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God has so many good things in store for us because we're His children. Jesus said in Luke 12:32, "*Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom*" (NIV). And in Matthew 7:11 (NIV), the Lord compared the love of an earthly father to the Heavenly Father's love. He said, "*If you . . . know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*" God is just *looking* for ways to show His love to us!

Notice that Matthew 7:11 says the Father gives good things *to those who ask him*. So we need to ask. But when we ask our Heavenly Father for something, we don't have to use flowery words or fancy speeches. We can walk right into the throne room of Heaven and say, "Father, I have a problem, and here's what I need." When we go to Him in that way and ask in faith, He will give us what we need.

Sometimes we don't realize how good our Heavenly Father really is. James 1:17 says, "*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father . . .*" (NIV). God reveals His goodness to us in so many ways every day. He is infinitely good, beyond what we can imagine. And as we honor our earthly fathers this Father's Day, let us not forget to honor our Heavenly Father—the One Who freely gives us all good things (Romans 8:32)!

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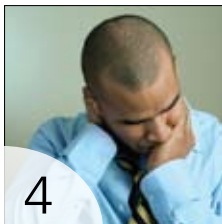
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How to Handle Pressure

Living Victoriously in Uncertain Times

In today's uncertain world, many of us are under a lot of pressure. And the way we react to that pressure determines whether we will succeed or fail. What do *you* do when you're under pressure? Do you simply fold up? The moment you experience a little adversity, do you come apart at the seams?

I've noticed that some of us in the Church can't handle pressure or adversity in our walk with the Lord. As long as everything is going fine and the devil isn't exerting too much pressure on us, we're okay. But the minute we encounter problems or things don't fall into place, we go to pieces.

First Peter 5:7 instructs us as Christians to cast *all* of our cares on the Lord. I know this is not always easy to do. But when the pressure is on, it's the only way we can walk *above* the circumstances and not be buried by them.

The next time you are under pressure and you are tempted to cave in, here are some things you can do. If you follow these four simple steps, you

will be able to overcome pressure instead of pressure overcoming you.

Number One: Keep your focus on God.

ISAIAH 26:3

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

When encountering a crisis, many people fail to keep their minds stayed on the Lord. They focus on the negative and only see what is going wrong. Instead of believing their situation can have a positive outcome, they begin to doubt that they will ever recover.

Focusing on the problem won't do you any good. In fact, the more you think about the problem instead of the Problem Solver, the weaker your faith becomes.

To rise above pressure, you have to think on the right things. You must replace negative thoughts with good,



positive thoughts. Doubt has to be replaced with faith.

The Apostle Paul told the Philippians to “*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*” (Phil. 2:5). What was in the mind of Christ? All things are possible if you can believe (Mark 9:23). Whatever is impossible with man is possible with God (Matt. 19:26). The mind of Christ knows the Heavenly Father has already taken care of the pressure you are experiencing.

Problems become small or great depending on the way we think about them. You probably know someone who faced a small challenge, and they obsessed about the problem until it became a huge mountain to them.

This is exactly what the devil wants. He wants to keep us looking at the problem instead of looking at God and His Word. If he can do this, then he has won. We see an example of this in the Book of Matthew when Peter walked on water.

On Jesus’ single command of “come,” Peter jumped out of a boat during a violent storm and walked on a choppy

sea. He continued walking on the water as long as he maintained an unwavering gaze on Christ. But when Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and looked at how strong the wind was, he began to sink. (See Matt. 14:25–32.)

Your success in the midst of the storms is determined by how well *you* can control your thought life. And no one can control your thoughts but you. You determine what you think about and how you react to any given situation.

In his letter to the Church at Philippi, the Apostle Paul shows you how to reign in your thought life.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Thinking about things that meet these qualifications will give you victory

in your thought life. And God has given us plenty of things in His Word that meet all of these conditions. Focusing on those things instead of on negative circumstances will help you overcome the pressures of life.

Number Two: Focus on your potential in God.

One year a young rookie football player was a top NFL draft pick. The football team choosing him didn’t pick him because of his height or weight. They didn’t choose him because of his accomplishments in college. They chose him because of the potential he possessed to become a great athlete.

You probably don’t realize the potential you have in God. Although you can’t accomplish some things in your own strength, *you can accomplish anything* in God’s strength. Instead of focusing on weaknesses, focus on the potential you have in God. Joel 3:10 says, “. . . *let the weak say, I am strong.*” No matter what is surrounding you, “I am strong” needs to be your daily confession.

God’s Word Is His Plan

Under the Old Covenant, God sent an angel or a prophet to relay His plan to His people. Under the New Covenant, we don’t need angels or prophets to tell us God’s plan.

We have God’s written Word to instruct us and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us to guide us. And as we follow God’s plan for our lives, we will walk in victory. The Apostle Paul wrote, “*Now thanks be unto God, which ALWAYS causeth us to triumph in Christ . . .*” (2 Cor. 2:14).

Victory comes when we follow God’s plan completely. We must rely on God to perform the supernatural in our lives. We’re not responsible for bringing the supernatural to pass. We’re only responsible for *obeying* God’s plan so *He* can bring it to pass!

A Positively Life-Changing Message!

In a world full of uncertainty, could you stand to hear a little *good* news? Many Christians have allowed their circumstances to govern their thoughts. They need to rise to a new level of thinking! *The good news is, they can!*

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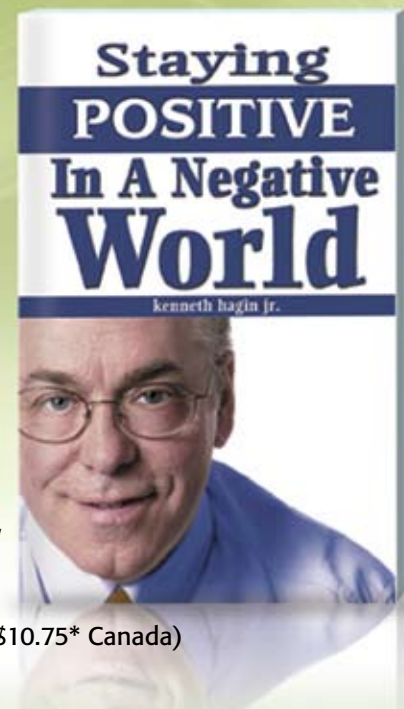
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You've got to believe in yourself "in God." The "in God" part is what is important. That's the part that will see you through any adversity.

People often ask, "How is God going to turn this situation around?" I don't know, but God does! Instead of focusing on "how," focus on the Author and Finisher of your faith (see Heb. 12:2). He is the One Who can give you the ability to triumph over your circumstances.

Number Three: Focus on what God is saying.

ISAIAH 55:3

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live . . .

Have you ever been talking to someone and you realized he was not hearing a word you were saying? Although he was right in front of you, his mind was someplace else.

God is talking all the time. Are we listening when He is speaking?

The main way God speaks to His children is through His Word. However, when under a great deal of pressure, do you run to the Word to find strength and peace? Or are you focused on the

problem? The Word of God contains the answers you desperately need. And it's through prayer and meditating on the

Anytime you are under pressure, begin to talk about Who God is and how big He is. Then put the devil in

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Word that God will show you what steps to take to see you through adversity.

Number Four: Talk about God.

Up until this point in the process of overcoming the pressures of life, you have kept your mouth shut. Now it's time to speak.

PSALM 105:2

2 . . . talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Throughout the Book of Psalms, the various writers talked about the bigness of God. They extolled His greatness. They praised His goodness. They set an example for you and me.

his place and remind him that God is bigger than anything he tries to bring about.

You may not "feel" like talking about God when under a lot of pressure. But especially in times of adversity, you need to talk about the goodness and bigness of God. As you do, you will be revived and released from the pressure.

It doesn't matter how bleak your future looks; God is bigger. It doesn't matter what anybody says; God is able to bring you through. As you follow these steps, you will feel the pressure lift. You'll be able to look at circumstances with an assurance that God will see you through. ♥

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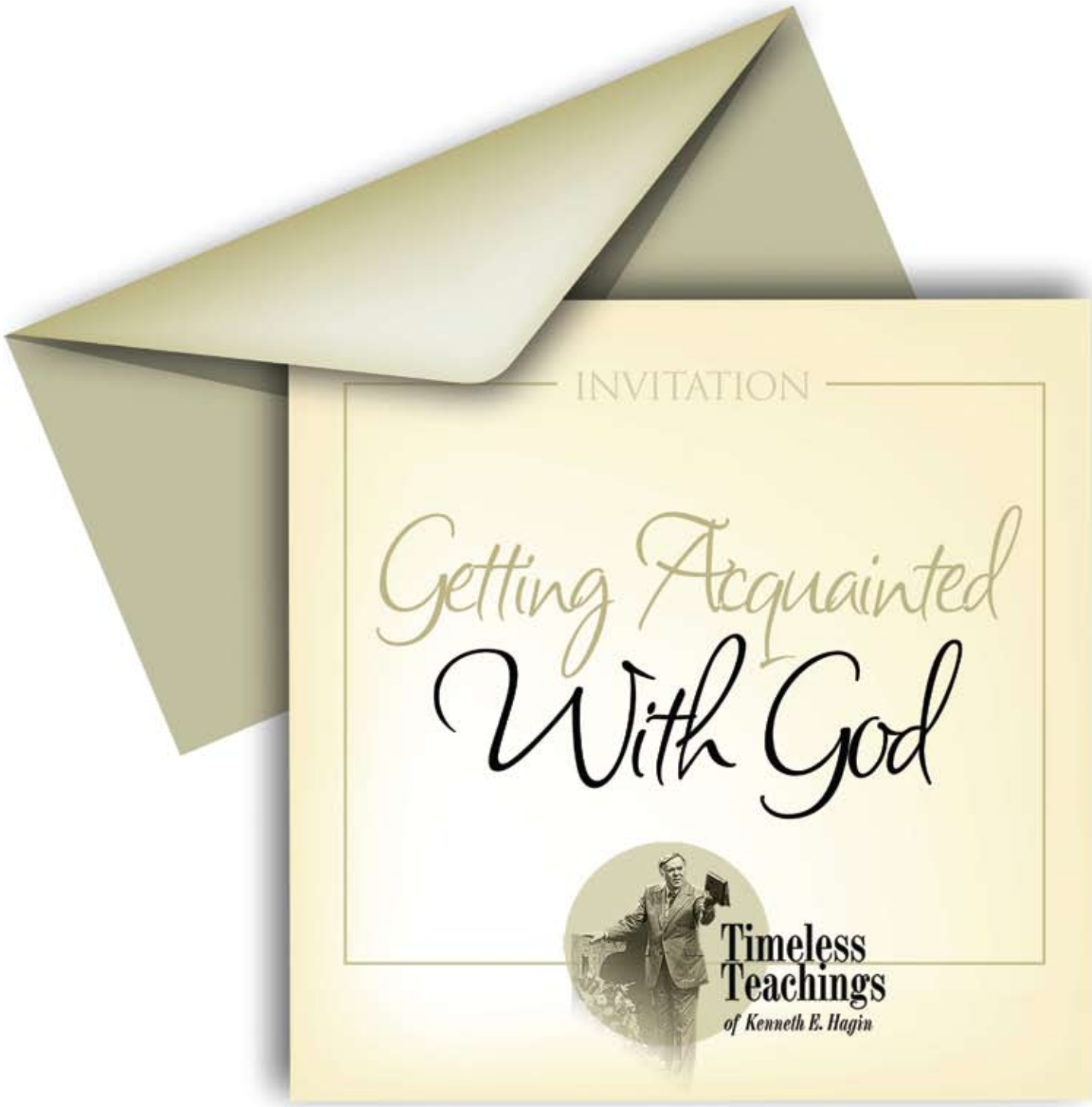
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(Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Brother Hagin’s book Classic Sermons.)

*“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.”
—Ephesians 3:14–15*

Spiritually speaking, there are only two families on the earth: the family of God and the family of Satan. Every person, regardless of heritage or background, belongs to one of those two families. Which family do you belong to? Who is your father—God or Satan?

The only way you can be delivered out of the family of Satan is to be born into the family of God (John 3:3; Col. 1:13). You must receive Jesus as your Savior and be born again to belong to the family of God and call God your Heavenly Father.

Once you are born again, you begin to grow spiritually as you get to know your Heavenly Father. The number one way you become better acquainted with God the Father is through His Word. Smith Wigglesworth once said, “I can’t understand God by

feelings. I understand God by what the Word says about Him. He is everything the Word says He is.”

Many people want to get acquainted with the Father through experiences. It’s true that you can learn some things about God through different experiences in life. But the number one way to get to know Him is through His Word. In the Word we find out about the Father’s nature and how much He loves and cares for us.

What does the Word say about our Heavenly Father? Jesus always presented God as a loving Father.

JOHN 3:16

16 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.

JOHN 16:27

27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

It was difficult for the Jews to understand what Jesus was saying when He talked about a Father of love. They had only known God as a God of law and justice—and that *is* one side of God.

Jesus was presenting the Fatherhood side of God. He was presenting the very nature of the Father, for the Bible says God is love (1 John 4:16). Jesus revealed God as a loving Father Who cares for our every need.

MATTHEW 6:8, 26

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them [the Gentiles]: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Notice the utter tenderness in this picture of the Father caring for His children. Our Heavenly Father knows our needs, and He desires to meet them before we even ask Him for help!

Because God is my Father, I like to do what Paul talked about in Ephesians 3:14–15. I like to get down on my knees and say, “. . . *I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named.*” That word *family* takes God out of a harsh religious context and makes our relationship with the Father real and intimate.

We’re a part of the Father’s family. That fact has nothing in the world to do with religion. Religion is harsh and cold, but Christianity is a relationship with a God Who is a loving Father.

Many Christians have a difficult time comprehending God as a Father Who loves and cares for them. Often Christians have been religiously taught to fear and shrink from a God of justice. They have the idea that God is like a judge who sits up in Heaven looking for a chance to punish people the moment they make a mistake.

anxiety because He loves us and wants to meet our every need.

So have no worry or anxiety. Do not fret. You can be sure of this one fact: *As you trust God with your life, He will take a father’s place and perform a father’s part in your life.* He is your Father, and He loves you and cares for you with an everlasting love (Jer. 31:3).

We’ve looked at several statements Jesus made relative to the Father. Against the backdrop of these powerful statements about the Father’s love,

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But no, God is love! Thank God for the Father’s love that Jesus came to reveal to us.

In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus said more about the Father’s care for His children.

MATTHEW 6:31–33

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Some people have been religiously taught to read that last verse, “All these things shall be taken away from you.” They think if they put God first, they won’t ever have anything.

But that’s not what Jesus said. He said the things you need will be added to you as you seek first the Kingdom of God. That promise proves your Father’s love and care for you.

Look at Matthew 6:34. Jesus said, “*Take therefore no thought for the morrow. . .*” Another translation says, “*Be not anxious for tomorrow.*” This verse shows us that the Father doesn’t want His children full of worry and

Attend to My Words

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

—Proverbs 4:20–22

These verses give us the answer to all of life’s problems. God made the world with *words* (see Genesis chapter 1). Because God’s Word has creative power, it’s our remedy for any difficulty.

For God’s words to become life and health to us, we must continually practice these simple steps:

1. *Attend to God’s Word.*
2. *Incline our ears unto God’s Word.*
3. *Let God’s Word not depart from our eyes.*
4. *Keep God’s Word in our hearts.*

other scriptures take on new light and become more real to us.

For instance, let's look at a familiar verse as it is translated in *The Amplified Bible*.

to you. He wants you to put an end to worry, doubt, and fear in your life.

How do you get rid of worry, doubt, and fear? By doing what this scripture says. Cast all of your care upon the

receive temporary help, but they won't experience permanent victory until they practice being doers of the Word.

You will experience victory only by refusing to worry and fret about your problems and cares. Instead, take those cares to the Lord in prayer and thank Him for the answer. Your Father loves you. He is interested in you. If you will make your requests known to Him and wait in His presence, He will help you understand what to do and give you the answers to your problems.

How much your Heavenly Father loves you! Wouldn't you like to know Him better? Take advantage of the access your Father has provided for you through Jesus (Eph. 2:18) and get acquainted with Him through His Word. Commune with Him in prayer, and be sure to cast all your cares upon Him.

As you come to know and experience for yourself the depth of the Father's love for you, doubts and fears that have plagued you in the past will be dispelled. As the Father loved Jesus, so He loves you (John 17:23). And because of the Father's great love for you, you are never alone! ♥

*Our Heavenly Father knows our needs,
and He desires to meet them
before we even ask Him for help!*

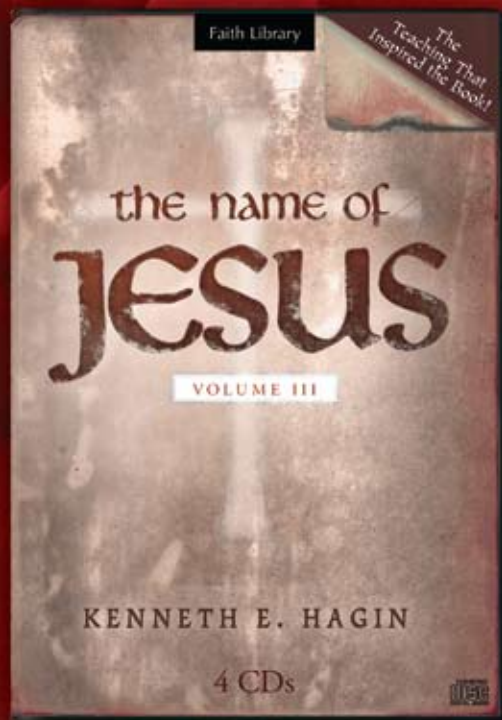
1 PETER 5:7 (Amplified)

7 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.

You should read that scripture as if your Heavenly Father is speaking directly to you, because this is a message from the very heart of God

Father. Abandon yourself to His love and care. Having done that, make sure you *leave* your burden with the Lord. When you have given your cares to the Father once and for all, don't pick them up again.

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Have you ever been asked, “Do you know so-and-so?” If you know that individual, you might automatically reply yes. But do you 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. And 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. However, in such cases we all often say, “I know him.”

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

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

Of all my friends, I don’t know any of them as well as I know my husband. Ken and I have been married for

almost 44 years. I know his thoughts and he knows mine. It's a natural fact that the more time you spend with someone, the better you know that person.

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 tell him that I'm thinking about a certain restaurant. And often he tells me he's thinking about that

never betray me. He will never let my secret out.

How do we get to know our Heavenly Father better? First of all, 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

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 (Amplified)
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. . . .



I learned a long time ago that I can tell [God] all of my problems and secrets and He will never betray me.

same restaurant. 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 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." When you are born again, your thoughts and ways might be very different from God's. But the more time you spend communing with your Heavenly Father, the more your thoughts and ways become like His.

Our Heavenly Father 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 soon 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 of my problems and secrets and He will

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

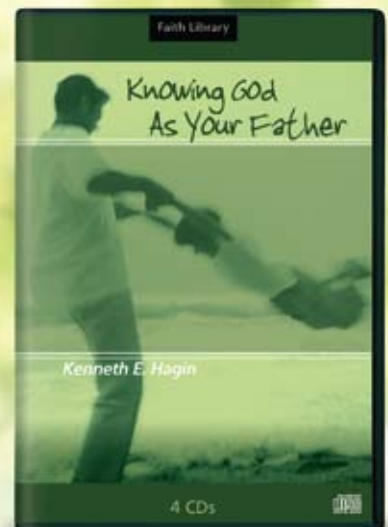
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It is clear from these verses that Paul desired to know the Lord better. He knew that if he knew God more completely, the Lord would be there for him in every way.

When you study Paul's writings, you see that Paul rarely prayed for himself. But he often prayed for others. For instance, in Ephesians 1:17-19

You'll already know from God's Word what the results are going to be, so you'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). The better you know the Lord, the bolder you will be to declare His Word.

Your passion should be to know the Lord better than anything or anyone else.

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 you know the Lord intimately, you'll know that the devil is under your feet (see 1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:22). You'll know that when you encounter difficult situations, you don't have to become upset and cry out to God in prayer.

Your passion should be to know the Lord better than anything or anyone else. You need to know that He is for you and not against you, that He will be there to encourage you in difficult times. Know that you can draw upon His love for you and that He will give you what you need, when you need it.

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

Talking to God Each Day

We are told in the Bible to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). But how can we do that?

One time I asked the Lord that question, and here is what He showed me to do:

- 1. Create an atmosphere.**
Wherever I go, I always have music playing.
- 2. Upon waking, begin praying and meditating on the Word.**
- 3. Establish prayer stations during your morning routine.**
Pray for different things in different places. By the time I get to the office, I've prayed from 30 to 45 minutes. Occasionally we need concentrated prayer times. But we should not feel condemned if we can't do that every day. It's better to practice the presence of the Lord and pray throughout the day than not to pray at all.

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'He Is a Miracle!'

Imagine being more than 1,200 miles from home and receiving a phone call with the news that a loved one was about to die. Kerry Fitts, a 1992 RHEMA Bible Training Center graduate, didn't have to imagine it. He experienced it.

Kerry, a pastor in Hudson, Florida, decided to attend *Winter Bible Seminar 2005* on the RHEMA campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. While at *Winter Bible Seminar*, Kerry received a phone call from his mother. The news he heard about his 79-year-old father, Barney George, was something no one wants to hear.

"I got a call on Wednesday morning, telling me that my father was in the hospital and was going to die," Kerry said. "The doctors didn't expect him to make it to the weekend. He had bone cancer, and it had spread through his entire body."

Upon hearing the news, Kerry booked the earliest flight he could in order to be by his father's side. But the soonest he could get to Florida was the following evening. With twenty-four hours to spend in Broken Arrow before his departing flight, Kerry decided to take advantage of being at RHEMA and obtained a prayer cloth for his father.

Later that day, Kerry was able to talk to Craig W. Hagin as he was coming out of Healing School. Kerry explained the situation to him, and Rev. Hagin prayed

over the prayer cloth. Kerry said, "I felt a tangible anointing on the cloth."

That evening, Kerry called his mom and asked her to relay a message to his dad. He said, "Tell Dad I'm coming home and that Craig Hagin has prayed over a prayer cloth for him. I'll be home tomorrow night; I'm going to take him the prayer cloth; and he will be healed!"

Kerry arrived at his father's bedside the following night around 10:00. One of the first things he did was hand his dad the prayer cloth. His father immediately felt the healing power of God. He wasn't the only one who felt it.



Barney George

"There was another lady from our church in the hospital, right down the hall from my father," Kerry said. "She was having internal problems. She came to my father's room to visit, and my dad told her to touch the prayer cloth. When she did, she

and my dad both started weeping. She was released in a few days, completely healed."

Kerry's father believed he was healed as well. There were no changes to see with the natural eye. He still looked sick. He still felt sick. But he *believed* that when the prayer cloth was laid on his body, he was healed, so he made a decision to not *act* sick!

Kerry remembered, "Although he showed no signs of being healed, my dad

said, 'I'm healed. I need to go to church because that's what people who are well do.' Even though he wasn't supposed to make it to the weekend, he did live past the weekend and then even went to church the following Wednesday. He was very weak, so he stayed only 15 minutes. He looked terrible. He probably weighed less than 100 pounds. He could barely walk. But by that Sunday he was singing in the choir, completely healed! By the next Tuesday he was playing golf. The doctor said he is a miracle."

The faith of the father was evident in the son as well. "I never doubted that my dad was going to be healed," Kerry said. "I expected it to happen."

Even though he never doubted, Kerry was still in awe of the goodness and healing power of God. "I felt jubilation," Kerry explained. "He's my father and I love him, but it was amazing to know that God had visited us. My dad was almost dead, and the doctors said he was going to die. You don't see recovery like that without a miracle from the Lord."♥

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—THOMAS AND SYLVIA PARKER, '99 GRADUATES
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Worldwide Homecoming was held in conjunction with *Winter Bible Seminar*. This time was extra special for the RHEMA USA classes of 1979, 1989, and 1999 as they celebrated their 10-, 20-, and 30-year reunions. We asked members of those classes to describe the impact RHEMA has had on their lives and what *Worldwide Homecoming* means to them. Here's what a few of them had to say.

We are excited about being back home. It's so wonderful. The anointing that was here years ago is still here, and we feel the effects of it. It's been awhile since we've been back, but RHEMA changed the whole direction of our lives. For RHEMA, we feel that we would not have been able to do the things that we've done thus far. We're just so grateful for RHEMA, the RHEMA family, and the Hagin family—what they have done and are continuing to do.

—LARRY AND DELORIS BROWN
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA



I don't know if I can even put into words what it means to come back to RHEMA for Worldwide Homecoming. The anointing has been so wonderful. RHEMA is like a lifeline. It changed my life totally. All of the wonderful teachers imparted so much into me.

—MARY HOUSE
SOUTH CAROLINA



Pastor Hagin came to South Africa in 1977. For the first time in my life, I saw the power of God in operation. Everybody in that meeting was on the floor. In the car going to the airport Pastor Hagin said to me, "Lyndie, if you come to America, I'll give you a bursary [a scholarship] to study at RHEMA Bible Training Center. You can't think about it, you can't pray about it. I want an answer from you right now. Yes or no?" I'm so glad I said yes, because a whole nation was changed. From South Africa to Africa to Europe, thousands of students were thrust into the harvest fields. And here at Worldwide Homecoming, I'm home. I'm so proud of my roots.

—LYNDIE MCCAULEY
SOUTH AFRICA



RHEMA is home. It's always home, no matter where we go. We may go all over the world, but when we come back home, it feels like we never left. And when you're always giving, it's good to get refilled and see everybody. This is my family. And RHEMA equipped my husband and me to do the work of ministry. People always say, "There's something different about you." It's because of the Lord and because RHEMA put something different in us. This is a life-changing place. Once you come here, you'll never be the same when you leave.

—MISSY WIDNER
DAWSON, GEORGIA



INDONESIA
SINGAPORE

Worldwide Homecoming is like coming back to your grandparents at least once a year. Just like you go visit RHEMA—to Pastor and Mrs. Hagin. I think the best thing we learned through our teachers and instructors, but through Pastor Hagin. We connected with him when we were here, and God imparted through him what would help us the most later on in life. It was his motto: "I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit!"

—ROB AND BONNIE NOAH
IOWA



Worldwide Homecoming is just a thrill. I love the spirit of love and unity that I get to experience here. I am very thankful for the education and training that I got at RHEMA Bible Training Center—now 20 years ago. To this day, I still get out my old cassettes and notes and thank God for the Word that was imparted into me.

—DEBBIE (RAMIREZ) BARKER
TULSA, OKLAHOMA



Coming back to Worldwide Homecoming is like coming home to us. We get refreshed. It's so encouraging to sit under Pastor's and Mrs. Hagin's teaching again and to hear their hearts. We just value that. This is our home. Pastor Hagin is our pastor. And RHEMA changed the direction of our lives and changed us. Now we take what we learn here to our congregation. . . . RHEMA's like family. And every function that we come to, whether it's Worldwide Homecoming, Kindle the Flame, A Call to Arms, or Campmeeting, keeps us connected. It's such a blessing.

—TREVOR AND JENI NEUFELD
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Seed Thoughts

by Lynette

"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)

I remember hearing my father-in-law say, "Some people live and die and never fulfill the plan of God for their lives." When I heard that, I thought, *I do not want to be one of those people.* One scripture that I have always relied on is Jeremiah 29:11. I especially like this verse in the *New International Version*: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." The *New Living Translation* says, "They are plans for good and not for disaster. . . ." And *The Message Bible* states it this way: "I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."

God has promised us in His Word that He has great plans for each one of us. He has everything planned out, and He desires to take care of us. The problem, however, is that as humans, we desire to make our own plans rather than let God make them for us.

You may be wondering why things are not working out for you the way you thought they would. You may be frustrated with your life right now. You may be consumed with worry, fear, and anxiety. I want to ask you a thought-provoking question: Have you asked God what *His* plan and will is for your life at this particular moment, or are you busy making your own plans? So many times we become consumed with planning our

own lives, and we don't stay sensitive to the voice of God and ask Him for His direction.

God is standing by, ready and willing to direct our lives. But we must give Him permission to do that. How grieved our Heavenly Father must be sometimes when we are going down the wrong path, and He so desires to get us back on the right one.

We follow God's plan step-by-step. He does not give us the whole picture; He hands out only one piece of the puzzle at a time. The problem is, too many of us are not happy with the puzzle piece we have at the moment; we want several pieces at once.

God's plan is like a slow-cooker rather than a microwave oven. The path that He desires for us may seem like the long way around. But that path molds us, softens us, and makes us what He desires us to be. I can put a pot roast in the microwave and it will be done quickly. However, the meat will be tough and hard to chew. If I place that same roast in a slow-cooker and leave it in there all day, the result will be a flavorful, tender piece of meat. That's how it is with our lives. God takes us down a path that will cause us to be much more tender and "flavorful"—if only we will follow His plan rather than try to take a shortcut.

You may not understand why God has you where He does right now. When my husband and I came to work for Kenneth Hagin Ministries, I did not understand at that moment the plan God had for our lives. All I knew was, my world was being turned upside down. I finally said, "God, I cannot figure out the road that you are taking us down, so I am going to have to just trust You and let You be the navigator of my life." That was difficult for me, as I had always taken pride in planning my own life and successfully completing each phase of those plans.

At times I wanted to question God. It seemed that when I gave up being the controller of my life, things got worse instead of better. When that happens, your mind can go tilt on you. The Enemy would like to get you away from trusting God and into the arena of human reasoning. He will say to you, "You need to take charge of your own life." At such moments, it is absolutely imperative that you take time to pray and listen to the voice of your Heavenly Father—for certainly He is taking you down a path that is for your good and not for disaster.

Lynette



Kids' Page

Fearless, Anointed, Inward-led, Trustworthy Heirs of God

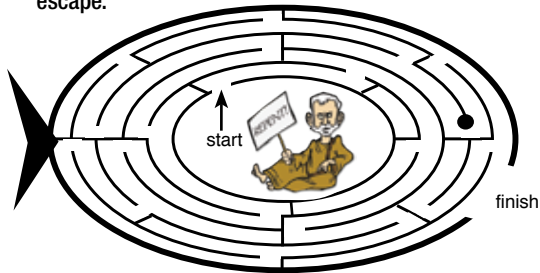
Find the Differences

See if you can find all seven differences between the two pictures below.



Out of the Belly of the Whale

Help Jonah find his way out of the belly of the whale through the maze to the whale's mouth so he can escape.



ANSWERS:

The Bible Wall of Shame—ANSWERS: A. CAIN B. ANANIAS C. JEZEBEL D. ACHAN E. BALAM F. JONAH G. SAPPHIRA H. ADAM

Find the Differences—ANSWERS: 1. In A, Jonah has a green hat and red in B. 2. In B, Jonah doesn't have a red sash around his waist but does in A. 3. In A, the whale's eye is red and blue in B. 4. In A, there are 4 birds and only 3 in B. 5. In A, the whale has no teeth but does in B. 6. In B, there are water drops on the whale's nose but not in A. 7. In B, the whale splashes off of the right side of the picture but doesn't in A.

Jonah

the Dude With the Bad Attitude

Most people remember Jonah as the prophet who disobeyed God and got swallowed by a big fish. But even after he changed his mind and obeyed God, Jonah still had a problem . . . he had a bad attitude. He finally **OBEYED** God but he wasn't **WILLING**. Isaiah 1:19 says, "If you are **willing** and **obedient** you will eat the good of the land." Jonah found out that it isn't enough to just obey . . . his attitude had to be right, too! Maybe you have discovered the same thing. If your parents ask you to go clean your room and you obey them but you **STOMP** your feet in anger all the way to your room, chances are that your parents won't be very happy with you! God isn't much different from your parents in that respect. If He asks you to do something, He expects you to **OBEY** and **HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE** too.

The Bible

WALL OF SHAME

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| A. NICA | E. MABAAL |
| B. NIANASA | F. HONAJ |
| C. BLEZEJE | G. SHAPPIRA |
| D. CHAAN | H. MAAD |

Written above are the scrambled names of Bible characters who are best remembered because of their disobedience or bad attitudes. Unscramble the names above to discover these men and women on The Bible Wall of Shame.

Jokes & Riddles



Why was the broom late?
It over swept!

Did you hear about the mad scientist who put dynamite in his refrigerator?
They say he blew his cool!

What is a polygon?
A missing parrot!

What kind of car does Mickey Mouse's wife drive?
A Minnie van!

Why did the man take a pencil to bed?
To draw the curtains!

Son: Dad, there is a man at the door collecting for the new swimming pool.

Father: Give him a glass of water!

Mother: Eat up your spinach. It'll put color in your cheeks.

Daughter: But I don't want green cheeks!

Margie: Were you long in the hospital?

Sam: No, I was the same size that I am now!

Customer: Waiter, this soup tastes funny!

Waiter: Then why aren't you laughing?



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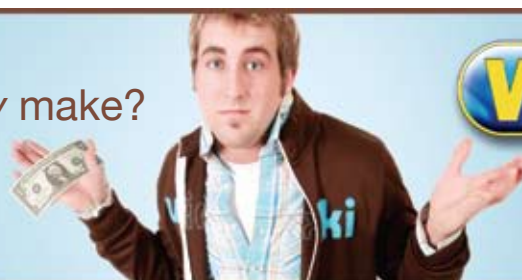
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