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Faith is not afraid to face the perplexities of life either. We've probably all heard people say in fear, "Yes, but *what if* . . . ?" But when we are in faith, we can face every problem or trial confidently. Faith looks at negative situations and declares, "I am not afraid of the 'what ifs,' because God is bigger than any problem or circumstance! I serve a great big God Who can overcome anything!"

True faith in God does not waver in times of trouble. Remember Esther in the Bible? The wicked Haman had devised a plot to kill all the Jews in the kingdom, which included her. She faced not only the extinction of her race, but also the loss of her own life.

Yet in the midst of almost sure destruction, she stood fast, trusting in God. She demonstrated her great faith in Him by her actions. She did all she could in the natural, but then she cast the care on God, saying, "If I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16). That was her commitment. And in the end, she received her victory.

Friend, faith won't keep us from experiencing problems. But just like Esther, we can do something about those problems. We do not have to fear! We can put our trust in God and obey Him, and then watch as He brings us through victoriously!

If you're ready to experience more victory, don't miss a single page of this magazine. It's packed full of truths that will help you where you're at today!



*Kenneth W. Hagin*

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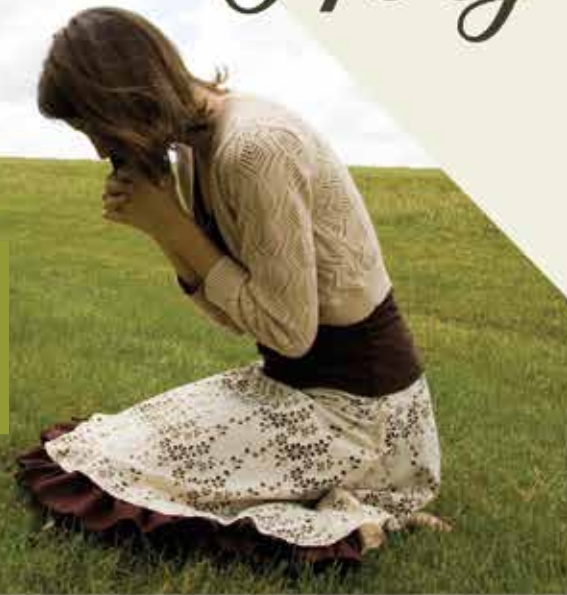
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## Reaching the World . . . Starting Point: Seminole, Texas

Rhema graduates Chris and Gabi Delay are going into all the world to win the lost and teach others who they are in Christ. Read their story.

# Living a Holy Life

*When we were at the altar, God spoke to us.*



**I LIKE TO** review history because it repeats itself. It's good when we can learn from the successes and failures of others. And for several years now, I have not seen the hunger for God that used to be in the Charismatic part of the Church.

I remember in the late '60s and early '70s, the Body of Christ experienced a renewal as the Holy Spirit moved in denominational churches. People were so hungry for God that churches were filled all the time. People wanted the minister to preach or teach for hours upon hours.

As time went by, that hunger for God began to wane. People were not as committed to Him as they once had been. They let their walk with God slip.

I asked the Lord, "What did we do wrong? Why did that happen?" He reminded me about altars. Years ago at the end of a service, people came to the front and prayed at the altar.

To me it seemed as though we heard from God in a stronger way when we were in His presence with other people. When we were at the altar, God spoke to us.

When I was a teenager, my friends and I repented of the sins we had committed the week before.

Eventually, churches took the altars out. People were expected to pray and read their Bibles at home. But that doesn't always happen nowadays.

Rhema Bible Church and many other churches around the world have been praying for revival. But if we really want revival, we have to start with us. If we want revival, we have to clean up our lives.

And that leads me to a question: Are you right with God? Many Christians would say, "Yes, I accepted Jesus as my Savior." Let me ask you another question: Are you living according to God's Word and the principles He has laid down?

## Holiness

*Holiness* is not a word that is mentioned much today. I grew up Pentecostal, and we were very familiar with that word. In fact, even before I could pronounce it, I was taught holiness.

God is clear on how we should live.



GOD WANTS US  
TO LIVE A HOLY  
LIFE.

**1 PETER 1:13–16 (NLT)**

**13** So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.

**14** So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then.

**15** But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy.

**16** For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

God wants us to live a holy life. That does not mean we will be perfect. Thank God, if we trip up, we have First John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

**God's Assignments**

I'm reminded of the story of Jacob. Scripture tells us he stole his brother's blessing and then ran for his life. He went to Haran where he married Rachel and Leah and served their father, Laban, for 20 years. (See Genesis chapters 28–31.)

One day God told Jacob to go back to Bethel and settle there. Let's look at the first thing he did.

**GENESIS 35:2 (NLT)**

**2** Jacob told everyone in his household, "Get rid of all your pagan idols, purify yourselves, and put on clean clothing."

Jacob knew he had a huge task ahead of him. So before he did anything else, he purified himself, and he had his family purify themselves.

God has tasks for each of us to complete that we cannot do in our own ability. In order to do those tasks, we must stay close to Him. We have to clean up our lives so He can use us.

**A Holy Lifestyle**

True holiness, true consecration—living a holy life—means that God controls our every decision and action.

That means we have to think before we speak. Sometimes something comes my way, and I don't want to respond in a proper manner. But on the inside God says, "Don't respond that way. Respond how I would respond." And I have to check myself.

Words can't be taken back. No matter how much we apologize, those words are still out there. It's better not to say some things.

Second Timothy chapter 2 in the *New Living Translation* outlines ways for us to live a holy life.

*"Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior"* (v. 16.)

*"All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil"* (v. 19).

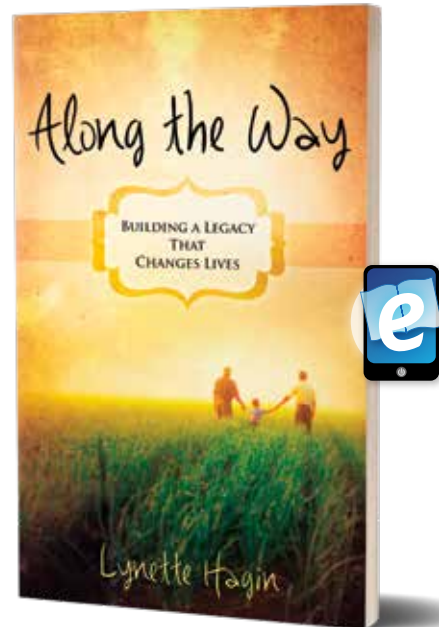
*"Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts"* (v. 22).

*"A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people"* (v. 24).

Verse 21 says, *"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work."*

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I have several sterling silver items. Over time, they become tarnished, and I have to polish them to remove the dark spots.

The same thing happens with us. Life can tarnish us. But He doesn't say we're useless and throw us away.

**Get Ready to Be Used**

I heard someone say once, "Grace is how much God loves you. Holiness is how much you love God." In these last days, God wants to use the entire Body of Christ to bring in the harvest. So let's consecrate ourselves and draw close to Him. As we do, He will give us opportunity after opportunity to be used by Him.♥

# DOING GOD'S WILL

WYATT BROWN



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Men's Conference

**SPEAKER  
HIGHLIGHT**

**GOD WANTS HIS** children to know His will. He doesn't want His will to be a mystery to us. When I was growing up, I didn't know it was possible for someone to know the will of God. I would hear people (and I still hear them today) say things like, "Well, I guess it was meant to be" or "You just don't know what God wants to do."

When I finally discovered I could know the will of God, I realized that His will isn't an event you look at after the fact and say, "Well, I guess that was (or wasn't) the will of God." After studying the Bible on the subject, I learned that God's will is often a "doing" of something.

Jesus said, "*For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me*" (John 6:38). He also told his disciples, "*My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work*" (John 4:34 NKJV). Notice Jesus didn't say, "My food is to *be* in the will." You see, *doing* the will of God is being *in* the will of God.

We are to be doers of God's will. **FROM HEAVEN'S PERSPECTIVE, WE ARE GOD'S AGENTS—CARRIERS OF HIS WILL ON EARTH.** Many Christians want to know if they are in the will of God. But the question should be, "God, am I doing what You want me to do? Is there something You want me to be part of today?"

There are people, places, and situations all around us waiting for God's will to happen. And as carriers of His will, we bring with us the potential for God's plans to occur in those places and situations.

Nothing is more satisfying than being involved in bringing an answer from Heaven that changes someone's



*Nothing is more satisfying than being involved in bringing an answer from Heaven that changes someone's life.*

life. As agents of change on the earth, we get to bring God's living bread to hungry people. We get to bring light to those in the dark, strength to those who are weak, and healing to those who are sick.

When we're surrounded by suffering people, we shouldn't wonder, "What did they do wrong?" We should take a heavenly perspective and ask, "How does God want to use me as an agent to bring His will into the situation?"

In and of ourselves we can do nothing. Even Jesus said, "*I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me . . . for I do always those things that please him*" (John 8:28–29). It's our Heavenly Father Who does the work! Therefore, we never need to feel inadequate. We only need to show up and do whatever He tells us.

The One Who equipped Jesus has also equipped and commissioned us to bring His will on earth.

**WHEN WE GO INTO SITUATIONS AS GOD'S AGENTS, HE DOES THINGS**

**THROUGH US FAR BEYOND WHAT WE CAN IMAGINE.**

I like to think of it as a wonderful synergy. We do our part, and God does His part. Our part is to show up with His will. When we lay hands on the sick, He causes them to recover. **WHEN WE SAY WHAT HE TELLS US TO SAY AND DO WHAT HE TELLS US TO DO, IT ACTIVATES HIS POWER AND LIFE.** Then He comes in and changes the situation from whatever it was to what He wants it to be.

It's time for the Body of Christ to see ourselves in light of what we really are. This is who God made us to be. We get to participate and be on Jesus' team!

So remember, every time you walk into a situation, you're carrying God's plans! When you deliver those plans, Heaven anoints them so that battles are won and victories happen.♥

[Editor's Note: Wyatt Brown, a 1978 RBTC graduate, pastors Grace Christian Church in Greenville, South Carolina. He is a speaker at this year's A Call to Arms Men's Conference.]

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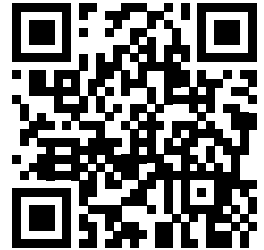
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# The Transforming Presence of God

JERRY WEINZIERL

**WE ALL DESIRE** to improve ourselves in one area or another. We may desire to be a better parent, a better spouse, a better employee, or just a better Christian.

Many of us have tried different ways to accomplish this. We've confessed scriptures, listened to sermons, and read books. We've attended seminars or talked to experts on whatever it is we want to change. All of these approaches have merit. But we often overlook one key element to godly change: spending time in the presence of God.

First Samuel 10:6 (NKJV) says, *"Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man."* The Spirit of God can and will come upon you and change you into a new person.

By reading and studying God's Word, anyone can know *about* God. But **ONLY BY SPENDING TIME IN HIS PRESENCE CAN WE GET TO KNOW GOD**. The difference is made in our approach to hearing His Word. Let me explain.

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV) says, *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

If you held a tennis ball in your hand and squeezed it, the shape of the ball would conform to the shape of your hand. But as you released the pressure, the ball would immediately revert to its original shape.

That is how many believers act toward the Word of God. Whenever

they read a book, listen to a recorded message, or hear a sermon, they say, "Amen," and agree with what is being said. They may even agree that they need to make a change in their lives. However, when they leave that meeting or put down that book, the pressure is off, and they go back to life the way it was. What they've heard or read has made no difference.

Now, if you held a ball of Play-Doh in that same hand and squeezed, the ball would take on the shape

If we as Christians merely conform to the Word preached, taught, or read, all we are doing is reacting to pressure. This indicates that we need to develop a closer relationship with the Father. That's because the truth of God's Word in the hands of someone who doesn't know Him can be a dangerous weapon. **TO KNOW ABOUT GOD WITHOUT A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM WILL CAUSE US TO MISHANDLE HIS WORD**. And that will damage us and those around us.

*As you spend time in the presence of the Lord, the Spirit of God can transform you into a new person.*



of your hand. But this time as you released the pressure, you would find that the ball had been transformed into the shape of your hand, and it would hold that shape. In much the same way, as you spend time in the presence of the Lord, the Spirit of God can transform you into a new person. So choose to go beyond seeing what needs to be changed, and become as clay (or Play-Doh) in the hands of the Great Potter.

However, when we spend time in God's presence, we come to know Him and develop an intimate relationship with Him. Then whenever we hear His Word, it will become alive to us and make a lasting impression. It will transform us. ♥

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*We have to remember  
to forget.*



CRAIG W. HAGIN

# JUDGE NOT

**I'M ALL ABOUT** winning souls. Now more than ever, we need to be sharing the Gospel. More people on the earth *have not* accepted Jesus as their Savior than those who have. We need to be bringing in the end-time harvest.

Some churchgoers, however, have an idea of how Christians should look and act. The sad part is that if someone doesn't fit that mold, they're not always welcome in church. Christians will say they're all about winning the lost. They say they want outsiders to come to their church. But when someone shows up who does not look the way they do, that visitor is often judged.

Of course, we greet the visitor with, "Brother, we're glad to have you this morning." But when they sit down, the greeter turns to a fellow saint and says, "Did you see that guy? He has a huge nose ring!" "He's covered with tattoos!" "Look at what she's wearing!"

There's no way around it—comments like that are judgmental. My personal belief is that judging others is one of the worst sins. Unfortunately, it's usually not the sinner committing this sin. It's the Christian. The Bible clearly says, "*Do not judge others, and you will not be judged*" (Matthew 7:1 NLT).

It's not for us to judge. Let God be the judge. We should look for the good in people. I give people the benefit of the doubt and try to analyze why they are acting like they are. It's better to err that way than to judge the person.

I've also talked to several people who have left their church because they believed people in the congregation were judgmental toward them. Sometimes people aren't welcomed because they're outsiders. They're a little different from us. But instead of talking about them, we should be willing to learn something about them by developing a relationship with them.

Jesus never judged sinners. In the Old Testament, we see a God of judgment. But in the New Testament, we hear one thing: God is love. And love doesn't judge.

### Remember to Forget

We probably all know believers who gave their lives to Christ but had a hard time walking the way they should. They often stop coming to church and start hanging out with the wrong crowd. When we see them, we should welcome them with open arms and encourage them to get back in the right crowd.

Unfortunately, backsliders often don't come back to church because they don't want to be judged. We "holier-than-thou Christians" are quick to say, "We're not judgmental." But what is the first thing we say if we see a wayward brother or sister? "There's so-and-so. Do you remember what they did?"

We have to remember to forget. Paul said, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead" (Phil. 3:13 NKJV). And remember, God Himself forgets our sins when we ask for forgiveness. The scriptures say, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Ps. 103:12 NKJV).

### God Loves Sinners

God doesn't love sin, but He loves sinners. Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 NKJV). This is what Christianity is all about.

We see Jesus' attitude toward sinners in John 8:1-11. A woman caught in the act of adultery was brought before Jesus. Some religious leaders wanted to stone her. But Jesus never condemned her, and He never lectured her. The woman knew she had done wrong.

Sinners don't need a life lesson on how sin can kill them. They need someone who will love them in spite of their sin. They need someone who will tell them God still loves them.

A big lie of the devil is that God doesn't love people when they mess up. I think a lot of Christians believe that. It's obvious

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by how they talk when someone trips up and sins. And it's clear by the attitude they project.

Jesus loves everybody. He died for *all* mankind. We need to have that same love for sinners.

### A Changed Man

The book of Luke records the story of a man named Zacchaeus. He was a tax collector who robbed people by collecting more taxes than they owed. When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was passing through, he was curious. He wanted to see who this Jesus guy was. Because he was so short, Zacchaeus climbed a tree so he could see.

When Jesus came near, He called to him and said, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house"

(Luke 19:5 NKJV). People in the crowd weren't happy. They couldn't believe Jesus would stay at the home of a "sinner."

Jesus didn't care what Zacchaeus was. He knew what Zacchaeus could be. Jesus was willing to break bread with a sinner. And because Jesus hung out with this man, his life changed.

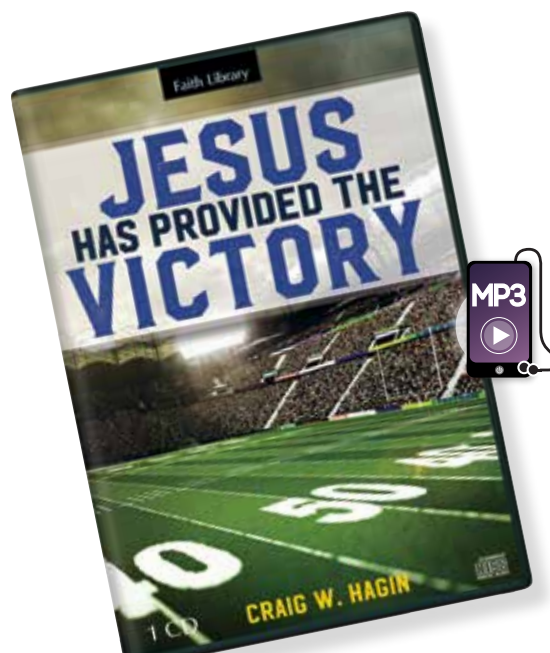
### Bringing In the Harvest

We're all praying for the rain and for the end-time harvest. But we should know that these newborn Christians will probably be different from our church culture. Let's resolve not to judge them. We don't want to turn anybody away or tell them how bad they are. We're here to tell people that God loves them and cares about them. Let's get out of our comfort zone and welcome everyone in.♥

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# REACHING THE WORLD ... STARTING POINT. SEMINOLE, TEXAS



SEMINOLE IS A WEST TEXAS OIL AND FARMING COMMUNITY THAT BOASTS OF A POPULATION OF . . . WELL, LESS THAN 10,000 PEOPLE. THAT'S WHERE CHRIS DELAY GREW UP, AND THAT'S WHERE GOD CALLED CHRIS AND HIS WIFE, GABI, TO GO AFTER THEY GRADUATED FROM RHEMA IN 2018.

**W**hen Chris' parents, Tod and Daphne, began pastoring Transformation Church (TC) in 1999, only a handful of people attended. Since then, the church has grown to 350—roughly 5 percent of the town's population.

Chris and Gabi have joined Chris' parents in reaching the world and teaching people who they are in Christ.

## Circles

As associate pastor, Chris oversees many areas of the church, including media and the men's ministry. Something that was birthed in his heart is Circles, TC's small-group ministry. "I absolutely love encouraging people to connect based on God's Word," says Chris.

Currently, Circles groups meet for a month and then take a month off. Circles has grown so popular that many who attend aren't Transformation Church members.

"We've never made it a requirement to go to TC," says Gabi. "We just wanted to share the Word of God with them."

"What we want," adds Chris, "is for people to see the Word and have it change their lives. If they go to this church or that church, we're happy. We just want to see their lives changed."

Gabi headed up a young girls' Circle group for a year. Over half of the girls who came attended other churches.

One girl named Mary grew up in a strict Mennonite church. She was hungry for God and often came to TC by herself to soak up the Word. When Gabi started the young girls' Circle group, Mary began going to it.

"We'd sit in my living room and pray together and read the Word for hours," says Gabi. "Till 2 a.m. on a Thursday night," adds Chris.

Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit in Gabi's living room.

"That's been the biggest reward as pastors," adds Gabi. "Seeing people apply the Word and seeing their lives being completely changed."

## Dominican Republic

Since its inception, Transformation Church has had a heart to go into all the world. Pastor Tod Delay has been very connected with a pastor in the Dominican Republic, and groups from TC have taken many missions trips there.

This year Chris and his dad went to five cities in five days in that Caribbean nation holding pastors' conferences. "To see the hunger on the pastors' faces was very moving," says Chris.

At the end of one service, a local pastor told Chris he had planned to quit the ministry the next day. But because of the conference, he knew God wanted him to continue pastoring his church.



**GABI AT AN ORPHANAGE IN KENYA**



“That really touched my heart,” says Chris. “Now is not the time to close churches, especially in the Dominican and in the inner city. People don’t own cars. They

walk to church. For a church to close is a big deal because they may not have another church to go to.”

### Sharing Christ

Gabi is the missions pastor at Transformation Church. When she came on board, she added to TC’s local outreaches. She had seen people go on short-term missions trips and easily evangelize strangers they will never see again. But back home, they hesitate to share God with their co-workers or neighbors. They say, “What if I’m embarrassed?” “What if I don’t know what to say?” or “I grew up with them. They know me.”

“I felt like we needed to train people on how to share the love of God all the time,” Gabi says. “Then when they go international, it’s natural. And when they come home, they can pick up where they left off.”

### Local Outreaches

A Seminole service station owner let Transformation Church use his facility for an oil change outreach. TC announced free oil changes for the community, and over 100 cars came through. Church members changed the oil, washed car windows, and vacuumed.

While car owners waited in the service station, someone from TC shared the Gospel and invited them to church. No one was

“pressured” to attend Transformation Church. They were encouraged to start a relationship with God and get involved in any local church.

During COVID, TC started the Love Your Neighbor outreach. “Culture nowadays is that you don’t know your neighbors,” says Gabi. “You might wave to them, but you don’t know their story.” Church members picked up food boxes and shared them with their neighbors. And some people in the community came to the church to get boxes.

### What Does the Future Hold?

“Keep plowing,” says Chris. He and Gabi will continue helping Pastors Tod and Daphne at Transformation Church. Whether it’s ministering to congregation members, expanding Circles, or planning local or international outreaches, there’s no shortage of things to do in the Kingdom of God.♥

### PRAYER FOCUS



Transformation Church has completed the first phase of its Student Center. Located in the center of Seminole, the building is easily accessible. The Student Center is home to TC’s youth group that meets on Wednesday nights. It also houses Kingdom Kids Child Development Center, a full-time daycare TC started 20 years ago. The Student Center’s gym is open to the community. TC has purchased portable basketball goals, and local school teams have used the building for practices.

» Pray for **FUNDS TO COMPLETE PHASE TWO.** That will finish the second-floor mezzanine and the gym floor.

To **LEARN MORE** more about Chris and Gabi Delay, go to Transformation Church at [thetc.com](http://thetc.com).

# WHOSE WORD DO YOU TRUST?

**NEVER HAS IT** been more apparent just how much the Body of Christ needs the anchor of God's Word. We must learn to trust it with our whole hearts.

I believe the day is fast approaching when God's Word will be our sole source, because everything that can be shaken upon the earth will soon be shaken. We need to come to a deeper understanding that God's Word will endure any amount of pressure we put on it.



WE REACT LIKE THIS IN FAITH WHEN  
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BECAUSE WE BELIEVE WHAT WE HEAR,  
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We usually take people at their word. If our employer tells us we are getting a raise, we might immediately start planning how to spend the extra money!

We react like this in faith when we hear words we trust. Because we believe what we hear, we act on what is said.

How much more should we believe the Word of the Holy One Who created the universe?

## Motivation From Coaches

How many young football players have heard their coach say, "You're going to start Friday night," and were thrilled by those words! They weren't even in the game yet, but those words created such an excitement that when game time came, they went wild on the field.

Picture this: In the middle of the game, the first-string quarterback gets hurt. The backup quarterback has been sitting on the bench waiting for a chance to show what he can do. But he's apprehensive because he has to replace the starting player—the guy who's always been the hero.

The coach says to the backup quarterback, "I believe in you! You've got the goods! Now go out there and show the people that you've got what it takes!"

Words! That quarterback grabs his helmet, straps it on, and runs like a ball of fire onto the field! He says to himself, "I know I can do it. Just give me that ball!"

Words of faith and confidence from a wise coach can energize a player and fill him with ability he didn't know he had! Yet some Christians have difficulty believing and acting on the scriptures. The Word of God should create more excitement in us than a coach's words create in a football player.

We trust the words of others. How much more should we trust God's Word!

## Reasons Why

One reason Christians don't receive from God is, they don't take Him at His Word. Or they never put any pressure on that Word. They try to do everything in their own strength. They have never learned how trustworthy God's Word really is.

We see in Romans 4:21 (AMPC) that Abraham was "fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised." Hebrews 10:23 (NLT) tells us to "hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise."



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Here is another reason many Christians do not receive from God. They may believe He's able to answer their prayers, but they're not convinced He's willing. Some aren't even sure His power is still operating today. It is a biblical principle that before we receive, we must believe God is willing and able to grant our petition. His Word declares that He is willing! Second Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV) says, *"All the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."*

## Acting On Our Beliefs

Even in our everyday lives, we must believe before we can receive. For example, most people in the United States today have bank accounts. We wouldn't use them to try to make a purchase unless we believed there was money in those accounts.

Our actions are based on our *beliefs*. The same thing holds true in the supernatural realm. We believe God; therefore, we take Him at His Word.

Without exception, every time Jesus' words were believed and acted upon, the results were miraculous.

The disciples learned to believe and act on Jesus' words even in the face of contradictory circumstances. Notice this account in the Bible.

Peter and his partners had fished all night and caught nothing. After they came ashore and were washing their nets, Jesus asked

to use Peter's boat. He got in and taught a large crowd that had been following Him. Afterward, He said to Peter, *"Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets"* (Luke 5:4).

Peter protested, because it didn't seem reasonable for them to go back out onto the lake and start fishing again. Nevertheless, he recognized the authority in Jesus' words and acted on them, even though it seemed foolish to do so.

When Peter and the others obeyed Jesus' specific directions, they caught so many fish that their net began to break. And when they loaded the fish into their boats, they became so full that they started to sink. (See Luke 5:4–9.)

Jesus told these men exactly where to fish. When they followed His instructions, look at the results—God's miraculous abundance and provision! There is a biblical principle in this for us. As we obey the Word of God, we will experience abundant provision in our lives too.

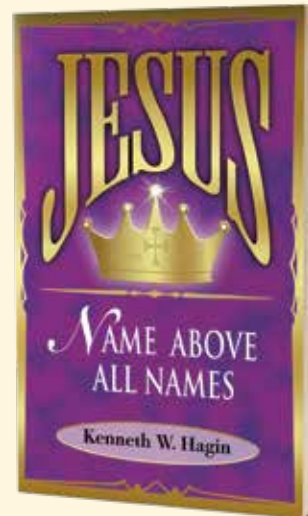
If only God's people would put their trust in His infallible Word! What mighty exploits would be wrought on this earth to set people free—to get them saved, healed, and delivered to God's glory.

We need to get to the place in our walk with the Lord that when we see something in His Word or that Word speaks to our hearts, we immediately respond, "Lord, at Thy Word I will obey!" Let's take our position with God's Word as our weapon and refuge, because His Word will never fail us!♥

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### Words Are Containers

What does a container do? It *holds* or *contains* something. Because God's Word is holy and pure, it contains love, joy, peace, power, and ability. It holds whatever pertains to life and godliness. And it contains within itself the power to create whatever it says it will do.

Our words are containers too. But many people don't realize this. When they speak, they are pouring out the contents of their words all around them.

Our words can contain faith, happiness, joy, and peace—or unbelief, despair, hatred, and division. Words either pollute the listener or build him up.

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# Feeling Buried? Let God Dig You Out

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**I ONCE READ** the story of a father who ran to his son's school to check on him after a powerful earthquake hit the area where they lived. When the father arrived at the school, he found nothing but a pile of rubble and debris.

As other parents stood by crying, this father began to dig. People told him it was useless and tried to pull him away. But he kept at it. Stone by stone, beam by beam, he dug through the night and into the next day.

Finally, he heard a voice cry, "Papa!" As he furiously continued to dig, he eventually saw the face of his young son. "I told the other kids not to worry," his son said, "because you told me you'd always be there for me."

This father was faithful to his promise.

## How Much More?

If an earthly father would do this for his son, how much more will our Heavenly Father do for us?

God *is* faithful. He's 100 percent reliable, 100 percent of the time. He does not fail, forget, change, or disappoint. He says what He means, means what He says, and does everything He says He will do.

No matter what kind of storm you're in today—no matter what kind of debris you're buried beneath—

**YOU ARE NEVER CUT OFF FROM GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.** He is always there to dig you out. He never quits reaching down to try to help you when you are in need.

**WILL YOU LET HIM HELP YOU TODAY?** If you don't know Jesus as your personal Savior, then that's the place to start. Just say the following prayer aloud from your heart:

God, I come to You in Jesus' Name. I admit I need your help. Please dig me out of the mess I'm in. 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*" (Romans 10:9 NLT). I believe in my heart that You raised Jesus, Your Son, from the dead. And I confess Jesus as my Lord. Therefore, according to Your Word, I am saved. I trust You to take care of me now. You are faithful, so I know You are helping me. Thank You!

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**GOD'S WORD IS** a never-failing remedy in every area of life, including health. As children of God, we are to incline our ears to His sayings so we can have life and health. When Jesus was on the earth, He was the will of God in action to bring *life* and *health* to people.

Jesus said healing is the children's bread. That means healing belongs to God's children. Our Heavenly Father already provided it for us.

#### **MATTHEW 15:22-28**

**22** And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on

If you are born again, then you are God's child and, according to Jesus, healing is *your* bread. It is your daily bread, and you can partake of that bread right now!

Healing is a provision that belongs to us from our Heavenly Father like bread belongs to a child from his earthly father. But healing also belongs to us based on other rights and privileges of our blood-bought inheritance in Christ.

### **Healing Is Our Family Right**

The day we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we become children of God. That makes us part of His family. Therefore, healing is our family right.



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# **HEALING**

## **IT'S YOUR RIGHT**



me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

**23** But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

**24** But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

**25** Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

**26** But he answered and said, It is not meet to take **the children's bread**, and to cast it to dogs.

**27** And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

**28** Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

The Bible says, "*Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father*" (Rom. 8:15). God is our very own Heavenly Father. Therefore, healing belongs to us because we are His children. So healing belongs to us by right of our inheritance in God's family.

### **Healing Is Our Legal Right**

Healing is our legal right because the new covenant is a legal document sealed by the blood of Jesus. (See Heb. 8:6; 12:24; 13:20.) The new covenant guarantees us everything Jesus secured for mankind at the cross. And that includes divine healing. (See Matt. 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24.)

Legally, Jesus suffered on the cross as our substitute, so we could be free from the illnesses that attack our bodies. Therefore, we have a *legal* right to divine healing through the new and better covenant ratified by Jesus' blood.

## Healing Is Our Redemptive Right

Healing is also our redemptive right because it is included in God's redemptive plan. Jesus provided divine healing on the cross in his death, burial, and resurrection, just as He provided remission for our sins. Therefore, we also have a redemptive right to divine healing.

### ISAIAH 53:4-5

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs [sickness and disease], and carried our sorrows [pain]: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Every born-again child of God has the right to receive healing based on Jesus' redemptive work on the cross. Since Jesus bore our sickness and infirmities, we don't need to bear them! Let's not continue to bear what Jesus already bore for us.

## Healing Is Our Prayerful Right

Jesus said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). Healing for our bodies is a desire, isn't it? God is the One Who promised to satisfy our desires that are in line with His Word.

Healing is also something we need. Philippians 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

When we pray, we can take what we need by faith in God's Word. We can bring our requests boldly before God's throne of grace (Heb. 4:16). God's children have the right to prayerfully take and receive divine healing!

## Healing Is Our Divine Right

The Bible says that when we were born again, we became new creatures (2 Cor. 5:17). We became sons and daughters of God (Rom 8:14, 16). Healing is our divine right because our divine Heavenly Father gave it to us. It belongs to us.

It is the life of God coming into our spirit that makes us new creatures. We are born of God's Spirit in the New Birth (John 3:3-8). We are created anew in God's image and likeness in our spirits. Therefore, we have a right to divine healing.

## Healing is Our Provision Right

Healing is our provision because God gave it to us at His table of provision.

### PSALM 23:5

5 Thou **preparest a table before me** in the presence of mine enemies: . . .

Our enemies are Satan and his host—demons and evil spirits that try to make us sick. But our Heavenly Father's table of provision has been well prepared for us. And healing—the children's bread—is on that table waiting for the children of God to partake of it. We simply have to ask our Heavenly Father, "Father, please pass the bread!"

Healing is always on the Master's table. And He is calling His children to take their places at that banquet table. He wants us to come and dine so we can enjoy what He has already provided for those who believe.

You see, feeding on God's Word concerning healing is like eating natural food. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Bread means food. Therefore, God's Word on healing is our bread.

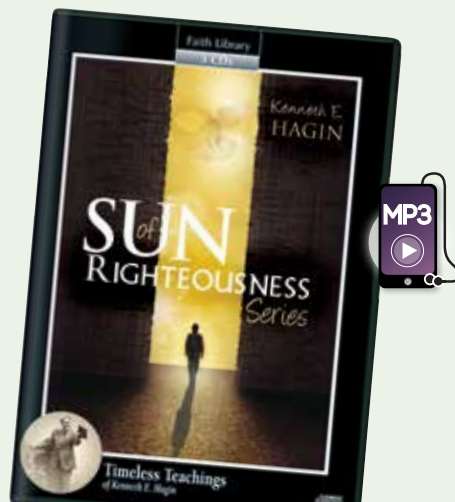
In other words, Jesus is saying that what food is to our body, God's Word is to our spirit. We must feed on the Word in the area of healing. Healing is the children's bread. And feeding on God's Word on healing can make us whole in every area of our lives!♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book *God's Word—A Never-Failing Remedy*.]

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

### COUNTING IT ALL JOY

**WHEN WE READ** the Word of God, it is easy for us to concentrate on our favorite scriptures. We love to read God's promises, and I'm certainly thankful for the promises He has given to His children. However, there are other verses in the Word that we would just as soon skip over.

James is not my favorite book in the Bible. But there is information in this book that is necessary for our walk with God. Some verses in particular are found in James 1:2-4 (AMPC): *"Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations. Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience. But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing."*

I shall never forget when I began studying the Book of James many years ago. My husband and I had just come to work for Kenneth Hagin Ministries, and I had been reading many of the faith books that Brother Hagin had written.

I was pumped up in my faith and felt there wasn't any mountain I could not speak to and remove. Then one day I seemed impressed to begin reading James. I read verses 2 and 3 of the first chapter and kept going over them: *"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."*

I had been reading the Word and had received knowledge of the Word. Now came the time of the testing of my faith to see if I would be a doer of the Word. James 1:22 says, *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."*

Our faith will never grow without being tried. Faith is based on God's Word, but proofs of faith come from living the life of faith. Our faith will be tested again and again. We do not pass the test once and it's over for life.

God never promised us a life without trials. However, He has promised in Psalm 91:15, *"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him."*

And He has promised us in Isaiah 43:2, *"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."*

Our entire life must be based on faith in our Heavenly Father. Everything else around us may fall, but if our faith in Him stands—our life will stand.

Satan's desire is to destroy our faith in God. Since the Garden of Eden, he has been trying to create in the mind of man the devastating thought that God does not really love us. The devil's plot is to make it appear as if God does not hear or answer prayer.

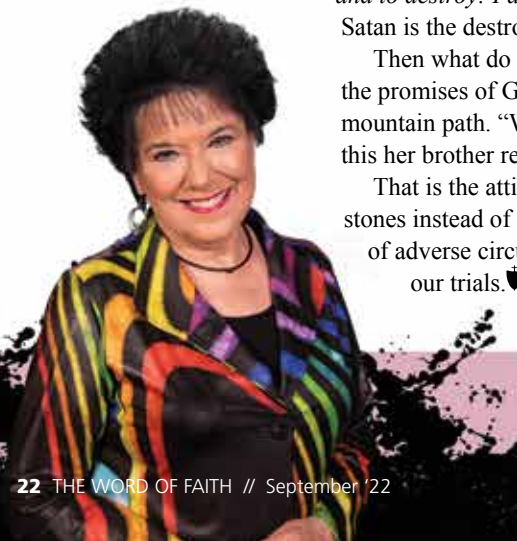
Satan will try to kill your confidence in God. Especially when you're going through a trial, he will come to you and say, "See—this faith stuff doesn't work. What happened to your God? You believed, and it didn't work."

The enemy endeavors to get you into the arena of reasoning and doubt—doubting the provision that your Heavenly Father promised you. Actually, the enemy wants to get our eyes off what he is doing. John 10:10 says, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* Satan is the destroyer—Christ is the deliverer.

Then what do we do when Satan comes in and tries to steal, kill, and destroy. We stand firm on the promises of God. I'm reminded of a story of a little boy who was leading his sister up a rugged mountain path. "Why, this isn't a path at all!" the little girl complained. "It's all rocky and bumpy!" To this her brother replied, "Sure! The bumps are what you climb on."

That is the attitude we must possess. We must take the bumps of life and make them stepping-stones instead of stumbling blocks. With Christ, we can triumph over those bumps. Even in the midst of adverse circumstances, we can count it all joy, knowing that our God shall deliver us out of all our trials.♥

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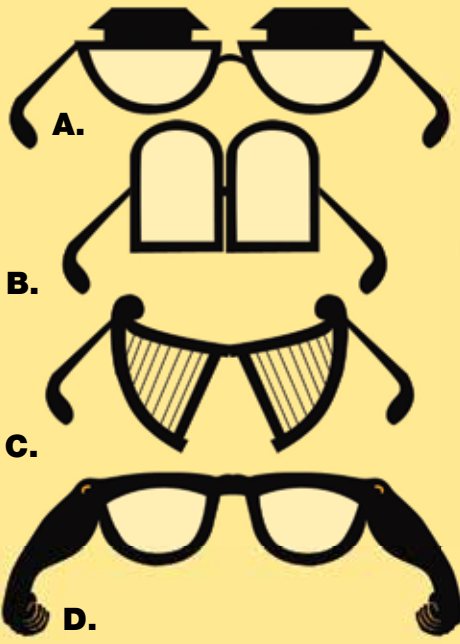
# Kids' Page

Fearless, A-nointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-airs of God

## DESIGNER FRAMES!

If some of our favorite Bible characters had to wear glasses, perhaps the custom-made frames below would be what they wore. Unscramble the Bible names on either side of the glasses pictured below and then put the name with the designer frames that go with their name.

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somes  
vidad



masson  
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masson

## Keeping Your



When things appear blurry to your eyes we say that they are "out of focus." The Bible tells us that there are only a couple of things that we really need to keep our focus on, even if everything else is blurry and uncertain. There are two Scripture verses below that tell us exactly what we should keep in focus at all times . . . the problem is, the verses are blurry. See if you can figure out what the verses say.

*"Let us keep looking to Jesus. Our faith comes from Him" (Heb. 12:2 NLT).*

*"Keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1 NASB).*

## jokes & riddles



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

What do you throw out when you need it and take in when you don't need it?  
An anchor!

What happened when the lion ate the comedian?  
He felt "funny."

Teacher: Why didn't Noah do much fishing when he was on the ark?

Student: He only had two worms!

What kind of coat can you put on that doesn't have any buttons, zippers, or sleeves?  
A "coat" of paint.

**Answers:**  
KEEPING YOUR FOCUS!  
"Let us keep looking to Jesus. Our faith comes from Him" (Heb. 12:2 NLT).  
"Keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1 NASB).  
**THE EYE CHART**  
Two things to seek: KINGDOM OF GOD, RIGHTEOUSNESS  
Three things not to seek: FOOD, DRINK, CLOTHING  
**DESIGNER FRAMES!**  
A. NOAH B. MOSES C. DAVID D. SAMSON



## The Eye Chart

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:25–33 three things we should not seek and two things we should seek. The Eye Chart above contains all five of the words. Circle the two things we should seek and put a square around the three things we should not seek.



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