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This month we in the United States celebrate Independence Day. All across the country, people enjoy parades, picnics, flag waving, and fireworks to commemorate the day. But these things only serve to remind us that we live in a country where we have the privilege of being free.

I'm proud that I'm an American. I thank God for the freedom we have in this great land. But our freedom didn't come without a cost. The price for our freedom was the shedding of precious American blood.

Just as America has sent her sons and daughters around the world to fight for our freedom and, if necessary, to shed their blood for us, God sent His Son, Jesus, to Golgotha's hill where He spilled His blood that you and I might be spiritually free. John 8:36 says, "If the Son [Jesus] therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

No man, woman, young person, or child, is truly free unless they know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. But if we have Jesus in our hearts, we can be free, no matter what the political climate, the condition of the economy, or any other circumstance.

As "freedom rings" across America this month, may spiritual freedom also ring in our hearts. When we enjoy the fireworks, picnics, and parades, and when we pay tribute to the Stars and Stripes, may we also pay tribute to the blood-stained banner of the Lord Jesus Christ!

And as we celebrate our natural and spiritual freedom, let us also take this opportunity to show those around us the way to Heaven. We hold the keys, not only to our spiritual freedom, but to the spiritual freedom of those we come in contact with each day. We have the awesome privilege of telling them the Good News-that they can be born again and "let freedom ring" in their hearts. Then they can enjoy with us the wonderful freedom that God has made available through His Son, Jesus Christ!

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here are two kinds of unbelievers in the world: those who do not know what God's Word says and those who do know but refuse to act on it.

We see an example of the latter in the Book of Numbers. When the Israelites came to Kadesh Barnea, Moses sent 12 men into the Promised Land to spy it out. The spies returned in 40 days and brought back fruit as evidence that the land did "flow with milk and honey" as God had said. But they also brought back what the Bible calls "an evil report"—a report of unbelief. Even though God had promised to give them the land of Canaan, ten of the spies did not believe that they could overcome its inhabitants. Despite God's promise, they said, "Nevertheless, we can't do it."

NUMBERS 13:27-29

27 And they [the spies] told him [Moses], and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28 NEVERTHELESS the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

It should not have surprised the Israelites that the Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, and Canaanites were in the Promised Land. While the Israelites were still in Egypt, Moses told them that God would deliver them out of slavery and give them the land that was inhabited by these nations (Exod. 13:5).

Moses had chosen one man from each tribe of Israel to spy out the land. All 12 men had been slaves in Egypt. They all had seen how God delivered them from the Egyptians. All of them saw the waters of the Red Sea rolled back (Exod. 14:21–22). Each had witnessed the bitter waters become sweet (Exod. 15:23–25). They saw how God provided manna for them in the wilderness (Exod. 16:15, 31). And they followed the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night (Exod. 13:21).

These men should have been able to believe God for anything. Over and over again, they witnessed firsthand the supernatural power of God. But when it came time for them to go into the Promised Land, they allowed their senses to cloud their decision making.

They believed that *part* of what God told them was true—the Promised Land did flow with milk and honey (Num. 13:27). But they did not believe that God would give them the land. Because 10 of the spies greatly feared the men of the land, they imagined they were looked at as grasshoppers.

This is why the Apostle Paul tells us to cast down imaginations and everything that tries to exalt itself against the knowledge of God. We are instructed to bring our thoughts into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

We can't allow our senses to dominate our faith life. Our five senses enable us to contact the physical world. They allow us to see, hear, smell, taste, and feel. But they were never designed to help us in the spiritual world.

When we look at our natural circumstances—the economy, our family situation, the doctor's prognosis—our faith cannot be in what we see or feel. It has to be in the Word of God. Although we must acknowledge facts, we don't have to accept them as final authority. We may not always *feel* well and things might not always *look* good, but that doesn't change the Word of God.

God told the Israelites He would give them the Promised Land, but He never told them they wouldn't have to fight for it. The same is true for you and me. What God has promised does not automatically fall into our lives. We must fight for it.

Our fight is not a literal one in which we roll up our sleeves and begin slugging it out. We are told to "fight the good fight of faith . . ." (1 Tim. 6:12). We receive what God has promised us through faith.

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They said, "Nevertheless . . . we saw . . ." (v. 28). They took their eyes off of God and looked at how big and strong the people were. They took note of how fortified the cities were, and they became fearful.

The spies told Moses, "... we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight" (v. 33). Although they may have felt like grasshoppers, they were putting words in the mouths of the giants. Spies never want to be seen. And the inhabitants of the land of Canaan didn't know who these men were. Now let's look at a New Testament account of a man who could have been swayed by his circumstances just as the 10 Israelite spies were. But instead, he chose to act on the Word of the Lord. It is one of the greatest stories in the Bible of someone who took God at His Word.

In Luke chapter 5, Jesus was on the shores of Lake Gennesaret when a crowd of people came to hear what He had to say. Since the crowd was so large, Jesus boarded a boat owned by Simon Peter and taught the people from the boat. After He had finished speaking, Jesus told Peter to launch out into the deep to catch fish.

Peter had fished all night without catching anything. He was an experienced fisherman and knew that the best time to fish was at night, not in the morning. But instead of arguing with Jesus, Peter said, ". . . *NEVER-THELESS at thy word, I will let down the net*" (v. 5).

Because he obeyed the Lord, Peter caught so many fish that his net began to break. He had to signal his partners



Do You Really Believe?

Two men in the northern United States were walking alongside a lake in the middle of winter. One said, "I believe the ice is thick enough to skate on." The other man agreed.

"Why don't you test the ice?" said the first man.

"No," said the second, "you do it."

The two then argued about who would test the ice. Although both believed it was thick enough to skate on, neither was willing to act on what he believed.

Everyone has the same opportunity to believe the Word of God. Unfortunately, many are not taking advantage of that opportunity. God's Word is a *firm foundation* we can stand on with complete assurance that it will hold us up under any circumstances. for help. Then they filled both boats with so many fish that the boats began to sink (vv. 6-7)!

Anytime we face difficulties, we have a choice. We can either look to God or focus on our circumstances. Commonsense reasoning or relying on our five

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senses will rob us of God's blessings and keep our needs from being met. But taking God at His Word will bring us victory. It's not up to us to figure out *how* God will supply or deliver. We simply have to believe that God will do it. When given the choice, let's boldly declare, *"Nevertheless*, we will believe God!"

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These days, everyone is talking about a bailout plan. The economic stimulus package has dominated the nightly news for many months. It seems as though everybody wants help. But for those who call on the Name of the Lord, Jesus is the only bailout plan they'll ever need.

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Before the foundation of the world, God came up with the ultimate bailout plan. He sent His only Son to the earth to redeem mankind from sin. God provided not only a way of escape from hell, but also an escape from Satan's tyranny in our day-today lives.

While Jesus was on the earth, He declared, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

This verse doesn't just promise us life; it promises us *abundant* life.

As believers, we don't need a government bailout plan. We need to take possession of what has already been provided for us. How do we do that? It's really very simple.

MARK 11:22

22 ... Have faith in God.

No matter what our situation looks like, our trust needs to remain firmly in God and in His power and ability. Proverbs 3:5 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Trusting in the Lord with all our heart involves forgetting what we understand. It involves not worrying about a situation but putting our faith wholeheartedly in the Lord. We may not know *how* God will turn our circumstances around; we just need to know that He *will*.

No matter what our situation or the economy looks like, we can't lean on the media's understanding, Wall Street's understanding, or a doctor's understanding. We have to believe that what the Word of God says is true. God has promised us abundant life, and an economic recession cannot make John 10:10 null and void.

The blood that was shed at the Cross of Calvary provided the solution to all of mankind's troubles spiritual, physical, emotional, and financial. Even

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though that blood was shed over 2,000 years ago, it's still our answer today.

Many charismatic Christians are familiar with First Peter 2:24, which says, ". . . by whose stripes ye WERE healed." We understand that if we were healed, then we are healed right now. Well, if we already have something,

Turning *Can'ts* Into *Cans*

The Bible promises us many things, including health, victory, and protection. Yet many Christians are not enjoying what God has promised them because they're focusing on their situation instead of on God.

Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

We need to trust God instead of our own understanding because our minds will tell us we *can't* do something or the situation *can't* be turned around.

With God, all things are possible (Matt. 19:26) and we are more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37). With God, we can overcome anything.

It doesn't matter what giants we face or walls we encounter. As we resist the devil and stand firmly on the Word, we will see what God has promised manifest in our lives. we don't need to be concerned about *getting* it. We already have it.

If we *already have* abundant life as promised in God's Word, why would we ask, "When am I *going to become* prosperous and live in abundance?"

We ask questions like this when we don't understand what we already have. And when we don't know what is ours, we won't take possession of it.

Some Christians among us think that since God knows what we need, He will automatically give it to us. God knows everything, but faith is what causes Him to move on our behalf. Even though God cares about all of His

JAMES 1:6-7

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Whenever we waver, we are actually standing on James 1:7. We're not purposely trying to stand on this verse, but by our actions, we are. Anytime we vacillate between faith and unbelief, we can be sure of one thing: we won't receive from God.

I've preached on faith for many years. One day I thought I would look

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children, He can't do anything for us unless we ask Him. And unfortunately, even when we *do* ask the Lord for something, sometimes we waver.

Wavering is when we believe the Word of God one day and doubt it the next. Instead of standing firm in our faith, we go back and forth. We start out believing God's Word, but then we look at our circumstances and begin to doubt His promises. James, the brother of Jesus, told us not to do this. up the definition of faith. What I found changed my life. *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines *faith* as an "unquestioning belief." In other words, faith is having a strong belief without any physical proof.

Sometimes Christians say, "It's too hard to believe something without any proof." But when you think about it, we do it all the time.

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prayer. But we won't have any physical proof concerning the afterlife until we pass on. Yet, the majority of Christians believe this. Why? Because Scripture promises us eternal life (John 3:16; 6:47; 14:2–3; Acts 2:21). We never question this portion of the Word of God.

In the same way, we shouldn't question that God wants us to have an abundant life (John 10:10; 2 Cor. 8:9; 1 Tim. 6:17). It should not be easier to believe that we'll spend eternity in heaven than to believe that God wants us to live in abundance while we're on the earth. However, it can be harder to believe that if we don't know that salvation is more than an escape hatch from hell. There are benefits that come with being born again.

PSALM 103:2 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

After we are born again, God gives us, figuratively speaking, a "heavenly credit card." Many people have some type of credit card. Along with allowing us to purchase goods and services on credit, many major credit cards include additional benefits. My credit card automatically covers me with collision insurance anytime I rent a car.

One time when I was renting a car, the clerk asked if I wanted to purchase insurance. I told him no because my credit card automatically covered me. He smiled and said, "You don't know how many people still buy insurance even though they are already covered." Although the clerk knew I didn't need insurance, he still asked me if I wanted to buy it. He wanted to see if I knew the benefits I was entitled to.

The devil uses the same approach where our salvation is concerned. He roams the earth seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). The devil knows what's in our benefit package, and he tests us to see if we know what belongs to us. But if we don't take hold of our benefits, the devil can easily rob us.

Jesus Christ is the bailout plan to end all plans. He is the Ultimate Answer for the world today. We don't have to look to others for help. We simply have to put our faith in God. He has promised us eternal life, but He has also promised us abundant life while we are on the earth. Now it's up to us to take advantage of what God has already provided.



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The was present to heal the people all over the earth. He was present to heal the people of Peru when 18 of us from RHEMA visited the church pastored by Rev. Jim and Faye Andrews in Lima and helped assist their sister churches in that city and others.

Jesus showed up on the streets and in the marketplaces, neighborhoods, churches, hospitals, and orphanages. Acting as His hands and feet, we laid hands on a thousand people during our visit.

> A young girl with a belly bloated by cancerous cysts on her ovaries sought us out and asked us to pray for her. After I laid hands on her, her distended belly subsided considerably and she told us that she immediately felt better. I asked her

if she believed that Jesus had healed her completely, and she nodded yes.

I realized that Christ was present to heal her because it's His nature to heal—just as it's His nature to seek and save the lost—for He is "the Lord Who heals you" (Exod. 15:26). And

He said of Himself, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

After we visited the church pastored by Rev. Andrews and his wife in Lima, we traveled south to Chincha. In another town, San Miguel de Flores, we



hit the streets to tell people that Jesus was present to heal and save them. Julius Caesar, my 16-year-old translator, told me he felt great peace the first time he went out on the street to evangelize. After seeing Jesus heal people miraculously, he knew he was called to share the Gospel. His total surrender was inspiring.

God operated differently each time He ministered through us. The next morning four of us headed into the crowded marketplace, weaving around enormous sacks of corn and rice and past raw chicken carcasses, their blue-green meat hanging in the morning sun. Praying silently in the Spirit the entire time we were in the marketplace, we stopped to minister as the Spirit led.

My brother in Christ, Matthew, stopped to speak to a grandmother and her grandson. The boy, about 4 years old, looked arthritic, and his bowed legs were rigid. Matthew asked if she knew Jesus Christ as her Healer. She said, "No." He asked if she believed that Jesus could heal the boy. Never taking her eyes off of Matthew, she nodded, "Si."

Matthew laid hands on the boy and we all prayed. Afterward, he asked the boy to move his legs, take a step, and then walk. He did. He nodded "yes" when asked if he felt better. Then his grandmother accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior right there.

Two days later, we visited a local hospital. Sam and Linda Wilcox and I went with Nelly, our interpreter, into a room where a 65-year-old woman lay in bed with AIDS and cancer. The temperature in the room was about 85 degrees, with no air conditioning available. Her hands were dirty, and so were her bedsheets. Nelly asked her why she thought she was in the hospital. She said it was the will of God. I asked her what she thought the will of God was for her life. She said, "to die here in this hospital bed."

Nelly explained to me that the woman knew nothing about healing. The Holy Spirit led me to tell her about Mark chapter 5 and the woman with the issue of blood whom Jesus healed.



neighborhood. Gazing across the open lot, all I could see in my mind's eye was the grapevine of Jesus (John 15:1–5). As believers, we on the missions team were all connected to our Source, Jesus, and the groups, like branches on the vine, were reaching out to touch clusters of people. The scripture that echoed inside me was, "... apart from me, you can do nothing" (John 15:5 NIV).

As the Lord worked through the members of our team, people in Peru were delivered from shame, religious tradition, alcohol addiction, abuse, fear, cataracts, scoliosis, tumors, blindness, and deafness. In the Bible, Jesus asked us to preach the Gospel and demonstrate His power (Mark 16:15–18). And in Lima, San Miguel de Flores, and Chincha, He was faithful to His Word, as signs, wonders, and miracles were a daily occurrence.



Together we prayed for her miraculous healing and a long life with her grandchildren.

After our prayer, her face visibly softened, the worry lines in her forehead disappeared, and she broke into a smile. She, too, accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Though I wasn't there to see it, I believe the woman on the bed received her healing and will return home to her family. The Word says, "They were healed as they went" (Luke 17:14).

We visited a housing development, walking door-to-door asking people to come out to an open field to hear the Good News. Nobody showed up at the appointed time, so we split into two groups and started playing a pick-up game of soccer. Slowly, people came out to watch—children first, followed by curious parents. One scrappy, competitive youngster joined right in the game.

After 20 minutes of hot, dusty play, the teams joined several small groups who were ministering to people throughout the

Odele and Jason, RHEMA USA graduates who assist Rev. Andrews, were our dedicated guides and champion exhorters. As a farewell treat, we stopped for ice cream in an upscale part of Lima before the night flight back to the United States. The towering sea cliffs and stunning views of the Pacific below them were mesmerizing. The lush, green grass and vibrant flowers demanded attention, as did an oversized, illuminated, white cross set against blue-grey hills across the water. This symbolic finale was not lost on our group of pilgrims.

As we were leaving, Eduardo, one of our great interpreters, turned to me and said, "You have no idea how the word of faith has changed my nation. Brother Hagin's word of faith message has penetrated the heart of my country, and Rev. Andrews' vision and commitment to teach it to our pastors over the past two decades have transformed the way they think."

Jesus is real.



Life Changed at Men's Conference

I have been a Christian for most of my life and have had a desire to learn as much as I can. But churches I have attended have been very limited in what they teach. During this past year I started suffering from depression and fear, and it started to control my life. But then I was invited by a RHEMA graduate to attend your *A Call to Arms Men's Conference*. To say it was a life-changing experience would be an understatement. I learned so much and have been watching *RHEMA Praise* every week since. Because of what I learned from your ministry, I have been able to overcome

depression and fear and get back on the right track. I wish all churches could teach the message that you teach. I truly believe it is the message God wants us to receive.

> —M.J. Horton, Kansas

Truly Loved

I just wanted to write and thank you for the books you sent me. I am 41 years old and have been praying to receive the Spirit for more than 25 years. Every time I prayed I allowed doubt to creep in and didn't feel worthy to receive. After reading your books I decided I was going to receive the Holy Spirit. Doubt tried to creep in, but I rebuked it and said in my heart, "God's Word is true. The Holy Spirit is a free gift, and I receive it now." I received and had a sense of joy and peace and that I am truly loved. I never believed anyone could or would love me, so it meant a lot to me to know I am loved. Even though Kenneth E. Hagin is at home in Heaven, he is still touching lives down here through his books. I am not sure what is next to come in my life, but somehow it is all brighter. I know that one day I will be with Christ Jesus. Thank you for the work you do in God's Kingdom to help searchers like me find the Light.

—T.G. Urbana, Illinois

A Magazine on the Floor

Last night I was at the point where I pictured myself ending my struggle. I can't believe the evil that exists in the world and the way the devil is attacking good people. I had to get out of my house before I lost it completely. I drove to the post office

to check my box, and I found one of your magazines on the floor. I took it home with me and cried as I read it. It was as if God was talking to me and telling me what I needed to hear to stay strong and keep going. I will pass my magazine on to someone else. Thank you for the beautiful work that you do.

> —K.D. Scotts Valley, California

Freedom From Offense Brings Healing

Pastor Hagin preached a message on *RHEMA Praise* on not becoming offended. Lynette Hagin had a word of knowledge for a mother and daughter who had been offended. My daughter and I had not talked in about three years because she offended me. Today I called her and we talked and told each other, "I love you." I didn't know that this situation had been

affecting me physically. I was nauseated all the time and had a hard time eating. As soon as I got off the phone with my daughter, the nausea left. Thank you, Kenneth Hagin, for preaching that!



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—B.M. San Bernardino, California

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Making the First Move

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from a message Brother Hagin taught in RHEMA Prayer & Healing School on July 1, 1980.) he Book of Luke records the story of a paralytic man whose four friends tried to bring him before Jesus. However, when they reached the home where Jesus was, the place was so crowded that they couldn't get in. So they carried their friend to the top of the house, broke through the roof, and lowered him in front of Jesus (see Luke 5:17–26).

Now this paralytic man was not, as is commonly supposed, healed through the faith of the men who brought him to Jesus. No, he was healed through his own faith. His healing was the result of his own exercise of bold, obedient faith. The paralytic man was not healed the moment Jesus said, ". . . Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house" (Luke 5:24). It wasn't until the man made an effort to rise up off his mat that the power of God was released. The faith of the paralytic man's friends brought him to the feet of Jesus, but it was his own faith that took him off his bed of affliction.

At times, I have been led by the Spirit of God to tell people to arise and walk. And as some of them attempted to rise, we had to hold them up. I had to encourage them to keep their eyes on Jesus. "Don't walk in your strength," I would tell them. "Walk in His strength." It takes faith to do that.

One time in 1943, my wife and I went to the home of a woman who was on her deathbed. Her husband had taken her by ambulance to three different clinics in three different cities. The doctors in all of the clinics said the same thing: "Nothing more can be done for her."

This woman was so weak that you had to put your ear just above her mouth to hear what she was saying. It took all of her strength to speak in a barely audible whisper.

When my wife, Oretha, and I went to pray for her, I knelt by the head of her bed and Oretha knelt beside me. As I laid my hands on her and began to pray, the Word of the Lord came unto me, saying, "Take your hands off of her. Stand up and say to her, 'The Lord told me to tell you you're healed. Arise and walk.'"

After I stood up and told the woman what the Lord had said, she had only enough strength to kick one foot out from under the covers. Two of her neighbors were also in the room. I stepped outside while one of the ladies went to the closet and got her robe and slippers, and my wife and the neighbor ladies helped her put them on. Then they lifted her out of bed and called me back into the room. and almost slid to the floor. My wife tried to help them as they pulled her back up.

We all praised God for a few moments, and then they quit and looked at me with pitiful expressions,



[The paralytic man's] healing was the result of his own exercise of **bold, obedient faith.**

This dear woman had wasted away to almost nothing. As the neighbor ladies held her up, her knees sagged almost to the floor.

Well, what do you do at such times? It looked as though nothing had worked. I said, "Let's all lift our hands and praise God, because she *is* healed." The neighbor ladies lifted up her hands while holding up their own hands to praise God. A time or two the woman began slipping out of their grip as if to say, "What next?" I said, "The Lord said she is healed. Lift up her hands and praise God, because she is."

My wife tried holding her up by putting her hands around her tiny waist, and the two ladies pulled her up by her arms. And we all started praising God again.

And as we praised God, His power came upon this dying woman. She jerked loose from my wife and the neighbor ladies, kicked off her slippers,



and started dancing barefoot before the Lord! The next Sunday, she was in church testifying about being raised up from her deathbed.

But you see, *we* made the first move. This woman used what strength she had to act on God's word. And we praised God by faith for her healing when it hadn't yet appeared. home. After a short time of prayer, I pointed my finger at her and said, "Sister, arise and walk in the Name of Jesus!" The power of God came, and she rose up out of the chair until she was hovering about two feet above it!

The woman saw that she was up above that wheelchair, and she began to whine and cry. She reached back and



If that dear woman had used faith to take hold of the power of God that came upon her, she **would have been healed.**

We have to cooperate with God by believing in Him and doing what we can to act on His Word if we want to get His blessing. In one of the churches I pastored, one member, a very precious saint of God, had rheumatoid arthritis and was wheelchair bound. Now, anytime she was sick with the flu, I would lay my hands on her, and she would be healed as quickly as you could snap your fingers. However, we could never get her healed of the arthritis.

A group of ladies in that church met on Wednesday afternoons to pray. One day, the Lord told me to take the prayer group to this woman's house and pray for her. In fact, before we left, I had a vision. I saw myself in her home saying to her, "Rise and walk in Jesus' Name."

So my wife, seven ladies from the prayer group, and I went to this woman's

got hold of the arms of the chair and pulled it up under her. Then she fell back down in it.

Without thinking, I said, "Sister, you don't have an ounce of faith to be healed of arthritis, do you?"

"No, Brother Hagin," she said. "I'll go to my grave from this chair." And I'm sad to say that she did.

You see, my faith and the faith of my wife and the ladies in that prayer group brought this woman into Jesus' presence. Our faith brought the manifestation of God's power upon her body. But that's as far as our faith could go. If that dear woman had used her faith to take hold of the power of God that came upon her, she would have been healed. She would have risen and walked.

It's up to us to "make the first move." It may *seem* as if it is impossible, but if

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- 2) Do it
- 3) Receive it
- 4) Tell it

This is what the woman with the issue of blood did in Mark 5:25–34. Her first step toward healing was *saying* that if she could just touch Jesus' clothes, she would be healed (v. 28). Second, she acted on her words: she went to where Jesus was (v. 27). Third, she received God's healing power into her body (vv. 29–30). And fourth, she told what had happened to her (v. 33).

If you will put these four principles into operation, you will always receive what God has promised you in His Word.

we will make the effort to act on God's Word, His power will meet our effort and take over from there. Just as the paralytic man in Luke chapter 5 and the bedfast woman given up by her doctors to die arose from their impossible situations, we, too, can "arise and walk" in the mighty Name of Jesus.





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"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)

Last month in *Seed Thoughts* I wrote about following God's plan for your life, and I ran out of space before I could finish sharing all that God had given me. So I will continue on that subject this month.

In these last days it is vitally important that we understand God's precise instructions concerning our lives. Once again, Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV) says, "'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. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.'"

The Message Bible says 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. When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed.' God's Decree."

Often, our problem is that we do not want to take the time to pray to our Heavenly Father and listen to His plans for us. We want Him to give us the plan without seeking Him. It takes time and practice to develop a skill. Becoming an accomplished musician takes many hours of practice. I hear people say, "I wish I could play the keyboard like so-and-so." I reply, "You could if you were willing to spend the time they have improving their proficiency."

The same is true in our spiritual life. Some say, "I wish I could be used of God as much as so-and-so. You could if you were willing to spend as many hours communing with our Heavenly Father as they have. Hearing and obeying God's voice is vital in these days. Isaiah 1:19 says, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." If we want to succeed as God desires, we must take time to listen to His voice and then be willing and obedient to follow His instructions.

God will put the pieces of the puzzle of your life together perfectly if you will allow Him to be the controller of your life. You must desire His will and plan more than anything else. He is preparing you for something great!

Often we get impatient with preparation time. I occasionally marinate a piece of meat overnight before cooking it, and the end result is delicious. But preparing that meat takes time. With your life, you might sometimes feel as if you are in the marinating season-apparently making no progress. However, God may be preparing you for something that takes a lot of groundwork.

In our early years of working for this ministry, my husband and I traveled with our children in a motor home, and I cooked while we were moving. Sometimes the roads were bumpy. I remember cooking pancakes on a griddle that was shaking so badly that I had to hold on to it. I had to plant my feet firmly on the floor of that motor home to keep myself stabilized.

I had no idea that experience was preparing me for something I would do 30 years later. When we travel in our aircraft, I serve as flight attendant, and during overseas trips I must prepare meals. As I was putting together a meal recently on one of our overseas flights, we suddenly encountered turbulence. Without thinking, I planted my feet solidly on the floor of the plane and held on to the food. I was able to complete the preparations in spite of the turbulence. Suddenly I thought, *Wow! God trained me for this many years ago. It's the same job, but in an airplane instead of a motor home!* I couldn't help but chuckle and praise God for His foresight.

I want to encourage you-allow God to season you! Let Him make you all that He desires, in *His* time. His plans will bring you good, not disaster. Learn to rest in Him. Don't be concerned about the future. Allow God to lead you one day at a time. Enjoy the piece of the puzzle you have right now. Savor the moment. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride. God is putting the puzzle pieces of your life together to form a beautiful picture. It will be completed perfectly if you will listen to and heed His voice.

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Don't worry . . . this will be easy! Simply read Matthew 6:25-34 and then find the things that Jesus told us never to worry about hidden in the letters below. There are six words to find.

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Bible Mysteries

Cast your cares on Jesus It's no time to joke I didn't cast mine And so I got choked!

Who am I?

Fill in the blanks by substituting the symbol below the blank with the letter that it matches in the box below.





We all have cares in this life that we are tempted to worry about. But the Bible tells us in 1 Peter 5:7 to cast (or throw) all of our cares upon the Lord. Now, when it comes to throwing off cares, there are three different kinds of people; the Yo-Yos, the Boomerangs, and the Hot Potatoes. The Yo-Yos are the folks who throw off their cares, but they still have a string attached and pull their cares right back to themselves. The **Boomerangs** throw off their cares, too, but they plan on their cares returning back to them and, sure enough, they always do. But the **Hot Potatoes** know that if they hold their cares long they'll get burned, so they are quick to throw off their cares and keep them off. Remember this: If YOU hold on to YOUR cares . . . JESUS can't!

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Because they're always stuffed

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What is the difference between a pear and a pearl? The letter L

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