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What Is Your Top Priority?

It's that time again. When January 1 rolls around, many people make New Year's resolutions. They resolve to change habits, accomplish personal goals, or establish new priorities. Some achieve their resolutions; many don't.

The start of every year begins with potential. It's an opportunity to evaluate your priorities and reflect on what is important to you.

You may have goals or dreams you are determined to get done in 2020. And you should. Nothing is wrong with wanting to change or better yourself. However, Jesus told us what believers should focus on every day of every year. "Make your top priority God's kingdom and his way of life, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt. 6:33 NTE).

Above everything else, God should be your primary focus. Giving Him priority in your life is a necessary step for real success. It's easy to get distracted. Things like job promotions, business opportunities, relationships, or everyday concerns can overshadow the One Who should have first place in your life. You must be determined that nothing will affect your relationship with God or take His place.

The more time you spend delighting yourself in the Lord, the better your relationship will be. And as scripture promises, God will work on your behalf and give you whatever you need. He will also help you overcome seemingly impossible obstacles.

Regardless of what 2019 was like, 2020 can be a great year by making God your number one priority. Start following a scripture reading plan, so you read the Bible from cover to cover. Pray every morning before you do anything else. Make living a godly lifestyle your priority, and let God help you achieve the success He wants you to have.

This issue of The Word of Faith will help you kick-start 2020. It will inspire you to do great things in the coming months. We want you to experience everything God has for you this year!

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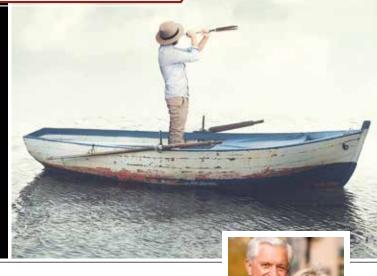
with having a vision for your life.

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Do you want to accomplish more in 2020? It starts

Is speaking in tongues the first sign that you are filled with the Holy Spirit? Find out what the Bible says.

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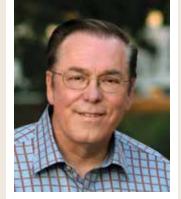


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• Special Report:

Charlie and Sally Daniels overcame insurmountable odds to live debt-free and build a thriving business that serves pastors.





IF YOU HAVE ever been to an eye doctor, you may have learned you have normal, 20/20 vision. Depending on the exam results, your eyesight may be better or worse than 20/20. A question for you: Do you have good, bad, or no vision for your life with God?

Vision can be defined as *the sense of sight, the power to perceive by imagination, or something in a dream.* It is something you see in your heart that hasn't yet manifested in the physical realm. It's necessary to have a personal vision from God so you can walk out the plan He has for you. It may be a supernatural idea from the Lord, or it can be a goal you set for yourself. One

thing is clear—you need a vision to experience success in life.

Spiritual Glasses

Many people just live day-to-day. They drift along with every wave and circumstance that comes their way. They can't see the possibilities of tomorrow. The Bible says, *"Where there is no vision, the people perish"* (Prov. 29:18). We are all spirit impaired and need God's help to see what He has for us. Putting on "spiritual glasses" enables you to see what your future holds.

In Genesis chapter 12, Abraham received a vision from God.

The Lord told Abraham to leave his country, and God would make him into a great nation. It seemed impossible for that to happen. But when Abraham put on his spiritual glasses, he saw beyond the natural to what could happen as he walked with God.



Abraham did not wander through life. He went exactly where God led him. You, too, have to know what

God wants you to do if you are to run your race well. Habakkuk 2:2 (NKJV) tells us to *"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."*

God's Vision for You!

The vision for your life doesn't have to be a massive plan. It can be something simple. You may determine not to fall into the same pattern you did last year. It could be taking a step out of your comfort zone or learning to love people the way God does.

Part of God's vision for you is outlined in His Word:

- Matthew 28:19: Jesus tells you to be a witness for Him.
- Luke 22:26–27: Jesus reveals you are to be a servant.

PUTTING ON "SPIRITUAL GLASSES" ENABLES YOU TO SEE WHAT YOUR FUTURE HOLDS.

- Luke 6:38: Jesus instructs you to be a giver.
- Luke 18:1: Jesus directs you to be a person of prayer.
- Mark 11:22–24: Jesus charges you to be a person of faith.
- John 13:34: Jesus commands you to walk in love.
- Romans 8:29: Paul declares you are to be like Christ.

Talk about a vision! Above all, your purpose should be to excel in these areas. When you see yourself being a person of prayer, you will pray more. When you envision yourself being a giver, you will give more. It will become easier to love others if it is part of your life's vision. However, without a vision to do these things, you may not attempt to walk in them.

Adjust Your Focus

The apostle Paul received the revelation to run his race on the road to Damascus. Although he encountered difficulties, persecution, rejection, and betrayal, he did everything God asked of him. That was the secret to his success. Paul never wavered on his heavenly vision. At the end of his life, he could say, "*I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith*" (2 Tim. 4:7 NKJV).

When I was in high school, I ran track. At the start of the race, I stepped into my lane and got into my stance. I didn't concern myself with the people on either side of me or with who was in the stands. My only focus was getting to the finish line.

Anything you want to achieve requires the same focus. You must endure whatever comes your way. God is interested in your accomplishing something. He wants you to be successful.

Maybe you once had a vision, but adversity dimmed and stifled it. I encourage you to look to Christ for your answers. It doesn't matter what your circumstances are. Quit looking at everything around you and fasten your eyes on Jesus!

Your vision will push you forward to achieve your goals. That's why you must have a vision for something in the future instead of looking back at how good things used to be. Remember what happened to Lot's wife when she did that? She became a pillar of salt (Gen. 19:26)!

If you are sick, envision yourself being well, not getting sicker. If you're in need, see yourself with every need met, not with more needs.

Besides the vision God gave in His Word, maybe He has spoken to your heart about other things you are to do. Or perhaps

FAITH IN ACTION

Preparing for Your Vision

You can talk endlessly about your vision and how you want it to happen. But a time comes when you must step out in faith. Know that as you commit to doing your part, God will do *His* part. Determination, discipline, and perseverance are all needed to accomplish your dream. Set goals, analyze them, and make a plan to bring them to pass. Use God's Word to see yourself successful. Find scriptures that promise you what you desire. Meditate on them until they are real in your heart and mind. As a result, you will receive whatever you need from God.

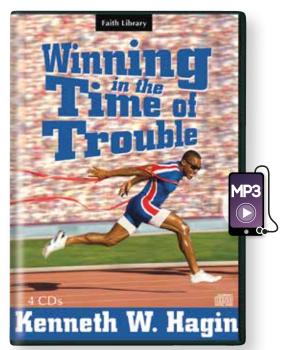
you have a personal goal you want to accomplish. Stir up that vision this year. Let it dominate your life, so it invigorates and stimulates you to pursue your goal. Then make commitments that will help you attain it.

It's not enough to simply have a vision; you have to become committed to it. If there is no commitment, there will be no success. Stay committed by keeping your eyes on your goal, getting the Word in your mouth, and going for the gold! According to the Word of God, you can be successful in anything you set out to do when you have a vision for your life! \mathbf{V}

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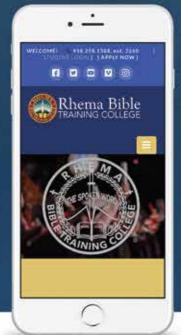
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Chase the Blues Away



DENISE HAGIN BURNS

DEPRESSION IS REAL and rising. Why? Life is growing more complex. Statistics don't reflect the rippling impact. When a person is depressed, everyone around them is also affected. Families, jobs, and relationships suffer.

People can give the impression that being depressed is wrong. Christians shout, "We are *more* than conquerors in Christ Jesus!" And we are! **BUT SOMETIMES WE NEED A LITTLE HELP ALONG THE WAY.** That's why I want to open up the topic. We have no reason to be embarrassed or ashamed. There is something we can do.

Thoughts = You

"For as he thinks within himself, so he is." —Proverbs 23:7 (NASB)

What you think eventually becomes who you are. YOUR LIFE WILL ALWAYS GO IN THE DIRECTION OF YOUR STRONGEST THOUGHT. If you constantly think, "No one likes me. I'm no fun to be around," your life will eventually look like that. People won't want to be around you. That's why it's essential to control what stays in your mind—thoughts and imaginations are powerful!

No More Devouring

"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." —1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

The devil is trying to see if he can devour you. How does he do that? By putting thoughts in your head. It may start with, "I don't have any friends." If you yield to that thought, it can grow into, "My life stinks. I'm horrible. I don't even know why I'm alive." If you continue to meditate on it, you start to accept it as truth. The enemy has preyed on your mind and knows he can devour you.

BUT KNOW THIS: EVERY THOUGHT THE DEVIL PUTS IN YOUR HEAD IS A LIE BECAUSE HE IS A LIAR! Just because a thought popped into your mind does not mean it's true! It does not have to become a reality. You have control over it. Let me tell you what I do.

Throw It Out

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." —2 Corinthians 10:5

We all have untrue or irrational thoughts. Because I am a visual person, I literally "grab the thought" out of the air and throw it down. I say, "In Jesus' Name, I take that thought captive! I throw it down and bring it into subjection to Christ." Then I quote a scripture—the truth about whatever thought was trying to enter.

When I do that, the enemy has to move on. I imagine him saying, "I CAN'T DEVOUR HER! SHE'S CON-TROLLING HER THOUGHT LIFE." We are not helpless against the enemy! The Greater One lives in us, so we can keep our thoughts from spiraling out of control.

Powerful Prayer

I pray Colossians 1:9–11 in the *New Living Translation* over myself and my family. **EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS RIGHT HERE IN A FEW VERSES.** Take a moment and pray this now for yourself and those around you:

"Lord, I pray that I [and] will have complete knowledge of Your will, and You will give us spiritual wisdom and understanding so the way we live will always honor and please You. Our lives will produce every kind of good fruit. We will grow as we learn to know You better. I pray that we will always be strengthened with Your glorious power, so we will have all the endurance and patience we need. And we will always be filled with joy."

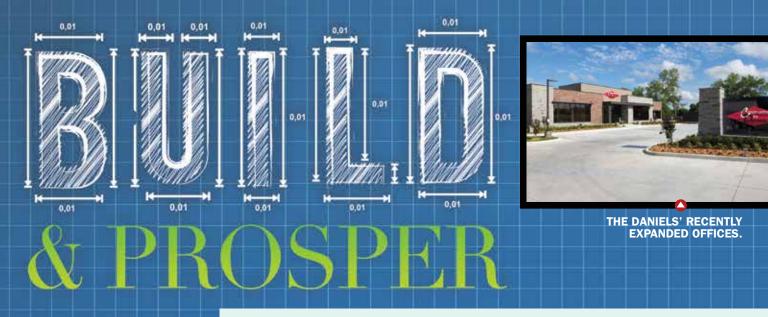
You can pray it over yourself every day. There's nothing better than praying the Word. It is powerful more powerful than depression.♥

Practical Help

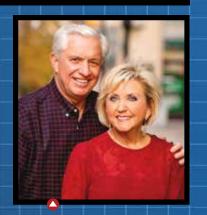
There are simple ways to help combat depression. Commit to doing one thing every day.

- 1. Exercise
- 2. Nutrition
- 3. Laughter
- 4. Natural Sunlight
- 5. Music
- 6. Do something nice for yourself
- 7. Give/Volunteer

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THE SUMMER OF '87 SLIPPED INTO THE GENTLE RELIEF OF A NORTH CAROLINA AUGUST, AND THE DANIELS FAMILY SLIPPED AWAY TO FLORIDA. CHARLIE AND SALLY HAD JUST ANNOUNCED AN IMPROMPTU VACATION. EXCITED YOUNG VOICES FILLED THE BACK SEAT, ANTICIPATING ADVENTURE. BUT WHAT THE CHILDREN DIDN'T EXPECT WAS THE **BIGGEST ADVENTURE** OF ALL-THEY WEREN'T COMING BACK.



CHARLIE & SALLY DANIELS

CHARLIE DANIELS WAS not voted "most likely to succeed" by his classmates. But he proved them wrong. He married his high school sweetheart, Sally, and they grew a thriving company from the ground up with no formal education. Charlie was a builder, and their business held multiple properties and streams of income. They had a beautiful family, and everything they owned was paid for. Their financial life looked like a miracle for two young adults. Yet they felt empty.

But God was dealing with Charlie. "I never really turned my heart over to the Lord," he recalls. "But one day, I was desperate and decided that I would serve God. I found a church I had never been in before, walked in, knelt down, and gave my life back to Christ."

Two days later, Charlie sensed the Lord's voice, "Go to Florida." He didn't know exactly where or why, but somehow he knew they were moving. The following morning, he and Sally woke early, gathered the kids, and drove away. They left everything behind—cars in the garage, furniture in the house—everything they had worked so hard to build.

The Daniels landed in Lakeland where Sally's cousin pastored a church. "You really need to hear Brother Hagin," the pastor told Charlie. "He will put everything you believe into words."

The opportunity came when Kenneth E. Hagin held a meeting in Miami. As Charlie listened, he thought, "I have to go to Tulsa!" After the school year ended for his children, the family was on the road again—this time headed to Rhema Bible Training College.

Blueprint for Destiny

Awaiting in Oklahoma was a plan God designed that hit surprisingly close to home. Charlie's father was a minister who built or remodeled the churches he pastored. Charlie always had a heart for ministry and knew the importance of buildings. Even though he didn't feel called to be a pastor, he would bridge the gap and be a builder of churches for pastors.

The Daniels completed first year of RBTC in 1989 and stayed another year for the pastoral ministry class, knowing they were called to help ministers. Charlie and Sally graduated from RBTC in 1990. Little did they realize, the first pastor they would help would be their own—Pastor Kenneth W. Hagin.

In the meantime, their financial life took an unexpected turn. They lost everything, and for the first time in years, they were heavily in debt. Charlie was anxious to get out and go make money! But instead of a temporary Bible college immersion, Rhema turned into 14 more years of on-the-job training with the simple question: "Will you help build Rhema Bible Church?"

Charlie's yes put him in place. God was about to reveal a new model for construction, and the Daniels family would become debt free by God's Word.

God's New Model

Immediately after graduation, Charlie began working with the architect on Rhema Bible Church. They were both on staff and serving Pastor Hagin. For the first time, Charlie wasn't placed in the traditional adversarial scenario. Usually builders got involved after architectural plans were drawn, and navigating the build was often a battle. This affected ministries—the pastor was forced to play referee and make design or construction decisions, usually driven by skyrocketing costs.

But while building RBC, the builder and architect worked together from the beginning with a mindset to serve the pastor. It was revolutionary! The quality, savings, working relationships, and protection of the pastor's calling as a minister became a new model for Charlie. *This* is what he wanted to help pastors do—stay in the pulpit, do what they are called to do, and navigate the building process while staying financially free.

Financial Freedom

In their personal lives, debt had crippled Charlie and Sally. They spoke God's Word, but nothing happened. Charlie thanked the Lord and confessed, "I make \$5,000 a month." But the money didn't come in. So he tried, "Thank You, Lord, now I need \$10,000." That didn't come in either. "If neither one of those worked," he thought, "I'll confess, 'I make \$3,000!" But at the end of the month, he didn't.

Charlie often heard Brother Hagin say of adversity, "It's another opportunity to prove God's Word works." One day it clicked: "I'm going to prove God's Word will get me out of debt!" He got serious, "I don't care who it works for—if it doesn't work for *me*, it isn't real!"

That night, the Lord took him to the Book of James about his confession.

JAMES 1:6-8

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **8** A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

God told Charlie, "You are that man, and you will receive nothing." It was a hard word to hear, but the Lord went on to give Charlie the wisdom he needed, "Write

HE GOT SERIOUS, "I don't care who it works for—if it doesn't work for me, it isn't real!" down what you are confessing and don't change."

It was another revelation. His words had been changing! Charlie wrote down the amount of money they needed. He and Sally kept it before their eyes. They agreed and confessed. After a year, they made that

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amount—over and above Charlie's job at Rhema. **The Word worked!** They repeated the process and opportunities came. In one year, debt was gone.

Tile to Carpet

When the time came to transition from Rhema to bring this new way of building to more ministries, Charlie had a proven plan—both in personal life and business. God spoke to Sally and said, "It will be as easy as walking from the tile to the carpet."

After turning in his resignation, Charlie didn't have to go far from home or relocate his family to follow God. Beginning in Tulsa, he helped other churches grow, then expanded across the nation. He was often told it was because he "built Rhema" that he was building for others. But in truth, it started long before. Charlie found success by faithfully answering God's call.

Looking back, his business developed just as God said it would-no steps to

climb, just an easy transition. The hard but miraculous path was a proving ground for Charlie and Sally to learn how to be debt free God's way. Now they help others do the same. As a result, Churches by Daniels is more than a construction company. It is

a design-build team with a calling and passion for keeping ministers financially free while they "build and prosper" (Ezra 6:14). ♥







BY CHARLIE'S TEAM

SPECIAL REPORT



CHARLIE (LEFT) & KENNETH W. HAGIN DURING CONSTRUCTION OF RHEMA BIBLE CHURCH (PHOTOS CIRCA 1990–1991)

Are You a **Gatekeeper**?

RECOGNIZING THE ROLE OF BUSINESS IN GOD'S PLAN



THE HELPS

DESCRIBES

PEOPLE IN

POSSESSION

WHO SHARE

THEM WITH

OTHERS.

OF RESOURCES

MINISTRY

NATHANAEL WOLF

CHRISTIAN BUSINESSPEOPLE HAVE staggering importance in God's plan. As these unique individuals recognize their uncommon abilities and distinct functions, they will become gateways of wealth to influence commerce and mobilize profits for the Master's purpose.

What Are Gatekeepers?

Ancient gatekeepers determined what commodities went through city gates—much like the role of modern decision-makers who direct the flow of resources in commerce. In God's kingdom, His "gatekeepers" are empowered to dramatically influence the flow of provision to His work.

GODLY BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN ARE ANOINTED (or "smeared" with God's ability) **IN THE MINISTRY OF HELPS**, just as preachers are anointed to preach. The helps ministry describes people in possession of resources who share them with others. Gatekeepers specifically have the God-given ability to generate wealth and funnel assets into the Gospel.

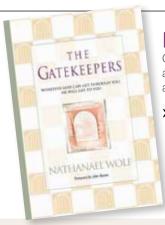
• They stand in the Kingdom of God's place in the marketplaces of the world.

• They take hold of material resources and bring them into God's Kingdom.

Gatekeepers are bridges between two worlds—called to operate both in the church and the marketplace—bringing the resources of one arena to the other.

They Solve Problems

PROBLEMS AREN'T STOP SIGNS FOR GATEKEEPERS— **THEY'RE GREEN LIGHTS!** Joseph prospered by solving other people's problems (Gen. 37–50). He had been falsely accused and jailed. But if he had become discouraged and refused to use his ability to manage the prison, it's likely he never would have met the butler and baker. If he had not interpreted their dreams, he might never have met Pharaoh.



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- Create momentum through mentorship
- Increase outcomes through patience
- Turn adversities into profits
- Have a multiplication mindset
- Know that money cannot be trusted
- Value people more than money

Because Joseph was faithful to use his strengths to help others—regardless of his circumstances—he met people who unlocked his promotions. In the end, a simple man with an administrative gift solved a problem for a man of great resource. And in doing so, he affected an entire nation and saved his people.

They See Potential

Gatekeepers see things differently. They look for potential opportunities where others see problems. **THEY CAN TURN AN OBSTACLE INTO A PROMOTION** by taking what they possess and doing something unanticipated and extraordinary with it.

Laban built his wealth on the back of Jacob's efforts, then refused to reward him appropriately (Gen. 28–31). God helped Jacob develop an idea that revolutionized his situation. (Read Genesis 30:25–43 to see the surprising strategy to acquire livestock with streaked and spotted branches.) Because Jacob trusted God and exercised creativity during adversity, he went from working the business to owning it!

DEUTERONOMY 8:18 (NKJV)

18 And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Gospel entrepreneurs play a critical role in the church. GOD NEEDS BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN TO GO INTO THE CITY GATES AND CONTEND FOR RESOURCES TO FLOW INTO HIS KINGDOM. Will you dare to be a gatekeeper?♥

[Editor's note: This article was adapted from Nathanael Wolf's book, *The Gatekeepers*.]

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SPECIAL OFFER: KIT20WF01B *OFFER EXPIRES APRIL 30, 2020 THERE ARE DIFFERENT CALLINGS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. JESUS IS NOT DIVIDED, BUT HIS MANDATES ARE.

Belonging

ALEX HARTEN

MANY PEOPLE HAVE a strong sense of belonging—of "being" Rhema. Some Christians follow this ministry, love what they learn, and feel a level of connection. Others think it's totally weird! That was me at one point.

My experience with Rhema was a roller coaster in the beginning, but I slowly figured it out. It is more than a church, training center, or Bible college. I discovered an international family, a worldwide movement, and a global mandate. I "BECAME" RHEMA!

Know Your Company

The Word of God gives us perspective and balance about the importance of belonging to something. In Acts chapter 4, after Peter and John were arrested, threatened, and released, *"they went to their own company"* (v. 23). They had a place to go during adversity. When pressure and threats mounted, they had their company—to pray together, be filled with the Holy Spirit, speak the Word, and receive boldness.

Man

There can be a false sense of belonging, however, if we are dependent on men. Paul addressed that behavior in believers at Corinth. They had taken sides with their favorite ministers. It caused division and prevented them from going deeper into the things of God. The apostle challenged them: "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of *Paul?*" (1 Cor. 1:13). The Word of God is abundantly clear in this chapter—it is not about a man.

RHEMA IS NOT ABOUT A MAN. We are not "Haginites" or "Rhemanians." It doesn't matter if you are Evangelical, Charismatic, Baptist, Pentecostal, or "Bapticostal"! As long as you put your faith in Jesus and what He did on the cross, you are saved. You are a born-again believer and part of the Body of Christ. Those divisions should never be made because Christ is not divided!

Mandate

On the other hand, one division is important! Paul made the distinction in verse 17, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach." There are different callings in the Body of Christ. Jesus is not divided, but His mandates are. It is not about a man, but it is about a mandate. WE SHOULD KNOW OUR CALLING!

I describe mandates as that which is *mandatory* to hear Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Knowing what you are called (and *not* called) to do determines your company. Your destination identifies the bunch you run with where you go in times of trouble, gather to pray, gain vision, refresh motivation, and find strength.

Middle Ground

Why are we encouraged to buy books with the name, "Hagin," or be at conferences? That's where the middle ground comes in. Every mandate has leaders. Later in the same letter, Paul says, "Follow me as I follow Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1 MEV). IT IS GOOD TO FOLLOW GODLY PEOPLE!

Remember your leaders (see Heb. 13:7, 17), and follow their faith! Honor the Word of God they have spoken. Keep an open heart and draw from those who lead your company. If you listen closely to what God has put on their hearts, your life will change. You will hear things that may be new to you, receive direction, and be refreshed.

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Retrain Your Brain

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Has the thought ever come to you, "Don't make that decision," and you made it anyway? The Holy Spirit was trying to talk to your spirit, but you did not recognize His voice. Philippians 2:5 (NKJV) says, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

OUR SPIRIT HAS ACCESS TO GOD'S SPIRIT TO THINK THE THOUGHTS HE THINKS. Although our spirits are regenerated, guess what is not? Our minds. Herein lies our problems!

The only way we can "retrain our brains" is to get in the Word, communicate with God through prayer, and listen to the Holy Spirit. WE NEED TO RENEW OUR MINDS IN EVERY PART OF OUR LIVES—NOT JUST THE SINFUL LUSTS OF THE FLESH (GAL. 5:19–21). Our minds cause us to worry or fear, tear down our selfimage, have negative thoughts, or say, "you'll never make it." We must cast every stronghold down and take every thought captive. But we can't do it of ourselves.

THE TWO MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS TO TRANSFORM OUR MINDS ARE FILLING THEM WITH THE WORD OF GOD AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE FATHER. We cannot retrain our brains without the help of the Holy Spirit. God made our brains. If we listen to Him, He will channel them in the right direction.

Anchor Moments

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Dealing with your soul is a part of human existence. Jesus cares about your soul—your mind and emotions. He wants you to live spirit, soul, and body in the fullness of Him.

"Anchoring" is a strategy to manage emotional or mental distress by

detaching from the source of trouble and attaching to something safe, secure, and unchanging. Jesus is our anchor. You can fasten yourself to Him and be safe and secure.

What I call an "ANCHOR MOMENT" IS A REPRESENTATION THAT GOD IS WITH YOU.

They are moments that anchor your soul to Jesus. Anchor moments are those times when you reflect and see Jesus was right there keeping you.

When your emotions are going crazy or the next time you are in a storm or have a need, think back to when God answered your prayer or kept you secure. WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE COME, HOLD ON TO THOSE MOMENTS. THEY BRING HOPE

TO YOUR SOUL and will keep you from becoming upset and distressed. Anchor moments help you to hear divine answers from the Lord. When you anchor to Jesus—the One Who makes your emotions secure—you can be peaceful no matter the winds and waves. With your eyes on Him, you can say, "It is well with me."



"You are the light of your world. As a light, you should hinder the works of darkness. WHEN YOU WALK INTO A ROOM—INTO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL, FOR IN-STANCE—LIGHT SHOULD COME IN WITH YOU. One of the greatest ways light comes out of you and into your home, church, and city is through your mouth. WHEN YOU SPEAK THE WORD INTO A

DARK SITUATION, LIGHT COMES IN. Get some high voltage light that makes it tough on the kingdom of darkness. Don't hoard your light. Dispense it by speaking God's Word and obeying the Holy Spirit." –PATSY CAMENETI



"When the Lord gives you a vision, know that it won't be a walk in the park. You will run into challenges, but you have to keep going. IN MOMENTS OF UNCERTAINTY, BE ASSURED THAT GOD HAS YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND. Feed on His faithfulness. You can trust Him through the entire journey. Will you say yes to His plan, even

with the twists and turns? Even though it may become inconvenient and uncomfortable? Because the bottom line is that it's all about souls." -CHRISTIE GRAHAM

"We have to allow the truth to set us free. We cannot receive freedom for something we have not released to God. Whatever we hold on to, will have a hold on us. **BUT WHEN WE LET IT GO, TRUTH HAS THE FREEDOM TO DO WHAT IT WAS MEANT TO DO-AND THAT IS TO SET US FREE.** God doesn't look at you and see 'abortion, divorce, fornication, murder.' No. **HE SEES YOU FORGIVEN. HE SEES YOU WHOLE. HE SEES YOU FREE!**" -**REJEANNA JOLLIFF**





"Are you cracked? HOW IS YOUR SOUL? IS IT INTACT? It may look like everything on the outside is good, but UNDEALT WITH ISSUES EVENTUALLY SHOW UP. If you don't deal with the issues in your soul, guess what else begins sticking to you? Unforgiveness. Bitterness. Strife. Envy. Undealt with issues cause things to stick to your soul! GOD WANTS HIS WOMEN WHOLE—

SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY! When you get born again, your spirit is made new. So it's not your spirit but your soul that is the issue." **–BRENDA THOMAS**

Arise!



ABUNDANT LIFE IS not a suffering life. The devil is the one who comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). He deceived Adam and Eve in the beginning, and he continues to trick people today. Unfortunately, too many believers let him have dominion over them. They may not realize that Jesus *already came* so they could experience abundance—now!

JOHN 10:10 (NKJV)

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.



Are you *going to have* an abundant life? Or are you *having* an abundant life? They are two different things! If you don't understand that what you need *already happened* when Jesus came, you are not walking in the fullness of what He has done!

For example, some people believe they are *going to* get healed. But that's where they are missing it. Jesus *already* paid the price for their healing. They must believe they *are* healed right now.

Why would we try to get something we already have? If we think we will get healed at some point in the future, we're not believing the way we should. We have to take hold of what we already have!

WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IS ALREADY IN YOU, YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THE POWER YOU POSSESS. Peter a and John *knew* what they had.

ACTS 3:1-10 (NKJV)

 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.
And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; #RhemaWOF

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE PREACHER POSSESSING POWER. *Everybody* HAS THE SAME POWER, AND IT'S ALL IN ONE NAME—JESUS.

3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

You know the same Jesus Peter and John knew. It's not about the preacher possessing power. Everybody has the same power, and it's all in one Name—Jesus. Understand that you have something! The Spirit who raised Christ from the dead dwells *in you* (Rom. 8:11).

IT'S TIME TO QUIT LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER OR DOWN THE ROAD FOR SOMETHING ELSE TO HAPPEN-IT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED! I believe Jesus is saying to you, "Arise and walk in My blessings! Rise up in what I already gave you." You can be full of joy, full of peace, and without worry, because when you pray, you know you already have the answer.

We serve an abundant God and can live an abundant life. We *can* have all our needs met. It's not a pipe dream; it's a reality!

FAITH NUGGET

Faith Checkup

One definition of faith is "unquestioning belief." It doesn't matter what your circumstances look like; *believe* anyway—unquestioningly! So many Christians wonder, "Why me, Lord?" That's a question! "When is it going to happen?" That's another question! If you are asking questions, you're not in faith.

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TONGUES: THE INTERVIEW

IN STUDYING THE Book of Acts, we see that when people were filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak with other tongues. From this we can conclude that tongues are the initial evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Other signs follow, but speaking in tongues is the first sign that someone has received the infilling of the Spirit.

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The Initial Outpouring

The New Testament records several instances where people were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Day of Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit was first poured out on the Church. The Bible says on that day, "*They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance*" (Acts 2:4).

Notice at the very moment they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they spoke in tongues. If it had happened only once, we might think it was a phenomenon that occurred when the Holy Spirit was first poured out on the Church. But it happened repeatedly, *not* just on the Day of Pentecost.

Philip and the Samaritans

In Acts chapter 8, Philip the evangelist went to the city of Samaria and preached Christ. When the apostles heard the Samaritans had received the Word of God, Peter and John went there and prayed that they would receive the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 8:17

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Someone might say, "Well, it doesn't say the Samar-

itans spoke in tongues. That must

mean a person can receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit without speaking in tongues."

Any person today who desires to be filled with the

Holy Spirit <mark>will</mark>

tongues.

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If you read on in chapter 8, you will learn something significant about a fellow named Simon. Once called "Simon the sorcerer," he supposedly had come to believe in Jesus under Philip's ministry in Samaria. Let's find out what happened next.

ACTS 8:18-19

18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

If speaking in tongues did not accompany the baptism in the Holy Spirit, how would Simon know the Samaritans received the Holy Ghost? No, Simon saw something. There had to be outward evidence for him to know the people were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Cornelius and His Household

Ten years after the Day of Pentecost, Cornelius, a devout Roman centurion, and his household were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

As Cornelius prayed one day, an angel appeared to him and told him to send someone to Joppa to inquire at the house of Simon the tanner for a man named Peter. Meanwhile in Joppa, Peter was on the housetop praying. He fell into a trance and had a vision.

The Jews looked on the Gentiles as being unclean and wouldn't have anything to do with them. But God was preparing Peter for what he would soon witness: the Gospel being preached to the Gentiles.

After Peter went to Cornelius' house, he preached the Gospel to them. As he spoke, the Holy Spirit fell on the entire household, and they spoke with tongues and magnified God (Acts 10:44–46).

The believing Jews were astonished that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles. Up to that moment, it had been strictly a Jewish church. These Jewish believers didn't think anyone could get in on the new covenant *except* for the Jews.

So what convinced the Jewish brethren that the door of salvation had opened to the Gentiles? How did they know the Gentiles received the Holy Spirit? Acts 10:46 tells us: *"For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."* Hearing Cornelius and his household speak with tongues convinced the Jewish believers they had received the Holy Spirit.

·· FAITH IN ACTION

How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Once you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, ask Him to baptize you in the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, *"If* you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (Luke 11:13 NLT). Believe that when you ask, you will receive.

Pray this prayer if you want the baptism in the Holy Spirit:

Heavenly Father, thank You that Jesus saved me. I ask for the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in an unknown tongue. I receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. May I be empowered for service from this day forward. Thank You for filling me to overflowing. Amen.

After asking God to be filled with the Holy Spirit, know that He will not force you to speak in tongues. You must open your mouth and say aloud the words and syllables you sense in your heart—words that are not your native language. Pray in tongues every day. Your spirit language may be small at first, but the more you pray, the more it will develop.

Don't let the devil or anyone else—including yourself—talk you out of what God has given you. There is a new dimension in God to explore after receiving the Holy Spirit!

The Disciples at Ephesus

This incident happened about 20 years after the Day of Pentecost. These believers were walking in all the light they had. Before they met Paul, they only knew of John's baptism—a baptism of repentance. They did not know there was a Holy Spirit. These believers lived in Ephesus, which was located in Asia Minor. They weren't aware of what happened in Israel.

When they met Paul, he laid hands on them and "the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied" (Acts 19:6).

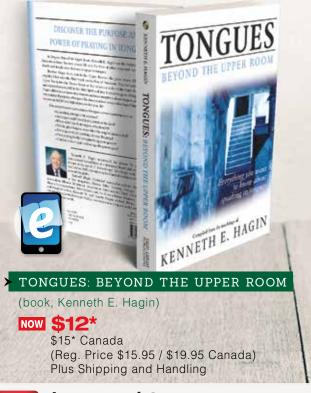
From these examples and other instances recorded in Acts, it's safe to say the evidence is conclusive. Believers who were filled with the Spirit experienced the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues. This leads us to expect that any person today who wants to be filled with the Holy Spirit will speak with other tongues as well!

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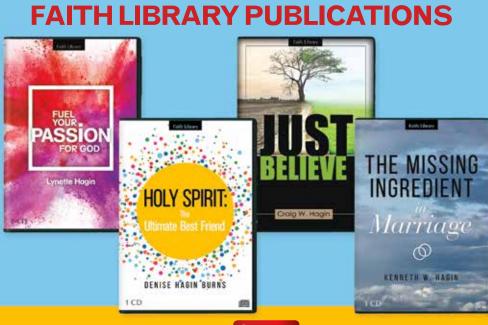






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A **Winning Approach** to the New Year

WITH THE NEW year comes fresh opportunities to pursue your God-given dreams and destiny. It's essential to grow in your walk with the Lord and live a life that honors Him. Here's a list of 10 commitments to consider making this year that will put you on a winning path!

Commit to:

↔ STAY FAITHFUL TO JESUS CHRIST. Make Him your top priority (Matt. 6:33).

➡ READ YOUR BIBLE AND PRAY DAILY. Keep a prayer journal to remember how good God has been to you (Rom. 10:17; Phil. 4:6–7).

> ↔ SHARE THE GOSPEL DAILY with at least one person (Mark 16:15).

> > ➡ RESOLVE TO CHANGE ONE HABIT, such as drinking more water, getting more sleep, exercising 30 minutes a day, or eating at least one balanced meal a day (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

→ DON'T LET ANYTHING—a career, house, significant other, social media, or hobby—BE-COME AN OBJECT OF WORSHIP (Exod. 20:3–4).

SET ASIDE ONE DAY A WEEK TO REST. Trust God to provide your needs and enjoy the time He's given you (Exod. 20:8–11; Phil. 4:19).

➡ BE THANKFUL AND CONTENT with what you have. Don't worry about what others are accumulating (Phil. 4:11–12; Heb. 13:5).

→ WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE and don't tear people down. Speak about others in love and don't gossip (Eph. 4:29).

➡ MANAGE YOUR FINANCES more wisely and be a good steward of what God has given you (Prov. 25:28 (NIV); Rom. 13:8).

↔ WALK BY FAITH. Believe that God's Word is true, that He will fulfill His Word, and that He will take care of you every day (2 Cor. 5:7). \checkmark

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You cannot be defeated if you understand that the great unseen One is not only for you but also *with you* and *in you*. That happens when you know that God is with you at all times. Then you will get why Jesus said, *"All things are possible to him that believeth"* (Mark 9:23).

If you believe that God is for you, with you, and in you, you won't talk negatively. You won't talk about a lack of ability because you can tap into His ability. You won't talk about a lack of power because He is the powerhouse. You won't talk about what you can't do because He can do anything.

Whenever you face impossible situations, confess in faith: "God is in me. God's ability is mine. God's strength is mine. God's health is mine. God's success is mine. I'm a winner. I'm a conqueror. I'm a success!"

Your confession of the Greater One living in you enables you to overcome anything that comes against you.

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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)

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER

AS 2020 BEGINS, I decided to reflect on the advancement of the technology that has occurred over the last 25 years. I remember when we did not have the internet. We used to write letters, use encyclopedias, and depend on newspapers and television to learn about current events. Cell phones were a luxury and often considered a nuisance because people could always find us. Paper maps were important anytime we traveled. As a side note: my husband sometimes became exasperated with me as I tried to read a map while he drove. I wasn't a good map reader. We often laugh about that today, especially when GPS takes us the wrong way.

Technology began to advance year after year. We could email instead of write letters. We could find out anything we needed to know on Google, and cell phones became a necessity. We no longer had to depend on paper maps, as our phone could give us directions.

Then social media became a part of our lives. We thought it was wonderful. We could reconnect with long lost friends. However, technology has also caused many people to retreat into their own worlds. They are absorbed on their phones, talk online rather than in real life, and spend most of their day on social media.

I believe it is time to break that cycle. I did an experiment recently in a business meeting I conducted. Upon entering the conference room, everyone had to put their cell phone in a basket. I wanted their full attention. It was amazing to watch the frustration of some of them. They could not operate without a cell phone in front of them!

This year, instead of absentmindedly picking up your phone or scrolling social media, make a conscious effort to connect with someone. We have lost the personal touch. Recognize that everyone is going through something, and a kind word of encouragement can go a long way to lift someone up.

I am grieved when I see unkind posts and bickering on social media. It's incredible how unfiltered people can be when they are not faceto-face with a person. The Apostle Paul admonishes us in Ephesians 4:29–32, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Let's make 2020 a year we concentrate on being kind one to another as the Word has commanded us. Instead of focusing on the negatives of people, look at their good qualities.

My dad would tell the story of how a man always said positive things about everyone. His friends never heard him say a derogatory word about anyone. Several people attended the funeral of one of the most corrupt men in that town. This man also went to the funeral. Everyone

was listening to hear what positive thing he would say about the deceased. As he approached the casket, these words came from his lips, "He sure had pretty teeth."

I encourage you to show kindness to people you don't know. Anonymously pay for someone's bill at a restaurant. You never know how a simple act can lift the spirits of someone who perhaps had a hard day.

Be sensitive to the needs of those around you: your fellow employees, church friends, personal friends, and family. Concentrate on verbal conversations rather than texting. Take a break from social media. You will find that it has been taking way too much of your time.

Take time to interact with your children rather than placing a phone or other media devices in their hand as a babysitter. An article I read alarmed me. Researchers are finding learning disabilities in children who spend more time on media devices rather than interacting with humans.

Make this year a year of change. Declutter your life and spread acts of kindness daily. The satisfaction and joy you will experience in showing kindness to others will amaze you.

Kids' Page

F-earless, A-nointed, L-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-eirs of God

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SCRAMBL

Throughout the New Testament, there are several words used to describe the Holy Spirit. See how many words you can find using the scrambled-up letters to the right. Then add up the point value of each word using the numbers at the bottom of the tiles. You can use the same letter more than once. If you need some help, read these scriptures to find the words: John 3:8, 4:14, 7:38; Luke 24:49; and Acts 2:2–3.

CHECK YOUR FINAL SCORE: 22–31 points—Pretty Smart 32–41 points—Brainy 55 points—Genius!

Finish the Puzzle!

In John 16:13, Jesus told us a very important job that the Holy Spirit does. See if you can finish the puzzle below by filling in the blanks with the missing letters.

H	E	W	I		S	H		W	Y		
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Luke 1:35 (NASB)— "'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.'" Acts 1:8 (NKJV)—"'You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.'" Acts 10:38 (NASB)—"God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power." Romans 15:13 (NKJV)—"... that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." 1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NKJV)—"For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit."

Well, did you figure it out? The Christian's source of POWER is the HOLY SPIRIT! Even Jesus Himself didn't do any POWERFUL miracles until He had received the HOLY SPIRIT. After the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at His baptism, Luke 4:14 tells us that Jesus "*returned in the POWER of the SPIRIT to Galilee*." So if you want POWER in your life, receive the "gift of the HOLY SPIRIT" (Acts 2:38)!

jokes & riddles

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

Mother: Tommy, you've left the front door open three times today. Were you born in a barn?!! Tommy: No, Mom, but my Sunday School teacher said that Jesus was.



Two fleas were walking on a leopard's back. One flea says to the other flea, "This looks like a nice SPOT for a picnic!"

Tom: I'm writing a book about the life of Zacchaeus. John: It must be a "short" story!

Teacher: What's smaller than an atom? Tommy: An Eve!

Rhyming Punch line

What would you get if Jesus' baby crib was unsafe? *Manger Danger*

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7675 DAVIS BLVD. **NAPLES, FL** 34104 239-348-0122 PASTORS GRANT & SUSAN THIGPEN SUN. 6 P.M. MON.-TUES. 10:30 A.M. & 7 P.M.

JANUARY 29–31

ALPHA & OMEGA CHURCH-IGLESIA 7800 miller drive

MIAMI, FL 33155 305-273-1263 DR. ALBERTO & MARIAM DELGADO WED. 7:30 P.M. THURS.-FRI. 10:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

MARCH 8-10

DECATUR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 221 BELTLINE PLACE SW

DECATUR, AL 35603 256-355-7880 PASTORS JOHN & SHEILA WHITE SUN. 7 P.M. MON.-TUES. 10:30 A.M. & 7 P.M.

MARCH 11-13

CORNERSTONE CHURCH 2685 JOHN D. ODOM ROAD DOTHAN, AL 36303 334-983-1848 PASTOR BOBBY & STEPHANIE MARKS WED. 6:30 P.M. THURS.-FRI. 10:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

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Dear Friend,

APRIL 1-3

SPOKANE CHRISTIAN CENTER

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APRIL 26-28

GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 33801 VAN DYKE AVE.

STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48312 586-258-4390 PASTORS JERRY & JOY WEINZIERL SUN. 7 P.M. MON.-TUES. 10:30 A.M. & 7 P.M.

APRIL 29-MAY 1

CITY CHURCH

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