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Remember Joseph? He dreamed that his brothers would bow to him. Upset about his dream and jealous of his relationship with their father, Joseph's brothers threw him into an empty pit. Then they sold him to a passing caravan bound for Egypt. (See Genesis chapter 37.) I'm sure Joseph thought, "God, what is happening? This is not the way I dreamed it!" He found himself working in Egypt as a servant and then being thrown into prison. He could have said, "Wait a minute, Lord. You're making a mistake!" Even though it seemed as though his dream was shattered, Joseph kept believing God. And years later, his dream came to pass just as God had given it. His brothers bowed before him. (See Gen. 42:1-6.)

Your dreams can come to pass too. When it seems as if the devil shattered the dream that came to you from God, reach down, pick up the pieces, and continue to drive for success. Dare to believe! Believe in yourself. Believe in what God told you to do. Take the impossible and turn it into the possible with Him this day. Dream the dream, because the time for victory in your life is now!

Don't miss a single page of this month's magazine. It's packed full of Bible truths that will build your faith and help you enjoy God's abundant life.

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Say It

TILL YOU SEE IT

When we make a
statement of faith,
**WE MUST STAY WITH
IT REGARDLESS OF
WHAT WE SEE OR FEEL.**

LIFE HAS A way of throwing curveballs at us—whether it’s frustrations, disappointments, difficulties, or sickness. These challenges come at us weekly, sometimes daily. It’s part of living on this earth. But there is good news. In Mark 11:24 (NKJV) Jesus said, “*Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*”

That’s a powerful promise. However, there is often a gap between praying and seeing the answer. What are we supposed to do during that waiting period? The writer of Hebrews tells us.

HEBREWS 10:23 (NKJV)

23 Let us hold fast the confession [or profession] of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

We are told to hold fast to our confession. That means we are to keep saying the same thing. We must keep saying what we believe until we see it.

DON'T SEPARATE FROM YOUR CONFESSION

In 1949, when my father began traveling full-time in ministry, he would often return home after weeks on the road. We would tell him about our problems or pressing needs and ask, “What are we going to do?” His response was always the same: “We’re going to act like the Word of God is true, because this is just another opportunity to prove that God’s Word works!”

Instead of becoming upset or discouraged when things weren’t going well, he chose to see those moments as

opportunities to believe God. And that’s what we’re all called to do.

Mark 11:23 (NKJV) says, “*For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.*”

While we may not face literal mountains, we all deal with obstacles—problems, sickness, or whatever else the enemy throws in our direction. And the Word tells us to speak to those things! If we declare God’s promises and refuse to waver, we’ll see those mountains move.

Ben Campbell Johnson’s paraphrase of Mark 11:23 emphasizes that we must maintain unwavering faith in what we declare. If we disconnect from our words of faith, they will not be manifest in our lives. But when we hold steadfastly to our declaration, we will see it fulfilled.

When we make a statement of faith, we must stay with it regardless of what we see or feel. If we start speaking the opposite, we can undo our faith and find ourselves back at square one.

WATCH WHAT YOU SAY

Many people sabotage their own prayers with negative confessions. Some might say, “I’m just worried sick about that,”



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or “Nothing good ever happens to me.” These are the kinds of words that keep people stuck.

Some people avoid speaking altogether. They believe that if they don’t say anything, then they won’t make things worse. But not saying something is still saying something! Silence can be just as damaging as negative words. People who think like this have an attitude that says, “Well, I can’t do anything about it, so whatever will be will be.”

But we *can* do something about it! When Jesus rose from the dead, He declared that all power in Heaven and earth had been given to Him. Then He gave that authority to believers.

This authority means we can speak to our situations. A believer who understands their authority in Christ will keep speaking what they believe according to God’s Word, even when circumstances don’t seem to align.

UNSHAKABLE FAITH

Hebrews 10:23 tells us to hold fast to our confession without wavering. That means staying strong and steady, no matter how things look or feel. If God’s Word says it, we believe it, and that settles it. Our confession of the Word has to be unshakable. We can’t be off-again, on- again confessors of God’s Word. We have to be “on” all the time.

It is important to avoid letting emotions dictate our confession. Some people’s faith wavers based on their feelings. One day, they are confident in God’s promises. The next day, they doubt. That kind of instability leads to nothing. James puts it plainly:

JAMES 1:6–8 (NLT)

6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

In difficult times, we must keep saying what God said and nothing else. If we want to see results, we have to stick to our confession. Even when circumstances become overwhelming, even when emotions run high, we cannot let our confession of God’s Word change.

Testimonies of Faith

Have you seen God move in response to your confession of faith? Share your testimony with us at testimony@rhema.org and inspire others!

The facts of life don’t always line up with God’s Word. But that doesn’t change what we believe or say. We recognize the facts, but we declare God’s truth over them.

We have to keep saying it until we see it. And we don’t stop. Every time doubt tries to creep in, we declare God’s Word again.

GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

Hebrews 10:23 reminds us, “For He who promised is faithful.” God has never broken a promise. People may let us

down. They may break their promises. But God is trustworthy. His Word remains true, and He’s faithful to keep His Word.

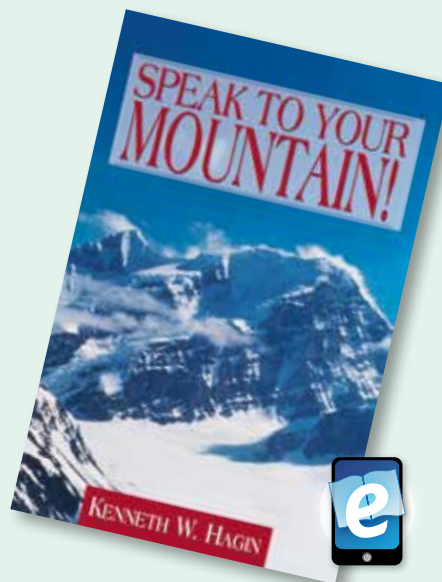
The Contemporary English Version says it this way: “*We can trust the one who made the agreement with us.*” God’s promises, confirmed through Christ, are always “Yes” and “Amen” (2 Corinthians 1:20).

When we stay in line with God’s Word and keep saying what we believe according to His Word, we will have what we believe. No matter what is happening in our lives, we are to remain faithful, saying what He says until we see it happen.♥

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The early morning sessions featured inspiring messages from international Rhema directors and instructors, followed by powerful teaching and prayer led by Lynette Hagin and Denise Hagin Burns. Wednesday evening’s ordination service was a moving visible reminder of God’s call to “Go teach My people faith.”

Thursday evening was *Rhema Day*, celebrating Rhema’s past, present, and future. Kenneth W. Hagin made a special announcement—something he had dreamed of for years had become a reality. RBTC USA can now grant ministerial training degrees! A parade of the flags of nations, which honored the many countries impacted by Rhema, capped off the night. The week left hearts full and vision renewed—Rhema’s best days are ahead. 🇺🇸

Save the Date!

Winter Bible Seminar and *Rhema Homecoming 2026*, February 15–20.



“What you declare in the hard times determines your outcome. What you say in the hard times either releases or stops the power of God. If you’ll hang on to God and His Word, you will come out through the fire. You will come out, and you will be victorious.” // **KENNETH W. HAGIN**



“God wants us to have a passion for the lost. That’s our first assignment. God has given us so many things in our rights and privileges in Christ. But it’s time for us to quit concentrating on what we can have and go tell the world what they can have in Christ. There’s 6 billion people that haven’t heard the Gospel, and we must tell them.” // **LYNETTE HAGIN**





“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. We need to get fired up, stir up the Greater One in us, and win the world for Christ. How? By following Peter’s example when the lame man at the Gate Beautiful asked for money. Peter didn’t have money, but he gave the man what he had. Let’s take what we have to the world and change it.” // **CRAIG W. HAGIN**



“Part of the weight of the Rhema mandate is relating to younger generations. That means not criticizing them because they do things differently but instead working with them. How do you think the Gospel will continue from generation to generation if we don’t have ‘Timothys’ we are mentoring? If we want to impact the future, we have to build bridges, not walls.” // **DENISE HAGIN BURNS**



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"Dear Kenneth and Lynette Hagin,

"I attended the *Living Faith Conference* at Faith Christian Family Church in Warrenton, Missouri. I so enjoyed the messages from both of you. I made it to every meeting. Your preaching was stellar—it filled my heart and resonated with me.

"I was healed Friday evening. The first sign that I was healed wasn't even on my radar. I had surgery on my right arm 25 years ago and lost the ability to use it overhead. I tore my biceps tendon, and the surgery was not exactly successful. To raise my right hand, I always had to lock my right elbow to my side. I didn't think about it anymore.

The first sign of healing was my right arm raising completely over my head. Wow!

"When you placed your hand on my head, I felt a sensation of power and some discomfort shooting from your fingertips. I had a headache for about two minutes, and then it cleared. I have suffered from brain fog and fatigue since I had COVID, but now I feel clear-headed.

"I've had chronic autoimmune issues since age 38—I am 65 now. I had severe hip pain and weakness during the conference. I had to use my cane to walk. After the healing, I felt pain-free and steady. I didn't need my cane anymore. Hooray! I know that God is continuing to heal me every minute of every day.

"I've purchased your minibook *How to Keep Your Healing*, and I am ready to stand against the evil one! My faith is strong, although I still have much to learn. I love my Bible. God is good! Thank you for sharing your healing and knowledge with me." ♥ // **Vicky**



Living Faith Conferences are held at local churches across the country, so chances are there will be one near you. Take a few days to step away from your busy schedule, get built up in the Word, and hear from God. Your breakthrough could be just one meeting away!

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SCRIPTURE LISTS TWO GROUPS of nine in connection with the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer:

1. The nine *fruit* of the Spirit, which are a result of the Holy Spirit's *indwelling Presence*.
2. The nine *gifts* of the Spirit, which are a result of the Holy Spirit's *infilling power*.

We will look here at the nine-fold manifestation of the fruit of the born-again human spirit that results from the Holy Spirit's indwelling Presence.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The fruit Paul talks about here is the fruit of the recreated human spirit growing as a result of the life of the Holy Spirit *within*. We see an example of this in Luke chapter 24 *before* the Day of Pentecost—the day the disciples were “filled with the Holy Spirit.”

LUKE 24:51-52

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.
52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

Galatians 5:22 says joy is a fruit of the born-again human spirit. We see that the disciples had great joy, but they were not yet filled with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the fruit of the spirit wasn't a result of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, for the Day of Pentecost had not yet come.

This passage shows that the disciples already had one of the fruit of the spirit before they were endued with power from on High. In fact, they had *great* fruit because the Bible says they had *great joy* (v. 52).

As we yield to God and obey His Word, the Holy Spirit within us causes us to grow continually in love, joy, and peace, as well as in the other fruit of the spirit. One of the main purposes of the indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is for *fruit bearing*.

OUR HELPER

We notice in John 14:16-18 (AMPC) that the Holy Spirit is our Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby. We don't need anything more than that. But many believers have missed the reality of what the Holy Spirit came to do continually in us.

Too often when Christians need help, they try to find someone to pray for them. They cry on someone's shoulder, shed a few “crocodile tears,” and quote a few scriptures. But when they are alone, they are still in the same mess. They forget they have a Helper inside them. They don't have to pray for a Helper; they already have the Helper *within*.

Jesus said in John 16:7, “It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”

The Holy Spirit is our Guide: “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit will also guide us into the truth of God’s Word. Jesus said (speaking to God the Father), “Thy word is truth” (John 17:17).

The Holy Spirit will guide us in all the affairs of life. But no one can be guided, or led, without placing themselves in the hands of the Guide.

It is useless to pray, “Lord, guide me,” if we’re not going to follow the Guide. That is why many folks have gotten into such a mess. The Holy Spirit will guide us, but to be guided, we have to put ourselves into His hands.

When we have guidance, we are prepared ahead of time, for the Bible says the Holy Spirit will show us things to come (John 16:13). He will guide us into all truth and lead us in the affairs of life.

When I traveled on the evangelistic field, leaving my wife and small children at home, I depended upon my Guide, the Holy Spirit. He always warned me ahead of time of any family need. Many times I had no communication with my family, but I always knew by the Spirit of God when someone was sick.

The Holy Spirit didn’t help me because I am a preacher. He will help any believer. If we learn to listen and look to Him, He will guide us.

LOOKING INWARD

In Jeremiah 31:33, God spoke of the New Covenant He would establish with His people. This verse gives us a clue as to how believers are to be guided under the New Covenant.

JEREMIAH 31:33

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my Law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

This Old Covenant promise was fulfilled in the New Birth—in the recreation of man’s spirit.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Where does God make us a new creature? In our *heart*, or *spirit*, by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).

God said He would put His law in our “inward parts”—in our spirit. It is by the Holy Spirit that God’s laws are written in our heart (2 Cor. 3:3).

Because the Holy Spirit lives in us, we can know what to do in every situation, for He is our Guide into all truth (John 16:13). We only have to look on the inside and check to see what the Holy Spirit is leading us to do (Rom. 8:14).

The Holy Spirit, our Helper, has made His home in us. All we could ever need Him to be *for us*, He is. He is our Comforter,

Guide, Counselor, and Teacher. He is the Greater One Who puts us over in life.

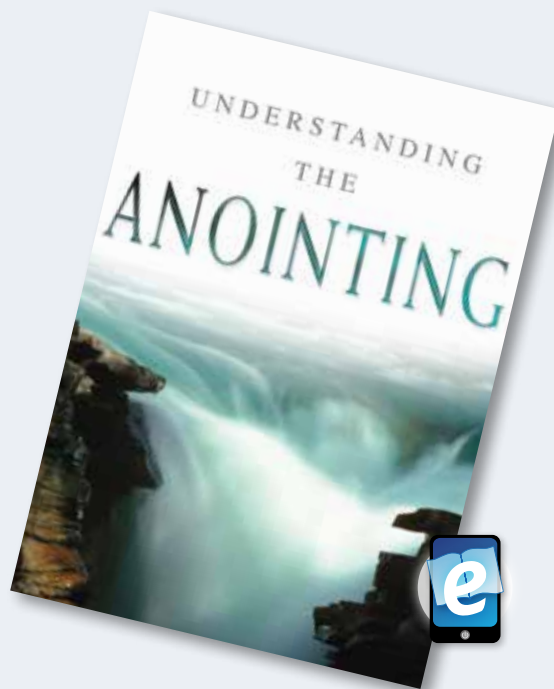
If we are conscious of Him Who dwells *within us* and if we believe God’s Word, then no matter what or whom we face in life, we will have no fear. The Greater One Who lives in us is greater than he who is in the world. He will put us over in life! ♥

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin’s Bible study course *The Holy Spirit and His Gifts*.]

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Things to Keep as We Run Our Race

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HIGHLIGHT**

IN HEBREWS 12:1, the author compares our life to a race. We are not in a sprint but rather a marathon. This verse talks about the weights and sin we need to lay aside. But to run our race effectively, we need to keep some things. Here are five of them.

ONE: KEEP OUR EYES ON JESUS

“Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore all sideshow distractions” (Prov. 4:25 MSG). Runners who compete hinder their race when they take their eyes off the finish line. The only way we are going to run our race effectively is to keep our eyes on Jesus. Anytime we feel as though we’ve been plowing through some things, we should remember that we’re in good company. Jesus also endured a lot before He

TWO: KEEP OUR AFFECTIONS ON THINGS ABOVE

“Every soldier called to active duty must divorce himself from the distractions of this world so that he may fully satisfy the one who chose him” (2 Tim. 2:4 TPT). The affairs of life can entangle us and become a higher priority than spiritual things. Yes, we should enjoy life—family, friends, activities, and hobbies. But because we are Christians, our perspective must be an eternal one. Let’s impact people’s lives with the mercy, goodness, and power of God.

THREE: KEEP OUR HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil” (Luke 6:45 NKJV). Our heart is like a bank account. Whatever is deposited in it is what will be withdrawn. We have to be cognizant of the deposits we are making. How do we get rid of bad deposits? Through the law of displacement. We can remove the residue of chocolate milk from the bottom of a glass by putting it under a faucet and blasting it out with water. And we can remove bad deposits from our heart by putting ourselves under a deluge of the water of God’s Word and letting that Word wash us clean.

FOUR: KEEP OURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD


“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another” (John 13:34 NKJV). This verse is not a suggestion. It’s

a commandment given to us by Jesus, and He expects us to obey it. In his first letter, the Apostle John provided insight into God’s love: “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 John 4:10–11 NKJV). God loved us unconditionally while we were still sinners. Can’t we do the same for others? Yes, we can.

FIVE: KEEP ON KEEPING ON

The Apostle Paul told us, *“Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart”* (Gal. 6:9 NKJV). We have a race to run and a course to finish. I believe it would be God’s pleasure for us to have the same testimony as Paul. He wrote, *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day”* (2 Tim. 4:7–8 NKJV). A crown symbolizes honor and is an emblem of a champion. Let’s run our race so when we look upon the face of Him Who redeemed us, we will hear Him say, “Well done!”[♥]

[Editor’s Note: Marty Blackwelder is an itinerant minister and has served in various ministry capacities for the past 30 years. This article was adapted from Marty’s Campmeeting 2024 message.]



**THE ONLY WAY
WE ARE GOING TO
RUN OUR RACE
EFFECTIVELY IS TO
KEEP OUR EYES
ON JESUS.**

finished His race. As we keep our eyes on the goal and keep moving forward, we will come to the end of that field we’re plowing and it will yield an abundant harvest.

Finding PEACE



LYNETTE HAGIN

GOD WANTS US to be successful in every area of our lives. Success is available in our relationships—in our marriages and with our family, friends, and coworkers. We can be successful in our finances and on our jobs. We can also see our dreams come to pass. As we obey God’s Word, we will see the success we desire.

For example, my favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*” This verse is truly a foundation for every aspect of my life. Numerous times over the years, my natural strength seemed to be depleted. At those times, the strength I needed to do something came completely from the Lord.

The Word of God is alive and powerful. It gives us victory in life and provides the direction, guidance, and wisdom we need to succeed in every situation, even in troubled times. Turmoil

around us can be perplexing. Powerful storms and floods have occurred. Wars and rumors of war are in the news, and inflation still troubles many.

When the world seems to be spinning out of control, God’s Word will keep our hearts and minds in peace. When the uncertainty of our times tries to overshadow us with worry and fear, we can run to the Word to find peace. His Word is our safety net in the midst of turmoil and harm.

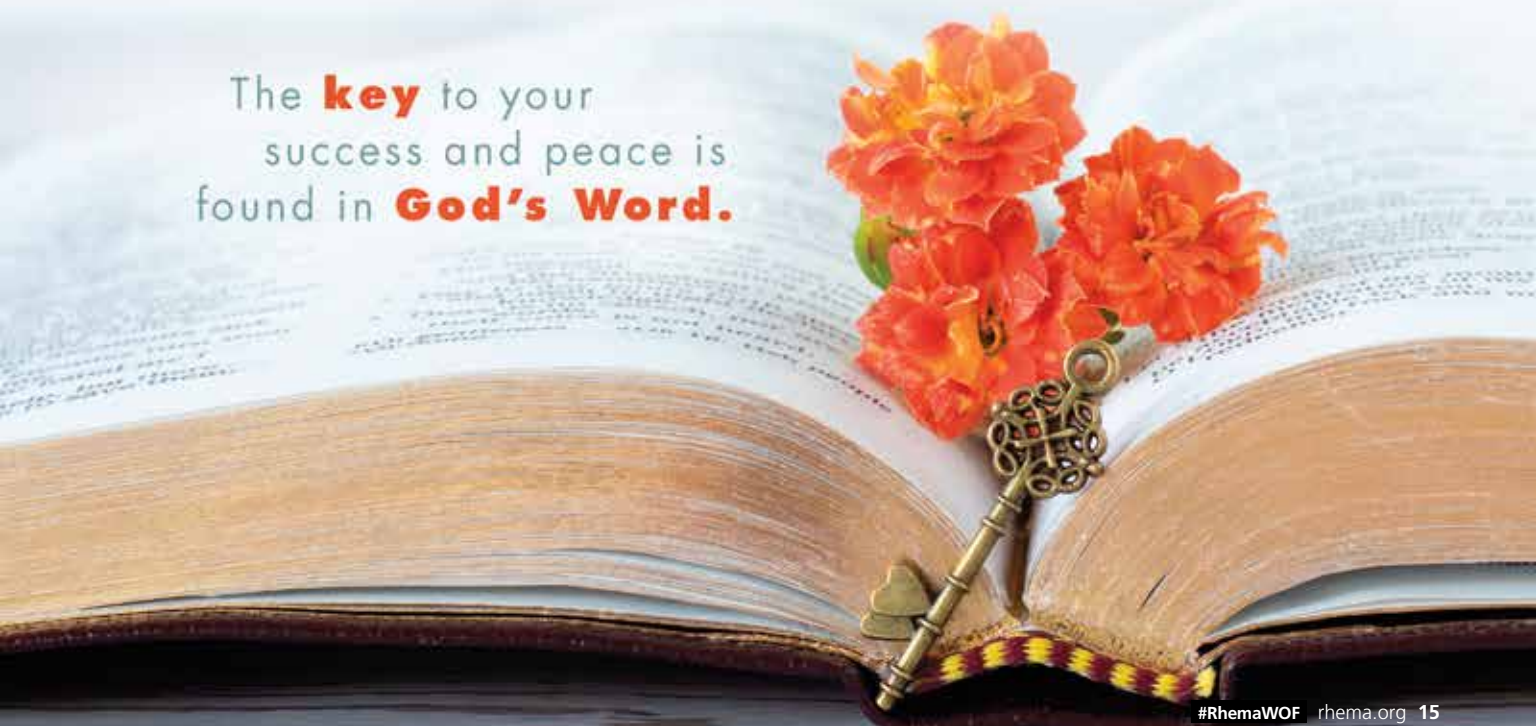
MAKING TIME FOR WHAT’S IMPORTANT

It’s more important today than ever before that we build a strong foundation in God’s Word and make His Word a daily part of our lives. Sometimes our schedules are so busy that we think we don’t have time to read and meditate on the Word. But we seem to have time to do the things we *want* to do!

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CONSIDER: Are there things in your life right now that are robbing you of peace? Find scriptures that cover your situation. Take time to meditate on these verses.

The **key** to your success and peace is found in **God’s Word.**



can always find time to do all the other things that are important to us. However, are we making time to do the things that will cause us to walk in God's peace and have success in our lives? Are we learning to be grounded in the Word and not moved by what we see with our natural eyes? Are we learning to trust the Lord and cast our cares on Him? Those things are what will cause peace to rule in our hearts.

If we're not careful, we will find ourselves living defeated lives without any peace. That's because we've neglected the very thing that will give us God's power and His peace—the Word of God.

FAITH IN ACTION

Think On This!

The key to your success and peace is found in God's Word. As you meditate on these scriptures, they will strengthen your faith to receive God's peace and find success in life.

"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)" (John 10:10 AMPC).

"Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you" (Eph. 3:20 TPT).

"And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]" (2 Cor. 9:8 AMPC).

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19).

"And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love" (Rom. 5:5 NLT).

"When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; yes, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet" (Prov. 3:24 AMPC).

"I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will give safety to your children and ease them" (Isa. 49:25 AMPC).

"My people will live in a peaceful neighborhood—in safe houses, in quiet gardens" (Isa. 32:18 Message).

"Once more he took hold of me, and I felt stronger. He said, 'God loves you, so don't let anything worry you or frighten you' " (Dan. 10:18–19 GNT).

If we let ourselves be consumed with all the natural things of life, that's what will come out when the tests and trials come. We will wring our hands and cry out to the Lord, "What are we going to do now?"

But if we set aside time to fill our minds and hearts with the Word, we will be ready when the crisis comes. We will be able to declare boldly that we're not going under—we're going over! And we can have peace—not turmoil, discouragement, worry, or distress—in the middle of any storm or struggle.♥

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Building a Legacy of Faith and Leadership

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

TANNER GREGURICH graduated from Rhema Bible Training College in 2017. He finished school with a dual purpose—to blend traditional ministry with his passion for improving lives through health and fitness. Today, Tanner serves in ministry and also owns and runs three personal training facilities in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, metro area. His team of 23 dedicated professionals works with 300 clients.

Tanner’s gyms—Tulsa Training, Owasso Training, and Broken Arrow Training—offer personalized fitness and nutrition programs designed to transform lives. He and his team

During his two years at Rhema, Tanner learned to rely on God’s guidance in every area. One of the most impactful lessons he’s carried from his time as a student is the importance of always returning to the Word of God. “Pastor Hagin emphasized the practice of asking, ‘What does the Word say about this?’” Tanner recalls. This principle has become a cornerstone in how he approaches life and work. Whether facing challenges in the early days of his business or making decisions that affect his family, staff, or clients, Tanner has leaned on God’s Word for wisdom and direction.

That helped him foster a work environment of respect and empathy where everyone feels supported and valued. This approach has enabled him to build a strong team and make a lasting impact on his clients.

One notable aspect of Tanner’s work is how he integrates his faith into his business. His gyms aren’t overtly Christian, but he sees every personal interaction as an opportunity to show God’s love. “We work with people who may not be believers, and every interaction becomes a chance to minister through love, encouragement, and support,” he explains. “By treating people with kindness and inspiring them to see their potential, we reflect the love of God in a tangible way.”

Tanner believes that the education and spiritual foundation he gained at RBTC have been the key to his success. “It’s not about what I can accomplish in my own ability but trusting in His strength working through me to achieve what I could never do on my own,” he says. He encourages others to consider RBTC, even if they don’t plan to pursue full-time ministry. “Rhema equips you to succeed in whatever God has called you to do,” he says. “The foundation you build will sustain you through challenges and guide you in fulfilling God’s purpose for your life.”

Tanner’s journey is a powerful example of RBTC’s life-changing impact. Whether serving in ministry, starting a business, or pursuing a different calling, Rhema prepares its students for success in every area. For Tanner, his RBTC foundation has both transformed his life and allowed him to transform the lives of those he leads and serves. ♥

“Whether serving in ministry, starting a business, or stepping into another field, RBTC prepares its students for success in every area.”



provide private, one-on-one training in a welcoming and results-oriented environment. With this approach, Tanner has built a thriving business. He helps clients meet their fitness goals and gives them confidence and a sense of purpose.

FAITH AS THE FOUNDATION

Tanner credits much of his success to the strong faith he developed at Rhema Bible Training College. “RBTC grounded me in the Word of God and helped me establish a firm foundation of faith and identity,” he shares. “This foundation has been crucial as I stepped into the calling of becoming a business owner.”

Running a business comes with its share of challenges, and Tanner’s journey was no exception. “There were moments early on when looking at the business bank account made me question if I had made the right decisions,” he recalls. “But in those times, I leaned on the foundation of faith I developed at RBTC and trusted that God would provide.”

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

That trust has paid off. Tanner’s gyms are thriving, and his leadership has created a positive, team-focused culture. Through the RBTC People Skills class, Tanner learned to see others from God’s perspective.



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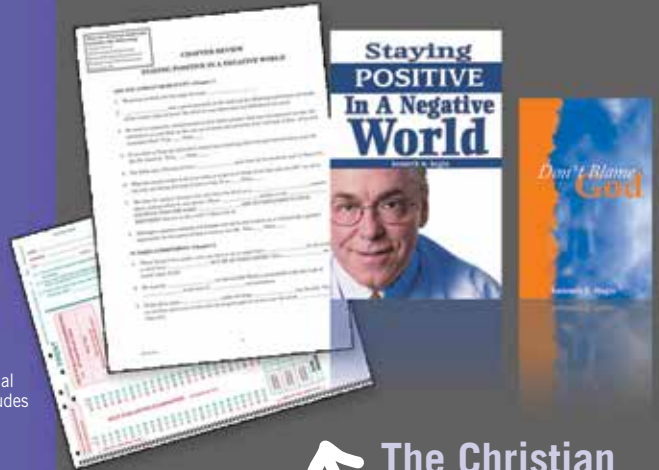
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ACCORDING TO WEBSTER'S *New World Dictionary*, faith is “unquestioning belief.” From this definition we can see that anytime we begin asking when, how, or why, we are no longer in faith. Faith never wonders whether something will happen.

No matter what is going on around us, faith never gives up. It always steadfastly believes. It doesn't matter

if we've sunk in the mud up to our chin and can barely breathe. Faith says, “I'm coming out. Through Christ, I'm victorious.”

But all too often when we start sinking, instead of standing strong, we begin questioning. “Why, Lord?” “When, Lord?” And God is saying back to us, “Believe. Only believe. All things are possible to those who believe” (Mark 9:23).

Strong faith will get us through any situation. The question is, how do we develop faith that never gives up? It's not that hard.

The answer is found in Romans 10:17: “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing, and hearing, and hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” You may be thinking, “Your Bible has a lot more ‘hearings’ in it than mine does.” Not really. In the Greek, the word translated *hearing* signifies continuous action. Faith, therefore, is developed by hearing something again and again and again. Just because we've heard something one time doesn't mean we have faith.

THE IMPORTANCE OF REPETITION IN BUILDING FAITH

This is where people often miss it. Once they've heard a message on something, they think they've got it. Then the next time the minister preaches on that subject, they turn their hearing off. They may be sitting in church and looking directly at the minister, but they aren't hearing a word that is being said. They think, “I know this. I've heard it before.”

However, when we look at their lives, we can see that they're sick, their needs aren't met, and they're in turmoil. Although they've heard the Word, they're not living it. They might “know”

Faith for Healing

Meditate on the following scriptures to build your faith in the area of healing.

“He took our suffering on him and felt our pain for us. We saw his suffering and thought God was punishing him. But he was wounded for the wrong we did; he was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to him, and we are healed because of his wounds” (Isaiah 53:4–5 NCV).

“So God’s promise came true, just as the prophet Isaiah had said, ‘He healed our diseases and made us well’ ” (Matt. 8:17 CEV).

“No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling” (Ps. 91:10 NKJV).

“I am the Lord who heals you” (Exod. 15:26 NKJV).

“My whole being, praise the Lord and do not forget all his kindnesses. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases” (Ps. 103:2–3 NCV).

“ ‘I will bring back your health and heal your injuries,’ says the Lord” (Jer. 30:17 NCV).

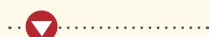
“Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross so we would stop living for sin and start living for what is right. And you are healed because of his wounds” (1 Peter 2:24 NCV).

the Word, but they’re not doing it. That Word has never dropped down into their hearts or they wouldn’t have the problems they’re having.

Faith is the foundation of our belief system. And how firm our foundation is depends on how deep it’s been dug. Have you ever noticed that when a skyscraper is being built, the foundation goes deep into the ground? The taller the building, the deeper the foundation.

Jesus told the story of two men—one who built his house on a rock and another who built his house on the sand. When the storm came, the house built on the sand couldn’t withstand the pounding of the wind and the waves. Only the house built on the rock was able to weather the storm. (See Matt. 7:24–27.)

The same is true in our lives. When we dig deep into the Word of God, continually get it into our hearts, and do it, we’ll be able to stand no matter what happens. God’s Word is our rock, and it doesn’t roll when the storms of life buffet us. It is our firm foundation.



Faith Check

In what areas is your faith strong? What areas need some work? What are you doing about it?

That’s why it’s so important for us to continually build our faith. Whether we hear God’s Word preached, or read and study the Bible for ourselves, or listen to recorded sermons, it’s vital that we feed constantly on the Word.

I have certain CDs and DVDs that I like to play again and again. The messages really inspire me and I listen to them a lot. I especially like to pull them out when I’m going through a hard time. They lift me up and encourage me when I’m tempted to quit.

KEEP LISTENING—YOUR VICTORY DEPENDS ON IT

Stuff comes at us all the time. That’s why it’s so important to continually hear the Word—even if we’ve heard it before. It’s really the only way to always be strong in faith.

The more we hear and hear and hear the Word, the stronger we’ll be when the devil’s attacks come. So when we hear someone minister one more time on a familiar subject, let’s not turn a deaf ear. If we’ll listen with an open ear, the Lord will show us something we didn’t know that will be a key to our victory. ♡

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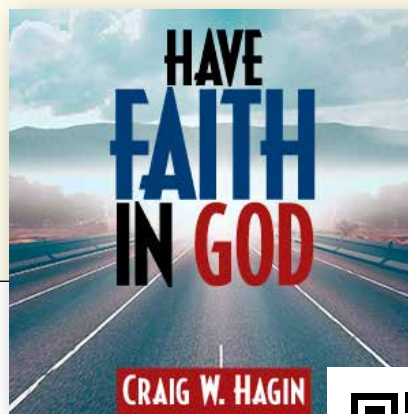
Do We Really Believe?

We all encounter mountains—seemingly impossible situations. The truth is, whether these mountains move or stay comes down to what we believe. Real faith makes all things possible. We need to put our faith in God, let Him do the heavy lifting, and watch our mountains disappear.

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

LIFE CAN BE challenging and even chaotic at times. While navigating through life, it is important to include the Heavenly Father in the process. Even as a child, I was thankful to be taught that God was always there to help me in any situation I found myself in.

A chorus we sang in church often says, "He's all I need, He's all I need. Jesus is all I need."¹ To allow the Lord to be all we need, we must first accept Christ as our Savior. Romans 10:9–10 (NKJV) 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. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

If you have never accepted Christ as your Savior, I encourage you to do that now. The life of faith in God is an exciting journey. Mark 11:22 states, "Have Faith in God." These four simple words hold a life-changing truth that can transform how we approach our challenges, uncertainties, and even mountains.

The context of that statement can be found in Mark 11:12–14 (NKJV). "Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. In response Jesus said to it, 'Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.'"

The next day, the disciples saw that the tree had withered from the roots. Astonished, Peter pointed it out to Jesus. In response, Jesus said, "Have faith in God."

Notice that Jesus didn't tell His disciples to "have faith." He was specific—"Have faith in God." Faith is not wishful thinking or blind optimism. It is a deep, unwavering trust in God's character, promises, and power. When Jesus said, "Have faith in God, He was reminding His disciples that real faith is rooted in a relationship with God—not in our abilities, circumstances, or feelings.

We do not usually ask a favor of someone who is a stranger.

We go to someone we have a relationship with and believe will accommodate our request. Often, Christians do not receive the benefits offered to them because they have not taken the time to develop a relationship with their Heavenly Father.

After commanding His disciples to have faith in God, Jesus made a bold statement in Mark 11:23–24. Of course, these scriptures are the foundation for Kenneth Hagin Ministries.

"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" (NKJV).

Jesus used a mountain to demonstrate obstacles that seemed impossible to overcome. The mountains in our lives may be broken relationships, financial struggles, health issues, emotional wounds, unfulfilled dreams, and so forth. Jesus tells us that faith can move mountains—not because we have the power but because we trust the One who does.

You may be thinking, my friend has so much faith, but my faith level is not that great. Matthew 17:20 (NIV1984) says: "I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." The size of your faith is not as important as the object of your faith. Even a tiny mustard seed of faith, when placed in the hands of God, can accomplish the impossible.

If Jesus commands us to have faith in God, we must ask ourselves, "How can we grow and apply this faith in our daily lives?" I'm reminded of a scripture I heard my father-in-law quote many times, Romans 10:17: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

He would then continue to repeat, hearing and hearing and hearing God's Word. Faith grows when we immerse ourselves in scripture. God's Word reminds us of His promises and ability to do exceedingly and abundantly beyond all we ask or imagine.♥



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Check Your Spiritual

Look closely at the **Vision** eye chart above and you will discover hidden words from Ephesians 1:18 contained in it. All words go horizontally but may be broken up between lines. Use the **King James Version** of the Bible if you need help.

Spiritual Health goes TO THE BONE!

Your spiritual health is so important that it can even affect your bones! Draw a line between the spiritual conditions in the left column and the way it affects your bones in the right column. If you need help, the answers can be found in Proverbs 3:7-8; 14:30; 16:24; and 17:22 (NKJV).

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| envy • | • strong bones |
| pleasant words • | • healthy bones |
| broken spirit • | • dry bones |
| fear of the Lord • | • rotten bones |

IT'S TIME FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL CHECKUP

In the same way that you get regular physical checkups by your doctor, you also need to be getting regular SPIRITUAL checkups. See how healthy your SPIRIT is by checking the box that best fits your spiritual condition.



SPIRITUAL HEIGHT:

- GROWING in grace—2 Peter 3:18 (10 points)
- SHRINKING back—Heb. 10:38-39 (0 points)



SPIRITUAL WEIGHT:

- LIGHT burdens—Matt. 11:30 (10 points)
- HEAVY laden—Matt. 11:28 (0 points)



SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE:

- HOT—Rev. 3:15 (10 points)
- COLD—Rev. 3:15 (5 points)
- LUKEWARM—Rev. 3:16 (0 points)



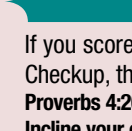
SPIRITUAL REFLEXES:

- QUICK to hear—James 1:19 (10 points)
- SLOW of heart to believe—Luke 24:25 (0 points)



SPIRITUAL HEARING:

- Can HEAR the Lord's voice speaking—John 10:27 (10 points)
- DULL of hearing—Heb. 5:11 (0 points)



SPIRITUAL EYESIGHT:

- EYES that are open—Eph. 1:18 (10 points)
- EYES that cannot see—Acts 28:27 (0 points)

SPIRITUAL DIAGNOSIS:

If you scored between 0-20 points on this Spiritual Checkup, then you need to take the following prescription: **Proverbs 4:20-22 (NASB)**—"My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart: For they are life to those who find them And HEALTH [medicine] to all their body."

Check your Spiritual Vision (All of the bold words in the following verses are contained in the chart.)
 "The EYES of your UNDERSTANDING being enlightened: that ye may know what is the HOPE of his CALLING, and what the RICHES of the GLORY of his INHERITANCE in the SAINTS."
envy—rotten bones: Proverbs 14:30 (NKJV)—"A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones."
pleasant words—healthy bones: Proverbs 16:24 (NKJV)—"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones."
broken spirit—dry bones: Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)—"A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones."
fear of the Lord—strong bones: Proverbs 3:7-8 (NKJV)—"Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones."

ANSWERS:

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

If you don't feel well, what do you probably have?

A pair of gloves on your hands.

What do you have if your head is hot, your foot is cold, and you see spots in front of your eyes?

You probably have a polka-dotted sock over your head.

Why did the man tiptoe past the medicine cabinet?

He didn't want to wake up the sleeping pills.

DOCTOR, DOCTOR!

Doctor, Doctor! My son has swallowed my pen. What should I do?

Use a pencil until I get there.

Doctor, Doctor! I think I'm a bell.

Take two of these pills and if they don't help, give me a ring!

Doctor, Doctor! You have to help me out!

Certainly! Which way did you come in?

Doctor, Doctor! My little boy has just swallowed a roll of film.

Well, let's just wait and see if anything develops!



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