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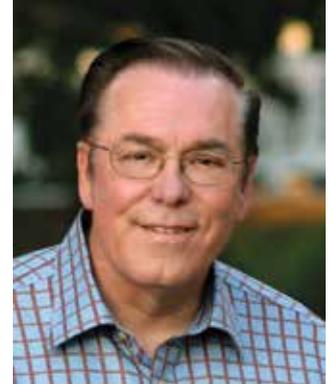
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Nurturing the Love of God

Have you discovered how God’s love grows in your heart when you nurture and cultivate it? Growth, however, doesn’t just happen; it takes effort on your part. Developing the love of God in your life is like growing a garden. Gardeners nurture the tender, young plants as they grow.

For example, would you ever plant a tomato seedling in the ground and then leave it? No, if you did, it would wilt and die. For small vegetable plants to grow so they produce a harvest, they must be cared for and cultivated.

The fruit of God’s love in us works the same way. The love of God has been poured out in our hearts, but it has to be cared for, cultivated, and nurtured. We can do certain things to help our love grow.

For example, love is watered when we spend time in God’s Word and prayer. Weeds of selfishness and self-centeredness need to be pulled so our love can freely develop. Then we nurture that love by putting others before ourselves.

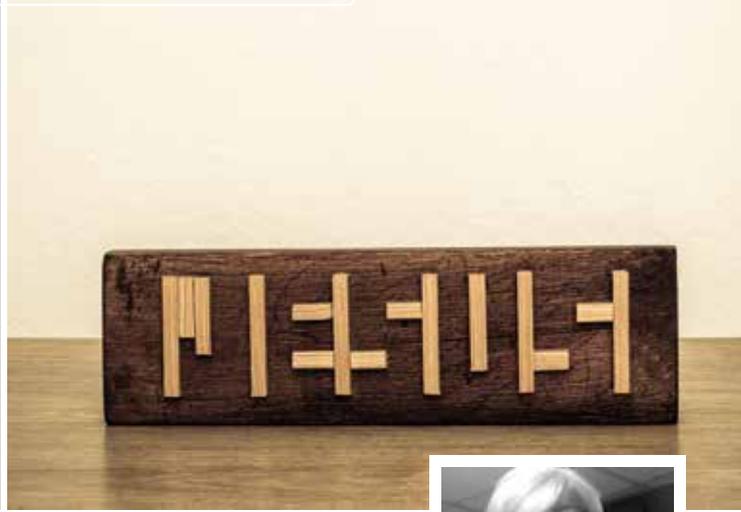
I encourage you to cultivate the love of God in your life! Soften the ground of your heart by saturating your thoughts with scripture about God’s love. Every time someone wrongs you, instead of thinking about the person’s bad qualities, think about the good. Replace negative thoughts by quoting the Word. And as you diligently weed negative thoughts and attitudes out of your heart, you’ll create a garden that only produces a harvest of God’s blessing!

I’m excited to share this issue of *The Word of Faith* with you. On page 8, my daughter, Denise Hagin Burns, writes about praying honest prayers and getting results. Lynette and I share godly wisdom from 53 years of marriage on page 14.

I pray that God’s love in you flourishes like a well-tended garden!

Kenneth E. Hagin

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HEALING *in His Name*



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THE BODY OF CHRIST has a treasure, but many believers don't realize it. You can ask believers, "Does the Name of Jesus belong to the Church?"

"Yes."

"What good is it?"

"Oh, it is to be adored and praised."

We adore and praise the Name of Jesus, but that is not its purpose. It was given to us for our benefit.

There is healing in that Name. There must be, because Jesus said, "*In My Name*, they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18). There must be, because Peter said to the lame man, "*Such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk*" (Acts 3:6).

Healing belongs to every believer. It's a privilege for us to have this wonderful Name. Sickness and disease don't belong in our bodies.

Full Salvation

That Name of Jesus is salvation.

Acts 4:12 says, "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*"

When we use the word "salvation"—because we have been trained that way—we usually think of the remission of sins, the New Birth. But that is only *part* of salvation. If that is as far as you think, you are limiting God.

Romans 1:16 says, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek.*"

In the *Scofield Reference Bible*, Dr. Scofield points out the full meaning of the word "salvation" in the following footnote reference:

"The Hebrew and Greek words for "salvation" imply the ideas of *deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness*. Salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all of the redemptive acts and processes."

When God says salvation, He is talking about more than most people realize. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto deliverance. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto safety. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto preservation. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto soundness. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto healing.

When God's Word says, "*There is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*" (Acts 4:12), it is not just talking about the New Birth. It is also talking about healing for our bodies.

There is healing in no other name.

Healing in Redemption

We need to know that healing for our physical bodies is part and parcel of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He not only took our sins, but He also took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.

ISAIAH 53:4-5

4 Surely He hath borne our griefs [Hebrew: sicknesses], and carried our sorrows [Hebrew: pains]: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

*Healing belongs to every
believer.*



You Are Forgiven

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

—Psalm 103:12

That distance is immeasurable! You can travel east around the world and keep going and going. If you lived to be 1,000 years old and went around the world every day of that 1,000 years, you would still be traveling east. Jesus removed your transgressions as far as the east is from the west. Receive God's forgiveness!

MATTHEW 8:17

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

1 PETER 2:24

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

The healing He has already provided becomes real to us through His Name. *"In My Name*, they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Why? Because healing belongs to us. Jesus provided it in our redemption.

However, we have been taught to divide it. We have been taught to think like this: The Lord does save nowadays. The Name will work when it comes to (what we call) salvation. But the Name doesn't work any further. That's the end of it.

No! That Name will do all it ever did! If it doesn't, then I have no right to believe there is salvation in that Name.

Thank God, there is healing in that Name!

If we were taught about healing in the Name of Jesus as we are taught about salvation in Jesus' Name, there wouldn't be any doubt about it. We would have an unconscious faith in healing in the same way we have faith for the remission of sins.

The Remission of Sins

Jesus dealt with the sin problem. He *bore* our sins.

When we believe that and accept Him personally, it becomes a reality to us individually. We are born again. We become a brand-new creation without any past.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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

The sins we committed before we were born again do not exist in the mind of God. He does not remember them.

ISAIAH 43:25

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

MICAH 7:19

19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

If you put Isaiah 43:25 and Micah 7:19 together, you will find that God has hidden our sins in the Sea of Forgetfulness.

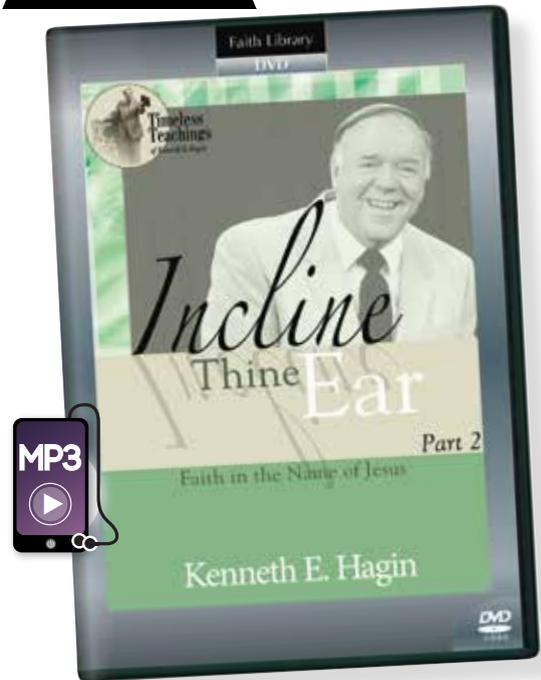
Now the devil will try to remind you of them. He wants to keep you from the place where the Name of Jesus will work for you. If you are under condemnation, you cannot be bold about using that Name.

Satan will bring a photograph before your mind of something you did in the past. But the pictures he brings are not you at all! You are a new creature.

So take full advantage of your rights in the Name of Christ. For in Jesus, you have everything you need to live a victorious life. You'll discover it's more than a name to be adored and praised.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book *The Name of Jesus*.]

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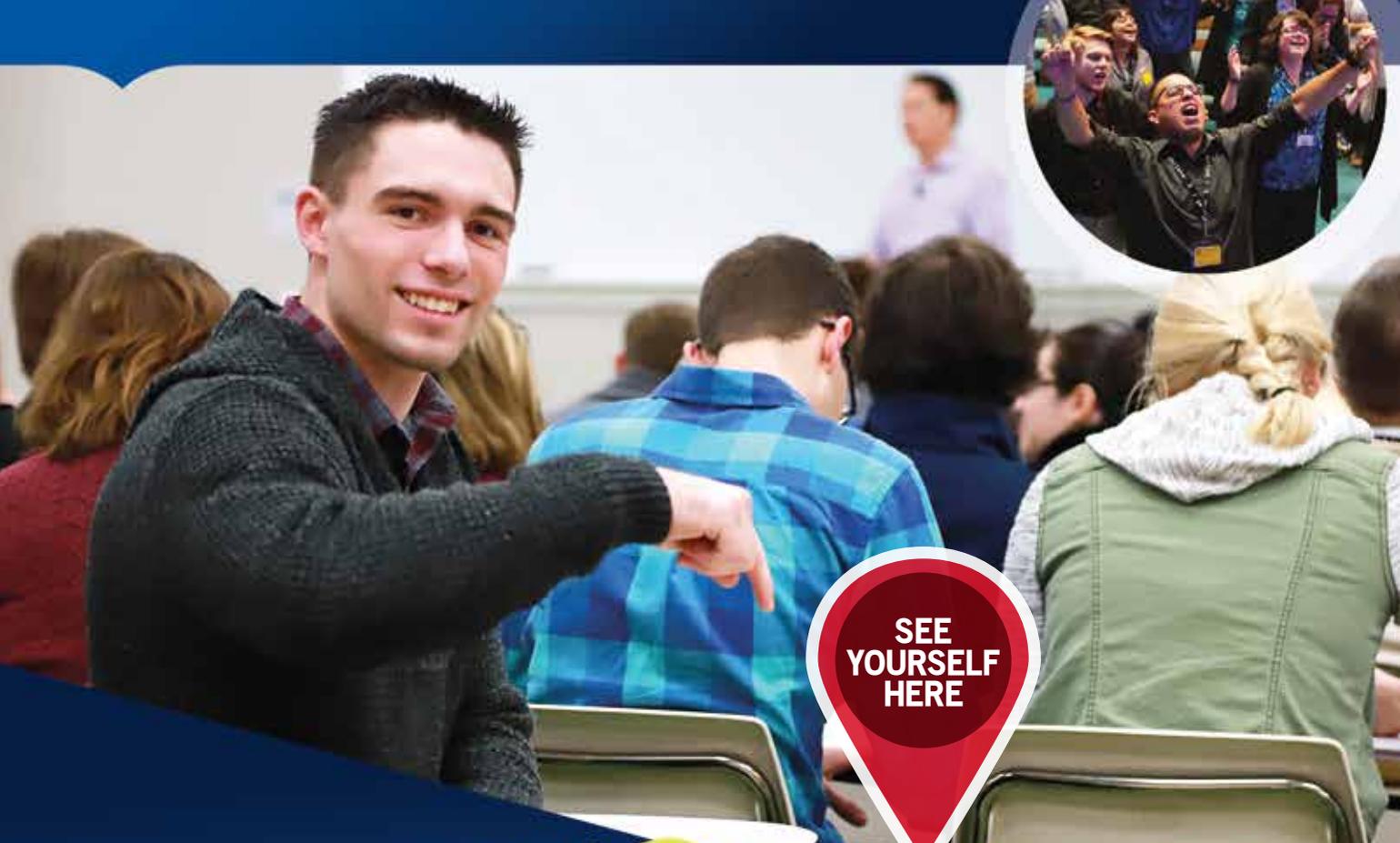
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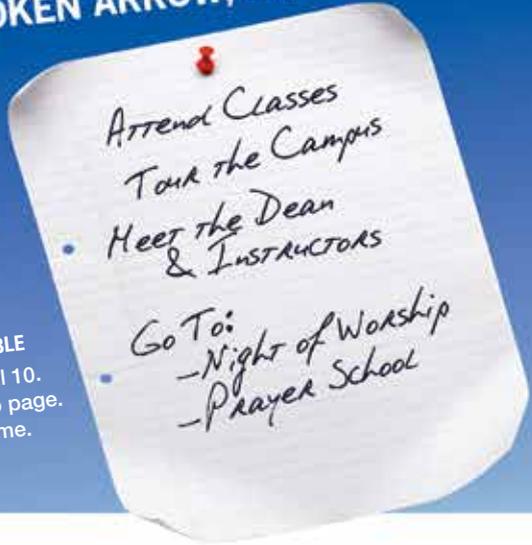
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Living Fearless

D.K. HALL

GOD HAS A purpose for our lives and a destiny for us to fulfill. Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) says, “*For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*”

Fear, however, always stands in front of our dreams. Before we can enjoy what God has for us, we have to conquer the enemy of fear. **BY FOCUSING ON GOD INSTEAD OF OUR WEAKNESSES, WE CAN STEP OVER THE ANXIETIES THAT PARALYZE US.**

There was a time in high school when I allowed fear to hold me back. I had a huge desire to be on the student council committee. But I reasoned that I wasn't good enough, smart enough, or organized enough. I didn't think I could handle the workload. When it was time to submit my name to the ballot, I didn't do it. Instead, I allowed a mountain of fear to direct my path.

I have learned that **WHENEVER WE GIVE IN TO FEAR, REGRET FOLLOWS IT.** I still kick myself for not running for student council. Regret drains your self-confidence. It's then harder to

follow God the next time. But when we keep our eyes on God, we don't have to fear anything because our strength comes from Him.

Know You're Loved

One way to overcome fear is by knowing how much God loves us. His goodness toward us is evident throughout scripture.

PSALM 103:2-5 (NLT)

2 Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

4 He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies.

5 He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagles!

God is a Father Who loves and cares for us. He's compassionate, merciful, and slow to anger. Even though we may deserve it, He doesn't deal harshly with us. His love for us remains forever. (See

Psalm 103:8-13 NLT.) Instead of our insecurities, we must focus on these things.

Knowing our Heavenly Father's character gives us the boldness to take steps of faith toward our destiny. Why would God call us somewhere just to leave us by ourselves and not meet every need we have? He would never do that.

Another way to overcome fear is by remembering what God has given us. Second Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) says, “*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*” The *New Living Translation* says God didn't give us “*a spirit of fear and timidity.*” The spirit this verse is talking about is the Holy Spirit. The spirit God put in us doesn't have fear. Why? Because Jesus Christ already defeated everything that will ever come against us.

WHEN WE UNDERSTAND GOD'S CHARACTER AND KNOW HE IS ON OUR SIDE, WE CAN LOOK AT FEAR AND LAUGH. We can boldly say, “I'm not going to focus on fear. I'm going to focus on God who is backing me and on the destiny that's been placed in my heart.”

The choice is ours. Do we allow faith or fear to direct our paths? Do we look at our weaknesses or God's strength? Fear pulls us away from our destiny, but faith takes us to it. Keep your eyes on God. Look up and focus on His strength, ability, and wisdom. As you do, you will accomplish what He has called you to do. ♥



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PRAY *Honest* PRAYERS

DENISE HAGIN BURNS

I RECENTLY WENT through a difficult period. Believe it or not, ministers have bad times too. My family was going through some things that made me ask God a lot of questions.

I was a little down and depressed, but I didn't want anyone to know. I found myself pretending and editing my responses. I didn't open up and tell people what I was thinking or feeling. I said everything was fine when it wasn't. I became an edited version of myself. I even began pretending with God.

When I prayed, I wouldn't tell Him how I felt. I read my Bible and prayed my regular morning and nighttime prayers. But I never opened up to God. I felt distanced from Him.

Finally one day I cried out to him and said, "God, I am going to be 100 percent transparent with You. I'm not going to hold anything back. I'm going to tell You exactly how I feel because there's no one I can be completely honest with."

Transparency Changed Everything

I discovered transparency is an invitation for God to move in our lives and make amazing changes in us. He's waiting for us to open up. He's a gentleman and won't barge in. Part of being transparent with Him is saying, "God, I don't have it all together."

First Peter 5:6 (NKJV) says, "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." When we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, we place ourselves under His protection and guidance. We can then receive His counsel. At the right time, He will lift us up. Being transparent is being humble.

Casting Your Cares

How can we be transparent with God? What is the best way? We see the answer in First Peter 5:7 (NKJV), "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." The way I like to personally translate this verse is "pray honest prayers." Formal, polite prayers never get anybody anything. Honest prayers do.

When we *cast* something, we throw it forcefully in a specific direction. Casting is not polite, uptight, or formal. It is violent. Synonyms for the word *cast* include "sling" and "throw violently." It's wanting to get something far away

from you. And that's what God wants us to do with our cares.

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BRITISH LOVE AND GLORY

SHADOWED BY NIGHT, a voice called into the bedroom, “I need help.” Awakened with weary expectancy by the routine visit, Wendy Preston (’88 RBTC graduate) whispered, “Lord I need help.” Night after night, her houseguest came to the doorway at 3 a.m. saying, “It’s my worst hour!” Wendy inwardly replied, “It is mine as well!” But she would rise, put a kettle on the stove, and begin the loving work of restoring a soul the world had given up on.

Linda arrived on Wendy’s doorstep as a last resort. Alcoholism and drug addiction had plundered her young life. She had exhausted every option including the help of people around her. Well known in the community for sneaking into the communion cupboard at a local church, Linda often disappeared only to be discovered under a church pew, drunk on communion wine! “She was given to me because that church didn’t want her,” says Wendy, “and she was a bit of a pickle!”

The nightly sessions became exhausting. Wendy had opened her flat as a healing home for a number of years. Two others had also come for help, both in wheelchairs, one disabled and one with terminal cancer. Although Wendy graciously accommodated the temporary houseguests, she found herself becoming “hard” despite her deep love for people.

Dog walking was a respite amid the daily demands. On one walk, Wendy cried out to God, exasperated, as if the situation was His fault, “Where is the anointing that breaks the yoke? Do something with *Your* daughter!” Wendy was tired. All her guests needed miracles. Only God could turn their situations around.

Before long, the nightly ritual took a new form. Linda crossed Wendy’s threshold, fell to the ground, and started to cry. The situation broke like a fever, and the raging heat of the woman’s struggle dissipated. Wendy exhaled, “Yes!” and thanked God. She knew the tide had turned.

Discovering Dreams

Working in the background of Linda’s deliverance was a dream. She always wanted to sell her hand-painted wooden clogs. Once Wendy pinpointed the dream, not only did it revive but



WENDY PRESTON

so did Linda. No longer bound by drugs and alcohol, she is married and runs a successful business selling her hand-painted wares.

With “one down” and out the door, Wendy learned her disabled guest’s dream was to ski. Wendy scouted the local secondhand stores and found a pair of snow skis. Day after day, she maneuvered the skis around Margaret’s wheelchair to place them on her feet. Wendy encouraged Margaret to see herself healed and skiing on the slopes: “Close your eyes. Imagine the cold snow. How does that feel?” Day after day, they focused on her dream, “Move those legs—whoosh, whoosh, whoosh!” Today Margaret is healed, walking, and skiing.

Particularly with people locked in an illness, Wendy always starts with the question: “What would you do if you could . . . ?” Faces light up as they reconnect with their dreams. Hope reignites, and faith grows as they realize that regardless of the ailment or disarray in their lives, God’s Word is true, and He *will* complete what He started.

Wendy has found that people often have challenges because they are not on the course God set for them. “If you connect with your dream,” she explains, “life comes with it. All you need to do is say yes. You don’t make that dream happen. You just have to respond. God is loving and gentle, and *He* restores everything He placed in your heart.”

Displaying God’s Love and Glory

Wendy smiles as she describes the type of people God draws to Faith Alive Church in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. “The majority of those attending Faith Alive have a call on their life but don’t recognize it or know what to do with it. Others have been given up on by the world. People that [other] people have given up on are our people!”

“Rejection was quite common in my life,” Wendy continues. “I never really fit the pack. Now, I could not care less [about rejection]. I’m very comfortable in my call. But it’s taken me my lifetime to become comfortable!”

Reflecting on those years Wendy says, “I had a call on my life from a child, and unusual things would happen about the glory of God. But I didn’t have any knowledge. You have to be grounded in the Word!” Thankfully God led her and her family ‘across the pond’ to Rhema USA.

Wendy came to America by way of Canada and eventually moved to New Jersey. At the time, the word “Rhema” was not familiar to her. When it came up in her spirit, she thought, “Rhema? What is Rhema?” She let it rest but soon ended up in the church of a Rhema graduate.

Wendy’s heart for prayer and healing extends throughout the British Isles and beyond.

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From there Wendy signed up for *The Word of Faith* magazine. “Once we saw the picture of the school,” she says, “we left everything. This is what God was trying to get us to America for in the first place!” She describes Rhema Bible Training College like oxygen, “It’s like you’re breathing the anointing in and out. There’s something here we thrive on that you can’t get anywhere else.”

Even today Wendy continues to listen to Brother Hagin’s messages every night, “It’s a timeless message!” She is ever thankful to Rhema for helping her step into her gifts and stays connected. Wendy says, “Recognizing the gifts in others and

helping them step into them is a privilege!” Her advice to anyone who realizes that God has something for their life is simple: “Come to Rhema, then stick with your roots!”

With her roots firmly planted in God’s Word, Wendy’s heart for prayer and healing extends throughout the British Isles and beyond. Signs, wonders, and miracles follow as God uses her and the growing body of believers she impacts to reach others suffering from hopeless situations and impossible odds.

Wendy’s love resonates through her proper British accent as she shares the ‘secret’ behind the miracles people encounter. “At the end of the day, ministry is God’s love and glory,” she says with a lilt. “It’s all about the love of God and the power of God. The love side of the anointing is not ‘I love you. We’ve got to walk in love.’ It’s actually flowing in the God-kind of love. It’s a healing love.”♥

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BILL RAY

HAVE YOU EVER stood on a mountaintop? The perspective there is different than when you're at sea level. The air is fresh, clean, and crisp. The water flowing down the mountainside is clear, cold, and good. Attending a church service or conference can be like being on a mountain. It provides an atmosphere to saturate yourself in the Word and the Spirit of God. However, the time comes when you have to leave the "mountain," and what happens afterward is critical.

When you get back home, life can come at you. The enemy will try to intimidate you and steal what you've received. God wants you to maintain that victory and live on a higher level. He doesn't want you to lose sight of what you gained after you leave. The only way for Christians to live in constant victory is to be filled continually with the Holy Spirit.

Staying Full

BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT IS NOT A ONE-TIME EVENT. GOD WANTS YOU TO STAY FULL. It's the reason the apostles were effective in the Book of Acts. They always yielded to the Holy Spirit and then operated in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. God wants it to be the same with us today. In Ephesians chapter 5, God's Word provides instructions to believers on how to consistently live a spirit-filled life.

EPHESIANS 5:15-20 (NASB)

15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, **but be filled with the Spirit,** **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.

These verses show one way to stay filled with the Spirit is to minister to the Lord by singing and speaking psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. The most powerful instrument you have is your voice! It's like dynamite in the spirit realm. Something powerful happens when you yield yourself in this area. You fill up. It doesn't matter if you can sing; your voice is a beautiful fragrance to God.

Help From on High

When my father passed away, I took care of his affairs. As I sat in the living room of his house, I appraised everything he amassed over the years. Feeling overwhelmed, I said to the Lord, "I don't know what to do. I need to repair and sell the house. I need help."

In my spirit, I felt Him say, "You know what to do." So I pulled out my guitar and sang and worshipped Him. The presence and peace of God came on me. My tone changed. I knew God had it all worked out.

In looking for a real estate agent, I narrowed the choice down to three. I felt peace about calling one agent.

He came to the house and looked around. As we conversed, I discovered that his late brother built my dad's home! As a tribute to his brother and me, the agent assured me he would do whatever it took to sell the house.

That would not have happened if I did not take time to minister to the Lord. Sometimes we barge into God's presence in a quick, strife-filled, faithless atmosphere and ask for a bunch of stuff. Take time to



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wait on the Lord. When you worship, reverence, and bless your Heavenly Father, you create an atmosphere to hear from and be led by Him.

If you are going through a battle, God has a song of deliverance for you! If you are patient, minister to the Lord, and press in with faith, love, and peace, He will bring you through. And you will experience times of refreshing in His presence. ♥

[Editor's Note: Bill Ray is an associate pastor at Rhema Bible Church. This message was adapted from his message at *Campmeeting 2018*.]



KENNETH AND LYNETTE HAGIN

PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS interested in relationships—how to have them and how to maintain them—and it seems this is especially true in the area of marriage. What makes a marriage work? Is there a special secret, or is it a hit-and-miss proposition? Kenneth and Lynette Hagin share nuggets of wisdom gained from 53 years of wedded bliss on how to navigate marriage successfully.

Pursue Each Other

KENNETH: Perfect marriages don't exist because people aren't perfect. However, you can have a good marriage. Your marriage can and should be better after 50 years than it was on the first day.

LYNETTE: We have been married for 53 years, and we are more in love today than we were on our wedding day. Unfortunately, what often happens is after a couple says, "I do," their marriage begins to deteriorate because they stop pursuing each other. They might think, "I've caught her. I've caught him. Now I can relax and be who I want to be."

KENNETH: Once the romance stops, they begin taking each other for granted. It's important to continue courting your spouse throughout your marriage. Always put your best foot forward. Appreciation for your husband or wife should be the same as it was in the early stages of your relationship.

LYNETTE: Show affection. Ken and I like to hold hands when we're out. Touch is essential. To keep the flame burning, you have to keep the romance alive.

Support Your Spouse

LYNETTE: Supporting your spouse is vital. For instance, I'm not into sports, but Ken is. I knew how important it was to him

before we were married, and I went to his games. Conversely, he supported the activities I enjoy. Marriage is give and take.

KENNETH: When she wants to see a chick flick, I watch it with her. Conflict can start when one or both spouses are unwilling to compromise. That's why getting to know each other *before* getting married is crucial.

Make God the Center

LYNETTE: God must be the absolute center of your life and marriage. If He is not, your carnal side will rear its ugly head, and it won't be good! Sometimes people leave the Christian part of themselves at church. But God is with you all the time. He's always watching. Your actions at home toward your spouse—including how you speak to each other—should line up with the image you present in public.

Becoming One

KENNETH: Genesis 2:24 (NLT) says, "*This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.*" Becoming one is more than a sexual union. You learn to become one in your agreements, emotions, thoughts, and purpose.

LYNETTE: Over time, couples begin to think the same way. On several occasions, I have said something, and Ken said, "I was just about to say that to you," or "That's exactly what I was thinking!"

KENNETH: Becoming one doesn't mean eradicating your personality. It means you are flexible. You honor and respect each other and appreciate your spouse's abilities and talents. You

both have strengths and weaknesses. Where I'm strong, Lynette encourages me to take charge. Where she's strong, I back off and let her handle that area. Marriage is a partnership.

What a Wife Needs

LYNETTE: We all know men and women have different needs. It's your duty to understand your partner's needs and desires. Men, most women like gentleness. They want you to be considerate of their needs. They want you to be strong and protective. Women want to be respected, appreciated, and loved.

The passage of scripture in Ephesians 5:22-33 tells husbands to love their wives four different times! When a man loves his wife, it is easy for her to love him. Submission is easy for the woman whose husband honors and treats her properly.

Your wife wants to be your special sweetheart. Sometimes she just needs a hug and consolation rather than you trying to fix her problem.

Romance and affection are also important to women. She needs to hear you say tender things such as, "I love you," "You're the most beautiful woman in the world," and "I'm so fortunate to have you."

What a Husband Needs

KENNETH: Wives, your husband needs to know you are 100 percent behind him. Let him know that despite his faults and weaknesses, you're confident in him. Men tend to be competitive. It's important for wives to respect their husband's ability and authority because his manhood is challenged continually.

Lift your husband up when you see he needs to be recharged. Reaffirm, encourage, and help him. Men don't like to be lectured. Your husband wants a wife, not a second mother. Last but not least, sexual intimacy is very important to men. It's a must.

Ladies, try to look your best for your husband all the time. Men, take care of yourself for your wife. Sometimes when we're on vacation, I'll ask Lynette if it's okay if I go a day without shaving. But if she would rather I shave, then that's what I do.

Grow Your Relationship

LYNETTE: If you have children, make sure they don't consume your entire life. Be careful not to focus your relationship around their activities and your communication to always be about them. The time will quickly come when they leave home, and it is just the two of you. You will feel as though you are living with a stranger if you have neglected to grow your relationship over the years. Get a babysitter and go out on dates regularly. Intentionally set aside time to spend with each other. Keep the spice in your life!

KENNETH: And don't forget to laugh!❤️



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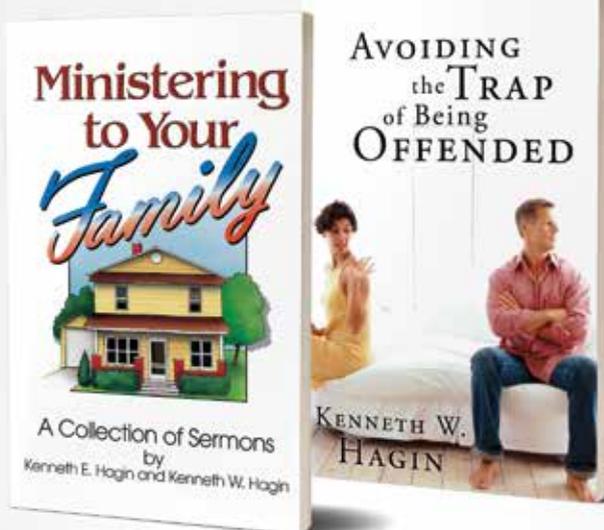
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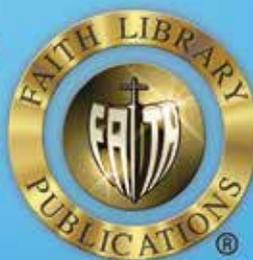
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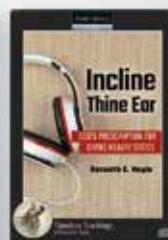
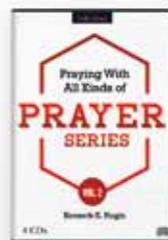
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David faced many obstacles throughout his life, but he triumphed supernaturally. After he became king of Israel, the Philistines came after him. He sought God and received instructions to fight—God would deliver them into his hands. He obeyed the Word of the Lord, and it happened. (See 2 Sam. 5:17–20.) David called that place “Baal-perazim” (Lord of breaking through) and said, “*The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like the bursting out of great waters*” (v. 20 AMPC).

It wasn't a hard-fought battle. David didn't have to wear the enemy down. No! God brought him a smashing, resounding victory. **THE SAME GOD THAT BROKE THROUGH**

FOR DAVID IS THE SAME GOD THAT BREAKS THROUGH FOR YOU.

David wasn't perfect. He was like us, but God called him a man after His own heart. Why? There are two outstanding reasons: 1) David was quick to repent; 2) David believed God and acted on what He said.

Admit When You're Wrong

David didn't make excuses. When he messed up, he acknowledged it. How many times do people try to justify their wrongdoings? “Well, if it hadn't been for this or that.” Be quick to ask for forgiveness when you miss it. That's what David did. God was always there every time he repented.

Be a Doer of the Word

David would ask the prophet what to do. He listened to him and did as he said. As a result, he always experienced victory. Today we don't need to ask a prophet. Because of



Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit inside us. We can go to the Word of God and do as it says.

God of Breakthrough

David's battle against the Philistines was not an isolated time where God moved powerfully. God broke through impossible physical barriers to give Abraham and Sarah a son. He broke through manmade obstacles to bring Joseph from the prison to the palace. God supernaturally delivered His people repeatedly—from the Egyptian army, the fiery furnace, the lion's den.

You can see breakthrough throughout the Bible! God rocked the jailhouse in Philippi, and Paul and Silas came out. Jesus reached down when Peter started to sink into the water, lifting him up and walking back to the boat together. When Gideon had to lead an army, God broke through for him and supernaturally conquered the Midianites with a handful of men.

Be glad for what you can do, but the breakthrough comes when you yield completely to the power of God. Stop trying to figure out how to get a breakthrough. Believe God. The Bible is your Heavenly Father talking to you. When He speaks, things move! They can't stand in place. **GOD'S WORD IN YOUR MOUTH WILL BREAK THROUGH BARRIERS.** It's time to let the power of God bring you through, so rise and take hold of it! 🏹

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Breakthrough is not about your condition. It is about believing God. It doesn't matter how many times you failed. Breakthrough is still available. Whether you're at the bottom or on top, it's God doing the breakthrough, not you.

(1) Repent quickly: “Lord, I made a mistake. Have mercy on me.”

(2) Believe and do: “The Bible says it. I believe it. That settles it. I'll get out there and do it!”

(3) Expect breakthrough: “God, I'm trusting You to carry me through every situation.”

(4) Run forward: “I won't hesitate. I won't let circumstances hem me in. I run toward every limitation with the Word of God in my mouth!”

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KENNETH W. HAGIN

Within every man is a desire to be mighty and powerful in some way. I believe God created us that way. We need mighty men of God at home, in the church, in business, and in our world. These men aren't afraid, won't compromise, and won't yield to sin. They are men who dare to live right and do right. **IT'S TIME FOR THE WORLD TO SEE GODLY MEN WHO DREAM BIG, ACCOMPLISH THE IMPOSSIBLE, RESIST EVIL, AND RISE IN VICTORY.**



God called Gideon a brave and courageous man (Judges 6:12). While he was hiding and shaking in his boots, God called him a hero, a warrior, and a mighty man of courage. There was no outward evidence that Gideon was anything except afraid. **GOD CALLS YOU WHAT YOU ARE BECAUSE HE SEES YOUR POTENTIAL AND TALENT TO BECOME WHAT HE PLANNED FOR YOU.** God called you His son. He called you powerful. He called you righteous.

Maybe you don't feel as though you're a mighty man of anything! But God brought you here to expose the lies of the enemy and help you rise to your potential. Tonight can be a turning point. Forget about the past. Turn your face to the brand-new future and say, "I will become a mighty man of God!"

PERSEVERANCE

CRAIG W. HAGIN

The Apostle Paul faced many challenges. We see in Second Corinthians 11:23–27 that he was jailed often, whipped many times, and faced death repeatedly. He was beaten with rods three times and stoned once. Paul went through a lot. But in Acts 20:24 he said, *"None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and . . . to testify the gospel of the grace of God."*



Life can be tough. Too often, Christians give up and throw in the towel. Jesus came to give us a rich and satisfying life (John 10:10 NLT). We can choose to stick with God's purpose or give up. But let's grit our teeth like Paul and refuse to throw in the towel. Let's allow our tests to become our testimonies.

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“When I lost my arm, I thought my life was over. I was ready to give up. I was depressed and dealt with suicidal thoughts for a long time. God can use your pain and turn it into your purpose. You may be thinking, ‘This is it. I’m done.’ **BUT GOD CAN BRING YOU OUT OF YOUR SUFFERING AND TURN IT INTO A SOUL-WINNING MINISTRY.** Thousands of people have come to Jesus through my testimony. **WHEN IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOUR STORY IS OVER, YOU MAY WANT TO END IT WITH A PERIOD. BUT GOD USES A COMMA.**”

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“Soul management will make or break you. The moment you start thinking wrongly, it affects what you do. It will take you down paths you don’t ever want to go. People say, ‘It’s impossible—I can’t stop thinking.’ **WHEN SCRIPTURE SAYS NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE, IT ALSO INCLUDES GETTING YOUR MIND UNDER CONTROL AND NOT ALLOWING IT TO CONTROL YOU.** Your mind will be a [battleground] for the rest of your life. But the greatest thing is how different your life is when you control your thought life versus leaving it out of control.”

// MIKE CAMENETI



“God takes pleasure in His sons. He wants you to win. However, to please God, you have to stand in faith. **WHAT-EVER YOU’RE GOING THROUGH WOULDN’T BE IN YOUR LIFE IF YOU COULDN’T WHIP IT!** There is an answer. Jesus showed us how to live a life of victory. One way is by speaking what is written in His Word. Many times we pray about something we should be speaking to. **IF THE ENEMY FILLS YOUR MIND WITH THOUGHTS OF DEFEAT AND FAILURE, GET AN ‘IT IS WRITTEN.’** The way you frame the test is how you get through it.”

// ROY COGGESHALL



“It’s not enough to only get the vision from God; you have a responsibility to see it through to completion. **YOU WILL NEVER RISE UP IN YOUR MAN STATUS UNTIL YOU DO WHAT GOD CALLED YOU TO DO.**

Samson had a destiny, but he was driven by sight—Delilah! What ‘Delilahs’ are in your life? What things are keeping you from living by faith? God is saying to be holy and quit living by sight! He has a vision for you bigger than you can imagine. Find the vision and purpose of God, and pursue it with passion.”

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AS CHRISTIANS, we are called to enlarge and strengthen the Kingdom of God. Matthew 6:33 (NLT) tells us to, “*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*” Jesus was saying the Kingdom of God takes precedence over everything. He said if we put it above all else, the Father will take care of our needs.

Unfortunately, the Church hasn’t been concerned about the Kingdom of God. Too many Christians today are preoccupied with themselves. They are focused on their needs and getting everything they can from God. While there’s nothing wrong with having our needs met, our primary concern should be helping the people around us.

WE ARE TO DEMONSTRATE THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH OUR LIVES. Jesus told us to, “*Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone,*” (Mark 16:15 NLT). This command isn’t only for ministers; it’s for all believers.

Recently, several people talked to me about the wholesale club Costco. They told me how great the store is and how much money they saved. They passionately described the benefits of membership. Sadly, I have heard more people rave about how amazing Costco is than how awesome God is.

JESUS IS A LIFE CHANGER! Nothing is better than or can be compared to Him. If we were as excited about Jesus as we were about saving money, imagine what we could do!

The people you live near and work with shouldn’t know about your passions and hobbies but not realize you are a Christian! If that is the case, can you honestly say Jesus is the center of your life?

In Acts 10:38, we see that Jesus—**anointed with the Holy Spirit and power**—went around doing good. He

preached, taught, and healed. I believe Jesus was a nice guy who cared. The Bible says the multitudes thronged Him. Why? Because they came to hear a message from someone who cared. How much do you care?

Every day we come across hurting people—saved and unsaved. We all hurt sometimes. Sometimes we don’t feel like we can help anyone. But even when Jesus was hurting, He cared for others.

In Matthew 14, Herod Antipas ordered the execution of John the Baptist. When Jesus heard the news about His cousin, He went to a remote area to be alone. But scripture says, “*The crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns. . . . and he had compassion on them and healed their sick,*” (vv.13–14 NLT).

In the midst of His grief, compassion moved Jesus. He cared more about the people than His pain. We can have the same attitude of compassion because Christ lives

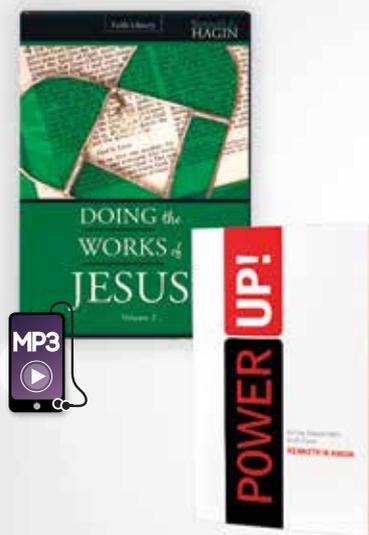
in us. We can help hurting people, even when we are hurting.

We are called to continue the works of Jesus. What did He do? He cared. The harvest is great in every part of the world. **THERE IS A HUGE HARVEST FIELD RIGHT WHERE YOU WORK AND LIVE.** We may think we don’t know enough or have enough compassion. It’s in us. We need to follow Paul’s advice to Timothy and stir up the gift inside us (2 Tim. 1:6).

We can help hurting people, even when we are hurting.

If Jesus is the center of your life, you will act like it. You will be excited about Him and want to share the Gospel with others. People need Jesus. They need to hear the Good News—that there is One who came to bring them hope. Ask God to help you have more passion and compassion for the people around you and to make you a blessing every day. 🙏

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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)

LOVE: PLAIN AND SIMPLE

MY HUSBAND AND I co-wrote an article this month about marriage. It reminded of when I was a teenager. My group of friends would quote the first line of a song made famous by Frank Sinatra. "Love and marriage, love and marriage—go together like a horse and carriage."* Love should be a vital ingredient of marriage!

"Love," however, goes far beyond a feeling between a husband and wife. John 3:16 (NKJV) records the greatest act of love: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." I especially like the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, "For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life."

You are greatly loved and dearly prized by God. At times, it can be tempting not to love yourself. Many people have poor self-images. David praised God's creation in Psalm 139:14 (NKJV): "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well." It is essential to love yourself as God loves you.

Often when people make mistakes, they feel ashamed and run from God instead of running to Him. God loves you even when you make mistakes. I'm reminded of when my youngest grandson was 4 years old, how he described that love beautifully.

Wesley loved candy, and my daughter had to limit his portions. One day Denise found an empty candy wrapper on the floor. She asked Wesley if he had eaten some candy. "No," he replied.

After questioning him, Wesley finally admitted to lying. Wanting to teach him a Bible lesson, Denise said, "God does not want you to lie." He quickly responded, "But God loves me anyway!" Out of the mouth of babes come profound truths!

Your life may be in shambles. You may have stumbled in your walk with the Lord. But God loves you anyway. He will pick you up, brush you off, and say to you as Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more" (John 8:11 NKJV). Our Heavenly Father is a God of second chances.

Just as God has extended His love and forgiveness to us, we should offer love and forgiveness to others. Galatians 6:1 says, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

The *Message* translation makes it clearer, "If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out." Love does not judge; it forgives and restores.

I always follow the principle: "If I were in that situation, how would I want to be treated?" Unless you have walked in someone else's shoes, don't judge the decisions they make. Occasionally, I hear someone say, "If those were my children, I would do such and such." I reply: "You don't know what you would do unless you encountered that same situation." It's always better not to judge others but to love and restore them instead.

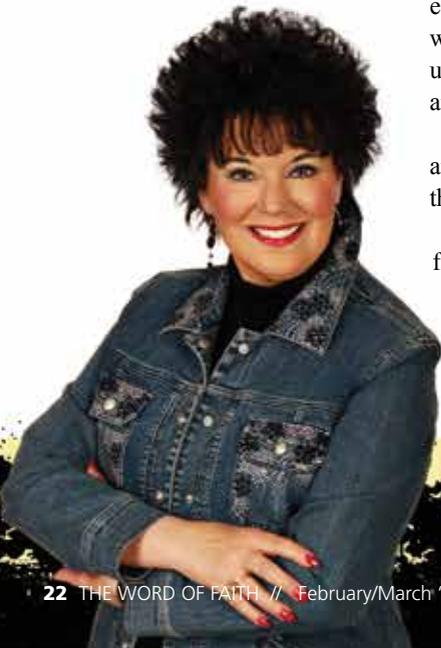
Lastly, make a point not to take family members for granted or forget to express your love and appreciation for them. It is easy to take for granted the sacrifices our parents made while they raised us. But be sure to spend time with them because they will not be with you always.

I cherish the week I spent with my dad before he passed. I was with him continuously caring for his needs. At times, I became weary. However, I am so glad I listened while he talked. Little did I know the last time I would speak to him was when I said goodbye on Saturday.

I encourage you to show love to those around you and make memories you will cherish for years to come.♥

Lynette

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Kids' Page

Fearless, Anointed, Inward-Lead, Trustworthy, Hairs of God

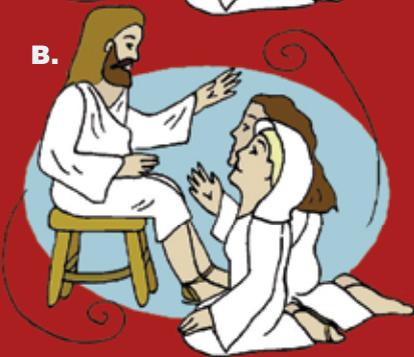
Listen Carefully & Look Carefully!

Jesus often encouraged people to "listen carefully" to the words that He spoke. We encourage you to "look carefully" at the two pictures below and find the eight differences between them.

A.



B.



Who Should Listen to Jesus?

Jesus told us clearly who should listen to His words. Find the answer by changing the word pictures below into a phrase.



ANSWERS:

Faith Match-Up! A. Psalms 91:11 B. Psalms 103:3 C. Phil. 4:19 D. James 1:5 E. Proverbs 3:24
Listen Carefully & Look Carefully! 1. Jesus' beard is light brown in A and dark in B. 2. Jesus is wearing sandals in B, not in A. 3. The stool is missing a leg in B. 4. The blonde girl is missing a finger on her left hand in B. 5. The blonde girl has an extra strap on her sandal in A. 6. The blonde girl's head covering is longer in than in A. 7. The brown-haired girl has no sandals in B. 8. The brown-haired girl's hair is a different color in B.
Who Should Listen to Jesus? • Answer: HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR.

faith lessons

who's steering YOUR HEARING?



Romans 10:17 tells us, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Here is a really cool way to remember this very important fact about FAITH. Picture in your mind that FAITH is a package being delivered to you in a truck called HEARING. The truck is about to enter the "tunnel" of your ear, and when it enters, you will BELIEVE (have faith in) something. The all-important part of this picture is the driver of the truck. WHO'S STEERING YOUR HEARING? In other words, who are you listening to? You see, who you listen to will determine what you believe. If you listen to your friends, you will end up believing what they believe. If you listen to movie stars, you will end up believing what they believe. But if you listen to the Word of God, you will end up believing what God believes. Read and listen to the Word of God daily, and your faith in God and in what He believes will become strong!

Faith Match-Up!

Reading and hearing God's Word helps to build your faith when you're facing different needs in your life. Read the NEEDS in the left column below and match them up with the scripture in the right column that builds your faith for that need to be met.

A. protection

B. healing

C. provision

D. wisdom

E. peaceful sleep

◆ My God shall supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory—Philippians 4:19

◆ If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally—James 1:5

◆ When you lie down you will not be afraid; you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet—Proverbs 3:24

◆ He forgives all your iniquities, he heals all your diseases—Psalm 103:3

◆ He shall give His angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways—Psalm 91:11

jokes & riddles



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

Q: What do you get when you cross a mouth with a tornado?

A: A tongue twister!

Q: Five men went out fishing. It started thundering, lightning, and raining. The boat tipped over, yet not a single man got wet! How?

A: They were all married!

Q: Why didn't the boy get hurt when he fell off a 100-foot ladder?

A: Because he was on the first step!

Q: What did George Washington's father say when he saw his son's report card?

A: You're going down in history!

Q: If T is having a tea party and all the other letters of the alphabet were invited, which would be late?

A: U, V, W, X, Y, and Z!!! They all come after T (tea).

Q: What did the judge say when he saw the skunk in the courtroom?

A: "Odor in the court!!!"

Jack: Someone said that you look like an owl.

Jill: Who?

Jack: You sound like one too!



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