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When the devil tries to bring sickness, lack, and trouble, say, "I am an heir of God! Health, provision, and peace belong to me. Devil, in the Name of Jesus, leave now!" Rebuke him and put him in his place. Don't let him take advantage of you.

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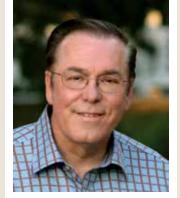
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My Descent Into Hell **KENNETH E. HAGIN**

Is there a hell? Kenneth E. Hagin died and went right up to the gates. Read his harrowing story.





LYNETTE HAGIN

IN THESE LAST days it's more important than ever for us to fine-tune our spiritual ears to hear the Lord's voice.

God is constantly speaking to us. He's trying to warn us of things to come. So many times we simply shrug it off. We think, "That's just me." But it's not. It's the Holy Spirit's voice.

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IS THAT YOU

SPEAKING?

How Can I Be Sure It's God?

One difficulty I've seen in the Body of Christ is an inability to recognize the voice of the Lord. It's extremely difficult to follow God's instructions if you don't know when He's speaking to you. Many think they are hearing God's voice when they are actually listening to the voices of others or even to the voice of their own desires.

Remember when the Lord spoke to the boy Samuel and he did not recognize His voice? (See 1 Sam. 3:1–10 NKJV.) Samuel thought the prophet Eli was calling him.

Finally Eli said to the young boy, "'Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel answered, 'Speak, for Your servant hears'" (vv. 9–10 NKJV).

Each of us has to fine-tune our spirit to hear the Holy Spirit's voice. Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." In Proverbs 20:27 we read, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." When explaining this scripture, my father-inlaw, Kenneth E. Hagin, would say, "The spirit of man is the light bulb of the Lord. God will guide us through our spirits."

Getting Alone With God

To be able to hear God's voice, we must set aside time to wait in His presence and allow Him to speak to us. It's when we are quiet before the Lord that we can hear from Him most clearly. I remember how the prophet Elijah learned to hear the voice of the Lord. (See 1 Kings 19:11–13.) God told Elijah to stand before Him on the mountain and a great wind began to blow. But the Lord's voice was not in the wind. Then an earthquake shook the mountain, but the Lord was not speaking through the earthquake. Next a fire began to blaze and roar, but God's voice was not in the fire. At last, Elijah heard a still, small voice—the voice of the Lord speaking to him.

So many times in our fast-paced world, we don't get quiet enough to hear the still, small voice of God. Or we don't spend enough time communing with the Lord to be able to hear him speak to us.

Communing with the Lord does not mean that we pray, "OK, God, I need

CONSIDER: Are you so busy that you're having a hard time hearing God's voice? What can you cut out of your everyday life so you can spend quality time with Him?

an answer for this situation," and then expect Him to respond immediately. Often we get impatient in our prayer times. We make up an answer ourselves and decide that it's from God. Then we head in a certain direction or make a decision and wonder why things don't go well.

Waiting On the Lord

How much time have you spent waiting on the Lord? David mastered the art of waiting on God. He referred to it numerous times in his writings. Here are two examples: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Ps. 27:14); and "Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land" (Ps. 37:34).

EACH OF US HAS TO *fine-tune our spirit* TO HEAR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S VOICE.



In hearing the voice of God or being led by His Spirit, I have found that God speaks to me after I have spent considerable time meditating on the matter. To put it simply, I make my request known unto God first, as the Bible says in Philippians 4:6—"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

I state my situation in simple language, just as I would when asking someone for advice in the natural. Then I begin to thank the Lord for the answer. And I add, "Lord, help me be sensitive to Your voice when You speak."

In my prayer times after that, I briefly remind the Lord that I need an answer to my request. Often when I'm getting ready in the

morning or driving in the car, I will say, "Thank You for the answer and the solution to this problem."

Then I rest in peace. I may not have direction at the moment, but I am confident that the answer will come. When I am tempted to be anxious or concerned, I simply remind the Lord that I need an answer.

That answer may come days, weeks, or even months later. I may be worshipping and praising the Lord when suddenly, out of my spirit, come thoughts that answer the question I asked Him. At that moment I may not be thinking about the request. Therefore, I know that these are not my thoughts; they're the Lord's. He is enlightening my spirit and giving me the wisdom I asked Him for.♥

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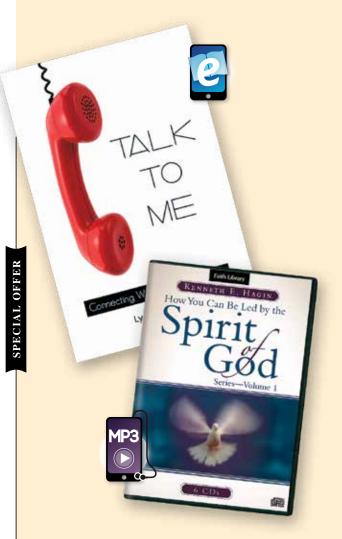
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Fine-Tuning Your Spiritual Ears

It's vital that we listen to God's voice and let Him direct our steps. We need to keep our ears open continually to hear from His heart. We must learn to take His path for us, walk when He says walk, and stop when He says stop.

Whether you're contemplating major adjustments or minor changes, listen closely to the voice of the Lord. Open your heart to Him, and He will direct your steps. As you wait in His presence, He will show you the right way to go.

The more you commune with the Lord and worship Him, the clearer His voice will be and the more specific His directions will become. He will fill your life with new purpose and give you fresh passion. He will renew your vision and give you a newness and freshness in your heart—a freshness that can only come when you hear the voice of God!



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As a teenager, Kenneth E. Hagin was fortunate to get the opportunity to accept Jesus as his Savior. One night his heart stopped three times and he went to hell. If God hadn't intervened, he would have descended through those gates into that place of torment and punishment. It would have been his home forever.

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I come to You in Jesus' Name. Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37 NIV). I believe that. I believe You won't drive me away, but You will receive me just as I am. And I thank You for that.

The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. . . . For 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved' " (Romans 10:9, 13 NLT). I confess Jesus as my Lord. I believe You raised Him from the dead, and I am calling on His Name!

Romans 10:10 (NLT) says, "It is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved." I do believe in my heart, and I confess my faith in Jesus. Therefore, I am saved!

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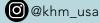


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Navigating Transitions

DENISE HAGIN BURNS

LIFE IS FILLED with different seasons. We have seasons in our jobs, in marriage and parenting, and in the weather.

Every season is beautiful in its time. When we're doing our thing, we love it. But when that season starts coming to an end, life can get uncomfortable. It feels like we should go in a different direction. But sometimes we're not sure what to do or where to go. IN BETWEEN WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE'RE GOING IS A GAP OF TIME CALLED A TRANSITION.

Transitions can be difficult. We need to realize that the way we leave one season is often the way we begin the next season. So we want to make a good transition.

Some people make good transitions and some don't. Sometimes people start complaining and do things that hurt others, resulting in much damage. I don't believe God wants that to happen.

Recognizing When a Season Is Ending

Transitions don't have to end badly. We can make better transitions by recognizing when a season is ending. Here are some ways to know when it's time to move on.

WE'RE NO LONGER CONTENT.

We used to like what we were doing. Now we can't stand it.

2 WE'RE EASILY IRRITATED.

Things that never bothered us now irritate us. *Everything* gets on our nerves!

WE COMPLAIN AND FIND FAULT.

We begin judging others and sowing discord among our peers.

4 WE DREAM OF A BETTER PLACE.

We believe if we moved somewhere else, life would be better.

Our Guide—the Holy Spirit

At such times, we aren't alone in figuring things out. God gave us a Guide to help us.

JOHN 16:13 (NLT)

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

However, even though that's true, instead of listening to the Holy Spirit, we often ignore Him. Instead Sometimes the hardest thing to do is not jump out. But TIMING IS EVERYTHING, AND WE NEED TO STAY WITHIN GOD'S TIME FRAME. Remember, getting to a new place at the wrong time also creates problems.

Before making a move, seek godly counsel and talk to someone who can give sound advice on how to make the transition.

Then, keep a good attitude. That can be hard, because we want so badly to get to the next place. It's never OK to sow discord and dissension. We don't want to leave a wake of injured people behind us. And it's never a good idea to burn





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of dialing in and saying, "Lead me. Guide me. Show me what's ahead," we tune Him out. **PEOPLE MISS THEIR TRANSITIONS BECAUSE THEY'VE STOPPED LISTENING TO THEIR GUIDE.**

That's why we see people with nasty attitudes. They're miserable and don't realize their season is up. It's time for them to move on. But they're not listening to their Guide and don't know where to go next.

Leaving a season can be scary. But the Holy Spirit will get us to where we need to be.

Make a Plan

Taking a big leap is not a good idea. That's never smart. Bad transitions are made that way. We may see where we want to be, but we need to take steps to get there. And we need to make a plan on how to take those steps. bridges. We might need that bridge in the future.

Recognizing Our Seasons

Let's take inventory. Are we exhibiting any signs that indicate it's time to move on? If so, we need to pay attention to our Guide. When it starts getting rough, we just need to look to the Holy Spirit. He'll tell us when to move forward, whether to turn right or left, and when to wait. When we recognize our seasons are changing, let's purpose in our hearts to make good transitions.

[Editor's Note: Denise Hagin Burns is the executive pastor and family ministries pastor at Rhema Bible Church. Hear more from Denise at *Kindle the Flame Women's Conference 2021*.]



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CRAIG W. HAGIN

GOD'S PEACE PASSES all understanding (Phil. 4:7). But for it to dwell in our hearts, we have to let God reign in every situation we encounter. When we do, adversity will quit being a trial. If you think about it, the Bible says we are overcomers (2 Cor. 2:14) and more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37), so *nothing* should bother us.

The Greater One lives in us (1 John 4:4). We are the temple of the living God (2 Cor. 6:16). Wherever we go, He goes with us. Wherever we are, He is there. He promised never to leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5). But all too often, Christians only "feel" His presence when they go to church and sing praise songs during the worship service.

THE ULTIMAT

Second Timothy 1:6 says, "*I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee.*" Paul wants us to always remember Who is in us and what is available to us.

Everything that God is dwells in us. We can tap into His wisdom and knowledge as well as His strength and peace. Second Timothy 1:7 says that we have power, love, and a sound mind residing in us. God has provided us with health, healing, and prosperity. He wants us to live an abundant life (John 10:10).

We have a lot in us, but often we do so little with it. Sometimes I think God becomes frustrated—He has put so much in us, yet we still try to work things out on our own.

With God in us, we should never let the devil give us a bad day. That's because anytime we face tests and trials, we can choose not to worry. If anyone in the world should be happy, it should be us. Life will be tough at times. We live in a real world with a real devil. And we have to learn not to look at our circumstances. When our situations are tough, instead of focusing on what is surrounding us, we need to close our eyes and look inside.

James, the brother of Jesus, shows us how to do that.

JAMES 1:2-7

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

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

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

"Temptations" in this passage of scripture can mean trials, adversity, or any bad thing. James is giving us a reality check. He's letting us know that the devil *will* attack us. We should never think we're too "spiritual" to escape his attacks.

But God didn't leave us defenseless against Satan's schemes. When we don't know what to do, we only need to ask for wisdom. We have a direct connection to the King of Kings, the creator of the universe. And He promises that whenever we ask Him for wisdom, He will give it to us liberally.

THINK ABOUT: How do you react to adversity? Do you trust God to deliver you? Or do you waver between confidence and doubt? What can you do to always stand strong on God's Word?

Where many Christians mess up is, they waver. They go to God, but then they start

wondering if He will *really* help them. They've forgotten that God is not a man that He should lie (Num. 23:19). In fact, it is impossible for Him to lie (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18). Anytime we need help, we can be confident that He *will* help us when we ask.

Once we're convinced of this, when the attacks come, we won't waver. We'll stand strong, because we'll know with complete assurance that God will see us through. That's why we can "count it all joy." We don't look at the adversity in front of us—we look to the Greater One in us. And we expect the victorious outcome that God has promised us.♥

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A Child's Perspective

As children, many of us were happy. Even if we didn't have much, it didn't matter. We found something to do, even if it was playing in a cardboard box. We were happy because we didn't have a lot of stress or cares. As we got older, however, situations started becoming a big deal and life got tough. Why? Because we started looking at our circumstances from a different perspective.

We can't afford to lose our childlike trust in God. Jesus said, *"I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it"* (Luke 18:17 NLT). Whatever tests and trials come, we need to look at them from God's perspective. When we do, we can receive the help and deliverance He wants to give us.

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PEOPLE CAN HAVE conflicts over anything. Employees can disagree over who's responsible for a task. Roommates can argue about whose turn it is to vacuum the floor. Spouses can disagree about which movie to watch. There can be issues involving doctrine, relationships, money, and more.

KENNETH W. HAGIN

How do you handle conflict? When it arises in your life, do your

tactics lead to heated debate, strife, and more conflict? Or do you refuse to deal with conflict by "going into hiding" and pretending it doesn't exist?

Learning how to handle conflict is important. When it isn't dealt with, it can lead to strife, confusion, and offense. Here are four ways to resolve conflict and remain in the love of God.

Open Your Heart

Before a conflict can be resolved, the people involved must be willing to open their hearts and

receive one another. Often, conflict isn't resolved because one or more of the people involved become closedminded. They might say, "I don't like what so-and-so did, and I'm never going to speak to him again!" Those people aren't making room in their hearts for anyone. They're only making room for more conflict, offense, and trouble! Sometimes you have to be the first one to say, "Hey, look, there's a problem. What can we do to resolve it?" Then, do what you can to encourage openness, because without it, communication cannot continue.



Deal Squarely With the Issue

Conflict cannot be resolved unless you are willing to face the issues, not dodge them. Why do people

hold on to offense when it would benefit them much more to deal with the conflict and let it go? One reason is, they're yielding to the flesh. And that always motivates a person to insist on his own rights and his own way. Consequently, they hold on to thoughts like, "I was mistreated! After all I've suffered, I have a right to feel this way!"

Yielding to the flesh motivates people to justify their behavior rather than repent. Show me someone who never admits he's wrong, and I'll show you someone who's walking after the flesh, not after the Spirit!

Many people say they want to resolve an issue, but they aren't willing to face the real problem. That's because if they do, they'll have to admit they're at fault, or they'll have to change.

If you're involved in a conflict, be accountable. Accept your role in creating disharmony. Face the issue squarely. It's still in good taste to say, "I'm sorry," when you miss it!

Don't Condemn

Some people who "come to the table" to resolve a matter want to leave saying, "*I* won." But if a conflict is resolved properly, both parties should be able

to say, "We won." That's because a problem was solved and a relationship salvaged. God's love was able to prevail—and that should spell victory in *anyone's* book!

Most people don't mind working to resolve a conflict if they end up feeling they accomplished something. They don't want to leave just feeling "trampled on." This is especially true of husbands and wives. Spouses should always walk away from a conflict with their unity restored. They should not leave at a standoff with unresolved issues.

Conflicts can arise between employers and employees, husbands and wives, parents and children, friends, and coworkers. Wherever a conflict exists, people have feelings. It doesn't matter who they are or what their age or status is. No one involved in a conflict should ever criticize or condemn another person so they feel worthless and hopeless.

Value Everyone Involved

For conflicts to be resolved, the people involved must feel loved and worthwhile. The Apostle Paul told the Church in Corinth, *"I have great confidence in you;*

I take great pride in you" (2 Cor. 7:4 NIV 1984). Paul was simply telling them, "I believe in you." This is exactly how we should treat our children. Parents who communicate their faith and confidence in their children when they're young will likely have less conflict to deal with down the road. And when conflict does occur, both parties—not just the parents—will want to resolve it.

Teenagers often aren't willing to try to work through a difficult relationship with a parent because they feel worthless and hopeless. They don't want to listen to a parent who just points out their mistakes. They need to know that their parent believes they can succeed in life no matter how badly they've failed.

To settle a conflict, you must express confidence in the other party. If someone offends you, you need to say, "No matter what's happened, I still believe in you." Building a person's feelings of self-worth makes him more eager to resolve a conflict and solidify a relationship.

Resolution and Healing

Conflicts aren't always resolved overnight. That's especially true if they're long-standing or they've been silenced through either ignorance or willfulness.

If you've not spoken to a loved one in years, I encourage you to decide to settle that issue. Even if the other person was the offender, you can take the first step.

Begin by forgiving that person if you haven't already done so. Then try to establish openness. Perhaps you can open your heart to that person by writing a letter, sending an email, or reaching out through social media. You could say something like, "Let's put this issue behind us."

Many times, all it takes is one small gesture by one person to begin the healing process. The goal is to resolve a conflict and reestablish a valuable relationship. Even though the other person may not respond to your move, *make it anyway*.

A key to resolving conflicts is to be willing and ready to deal with them as they come. That means we need to be open, direct, gentle, and noncritical. We must desire restoration and unity. We must value the people in our lives as precious. And we must remember that Christ died for them all.♥



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10 Tips to Help You **Run Your Race**

Craig W. Hagin shared these thoughts with the Rhema Bible Training College student body. But the following tips can help all Christians successfully run the race set before them (Heb. 12:1) and reach their world for Jesus.

1. ENJOY THE RIDE.

Often we try to figure out what God has for us next on our journey. But we need to enjoy where we are.

2. RUN YOUR RACE, NOT SOMEBODY ELSE'S.

It's not about anybody else's journey—it's about *your* journey. What God has called you to do is for you. It's not for anybody else. Don't compare yourself with others.

3. KNOW WHO'S FOR YOU AND WHO'S AGAINST YOU.

I'm not referring to other people being against you; I'm talking about the devil. John 10:10 says the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy. When circumstances come against us to try to get us off course, we must realize they're from the devil.

4. KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

You are beautifully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:14). See Jesus living inside of you. Romans 8:37 says we're more than conquerors through Christ Jesus. If you don't know who you are, then you don't know what you can do.

5. KNOW THAT YOU ARE A "HAS BEEN."

Because of Jesus, everything in your life "has been" changed. Jesus took care of all your situations and problems when He died on the cross 2,000 years ago (1 Peter 2:24). Now salvation, healing, and joy all belong to you!

6. QUIT TRYING AND START RELYING.

Stop trying to figure it out. Quit trying to make it happen. If you could have made it happen, especially financially, you would have. Give it to God and let Him work it out.

7. LET GO AND LET GOD.

God can't work on your behalf when you're holding on to your problem. If you let go of it and let Him figure it out, it'll be a whole lot easier.

8. IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU.

Life is never about you or making a name for yourself. This leads to my next point.

9. IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS.

We have to be sold out for Jesus and willing to go out and touch our world for Him. When you don't know what else to say, just say "Jesus." When you don't know what else to do, just proclaim Jesus. In His Name, demons have to tremble. In His Name, situations have to change.

10. BE RELEVANT.

Don't be an 8-track tape to an MP3 generation. Be relevant to this generation when sharing about Jesus. Be able to share Jesus with anyone.

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After coming off the bed of sickness as a 16-yearold boy, I preached in the schoolyard and on street corners in the marketplace. I would tell people, "Even if I didn't have a Bible, I would know there is a hell. I've been there."

IT HAPPENED AT 405 North College Street in McKinney, Texas, on the 22nd day of April in 1933. It was a Saturday night. Just as my grandpa's clock struck 7:30, my heart stopped.

I was lying in bed, bedfast. I had been sick all of my life with a deformed heart and an incurable blood disease. At 7:30 that night, the blood stopped circulating in my body, way down at the end of my toes. They seemed to go numb. This numbness spread to my feet, my ankles, my knees, my hips,

> my stomach, and my heart. I leaped out of my body the way someone would leap off a diving board into a swimming pool.

> I began to descend feet first—down, down, down. It was like going down into a well or a deep cavern. I looked up and saw the lights of the earth flickering in the distance above me. They finally faded away, and darkness encompassed me.

It was a darkness so dark, you couldn't see your hand if it were one inch in front of your nose. The blackness was so dense it seemed that you could cut it with a knife. The farther down I went, the darker and hotter it became.

I reached the bottom of this cavern of darkness in only a few seconds, although it seemed like an eternity. I saw fingers of light flickering, playing on the wall of blackness.

At the bottom of the pit was the entrance to hell. Then I saw what was causing the flickering light. Beyond the gates were giant orange flames crested in white.

If **you** would like to be certain that you never descend into hell when you leave your body, turn to **page 6**. Pray the prayer written on that page to accept Jesus into your heart and make Him Lord of your life. MY DESCENT INTO HELL

Timeless Teachings of Kenneth E. Hagin

The pathway that led to hell's gates inclined downward. I floated toward the gates, unable to stop my descent. Somehow, I knew I could never come back once I went through them, and I was afraid.

As I approached the gates, some kind of creature met me. My eyes were looking straight ahead, riveted on hell. I never looked directly at this creature, but I knew he was there.

I tried to slow down my descent, but the creature took me by the arm to escort me in. At that moment, from way above the darkness, a male voice spoke. I don't know what he said because it was a foreign language to me. This voice uttered only a few words, and hell shook from top to bottom.

When the voice spoke, the creature let go of my arm. I began floating upward toward the earth and away from hell. It was as if a great suction or magnet drew me upward from my back.

Before I reached the top of the pit, I could see the lights on earth once again. When I came out of that dark cavern, I was on the porch just outside the south bedroom. I saw grandpa's porch swing and the giant cedar trees in the yard. Then I went right through the wall and seemed to leap inside my body the way you would slip your foot inside a boot.

This happened three times that night. The third time as I began descending into that darkness, I cried out, "God! I belong to the church! I've been baptized in water!" I was trying to tell Him that I was going in the wrong direction. But there was no answer—only the echo of my voice through the darkness.

The second time I cried a little louder, "God! I belong to the church! I've been baptized in water!" Again, no answer.

The third time I screamed, "GOD! I BELONG TO THE CHURCH! I'VE BEEN BAPTIZED IN WATER!"

Although being baptized in water and belonging to the church are both good, *it takes more than that to miss hell and go to Heaven*! The Bible says, "You must be born again" (John 3:3)! You must know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

When I came to the bottom of that pit, the creature again met me and took me by the arm. I intended to put up a fight to keep from going in. But I only managed to slow my descent just a little.

Thank God that voice spoke again, and hell shook. It just trembled. That creature took his hand off my arm. I floated back up to earth. Only this time, as I ascended through the darkness, I prayed, "O God! I come to You in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask You to forgive me of my sins and cleanse me from all sin!"

When I leaped back into my body, my natural voice picked up my prayer right in the middle of a sentence. It was 7:40 p.m. All of this happened in 10 minutes. When my heart stopped beating the first time, Momma ran outside to the porch and began praying and calling on God at the top of her voice.

When I came back into my body the third time, Momma and I were praying so loud that the traffic backed up for two blocks around our house! You get serious with God when something like that happens to you—and you get loud!

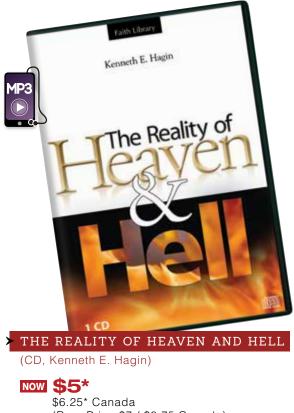
Seeing hell will scare you into wanting to get right with God! It scared me, and I made Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior that night. When I did, I was transferred out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God's Son, Jesus Christ (Col. 1:13)!♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's books *Classic Sermons* and *I Went to Hell*.]

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IN HIS OLD Testament book, the prophet Malachi is looking down through time and describing what he sees. As he gazes into the future, he sees Jesus coming with healing in His hands. He sees Jesus ministering to the sick and delivering those who are bound! He hears the Lord say,

MALACHI 4:2 (NLT)

2 "For you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture."

As we look at these truths, we must understand that when Jesus came to this earth, He did not come empty-handed. He came with healing. That means the day of healing has dawned.

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Jesus Has Come Into Your Dark Night

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Maybe it's not sickness that's plaguing you. Perhaps it's something else. You think, "If I can just make it through the darkness, if I can just make it through the night, there will be light in the morning."

As we live our lives, dark clouds of hopelessness and despair seem to hang over us at times. Satan does everything he can to keep us in the darkness and out of the light of God's Word. And it seems that he uses sickness and disease to rob and steal from God's people more than anything else.

Perhaps you've suffered for so long that your pain and misery seem to stretch into eternity. Maybe you're like so many people whom the enemy has told, "This is your lot in life. You might as well get used to living this way."

But I'm telling you, the devil is a liar! The Healer has already come. The Sun of Righteousness has risen with healing in His wings.

As you let the light of God shine into your life, you will rise from the darkness and pit of despair. And you will walk in joy and gladness instead of gloom and doom.

Jesus has risen that you might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). The darkness, sickness, disease, and problems you face are only temporary if you will let the light of God shine in.

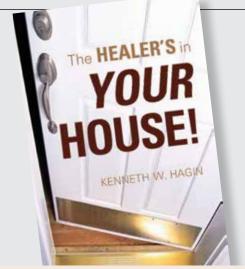
In John 8:12, Jesus said that He was the light of the world. And when the light comes, darkness is dispelled and gloom is gone. THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS RISEN UPON YOU, AND HE'S RISEN WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS. As you lift up your eyes and look to Him, you *can* and *will* be delivered from the darkness!

Malachi 4:2 says when Jesus comes with His healing power, *you will go free*—leaping with joy, filled with life—like a calf let out to pasture.

You may never have been on a farm, but I remember my grandpa's farm and other farms I visited as I was growing up. I would see the calves and colts that had been cooped up in the stall jumping, kicking, and running around in the pasture as soon as they were let out. They were rejoicing because they were free!

You may be cooped up in the devil's stall of sickness and disease, but it's time for you to go free. It's time for you to go leaping and dancing and rejoicing, because your day of deliverance has arrived. The Sun of Righteousness has risen over your life with healing in His wings!

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INFLUENCING YOUR CHILDREN'S LIVES

SUMMER IS HERE! I love this time of the year. I love daylight, so I am always excited when daylight savings time begins. Summer brings back many happy memories to me. Before we started Rhema Bible Church, my husband and I and our children, Craig and Denise, traveled all summer in crusades with my father- and mother-in-law. We were gone from home most of the summer months.

Though we were in church meetings a lot, we also made many good memories with the kids. Psalm 127:3 says, "*Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*" Raising children is not an easy task. It is important to balance training the children and developing a relationship with them as well.

Proverbs 22:6 states, "*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*" In training children, it is essential to establish early on values that are important for them to be successful in life. My parents instilled in me two scriptures that I taught my children as well. Matthew 6:33, "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*"

Attending church and placing God first in our life was not an option; it was a rule. I instilled that in my children and my grandchildren. In fact, one of my grandsons said one day, "You don't tell NaNa that you are not going to church." He was absolutely right. Regularly attending church is a vital part of training your children.

The other scripture my parents instilled in me was Ephesians 6:2–3, "Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." My parents always said, "If you want to live a long time, it is important that you obey and honor us." It concerns me when I see children talking very disrespectfully to their parents. Allowing your young children to disrespect you teaches them to be disrespectful to those who are in authority.

Rules and guidelines are necessary. However, having a relationship with your children is equally important. We included our children in some of the decisions that were made. For instance, our vacations were always a time we asked the children where they would like to go or what they wanted to do.

One vacation Craig and Denise still talk about is what we called "the amusement park" vacation. We were traveling in a motor home and went to Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, and Texas. We indulged the children by going to their favorite amusement parks. I did not go on any of the rides but enjoyed watching them have fun riding all the rollercoasters with their dad.

We always made Friday night a family night. I normally cooked at home, but on Friday nights, we went to a restaurant. Each week, one of us chose the restaurant. This taught the kids how to make choices and be amiable when a restaurant they weren't particularly fond of was chosen.

One memory I have is a Friday I thought was going to be an easy choice. Everyone wanted a hamburger. Wow, we were all in agreement! However, when deciding where we would go for a hamburger, everyone had a different idea. Denise wanted McDonald's, Craig wanted Burger King, and my husband wanted Whataburger.

Suddenly I came up with what I thought was a brilliant plan. One particular street in Tulsa had all three places. So we went to McDonald's and Burger King and got carryout and ended up at Whataburger to eat our hamburgers together. That night everyone got their choice of food!

It is important to make fun memories with your children. And of course, we are now in the season of making memories with our grandchildren as well. We have five grandsons, and they still talk about the time we took all five of them on vacation. Their ages ranged from 3–14 at the time. What a trip that was! We took them to two amusement parks, and it is a memory I will always cherish.

In conclusion, make sure you have a home that is filled with the presence and love of God. Take time to have devotions with your children. Read the Bible with them. You are the greatest influence in their lives. Make sure you are a good example for them to follow. ♥

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In the pictures below, Jesus calms a storm with the power of His spoken words. Now, see if you can find at least six differences between the two pictures.

Paul







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There's still more that can be done with the power of Rhema. Fill in the blanks in the poem below with the names of those listed to the left who have done incredible things with spoken words. You can use the same name more than once.

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

What has more letters than a post office? The Alphabet (it has all the letters) What did the light bulb say to the switch? You really turn me off!

. What do you call a kangaroo from Scotland? Hop Scotch

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Sometimes you have to "sound out" the words you see written down to figure out what the "spoken words" should be. The odd looking phrases below are actually Bible names that you will recognize when you "sound it out!"

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