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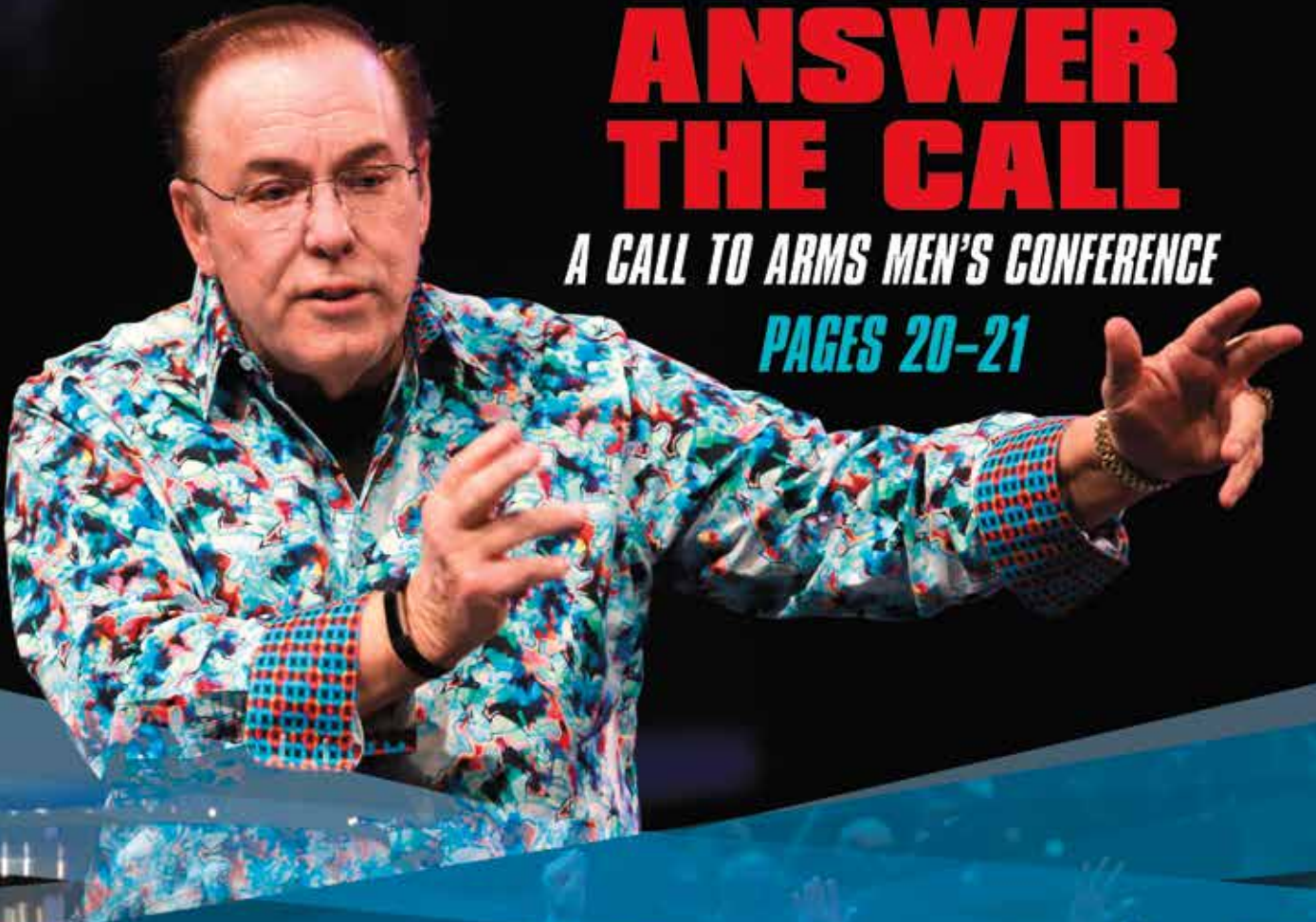
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# What the World Needs Now

There's no question that the world needs love. I'm not talking about a natural, human love—we need God's love. If people loved each other the way God loves us, there wouldn't be war, crime, abuse, injustice, poverty, hunger, homelessness, or immorality.

God's love is the one thing that can revolutionize and transform the world. When tragedy strikes or society's problems get us down, we ask, "What can we do? How can we make a difference?" Loving others with God's agape love will make a lasting impact.

The word translated *love* in the New Testament is often the Greek word *agape*, which means "the God-kind of love." Every Christian should demonstrate this love in their words and actions. Agape is the greatest possession we can have. It is a selfless, sacrificial love that goes far beyond any natural, human love.

God shows agape toward the ungodly and the unworthy (Rom. 5:6–8). We may think some people don't deserve love, but God loves them anyway! We didn't deserve His love, but He gave it freely.

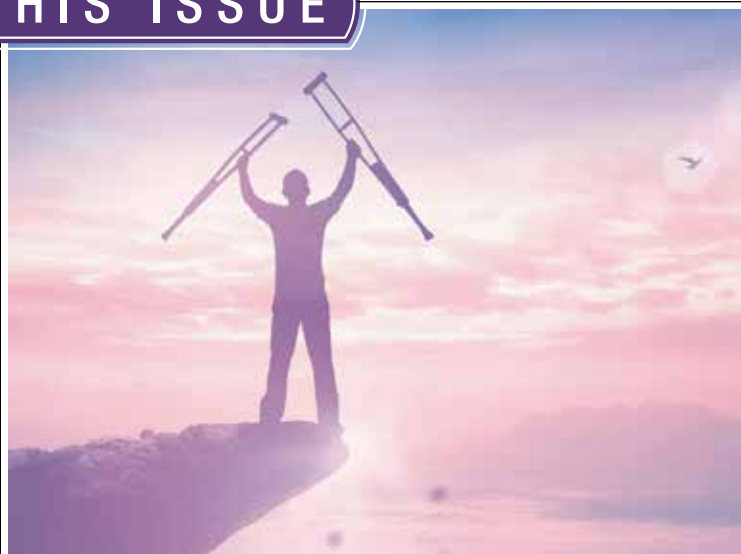
The God-kind of love isn't reserved for those who act and look a certain way. It recognizes that everyone—regardless of outward appearances—needs the love of God. It's not concerned with what it gets out of a relationship. It's focused on what other people gain by our loving them. Our human nature often wants to cut people off the minute they do something we don't like. But God tells us to love them regardless of their actions.

This month, as the world celebrates Valentine's Day and focuses on natural, human love, let's turn our attention to God's supernatural love. Let's allow it to flow through us and transform every relationship. God's love will make a difference in our lives and those around us!

*Kenneth W. Hagin*



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# the Love/Health (Connection)

**TO LIVE IN** divine health, walking in God's love is necessary. For faith to work, the God-kind of love has to be in operation so it is effective. Galatians 5:6 is clear—if you don't walk in love toward others, your faith won't work.

If only people understood how much walking in love has to do with receiving their healing. People need to hear as much of the Word as possible before getting into a healing line. Sometimes they just need to make an adjustment in their love walk before they can receive their healing.

People often get to the root cause and find out where they are missing it in their faith connection by listening to the Word. Many times, they are missing it in the area of walking in love and forgiveness.

## A Receiving Heart

I have noticed that the people who listen to the Word and respond to it by making adjustments in their hearts are the ones who receive their healing. For example,

a woman came to my wife and me after a meeting once. She said, "I've had stomach trouble and a respiratory problem for some time. I decided to go to every service and get in the healing line at the end of the week."

This woman had attended meetings held by almost every leading healing evangelist in America at that time. But she was never healed.

"Toward the end of the week, I began to realize something," she continued. "Before I could get into the healing line and expect God to do something for me, I had to get my heart right. I needed to call my brother and ask him to forgive me."

The woman explained that she and her brother had a disagreement 25 years before. They had not spoken to each other since. She called him and said, "I need to ask you to forgive me. I was wrong."

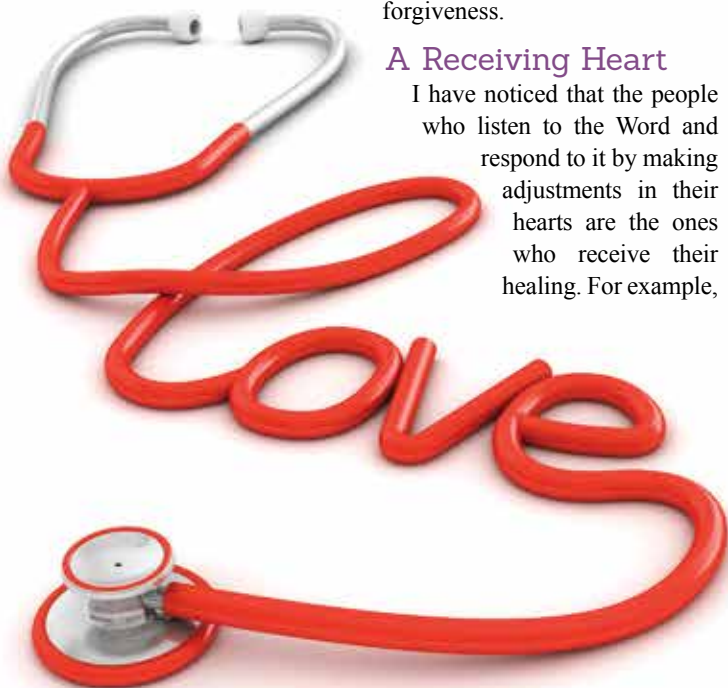
"I'm so glad you called," he replied. "I was thinking about calling you. You weren't to blame, I was. I have intended to call and ask you to forgive me."

After getting things right with her brother, she felt a deep sense of peace and well-being. She laid down to take a nap before the evening service. "When I woke up," she said, "Every symptom and pain had disappeared! I have never felt so good in all my life."

The moment this woman began walking in love, she could claim God's promises about healing.

Folks need to realize that if they don't receive healing after being prayed for several times, they should check to see if they are out of line with God's Word somewhere. If so, they need to make the necessary adjustments.

Many Christians don't receive their healing because they are reluctant to rid their hearts of anything that isn't right with God. I have known people who were in many healing lines but never healed. I've seen those same people make one trip to the prayer



room and get their hearts right with God. You didn't have to pray for them. Their illnesses completely disappeared.

Many times people need to forgive someone else, but sometimes they need to forgive themselves. Both are necessary to walk in health.

### Harmful Effects of Animosity

Believers need to understand that animosity will harm them. It can affect their spiritual growth; it can hinder their prayers; and it can even make them sick.

When I was in field ministry holding meetings, I ran into a pastor I knew. He didn't look well. "What's wrong with you?" I asked.

He told me that another pastor came into *his* town and started another church.

"I didn't know this town belonged to you."

"Well, I was the only Full Gospel church here," he said. "He did me wrong by starting another church in this town. I will never forgive him for it." Then he told me he had ulcers and asked me to pray for him.

I realized what caused his ulcers. And I knew it wouldn't do any good to pray for his healing because he still had ill will and unforgiveness in his heart. I was also familiar with some things about the other pastor's denomination. Under their rules, he was well within his rights to start a church in that city.

I knew it would be useless to pray for his healing until he made an adjustment in his heart. Later, I heard he was operated on for stomach ulcers. Afterward, I saw him again at a convention.

"I was operated on," he told me. "But the ulcers have come back. Would you pray for me?"

I knew he first had to let go of the grudge he had toward his fellow minister. And thank God he did. After he repented for holding

unforgiveness against the other pastor, he never had any more stomach problems.

## LOVE AND FORGIVENESS *go hand in hand.*

#### FAITH IN ACTION

### A Step in the Right Direction

God's love never fails. If you walk in His divine love, you can't fail. God's love working in and through you is more than enough for any situation. Say this confession every day, and enjoy the rewards of walking in love.

#### Confession

I will walk in God's love. I will not criticize others because God's love does no harm to its neighbor.

When I walk in God's love, I can claim God's blessings in life. I will be tenderhearted and forgiving; therefore, I will reap a blessing.

I will keep my tongue from speaking evil, and I will avoid evil and pursue peace with everyone.

Thank you, Father, that as I endeavor to grow in the fruit of love, You will help me be all that I can be in You.

Love and forgiveness go hand in hand. You can't say you are walking in love if you harbor ill will in your heart. Not walking in love toward fellow believers can affect your health. It can even shorten your life because it gives the devil a foothold.

That's a solemn thought, isn't it? We need to think soberly on the subject of love. After all, the Bible says love is greater than faith and hope: "*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love*" (1 Cor. 13:13 NKJV).

Every step out of love is a step into sin. You cannot walk in health and healing if you entertain unforgiveness or grudges in your heart. If you get out of the love walk, get back in as fast as you can. Then you can live under God's abundant provision and promises and enjoy His blessings in your life. ♥

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## Blessed by The Word of Faith

I always appreciate your *Word of Faith* magazine. The articles in the April 2019 issue really spoke to our family and encouraged us in the circumstances we are going through. Kenneth E. Hagin's message "The Greater One Lives in You" was especially relevant at this time. I also liked the "Scriptures to Live By" page. I put it in a conspicuous place to remind me of who I am in Christ. Thank you. // JOSEPH



## A Life Changed

Since I discovered Rhema over two years ago, my life has been going upward after listening to the wonderful revelation given by Kenneth E. Hagin. My faith is growing every day, and my inner man is being strengthened to do the will of God. // TUKAMUSHABA

## Heart Healed!

I began experiencing tremendous pain in my heart during one of the sessions at *Campmeeting 2019*. I thought I was toast! I began speaking the Word quietly. The Holy Spirit told me to go forward and allow Pastor Craig to lay hands on me. When he did, I fell out under the power and knew healing had occurred in my heart. // PATRICIA



## Disease Defeated

Our 16-month-old son, Case, was diagnosed with Hurler syndrome at two months of age. We nearly lost him three times within his first 48 hours of life. The doctors told us that without treatment, the disease would eventually kill him. The Lord told me if my husband and I brought Case to *Winter Bible Seminar 2019* and had hands laid on him, he would be healed. When Craig Hagin ministered to the sick on Wednesday, I took Case down for prayer. The power of God went into his body, and oppression and deformity left at that moment. Hurlers was defeated. Case is happier than ever. His motor skills are improving daily, and he is learning to crawl and walk. We are so thankful for Rhema and how you have ministered to us through the years! // LESLEY



## The Prayer of Agreement Works

I asked for prayer for my husband after he fell. He sustained a head injury that put him in a coma. I asked you to agree with me for his complete healing and that he wouldn't be disabled. He was in a coma for three weeks and spent another 10 weeks in the hospital recovering. My husband was discharged completely healed and with no disability. He is up and moving about independently! // FUNMI

## Like a Box of Chocolates!

Your *Word of Faith* magazine is the highlight of my day each month. It's like a box of expensive chocolates wrapped in bright, happy, gold paper. Each one holds a surprise delight of God's love, knowledge, and wisdom for my spiritual palette! Thank you for every article and for the jokes and riddles! I put them on Facebook for all my "peeps." // CELESTE



## Book Brings Hope

I am a 25-year breast cancer survivor and volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society, helping newly diagnosed women with breast cancer. One lady introduced me to *Health Food Devotions*. I purchased copies to share with the other women. They have been raving about how helpful the devotions are. Thank you for inspiring ladies in a period of being down and lost. // DIANNE



## A Download of Faith



Thank you Ken and Lynette Hagin for coming to St. Cloud, Minnesota. My husband and I received a download of faith—a deeper revelation of faith and believing God. On the second night of the meetings, the Hagins shared how they believed God for things on a day-to-day basis. My husband and I decided to do the same. We began declaring that we have abundance, that our accounts are full, and that we have what we need and plenty to give away. In just four months, we were able to fully fund our "opportunity fund." // LEANA

# Letters From You

[Editor's note: The following letters are from ministry partners, friends, and readers like you. We edited them for length and clarity. Please contact us at [partnerservice@rhema.org](mailto:partnerservice@rhema.org) if this ministry has blessed you in any way.]



# #DevoLife: The How-To of Personal Devotions

DENISE HAGIN BURNS



INSTEAD OF  
DEVOTIONS  
BEING  
SOMETHING  
YOU DO, IT IS  
SOMETHING  
YOU ARE.

**IF YOU MENTION** the word *devotions*, most Christians probably think of an activity they do. However, its definition is “love, loyalty, or enthusiasm for a person, activity, or a cause.” What I found interesting when looking up the word is that it’s not a verb—it’s a noun. That means instead of devotions being something you *do*, it is something you *are*. It is not merely a time you set aside or a book you read. Devotions is loving, being loyal to, and having an enthusiasm for God! It is devotion to Christ.

## What a Devotional Life Is . . . Not!

Christians are called to live devoted to God. But before diving into ways on how to live that way, let’s look at what it is not.

**1 CONDEMNATION.** You should never feel condemned. For years, I felt like a bad Christian because I didn’t spend an hour praying every morning or read my Bible for two hours in the evening. A life of devotion isn’t about feeling bad because you didn’t pray or read enough. Never feel condemned because you aren’t following a formula.

**2 COOKIE-CUTTER.** You are who you are. God formed you, and He knows your personality. Don’t pattern your devotional life after someone else. Find what works for you!

**3 PRIVATE.** Who you are and the life you live in Christ should not be private. Everyone should know you love Jesus and that you are enthusiastic about God. Model what a life of devotion looks like in front of your children. Make it a point to let your kids see you spending time with Jesus. It will stick with them.

## Developing a Devo-Life

Now let’s look at several ways to cultivate, what I like to call, a devo-life.

**1 PRAY CONTINUALLY.** Ephesians 6:18 tells us to pray continually and be persistent in our prayers. I pray throughout the day because I know God is always with me. No matter what I’m doing or where I am, I carry on a dialogue with the Lord. Maintain an awareness that God is always with you and talk to Him as you go about your day.

**2 READ THE BIBLE!** The Bible is God speaking directly to you. It is the primary way the Lord speaks to His children. However, I realize for some people, simply telling them to read their Bible is easier said than done.

## God Likes Fortune Cookies

One time a student came up to me and said, “Ms. Denise, you talk about reading your Bible. I’ve never read mine. I don’t know how. Can you please show me?”

“You mean you don’t know how to read?” I asked.

“I know *how* to read!” she replied. “I just don’t know *what* to read in my Bible.”

*Proverbs are God’s fortune cookies to us.*

She was really embarrassed. I told her what I tell teenagers all the time: start in the Book of Proverbs. I explained that Proverbs are God’s fortune cookies to us. There are 31 of them, so she could start by reading a chapter every day of the month. I’ve had teenagers come back and say, “Oh, Ms. Denise! It is like a fortune cookie! I didn’t know God liked fortune cookies! That’s so cool!”

God is cool! His Word is alive and powerful. Take the time to let it speak and minister to you.

**3 JOURNAL.** When a scripture stands out, I write down what God is saying to me through the verse. I like to go back, especially during challenging seasons, and read what God said to me through the years.

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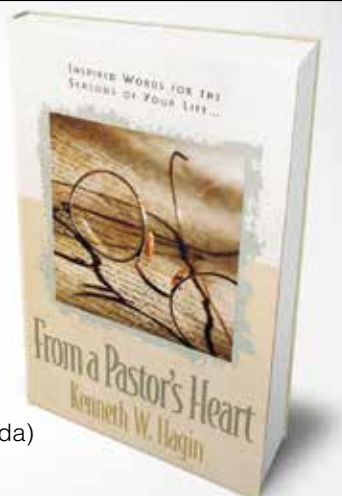
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KENNETH W. HAGIN

WHEN THE *fire of God*  
*burns brightly* ON THE INSIDE,  
WE WILL OVERCOME ANY CHALLENGE  
AND *see the miraculous*  
HAPPEN AROUND YOU.

# BE A LIGHT

**THE WORLD CAN** be cold and dark.

Where will people find warmth and light if not the Church? This is not the time for God's people to burn out! It's time to step into a greater dimension of God's power and re-fire!

## **2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8 (NKJV)**

**6** Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

**7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

**8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

Let's never be ashamed to testify about our Lord! To have boldness, we must stir up the flame of His passion and power. When the fire of God burns brightly on the inside, we will overcome challenges and see miracles.

## **Burn Brightly!**

Years ago, Lynette and I heard fire engines blaring as we came out of a restaurant. When we got into the car, I turned on the radio and learned that a local hospital was on fire. We wanted to see what was going on, so we drove to the scene. When we arrived, about a thousand people were already there!

The same thing will happen to us. If we get a fire going, people will show up to watch it. One preacher said, "If we're willing to burn for God, people will come out to see us burn!"

## **People Need God's Power**

We must not take a powerless Gospel to a dying world! The first-century church was known as those who "*turned the world upside down*" (Acts 17:6). We are not any different from them and should do the same thing. We are all the Body of Christ and can make the same mark on every generation.

## **ACTS 1:8 (NKJV)**

**8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

God wants His people full of His power and filled with a consuming desire for unbelievers to be saved! He wants us to go out and not just ask but compel them to come in (Luke 14:23).

## **My Dad Went to Hell**

When I was a little boy, I traveled with my dad. He put big speakers on top of the car to announce his meetings: "Come and hear me tell what hell is like. I've been there!" He was bold! And people would come.

Dad would tell about how he died and leaped out of his body like a man leaping off a diving board into a swimming pool. He descended through utter darkness until he saw huge white-crested orange flames behind gates. It pulled him like a magnet. When he tried to slow himself down, a creature took him by the arm to escort him. He knew if he went through, he could never come back.

Just then, a voice spoke from Heaven. He felt something pull him back. He ascended until he was back in his body on his bed. This happened three times. He screamed, "GOD! I BELONG TO THE CHURCH!" The third time he came back into his body, he didn't tell God how good he was. He cried out to be saved!

Kenneth E. Hagin was miraculously born again and preached the Gospel until he went home to be with the Lord on September 19, 2003. My dad was never ashamed of the Gospel. He knew it was the power of God for salvation and every other need of man. He stayed on fire.

The fire of God's power is available to *all* believers. It will help us make an indelible mark on our world. Let's fan the flames of the Holy Spirit in our hearts until we have such a burning desire to tell others about Jesus Christ that we can't sit still! ♡



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(ON YOUR OWN)

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It is impossible to pave your own way to Heaven and leave sin and Satan in the ditch. But there is one person who has done that for you: Jesus Christ. And He offers His victory to you! Jesus *has already won* these battles. If you will receive Him as your Savior, His power to overcome becomes yours!

## 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14 (NLV)

**14** We thank God for the power Christ has given us. He leads us and makes us win in everything.

It all starts with making Jesus Christ your Lord. You *can* escape sin and the tyranny of Satan—in Jesus. You *can* be reconciled to God—through Christ. Are you ready?

Pray the following prayer to accept Jesus as your Savior and to be baptized in the Holy Spirit:

*Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and that You raised Him from the dead so I could be restored in my relationship with You. I believe Jesus died in place of me, and I accept His sacrifice. I am now reconciled to You as if I had never sinned! Thank You for saving me from sin, setting me free from the tyranny of Satan, and bringing me into Your family!*



## FAITH IN ACTION

### Sharing Christ

Need some help in sharing Christ with others? Below are some scriptures to review, and check out the salvation message and prayer on this page to get started!

Romans 3:23

John 6:37

Romans 10:9–13

1 John 3:1–2

Romans 8:14, 16–17

2 Cor. 5:17, 21

Luke 11:13

Acts 2:4

Acts 19:6

1 Cor. 14:2–4, 15–17

James 1:22–25

*I ask You to fill me with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in an unknown tongue. Thank you for enabling me to speak in a heavenly language my mind does not understand!*

*I also ask for understanding as I read the Word of God to know and do what it says. From this day forward, I will look to You for guidance and freedom. Thank you for Your blessing upon my life! I ask and receive these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

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# What Is Freedom?

JOE DUININCK

**IF I SAID** it was cold outside, how would you prepare? Most people would get a coat. Others would add layers and bundle up. Some wouldn't go out at all! We interpret words based on our history, culture, and the definitions we give to them.

For instance, when a missionary shared the Gospel with a primitive tribe in the mountains of West New Guinea, they cheered for Judas instead of Jesus! Their culture applauded deception! They celebrated those who strategically befriended and betrayed enemies. It was a heroic survival. Fortunately, this missionary found another element of their culture to reflect the Gospel, and they understood and embraced the message. But what about us?

**WHEN WE HEAR THE WORD FREEDOM, WHAT DO WE THINK ABOUT?** In the USA, we are from the "land of the free." We have a statue of *liberty*. We have *freedom* of speech and religion. As a democracy, we are free to vote and have our say. Many Americans have a "nobody is going to infringe on my rights" perspective of *freedom*.

But is that the correct definition to take into the Gospel message of liberty in Christ Jesus? **DOES IT MEAN WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACT, THINK, OR SPEAK IN ANY WAY WE WANT?** Because if it's as wrong as betrayal being celebrated, or even somewhat inaccurate, we may misunderstand freedom. If we live a Christian life based on our culture, we run into disappointment.

## Be Truly Free

Jesus told the Jews how to be free, but they thought they had never been in bondage. They needed clarity.

**JOHN 8:31–36 (NIV)**

**31** To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

**32** Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**33** They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

**34** Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

**35** Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

**36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

We don't usually think about obeying a command and being free in the same sentence. **BUT JESUS SAID THAT TO BE FREE, WE HAVE**

**UNIQUELY DESIGNED FOR US.** Gifts are deposited in us so we can fill that place.

There is freedom in not having to be somebody else! We are free from comparing or copying someone else's gift, calling, or place in the Body of Christ. We can be what we are called to be. There is freedom in that!

**IF WE THINK FREEDOM IS THE ABSENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, WE WILL NEVER BE FREE.** If we believe it is only what we have been delivered from and not what we have been brought into, we only understand freedom partially. If we mix God's freedom with what culture says, we will be dissatisfied because it isn't true freedom.

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**WHEN WE LOOK FOR WHAT FREEDOM GIVES AND THROW AWAY WHAT IT REQUIRES, WE MISS THE IDEA OF GENUINE FREEDOM!**

**RESTRICTIONS.** If we obey His commands, *then* we will be free.

When we look for what freedom gives and throw away what it requires, we miss the idea of genuine freedom! We can't shake off godly responsibility. That is not what freedom is.

## Free to Be You

True liberty in Christ is the ability to walk in what He has planned for us to do with His provision and supply! **FREEDOM IS FINDING OUR PLACE IN GOD'S FAMILY THAT IS**

our lives for others. Galatians 5:1 (NKJV) says, "*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free.*" **LET'S USE OUR FREEDOM TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY AND LIVE A DEDICATED, SACRIFICIAL LIFE TO GOD.** 🕊️

[Editor's Note: Joe Duinck is an instructor at Rhema Bible Training College and the director of Rhema School of World Missions.]

# FAITH IS NOT NEGLECT



KENNETH W. HAGIN

**WHAT DOES THE** Bible say about faith in practical matters? What do you do after you pray and believe God? Do you put your feet up and wait? Some people say they are going to live by faith and think God will meet their needs without any effort on their part. But faith does not release believers from their responsibilities! We all have obligations and cannot neglect our jobs or fail to pay our bills in the name of faith.

## Faith and Employment

*“If anyone will not work, neither let him eat.”*

—2 Thessalonians 3:10 (AMPC)

We are told throughout scripture that God will bless whatever we put our hands to when we are obedient to Him (Deut. 28:8, Joshua 1:7). If you want a job (or a better position), then put action to your faith. Go out and look for employment!

Yes, believe God for financial blessings. Obey the principles in His Word about giving and believe He will meet your needs. But then get up and do something! Believing and putting action to your faith work hand in hand. Faith does not replace action.

The apostle Paul wrote more about faith than of the other New Testament writers. He is the one who said that anyone who doesn't work, won't eat—even saying they are busybodies (2 Thess. 3:10–11 NKJV)! Paul never sat around doing nothing, expecting his faith to accomplish everything. He was a tentmaker by trade and used his profession when he pioneered churches and visited the works he had established. He mixed human effort (putting his hands to work) with his faith!

## Faith and Finances

*“Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.”*

—Matthew 10:16 (NKJV)

Faith is not a substitute for common sense or sound business practices. I believe God to meet my needs, but I also have to be wise in handling money! For example, if there is a change in the

economy, I may have to budget my finances more closely. You can't neglect your finances by saying that God will take care of everything. Faith does not neglect responsibilities! And using good financial principles does not hinder faith.

Sound business principles dictate that you act responsibly in your finances. For example, you shouldn't spend money you don't have. And it's not wise to spend everything you make. Good money management uses wisdom. You are to be innocent and irrepachable in your business dealings, yet shrewd, wise, and sensible (Matt. 10:16)!

Faith is not meant to be used instead of good sense. You can combine your natural expertise with the supernatural. Your faith in God will ensure that you fulfill your responsibilities. It makes your obligations easier because you can believe God to help you.

## Faith and Plans

*“The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage.”*

—Proverbs 21:5 (NASB)

Have you met people who say they are living by faith but never prepare for anything? That's not faith; that's foolishness. You can be in faith and still plan for the future. Just be sure to include God in what you are doing and allow Him to direct your steps!

Some people plan but are not diligent, and their projects never happen. Others are hardworking but do not plan. It's like the fellow who wanted to run when Joab sent a runner to King David. (See 2 Samuel 18:19–33.) The young man didn't have a message but still wanted to run. He outran the other messenger and reached the king first. But when David realized he had nothing to say, he told him to stand aside (vs. 30).

Some diligent believers want to do something for God. But they have no road map on how to fulfill



## Faith is not a substitute for common sense.

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their desires. So when it's time for them to succeed, they have to stand aside because they have no plan.

Even when you have a plan, you have to actively work it. You can make plans and still be in faith—just be sure your confidence is always in God! Faith never neglects the responsibility to plan and prepare.

### Faith and Insurance

*"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,  
and to God the things that are God's."*

—Mark 12:17 (NKJV)

Faith is not an insurance policy. Most states require car insurance. But some believers think they don't need it because they are standing in faith not to have an accident. Christians who do that are disobedient to God's Word, and God can't help them even though He wants to!

When Jesus referred to Caesar in Mark 12:17, He was talking about the Roman government. We require Rhema students to have car insurance because it's a law in Oklahoma. They won't receive a campus parking permit without it.

There's nothing wrong with having insurance. It should not hinder a person's faith. Some believers think faith automatically takes care of everything, and they aren't responsible for anything! I always believe God for divine protection. But believers still need to be wise in every affair of life.

### Faith Is Not Imitation

*"By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land;  
but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned."*

—Hebrews 11:29 (NIV)

Lastly, understand that faith is not imitating someone else's actions. God does not move on your behalf because you copied what another person did. I remember a man who testified that God told him to give his car away. It wasn't long before someone gave him a nicer car. Other believers gave their cars away based on his testimony. But they never received a better car.

God moves when you obey what He told *you* to do. To receive from God, you must act in faith based on the Word for yourself—not on the actions of others.

Be motivated by wisdom in everything you do. Follow natural *and* spiritual laws. You can trust God and not neglect your responsibilities at the same time!♥

#### FAITH IN ACTION

## God Will Meet Your Needs

God promised to supply all your needs (Phil. 4:19). One way He does that is by enabling *you* to work and provide for yourself and your family (1 Tim. 5:8).

- Pray and claim a good job based on God's Word.
- Thank Him in faith: *"Lord, I thank You that You are giving me a good job. I believe I receive that job, and I accept it now by faith."*
- Put action to your faith. Get up and look for work.
- Now you can say, "I'm believing God for my job."

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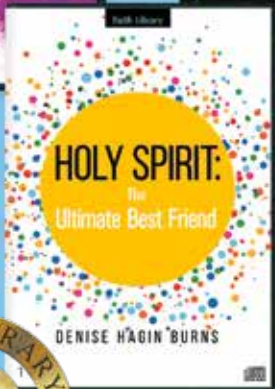
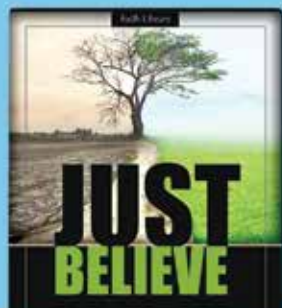
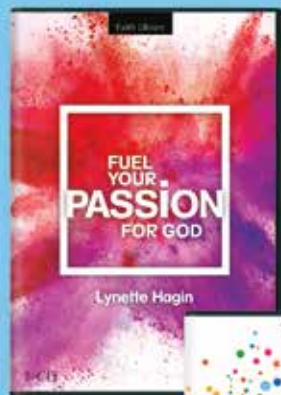
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# EXPECT

# Miracles

**I BELIEVE THE** days of miracles are upon us! I get emotional about this because I love people. I want to be there when the lame walk, the blind see, and the deaf hear. I want to see arms grow that weren't there before! This generation has become tired of hearing about what God *used* to do. They want to experience it now, and so do I.

## MARK 11:22-24 (NLT)

**22** Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God.

**23** I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.

**24** I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours."

We must *really* believe. Mark 9:23 says all things are *possible* to those who believe. It's possible. But are we *expecting* miracles to happen? If we expect something from God, He *will* move on our behalf.

## What Do You Expect?

We live in a day where people don't seem to expect much of anything! We just show up. We think that whatever God wants to happen will just happen. Or we come to church half asleep and hope the pastor has something good to keep us awake. Many of us have been Christians for a long time, and some are Bible school graduates. We know a lot, but we still don't expect anything!

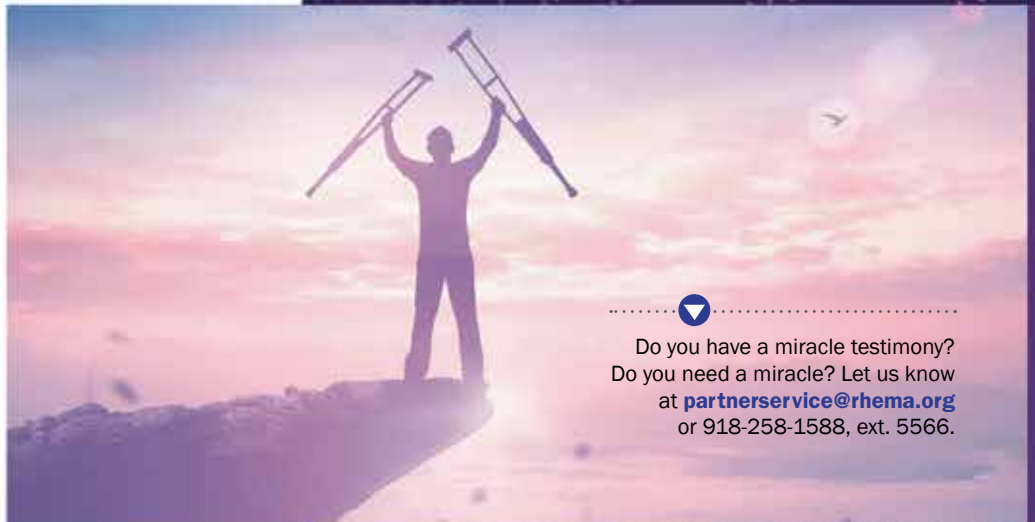
If we show up to church expecting nothing, that is what we will get. The only way to experience something is to *expect* it. Let's be ready to see, hear, and experience God! It's not about us. It's about what Jesus wants to do. But He needs us to expect the miraculous.

When we renew our minds to the Word, we can look at a situation the way God sees it. It won't be a 50/50 chance of a miracle. We *know* it *will* happen.

Think about what started Jesus' ministry: He changed water into wine. Until that point, He never performed one miracle—but then He kept doing more and more miracles.



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Hebrews 13:8 (NLT) says, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*” Jesus didn’t change! His power is the same. The only difference now is that He is not walking on the earth; He’s walking within us.

## Expect Greater!

Jesus multiplied Himself millions of times. He lives inside every Christian. And He says, “*Anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works*” (John 14:12 NLT). Greater! We should expect *greater* works—greater miracles and healings!

I’ve seen some awesome things, but I haven’t seen anything greater than what Jesus did! But that same Jesus walks with me and talks with me. He said He would never leave me. Wherever

I go, He goes with me and shows up in a room when I’m in that room.

We are Jesus’ hands and feet today. We are supposed to do the works He did. A move of God is not a bunch of us running around the church. It might be fun, but it’s a lot more fun to watch someone who never walked get up and walk!

### ACTS 3:1–8 (NLT)

**1** Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o’clock prayer service.

**2** As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple.

**3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

**4** Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, “Look at us!”

**5** The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money.

**6** But Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”

**7** Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man’s feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened.

**8** He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

It’s time to look at people intently as Peter and John did and give them what we have! We *must* know who we are and what we have in Christ! It takes bold faith to walk up to somebody and say, “Get up!”

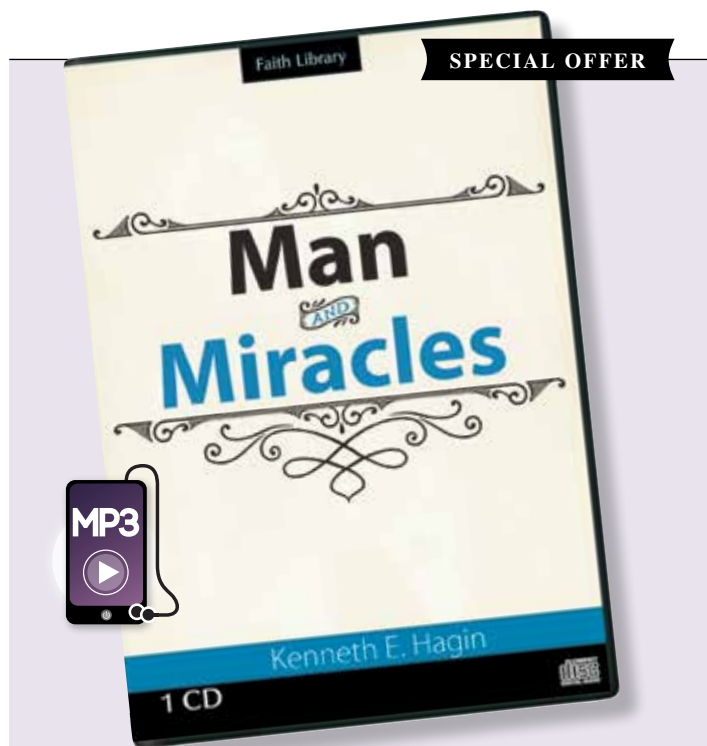
## Go Do What Jesus Did

Plenty of people need miracles. They are hurting and don’t know what to do. Desperate people come across our paths every day on the job, in a store, or at a restaurant. But we can speak life to them. The Spirit of God in us will give us the right words to say!

My grandfather always said, “Be a participator, not a spectator.” The Early Church didn’t know as much about the Bible as we do. But they knew God was real. *Nothing stopped them.* They believed the entire world needed to hear their message of truth. That’s what we must do today—go into our world with a message!

What happened after the lame man went into the temple with Peter and John? People gathered, and Peter saw an opportunity to share the Gospel (Acts 3:9–12). Do you want to witness to people? Expect miracles, and doors *will* open! People will listen because they know we have “something.” What we have is the Name of Jesus. This is not about ministers or ministries making a difference. *It’s about Jesus Christ—the One Who lives in all of us.*

Show up to life with an expectation that God is still God. Expect to see *greater* things! Jesus said we could ask for anything in His name (John 14:14). There’s no limit! But we have to ask and expect. *We have to get off the pew and do something.* It’s time to experience signs, wonders, miracles, and healings! ♥



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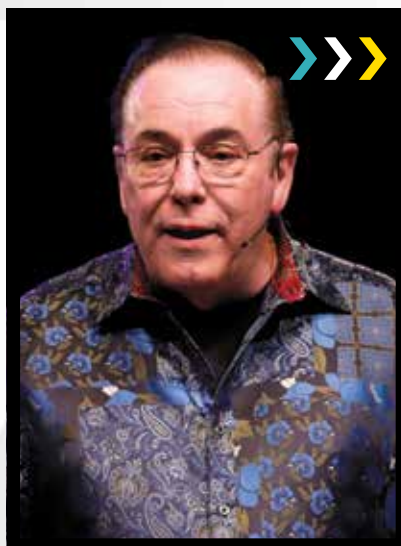


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"If we don't have the Word in our lives. If we're not filled with the Spirit. If we don't have good leaders over us. If we're not hanging around good friends. And if we're not serving our way to our destinies, we can get caught off guard and blindsided. **ALL THESE AREAS MUST BE CONSTANTLY ENGAGED!**

How many brave men will fight for the truth? Fight the good fight of faith? Fight for integrity, the things of God, and for good character? That's why you're here. **MANHOOD IS NOT A PLAYGROUND—IT'S A BATTLEFIELD."** // JOSEPH COYNE

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// JOE MCGEE



"You have to fix your mind on the things of God—on purpose. **YOU WILL NOT GET THERE BY ACCIDENT.** You can train and get ready for what is coming down the pipeline. You might not know what it is, but you can still *train* for whatever is coming. **WHEN YOU ARE DISCIPLINED TO PRAY IN THE SPIRIT ON ALL OCCASIONS, YOU ARE ALREADY READY!** You can't do this thing called life without it. Don't take a break from the Holy Spirit!" // JOHNATHAN MORIN

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# Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

## LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

As I was meditating on what to write this month, an old song came to me, which I slightly changed. "Love and forgiveness, love and forgiveness, go together like a horse and carriage. You can't have one without the other." Love comes naturally and flows from the heart. However, when someone we love hurts us, another emotion erupts: anger. And that emotion can develop into hate.

We often use the word love. It can become such a common word that we fail to understand its true meaning and the ramifications it involves. Let's review a portion of the love chapter.

*"Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]" (1 Cor. 13:4-7 AMPC).*

When we extend our love toward someone, we risk being hurt. No one enjoys being hurt because it brings many emotions. Hurt can cause us to be angry and hold a grudge against someone or even sever the relationship. Do you realize it takes energy to stay mad? Mental energy is expended, and heart energy is drained. In fact, we often put up a protective wall to keep any pain from getting in again. However, in doing that, we are closing our hearts to the emotion of joy.

Though loving someone involves risk, the Bible instructs us on what to do when we are hurt. *"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop"* (Mark 11:25 AMPC).

We may think we are strong by holding on to anger and standing firm to make a point. The truth is, it takes more strength to forgive someone and move on. My husband grew up in a family where forgiving came as natural as loving. I was not fortunate to grow up in that kind of environment. Therefore, forgiving someone was not as easy for me.

I kept rehearsing what someone did to me. And that only kept the wound open. The more I thought about it, the bigger the wound became. My husband would say, "Honey, just let it go." I would respond, "That might be easy for you, but it is not easy for me." A battle took place between my heart and my head. My heart told me to let it go. My head cried out, "But how?"

I asked my husband, "How do you let it go?" His reply did not help me. He said, "You just do!" I finally went to the Lord and asked Him. Aren't you glad that God always has the perfect answer for us?

The Lord directed me to His instruction book, the Bible. The instructions had always been there, but I had failed to make them a part of my life. *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you"* (Matt. 5:43-44 NKJV).

Prayer changes our emotions and thoughts toward others. As I began praying for those who had hurt me, my love was once again extended toward them. I encourage you to pass the love test. Pray for those who have hurt you until your love is restored to them.♥

*Lynette*







# Kids' Page

Fearless, Anointed, Inward-Led, Trustworthy, Heirs of God

## Gigantic Proportions!

Here are some interesting facts about giants that are found in the Old Testament. Fill in the blanks with the numbers below that you think are correct.

4 6 7 9 13 24

1. Giant King Og's bed was \_\_\_\_ feet long.
2. Goliath was \_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_ inches tall.
3. There was a Philistine giant from Gath who had \_\_\_\_ fingers on each hand and \_\_\_\_ toes on each foot. He had \_\_\_\_ fingers and toes altogether.
4. Ishbi-Benob was a giant whose bronze spearhead weighed \_\_\_\_ pounds.

## how do they measure up?

See if you can put the items below in the right height order going from the smallest to the tallest.



If you have a problem, DON'T MAGNIFY IT! Some problems in life only LOOK gigantic because we magnify THEM instead of GOD. The objects below are really small, but they look big because they have been magnified. See if you can guess what they are. If you need help, here are the words . . . but they're scrambled!

WRECS BLIMTEH TAFSEY NIP DRESIP BEW GRINSP TEHAW



## Do You Have GIANT Problems?

Giants have always been a hindrance to God's people. The children of Israel could not advance toward the Promised Land because they feared the giants that were in the land. And the army of Israel could not advance against their Philistine enemies because of a giant named Goliath. How were these giants defeated? By people like Joshua, Caleb, and David who were more impressed with the BIGNESS of their GOD than with the size of the giant they faced. And it's still the same today. For, you see, there are still giants in the land trying to hinder God's people. To defeat these giants, it will take people who believe God's promise in First John 4:4—"GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN ME THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD." No matter the name of the giant that you face, there is a name for God (the GREATER ONE who is in you) that will defeat the giant.

Below are a few names of giants that Christians face today. Match them with the name of God (the GREATER ONE in you) Who will defeat the giant.

**SICKNESS & DISEASE**

**JEHOVAH SHALOM**  
(The Lord Our Peace)

**FEAR & WORRY**

**JEHOVAH JIREH**  
(The Lord Our Provider)

**POVERTY & LACK**

**JEHOVAH RAPHA**  
(The Lord Our Healer)



## jokes & riddles



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

Where was Goliath when David released the rock from his sling?  
**Between a ROCK and a HARD PLACE**

What was Goliath's least favorite kind of music?  
**Hard Rock**

Why did Goliath wear a skirt to the battlefield?  
**Because he was TOO BIG FOR HIS BRITCHES**

What did the other Philistines call Goliath when he was defeated by David?  
**A GIANT failure**

Why did the Philistines cry so hard when they saw that Goliath was defeated?  
**Because "The bigger they are, the harder they squaw!"**

**Answers:**  
GIANT PROBLEMS  
SICKNESS & DISEASE IS DEFEATED BY JEHOVAH RAPHA. FEAR & WORRY IS DEFEATED BY JEHOVAH JIREH.  
DEFEATED BY JEHOVAH JIREH.  
DON'T MAGNIFY IT!  
SCREW, THIMBLE, SAFETY PIN, SPIDER WEB, SPRING, WHEAT.  
GIANTIC PROPORTIONS!  
HOW DO THEY MEASURE UP?  
ASIAN ELEPHANT-9 FT.  
GOLIATH-9 FT. 4 INCHES  
GIRAFFE-18 FT.  
STATUE OF LIBERTY-151 FT.  
EIFFEL TOWER-985 FEET  
EMPIRE STATE BUILDING-1,250 FT.





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