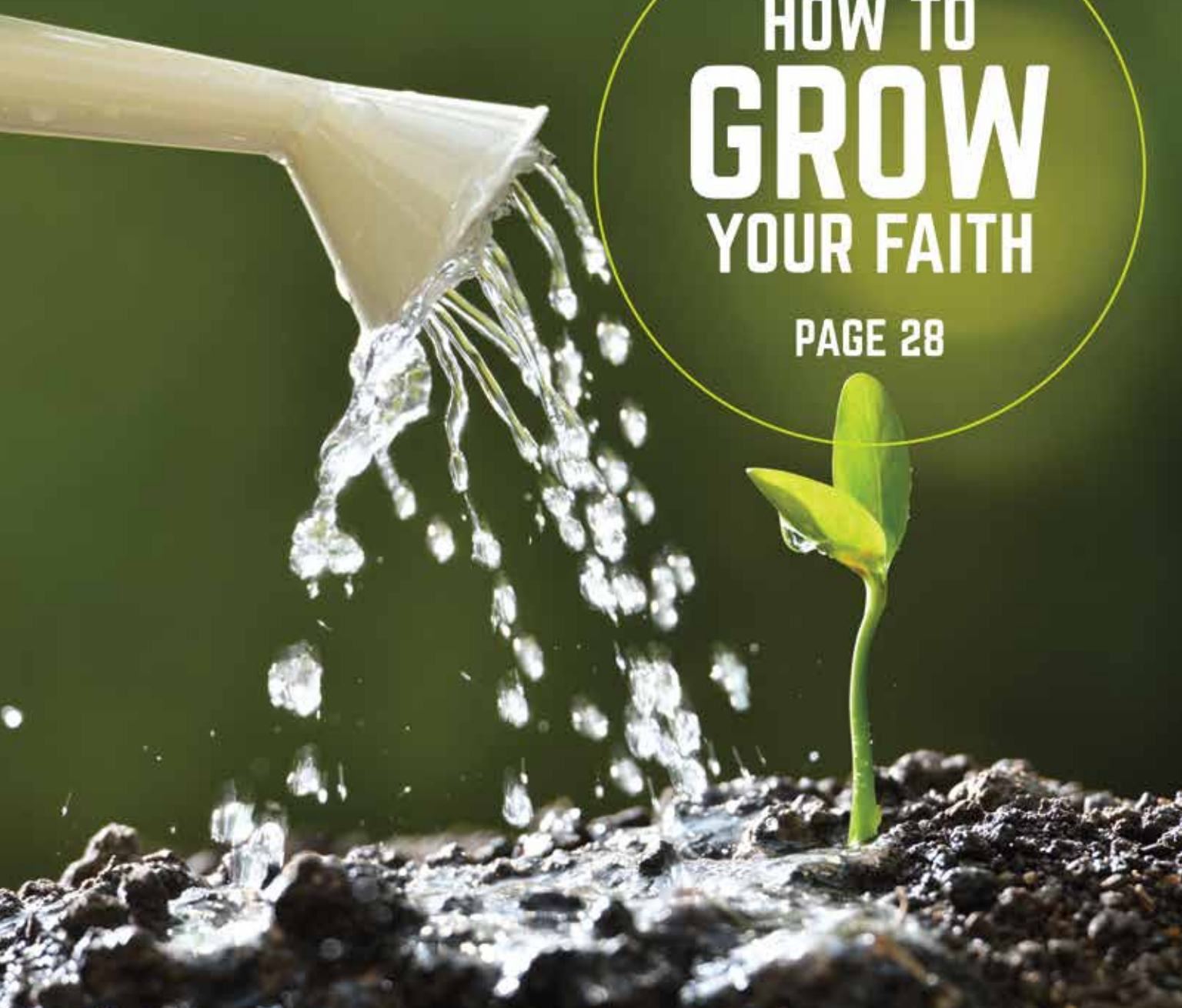




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Notice Paul said, *“Now thanks . . .”* We are to thank God *now*, not later, or when the circumstances get better. Psalm 100:4 says, *“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving.”* In other words, when we go to God in prayer, we should always start by telling Him how much we appreciate Him for all He has done.

Notice Second Corinthians 2:14 also says it is through *us* that the fragrance of the knowledge of God is spread to every place. It’s our responsibility to share what Jesus did for us. Paul shared the Gospel everywhere he went—by what he preached and how he lived, and by praising God at all times, no matter what he faced.

That’s how we are to live. We have Good News to announce! The world may not have peace, but we have the Prince of Peace living inside us. And if the world is going to see a difference in us, we must rest in the peace of God.

Many people in the world today are afraid—afraid of COVID, afraid of the economic situation, afraid of mass shootings. They sorrow because they have no hope. But we have hope in Jesus. When people see that hope in us, they will say, *“These are terrible times! How can you have peace and hope?”* And we can tell them about Jesus.

When the world around us looks bleak, we can raise our voices and say, *“Now thanks be unto God who always gives us the victory!”* As we live in continual thanksgiving, we’re spreading peace and hope like a sweet perfume, changing the world around us.

From our family to yours, have a blessed Thanksgiving—both in Canada (October 10) and the U.S.



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*Heartfelt praise
moves God.*

THE POWER OF PRAISE



PRAISE IS THE greatest reservoir of power the world has yet to see demonstrated. God’s power released in praise is the same power He used to make the earth. One reason God created humanity was to praise Him (Eph. 1:5–6, 12). However, it seems that mankind doesn’t always repay God with praise for all the wonders He performs for them. Instead, when trouble comes along, they are often quick to blame God for it. This hinders their own faith.

Faith moves God, and praising Him is an expression of our faith in Him. Praise releases His power to work on our behalf.

God is not moved when we cry to Him in unbelief. He knows exactly where we are at and what He has promised us. He knows His power is sufficient to see us through any test or trial. If we will put our faith in Him and demonstrate that faith by praising Him, He will bring us through every situation to a place of victory.

So many times when circumstances look impossible, we begin to grumble and complain. But if we would praise God in the midst of the situation, we would position ourselves to receive from Him.

Let Us Praise God

It is our duty to praise God. We see that in the Book of Psalms. Much of what the Bible says about praise is found there.

For instance, we read in Psalm 107, *“Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!”* (v. 8).

The Bible tells us that the experiences of the children of Israel are written as examples for us (1 Cor. 10:11). If they constantly praised God in their psalms, how much more should we praise our loving Heavenly Father!

Men of Praise

Job, a man born under the Old Covenant, continually praised God. Even in the midst of problems, he blessed the Lord. When he heard that his livestock, his servants, and his children had all been killed, Job bowed down before God and worshipped.

Even when Job was afflicted with boils from head to toe, he didn’t sin against God. He humbled himself before the Lord, and God brought him victory. The Bible declares, *“And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before”* (Job 42:10).

David also lived a life of praise. The Book of Psalms gives us some indication of how he did that. Psalm 34 shows us his heart toward God.

PSALM 34:1-3

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

David knew how to praise God. He sang psalms and played the harp. His praises pleased God and brought His anointing on the scene many times. For example, when King Saul was troubled by an evil spirit, he would call upon David to sing and play for him, and he would be comforted (1 Sam. 16:23).

Praise in the Midnight Hour

Paul knew something about praising God even in the hard times. He said he was “*pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life*” (2 Cor. 1:8). Yet he still praised God!

Paul did not complain about the trials and tribulations he endured preaching the Gospel. He said, “*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!*” (Phil. 4:4 NKJV).

If anyone understood praising God in hard places, it was Paul. In Acts chapter 16, even in the midnight hour when all hope seemed to be lost, he unwaveringly and unceasingly praised God.

ACTS 16:22-26 (NKJV)

- 22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.
- 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.
- 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.
- 25 But **at midnight** Paul and Silas were praying and **singing hymns to God**, and the prisoners were listening to them.
- 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.

I imagine Paul and Silas’ backs were hurting from the blows they had received, because verse 23 says they “laid many stripes on them.” They were probably cramped and tired sitting in those stocks all night. But they gave God the *sacrifice* of praise. They praised Him *in spite of* their circumstances, even though I’m sure they didn’t feel like doing it.

Paul and Silas didn’t murmur or complain. They sang praises to God. What a demonstration of faith! They didn’t praise God quietly either, because the other prisoners heard them (v. 25).

As Paul and Silas sang praises to God, the very prison began to shake. That jail shook like a leaf in the wind!

That kind of supernatural demonstration doesn’t come from paying God “lip service” in mechanical, half-hearted praise. No, those praises were coming from their hearts!

Heartfelt praise moves God. Paul and Silas’ stocks fell off and their chains were loosed. The prison doors swung open, and all the prisoners were free.

Their complete deliverance came to pass, not because they griped and complained, but because they declared God’s greatness in praise!

It’s interesting that the Bible says Paul and Silas sang at midnight. I’m sure it was literally midnight. Yet I believe that prison experience was also a “midnight hour” in their lives.

The problem with many of us is that when we find ourselves in an impossible situation, instead of turning to God and magnifying *Him*, we magnify the problem!

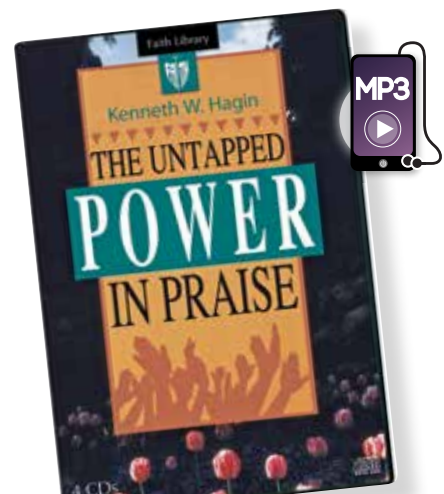
Each of us has a midnight hour at some time or another. If we would begin to praise God even in the midst of despair or impossibilities, we would experience an “earthquake” in our circumstances too!

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SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT

GOD HAS A purpose for your life. He is preparing you for something great. Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) says, “*For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*”

I once took a high school sophomore to Duke University, one of the most prestigious schools in the country. I wanted to inspire him to achieve great things. After looking around, he said, “It’s too late for me. I’m too dumb.”

At such a young age, he’d already placed impossibilities upon himself. He didn’t understand the greatness inside him. He didn’t know God had a plan for him.

God has so many good things He wants to reveal to us. It’s just a matter of hearing His voice. John 10:27 (NLT) says, “*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*” The only way to know God’s voice is to spend time with Him.

When we do that, we’re saying, “God, I want to hear what You have to say about my life.”

Many people will tell us who we are and what we aren’t. But **WE CAN’T ALLOW SOMEONE WHO DOESN’T UNDERSTAND GOD’S WORD TO TEACH US WHAT AND WHO WE ARE.** We can’t let any voice speak louder than God’s voice.

I have a friend who is an air traffic controller, one of the hardest jobs on the planet. She told me she uses phraseology to talk to pilots. My friend can’t use a lot of words when giving directions. With phraseology, one word lets a pilot know exactly what to do.

God has a word for us about our lives. For some, maybe we haven’t



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heard that word yet because we’re still in training. We’re learning who we are. Others already know.

God has plans for us and wants to be involved in them. As we spend time with Him, He will show us how to walk out each step.

God will provide what we need to walk out His plan. When my wife and I started our church in Graham, North Carolina, He dropped a big dream in our hearts.

The Gospel of Matthew tells us we don’t need to worry about the big things.

MATTHEW 6:31–32 (NLT)

31 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’”

32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.”

One summer, God told me to walk around the city. A name like Joshua brings to mind how to walk around things. So I began the nine-hour, 23-mile walk.

I walked around Graham seven times and nothing happened externally. Nothing fell down! What took place was inside me. **GOD RECONSTRUCTED MY HEART AND LET ME KNOW, “I HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED.”**

I told my wife and staff, “We’re not going to have any more doubts. We’re going to fill ourselves with faith. We’re going to act on that faith and dream so big it’s destined to fail without divine intervention. God’s going to show up and do supernatural things!”

God Will Provide

We came across an 82,000-square-foot warehouse. We wanted to buy it, and word spread that we were going to purchase the property. One day we received a call from a 90-year-old man we didn’t know.

This man wanted to hear our story and invited us to his house. He and his wife got behind our vision and wrote our church a check for \$253,000!

Receiving such a large check from that man didn’t fit inside the box I had put him in. We place many limitations on others and ourselves. **WE MUST LET GO OF OUR LIMITATIONS. WHEN WE DO, GOD WILL SUPERNATURALLY SUPERSEDE ANY EXPECTATION WE HAVE.** 🇩

[Editor’s Note: Josh Gresham pastors Trailhead Church in Graham, North Carolina. This article was adapted from his *Summer Blitz 2021* message. He will speak to the young men at *A Call to Arms Men’s Conference 2022*.]

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GOD HAS PREPARED great things for those who love Him. But we must desire those things to receive them. God also has great plans for every one of us. How do we receive those plans and walk in them? He has revealed them to us by His Spirit (1 Cor. 2:9–10).

The best way to discover God's plans for us is through reading and meditating on His Word. That's because God's *Word* contains God's *plan*. Another way is through prayer. We must pray out God's plans for our lives. We must ask, "God, what is Your plan? I don't want my plan or anyone else's; I want *Yours*."



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Often we try to formulate our own plan and then ask God to bless it. But God wants us to say, "Not my will, Lord, but Yours be done. I won't ask You to bless *my* plan, Lord. Instead, give me *Your* plan, because I know that *Yours* will be blessed."

It is most important to me to have God's power and anointing on my life. Without His power working in me, I wouldn't be able to do anything. Each time I preach or speak, I say, "God, I can't do anything in my own strength. So if You don't show up, I'm in trouble." When I'm busy about *His* plan for my life, He always shows up!

WHEN I'M BUSY ABOUT *His* PLAN FOR MY LIFE, HE ALWAYS SHOWS UP!



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God has a plan for *your* life. Whether His plan for you is in the workplace, in ministry, in the home, or *wherever*—when you are busy about His plan, you will have His power and anointing for every task.

When you're full of the power and anointing of God, you will do and say things by the unction of the Holy Ghost that will surprise you and others around you. People will look at you and wonder, "*Who is that?*"

God wants to take you to a new place spiritually, molding and shaping you into someone you've never been before.

About 20 years ago I began preaching more after my father-in-law, Kenneth E. Hagin, passed on. Those who had known me for a while noticed that I was acting differently—like someone they'd never seen before. Sometimes they looked at me and asked, "Who is that woman?" The Holy Ghost had gotten hold of me!

And the Holy Ghost wants to get hold of *you*! In these last days, God is going to use men and women who are full of His power and anointing—people who are busy about *His* plan for their lives.

How do we receive God’s plan and His power and anointing to carry it out? Through spending time in prayer.

Ephesians chapter 6 tells us to pray at all times. It also tells us to put on the whole armor of God. We have to do both if we want to successfully carry out God’s plan for our lives.

EPHESIANS 6:11–12, 18

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. . . .

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Often we don’t put on the *whole* armor of God as verse 11 commands. But it’s the whole armor that enables us to “stand against the wiles of the devil.” Sometimes we wonder why things happen the way they do. Often it’s because we have put on only a part of the armor. Wearing part of the armor may help *some*, but wearing only *part* isn’t fully obeying what the Word says to do. The Lord has instructed us to put on the *whole armor of God* in order to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Why do we need the armor of God in order to stand against the devil? Because “we wrestle not against flesh and blood” (v. 12). If we wrestled against flesh and blood, we could all take karate or something like that, and we’d have it made! We could load up with natural weapons and win any battle. But our battles are not natural!

Now you may think you have some battles in the natural. But the Bible says there is a great battle being fought in the spirit world, and you need the armor of God in order to stand!

In addition, we must “pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit” (v. 18). As Christians, we have been called to a lifestyle of prayer.

The Word has admonished us to pray always. Too many people view prayer as simply a means for calling upon their heavenly “butler” or “lifeguard.” They’ll say, “God, give me this. I need that.” Or, “God, save me from this mess! Help me!” God does bless us and rescue us, but He has so much more in store for us in prayer. Through prayer, we can discover His plan for our lives and receive the power and anointing to accomplish it.

John 14:13–14 says, “*And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*” I don’t know about you, but I am ready to ask! I am ready to ask for God’s plan for my life. I’m ready to ask for His power and anointing to be manifested!

It’s time for us to commit to the Lord, saying, “Not my will, but Thine be done. Heavenly Father, whatever You want me to do, I’m going to do it with all my might. I’ll be faithful to what You’ve asked me to do. And I’m asking for Your power and anointing to be demonstrated in my life.”

We have a big job to do for the Lord. And He’s strengthening

us for the task ahead. The task ahead of you is not greater than the power within you. When you get into some tough spots—and you will—be sure to put on the whole armor of God. And remember, “Greater is He that is in *you*, than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4).♥

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Although most people like the change of seasons, many resist change in their lives. They go about their routines day after day, month after month, season after season. Then one day they realize they are out of time and their life is over.

How about you? If you died today, do you know where you would spend eternity? You still have time to give your life to Jesus and

spend it with Him. Isn't it time to do that? Second Corinthians 6:2 (NLT) says, *"Today is the day of salvation."* First Timothy 2:4 (NLT) says that God *"wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth."*

Jesus made a way for us to come to God. His death paid the penalty for our sins. We cannot work our way to Heaven based on good deeds. We can only get there by accepting what Jesus did for us.

If you would like to transition to a new season and start a relationship with God, invite Jesus into your life today. Simply pray this prayer from your heart:

God,

I come to You in Jesus' Name. The Bible says, *"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Romans 10:9 NKJV). I believe that Jesus is Your Son and that You raised Him from the dead. And I confess Jesus as my Lord. Therefore, I am saved! Thank You!

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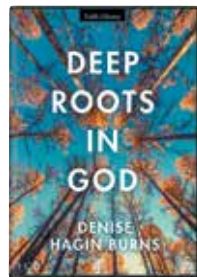
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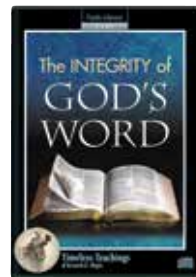
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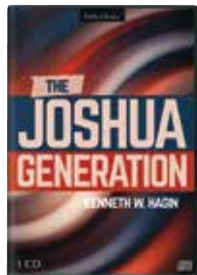
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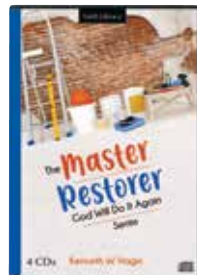
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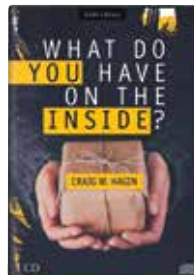
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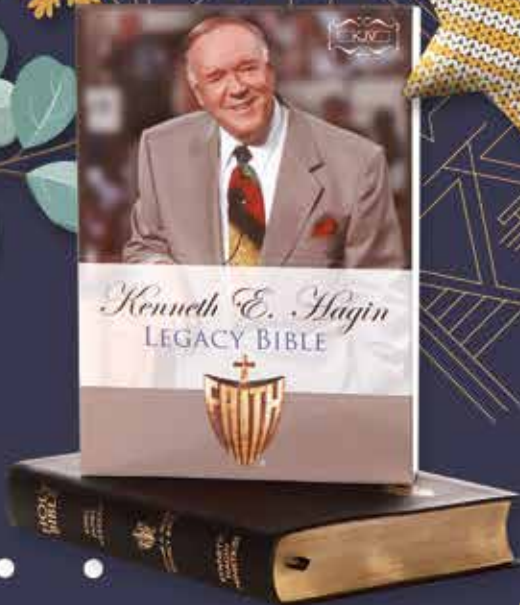


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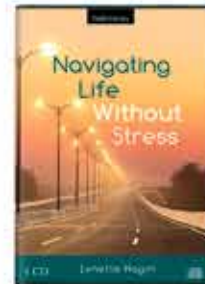


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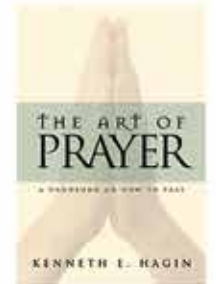
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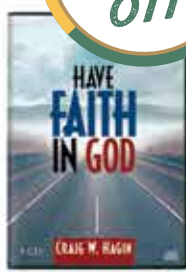
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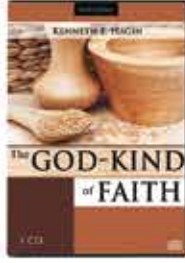
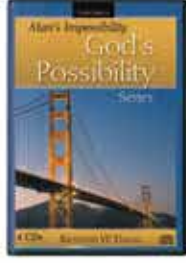
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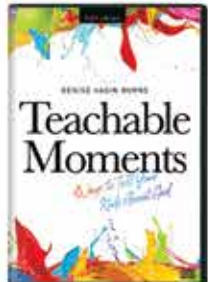
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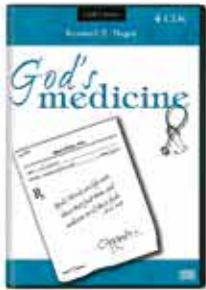
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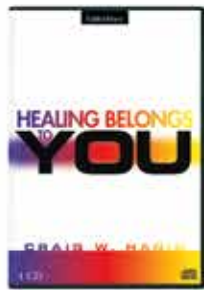
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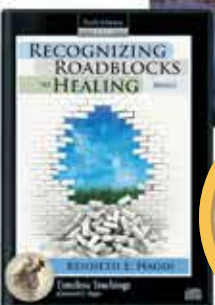
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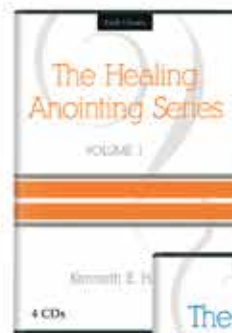
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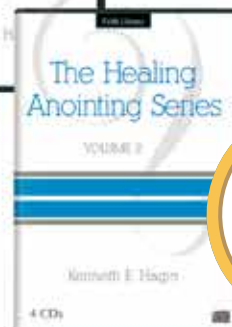
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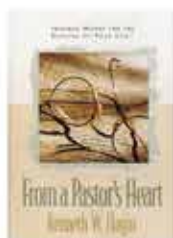
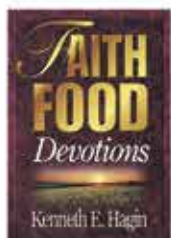


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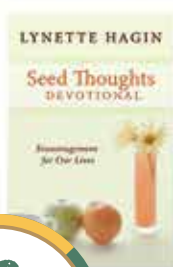


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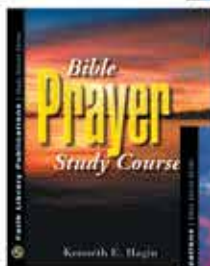


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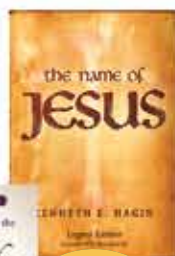
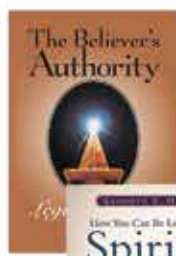
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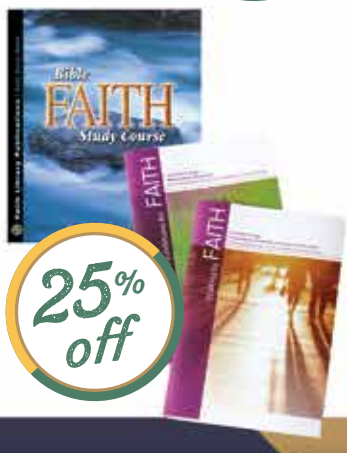
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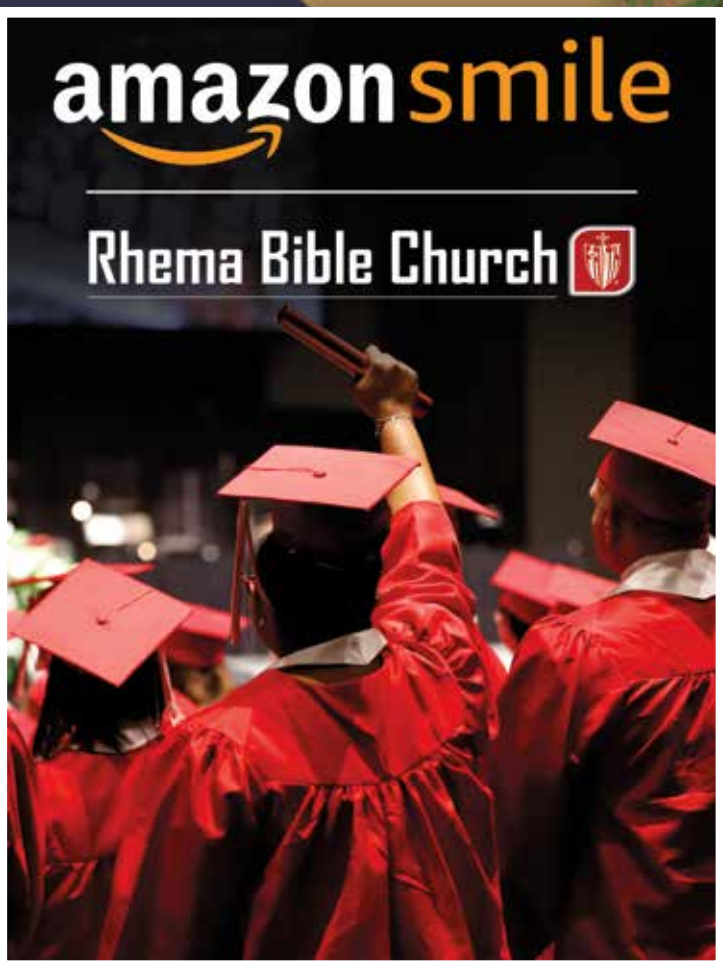
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Peace: Healing for Mental Oppression

TAD GREGURICH

THE AREA OF mental illness has received a lot of attention over the past several years. Among Christians, there has been a stigma attached to this subject.

THE WORLD SAYS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ARE NORMAL. BUT CHRISTIANS DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT.

We've been aggressive about ministering physical healing. We should be just as aggressive about healing for our minds.

On the other hand, we must not condemn fellow believers and others struggling with mental health. We wouldn't condemn someone who's sick in their body. Therefore, we shouldn't condemn people who are anxious, fearful, depressed, and tormented in their minds.

Mental oppression will try to come on all of us. Everyone gets down from time to time. Sometimes life tries to break us down. Many people are brokenhearted because of sorrows or tragedies in their lives. The good news is, Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted (Luke 4:18). He paid the price so you and I could have peace.

HAVING A SOUND MIND, CLEAR THOUGHTS, AND EMOTIONS THAT WORK FOR US INSTEAD OF AGAINST US ARE ALL PARTS OF OUR REDEMPTION. (See Isaiah 53:4-5.) Through Christ, we have been redeemed from turmoil, anxiety, depression, and every form of mental illness. When Jesus bore our sin on the cross, He also bore our sorrows and mental torment and gave us His peace.

To walk in the peace God has for us, we have to play an active role. We must first take control of our emotions and thought life. The Bible says to resist the devil (James 4:7). We are responsible to resist depression and not invite it in.

GOD WILL NOT CONTROL OUR MINDS FOR US.

The Bible says, "*You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You*" (Isa. 26:3 NKJV). It's up to us to keep our minds focused on the Lord if we want to experience His peace in our lives.

Keeping our minds on the Lord includes rejecting negative thoughts from our past. To live in God's peace, we need to let the past be the past and stop thinking about it. We can do what the prophet Isaiah said:

ISAIAH 60:1 (AMPC)

1 Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life!] Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

As men and women of God, we may get down, but we're not to stay down. God has given us the authority to rise up out of negative circumstances and depression and live in the peace He obtained for us. Peace doesn't

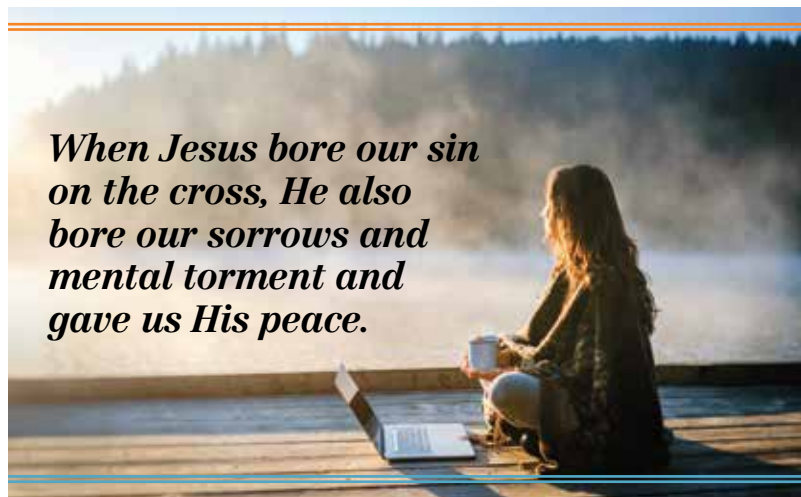
mean everything will always be perfect in our lives. *Peace* means we can have "calm assurance in the midst of life happening."

In John chapter 14 Jesus talked about the peace we are to have.

JOHN 14:27 (AMPC)

27 Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

Notice again that Jesus said we are not to let our hearts be troubled or afraid. This is up to us.



When Jesus bore our sin on the cross, He also bore our sorrows and mental torment and gave us His peace.

The devil is an intimidator. He loves to bully us. He wants Christians to be passive so he can rule us. He tells us what Goliath told David: "I'm going to kill you." But as people of faith, we must be aggressive and resist fear. When fearful, anxious thoughts come, we can boldly tell them, "I will not permit you in my life, in Jesus' Name!"

JESUS HAS DEPRIVED EVERY FORM OF MENTAL OPPRESSION OF ITS POWER TO HARM US. (See John 16:33 AMPC.) All we have to do is enforce its defeat.

If you are battling mental or emotional problems, know that Jesus suffered to give you peace and healing for your mind and heart. Because of Jesus, you can have peace.♥

[Editor's Note: Tad Gregurich is dean of Rhema Bible Training College and an associate minister at Rhema Bible Church.]

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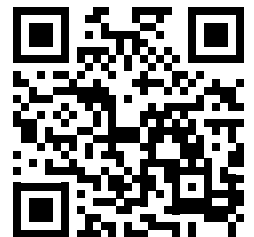
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Brianna Preston graduated this year from RSSM. She came to Rhema with the sole purpose of enrolling in RSSM in her third year. Brianna believes the program enabled her to fulfill her dream of becoming a children's pastor.



The Student Ministries courses helped Brianna learn the practical side of ministry. But her studies also included courses focused on the spiritual side. **"THESE CLASSES ENCOURAGED US SPIRITUALLY AMIDST ALL THE PRACTICAL CLASSES,"** says Brianna.

Elementary Ministry was one of Brianna's favorite classes. "The instructor laid down everything we'd need to know about running an elementary ministry. She made the class easy to translate into any future situation we might find ourselves in."

During her time at Rhema, Brianna volunteered with the elementary kids. But she added, "It was helpful for me to explore the other age groups as part of our assignments." One RSSM highlight for Brianna was a final assignment: prepare a sermon for elementary-aged kids. "The coolest part was being asked to preach that sermon the following week!"

Brianna encourages anyone who feels called to work with children and youth to enroll in Rhema School of Student Ministries. "I grew up a pastor's kid with many years' experience in the children's department," she says. "But the classes showed me additional aspects and ideas I never would have considered before."

Josiah McAllan also graduated this year from Rhema School of Student Ministries. He had two reasons for enrolling in that program. First, it seemed right to him. And second, the Student Ministries staff consistently demonstrated excellence, faithfulness, boldness, and character.

Josiah believes the program's practical and spiritual tools apply not only to student ministry but also to his day-to-day life. He considers RSSM to be more than just a



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CRAIG W. HAGIN

I'm sure most people remember the Golden Rule from childhood. But for Christians, it's more than a rule we heard as kids or a familiar saying; it's how Jesus commanded us to live.

MATTHEW 7:12 (NLT)

12 “Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.”

Sowing and Reaping

At its core, the Golden Rule is the law of sowing and reaping (Gal. 6:7). To be blessed, we must first be a blessing.

Unfortunately, people in our world are more self-centered than ever. It seems as if everyone is about making themselves look good, even at the expense of others. On social media in particular, I've seen Christians griping, backbiting, and saying hurtful things toward one another. They don't think about the effect of their words and actions.

We are Christ followers, and being like Jesus should be our primary goal. Jesus was the ultimate example of what it means to follow the Golden Rule. He used His words to bless people. He was always kind. Christians are to follow Jesus' example with everyone, everywhere we go.

The Golden Rule in Action

Romans 12:9–21 shows us what the Golden Rule can look like when it's practically applied.

Verse 9 in the *New Living Translation* says, “Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.” When it comes to loving people, our actions should match our words. Many times we say we care about people, but do we really? Our love for others should always be genuine. If we tell someone we're praying for them, then we should pray for them and not share their business with everyone else.

Love is one of those gifts that some people may need to stir up within themselves. But when we were born again, the love of God was poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5). God's love is in us! All we have to do is let it out.

Someone may say, “But do you realize what this person did to me?” According to the Golden Rule, it doesn't matter. Who cares what they've done? It's our responsibility to love people because Christ loved us. Jesus gave us what we didn't deserve.

Practice Hospitality

“When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality” (v. 13 NLT). Christians should endeavor to be a blessing to somebody every day. This can be as simple as offering to pay for grocery items the person in front of you had to leave because they were short on cash.

Most people nowadays are glued to their phones. But if we would take a moment to look up and be more mindful of those around us, we would see many opportunities to be a blessing.

Resist the Urge to Retaliate

“Bless those who persecute you. Don’t curse them; pray that God will bless them” (v. 14 NLT). When people are mean to us, the Bible doesn’t tell us to be mean back. In fact it says, *“Never pay back evil with more evil”* (v. 17 NLT).

Think about Jesus. People were mean to Him. He was crucified! It doesn’t get any worse than that. But Jesus asked the Father to forgive those who wronged Him, *“for they know not what they do”* (Luke 23:34). He made an excuse for His enemies.

I like to make excuses for people, even when they don’t make excuses for themselves. I understand they aren’t really mad at me. We need to realize that people who are hurting inside say hurtful things. Instead of saying something hurtful back, we can do what the scripture says and pray for them. That’s best. We should ask God to help them and bless them, and we should genuinely mean what we say.

When we do that, we put Romans 12:18 into action. It says, *“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone”* (NLT). Notice it doesn’t say to live in peace only with your spouse and kids—it says everyone! I don’t know about you, but the older I get, the less I want to argue. Living a quiet and peaceful life sounds much better.

Be Happy and Weep

“Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep” (v. 15 NLT). How do you respond when someone you know got blessed with something you wanted? Be sincerely happy for them!

On the other hand, when we see someone hurting, we need to reach out and be a blessing before it’s too late. You know, suicide is rampant. Let’s not be so caught up in our own world that we miss the signs that someone is hurting.

Be empathetic with people going through tough times. If you see anyone in a situation you’ve been through, reach out to them.

AT ITS CORE, THE GOLDEN RULE IS THE LAW OF *sowing and reaping.*

Even if you haven’t experienced what they’re facing, you can still be there for them.

If you’re on social media and you can tell by their post someone is hurting, send them a direct message letting them know you are there. Give people your time. Show them you really care.

Treat Everyone the Same

“Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people” (v. 16 NLT). In other words, don’t be stuck-up. As Christians, we should never think we’re above anybody. We may make more money or live in a nicer area. The other person may be homeless or the president of a country. It doesn’t matter. We are all made in

God’s image. We need to see people the way He sees them. He’s not a respecter of persons, and we shouldn’t be either.

The Moral of the Story

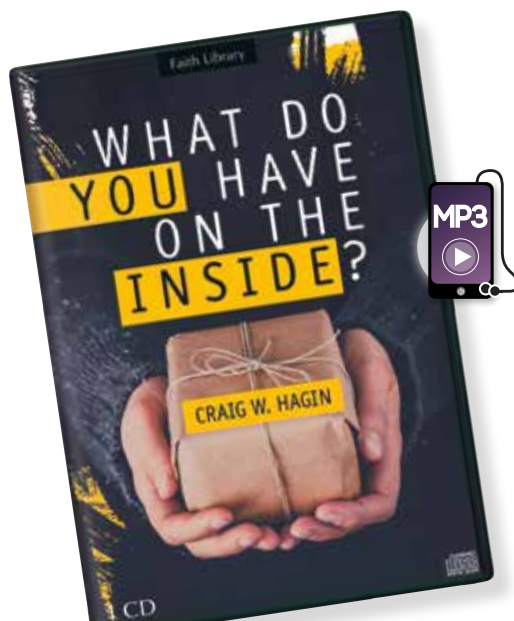
The moral of the Golden Rule is . . . just do good to people. Simply being nice can go a long way. Christians would have a better reputation if we were nicer. The world knows Jesus wasn’t judgmental, but that is not how they view Christians. They need to see that we are kind, compassionate, and forgiving.

It’s time for Christians to show Christ’s love to a lost and hurting world. We want to make our marriages, homes, churches, workplaces, schools, cities, and world better. To do that, let’s treat others the way we want to be treated. As we sow blessings, we will reap blessings.♥

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LOOKING TO THE SUPERNATURAL
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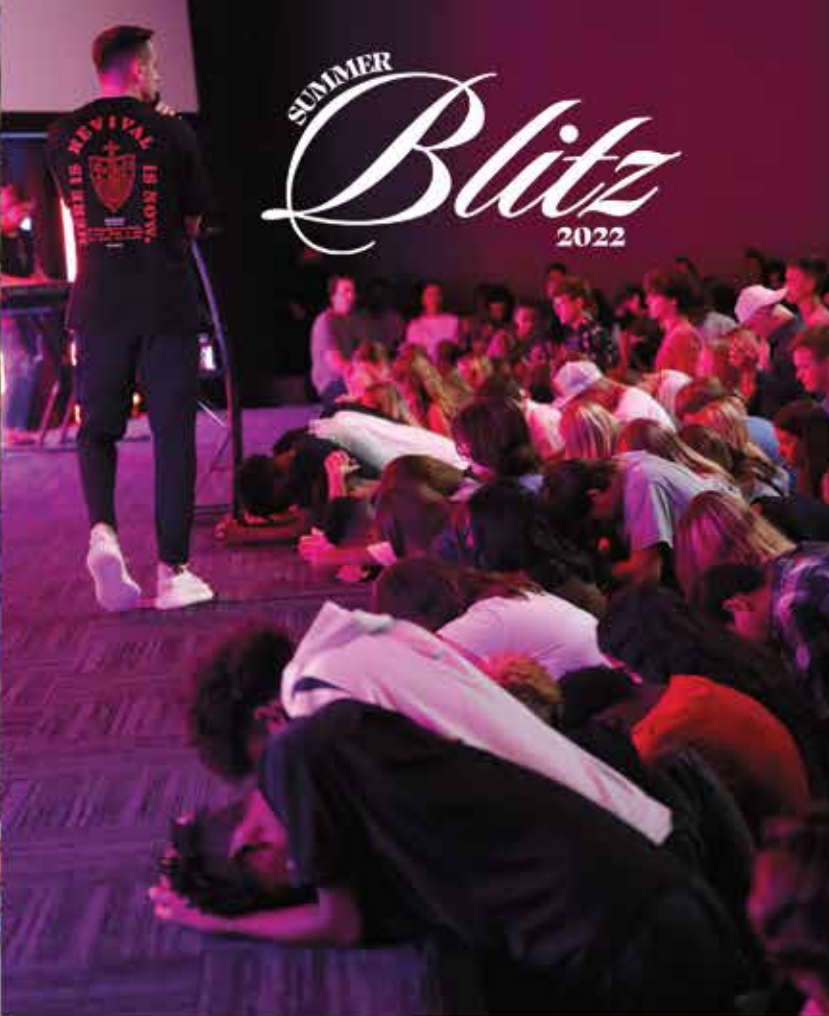
FOCUS ON PRAISING GOD
 LYNETTE HAGIN

Praise brings about victory. In Acts chapter 16, Paul and Silas had great results getting people saved, so the enemy tried to make trouble for them. They were thrown in prison, but they still praised God. Start praising God in the midst of adversity. **WHEN YOU DO, THE SUDDENLIES WILL HAPPEN JUST LIKE IT HAPPENED IN THAT PRISON.** Doors that are shut will suddenly open!”



LEGACY
 CRAIG W. HAGIN

Legacy means “something received by an ancestor or predecessor.” Some people want to live in the past. They call it “the good ole days.” **WE NEED TO MOVE TO THE FUTURE AND REALIZE THAT GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. YOUR TIME IS NOT OVER.** If we don’t keep going, legacy doesn’t matter. We have to take the message we were taught and make it relevant to this generation. Jesus spoke in the common dialect of the day and could relate to anybody. We can’t reach an MP3 generation with a cassette tape.



SUMMER Blitz 2022

A WEEK OF TRANSFORMATION

The Rhema Youth Building was flooded with 500 students from across the U.S. during Summer Blitz 2022. This generation is hungry to experience the presence and true love of God. The students came expecting, and Jesus showed up and moved mightily. During the week, 15 students gave their lives to Jesus, 50 students were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 90 students responded to a call of ministry on their lives.

The theme for the week was how to reign in life as Christians. The students were then encouraged to take what they learned and go impact their generation for God's Kingdom. Friday night capped the week off with a Worship Night. The presence of God filled the room, and the students pressed in and praised the Lord. Summer Blitz 2022 was a life-changing week that started a life-long transformation for everyone who came!



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"Honor the connections God has given you because it's one of the ways spiritual things are transferred. King Saul hung around prophets and prophesied. **I'M NOT SURE PETER WOULD HAVE WALKED ON WATER IF HE HAD NOT BEEN HANGING AROUND A WATER-WALKER.**"

// MARK BOER



"When we face challenges in life, we want to be sure that our mind is in the right place and thinking the right thoughts. This leads to right speaking and then to right actions. **OUR FAITH WILL NEVER GET BEYOND WHAT OUR MINDSET IS.**"

// CHARLES COWAN



"We have to make sure our faith doesn't go toward something that's a selfish ambition. We can get caught up in having things. **FAITH WAS NEVER ABOUT THINGS; FAITH WAS ABOUT DESTINY.** At the end of the day, God's desire should be our desire."

// EARL GLISSON



It's not enough to know your identity. You have to carry it. You cannot show up at the airport without your identification. Wake up every day and make confessions about who you are in Christ. **JESUS CONSTANTLY CONFESSED HIS IDENTITY. YOUR FAITH HAS TO TALK.**"

// MARK HANKINS



"Most of you aren't hungry, you're thirsty. Jesus said if you're dry and struggling, come to Him until out of your belly flows rivers of living water. You don't need another message, you need another drink! **COME TO GOD AND GET STIMULATED UNTIL YOU GET VICTORY IN YOUR LIFE AGAIN.**"

// DARRELL HUFFMAN



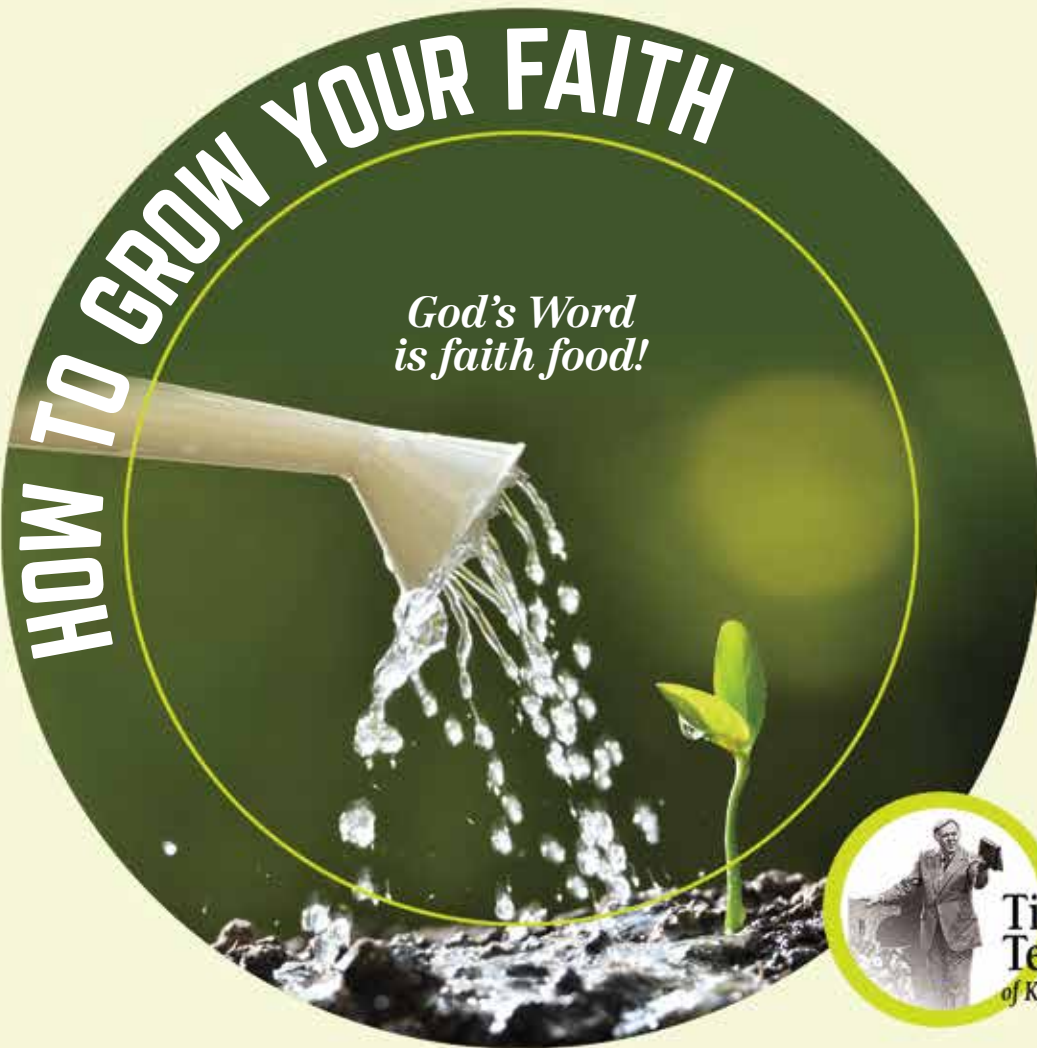
"I want to pose something to you. What if everything you need in your life already exists? **WHAT IF ALL THE BREAKS AND ALL THE RESOURCES THAT YOU NEED ARE ALREADY IN FRONT OF YOU?** They're just waiting for you to grab them."

// TOMMY PICKENS III



"Romans 10:6 (NKJV) says, 'But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way.' Those of us who are righteous by way of faith speak in a particular manner. **WE HAVE A KINGDOM DIALECT.** We change what we say from 'I hope God can' to 'I know God will.'"

// FRED PRICE JR.



THE MOST IMPORTANT fact about faith is that every believer has a measure of the God-kind of faith. Mark 11:22 says, “*And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*” The margin of the *King James* translation reads that Jesus said, “Have the faith of God.” Another translation reads, “*Have the God-kind of faith.*” Jesus actually said, “Have the God-kind of faith!”

In the next verse Jesus described or defined the God-kind of faith: “*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*”

With the God-kind of faith, a person believes in his heart, and then he says with his mouth what he believes.

That’s the same kind of faith God used to create the worlds in the beginning. He simply believed what He said would come to pass. Then He said, “Let there be an earth.” And there was.

Don’t Pray for Faith

The faith Jesus talked about in Mark Chapter 11 is the God-kind of faith. Every believer already has a measure of this faith. You don’t have to pray for it; you already have it!

Romans 12:3 says, “. . . according as God hath dealt to every man [every believer] the measure of faith.” All believers have faith. The Bible says so. But many believers don’t realize it, and they are not *using* their faith.

You Can Grow Faith

God gives to every man—every believer—the measure of faith. This measure of faith can be increased. But you’re the one who increases it, not God.

Faith is increased by *your* doing two things: *feeding it on the Word of God* and *exercising it or putting it into practice.*

The Bible often uses natural, human terms to teach spiritual thoughts. For example, Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*”

Jesus was using a natural, human idea to convey a spiritual thought. He was saying to us that what bread or food is to the body, the Word of God is to the spirit—to man’s heart.

If you eat good food regularly, it will build you up physically. But even if you eat right, if you don’t exercise, all you’ll do is get flabby and out of shape.

In much the same way, you need to feed your faith on God's Word. But you also need to *exercise* your faith. If you don't, your faith muscles won't be able to do much spiritually in the way of moving mountains in your life.

A Story of Faith

George Mueller, the founder of an orphanage in Bristol, England, was a man of faith. The orphanage he founded was strictly a faith project. He didn't have any church because he wasn't pastoring. He couldn't take up any offerings to help support these orphaned children.

During his lifetime, Rev. Mueller cared for 10,000 orphans in his homes for children. He was solely responsible to believe God to feed and clothe thousands of children!

Mueller had to believe God for the money to build the buildings to house the children—plus money to pay the attendants' salaries and the upkeep of the orphanage property.

Rev. Mueller didn't have a mailing list to let people know what he was doing so he could ask for their help. There were no radios in those days. He had no way to publish information about his orphanage in order to solicit prayers and financial support.

The news about what he was doing would get out by word of mouth. But he simply had to believe God for the money to run his orphanages.

He prayed in \$7,500,000 in his lifetime. That was a lot of money in those days. Factoring in inflation, it would be \$135 to \$157 million today.*

When he was 93 years old, Mueller wrote in his journal, "When I first started praying and believing God"—in other words, exercising or using his measure of faith—"it took all the faith I had to believe God for one American dollar. But after feeding and exercising my faith daily for 50 years, I could believe God for one million dollars just as easily as I could for one dollar 50 years before."

Rev. Mueller said, "I always begin the day by feeding on God's Word, not just reading it." Before he ate breakfast, he fed his spirit man on God's Word.

Faith Food

F.F. Bosworth said, "Most Christians feed their bodies three hot meals a day, and their spirit one cold snack a week. And they wonder why they're so weak in faith."

If you ate just one cold snack a week physically, you'd grow *weak* physically! The same is true spiritually. God's Word is faith food!

A lot of times people are praying, "Oh God, give me faith," but they're paying no attention at all to the means He's put in their hands to produce faith—the Bible. He's already said faith comes "by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom.10:17).

George Mueller at 93 could exercise his faith and believe God for one million dollars after 50 years as easily as he could for one dollar earlier in his ministry.

Mueller had what Smith Wigglesworth called "an ever-increasing faith" and what Paul called "exceedingly growing faith" (2 Thess. 1:3). In other words, he started out with the same measure of faith every believer starts out with. But his faith grew and moved mountains!

Start Where You Are

The thing that defeats a lot of people is, they try to believe beyond their measure of faith. I can remember in my own life, at one time it took all the faith I had to believe God for \$150 a week! But after feeding and *using* my faith through the years, I could believe God today for one million dollars for the work of the ministry just as easily as I could believe for \$150 forty years ago.

If I'd tried to believe God for that much money forty years ago, I would have fallen flat on my face. My faith wasn't there yet. Faith has to be fed and developed for it to grow. And that takes time.

So begin where you are. Feed and exercise your faith where you are, and it will grow. Then you can believe God for more and more.♥

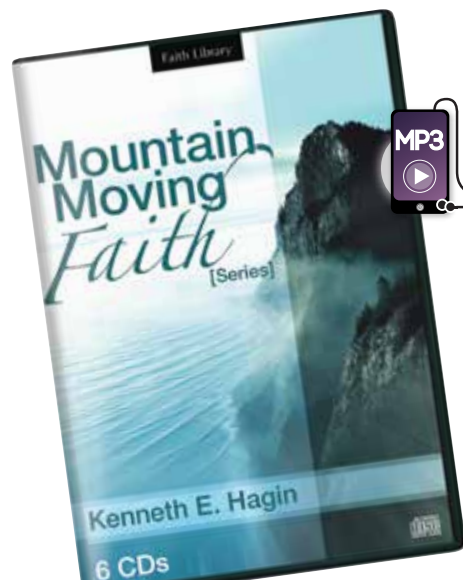
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Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

"THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS; HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME. YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE WATERS NEVER FAIL."
— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

I AM CERTAIN that no one realizes how many thoughts pass through their minds. Studies have shown in varying degrees the number of our daily thoughts. From the moment you wake up until you close your eyes to sleep (and sometimes, long after that), you're generally thinking about something.

Oftentimes, it is whatever you are dealing with that directs your thoughts. Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV) says, "*For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.*" The enemy loves to constantly bombard your mind with thoughts like, "You are a failure. You will never amount to anything." To fulfill your destiny, you must have a firm grip on your thought life.

You are faced with a choice. Either you can listen to Satan's lies, or you can listen to God's Word that says, "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*" (Phil. 4:13). I like the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, which states, "*I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].*"

From my childhood, I have relied on Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT), "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*"

As I prayed and asked God to guide and direct my life, He would give me assignments I knew I did not have the ability to do. At those times, Satan would harass me with negative thoughts. He would say, "You know you don't have the talent to carry out that assignment." It's amazing how loud his voice can become in your mind. The more you listen to his lies and deception, the more he will build strongholds in your mind. In fact, his voice can become so loud it can be hard to hear God's voice.

Second Corinthians 10:5 tells us to "[bring] *into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*" To combat Satan's thoughts, I realized I needed to scream the promises of God in his ear. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, how did Jesus resist those temptations? By quoting the Word. Jesus' response was, "*It is written.*"

I can still hear my father-in-law saying, "Always stay on the positive." Do you realize that Satan always brings negative thoughts to you? God's thoughts are always positive. John 10:10 (AMPC) says, "*The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).*"

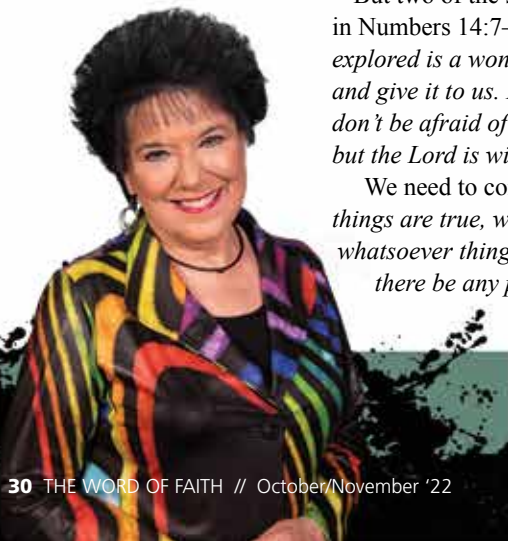
Remember the account of Moses sending the 12 spies to spy out the land of Canaan that God had promised to give to the children of Israel? Ten of the spies returned with a negative report. They said the people in Canaan were stronger than the Israelites. They reported, "*We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!*" (Num. 13:33 NLT).

These men were spies. If you are a spy, you do not let the enemy know who you are. They had to have imagined that was how the giants viewed them. That is what the enemy does to your thought life. He brings imaginations that are not even a reality.

But two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, had the thoughts that God desires us to have. It is recorded in Numbers 14:7–9, (NLT): "*They said to all the people of Israel, 'The land we traveled through and explored is a wonderful land! And if the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. Do not rebel against the Lord, and don't be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the Lord is with us! Don't be afraid of them!'*"

We need to continually think God's thoughts. Philippians 4:8 says, "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*" ♥

Lynette





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jokes & riddles

"A merry heart does good, like medicine."

—Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)



Why did the orange stop rolling down the hill?

Because it ran out of juice!

What did the traffic light say to the car?

Don't look now, I'm changing!

What happens when a duck flies upside down?

It "quacks up"!

What did Chief Running Water name his two sons?

Hot and Cold

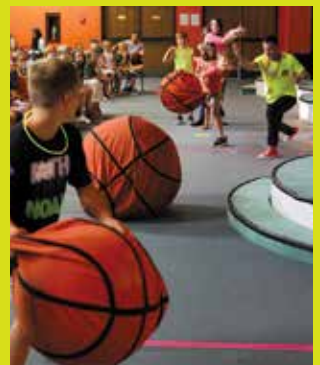
Stand Out From the Rest!
7 rows down and the 12th child from the left



KIDS LIGHT IT UP!

Young ones lit it up during *Campmeeting!* Kids were taught the importance of shining brighter in a world that is becoming darker. The theme for the elementary-age students was "Glow in the Dark." All week long, they learned ways to "go light our world." The week started with kids learning spiritual and natural ways to love others. They also learned the power source for their light is the Holy Spirit, and He helps them minister to those around them. Each night, the kids encountered God during worship. At the end of the week, over 40 kids were filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

The theme for the nursery and preschool-age students was "Let Your Light Shine." The little ones were taught that Jesus is the light of the world. He gave them power when He went to Heaven. They are now the light of the world and need to shine bright. It was a powerful week in Rhema Kids!





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