



# THE Word of Faith

DECEMBER 2025

PUBLISHED BY KENNETH HAGIN MINISTRIES

PAGE 4

The  
Greatest  
Gift

# the Word of Faith



**KENNETH HAGIN MINISTRIES**  
*Working Together to Reach the World!*

1025 W. KENOSHA  
BROKEN ARROW, OK 74012

**VOLUME LVIII, NUMBER 9**  
**DECEMBER 2025**

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS Kris Taylor  
SENIOR EDITOR Janet Wagner  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR Robert Murphy  
EDITORIAL STAFF Danielle Burnside  
Shirley Hill  
GRAPHIC ARTISTS Kristen Cook  
Jeanne Hoover  
Michelle Marthe  
Rose Wenning  
PHOTOGRAPHERS Phil Anglin  
Emily Lightfoot  
Mica Marcal  
Bailey Reimer  
PROJECT MANAGERS Katrina Ewalt  
Christi Finley  
Robyn Harper  
Jessica McCulley  
Melvin Piper

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

THE WORD OF FAITH has no subscription or newsstand price and is supported through contributions from readers worldwide. Gifts to this ministry are tax deductible as allowed by the IRS.

For a **FREE** subscription or to change your address:

**VISIT:** rhema.org

**CALL:** 1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484)

**EMAIL:** partnerservice@rhema.org

**WRITE:**

US: THE WORD OF FAITH, P.O. Box 50126, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
74150-0126

CANADA: THE WORD OF FAITH, P.O. Box 231, Schomberg,  
Ontario, Canada L0G 1T0

## POSTMASTER

Please send address changes to Kenneth Hagin Ministries, P.O. Box 50126, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74150-0126.

**PUBLICATION MAIL AGREEMENT #40032023**

## PERMISSIONS

THE WORD OF FAITH is published by Rhema Bible Church, AKA Kenneth Hagin Ministries, a non-profit corporation. Editorial offices: 1025 W. Kenosha, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. © 2025 Rhema Bible Church, Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or part without written permission is prohibited. THE WORD OF FAITH and logo on the cover are registered trademarks of Rhema Bible Church, Inc. in the United States and in the foreign countries where THE WORD OF FAITH circulates. Printed in the U.S.A. Because all issues of THE WORD OF FAITH are preplanned, we are unable to accept unsolicited manuscripts.

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are taken from the *King James Version* of the Bible.

Rhema Bible Training College admits students of any race, color, or ethnic origin.

LOOK FOR THESE ICONS FOR ITEMS AVAILABLE IN EBOOK OR MP3 FORMAT.



**EVA** MEMBER EVANGELICAL  
PRESS ASSOCIATION



PLEASE SHARE WITH A FRIEND OR RECYCLE.

# Merry Christmas!

## From Our Family to Yours!

## May you be blessed in the wonderful gift of Christ!

Our gift to you!

### Great Rewards Are Yours!

Learn how to walk in the God-kind of love and receive the benefits that come from obeying the love law.

➤ **HOW TO WALK IN LOVE**

(minibook, Kenneth E. Hagin)

## FREE\*

**ORDER** [rhema.org/store](https://rhema.org/store)

1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484) // Mail enclosed envelope

IN CANADA: 1-866-70-RHEMA (707-4362)



SPECIAL OFFER: **KIT25WF12A** // \*OFFER EXPIRES **MARCH 31, 2026**



# The Deliverer Is Here!

This is the time of year when we celebrate Jesus' birth—when we rejoice that God sent His Son to the earth.

When Satan entered the Garden of Eden, he brought sin, sickness, and poverty with him. When Adam and Eve fell, Satan gained power over humanity, and we stood in great need of a Deliverer, a Savior. Thanks be to God—Jesus' birth in a Bethlehem manger marked the moment the Deliverer had come.

Jesus was born to set us free. John 8:36 (NKJV) says, "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." And First John 3:8 (NKJV) tells us, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." Jesus came to destroy Satan's bondage. The story of Jesus is the story of humanity's deliverance. Jesus was, is, and always will be the Deliverer.

But Jesus is not just *the* Deliverer. He's *your* Deliverer! He's your Deliverer from sin, sickness, and poverty. He's your Deliverer from anything the enemy can throw your way. It doesn't matter whether you're oppressed, distressed, or in trouble, or whether the devil has been holding you or someone you love hostage. No matter how rough it gets—no matter how high the water rises or how hard the wind blows—Jesus is your personal Deliverer.

Sometimes we're waiting for our deliverance, but our Deliverer is here. Our Healer and Protector is here. *Jesus is here!* What do you need from the Lord this Christmas? In the midst of all the lights and celebrations, the tinsel and shining gifts, remember, you don't have to wait for your deliverance, healing, or miracle. This Christmas, embrace the moment by declaring, "I receive it. It's mine. I have it now." Let today be your day of deliverance—because your Deliverer is here!

*Kenneth W. Hagin*

## THIS ISSUE



### 4 The Greatest Gift

**KENNETH W. HAGIN**

This Christmas season, let's thank God for His greatest gift to us—Jesus Christ.

### 14 What 'Good' Are You Doing?

**CRAIG W. HAGIN**

Are we passing by . . . or stopping to help?

### 16 Living in Love

**KENNETH E. HAGIN**

Find out why living in the God-kind of love brings great benefits.

### That We Might Know Him

**LYNETTE HAGIN**

How well do you know your Heavenly Father? Do you know Him as well as He wants you to?



7

SEED THOUGHTS Page 21

FAITH ACADEMY Page 22



**KENNETH W. HAGIN**

**THE NIGHT JESUS** was born turned out to be quite unusual. As He drew His first breath, a new star appeared. Wise men studying the stars suddenly saw it.

On a hillside near Bethlehem, shepherds gathered around a fire near their sheep. Every so often, some shepherds walked around the flock to make sure all the animals were accounted for. They wanted to ensure that no predators came in.

Suddenly, the sky became as bright as noonday. A choir of angels appeared singing, *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men”* (Luke 2:14).

What a night! It started out as ordinary but ended up as the night of all nights. Jesus—God’s gift to mankind—was born into the world to free us from bondage to the evil one.

Other babies were probably born that night, but this child was different. He was God’s gift to humanity—a gift that would pave the way for human beings to break out of the chains of sin and sickness and enjoy the freedom of love, joy, and peace.

Jesus came to Bethlehem as a babe wrapped in swaddling

clothes, lying in a manger. But He is no longer a baby in a manger surrounded by lowing barnyard animals. He is Jesus Christ, the King of kings, Who lives forever and sits at the right hand of the Father (Eph. 1:20).

Jesus was born in a manger, grew up and lived among men, and then went to the cross to give His life to redeem humanity. As He hung on that cross, He looked toward Heaven and cried, *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”* (Matt. 27:46 NKJV). Then with one last breath, He said, *“It is finished!”* (John 19:30). Jesus’ head slumped to His chest, and He died.

The devil and all his demons sang in glee. They thought they had destroyed God’s only Son, His gift to men, women, and children. But on the third day, the Gift Who was born in a lowly manger in Bethlehem came storming out of the deep caverns below (Eph. 4:9–10).

Jesus arose victorious over death, hell, and the grave. The Babe of Bethlehem became the Conquering Hero. Jesus paid the ransom to buy back God’s man. He forever lives at the right hand of the Father as God’s Gift to the world (Rom. 8:34).

It’s great to receive gifts. But what blesses us more is *giving* gifts. Jesus said, *“It is more blessed to give than to receive”* (Acts 20:35 NKJV). Before we were born again, we were takers

by nature. When something came up, our first question was, “What’s in it for me?” But when we received Jesus, God’s gift to us, as our Savior and Lord, we became givers by nature. Now we ask, “How can I bless someone else?”

Christmas is a season of giving. And few things are more exciting than seeing the spark of joy in a child’s eyes as they receive a gift they really desire.

Just as we give gifts to others, so God has given gifts to us. But Jesus is the one Gift that stands above all others. Second Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV) says, “*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*” Without this gift, no other gifts are available to us. To access them, we must first open this indescribable Gift—the gift of Jesus Christ.

As we unwrap gifts at Christmas, someone might say, “Don’t open that one yet. You need to open this one first.” Usually, that’s because those gifts go together, and one should be opened before the other.

The same principle applies to the things of God. Before we can receive all the gifts that God has given us, we must first open the greatest Gift—His Son, Jesus Christ. It’s through this great gift that we receive salvation, joy, peace, healing, prosperity, and all of the other many blessings of God. Jesus is the best and greatest gift God has ever given humanity.

John 3:16 (NIV) says, “*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*”

Jesus is the one and *only* gift God sent to redeem humanity from sin and death. This gift—the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ—is the key to all other gifts.

Many people search for the key to success. They may go to a seminar looking for that key. But they won’t find it there.

**“Glory to  
God in the  
highest, and  
on earth  
peace, good  
will toward  
men”  
(Luke 2:14).**

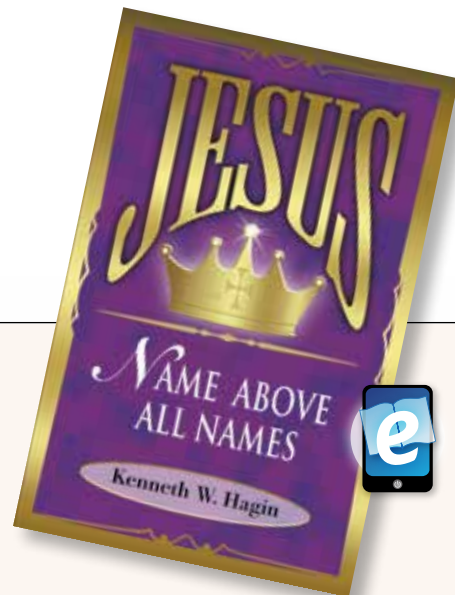
The key to success in life is found in God’s indescribable gift. When Jesus comes into our lives, He becomes the key that turns in our hearts and causes everything to change (see Second Corinthians 5:17). Until that happens, we will be confused, anxious, and uncertain. We will walk around not knowing where we’re going or what will happen next.

Jesus is the only gift that improves our way of living every day. With Him, confusion becomes comprehension, depression becomes joy, sorrow turns into happiness, and tears turn into smiles.

When we accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord, He makes our lives better day by day, with every breath we draw. He causes us to place a lower value on things that were once important to us. And He makes those things that were *not* important to us *more* important.

Do you recall the moment you received God’s indescribable gift? Do you remember the joy and happiness you experienced? For most of us, it immediately improved our outlook on life.

When God’s Son comes into our hearts, the sky becomes bluer, our trials don’t seem as big, and having our needs met no longer seems impossible. Why? Because we have accepted Jesus, God’s Gift to humanity. Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!♥



**SPECIAL OFFER**

## Be a Name-Dropper

Jesus gave His Name to those who believe in Him. When we speak that Name with authority, every knee must bow.

➤ **JESUS—NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES**

(book, Kenneth W. Hagin)

**NOW \$10\***

\$13.50\* Canada

(Reg. Price: \$12.95/ \$17.50 Canada)

Plus Shipping and Handling

**ORDER** [rhema.org/store](http://rhema.org/store)

1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484) // Mail enclosed envelope  
IN CANADA: 1-866-70-RHEMA (707-4362)

SPECIAL OFFER: **KIT25WF12B**  
OFFER EXPIRES **MARCH 31, 2026**

# FROM UNCERTAINTY TO PURPOSE

Andrew Preston always knew he wanted to go into ministry, but a **life-changing** moment came during an RBTC short-term missions trip to Zambia.

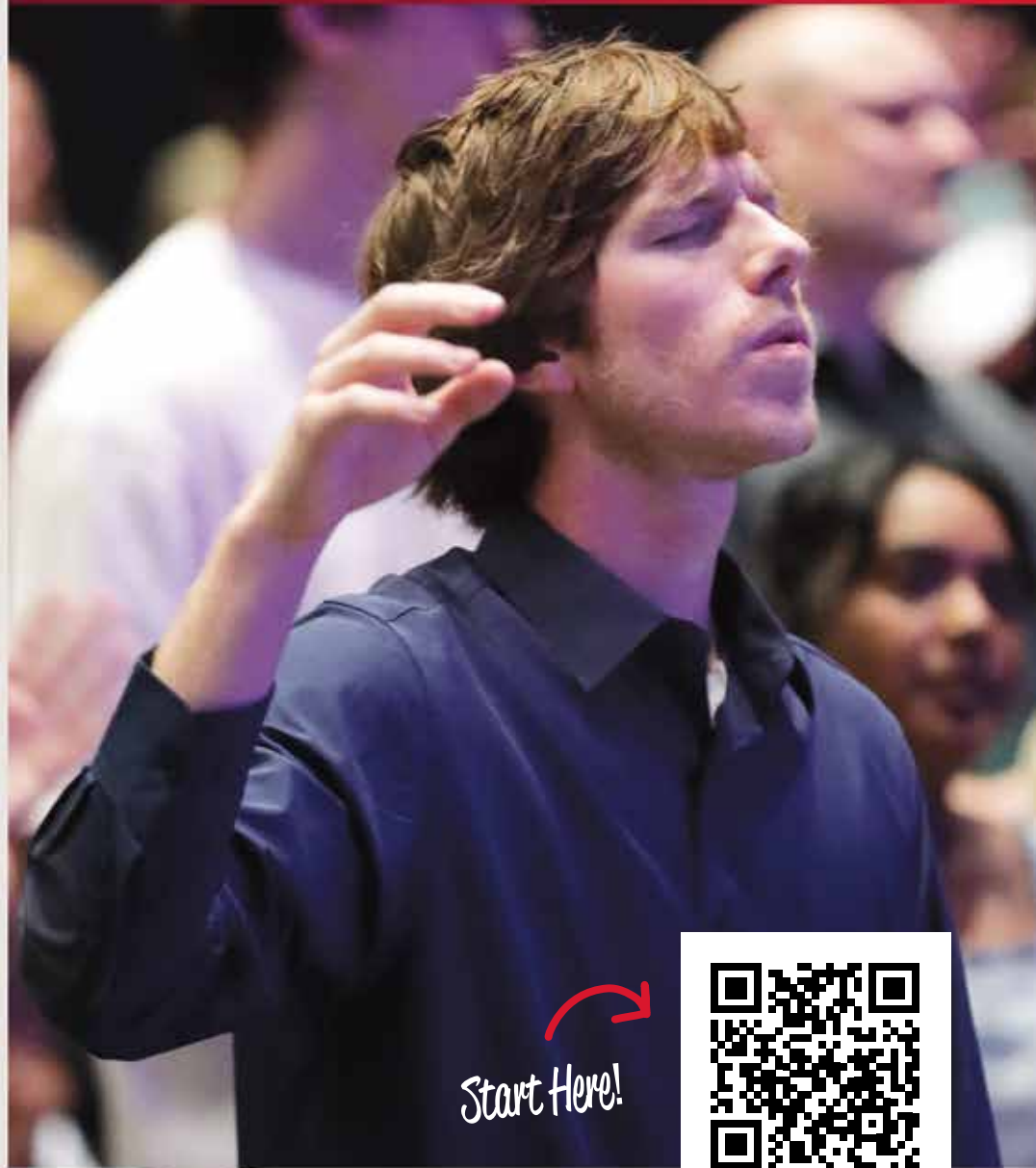
"I prayed for a woman who couldn't walk. After prayer, her legs straightened out, and she began walking," he recalls. That experience **ignited a boldness** in Andrew, one he had long been seeking.

"From that moment, I knew ministry wasn't something I wanted to do; it was something I was supposed to do."

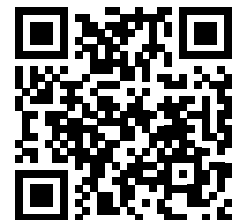
At RBTC Andrew found more than biblical knowledge. He discovered a **deeper relationship with God and clarity about his purpose.**

"I chose RBTC because I wanted to build my personal relationship with God," says Andrew. "RBTC has helped me know who I am in Christ and find the boldness to walk in everything He died to give us. This has shown me the next steps to take."

For anyone searching for their life's calling, Andrew offers this advice: **"If you want to discover your purpose, RBTC will guide you in the right direction.** Apply what you learn, and your relationship with God will grow. He will lead you to your next steps."



Start Here!



## Discover Your Purpose

At Rhema, we believe God designed a unique purpose for every student. Our mission is to help you discover and achieve your calling. Join us and confidently step into the path God has prepared for you.



**Rhema Bible Training College**  
[rbtc.org/apply](http://rbtc.org/apply) | (918) 258-1588, ext. 7777



Ministry Fundamentals | Biblical Studies | Pastoral Ministry | Media Ministry | Music Ministry  
World Missions | Student Ministries | Helps Ministry | Itinerant Ministry



# THAT WE MIGHT *Know Him*



LYNETTE HAGIN

**HAVE YOU EVER** been asked, “Do you know so-and-so?” If we know that individual, we might automatically reply yes. But do we really *know* that person? If someone asked me if I knew my congressional representative, I would say yes. I’ve been introduced to him, and we’ve spoken. I’m sure if we met on the street, he would acknowledge me.

But do I really know him? No. I know his name, and I know what he does as my congressman. That’s the extent of what I know about him. Even so, in such cases we often say, “I know him.”

How well do you know your employer? You probably know them better than I know my congressman, but how well do you *really* know your boss?

I’m sure we know more about our friends than we do about our employer. And we probably know some friends better than others. Some are simply acquaintances, while others are close friends.

The more time we spend with someone, the better we know that person. Of all my friends, I don’t know any of them as well as I know my husband. At the end of December, Ken and I will

celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. I know his thoughts, and he knows mine.

Both of my children are married and have families of their own. And after they left home, I retired from cooking. Although I love to cook, I now do that only on holidays. As a result, my husband and I eat out frequently.

Sometimes Ken will ask me where I want to eat, and I’ll say I’m thinking about a certain restaurant. And often he tells me he’s thinking about that same place. This happens because we have spent so much time together. Ken’s ways have become my ways, and my ways have become his ways.

Isaiah 55:8 (NKJV) says, “*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord.*” When we are born again, our thoughts and ways might be very different from God’s. But the more we commune with our Heavenly Father, the more our thoughts and ways become like His.

God desires that we know Him. But some people know God only as their Creator. Others know Him and Jesus only as their Savior. Still others know the Father and the Son as their Creator, Savior, *and* Healer.

Do you realize that you can know your Heavenly Father as a friend? If you allow Him to, He will be a close friend and confidant Who will never betray you or tell your secrets.

Isn’t it funny the way some of us are? Many people who hear

confidential information feel as though they must tell one other person! They say, “Don’t tell anybody else. This is between you and me.” But after each person tells just one other person, it seems as if the whole world knows the secret.

God is not like that. I learned a long time ago that I can tell Him all my problems and secrets, and He will never betray me. He will never let my secret out.

How do we get to know our Heavenly Father better? First, we can do that by reading and meditating on His Word. We can learn so much about what God is like by reading and studying the Bible. And if we want Him to answer our prayers, we need to know what He’s promised us in His Word.

We can also get to know our Heavenly Father by spending time with Him in prayer. D. L. Moody once said, in effect, “I would rather learn to pray than to preach.” Jesus never taught His disciples how to preach, but He did teach them how to pray. Jesus knew that prayer was vital to the disciples’ success in life and ministry.

The Apostle Paul is a good example of someone who *knew* the Father. But one reason he knew Him so well was that he made knowing Jesus his top priority. And Jesus told His disciples, “*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father*” (John 14:9 NIV).

**PHILIPPIANS 3:8, 10 (AMPC)**

**8** I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege . . . of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him. . . . For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish . . . , in order that I may win . . . Christ . . . .

**10** [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person

more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death. . . .

It is clear from these verses that Paul desired to know the Lord better. He knew if he knew God more completely, the Lord would be there for him in every way.

When we study Paul’s writings, we see that Paul rarely prayed for himself. But he often prayed for others. For instance, in Ephesians 1:17–19 Paul prayed for the Ephesian church. But he did not pray for their specific needs or wants. He prayed that they would know God better.

When we know the Lord intimately, we’ll know that the devil is under our feet (see 1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:22). We’ll

know that when we encounter difficult situations, we don’t have to become upset and cry out to God in prayer.

We’ll already know from God’s Word what the results will be, so we’ll begin to declare, “Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4). “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*” (Phil. 4:13 NKJV). The better we know the Lord, the bolder we will be to declare His Word.

Our passion should be to know the Lord better than anything or anyone else. We must know that He is for us and not against us, and that He will be there to encourage us in difficult times. We must be sure that we can draw upon His love for us and that He will give us what we need, when we need it.

My prayer is that if someone asks you, “Do you know God?” you can reply, “Yes, I know Him. I know Him very well.”♥

**OUR PASSION SHOULD BE TO KNOW THE LORD BETTER THAN ANYTHING OR ANYONE ELSE.**

**SPECIAL OFFER**

**Can We Afford Not to Pray?**

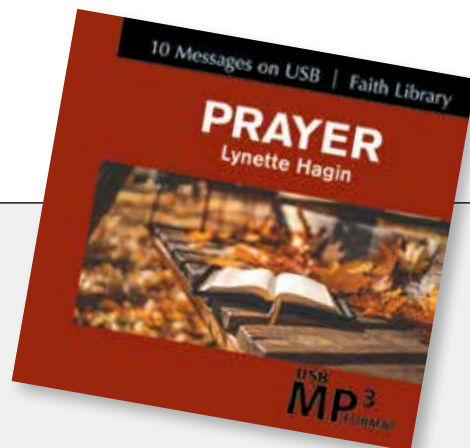
Prayer is how we tap into God’s power. As we spend time with Him, we receive the strength and guidance we need each day.

**➤ PRAYER**

( USB, Lynette Hagin)

**NOW \$20\***

\$27\* Canada  
(Reg. Price: \$30 / \$40.50 Canada)  
Plus Shipping and Handling



**ORDER** [rhema.org/store](http://rhema.org/store)

1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484) // Mail enclosed envelope  
IN CANADA: 1-866-70-RHEMA (707-4362)

SPECIAL OFFER: **KIT25WF12C**  
\*OFFER EXPIRES **MARCH 31, 2026**

KENNETH HAGIN MINISTRIES'

# WINTER BIBLE SEMINAR



*Free Registration*



**FEBRUARY 15-20, 2026**

**rhema.org/wbs • 1-866-312-0972**

— HOSTS —

KENNETH W. HAGIN • LYNETTE HAGIN  
CRAIG W. HAGIN • DENISE HAGIN BURNS



*Special  
Leadership Sessions*

- Children & Youth Ministry
- Church Growth & Leadership
- Young Adults Ministry
- Social Media



# Perfectly Loved

KAREN JENSEN SALISBURY

WBS

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT

**NO MATTER WHAT'S** happening in our lives, we must know that we are perfectly loved by God. He loves us unconditionally.

No one else in our lives is like our Heavenly Father. People have ulterior motives and agendas. They aren't always looking out for our good.

God is not manipulative or a puppet master. When He tells us or asks us to do something, it's for our benefit. His only motive is love. He's been to *our* future and back and knows more than we do.

That might be a revelation for some believers. He's been around a lot longer, and He knows our future. If He tells us to go a certain way, we need to go. He's trying to help us.

Through the years, I've had Rhema students in my office, especially those who are graduating. They're panicking over what they'll do after graduation. Some say, "God will make me go back home."

I tell them, "If that's God—and you want to pray and make sure

it is—wouldn't that be the best thing for you? Doesn't He love you? Don't you trust Him? If He's telling you to go there, it's for your good."

We have to stay on God's side! It's a pretty simple concept. We must stay in agreement with Him and trust that He will lead us because He loves us.

## AN EVERLASTING LOVE

Jeremiah 31:3 (NKJV) says, "*The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: 'Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.'*" In this verse, Jeremiah is talking to a group of stiff-necked, rebellious, idol-worshipping Israelites. They were about to be carried into captivity because they wouldn't obey God.

This was not a happy church group Jeremiah was talking to. These people were disobedient. But what did God say to them? "*I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.*"

If God loved a stiff-necked, rebellious, idol-worshipping crew like them with an everlasting love, how much does He love us?

People sometimes think God's mad at them because they didn't do this or that. Show me where it says that in the Word! **GOD LOVES US NO MATTER WHAT WE HAVE OR HAVE NOT DONE. HE LOVES US BECAUSE HE'S GOOD, NOT BECAUSE WE ARE.**

## LOVE CHANGES US

God's love changes us. First John 4:18 says our Father's perfect love casts out all fear. It makes us bold.

One time God told me to pray for a lady in the grocery store who had an oxygen mask on. I was younger then, and I was chicken. I thought, "What if people see me? What if she doesn't believe in this? What if I scare her?"

I told the Lord, "If I see her in the next aisle, I'll pray for her." I saw this lady in every aisle, and she was in front of me at the check-out stand! We were in the parking lot, and I still hadn't prayed for her.

God asked, "Are you going to let her go home and spend Christmas not breathing, or are you going to pray for her?"

I finally prayed for her, but I was a chicken! I didn't have a revelation of God's love as I do now.

Today when I see someone in the grocery store and the Holy Spirit nudges me, I can't let them go another minute without the healing power of God. His compassion—His love—rises up in me.

Galatians 5:6 says faith works by love. I like to say our faith works by knowing how much we're loved. Knowing God loves us makes us stronger in our faith. We don't wonder if God will answer our prayers. No! He loves us, so of course He will!

I used to think that love was just one of God's topics. But He *is* love. All His blessings and benefits come because He loves us. Life is a lot sweeter when we know we are perfectly loved by Him.♥

[Editor's Note: Karen Jensen Salisbury is an instructor at Rhema Bible Training College.]



# MAKE YOUR TEXT MESSAGE COUNT

TEXT YOUR GIFT TO **KENNETH HAGIN MINISTRIES** *Anytime. Anywhere.*



----- **KHM** amount to **28950** and follow the prompts

GIVE ANY AMOUNT

EASY AND SECURE

PCI SECURITY CERTIFIED



See [rhema.org/mobilegiving](http://rhema.org/mobilegiving) for details.

Your donation is NOT added to your phone bill but deducted from your debit or credit card account. Data charges may apply.

## Living FAITH CONFERENCE

WITH KENNETH & LYNETTE HAGIN



[rhema.org/lfc](http://rhema.org/lfc)

### JAN 18-20

#### RELEVANT CHURCH

920 BEVILLE ROAD  
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32119  
386-257-4622  
PASTORS CHRIS AND LIZ SARNO  
SUN. 7 P.M.  
MON.-TUES. 10:30 A.M. & 7 P.M.

### MAR 22-24

#### THE SEED CHURCH

1950 CHATHAM PARKWAY  
SAVANNAH, GA 31405  
(912) 355-3787  
PASTORS LISA AND KEMPIE WOMBLE  
SUN. 7 P.M.  
MON.-TUES. 10:30 A.M. & 7 P.M.

### JAN 21-23

#### CORNERSTONE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

122 AIRPORT ROAD  
PANAMA CITY, FL 32405  
850-770-4047  
PASTORS GREG AND LECIA ALDRIGE  
WED. 7 P.M.  
THURS.-FRI. 10:30 A.M. & 7 P.M.

### MAR 25-27

#### THE COLLECTIVE

416 DALE DRIVE  
VALDOSTA, GA 31601  
229-588-0045  
PASTORS MARK AND ASHLEY BRADY  
WED. 7 P.M.  
THURS.-FRI. 10:30 A.M. & 7 P.M.



RHEMA FOR TODAY  
PODCAST

# RHEMA FOR TODAY

SUBSCRIBE TO THE FREE  
PODCAST AT

[rhema.org/podcast](http://rhema.org/podcast)



## Broadcasting for over 50 Years!

Experience life-changing messages at home or on the road.



LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGES



CLASSIC TEACHINGS



ENCOURAGEMENT FOR LIVING





# Whose Side **Are You On?**

TONY COOKE

**JOHN THE BAPTIST** was not territorial or defensive about his position. He actually promoted Jesus in such a way as to encourage his followers to transfer their loyalty to the Savior. In John's Gospel we read, *"Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, 'Behold the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus"* (John 1:35–37 NKJV). John the Baptist did not use his ministry assignment to promote himself or build a personal following. He was actually pleased that his efforts contributed to the success of another person's ministry.

Had John the Baptist been a man of lesser character, he could have been jealous when Jesus began to move into the spotlight. He could have thought, "Wait a minute. I'm older than Jesus. I've been in ministry longer than Him. I'm the one who introduced Jesus to the public. I promoted Him, and now people are looking to Him instead of to me." John was willing to do the job God had assigned to him

and was not bothered when Jesus began to receive more attention than he was getting.

John the Baptist realized that "we" is more important than "me." He had a Kingdom-mentality, not a self-mentality.

Far too often, people have a mentality only of self-preservation and self-promotion. Their top priority is revealed by their attitude. They say, "I'm going to defend my position and my popularity at all costs. It doesn't matter if the Kingdom could be better served if I were to let someone else advance."

Putting other people ahead of oneself can be hard on the flesh. But that exemplifies the kind of attitude John the Baptist possessed. Maybe it's allowing the pastor to shine or letting another team member advance. Whatever the case, we must sometimes be willing to decrease so that others—especially the team as a whole—can increase. When we join our hearts, abilities, and efforts together, we'll see God's Kingdom greatly advanced in the earth.♥

"They came to John and said, 'Rabbi, you know the one who was with you on the other side of the Jordan? The one you authorized with your witness? Well, he's now competing with us. He's baptizing, too, and everyone's going to him instead of us.'

"John answered, 'It's not possible for a person to succeed—I'm talking about eternal success—without heaven's help. You yourselves were there when I made it public that I was not the Messiah but simply the one sent ahead of him to get things ready. The one who gets the bride is, by definition, the bridegroom. And the bridegroom's friend, his "best man"—that's me—in place at his side where he can hear every word, is genuinely happy. How could he be jealous when he knows that the wedding is finished and the marriage is off to a good start?

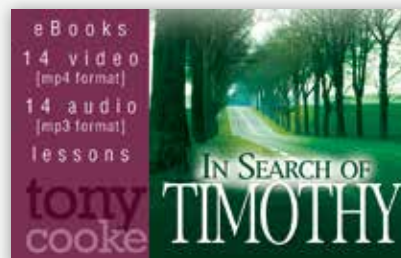
"That's why my cup is running over. This is the assigned moment for him to move into the center, while I slip off to the sidelines."

—John 3:26–30 (Message)

## SPECIAL OFFER

### Discover and Develop Greatness

Are we the servants, workers, and leaders in the Body of Christ that God intends us to be? In these powerful lessons, Tony Cooke looks at Timothy and other biblical figures who served God by serving others. The course includes an ebook, an eWorkbook, 14 lessons on both MP4 video and MP3 audio, a group leader's guide, and promotional materials—all on a USB drive.



#### ➤ IN SEARCH OF TIMOTHY COMPLETE LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

(Multimedia curriculum, Tony Cooke)

**NOW \$49.95\***

\$67.40\* Canada

Plus Shipping and Handling

**ORDER** [rhema.org/store](http://rhema.org/store)

1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484) // Mail enclosed envelope  
IN CANADA: 1-866-70-RHEMA (707-4362)

SPECIAL OFFER: **KIT25WF12D**  
\*OFFER EXPIRES **MARCH 31, 2026**



# 2025: A YEAR OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

My wife's cousin was diagnosed with incurable cancer in September. Kenneth Hagin came to our church shortly after. We gave him a handkerchief to pray over, and my wife's cousin laid it on the cancer area every day.

She went in for a PET scan on July 17. **The results came back—NO CANCER!** A biopsy on July 23 confirmed a benign diagnosis. "Incurable" turned into complete healing. We serve such an awesome God!

—James H.



## RHEMA WordPartnerClub

Thank you for the Word of Faith magazine. Pastor Hagin's introduction, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," and Instructor Gregurich's article, "What Are You Focused On?," were especially timely—**just what I needed to read in my current situation!**

Many blessings,  
—Len P.



## Thank You to Our Word Partners

We sincerely thank our Word Partners from the bottom of our hearts. Your unwavering support is the heartbeat of Kenneth Hagin Ministries and Rhema Bible Training College. You are making an eternal difference in the lives we serve.

Your faithfulness, generosity, and prayers help us share God's Word around the world—training students, sending the message of faith, and changing lives. Thank you for being such a vital part of this ministry.

Together, we're spreading the message of faith, hope, and healing to the world—thank you for standing with us!



I was watching an online service where Pastor Denise prayed over prayer cloths. She said, **"If you're watching online, stretch your hand toward the screen."** At the time, I had intense pain in my lower stomach, possibly related to my female organs. I stretched out my hand and placed the other on my stomach.

When Denise prayed, I felt a warmth in that area—and I was healed. **I've never experienced that pain again.** Praise Jesus!

—Sadie C.



Professor Karen had us all join hands and pray for each other in class. When we prayed, **I received immediate healing from the jaw pain** I'd been experiencing. The anointing was so strong. As the class continued, I felt more healing throughout my body. My tense neck, shoulders, and back all relaxed, and I felt completely at peace. **The jaw pain never returned.**

—Lily G.





CRAIG W. HAGIN

# WHAT 'GOOD' ARE YOU DOING?

**MOST BELIEVERS ARE** familiar with the story of the Good Samaritan. It's the Bible account of a man who was robbed and left for dead. A priest and a Levite saw the man in the ditch, and both pretended not to see him. They left him battered, bruised, and bleeding on the side of the road.

A Samaritan saw the beaten man and had compassion on him. In Jesus' day, Samaritans and Jews did not get along. The Samaritan, not the priest or the Levite, would have been more likely to leave the man in the ditch. But the Samaritan didn't see a despised Jew. He saw a hurting human being.

The Samaritan immediately cleansed and bandaged the man's wounds. But he didn't stop there. He put the wounded man on his donkey and took him to an inn. He made sure the Jewish man had food and a warm, safe place to recuperate.

The Samaritan was willing to use his money for someone he was, by custom, not supposed to like. He looked beyond prejudice and helped a hurting man.

In Luke 10:37 Jesus commanded you and me to "go and do likewise."

Earlier in the Book of Luke, while preaching to a multitude, Jesus told the people, *"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you"* (Luke 6:27–28 NKJV).

Notice that Jesus used the word "spitefully." He was not talking about people who "accidentally" hurt or use you. Jesus was talking about people who plot against you to cause you harm. They will stab you in the back to get something they want.

It's easy to love people who are nice to you. Even sinners do this. But **WHAT SHOULD SET CHRISTIANS APART IS THAT THEY LOVE PEOPLE WHO HURT THEM ON PURPOSE.** Just before Jesus went to the cross, He gave these instructions to His disciples.

#### JOHN 13:34–35 (NKJV)

**34** "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

**35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

It might seem hard to imagine Jesus telling believers to love the unlovable and do good to those who would harm them. How could our Lord and Savior command us to reach out to people who would purposely try to hurt us?

Jesus gave us that command because *He* loved the unlovable. Jesus could tell us to do good to those who hurt us because *He* reached out and did good to those who tried to harm *Him*. Peter told us that “*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him*” (Acts 10:38 NKJV).

Jesus was “moved with compassion” when He saw the multitudes (Matt 9:36). When He was on the earth, He “did good” to *all* humanity. He went about healing *all* who were oppressed of the devil. Jesus’ goal was to help *all* hurting people.

The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in all believers (Rom. 8:11). And because God’s Spirit is in us, we should also go about “doing good.”

Jesus went on to say in Matthew 9:37–38 (NKJV), “*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*”

There is more to being a laborer than telling people about Jesus and getting them saved. That is important, but we should first *help* people. **GETTING PEOPLE SAVED IS MUCH EASIER WHEN WE SHOW THEM GOD’S LOVE IN HELPFUL AND PRACTICAL WAYS.**

Unfortunately, some believers are like the priest and the Levite. They pass by the needy people around them. It’s probably not that they don’t want to help or don’t have the wherewithal to help. They’re just too busy. They don’t have time to think about the people around them. Many Christians “walk by” opportunities to minister every day. Sometimes they don’t notice hurting people because they’re too busy praying that God will help them!

We must understand that we are here to touch the world. It doesn’t matter if the people we touch are Christians or non-Christians. Everyone needs a word of encouragement sometimes. Everyone wants to hear, “You can make it.”

If you need encouragement, don’t wait to receive it before you give it to others. Remember, you reap what you sow (Gal. 6:7). If you encourage others, you will reap the encouragement you need.

I remember being at a convenience store late one night in Chicago. A man came up to me and asked for money. He had just been released from jail and was hungry. He needed a little help.

“Sir,” I said, “I’m not going to give you money. But if you’re hungry, I’ll walk inside this convenience store with you and buy you food. Would you be fine with that?”

“Yes, sir,” he replied.

We walked into the store, and I told him I’d buy him whatever he wanted to eat and drink, except I wouldn’t buy any alcohol.

He picked up some sandwiches and some soda pop to drink. Then he asked, “Why are you so nice?”

“I’m a Christian,” I told him. “I believe in being nice. I believe Christians should help people out.”

I don’t know what happened to him afterward. But I was able to share my faith with him. He listened to what I said because I bought him food. I was able to plant good seed and “do good” to him.

That man wasn’t used to people being nice to him. Most of the people in his life treated him like trash. That night, he *needed* someone to do him good.

Take a moment to examine your life. Are you doing good to the people around you? Are you touching a hurting world? Or are you like the priest and Levite who walk by the hurting people around you?

Seeing a need and praying that God will send laborers to fill it is not enough. Realize that *you* are the laborer God wants to use. Take time each day to touch the people around you. As you become less focused on yourself and your needs, you will see plenty of opportunities to minister to others. Instead of “walking by” the lost and the hurting, allow the compassion of God to “do good” through you.♥

**SPECIAL OFFER**

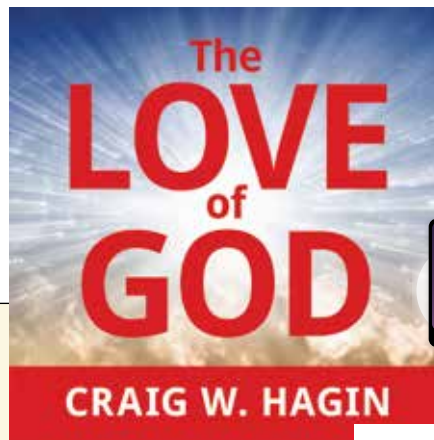
## Christ’s Invincible Love

How do we love others the way Jesus loved us? By loving them unconditionally. Learn how the God kind of love forgives, shows grace, and reflects Him.

➤ **THE LOVE OF GOD**

(2-MP3 download, Craig W. Hagin)

**NOW \$8\***



Scan and Download ▶

**ORDER** [rhema.org/store](http://rhema.org/store)

# LIVING IN LOVE

Walking in love pays off not only in this life, but also in the life to come.



**THE BIBLE ENCOURAGES** us to let acquiring the love of God be our great aim and quest in life (1 Cor. 14:1 AMPC). There must be a reason why God wants walking in the God-kind of love to be a priority in our lives. Actually, there are wonderful benefits and good results that come when we walk in love.

Let's look at a scripture that talks about the rewards of walking in love. Walking in the God-kind of love is walking in godliness, isn't it? As we read the following verse in First Timothy, substitute "walking in love" for the word *godliness*.

#### 1 TIMOTHY 4:8 NKJV

8 Bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness [walking in love] is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote this to Timothy. This wasn't just Paul speaking. This was not *man's* idea. The Holy Spirit said this to Christians everywhere through the Apostle Paul. *God* was telling us that godliness causes us to profit.

We would do no injustice to this scripture to read it this way:

"Walking in love is profitable for all things." Why does the Bible say that bodily exercise profits only a little? Because it has the promise of paying off only in this life.

But the Bible says that godliness is profitable for *all* things. When is godliness profitable? Is it profitable only when we get to Heaven? No, it's profitable in this life *and* in the next life.

Therefore, godliness or walking in love is profitable throughout our lives on this earth. But if we live for God now and walk in the God-kind of love, it will also be profitable to us when we get to Heaven.

Living for God means keeping God's Word. If we're going to live for God, we've got to keep His commandments. Well, under the New Covenant, the only commandment we are to keep is the law of love!

Walking in the God-kind of love is profitable. Walking in love pays off not only in this life, but also in the life to come.

I've preached and practiced Mark 11:23 and 24 for more than fifty years. And I've acted on the spiritual truths Jesus quoted in these verses with amazing results. But right along with Mark

11:23 and 24, I've also practiced verse 25 about forgiveness. All of my Christian life, I've refused to harbor the least bit of animosity, ill will, or wrong feelings toward anyone.

If the least bit of ill will or animosity toward anyone tries to creep into my heart, I get after it. I won't entertain it for a moment. I wouldn't entertain that kind of wrong thinking any more than

God's love never fails! Therefore, if you are walking in His divine love, *you* can't fail. If you are walking in the God-kind of love, His love working in and through you will be more than enough for any situation.

The God-kind of love will put you over in life because God *is* love. And walking in love is profitable—not

# THERE ARE WONDERFUL BENEFITS AND GOOD RESULTS THAT COME **WHEN WE WALK IN LOVE.**

I would entertain the thought of stealing from someone. Wrong feelings toward others *will do me damage.*

I would be just as careful about allowing unforgiveness and animosity in my heart toward another person as I would be about drinking poison or handling a rattlesnake. Unforgiveness and wrong feelings toward others are more deadly than any poison or rattlesnake bite!

I believe that's one reason why I've been able to walk in what I call divine health for many years. I'm not bragging on me. I'm bragging on Jesus and what the Word will do! I'll tell you one thing about walking in God's best: If we want to walk in health, we're going to have to walk in love and keep our tongue.

Peter told us how to practice what the Word says about walking in love.

### 1 PETER 3:8-9

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

*The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* says in verse 8, "Sympathizing [with one another], loving [each other] as brethren [of one household], compassionate and courteous (tenderhearted and humble)." This is the God-kind of love in action.

just in this life, but also in the life to come! Enjoy the benefits and great rewards of walking in the love of God.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book *Love: The Way to Victory.*]

## FAITH IN ACTION

### Confession

I will walk in God's love. I will not criticize others, because God's love works no ill to its neighbor.

When I am walking in God's love, I can claim God's best blessings in life. I will be tenderhearted and forgiving; therefore, I shall reap a blessing.

I will keep my tongue from speaking evil, and I will turn from evil and pursue peace with every man.

Thank You, Father, that as I endeavor to grow in the fruit of love, You will help me be all that I can be in You.

## SPECIAL OFFER

### How to Grow a Good Crop

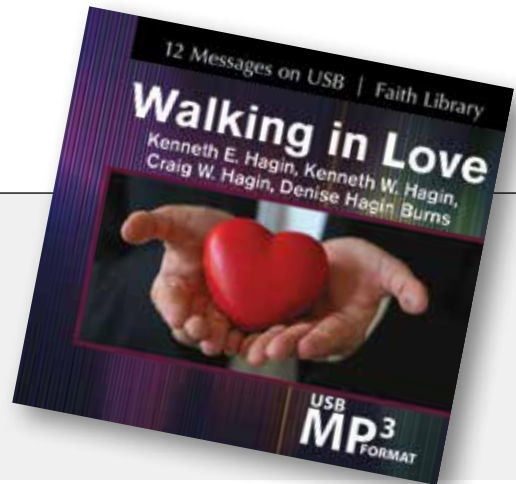
Love grows when it is cultivated. As we practice the God-kind of love, we'll reap the harvest of a transformed life.

#### ➤ WALKING IN LOVE

(USB, multiple authors)

**NOW \$30\***

\$40.50\* Canada  
(Reg. Price: \$36/ \$48.60 Canada)  
Plus Shipping and Handling



**ORDER** [rhema.org/store](http://rhema.org/store)

1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484) // Mail enclosed envelope  
IN CANADA: 1-866-70-RHEMA (707-4362)

SPECIAL OFFER: **KIT25WF12E**  
\*OFFER EXPIRES **MARCH 31, 2026**

# KINDLE THE FLAME.

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

LYNETTE HAGIN'S WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, Lynette Hagin's *Kindle the Flame*® Women's Conference has brought women together on the Rhema USA campus to be refreshed, empowered, and equipped for their God-given callings.

This year's anniversary event carried a strong sense of legacy, yet its tone was anything but reflective—the message was urgent: now is the time to rise. From the opening service to the final candlelight prayer, a consistent theme resonated: women are being trained and mobilized as an army of faith. Each speaker contributed a unique voice to that call, weaving together a tapestry of encouragement, correction, and bold direction for the days ahead.

## THE CALL TO BALANCE AND FOCUS // LYNETTE HAGIN

“True balance isn't perfection—it's Spirit-led order. It's letting God set the rhythm of your life. **When He is at the center, every part falls into alignment.** Balance is working hard but also resting. It's giving out in ministry, but also taking time to be filled. It's sitting at Jesus' feet while still serving with Martha's hands. Without balance, we burn out and miss God's direction. **With balance, we walk steady and strong.**

We depend not on our ability, but on what God can do through us. Balance helps us know when to move or wait, to care for family and calling. **Joy and laughter are medicine, not distractions.**

Balance keeps us focused and full of His Spirit. When God is the hub, He holds everything together. There, strength and peace are found.”

## POWER OF CONSISTENCY // DENISE HAGIN BURNS

Consistency is the mark of maturity. Passion fades, but steady faith builds strength that lasts. **True growth comes layer by layer, like a pearl formed inside an oyster.** Irritations and hardships are transformed when covered with prayer, love, and God's Word. Over time, what once hurt becomes something beautiful.

Feelings are real, but make poor leaders. Consistency steadies us as emotions rise and fall. **Daily faithfulness—praying, forgiving, standing in love—shapes our character and trust more than sporadic efforts.**

This steady walk is also how we leave a legacy. Simple routines, repeated day after day, ripple into the future. Children, friends, and spiritual daughters watch and carry forward what they see. **Pearls are treasured because they endure.** In the same way, a consistent life becomes a legacy that shines long after we are gone.



“Whoever gets your mouth gets to move in your life. Don’t hand that power to fear or doubt. **Is what you see greater than what He says? No, it’s not.** What he says is greater. Every distraction, every problem is designed to steal your focus, but you can make the turn. Praise shifts your eyes from the storm back to the promise. Praise is how you grab your focus back from the problem and fix it on the answer. **Speak what God says, not what you see, and watch His Word prevail in your life.**”

// Rhonda Cloin



“**God calls us to rise and shake off the chains of old identities.** Don’t stay stuck in the dust of fear, shame, or discouragement. You are clothed in His righteousness and armed with His Word. There’s no devil in hell that can stand against the power of God that lives on the inside of you, and all you have to do is yield and get out of His way. **Stand in your place with confidence. Live out of Christ in you.** I’m not speaking something to see it happen. I’m speaking something because it’s true.” // **Afton Johnson**



## Memorable Moment

Saturday evening featured a touching moment as Lynette Hagin surprised her daughter, Denise, with a gift of her own wedding pearls—symbolizing how life’s irritations, like grit in an oyster, can develop into something beautiful over time. It served as a meaningful reminder that ministry is both a legacy and a calling, built layer by layer with faith and perseverance.



Looking back over a quarter century of *Kindle the Flame*, it’s evident that this gathering is more than a yearly event. It is a movement—an army of women strengthened by the Spirit, united in prayer, and emboldened to influence their world for Christ.

As Lynette Hagin declared, “**Now is the time to go into battle.**” And the women of *Kindle the Flame* 2025 left ready to do exactly that.

Save the Date!  
**Kindle the Flame 2026**  
 September 24–26 | Rhema USA Campus

# TRANSFORMING IMPRISONED HEARTS

Thank you for all you have done. I was in prison and you allowed me to receive your magazine. You also allowed me to receive many books from your ministry. It blessed me and many, many other men— and even people outside the prison. I was released from prison in July of 2013 and am now receiving your magazine at home. I live with my mom and we support the local church I was born and raised in. Again, thank you so much!

Darren O.

Prisons are typically places of great darkness. But thanks to the prayers and generous support of Rhema's Word Partners, they're becoming places of great light. **PRISONERS JUST LIKE DARREN ARE RECEIVING FREE FAITH-BUILDING MAGAZINES, BOOKS, AND OTHER MATERIALS.** And they're discovering the joy and freedom that come from knowing and serving Jesus. Their lives will never be the same.

Will you help send the light? Come on . . . join us.  
*You can make a difference now!*



Become a Rhema Word Partner!

[rhema.org/wpc](http://rhema.org/wpc)

1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484) | PartnerService@rhema.org



*Be an essential piece and make a difference today!*

# SEED

## Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

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

### FINDING PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

EVERY YEAR, LIGHTS, music, and gifts mark the arrival of Christmas. Here at Rhema, over two million lights brighten the campus on Thanksgiving Eve. It's a beautiful sight. Though we have trees and buildings lit up, we also have reminders with manger scenes and lighted signs declaring that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Beyond the tinsel and wrapping paper is the heart of what we as Christians celebrate—the birth of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to mankind. Christmas should not merely be a holiday; it's a holy day. God chose this day for prophecy to be fulfilled, as spoken by Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV): "*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*"

Luke 2:10-11 says, "*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*" That announcement to humble shepherds changed history. The Savior had come! The one promised in Genesis, prophesied by Isaiah, and longed for by generations was finally born. His birth declared that humanity's separation from God would end through Jesus, the Lamb of God, who would take away the sin of the world.

Christmas is not mainly about giving gifts to each other, but about receiving the gift—the Son of God. John 3:16 reminds us, "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" This is the heart of Christmas: love that gives, grace that redeems, and joy that restores.

For many, Christmas is stressful. Schedules fill up, expectations rise, and emotions run high, especially at family gatherings. The joy of the season can get lost in busyness and pressure.

If we are not intentional, we can find ourselves exhausted and missing the very peace the angels sang about: "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men*" (Luke 2:14). I'd like to share several ways I have found

to maintain my peace during the Christmas season.

I've learned to simplify my focus. Choose a few meaningful traditions and let the rest go. Select the parties you attend; prioritize the meaningful ones. Simplify gift giving—my family prefers money to choose their own gifts. That became easier for me. Simplify your decorations. Only put up your favorite ones. Simplify your meal, or have each one bring their favorite dish. Along with simplifying, set realistic expectations with your family. Family gatherings can bring both joy and tension. Remember Romans 12:18 (NLT): "*Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.*" As you gather, choose a forgiving heart. Focus on gratitude and connection, not disagreements.

As another meaningful practice, read the Christmas story in Luke 2 as a family. Have each family member share one thing that they are thankful for. These simple acts realign your heart with the reason for the season, protecting you from the chaos of commercialized Christmas.

During our family celebrations, my husband always reminds our children, grandchildren, and now great-grandchildren that we should be thankful to God for the blessings that He has bestowed upon us.

The world celebrates Christmas for many reasons—some for tradition and others for festivity—but believers celebrate because it is the day we remember God's faithfulness and love for us. When you think of Christmas, picture not just the manger but the cross that lay ahead. The manger was the beginning of redemption's plan; the cross was its completion.

The baby wrapped in swaddling clothes would one day wear a crown of thorns, so we could wear a crown of life. This Christmas, let every light remind you of the Light of the World. Let every gift remind you of the Giver of all good things. Let every Christmas carol stir gratitude for the One whose coming brought salvation.

Ultimately, Christmas isn't about perfect decorations or flawless gatherings—it's about a perfect Savior who entered an imperfect world. It's about Emmanuel, "*God with us*" (Matt. 1:23). May this Christmas be a time of renewal, reflection, and rest as you remember the miracle of God's love—born in a manger, destined for the cross and reigning forever as Lord. 🕊️



Lynette

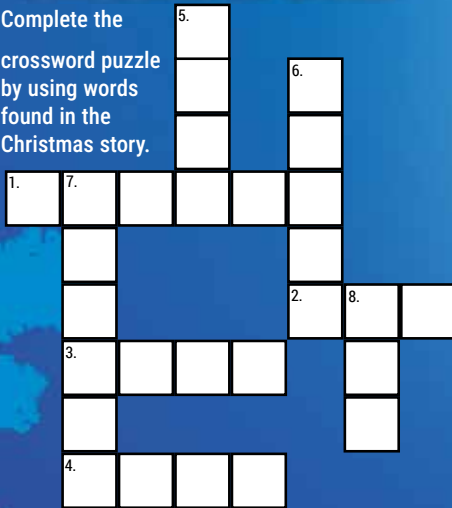


# Kids' Page

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

## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Complete the crossword puzzle by using words found in the Christmas story.



1. What was baby Jesus laid in?
2. "We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship \_\_\_\_\_."
3. What direction did the wise men come from?
4. What the wise men were following
5. "Where is he who is born \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews?"
6. One of the gifts given by the wise men
7. The very first Christmas carolers
8. Jesus was born in a stable because there was no room for them in the \_\_\_\_\_.

## jokes & riddles

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



What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

"Can you smell carrot?"

What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month?

The letter "D."

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

"It's Christmas, Eve!"

## The CHRISTmas Tree

Many people think that the true meaning of Christmas is lost among the Christmas trees, lights, and presents. But maybe after reading this poem, you'll see the deeper meaning of Christmas EVEN BETTER.

Hanging there upon the tree, ornaments of every size.  
Glittering tinsel, dazzling lights, now they shine before my eyes.  
And as I kneel beneath the tree, I find a gift that's just for me  
Given by someone who cares, and my name is written there.  
Christmas tree, O Christmas tree—O what joy you bring to me!  
For in you I can see a glimpse of Him Who died for me.

For, hanging there upon the "tree," Son of God bleeds and dies.  
Love and life abundantly, now they shine before my eyes.  
And as I kneel beneath that tree, I find a gift that's just for me  
Given by the One Who cares, and my name is written there.  
Calvary, O Calvary—O what joy you bring to me  
For in you I can see the very first CHRISTmas tree. ©1994 Greg Lane



## Find the Differences



See if you can find at least 10 differences between these 2 pictures of Christmas carolers.



What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has no "L" (Noel).

## NO TWO JUST ALIKE?

They say no two snowflakes are alike. But two of the snowflakes below are exactly the same except for their size. Can you find them?



**Answers:**

**CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD:**

1. manger 2. him 3. east 4. star 5. king 6. myrrh  
7. angels 8. inn

**FIND THE DIFFERENCES:**

1. girl's scarf missing 2. tie of scarf missing  
3. yellow dots on hat missing  
4. boy with dark green jacket eyes are different  
5. light green jacket snap missing  
6. bottom of pole missing 7. red hat top missing  
8. bottom of pole missing 9. lines in star missing  
10. halos missing over Mary and Joseph.

**NO TWO JUST ALIKE:**



# You Are Cherished

**DO YOU REALLY** know how much God loves you? In the Bible, God protected Jacob (one of the forefathers of the Jewish nation) as “the apple of His eye” (Deuteronomy 32:10 *New King James Version*). This expression refers to someone or something cherished.

God cherishes you as “the apple of His eye” because He loves you and thinks good thoughts about you.

You might say, “If God loves me, why has my life been so full of hurts? When I pray, God doesn’t hear me.”

The truth is, God does hear you when you invite Him into

your life. He’s a gentleman. He won’t barge in without being invited. He wants to be your companion—to be in fellowship with you. And He’s very willing to reveal His love to you.

Jesus, God’s Son, told us, “*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*” (John 3:16 *New King James Version*). We invite God into our lives by accepting Jesus as our Savior.

The fact that you’re reading this article is an act of God’s love for you personally. This is not by chance. God has a good

plan for your life, and He wants to reveal it to you one step at a time.

What’s the first step? Pray this prayer and mean it from your heart:

**God, I need help with my life. I’m tired of trying to do it on my own. Please help me. I invite You into my life. I believe that Jesus is Your Son, and I accept Him as my Savior. Thank You for saving me and turning my life around. Please keep me as the apple of Your eye. I accept Your love for me. Thank You for cherishing me and being my Companion.♥**

Let us know that you’ve accepted Jesus! We want to send you some materials to help you grow in your new life with Him.

Email us at [PartnerService@rhema.org](mailto:PartnerService@rhema.org) or call us at 1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484).



**Kenneth Hagin Ministries**

P.O. Box 50126 • Tulsa, OK 74150-0126



Certified Sourcing

[www.forests.org](http://www.forests.org)  
501-264-03

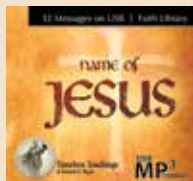
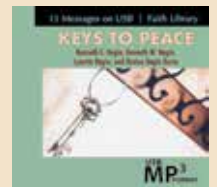
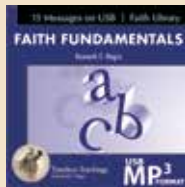
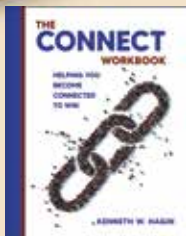
**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

# THERE IS STILL TIME!

[RHEMA.ORG/STORE](http://RHEMA.ORG/STORE)

**20% OFF**

Visit our online store to find **great gifts** for everyone on **your list!**



Place your order by **December 12th** to ensure delivery before Christmas.