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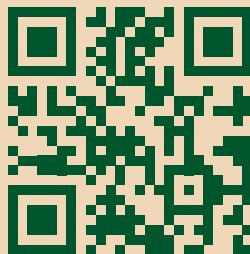
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# Thanksgiving—365 Days a Year!

This is the time of year in both the United States and Canada when we celebrate a special holiday—Thanksgiving. As the day approaches, our thoughts begin to turn toward family and friends. But we must be careful that we do not allow Thanksgiving to become just another day when we gather with our loved ones to feast and watch football games. We need to remember that Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks to God.

The Bible gives us scripture after scripture on the subject of thanksgiving. Psalm 100:4 (NKJV) tells us, *“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.”* And Colossians 1:12–13 says, *“Giving thanks unto the Father . . . who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”*

As we approach this time, we should do so with thanksgiving in our hearts because God has given us so much. But I believe we can’t have a true attitude of thanksgiving if we are not reaching out to those who are less fortunate than we are.

This Thanksgiving, many people will sit down to eat a meal while their hearts are crying out. They will not be enjoying the benefits of this great salvation God has given us. There will be no joy of thanksgiving in their hearts.

If you and I had not learned the truth of God’s Word, God only knows where we would be today. We need to thank Him every day that Jesus Christ was born, that He died for our sins, and that He rose again. Every day we should thank God for His amazing grace.

Thanksgiving should not be something we celebrate just one day of the year. Thanksgiving with God is 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, 60 minutes an hour, and 60 seconds a minute. With every tick of the clock, with every breath we breathe, we should have thanksgiving in our hearts.



*Kenneth W. Hagin*

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# Don't Worry Put On the Garment of Praise!



LYNETTE HAGIN

**WE DON'T HAVE** to look far to know that we are living in difficult times. The news makes it easy to worry and forget about God's promises. It is important to keep our mind stayed on the Lord.

I once heard about a man named Ralph. He was head over heels in trouble, but he was not doing much to help himself. So a friend took Ralph aside to talk to him.

"Ralph, you have two hands," the friend said. "Why don't you do something with them?"

"I am," he promptly replied. "I'm wringing both of them!"

Some of us might feel like Ralph. We might be in a situation where we're confessing, "My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19), or "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). Yet even though we are quoting the Word, we're also wringing our hands!

Many Christians would never admit to worrying. They would say they are "concerned." Whether we call it worry or concern, it's really the same thing.

## **STRESS AND WORRY CAUSE PROBLEMS**

Stress and worry have become a way of life for many—even Christians. The enemy wants us to get so caught up in the

cares of life that we stop concentrating on the Father's business.

If we constantly worry instead of keeping our mind stayed on the Lord, we can open ourselves up to many health-related problems. High blood pressure, ulcers, and depression are only a few illnesses that can be caused by stress.

Someone said that worry is the interest we pay on troubles that seldom come. I don't want to waste my time doing something that avails nothing. I want to go somewhere, not sit still worrying! And I don't want to clutter my mind with things I can't do anything about. I once heard someone say, "Worry is wasting today's time to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles."

Worry can be a tough habit to break. Usually, when we allow ourselves to worry, the devil brings all kinds of imaginations to us. At times, it can be hard to quiet our mind.

We may have to force ourselves to focus on the things of the Lord. But we are promised peace when we keep our mind on Jesus. Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) says, "*You will keep in perfect peace . . . all whose thoughts are fixed on you!*"

The Apostle Paul made this scripture a part of his life. It's evident that he had many opportunities to worry. Instead, he chose to keep his mind on the Lord, put on the garment of praise, and magnify God no matter what he experienced.

Paul wrote the following when he was chained and in prison:

#### PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 (NIV)

- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
- 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
- 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
- 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Paul was facing execution when he wrote this. Yet, he refused to worry. His strategy for dealing with anxiety was to rejoice in the Lord.

### DON'T WORRY; BE HAPPY!

One time my husband was given a replica of a fish that was mounted on a plaque. The fish was activated by motion. Every time someone walked by it, the fish sang, "Don't worry; be happy!"

"Don't worry; be happy" is a motto believers need to live by. Instead of allowing a spirit of heaviness to grip our heart, we must learn to rejoice in the Lord. And the Lord will provide us with a garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness (Isa. 61:3). When we rejoice in the Lord, we will have strength, peace, and happiness—no matter what the situation looks like. We don't have to worry about anything. We only need to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord.

Whenever we're in a tough spot, we must follow Paul's example and rejoice. I understand that it may not be as easy as it sounds. When the bills are piling up or our body is wracked with pain, it's natural to worry. Rejoicing in the Lord may not feel like the *easiest* thing to do, but it is definitely the *best* thing we can do in hard times.

### GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO US

King David is another example of someone who could have worried but chose to praise the Lord instead.

#### PSALM 13:4-6 (NIV)

- 4 My enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- 5 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

#### PSALM 5:11-12 (NIV)

- 11 But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.
- 12 Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Instead of worrying, we should follow King David's advice and sing. Why? Because God has been good to us. He is the One Who can take care of any situation, and praising Him gives Him access to work in our lives.

Thanksgiving and praise are Kingdom keys that open the doors to the courts of Almighty God (Ps. 100:4). It can be easy to get caught up in our daily routine and neglect spending time with the Lord. When that happens, the cares of life *will* overtake us.

Whenever we encounter a tough spot, we should steal away and spend time with the Lord. Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28 NLT). It's in the Presence of the Lord that we can cast off a spirit of heaviness and replace it with the garment of praise. God's Presence is where we find fullness of joy (Ps. 16:11).

Our lives don't have to be consumed with worry. We can confidently face the future and overcome any hardship. When worry tries to wrap itself around us, we can throw it off like a tattered garment. We can put on the garment of praise and watch the Lord turn our situation around!♥



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# A Life of Service

TAD GREGURICH

*"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" –Galatians 2:20*



**INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT**

**WHEN PAUL SURRENDERED** his life to Christ, he knew his life was no longer his own. He willingly gave up his rights and chose to become a bond slave to his Lord and Savior.

The same is true for us today. After we give our lives to the Lord, we don't belong to ourselves anymore. We belong to Christ. It's not a matter of what we want to do, but of what Christ wants to do through us. Our life should be one of servitude.

Jesus had an attitude of servitude from an early age. When He was 12 years old, He went to Jerusalem with His parents to celebrate Passover. Afterward, as Jesus' parents were returning to their hometown, they did not realize that Jesus had stayed behind. After searching for Him, Joseph and Mary found Him in the Temple. When they asked Him to explain, Jesus replied, *"Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"* (Luke 2:49 NKJV).

We, too, must be about our Father's business. While we are on the earth, we have work to do. Thank God for all the benefits we have in Christ. We've escaped eternal damnation, and we can walk in health and live in prosperity. But we would be negligent if we didn't share what we have with others. Our life in Christ is about service. It's about yielding to something greater than we are. When Jesus sent His disciples out, He said, *"Freely you have received, freely give"* (Matt. 10:8 NKJV). God gave each of us a gift, and He expects us to use our gifts in service to others.

Some people have gifts and talents but don't use them. We must not allow our gifts to become dormant. Paul told Timothy to *"stir*

give themselves wholeheartedly to the Lord or to anybody else. But I'm not suggesting that we follow a man; I'm suggesting that we



*up the gift of God which is in you"* (2 Tim. 1:6 NKJV). We nourish our gifts by actively using them. One of the best ways to do this is by being involved in your local church or hooking up with a ministry.

Kenneth E. Hagin often said, "Never pray, 'Lord, bless me.' Instead, pray, 'Lord, make me a blessing.'" When we give ourselves to the Lord this way, God will make us a part of something bigger than we are.

God will plant us in a local church or connect us to a ministry. He will join us to something that is greater than we are. And **WHEN WE'RE PART OF SOMETHING THAT'S GREATER THAN ANY MAN IS, WE'RE PART OF A MANDATE FROM HEAVEN.**

Some people may struggle with this because they don't want to

hook up with what God has placed inside us.

Are you using your faith to reach the backslider? Are you using your faith to get people filled with the Holy Spirit? Are you using your faith to see that people are set free from the bonds of the devil? If not, it's time to be a part of something greater than yourself.

God has not called us to live apart from other people. He's called us to minister to those around us. So let's commit to following Paul's example and live a life of service.♥

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



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# Facing Goliath

ADRIAN GRIFFIN

I SPENT 25 years in the NBA—nine as a player and 16 as a coach. Many people have asked me, “What’s your key to winning?” It’s very simple. The great players do things that others won’t. They have a high tolerance for pain. They push longer, lift harder, and just hang in there. They work twice as hard because they want it more.

Here’s the secret:

**MATTHEW 7:13–14 (NLV)**

**13** Go in through the narrow door. The door is wide and the road is easy that leads to hell. Many people are going through that door.

**14** But the door is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life that lasts forever. Few people are finding it.

A lot of people look for shortcuts. But if you want to be successful, you’ve got to be willing to pay the price. Greatness will be hard and painful. Many times I

got out of bed thinking, “There’s no way I’m getting through practice today.”

My college days at Seton Hall were a rude awakening for me. I felt like a fish out of water. When I was growing up, my dad and my high school coach never yelled or cursed. But in college, my coach called me all kinds of names. It was hard for me to take. Do you know why? Because I hadn’t been tested yet.

Trying to intimidate David, Goliath said, *“Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks? . . . Come here, . . . and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”* (1 Sam. 17:43–44 NIV).

David didn’t flinch. He shot back, *“You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty . . . This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands”* (vv. 45–46 NIV).

Where did David get that resolve? Before he ever fought Goliath, he fought lions and bears. If you try to fight Goliath before fighting lions and bears, you’re going to get your head knocked off. Often we want to skip those early battles. But that’s where we learn to stand and not run. Those battles prepare us for what’s ahead.

God often puts us in positions that are not comfortable. But never underestimate the seasons in your life when you go through the fire.

My time at Seton Hall turned out to be the best thing that happened to me. God can use whatever you’re experiencing and turn it around for your good. My

college days prepared me for the NBA. When I finally stepped onto an NBA court, a coach could yell at me, and I could still function and produce at a high level.

You’re going to face “Goliaths” throughout your life. When you learn to beat them, doors will open for you. But you have to go down the narrow road when nobody is watching and do the hard work. What’s done in secret will come to light if you do it God’s way.

When I started coaching, I wanted to be head coach so bad, but it didn’t happen right away. Frustration can kick in because you think you’re ready and you wonder, “When’s it going to happen?”

In my coaching journey, I learned to keep my mouth shut and serve. At first, I tried to make it happen. But I discovered that if you want to get to the top, you serve your way there. When I began to serve my coaches, God gave me favor, and I didn’t have to fight for positions.

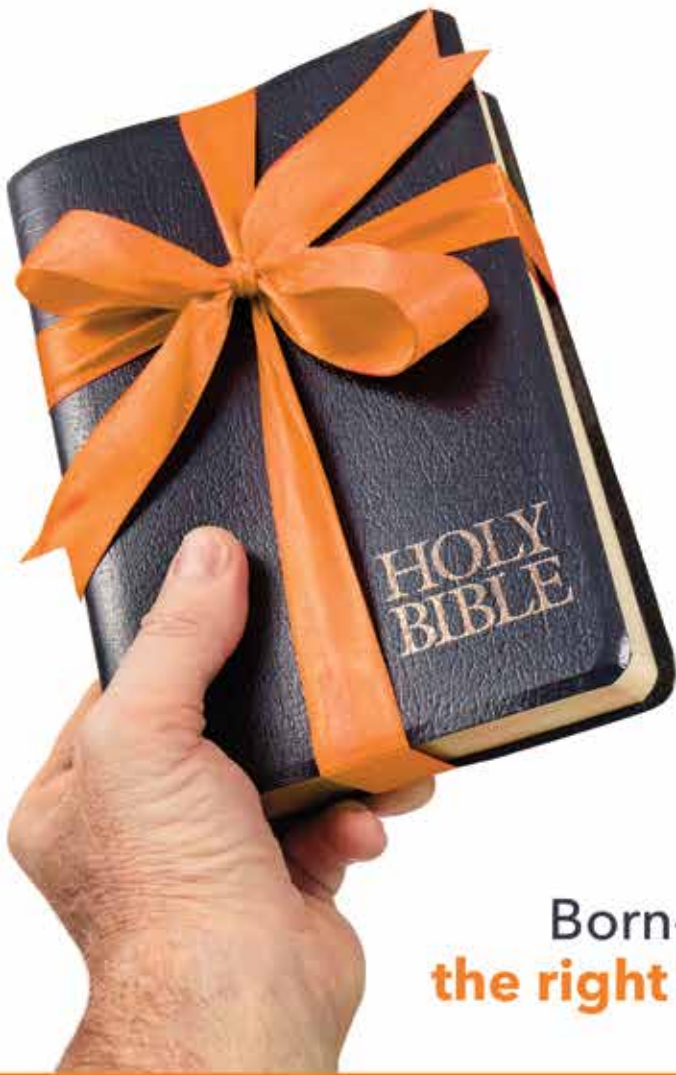
At times things don’t go your way. It can be a blow, and you don’t understand why it happened. But remember that when you serve Christ as your Savior, you’re on the winning team—you’ll always win in the end. So don’t hesitate or second-guess yourself when the ball is in your hand. Just let it rip!♥

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Adrian Griffin’s message at A Call to Arms 2024.]

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# YOUR BENEFITS PACKAGE



Born-again believers have  
**the right to use** the Name of Jesus.



**CRAIG W. HAGIN**

**THE THIRD CHAPTER** of Acts records the healing of a man who had been lame from birth. Every day this man was carried to the Temple and laid by the gate called Beautiful. There he begged for money from those who passed through the gate to enter the Temple.

One day, when the lame man saw Peter and John, he asked them for alms. Peter replied, *“Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk”* (Acts 3:6). Peter took the man by his right hand and, with a firm grasp, raised him up. Immediately, strength came into the crippled man’s lifeless legs, and he began walking and leaping and praising God (Acts 3:1–10).

Peter was able to perform this miracle because he knew who he was in Christ. He followed Jesus’ command to go into the world, preach the Gospel, and lay hands on the sick. *And* he expected the sick to recover (Mark 16:15–18).

Do you know what you have in Christ? Do you know all of

the rights and privileges that are yours as a born-again believer? Unfortunately, some Christians don’t. And because they don’t know what they have, they never use what is theirs.

Have you ever known someone who accepted a job but never took advantage of the benefits package that came with it? That is, they never took a vacation or used the health benefits or took advantage of any of the other perks that came with the position. You probably have never known a person who did that, because most of us are quick to use the benefits that are ours.

When we were born again, you could say that we received a salvation package. Of course, spending eternity in Heaven after we die is a major part of the package. And that is what many Christians focus on. But there is so much more to salvation than just escaping the flames of hell. Here are a few of the many benefits included in salvation.

## HEALING BELONGS TO US

Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus bore the wounds on His back that brought us healing. First Peter 2:24 (NLT) says, *“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.”*

## WE WERE GIVEN AUTHORITY IN THE NAME OF JESUS

No other name is higher than the Name of Jesus. Philippians 2:9–10 (NLT) says, “Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.” Born-again believers have the right to use the Name of Jesus.

## PROVISION IS PROMISED US

God wants to be our source and promises to provide for all of our needs (Phil. 4:19). Instead of looking at how much money we make, we need to look to God. And when we do, we will never go under, no matter what is happening around us.

## JESUS IS OUR FRIEND

Human friends are not always loyal, but Jesus promises never to leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5). He is a friend who sticks closer than any brother. He will always be there for us.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT ABIDES IN US

When Jesus ascended into Heaven, He did not leave us without help. He gave us the Holy Spirit to dwell inside us. Jesus said, “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever” (John 14:16). The word “Comforter” comes from the Greek word *paraclete*. This word can also mean “Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthened,” and “Standby.”

## WE HAVE THE WORD OF GOD

Although portions of the Bible were written more than 3,000 years ago, the Word of God contains solutions to any problem we will come up against. When we don’t know what to do or who to turn to, we can look to the Word for guidance, comfort, and assurance.

## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

There is power in prayer, and our prayers can change circumstances and move mountains. I’m reminded of the fall

of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain. There was a time when no one would have thought that one day you could freely cross from the eastern to the western side of Berlin, or that the Iron Curtain would be dismantled. But through the power of prayer, the faces of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union were forever changed.

These are only a few of the many benefits we have in Christ. But let’s not stop here. Let’s continue studying God’s Word and discover everything that is ours. Then let’s become doers of the Word (James 1:22) and take advantage of everything we have in Christ.♥

### FAITH NUGGET

## What We Have in Christ

Here are a few more benefits we have in Christ:

- Justified.....Romans 3:24
- Not Condemned.....Romans 8:1
- Sanctified.....1 Corinthians 1:2
- Made Alive.....1 Corinthians 15:22
- Triumphant.....2 Corinthians 2:14
- A New Creation.....2 Corinthians 5:17
- Reconciled.....2 Corinthians 5:19
- Righteous.....2 Corinthians 5:21
- Blessed With Every
- Spiritual Blessing.....Ephesians 1:3
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- Without Blame.....Ephesians 1:4
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- Wise.....2 Timothy 3:15

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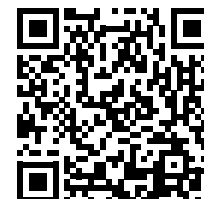
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## CATCH THE WAVE OF REVIVAL

**KENNETH W. HAGIN**

“Revivals come like waves. Don't settle for the small ones—wait for the big wave. I see young people carrying the torch in this last-day harvest. The Holy Spirit moves in many ways—we can't box Him in. It's time to stir up the gift and do what God has called us to do.”



## JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

**CRAIG W. HAGIN**

“Jesus changes everything—not just when you're saved or on your worst day, but right now. You don't have to look for Jesus; He's already found you. The Greater One lives on the inside of you and you're authorized to use His name. Stop calculating and start believing! Provision isn't about what you see. It's about who you serve. You don't need more power; you need to use the name you've been given—Jesus. You don't have to clean up to come to church. Just come and let Jesus clean you up.”



## LIVING A JOY-FILLED LIFE

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“Joy is a choice rooted in Jesus. It's not a mood—it's a faith statement that shields us in trials and lifts us in prayer. We can't run today's race on yesterday's joy—we must stay in God's presence daily.”



## FAITH IN ACTION

“If He's not worried, I'm not worried. If He's Lord, we win the victory.”

// **MARK BINTLIFF**



“Believing is the starting point of walking in a living faith. You're not going to have a lot of faith in something you don't believe.”

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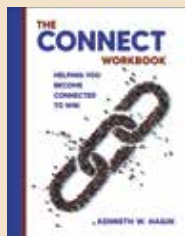
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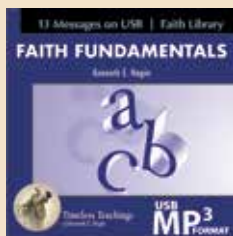
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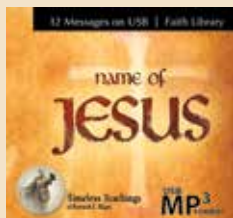
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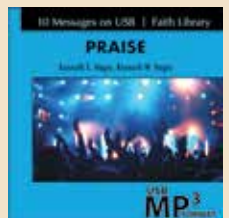
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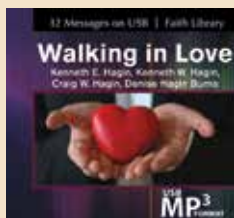
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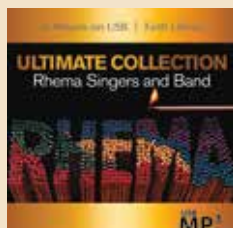
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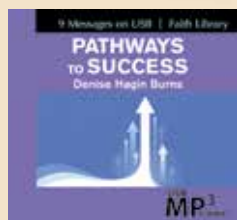
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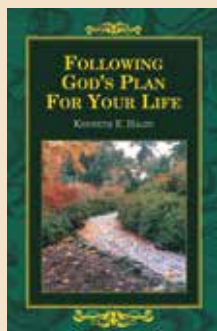
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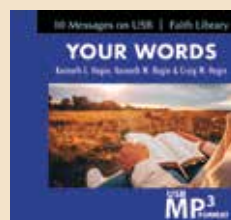
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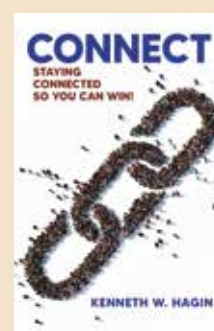
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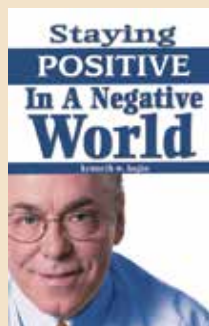
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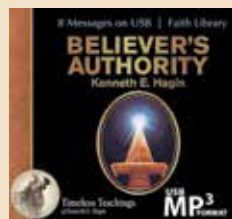
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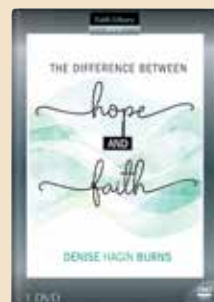
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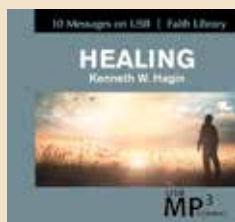
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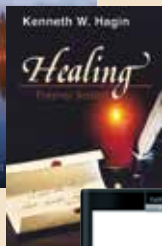


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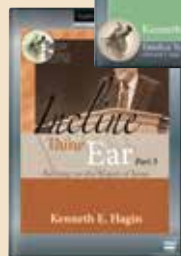
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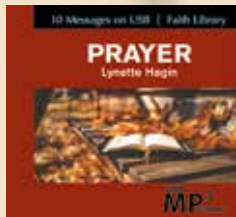


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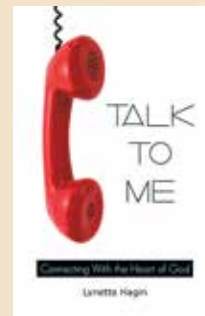
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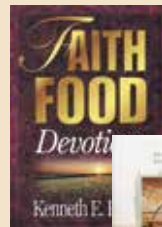
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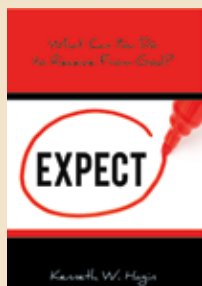
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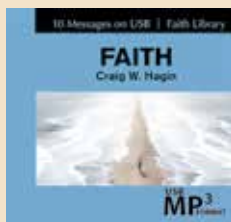
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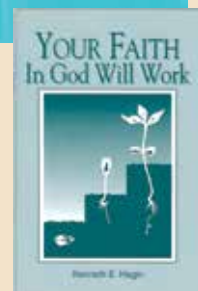
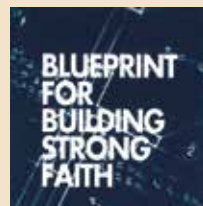


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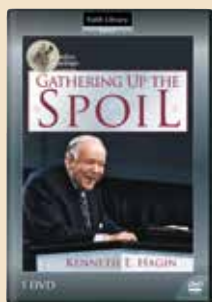


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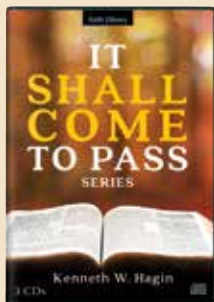
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# WHERE ARE YOU SEATED?



OUR POSITION AND SEATING  
IN CHRIST IS A FACT.  
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**AFTER JESUS WAS** raised from the dead, the Bible says God highly exalted Him to a position of honor at His right hand. He also gave Him a Name that is above every name (Eph. 1:20; Phil. 2:9–11).

God not only gave Jesus a Name that is above every name, but at the Name of Jesus, every being in all three worlds—Heaven, earth, and hell—must bow and confess Jesus’ lordship and dominion. God also seated Jesus in the highest position in the universe, at His Own right hand, and made Him head over all things (Eph. 1:19–22).

## **OUR POSITION IN CHRIST**

How does Jesus’ seating in the highest position in the universe affect us? Ephesians 2:6 says that God “*hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*”

We are seated with Christ in heavenly places. Joint-seating with Christ is “far above” all principalities and powers of darkness. Evil spirits can’t influence believers who are seated with Christ in heavenly places!

Our seating and reigning with Christ is a position of authority, honor, and triumph—not failure, depression, and defeat.

Because we are believers, our seating with Christ is part of our inheritance *now*. This is where we are *already* seated, because when Jesus was seated in triumph, we were seated with Him.

The word *hath* in Ephesians 2:6 is past tense. God has *already* raised us up and made us sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. From this position of honor and triumph, we will rule and reign with Christ in this life *now*—if we’ll exercise our rightful authority.

Our position in Christ is already an accomplished fact. But we need to *exercise* the authority that belongs to us in that position before it will profit us. Using our authority is how we will reign with Christ over principalities and powers.

Our position as believers is one of joint-seating with Christ in heavenly places. That may not always be our *circumstance*, but that is our *position*.

If we want to rise above our *circumstances*, we must take advantage of our *position* in Christ.

## ENTHRONED WITH CHRIST

Ephesians 2:6 in the *Weymouth* translation says that God “raised us with Him [Jesus] from the dead, and enthroned us with Him in the heavenly realms as being in Christ Jesus.”

God enthroned us with Jesus in the heavenly realms. Does that sound like a Church that is defeated and is still having to battle to gain mastery over Satan? No. God designed the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ to be triumphant because we are sharers and partakers of Christ’s victory over Satan.

## JOINT-SEATING WITH CHRIST

Because we as believers are in Christ, when Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father, we sat down with Him far above principalities and powers. The Church, the Body of Christ, is *in Christ*. The body is connected to the head. Jesus is the Head of His Body—the Church.

If Jesus—the Head—triumphed over the devil, is the Body of Christ to be any less triumphant since we are *in Christ*? Of course not! It is our legal right to enjoy joint-seating with Christ in heavenly places—in a position of authority and triumph far above all principalities and powers. If we will take advantage of our joint-seating with Christ, we will begin to triumph in life.

We don’t have to *try* to be seated with Christ far above principalities and powers. We don’t have to *pray through* to be seated with Christ in heavenly places. We don’t have to *struggle through* to attain that position, or *fight through* demons to be seated with Christ in a place of victory.

Our position and seating in Christ is a fact. It has already happened. That position was attained for us through our Lord Jesus Christ. All we have to do is enjoy the rights and privileges that already belong to us as joint-heirs with Christ.

When we get the revelation of our position in Christ, what a difference it will make in our lives! We will no longer be the defeated Church. We will take our place as the triumphant Church, which was God’s design from the foundation of the world.♥

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

### FAITH NUGGET

## The Greatest Name

The key to our authority over the powers of darkness is the Name of Jesus. Believers have authority over the devil in that Name. Some Christians, however, have thought the Name of Jesus is just to be used like a magic charm one wears to ward off evil forces. Believers haven’t really understood what they possess as their inheritance because of that Name.

All of Jesus’ power and authority is invested in His Name, and He has authorized believers to use His Name (John 14:13–14).

We know Jesus has authorized us to use His Name in prayer because He said, “*Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you*” (John 16:23).

Praying according to God’s Word is one way believers take their place of authority in Christ on the earth. But Jesus also said of believers, “*In my name shall they cast out devils . . .*” (Mark 16:17).

The devil knows he must bow to that Name. And he recognizes the authority we have in Christ because of that Name. But we must recognize our authority, exercise it, and stand against him in Jesus’ Name for him to bow.

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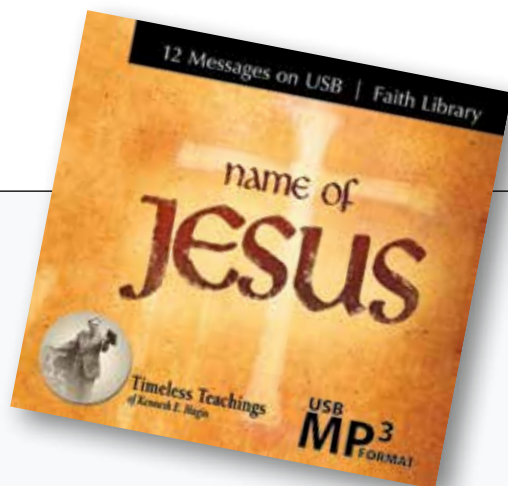
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# CLIMBING THE FAITH LADDER



**KENNETH W. HAGIN**

**ONE TIME AS** two blind men were following Jesus, they cried out, “Thou Son of David, have mercy on us!” Jesus asked if they believed He was able to heal them. “Yes,” they replied. Touching their eyes, He said, “*According to your faith be it unto you*” (see Matt. 9:27–31).

Countless Christians today are crying out to God. They’re asking Him for many different things. Yet, they’re not receiving and they don’t understand why. They’re disappointed. They may have started out well. But on far too many occasions, their faith has fizzled.

The reason they’re not receiving is simple. They’re asking God for something that is beyond their ability to believe.

## **ONE STEP AT A TIME**

Living by faith can be compared to climbing a ladder. The right way to go up a ladder is to take one step at a time. A person with long legs may think he can take two steps at a time. After all, he’d get to the top quicker that way. What about taking three steps at a time? Have you ever tried to climb a ladder by taking three or four steps at a time? Just think how fast you could get to the top.

It’s obvious why taking more than one step at a time is not a good idea. Instead of being quicker, it’s actually more difficult and unsafe. A person climbing that way can struggle and maybe

even fall and get hurt. The best way to climb a ladder is one step at a time.

The same is true with faith. Trying to take two or three steps or one giant leap at a time is not a good idea. When we do this, we’re actually trying to believe God beyond our faith level.

## **HOW MUCH FAITH IS ENOUGH?**

Romans 12:3 says, “*God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*” In this verse, the word “the” indicates that all Christians receive the same amount of faith when we are born again. So it’s not that we don’t have enough faith.

Jesus said in Matthew 17:20 that if we had faith the size of a grain of mustard seed, we could move a mountain. We don’t need a lot of faith. We just need to exercise the faith we’ve been given.

Everybody has muscles. But some people develop their muscles more than others. I’m pretty strong for my age. But if I stand next to a professional bodybuilder, my biceps will look small compared to his. He’s developed his muscles more than I’ve developed mine!

The same is true with faith. Some people have developed their faith muscles far more than others. They can easily believe for something large, while others struggle with receiving small things. The more we exercise our faith, the easier it will be to see the promises of God manifested in our lives.

No one goes to a gym and immediately bench-presses 400 pounds. They would hurt themselves if they tried. They have to start out with lower weights and build their way up. The same is

true with boxing. Someone doesn't start to box one weekend and then try to fight the world champion the next weekend.

We laugh at that because it would be ridiculous. Yet some people hear one sermon on faith and then try to fight for the "world championship."

## DAVID'S FAITH WALK

David didn't start out by slaying Goliath. He first fought a lion and a bear. By the time he got to Goliath, he already knew how to believe God. He knew what it was like to step out in faith with nothing but God to rely on.

David didn't use the armor King Saul wanted him to wear. He hadn't tested it (1 Sam. 17:39 NKJV). Some Christians make the mistake of trying to do what worked for somebody else. They say,

### FAITH IN ACTION

#### Faith Steps

Below are some practical steps you can take to help you build strong faith.

1. Surround yourself with things that produce faith.
2. Turn off the TV, stay off social media, and read your Bible.
3. Put your faith in God's Word, not in someone's experience.
4. Let God answer your prayers His way. Your answer may come in an entirely different way than someone else's.
5. Obey God's Word. God requires all His children to walk in the light of the Scriptures.
6. Remain humble. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.
7. Be bold. When you know who you are in Christ, you can boldly demand your rights in Him.

"Well, so-and-so was in the same situation I'm in now. I'm going to do what they did."

When we do this, we're basing our faith on another person's faith. To get results, we must base our faith only on God's Word.

David wasn't accustomed to a shield, helmet, or other armor. He was accustomed to his shepherd's garment, a staff, and a pouch on his side with stones in it. He had a slingshot and he knew how to use it. King Saul's armor didn't fit him. He didn't try to make what worked for King Saul work for him.

## FAITH EXERCISES

A good way to exercise our faith muscles is to believe God for something every day. Make it something that is attainable that day.

In 1974 when we started Rhema, I left home every morning with nothing in my pocket except an empty billfold, a pocketknife, and a set of keys. If I wanted a cup of coffee, a cold drink, or lunch, I had to believe God for it. I never told anybody I didn't have any money. I just trusted God.

Without fail, after I'd teach and go back to my office, a dollar or two and sometimes five would be on my desk.

Later, when Craig and I wanted to ride off-road motorcycles, I believed God for the money to buy the motorcycles and equipment. I understood the importance of keeping my ability to believe Him expanded to the limit. So even if I had the cash, I would trust God for it instead.

I learned how important it is to believe God for something every day. I know for a fact that if I hadn't continually exercised my faith in Rhema's early days, I would not be able to believe God for the millions of dollars it takes to operate this ministry today.

If we don't continually exercise our faith, it will shrink. But the more we exercise it, the more it will grow. Instead of seeing our faith fizzle, we will see victory after victory after victory!♥

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# Cheer Up!

BRENDA THOMAS



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

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

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

You may be knocked down but you're not knocked out. Get up with a song in your heart. Don't let a bad day, a weird week, a terrible month, or even an awful year steal

your joy and rob you of the song Jesus wants to put in your heart.

When we're facing a difficult situation, one of the first things we are tempted to do is lose our joy. Nehemiah 8:10 says, “*Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength*” (NKJV). If our joy is drained, so is our strength. When we become weak, it is difficult to fight the good fight of faith.

Joy is a spiritual force. It must be evident in our lives if we are to overcome and have victory in every situation. Jesus was very aware of this powerful force. On numerous occasions, He instructed His followers to “be of good cheer.”

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

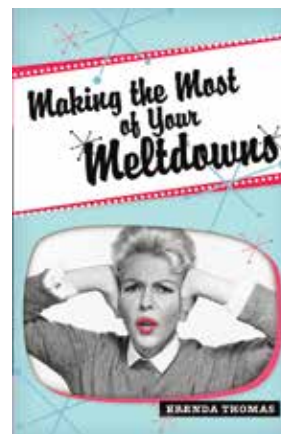
Every time Jesus told somebody to “be of good cheer,” the last thing that person wanted to do

was be happy, do a little dance, or be full of joy. But Jesus is the One Who brings joy. Jesus is the author of cheer. He wants His people to cheer up. The verb *cheer* means “to bring encouragement, to give courage to, to put in good spirits,” and “to provide happiness or joy.”

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

Rejoicing is a demonstration of our faith in God. Being of good cheer shows that we believe that His Word is true. Christians ought to be the happiest people on earth. We ought to be full of good cheer because Jesus has given us victory in every area of life. If we don't rejoice when attacks come against us, the devil will think he is winning. But if we act on the Word regardless of the situation, we are stating that we believe God is working on our behalf, no matter what. And *we win!*♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Brenda Thomas' book, *Making the Most of Your Meltdowns*.]



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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

### FINDING REST IN THE RUSH

**THIS YEAR IS** rapidly coming to a close. We look at our calendar and begin to panic as Thanksgiving and Christmas are quickly approaching. Life can feel like a never-ending race. We juggle work demands, family responsibilities, financial pressures, health concerns, and social obligations. These everyday stressors pile up until we feel like we're carrying the weight of the world on our shoulders. Even simple things like traffic jams, unexpected bills, or a sick child can push us over the edge.

Stress and overload are not just physical or emotional issues—they are spiritual challenges as well. They affect our peace, joy, relationships, and even our walk with God. But the good news is that Jesus does not want us to carry the burdens of life alone. He offers us rest, peace, and strength.

Stress is not a sign of weakness; it's a sign that we are human. Even David cried out when he was overwhelmed. Psalm 61:2 (NLT) says, *"From the ends of the earth, I cry to you for help when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the towering rock of safety."*

Stress affects us physically. We find ourselves experiencing headaches and fatigue. It affects our emotions. We become irritable, never smiling. And most of all, it affects our spiritual life. We neglect our prayer life and lose our joy.

Jesus gives us the solution for handling stress in Matthew 11:28–30 (NIV): *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

The words that Jesus spoke are not just a beautiful passage—they're a divine invitation. Jesus sees our stress and offers

something better. He says, *"Come to me."* These words are a personal invitation from Jesus just for you. Put your name in the Scripture, such as "Lynette, come to me."

He offers us a solution: *"I will give you rest."*

It's not just sleep or a vacation, but rest for your soul. When

you feel overwhelmed, stop and whisper, "Jesus, I come to You." Jesus is always with you—in the kitchen, at your desk, in the car. He will meet you and minister peace to you.

The "yoke" Jesus speaks of is a farming tool that joins two oxen together. It means shared work, shared direction. Jesus doesn't say we won't have burdens, but He offers to carry them with us. 1 Peter 5:7 (AMPC) says, *"Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully."*

Instead of carrying your stress alone, I encourage you to pray through your to-do list each morning. Surrender your schedule to God. Ask Him for wisdom about what to keep and what to let go.

While Scriptures give us the spiritual foundation, God also provides natural tools to use. It is important to rest and sleep. Lack of rest worsens stress. Aim for consistent sleep and take breaks during the day. Establish healthy boundaries. Even Jesus said "no" at times. He prioritized prayer and purpose over people's constant demands. Don't let guilt drive your schedule. Say "no" so you can say "yes" to what matters most.

Exercise and proper nutrition are essential as well. Movement reduces stress hormones and boosts happy moods. Even a walk outside can be a spiritual reset. Eating balanced meals helps your body handle pressure.

Take time away from the telephone and social media. Psalm 23:1–2 (NKJV) says, *"He makes me lie down in green pastures... He restores my soul."* Sometimes we need to get away from the noise of life and rest in silence. Other times, it helps to share our situation with someone else. Proverbs 11:14 (NKJV) says, *"in the multitude of counselors there is safety."* Don't isolate. Others may have a solution for your stressful situation.

Much of our stress comes from trying to control things we cannot. Instead of focusing on what you don't have, thank God for what you do have. Meditate on what's going right instead of what's going wrong. Trust God who holds your future.

Stress will never fully disappear. But you don't have to live enslaved by it. Jesus is your peace in your storm and weakness, and your rest in the overload. Isaiah 26:3 (NIV) says, *"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."* ♥

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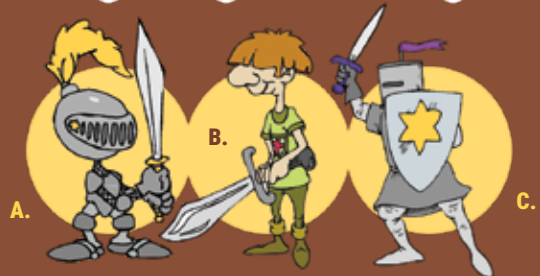
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## Forgetting Something?



All of the soldiers above look like they're ready to fight, but each one of them is forgetting at least one item from the full armor of God that we find in Ephesians chapter 6. See if you can find the items that each one is missing.

Forgetting Something?  
A. Missing the shield of faith  
B. Missing the helmet of salvation, breastplate of righteousness, and the shield of faith  
C. Missing feet shod with the preparation of peace and breastplate of righteousness

ANSWERS :



# You Can Turn It Around

**HAVE YOU LOST** your way? Maybe you can't find your dream anymore. Maybe it's buried deep in the backyard of your mind under the rubble of stress and struggles. Or maybe you never had a dream at all. Maybe you've just bumped aimlessly from one experience to the next.

If that's you—if it seems like you have no direction—there *is* someone who wants to guide you to a fulfilling life of purpose.

In Psalm 32:8 (*New King James Version*) God says, “*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.*”

The Bible, God's Word, also says, “*For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved*” (Romans 10:9 *The Living Bible*).

If you need the course of your life rerouted, the first step is to accept God's only Son, Jesus, as your Lord. It's easy to do that. Just ask God to help you. We call talking to God prayer. Just pray these words from your heart. When you do, you can be sure He's listening.

God, I need help with my life. I'm tired of trying to do it on my own. Please help me. I confess out loud that Jesus is my Lord, and I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. You said that if I would do that, I would be saved. Thank You for saving me! I trust You to guide me and teach me which way to go in life. Thank you for keeping Your eye on me!♥

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