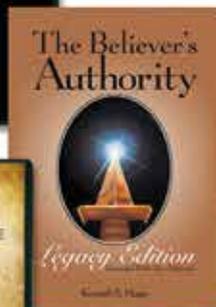
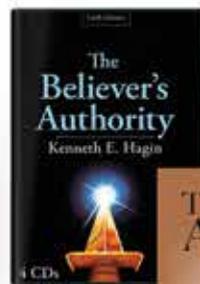
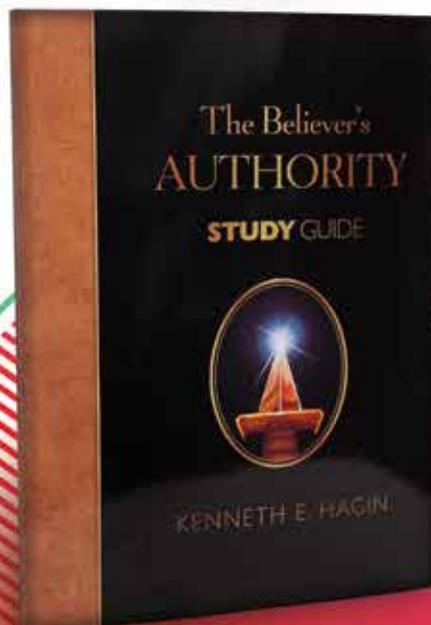
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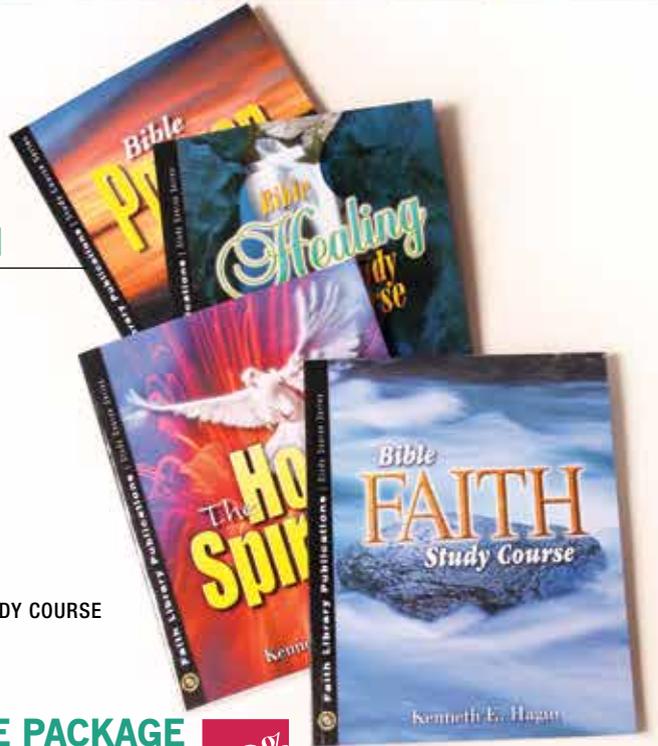
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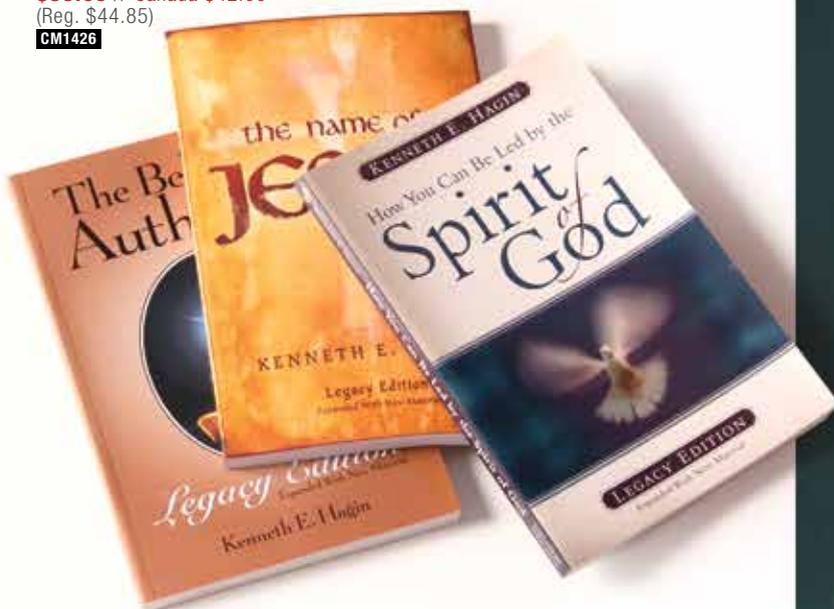
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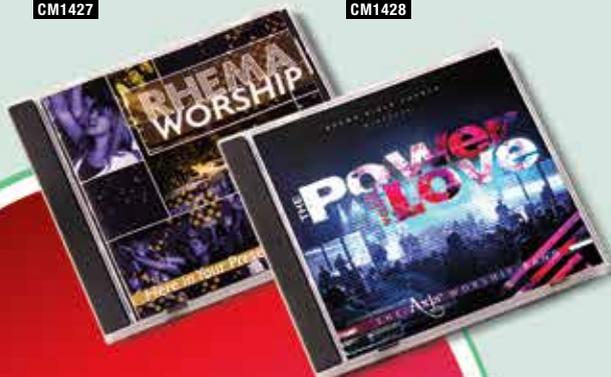
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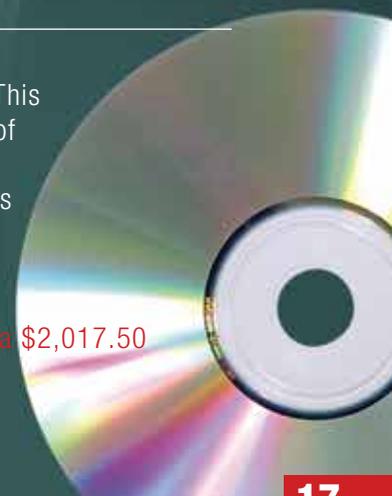
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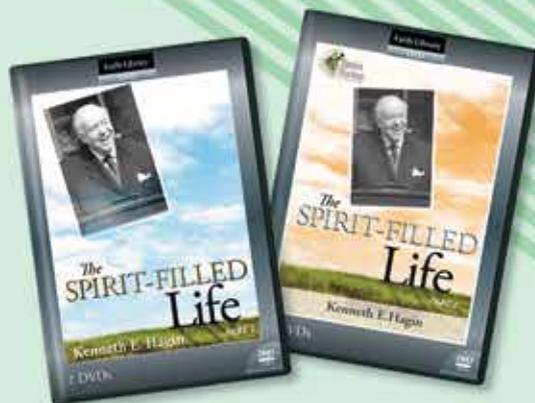
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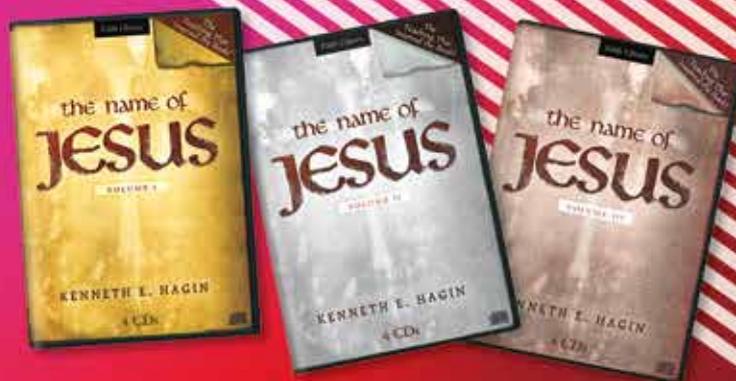
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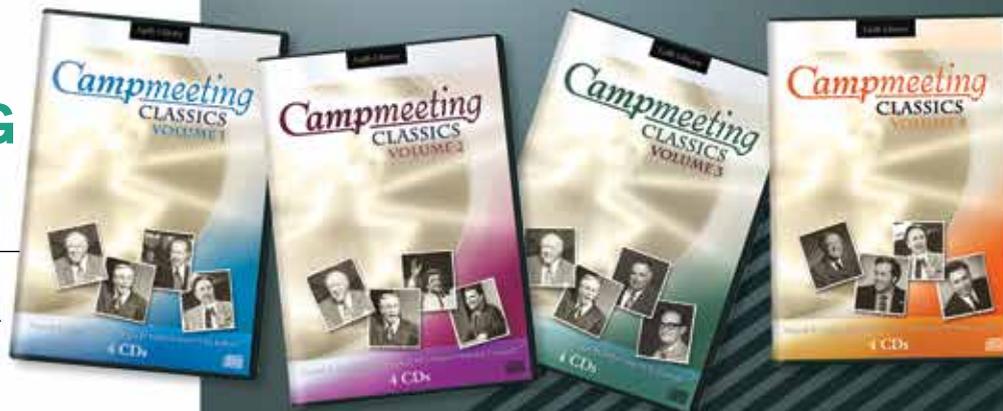
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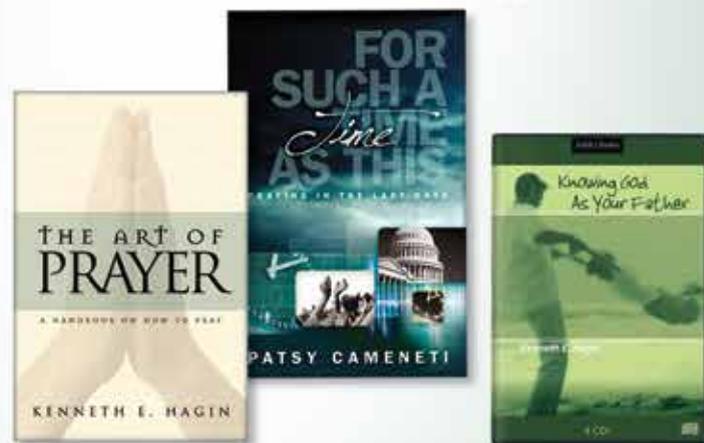
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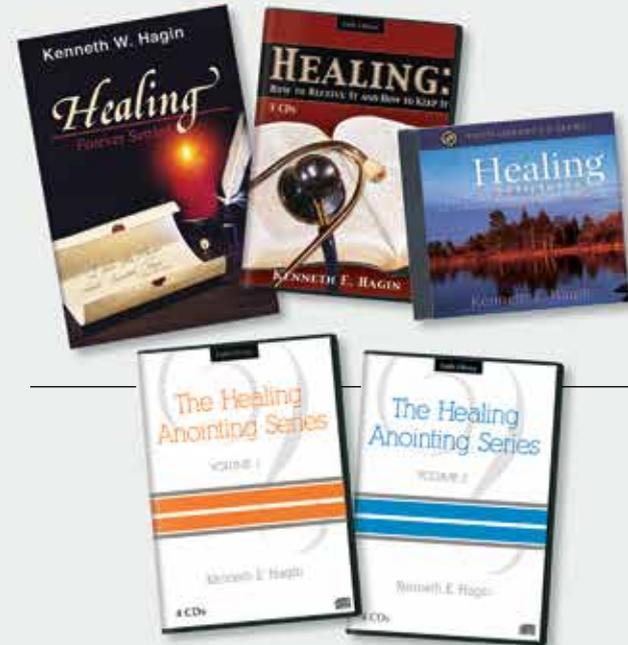
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FIG TREE FAITH



CRAIG W. HAGIN

Anyone associated with Kenneth Hagin Ministries is familiar with Mark 11:23 and 24. These verses have been keynote scriptures for this ministry since its beginning. **We can speak to any mountain and it has to move.**

I WANT TO LOOK at this passage from a different angle. Moving a mountain really isn't about the mountain. It's about the fig tree, because "fig tree faith" is what determines if the mountain ever gets moved.



WE NEED TO
QUIT PRAYING AND
START **saying!**

JESUS' ENCOUNTER WITH THE FIG TREE

Jesus and His disciples were on their way to Jerusalem when Jesus saw a fig tree in the distance. He was hungry, so He and the disciples

headed over to the tree to get some figs to eat. But once they got there, they discovered there wasn't any fruit on the tree. (See Mark 11:11-14.)

I'm not a figologist, but I've been told that if a fig tree has leaves, it's supposed to have fruit. When Jesus saw the leaves, He believed He would be able to satisfy His hunger. But after He reached the tree, He was disappointed *and* still hungry.

FIG TREES TODAY

How many times have you been disappointed by a fig tree?

In our lives, a fig tree represents false hope. Like Jesus, we may see something in the distance that looks like the answer to

our problem. But later we find out it was nothing but an empty promise. And disappointment once again raises its ugly head.

HOW DO YOU REACT?

We need to ask ourselves, "What are we going to do when we encounter a fig tree?" When we experience disappointment, a lot of us begin to cry or complain.

Jesus didn't react that way. He immediately dealt with the situation. He used His authority and said, "Let no man eat figs from this tree ever again" (Mark 11:14).

Now, when Jesus cursed the fig tree, it looked like nothing happened. So when we speak to our mountain and don't see any immediate change, we shouldn't be disappointed.

Sometimes it looks like our mountain is beginning to move and we're sure we have our answer. But then when we reach it, we find that nothing has changed. Our mountain has become a fig tree, and we're left hungry. And when we look around, we don't see any other options.

Some of us go from one fig tree experience to another. It seems like we never obtain what God has promised because all we ever encounter are fig trees. But no matter how many fig trees we come up against, we can't let them move us. We have to learn how to deal with the disappointment that comes with what appears to be unanswered prayer. If we don't, we'll never move the mountains in our lives.

IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU

So often when we face disappointment, we think, "What am I going to do?" or "How am I going to solve this?" In ourselves, we can't move a mountain or curse a fig tree. Jesus took care of our mountains and fig trees when He spoke His last words on the cross: "It is finished."

It's not about us! It's about Christ. It's about knowing who we are in Him. It's about putting our faith in His power, His might, and His ability. It's about opening our mouths and in Jesus' Name cursing the fig tree and commanding the mountain to move.

QUIT PRAYING!

In Mark chapter 11, we don't see Jesus praying for 40 days and 40 nights asking God to do something about the fig tree. This is where many of us miss it. We need to quit praying and start saying! We're praying about things we already have authority over.

Jesus died on the cross 2,000 years ago. He's done His part. Some people are waiting for Jesus to come down from Heaven, grab hold of their fig tree, and throw it to the ground! And that will never happen.

It's up to us to walk in the authority Jesus has given us. We have to curse the fig tree. Too many people are facing disappointment after disappointment and doing nothing about it. At some point, we have to open our mouths and start speaking.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

What do we do if, after we curse the fig tree, it's still there? If it hasn't withered after a day? After three days? Or even longer? The answer is simple: we just keep thanking God that the fig tree is gone. That's called faith.

After we get *another* bad report, our emotions may try to kick in. It's only natural for that to happen. But our faith in God also needs to kick in.

If something is thrown toward our face, we automatically put our hand up to block it. It's a natural reaction that we don't have to think about.

In the same way, when doubt and unbelief come and our emotions start to rise, the hand of faith needs to rise up automatically inside us and stop those doubts. For this to happen, we must know who we are in Christ, the authority He has given us, and what God has promised us. If we don't know these things, then everything God has made available to us to enable us to be overcomers will do us little good.

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE LOOKING

Anytime disappointment pops up in front of us, we can't focus on it. We must focus on God and what we have in Christ. That's when we will begin possessing what we say with our mouths and believe in our hearts.

When we put our faith in God's power, might, and ability, we can confidently open

Hearing the Word

Kenneth E. Hagin often said, "If God said it, I believe it, and that settles it." God never lies, so we can trust what He says.

We know that "faith comes by hearing the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). Too many times, however, Christians think "I've heard that" and check out. When that happens, the Word begins to slip away. That's why believers can quote the Word over and over without seeing results. The Word is no longer alive to them.

However many times we've heard the Word taught on a subject, we must hear it as if for the first time.

our mouths and curse the fig tree and command any mountain to move.

We may have experienced many disappointments. Fig tree after fig tree may have popped up in our lives. But our faith in God will obliterate all of those trees. As we continue speaking the Word in the Name of Jesus, the fig tree—no matter what it is—can't stay. It has to go! 🗑️

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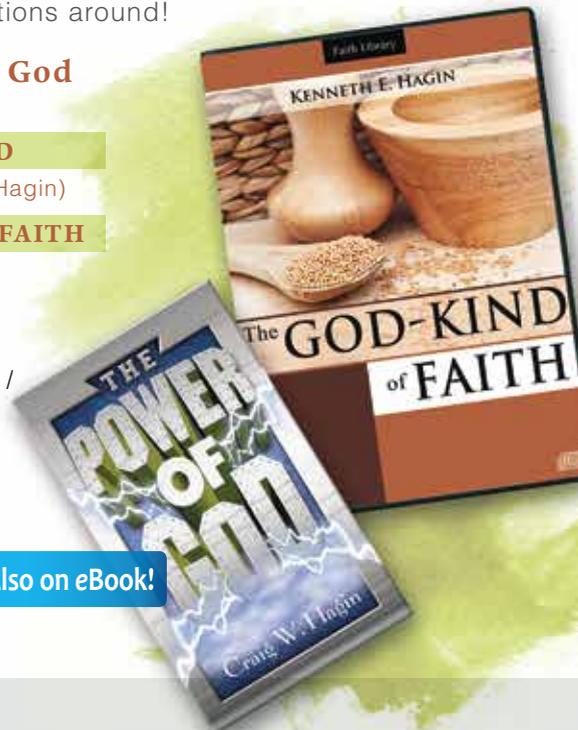


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—MATTHEW 24:14

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS:

KENYA MISSIONS 2014

TAD GREGURICH is no stranger to Kenya. Since 1996 he’s made around 20 trips to this African nation. His goal has been to “train Kenyans to reach Kenyans.” And he is seeing remarkable fruit from his efforts.

On his most recent trip, at the end of May, Tad took a team of 17 Rhema Bible Training College students and graduates and Rhema Bible Church members with him. As the current dean of RBTC USA, he believes these short-term missions trips are vitally important. **IT’S AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE TRAINING OUT OF THE CLASSROOM AND INTO THE REAL WORLD.**

Together, Tad and the team traveled to the towns of Muhoroni, Kakamega, Siaya, and Boro. They visited orphaned children, ministered in hospitals, held two street crusades, and did street evangelism. “This was one of the youngest and loudest groups I’ve ever taken,” Tad noted. “But this generation of Rhema students is bold and not afraid to love people. It inspires me (having graduated from RBTC 30 years ago) to take the love of God and the message of faith to a lost and dying world. It inspires me to expect Bible results like never before!”



ANTHONY WASHINGTON
(2014 Graduate)

“My life was changed by being in Africa. The anointing of God showed up in buildings that were just concrete and dirt. **AND I REALIZED THAT PREACHING IS SOMETHING I WANT TO DO.** Singing is my comfort. Preaching . . . that’s another ballgame! But when Dean Tad called on me to preach, I just went for it—and enjoyed it! For the first time, I could see myself ministering in the uttermost parts of the world. This trip opened up a new appetite in me. Thank God for Rhema and Dean Tad’s leadership on this trip. He trusted us to get up there and get the job done. And that was empowering! **I’M TAKING THE LIMITS OFF GOD FROM NOW ON.**”

AMBER WARNER
(2014 Graduate)

When suddenly called upon to preach in the small town of Siaya, Amber Warner remembered how it felt. “I expected to be super nervous,” she laughed. “I’m the type of person who always thinks I could be more prepared. But **IT’S AMAZING TO ME HOW THE HOLY GHOST JUST FILLS YOUR MOUTH.** It just felt really natural to get up there and minister. And that kind of situation would normally unnerve me. But I could see that the people just really needed to be helped. One gentleman said to me afterward, ‘Thank you for preaching what you did. Our people need that.’



“I needed that ‘baptism by fire’ moment,” she continued. “It was the first step of putting into practice what I learned in the classroom at Rhema. And it gave me a confidence. I see that as long as you are willing and make yourself available, the Holy Ghost will fill your mouth.”

JACOB ROACH
(2014 Graduate)

While in Kenya, Jacob Roach found himself in a mud hut, surrounded by six or seven Muslim men. He felt a boldness rise up on the inside and told them, “I’m going to pray in Jesus’ Name and we’re going to have some things happen here. And I want to see you at the crusade tonight.” That night, three of those men received Jesus as Savior. **“THERE IS NO RELIGIOUS BOUNDARY—NO BORDER—THAT CAN KEEP THE GOSPEL AWAY,”** Jacob exclaimed.



RONNIE ELLIOTT
(2014 Graduate)

"In the town of Muhoroni, we were praying for people in the hospital. I was really glad to be able to rely on my Rhema training. We came into this big room and saw a man in one of the beds. You could see his frail body through the thin blanket. He was wasting away. We told him that Jesus loved him and wanted to heal his body. Barely able to get the words out, he said he hadn't eaten and was extremely weak. We laid hands on him in the Name of Jesus and he began to stir. A light came over his face and he smiled. We could see an instant change. After that, we ministered the Gospel to him and he was born again.

"Two days later we got a call from the pastor in that area. This man had been discharged from the hospital the next day. **HE'D BEEN DYING OF AIDS, BUT JESUS HEALED HIM THAT DAY!** It's such a wonderful thing to know it's not about you. You just have to be obedient to go and speak the Name!"



PEGGY ELLIOTT
(2014 Graduate)

"My highlight was going to the labor and delivery ward at the hospital in Muhoroni. **WE GOT TO GO IN AND PRAY FOR ALL THE NEWBORN BABIES.** I was scared of missions before coming to Rhema. But I'm not scared anymore. I know it's doable."



MEGHANN HOUSLEY
(2nd-Year Student)

"The highlight of my trip was going and doing the street evangelism. **WE STEPPED INTO ONE HOME AND FOUND A YOUNG GIRL WITH A LARGE TUMOR ON HER FACE.** We laid hands on her and prayed that it would be removed. Then we encouraged her to thank God that it was gone, even though she could still see it. Later, I received a message from our interpreter. When he'd gone to check on the girl, a neighbor told him it was drying up. Praise the Lord!"

JOSHUA EGTS
(2014 Third-Year Graduate)

Joshua Egts didn't want to come to RBTC because he was certain he'd end up in Africa or somewhere like it. How right he was! What he didn't know was how much he would come to love missions.

"I wouldn't call my Rhema experience complete without these missions trips," he said. "They really show you that you're needed, and that your life is significant. Even after completing first year, you have so much to give to people. They're in desperate need of what you have.

"Before coming to Rhema, I didn't even know this whole other world of people and culture really existed. I was in a bubble. But **THESE TRIPS BRING OUT DESIRES YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ARE IN YOU.** For me, going to Kenya just helped solidify my calling. I loved doing the crusades, street evangelism, and singing. I can really see myself traveling all around the world doing this."



MIKE RIDDLE
(2nd-Year Student)

Mike prayed for a man with a locked elbow joint. As he prayed, he took hold of the man's arm and began to pull it down. It popped so loudly that people nearby turned to see what the sound was. The man began to move his arm and elbow freely. He testified to those around him that Jesus had healed him.



THE TEAM GATHERS WITH THEIR KENYAN HOSTS FOR A LOCAL FEAST.



As the Rhema team did street evangelism, five kids ran up to some of them. They said, "We hear that you're telling people about Jesus and we want to receive Him also." And they did!

In the town of Muhoroni, one man's broken leg was immediately healed. He was up and walking around without his crutches.

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—JESSICA DAVIS

Jessica is a 2010 General Extended Studies graduate. After graduation she served as an intern with Life Impact International, an organization in Thailand that rescues and cares for children. Jessica is currently attending college to become an ob-gyn. Her heart is to do medical missions.

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New Beginnings at campmeeting 2014



BEFORE *Campmeeting 2014* kicked off, Kenneth and Lynette Hagin heard the same word from the Lord—“*New beginnings, new season.*” And that’s exactly what people experienced throughout the week. As they received revelation from the Word and were refreshed in the Holy Spirit, attendees stepped up higher with God. The result? Turnaround in their lives like they’d never seen before! Here’s a taste of what this year’s *Campmeeting* attendees heard:



“So what if you’ve failed. **IT’S NOT ABOUT WHETHER YOU’VE FAILED OR NOT.** It’s about what you do after you fail. Get back on your feet, arise, and move into what God has for you.”

// **CRAIG W. HAGIN**



“**WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BELIEVE GOD** for everything He promised us in the redemptive work. Nothing is to be excluded. Nothing is so far-fetched that we cannot have it. All of it is available to every believer.”

// **CHARLES COWAN**



“Before you ever had a problem, Jesus made provision for you! So shake off the dust of the past. Arise and shine. You ain’t seen nothin’ yet! This is your hour. **YOUR BEST DAYS ARE RIGHT AHEAD OF YOU.**”

// **MARK HANKINS**



“Don’t let the devil fool you. Don’t let circumstances and situations deceive you. **IF YOU HAVE JESUS, YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED** to overcome the things in this life that will oppose you.”

// **STEVE HOUPE**



A Strong Foundation of Faith

KENNETH W. HAGIN

MANY PEOPLE confess the Word over situations in their lives. But when they don't see immediate results, they get in fear and doubt—and lose everything they have.

Mark 11:23 says, “*whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and DOES NOT DOUBT in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says*” (NKJV). **IT'S YOUR CONTINUED CONFESSING OF THE WORD OF GOD THAT WILL GET THE ANSWER THROUGH TO YOU.**

You can't speak according to how you feel or according to the circumstances. But if you'll learn to walk in faith—if you'll stand your ground when it doesn't look like anything is changing—there will be no such thing as an impossibility in your life!♥

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“It's time for you to move into doing what God said you could do. My mission this week is not only to get you to *believe* the impossible, but to get you to **GO OUT AND DO THE IMPOSSIBLE.**”

// DARRELL HUFFMAN



“We pay so much attention to our outward appearance. But **BEFORE GOD PROMOTES US, HE'S GOING TO CHECK OUR HEART.** We must lay down unfor-giveness and pride in order to run the race He has set before us.”

// JOEL SIMS



“IT MATTERS TO GOD HOW YOU LIVE. It matters what condition your life is in. You're a reflection of Him, and He wants to use you as a sign that displays His grace and goodness to the world.”

// SCOTT WEBB

Summer Blitz 2014: Champions

“YOU ARE CHAMPIONS in Christ Jesus!” These were the words that hundreds of 6th through 12th graders heard again and again throughout the week at *Summer Blitz 2014*. In a world filled with fear and confusion, speakers encouraged these radical young people to show forth God’s light and be the courageous champions He created them to be.

The week was packed with high energy music, anointed services, impacting small groups, and intimate times of worship. Many youth were born again, filled with the Spirit and healed. As God’s Presence flooded the services, many of them committed to let go of fear, follow the Lord’s plan for their life, walk in love, and boldly share the Gospel with those around them. They determined to grab hold of the “overwhelming victory” Christ provided (Rom. 8:37 NLT) and move forward boldly—as champions for Him.♥



“Gideon went to battle with 300 men and fought against 135,000. He won because **GOD WAS WITH HIM. GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE TOO. HE DIDN'T CALL YOU TO FAIL.** He’s given you a gift and purpose so you can win in life.”

// ROB POST



“In order to be a great influence, we need to change our attitude—our behavior. That will ultimately change our circumstances and we’ll **MOVE FROM BEING A VICTIM TO A VICTOR.**”

// WILL POST



“I looked up the word ‘champion’ in the *Urban Dictionary*. It says, ‘someone who commits an act of the following: **EXTREME COURAGE, EXTREME AWESOMENESS**’ and ‘one who is worthy of positive recognition for such an act.’ That’s y’all!”

// TY WARD



“Don’t get caught up in the things of this world—things that keep you where you are instead of moving you forward. **IF YOU WANT TO BE A CHAMPION, YOU HAVE TO BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE.** Then you’ll be a vessel Christ can use.”

// JULIA POST



“You are smart, strong, brave, and bold. And you are free in Jesus’ Name! Free to do the will of God. Free to fulfill your call. Free to dream again. **YOU ARE FREE TO BE THE SUPERHERO THE WORLD IS LOOKING FOR.**”

// CHRISTIE GRAHAM



“God gave Samson strength beyond himself for what He had set him apart to do. **YOU ARE A SAMSON GENERATION.** You are champions. You are rescuers. You are called to go back to your school and show forth God’s light.”

// CLIFF GRAHAM



“**GOD IS LOOKING FOR A RADICAL GENERATION OF CHRISTIANS WHO ARE LOADED WITH THE DYNAMITE OF THE HOLY GHOST.** We obey on command, walk in love, and preach the Gospel. We’re led by the Holy Spirit. We are champions—warriors—in partnership with God.”

// MYNISTA



“We see from Romans 8:37 (NLT) that we have ‘overwhelming victory’ in every area of our lives. We can maintain a daily walk of victory because Jesus lives in us. We are always champions no matter the circumstances. **BOTTOM LINE . . . WE WIN!**”

// DENISE BURNS,
RHEMA BIBLE CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES PASTOR
& SUMMER BLITZ HOST

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Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

"THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS; HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME. YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE WATERS NEVER FAIL."
— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV 1984)

AS I SAID LAST MONTH, fall seems to begin the year for most families, since school starts at that time. It can be easy to become stressed as your calendar fills up with activities, projects, and responsibilities. Many years ago the Lord gave me guidelines to help me navigate through stressful times. I want to share them with you.

I trust that you read my September column and have already begun practicing the first guideline.

Step One—Pray About Every Single Thing

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT) says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." I remind myself of that scripture every day.

At the end of the following poem, author Grace L. Naessens accurately describes what should be our daily routine.

The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish, that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered, "You didn't ask."
I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me; He said, "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock;
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."
I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

We should always begin our day with prayer. However, ideally, praying should be like breathing. Prayer should flow through our day like oxygen flows through our bodies. Wouldn't it be ridiculous to try to inhale enough air in the morning to last the entire day? It is just as ridiculous to think that our quiet-time prayers when we start the day are all we need for that day.

We should practice the presence of Christ though prayer all day long.

You might think, "I don't have 15 seconds to call my own. From the time I get up until I pass out on the pillow at night, my day is consumed by a to-do list."

People who pray make time to pray because they know that prayer is their lifeline. Do you realize that you can pray while doing other things? Though we should take time for uninterrupted prayer, we can also pray effectively while performing other tasks. I pray the entire time I am getting ready in the morning.

Prayers do not have to be complicated and long. During the day when I am confronted with a task I don't know how to complete, I simply say to God, "Father, help me. Give me the knowledge to complete this task." That is what I mean by praying continually.

Step Two—Ask the Lord for Wisdom in Making Right Decisions

James 1:5 (NLT) says, "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." I could not begin my day without asking for wisdom for that day. If you have the wisdom to make decisions, you can make them quickly. Decisions determine your direction, and your direction determines your destiny. Therefore it is very important to make wise decisions. God's methods are far better than ours.

Step Three—God Never Asks, Expects, or Wants Us to Do It All

God did not call you to be everyone's savior. This was one of the hardest things for me to conquer. I was always trying to do every project single-handedly and respond to everyone's requests. Because those around me knew I was task-oriented, I became the one who headed up every project.

Being a perfectionist, I thought that no one could complete a project as well as I could. I found myself abusing my body and neglecting my family. I had to learn to delegate. Remember, you cannot do everything by yourself. Learn to delegate! Leading a people-pressured life means we have put people and their judgments ahead of God's direction. Learn to be a God-pleaser. As you please Him, people will love, respect, and admire you. And you will once again experience peace, joy, and contentment.

Practice these three steps this month. I will give you the rest of the steps in my next column. Remember, God cares about you, and He wants your life to be successful, fruitful, and stress-free. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!♥

Lynette



Camp Courageous

FOR CAMPMEETING 2014, the Rhe-ma Kids Auditorium was transformed into a summer camp, complete with campfires and imaginary flames made out of sparkling red cellophane. The kindergarten through 5th graders spent the week at Camp Courageous learning that faith is greater than fear.

The children came from all over the world. They were taught that they never have to be afraid because Jesus is always with them. They can always be brave because “greater is He that is in them, than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

In the morning sessions, the youngsters heard Bible stories like David and Goliath and found out that they don’t have to be afraid of any “giant” that comes against them. They also learned about Noah’s ark and how they never have to be fearful to obey their Heavenly Father. They can always trust Him.

During the evening sessions, kids were excited to be at Camp Courageous. They grew in God, met new friends, and had fun! Each evening kids learned about F.A.I.T.H. (Father Always Is There Helping). Through powerful and interactive sermons, children were taught that God is always with them, and He will help them through any situation they encounter, no matter how big or small.

The Holy Spirit showed up in a big way during the services. Children who were sick were healed, and several children answered a call for prayer to help them overcome fear. Camp Courageous was both fun and F.A.I.T.H. filled. During the week kids not only made friends, worshipped God, played games, and learned about God, but their lives were changed! ♥



WORD CHANGERS

When you **GIVE** thanks to God, you are helping to **FUND** God’s Kingdom. In this game, you will change the word GIVE to the word FUND in the three sets of squares provided. Change the word GIVE to a new four-letter word in the squares to the right by changing only one letter in the word. Continue to change only one letter to form a new word to the right until you end up with the word FUND.

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