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The world has had many heroes. Some have been publicly recognized, and others have not. Some are famous; others are unknown. We are thankful for everyone who has served in our military. This month, we honor those who died while serving their country.

There is one Hero, however, who towers above the rest. And we must honor and recognize Him, the Hero of heroes. He gave His life so every human being might have life: Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Romans 5:8 (NIV) says, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Jesus died for the sins of all mankind. He bore sin's punishment for all humanity. He experienced suffering and agony so we could have victory, peace, healing, mercy, joy, love, and happiness.

I thank God for the men and women who have served in the armed forces. But I thank God more for Jesus Christ. He is the real Hero.

We need more natural heroes in our country and in our communities. But we also need spiritual heroes—brave people who will stand for Jesus and His righteousness. We need believers who will unashamedly follow Christ in the face of obstacles and against all odds.

We need ordinary people who will step up and say, "I believe in this country. But I proudly stand at attention and hold up the blood-stained banner of the Lord Jesus Christ."

I thank God for the natural freedoms we have because of the heroes who gave their lives. And I also thank God we can live in spiritual freedom because Jesus Christ shed His blood on Calvary's hill.

Let's remember those who died while serving our country. But let us never forget Jesus Christ, the Hero of heroes.

Kennet W. Hagai

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PRAYING FOR THE HARVEST

MANY PEOPLE AROUND the world claim to pray, but not all prayers will be successful. It's when we pray according to the Word that our prayers are answered.

If believers prayed correctly, Satan's strategies in cities and nations would be thwarted. And God's purposes would then be fulfilled to a greater measure on this earth.

Praying for revival effects change in our cities and nations by pushing back darkness. The ministry of Charles Finney shows us how to prepare the way for revival through prayer.

Sometimes almost everyone in cities where Finney preached got saved. Now that's invading the kingdom of darkness! Many church historians say he had greater soul-winning success than anyone since the Apostle Paul. It was reported that the majority of Finney's converts remained faithful to God in their Christian walk.

Pleading Your Case

When asked the secret to his success, Finney said, "The secret is prayer. I always get up at 4 o'clock every morning and pray until 8 o'clock in the morning. I've had experiences in prayer that alarmed me. I found myself saying, 'Lord, You

don't think we're not going to have revival

here, do You?' Then I found myself quoting scripture after scripture, reminding the Lord of His promises."

Finney's way of praying is what God instructed us to do in Isaiah 43:26: "Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified."

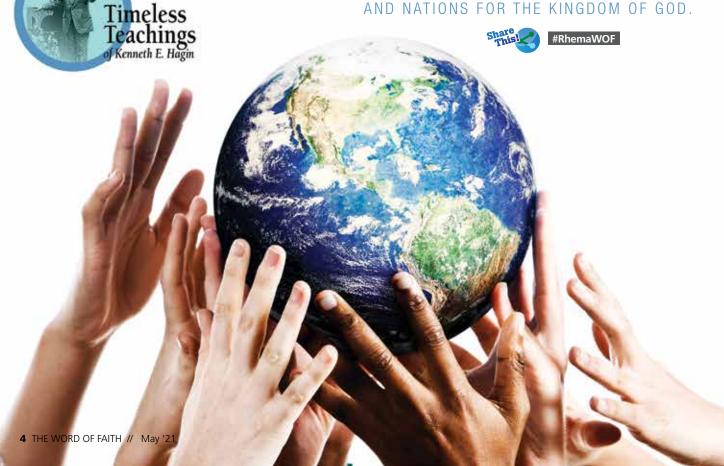
Finney pled his case with God for revival based on the promises in God's Word. He prayed according to the Word for souls to come into the Kingdom of God. Finney never pulled down demonic strongholds, prayed against devils, or dealt with ruling princes over cities. Yet entire towns were won to the Lord.

Intercession for the Lost

Finney also talked about a man named Father Nash who supported him in prayer. Sometimes Father Nash went ahead of Finney to the next city and prepared the way in prayer for revival.

One time a woman came to Finney and said, "About a week ago, Father Nash rented a room from me. After three days, I

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wondered why he hadn't come out of his room. I went up to his door and heard him groaning. Thinking something was wrong with him, I opened the door and peeked in. There he was, lying in the middle of the floor, groaning and praying."

"Don't worry about Father Nash," Finney told her. "He just has the burden of intercession to pray for lost souls."

Father Nash was praying according to Romans 8:26. The Holy Spirit helped him pray with groanings that could not be uttered in articulate speech.

Prayer that is in line with the Bible prepares people's hearts so the Word can bear eternal fruit in their lives. That is the scriptural way to change cities and nations—not by supposedly warring against spiritual forces ruling over them. Jesus has already defeated those spiritual forces.

Raising Up Churches

Let me share how a woman prayed for many to be delivered from the kingdom of darkness. We called her Mother Howard.

When Mother Howard moved to north-central Texas, no Full Gospel churches were in that region. The Lord laid it on her heart to pray that a Full Gospel church would be established in every city in that area.

Taking one town at a time, Mother Howard prayed until a church was raised up. She'd pray from 10 in the morning until midafternoon. After supper, she continued interceding until midnight, depending on how the Holy Spirit led her.

Mother Howard continually talked to God and asked for souls to be brought into His Kingdom. She was largely responsible for praying a church into every city and town in that region of Texas. She's a good example of how to pray.

Biblical prayer and intercession that follows the Holy Spirit's direction cause change in cities and nations for the Kingdom of God. Let me illustrate this.

Praying as the Spirit Leads

One time in the middle of my sermon, a spirit of prayer fell on the congregation, and everyone hit the floor praying. We prayed for quite some time.

When the burden to pray lifted, the Lord said, "Tell these folks that if they will enter into intercession and travail for the lost in their city, I'll give them this city. They will have to possess it, and the way to do that is through intercessory prayer and soul travail for the lost."

We can intercede on behalf of others with our understanding, as Finney did. He pled his case using the promises in God's Word. But we don't always know how to pray for folks as we ought. That is why we need to pray as the Holy Spirit leads us and as He takes hold together with us (Rom. 8:26). Praying for the lost in this manner is a part of the scriptural way to win a city for God.

To win a city, you must win souls. It doesn't necessarily mean that everyone will be saved, because people have free choice. But when you pray and intercede for people, it is easier for them to yield to God and want to be saved. Because believers prayed for the lost in that town, many people came to the Lord.

When I went back to that church two years later, it was the largest one in town. Many souls had been prayed out of the kingdom of darkness and brought into the Kingdom of God. Believers in that church never tried to pull down one stronghold! They just

gave themselves to prayer based on the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Is Prayer Necessary?

Some might ask, "Why do we have to pray for others? Since God is all-powerful, why doesn't He just save everyone today? It's His will that all men be saved" (1 Tim. 2:4).

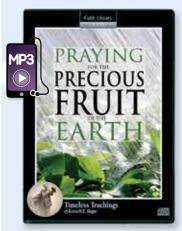
A statement John Wesley made answers that question. He said, "It seems that God is limited by our prayer life. He can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him."

The Word tells us why that is so: "Ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2).

God waits for us to ask Him before moving on behalf of the lost. Asking based on God's Word is one way believers stand in their position of authority in Christ and enforce Satan's defeat on the earth. Take your place today by praying according to the Word and as the Holy Spirit leads.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book The Triumphant Church.]

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Cheer Up!



BRENDA THOMAS

I ONCE HEARD about a parakeet named Chippie. The bird's problems began when his owner used a vacuum to clean up the seeds and loose feathers from the bottom of his cage. When the phone rang, the owner turned to pick it up and, you guessed it, with a *thud* and a *swoosh*, Chippie was gone!

The owner quickly turned off the vacuum and unzipped the bag. There was Chippie—stunned but still breathing. Seeing that he was covered with black dust, his owner rushed Chippie to the bathtub, turned on the faucet full blast, and held him under the icy water. Realizing she had done even more damage to the poor bird, she quickly cranked up her blow dryer and gave the wet, shivering little parakeet an overly powerful blast. The story ends, "Chippie doesn't sing much anymore."

Here's the point: Chippie had a rough day and lost his joy and his will to sing. Too many of God's people don't sing anymore. They've lost their will to sing and their joy. But God wants to restore it!

YOU MAY BE KNOCKED DOWN BUT YOU'RE NOT KNOCKED OUT! Get up with a song in your heart. Don't let a bad day, a weird week, a terrible month, or even an awful year steal your joy and rob you of the song Jesus wants to put in your heart.

When we're facing a difficult situation, one of the first things we are tempted to do is lose our joy. Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV) says, "Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." If our joy is drained,

so is our strength. When we become weak, it is difficult to fight the good fight of faith.

JOY IS A SPIRITUAL FORCE AND MUST BE EVIDENT IN OUR LIVES IF WE ARE TO OVERCOME AND HAVE VICTORY IN EVERY SITUATION. Jesus was very aware of this powerful force. On numerous occasions, He instructed His followers to "be of good cheer."

When Jesus ran into people who were full of agony and despair, He wasn't like the guy walking across a bridge who saw another man about to jump. The first man went over and tried to stop him. He asked, "What's going on in your life?" The fellow who wanted to jump started telling him all the terrible issues that had gotten him to that point. What the first man heard was so bad that he grabbed the other man's hand and said, "I'll jump with you. Let's end it all right now!"

Every time Jesus told somebody to "be of good cheer," the last thing that person wanted to do was be happy, do a little dance, or be full of joy. But Jesus is the One who brings joy. Jesus is the author of cheer. He wants His people to cheer up! The verb *cheer* means "to bring encouragement, to give courage to, to put in good spirits," and "to provide happiness or joy."

How can we cheer up and be glad no matter what we're going through? We can do that because Jesus is the answer. Nothing is too difficult for Him.

REJOICING IS A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD. Being of good cheer shows that we believe God's Word is true. Christians ought to be the happiest people on earth because Jesus has given us victory in every area of life. If we don't rejoice when attacks come against us, the devil will think he is winning. But if we act on the Word regardless of the situation, we are stating that we believe God is working on our behalf, no matter what. And we win!

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Brenda Thomas' book *Making the Most of Your Meltdowns*. Brenda and her husband, Mark, pastor Heart of the Bay Christian Center in Hayward, California.]

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Sometimes life pushes us too hard and we have a meltdown. But if we'll rejoice, even in the midst of disaster, the joy we release will attract the restoration we're crying out for.

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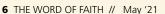
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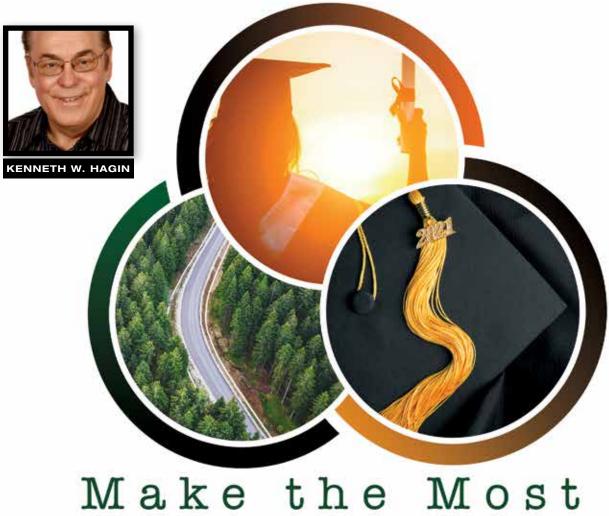




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Make the Most of Your Life

FEW PEOPLE HAVE blessed humanity as much as Thomas A. Edison. His many inventions include the incandescent light bulb, a motion picture machine (first for silent movies and then for "talkies"), the phonograph, and a carbon-button transmitter that paved the way for our modern telephone. There is little doubt that Edison made the most of his life.

It is vital to make the most of what God has given you. One day you will stand before the Lord and hear Him ask, "What did you do with the life I gave you?" No one can answer that question except you.

The Book of Acts records the story of a woman whose life touched many people.

ACTS 9:36-39 (NIV)

36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.

37 About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.

38 Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

39 Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

We don't know a lot about Dorcas. We do know she was a prominent disciple in Joppa. Although her words were never recorded, she left a powerful testimony.

Dorcas was a committed follower of Jesus who was devoted to doing good and helping the poor. Others like her are in recorded history. Also written about in history are those who built their lives on money, fame, pleasure, and power.

It's interesting to read what some rich and powerful people said as their lives drew to an end.

When American financier Jay Gould died in 1892, his fortune was estimated at \$72 million. On his deathbed he said, "I suppose I am the most miserable devil on earth.1"

Benjamin Disraeli, Prime Minister of England in the late 1800s, wrote, "Youth is a blunder; manhood a struggle; old age a regret.2"

Lord Byron, the great English poet, wrote:

My days are in the yellow leaf;

The flowers and fruits of love are gone;

The worm, the canker, and the grief

Are mine alone!3

Dorcas discovered the secret of enjoying life to its fullest. She

didn't seek fulfillment through money, fame, pleasure, or power. She found meaning through following Christ.

The American sculptor Lorado Taft placed lights around the statue of a boy created by the Italian sculptor Donatello. Taft first put the lights on the floor so they would shine upward on the boy's face. He observed that the shadows caused the face to look disfigured.

Taft arranged the lights in many ways but wasn't satisfied. Finally, he lit the statue from above. When he stepped back, the boy's face looked like that of an angel.

What light are you using to illuminate your path through life? If you've chosen light from below, your life will be cast in dark shadows. But if you've sought God's light, you can become a brilliant reflection of Him. When you let the love and light of God saturate you, they will eventually shine through you and help light the world around you.

We can see how God's light shone through Dorcas. Scripture says that she "was always doing good and helping the poor" (Acts 9:36 NIV). Dorcas reflected God's love in everything she did.

The Bible records another story of a relatively unknown woman. Shortly before Jesus went to the cross, she brought an alabaster jar and poured the very expensive perfume in it on His head. Some with Jesus rebuked her harshly. They said the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor. But instead of condemning the woman, Jesus praised her and rebuked His disciples (Mark 14:6-8). He said, "She did what she could" (v. 8 NIV).

That is the real test of life. Are you doing everything you can? Are you using your talents to the best of your ability? You may feel what you do and say is unimportant—that you are one small voice. But that is the wrong way to think. God is counting on you to get up and influence the lives of those around you!

It doesn't matter how old or young you are. What's important is to be willing. There's a lot you can do, should do, and must do. So get started doing something!

Scripture records what Dorcas did. The widows showed Peter the clothing she made for them while she was alive (Acts 9:39.) What motivated Dorcas to be a blessing to so many? Love. And love should be our motivating force in everything we do for others.

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, wanted to send a Christmas greeting to his workers around the world. He didn't have much money, so the message had to be short. After thinking for a moment, he knew exactly what to say. He sent a one-word telegram that simply said, "Others."

William Booth wanted his workers to think only of others. Dorcas had this same attitude. Her priority in life was not herself, but others.

A part of you will never die. Your body may go to the grave, but your influence never dies. Make it count.

Thomas Edison lives on in every light bulb that illuminates a dark room. Alexander Graham Bell lives on in every telephone that rings. Louis Pasteur lives on in every vaccine that is administered. Galileo lives on in every new star that is discovered.

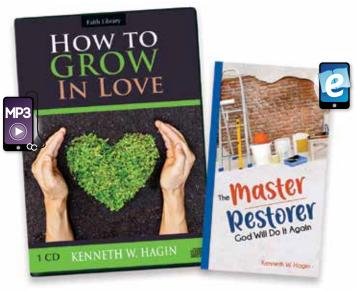
Your influence will live on after you—as either a testimony or a curse. I challenge you to make a positive mark in this life. I would be lying if I told you that is easy. But as I often told my son and daughter when they were growing up, "You and God together make a team that can do anything."

By ourselves, we are nothing and will likely be defeated. But with God, we can make a lasting difference.

Remember, if you try something and fail, what have you lost? But if you never try, you have already failed.

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IT'S IMPORTANT TO understand God's plan for the last days. If we don't, we can easily become anxious about world events. The unrest we see around us, for instance, is nothing more than what is written in scripture about the End Times. The enemy knows that his time is short, and he's unleashed every demon in hell to destroy the Church.

Now more than ever, the Church needs to step out of its comfort zone and be the glorious Church. It's time for the *Body* of Christ to hook up with the *Head* of the Church—our Lord Jesus—and demonstrate His power to the world. The Apostle Paul recognized this. He said to the Corinthians that he didn't come to them with eloquent words but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (1 Cor. 2:1–4).

Unfortunately, it seems as though the Church today has become weak and is just marking time. We have many orators who don't have the power of God.

JESUS WANTS US TO BE LIKE HE IS. Ephesians 5:27 says that He wants to present the Church to Himself as "a glorious church" (NKJV). The New International Version translates this as "a radiant church." The Good News Translation says a church "in all its beauty."

WE ARE CALLED TO DISPLAY THE BEAUTY OF CHRIST'S HANDIWORK. It doesn't matter if we're preachers behind the pulpit or preachers on our jobs. God will do mighty things through us. WHEREVER WE GO, WE SHOULD BE MINISTERS OF HIS POWER. PEOPLE SHOULD SEE HIS GLORY IN US.

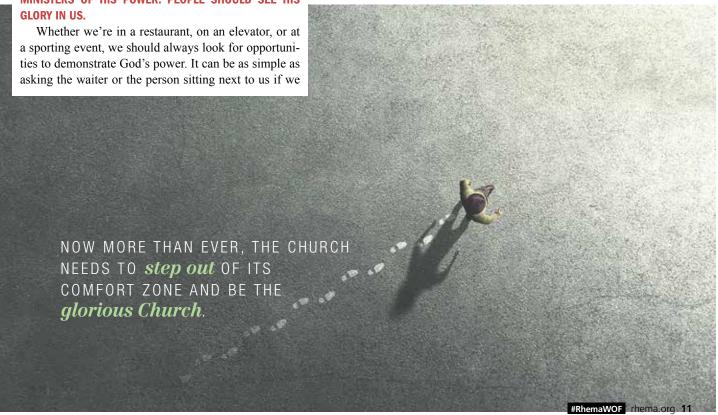
can pray for them. We should allow the love of Christ that's been deposited in us to take control. Instead of doing that, though, many believers let the enemy control them, and they don't reach out to others.

When we, as the Church, get a revelation of who we really are in Christ, we will be unstoppable. WE NEED TO SEE OURSELVES AS APPOINTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO DO A GLORIOUS WORK. Jesus—the Head—said that we would do the works He did and even greater works

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(John 14:12). The Head is one. The Body is many. There should be many wonderful works being demonstrated through every believer.

Jesus is not coming back for a weak Church. He's not coming back for a Church that is stumbling around trying to figure out who it is. We know who we are. We are the righteousness of God in Christ! We have His power! We carry His presence! We are the Shekinah glory! We are the glory cloud going somewhere to spill all over somebody! That's who we are—the glorious Church!



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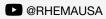


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LEAVING A LEGACY



LYNETTE HAGIN

THROUGH THE YEARS, many people influence our lives. Although some of them are no longer with us, their legacy lives on. We may not realize it, but the way we live our lives leaves an impression on those around us and can impact how they live.

The word *legacy* means "anything handed down from . . . an ancestor." In other words, it's something passed from one generation to the next. It's a lasting impression. This can include our traits, habits, and talents, as well as our social, mental, spiritual, and emotional attitudes.

Everything we are and everything we possess—whether good or bad—is part of the legacy we leave. This should cause us to pause a moment and ask, "How will others remember me?" Will we be known for our intelligence and education? Will people remember us for the way we dressed? Or will we be known for our faith in God?

Every day, we are writing our legacy. And our loved ones will be left with the lasting impressions we make on them. Often, those impressions will shape the way they live.

We can all think of people who have left us a legacy. My mother's mother, Granny King, comes

to my mind. She didn't have a lot of money to spend on her grandchildren, but she always spent time with us. I have fond memories of her and Paw-paw taking us to the zoo. We had so much fun with them.

Granny King left a legacy that helped me understand the importance of making memories with my children and grandchildren. When Ken and I were raising Craig and Denise, we were very busy in the ministry. But we realized how important it was to spend time and have fun with our children. Now that we have grandchildren, we do the same with them.

Another person who impacted my life was Mrs. Fletcher, my first-grade teacher. Now, it's important for you to know that Mrs. Fletcher was the *third* first-grade teacher I had that year. It had been a traumatic experience for me to leave my mother and go to school in the first place. So you can imagine how I felt when I had to attend three different schools in one year.

When I started going to her class, I was a little insecure. But she took an interest in me and would pat me on the shoulder and say, "It's going to be okay, honey."



Our loved ones will be left with the lasting impressions we make on them. Often, those impressions will shape the way they live.

Mrs. Fletcher left a lasting impression on me. She passed down a legacy that I still practice today. I love to make people feel secure. If I am at a function and see someone who looks uncomfortable with strangers, I'll connect them with someone who will talk with them and make them feel comfortable.

I've often talked about my dear Aunt Oma. She taught me the importance of the Word of God and prayer. Aunt Oma always got her prayers answered, and I learned from her how to persevere in prayer. We also spent hours together as she helped me memorize verses of scripture.

I will always be grateful to Aunt Oma for teaching me the importance of the Word of God. Many of the scriptures I learned as a child have kept me during the times in my life when I didn't know what to do. Aunt Oma helped establish a foundation of God's Word in my heart. As a result, I always knew that God was there for me any time I needed Him.

Then there is my precious mother. She taught me by example how to take my place beside my husband and be a co-laborer with him. She taught me how to complement Ken and not compete with him. Her lifestyle showed me how to be a helpmate to my husband.

My mother taught me the need to always set a beautiful table even when only my family was sitting down to eat! She taught me how to cook and many other things I needed to know as a wife. I will always be grateful for her legacy in my life.

FAITH IN ACTION

Writing Our Personal History Book

The real measure of our success does not lie in our accomplishments, awards, and academic degrees. It is in the lives of those who have been changed because of our influence. Here are some things we need to pass on in our legacy:

- 1. A life lived for God.
 - We need to pass on our faith to our children so they in turn can pass it on to their children.
- 2. A life of honor and respect for our elders. Many young people today don't know much about honor, respect, or ethics. We must teach them by example.
- 3. A life of character.
 - Living out our integrity has a lasting effect on others. Our character is more important than our accomplishments.

This month we celebrate Mother's Day. And like my mother, grandmother, and aunt, women around the world are leaving lasting impressions and shaping the lives of children. The most important legacy a mother can leave her children is to train them in the ways of God.

I'm so thankful for everyone who has influenced my life. Some of the people were relatives and some were not. But they all made a difference. I am determined to make a difference in the lives of other people. I want to leave a lasting impression that will lead others down the right path—a legacy they can follow to win their race in life!♥

¹ David B. Guralnik, ed., Webster's New World Dictionary, 2nd college ed. (Cleveland: William Collins & World Publishing, 1974), 806.

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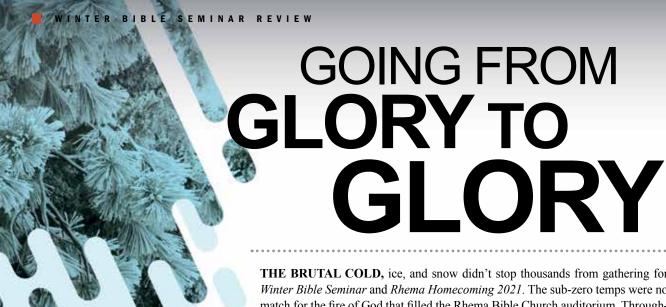
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THE BRUTAL COLD, ice, and snow didn't stop thousands from gathering for Winter Bible Seminar and Rhema Homecoming 2021. The sub-zero temps were no match for the fire of God that filled the Rhema Bible Church auditorium. Throughout the week, guests enjoyed powerful times of ministry, prayer, and fellowship. Those who attended—whether in person or online—were built up, encouraged, and comforted by the revelation of the Word. It was truly a family of believers reconnecting, caring, and growing together.

Make plans to join us next year for *Winter Bible Seminar* and *Rhema World-wide Homecoming*, February 20–25. Here are some highlights from the week. ♥

Hold On to the Word

"The Word of God is absolutely essential. Matthew 24:35 (NIV) says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." The Word never changes! God honors His Word,

and you must place the same value on it as He does. It will sustain you in the middle of a crisis.

If you speak the Word, it will work with signs following. But you can't ease up when everything is going good. YOU MUST KEEP THE PEDAL TO THE METAL AND KEEP THE WORD COMING OUT OF YOUR MOUTH ALL THE TIME!

Everything you do has to go back to what God said. Get excited about the Word and live your life by it. It works no matter what, but it's up to you to work the Word."

// KENNETH W. HAGIN

Relying On Your Helper

"When Jesus was about to leave the earth, His disciples panicked. They didn't know what they were going to do because Jesus had always answered all their questions. And now He's going to be gone. They were asking, "Who is going to help us?"

Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever"

(John 14:16). The Holy Spirit is with you and dwells in you. The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition says He is your Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby. IT'S SO

IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND

IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND LET HIM LEAD, GUIDE, AND DIRECT YOU. Sometimes Christians mistake their passions for God's plan. But listening to the Holy Spirit will help you not to make mistakes or thwart God's plan for your life."

// LYNETTE HAGIN





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You Are Healed!

"Jesus could have died on the cross without the stripes on His back. But it's the stripes that provide your healing. It was a prophecy being foretold! And you ask if it is His will to heal you? Look at the stripes on His back! It is God's will for you to be healed of everything. By His stripes you were healed. Many people are praying for healing, but in reality, it is an agreement! WE CAN CLAIM HEALING WITHOUT PRAYING BECAUSE IT BELONGS TO US. SO QUIT PRAYING AND COMMAND IT. It doesn't matter what the name of the disease is because there is a Name above every name. Speak to that mountain. By His stripes you were healed—you're not going to get healed—you are healed!" // CRAIG W. HAGIN

Having Deep Roots in God

"When we make the Lord our hope and confidence, we are like "trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water" (Jer. 17:8 NLT). What is so special about these trees? They are not bothered by drought because their roots go deep. They are a stabilizing force. We are called to stabilize things around us. WHEN WE LET OUR ROOTS GO DEEP BY DAILY GETTING REFRESHED BY THE WORD, THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND PRAYER, WE'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT CIRCUMSTANCES. We're not worried about what the world around us looks like. We keep on producing fruit. What kind of fruit? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22–23 NLT). If we want to know the heart, will, and intentions of God, we must let our roots run deep and get watered every day."







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The good news

is that Jesus made a

way for us to come

back to God. His

death on the cross

paid the penalty for

our sins. We cannot

stand before God

based on our good

deeds. We cannot

work our way to

Heaven and into

His presence. We

for us.

must accept what Christ did

Romans 6:23 says, "For

the wages of sin is death; but

the gift of God is eternal life

through Jesus Christ." Ephe-

sians 2:8–9 says, "For by grace

are ye saved through faith; and

that not of vourselves: it is the

gift of God: not of works, lest

any man should boast."

SALVATION IS A GIFT.

WHAT IS SIN? The original language of the Bible defines it as "to miss the mark." The "mark" is the standard God established and Jesus lived out. Although the answer to the question "What is sin?" varies, the Bible makes it clear that everyone has sinned. Romans

3:23 (NIV) says, "All have

sinned and fall short of the

glory of God."

Sin is mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible, beginning with the "original" sin when Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Often it seems as if sin is simply the violation of any of God's laws, including the Ten Commandments.

The Apostle Paul put this into perspective when he said, "No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin" (Rom. 3:20 NIV).

When we sin, God wants us to recognize that sin. Even people who have not murdered or committed adultery will be convicted of lying or worshipping false idols like wealth or power ahead of God.

Tragically, sin in any amount will distance us from God. Isaiah 59:2 (NIV) says, "Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."

PRAYER OF SALVATION

If you have never made Jesus the Lord and Savior of your life, it's not too late! Simply pray this prayer from your heart:

I recognize that I

am a sinner and am lost without You. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins. I turn away from sin and invite You into my life. I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I believe with all my heart that You have forgiven me of every sin and that You have saved me. Thank You!

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If you prayed this prayer, welcome to God's family! We have some materials we'd like to give you. They will help you get started in your walk with God. E-mail us at PartnerService @rhema.org or call us at 1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484).

"Sin is -TARA, AGE 39

"I think sin is doing what's wrong in God's eyes when you know what's right." -KRYSTAL, AGE 27

defiance."

RANDOML ANSWE

"Sin is when you know something is bad and you go ahead and do it anyway." -RYAN, AGE 22

"Adultery." -JAN, AGE 63

TO RECEIVE THIS GIFT YOU MUST:

RECOGNIZE that you are a sinner, lost, without God, and without hope (Rom. 3:23; Eph. 2:11-12).

ADMIT that Jesus shed His blood and died on the cross to save you from sin.

COME TO GOD, turning away from sin and confessing Jesus as your Lord.

BELIEVE from your heart and confess with your mouth that God forgives you of your sins and that He has saved you.

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It's Not Too Late

BILL RAY

What would you say to a Christian who is stuck in a sin and they want to get out of it?

I think it is important what a person knows about the Word of God.

Jesus said we would know the truth and the truth would set us free. It's the truth we know and act on that sets us free. So we have to know the truth about sin and its origin, consequences, and power if we are going to live in freedom.

The Bible says we've all sinned and come short of the glory of God. But God has provided an awesome escape and plan of victory for every one of us. If we will listen to God and follow Him, we will find that freedom.

Romans 6:6 (NKJV) says, "We should no longer be slaves of sin." God would be unfair to write that if

we couldn't actually have mastery over sin. I believe people sometimes think they are a slave to sin, but the Bible says we have control over sin. If we feed our flesh, sin will have mastery over us. But if we feed our spirit, we will have mastery over sin. Walking in freedom from sin means we need to be aware of what we are thinking about, looking at, listening to, and saying. When we control our mind, our thoughts will be renewed and we'll have the freedom over sin we've been looking for.

What practical steps would you give to help a believer struggling with sin?

I don't think there is anything more effective than meditating in scripture. If there is an area that we are dealing with, we need to find scriptures that promise us God's freedom, grace, and victory and meditate on them. I also think having an accountability partner

is crucial. When we're accountable, it's a constant reminder. We know someone is going to ask us how we're doing in certain areas. When the enemy can't keep us in the shadows, he can't keep us bound.

What would you say to a Christian dealing with the condemnation of a sin he or she has committed?

We need to first ask God to forgive us of our sin (1 John 1:9), and then understand that Christ has justified us. The Bible says that God has thrown our sins into the deepest ocean and separated our sin from us as far as the east is from the west. You can't measure that! When He sees us, He sees us through the blood of Jesus, which causes Him to see us completely spotless and without sin.

A person who stays in guilt and condemnation is really saying to God, "I know better than You. Your Word says I was forgiven, but I

It's the truth we know and act on that sets us free.

know better. I'm not really forgiven." The Bible says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1 NKJV). We should behave like there is no condemnation. And if God has forgiven us, we need to forgive ourselves.

[Editor's Note: Bill Ray is an instructor at Rhema Bible Training College and an associate pastor at Rhema Bible Church.]



asking for Your forgiveness. Your Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9 NKJV). I confess my sins to You now. And based on Your Word, I accept Your forgiveness and Your cleansing.

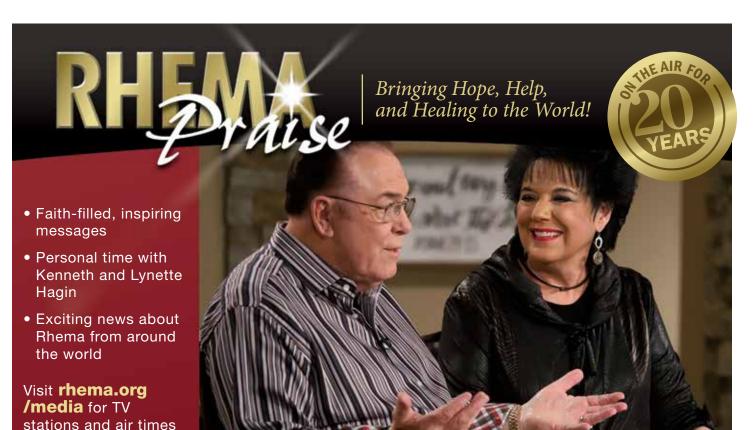
Thank You! I also choose to forgive myself. As You help me, I will walk in the light of Your Word.

In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen. If you prayed this prayer, we have some materials we would like to send you to help you in your walk with God. Email us at Partner-Service@rhema.org or call us at 1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484).



PRAYER OF RESTORATION

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

LOVING THE WAY GOD MADE YOU

ONCE AGAIN, the month has come when we set aside time to honor our mothers. One author wrote, "Some men build bridges, others tall skyscrapers. But a mother builds a leader for tomorrow's world." I read that statement many years ago, and it made a powerful impact on my thinking. Sometimes in the midst of the stress—multitasking and trying to meet all of the demands that motherhood presents—we lose sight of the awesome responsibility that God has placed in our hands.

Psalm 127:3 says, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord." Our children are a wonderful gift from God. But we have a great responsibility to teach, lead, and train these gifts that God has given us. Much of that responsibility is placed on the mother. I sometimes say to my husband with amusement, "I know why men could never be mothers; it is impossible for them to multitask."

As mothers, we learn to do more than one thing at a time. We are often cooking, talking on the phone, and comforting a crying child all at the same time. Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV) says, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord." Sometimes in taking care of all the many things we must handle as wives and mothers, we lose sight of how valuable we are to our family and God.

As women, we sometimes have a problem with our self-image. We try to be perfect, especially when it comes to our physical appearance. I was quite comforted the other day when I came across an article showing the pictures of many of the famous actresses whom society claims as beautiful women. However, these pictures showed those actresses as they appeared without makeup and then with their makeup. I was amazed. Most of them were unrecognizable without makeup.

Then I remembered something my father-in-law used to say: "Any old barn always looks better with a fresh coat of paint." We laugh about that, but it is amazing how much better we feel about ourselves when we use the means available to make us look our very best.

My profession in previous years was hairstyling. Women came in to have their hair styled and were amazed at the results. It always delighted me to see the big smiles that came across their faces when I let them look in the mirror and see the drastic change in their appearance.

The first thing I do every morning after showering is put on my makeup and style my hair. Even if I am just going to relax that day, I always follow that routine. It makes me feel better about myself when I look in the mirror and see that I have done everything possible to look my best.

It concerns me that society is promoting the idea that we must all be a size 2 to be attractive. This is causing young girls and women alike to harm their bodies by becoming anorexic or bulimic. Of course, carrying excess weight is not good for our well-being, but neither is starving ourselves. It is important to be balanced in this area and know that no woman is ever completely satisfied with every feature she possesses. All of us have something we would like to change.

However, we should take the attitude that David had when he proclaimed in Psalm 139:14, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." I like this verse in the New Living Translation:

"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it." Sometimes when my husband is trying to figure out my actions or emotions, I teasingly say to him, "God made me this complex, and I am thankful." And of course, we both get a laugh out of it. Ladies, I encourage you to make the best of what God gave you. Don't become so dissatisfied with your attributes that you develop a poor self-image.

As a mother, know that the time of raising your children will pass ever so quickly. Enjoy every season of their lives. Don't be so concerned about making everything perfect that you neglect the very thing that children desire the most: having you spend time with them and listening as they share their thoughts.

Strive to be the kind of mother that prompts the same response from her family as that expressed in Proverbs 31:28 (NLT): "Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her."

Lynette





Proverbs 6:6 (NASB) tells us to "Go to the ant, O sluggard. Observe her ways and be wise." The ant is by no means lazy! There's a lot we can learn from ants. The following facts about ants are missing some information. Using the numbers below the following questions, fill in the blanks.

An ant can lift up to ____times its own weight.
 An ant has _____ brain cells. A colony of ____ ants has the same amount of brain cells as one human.

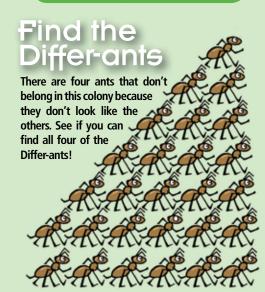
 A Queen ant can live up to _____years.
 Harvester ants can dig a tunnel up to ____ feet deep.

5. The earth excavated by one colony of leaf-cutter ants in Brazil weighed about tons.

6. An ant can live up to _____ days underwater.

Possible Ant-swers:

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Here's a story of two brothers; Gent is their last name. One has great honor, the other—great shame! Dili is the oldest; he gets the job done. Negli is the younger, undisciplined one. (Prov. 10:4 NASB) Now, these two Gents both had a garden. Negli was lazy, so his ground was hardened. (Prov. 20:4 NASB) But Dili worked hard; he tilled and he plowed. (Prov. 28:19 NASB) Negli said, "Not today! I see a rain cloud!" Dili rose early, before the crack of dawn. (Prov. 8:17 NASB) By the time Negli awoke, the day was nearly gone! (Prov. 6:9-11 NASB) When harvest time came, there was much work to do. (Prov. 10:5 NASB) Dili worked hard—Negli avoided it like the flu! (Prov. 21:25 NASB) When the time came to enjoy the fruit of the labors, Dili had plenty, enough to share with neighbors. (Prov. 21:26 NASB) While Negli sat in bed; all he could do was complain, "I wonder why my stomach has this empty pain?" (Prov. 13:4 NASB) Examine now your heart because this story is through; There's Diligent and Negligent—which GENT are YOU?

Word Search

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Find these words from Proverbs in the puzzle above which are linked to the Diligent:

Rich, Profit, Increase, Labor, Plenty. Find these words which are linked to the Negligent: Poverty, Need, Craving, Empty, Death.

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

Ant Jokes

What do ants and rain have in common?

Both can mess up a picnic!

Why do anteaters hardly ever get sick?

Because they're full of antibodies

What do you get when you cross an ant with a deer?

An antelope

What game can the queen ant never play with the other ants? **"King of the Hill"**

Teacher: Johnny, what do you call a young ant?
Johnny: An inf-ant?

Where do the coldest ants in the world live?

Antarctica

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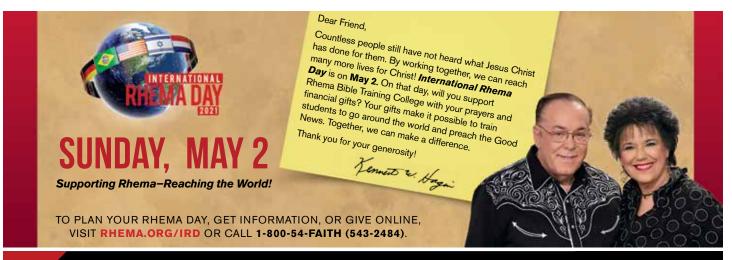
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