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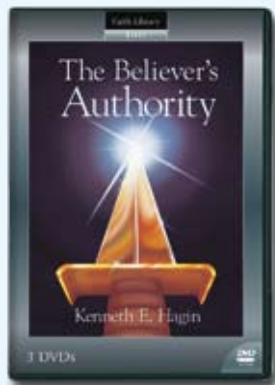
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When our Heavenly Father says something, it happens! At creation, He spoke irresistible words that could not be denied or opposed, and what He declared came to be. The Word has undeniable, incontestable power! And it can create, effect change, or solve any problem in our lives.

You see, the words God speaks contain something. They contain power, strength, ability, might, and all dominion. And when we learn to speak His words—the Bible—all of our needs will be fully supplied. The spoken Word *will* bear fruit in our lives (Luke 1:37 Amplified)!

We speak words every day, and those words create an atmosphere around us. "I can't." "It's impossible." "I'll never make it." "I'm not good." "I'm so unworthy." Those words will make us a failure. But if we have the living Word of God hidden in our hearts and we speak that Word, it will make us a success: "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." "Greater is He Who is in me than he who is in the world." "I have the mind of Christ" (Phil. 4:13; 1 John 4:4; 1 Cor. 2:16). Those words bring success!

When we speak God's Word, nothing on earth can stand against it. The Word of God *will* meet our financial needs. It will heal us and bring deliverance and peace of mind. So begin to speak! Dare to put the Word to work in your life today, because it will not fail.

If you're ready to put the Word to work, this month's issue of *The Word of Faith* is the place to start. My article on page 8 explains how to take the medicine of God's Word and my dad's article on page 14 will encourage you to expect to see more manifestations of God's glory.

Kenneth W. Hagin

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Hearing God's Voice

IN THESE LAST DAYS it's more important than ever for us to fine-tune our spiritual ears to hear the Lord's voice. God is constantly speaking to us. He's trying to warn us of things to come. So many times we simply shrug it off. We think, "That's just me." But it's not. It's the Holy Spirit's voice.

HOW CAN I BE SURE IT'S GOD?

One difficulty I've seen in the Body of Christ is an inability to recognize the voice of the Lord. It's extremely difficult to follow God's instructions if you don't know when He's speaking to you. Many think they are hearing God's voice when they are actually listening to the voices of others or even to the voice of their own desires.

Remember when the Lord spoke to the boy Samuel and he did not recognize His voice? (See 1 Sam. 3:1–10.) Samuel thought the prophet Eli was calling him.

Finally Eli said to the young boy, "Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth" (vv. 9–10).

Each of us has to fine-tune our spirit to hear the Holy Spirit's voice. Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." In Proverbs 20:27 we read, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." When explaining this scripture, my father-in-law,

Kenneth E. Hagin, would say, "The spirit of man is the light bulb of the Lord. God will guide us through our spirits."

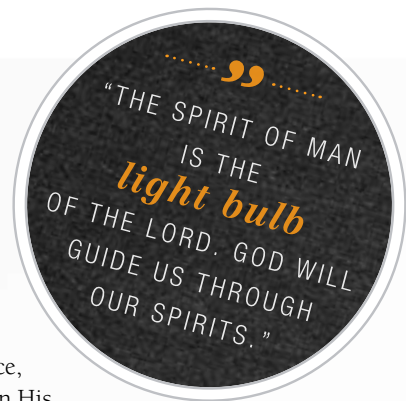
GETTING ALONE WITH GOD

To be able to hear God's voice, we must set aside time to wait in His presence and allow Him to talk to us. It's when we are quiet before the Lord that we can hear from Him most clearly.

I remember how the prophet Elijah learned to hear the voice of the Lord. (See 1 Kings 19:11–13.) God told Elijah to stand before Him on the mountain and a great wind began to blow. But the Lord's voice was not in the wind. Then an earthquake shook the mountain, but the Lord was not speaking through the earthquake. Next a fire began to blaze and roar, but God's voice was not in the fire. At last, Elijah heard a still, small voice—the voice of the Lord speaking to him.

So many times in our fast-paced world, we don't get quiet enough to hear the still, small voice of God. Or we don't spend enough time communing with the Lord to be able to hear him speak to us.

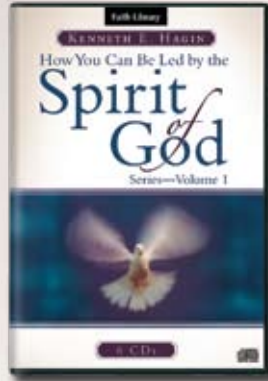
Communing with the Lord does not mean that we pray, "OK, God, I need an answer about this situation," and then expect Him to answer us



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immediately. Often we get impatient in our prayer times and make up an answer ourselves and decide that it's God's answer. We head in a certain direction or make a decision and then wonder why things don't go well.

WAITING ON THE LORD

How much time have you spent waiting on the Lord? David mastered the art of waiting on the Lord. He referred to it numerous times in his writings. Here are two examples: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Ps. 27:14); and "Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land" (Ps. 37:34).

In hearing the voice of God or being led by His Spirit, I have found that God speaks to me after I have spent considerable time meditating on the matter. To put it simply, I make my request known unto God first, as the Bible says in Philippians 4:6—"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

I state my situation in simple language, just as I would when asking someone for advice in the natural. Then I begin to thank the Lord for the answer. And I add, "Lord, help me be sensitive to Your voice when You speak."

In my prayer times after that, I briefly remind the Lord that I need an answer to my request. Often when I'm getting ready in the morning or driving in the car, I will say, "Thank You for the answer and the solution to this problem."

Then I rest in peace. I may not have direction at the moment, but I am confident that the answer will come. I do not worry or fret about it. When I am tempted to be anxious or concerned, I simply remind the Lord that I need an answer.

That answer may come days, weeks, or even months later. I may be worshipping and praising the Lord when suddenly, out of my spirit will come thoughts that are the answer to what I have asked Him. At that moment I may not be thinking about the request. Therefore, I know that these are not my thoughts but the thoughts of the Lord. He is enlightening my spirit and giving me the wisdom I asked Him for. ♡



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The Crossroads

Each day in life we encounter crossroads. To know which way to take, it's vital that we listen to God's voice and let Him direct our steps. We need to keep our ears open continually to hear from His heart. We must learn to take His path for us, walk when He says walk, and stop when He says stop.

Whether you're contemplating major adjustments or minor changes, listen closely to the voice of the Lord. Open your heart to Him, and He will direct your steps. As you wait in His presence, He will show you the right way to go.

The more you commune with the Lord and worship Him, the clearer His voice will be and the more specific His directions will become. He will fill your life with new purpose and give you fresh passion. He will renew your vision and give you a newness and freshness in your heart—a freshness that can only come when you hear the voice of God!



"LORD, HELP ME
be sensitive
TO YOUR VOICE
WHEN YOU SPEAK."

Let Us Remember . . .

KENNETH W. HAGIN



CERTAIN EVENTS throughout history have so impacted our lives that they will be forever engraved on our memories. December 7, 1941, the day on which Pearl Harbor was attacked, is “a date which will live in infamy;” as President Franklin D. Roosevelt so aptly said. I was 2 years old when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. I don’t remember the attack, but I do remember my parents and grandparents being upset.

I vividly remember November 22, 1963, the day on which John F. Kennedy was assassinated. I was in the Army, stationed on Quemoy Island in a communications center that was literally hewn out of a rock. At 11 o’clock at night, a teletype message came across that said our commander in chief was dead. I was about to type, “Quit kidding,” when I received a second message from someone else stating the same thing. That’s when I realized it must be so.

And finally, the horrific September 11, 2001, attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. We don’t really know where the fourth plane was headed. Some say the White House; others say the Capitol.

One of the distressing aspects of the 9/11 crisis was that it revealed our country’s relationship with God. Immediately after the attack, churches across America were packed. Attendance, however, only spiked for a few weeks. By November, it was back to business as usual. George Barna, who keeps track of church statistics, said, “The fact that we saw no lasting impact from the most significant act of war against our country on our own soil says something about the spiritual complacency of Americans.”

This is why it is so important that we never forget to pray for our country and its leaders. **OUR NATION IS AT A CRITICAL TIME IN ITS HISTORY, AND PRAYER IS WHAT WILL TURN IT AROUND.**

ISAIAH 62:6 (Amplified)

6 I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, who will never hold their peace day

or night; you who [are His servants and by your prayers] put the Lord in remembrance [of His promises], keep not silence.

Now more than ever we need to take that verse to heart and, like the watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem, continually put God in remembrance of His promises.

I believe that we are living in the last days. These are perilous times, and we are going to see more and more things happen. **WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? ARE WE GOING TO STEP UP AND TAKE OUR PLACE? ARE WE GOING TO ACCEPT OUR ASSIGNMENT TO PRAY? IT’S UP TO US TO TAKE THE SPIRITUAL ARMOR THAT WE’VE BEEN GIVEN AND DO BATTLE AGAINST THE ENEMY OF GOD—THE DEVIL HIMSELF.**

We must fight the good fight of faith and stand against the forces of Satan, the original terrorist. As we do our part and pray, the forces of darkness will be pushed back, the last-day revival will take place, and our Lord and King will return. ♠

Prayer Points

Make it a point this year to pray for those in authority in our nation. Pray for these people and events:

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— PROVERBS 4:20-22

The Word of God is like medicine to our bodies. We need to learn how to take God's medicine so it can do its healing work.



KENNETH W. HAGIN

MOST PEOPLE have had to get a prescription filled at a pharmacy at one time or another. There are always instructions on the bottle of medicine that tell how much to take, when to take it, and how to take it. The bottle may read, “Take one tablet every six hours,” “Take one pill three times a day,” or “Take one pill in the morning and one pill at night with food.”

If we don't follow the instructions, we can get into trouble. We can take too much or not enough of the medicine. Or we can take it too often or not often enough. With medicine, we must take it according to the doctor's prescription. It will only be effective if it's taken properly.

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We need to do the same thing with the prescription that God has written for us. It's very simple and is found

in Proverbs 4:20 and 21. In these verses we find four steps to taking the medicine of God's Word.

1. ATTEND, OR GIVE ATTENTION, TO GOD'S WORD.

The word *attend* means “to give one's undivided attention.” Proverbs 4:20 could be better understood if we read it like this: “Give your undivided attention to the words of God.”

When someone says, “I want your undivided attention,” we know that means we're not supposed to think about, look at, or do anything else. We're supposed to focus directly on what that person is saying to us.

This is what God wants us to do. He wants us to shut out everything around us and, without any interruptions, give our undivided attention to His Word!

2. INCLINE YOUR EAR TO GOD'S WORD.

Incline simply means “listen.” Proverbs 4:20 could be read this way: “Listen with your ears to what I am saying.” God is telling us to open our ears to the words He is speaking to us.

When we open our ears to God's Word, we are closing them to everything we hear that is contrary to that Word. So many times we are listening to what God says but we're also listening to what others say. We begin listening to this person and that person, this preacher and that preacher. But what matters is what God says.

Our victory lies in opening our ears to the Word of God and turning off everything else. That way our undivided attention is on what God has to say. When we close our ears to outside things and keep our ears open to God's Word, we are closing out fear, doubt, and unbelief.



3. DON'T LET THE WORD DEPART FROM BEFORE YOUR EYES.

In other words, we must focus on what God's Word says about our situation, not on what the circumstances or a negative report says. We must believe the report of God's Word, which says we are healed and whole.

If we've been attacked with sickness, we can look at our bodies and see that an illness is present. But we shouldn't respond to that! Instead, we need to look to the Word of God, which says, "You are healed and made whole," and

respond to what the Word says.

A lot of people go to God and respond to His Word when they're experiencing bad times. When things are good, they don't give God's Word the same attention. Then, when they find themselves in bad times again, they falter.

We need to respond to God's Word in the bad times *and* in the good times. Scripture tells us how to stay healed and live victoriously just as much as it tells us how to be healed and get out of difficulties.

4. KEEP GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART.

The Word won't work for us if it's only in our heads. We have to get it down into our hearts! When God's Word is in our hearts, we can walk into God's kitchen, so to speak, open the pantry door, make a "healing sandwich," and eat the bread of healing. Remember, Jesus called healing the children's bread (see Matthew 15:21-28).

That means that we as children of God don't have to go to God and beg Him, "Please heal me. Please help me!" We can simply take what rightfully belongs to us.

That's when we will see Proverbs 4:22 come to pass in our lives: "*For they [God's words] are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*" ♥

» FAITH NUGGET

The Children's Bread

One time Jesus was approached by a woman who kept crying out to Him, begging Him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus didn't say anything. But at the urging of His disciples, He responded to the woman's cries by saying, "*It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs*" (Matt. 15:26 NKJV).

This woman could have been offended. Instead she persevered, and her daughter was healed. But Jesus made it clear that healing is "the children's bread." Galatians 3:29 tells us that "*If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise*" (NIV). And according to Ephesians 1:5, God has adopted us as children through Jesus Christ. If we are born again, then we're children of God. And the children's bread—which is healing—belongs to us!



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“When You said, ‘Seek My face,’ My heart said to You, ‘Your face, Lord, I will seek.’”

—PSALM 27:8 (NKJV)

I BELIEVE GOD is going to give us a hunger to go after Him as never before. When I say this, most people look at me and say, “I’ve been in the church for 20 years” or “I’ve been saved for this long.” That doesn’t matter. There’s another dimension—another realm—with God. And if we’ll go after Him, we’ll find Him in a way that we’ve never found Him before.

Personally, I’m not satisfied. There’s an anointing on my life, but I know there’s more to it. I’m hungry for God and I’m going after Him.

Six years ago I had an encounter with God. I came to a place in my own life and in my own ministry where I knew there was more. I had such a hunger on the inside, and it wasn’t being satisfied by preachers or by going to concerts and conventions.

I remember one Thursday morning when I woke up and headed to the beach to pray. As I opened my Bible on the beach that morning, the Lord said, “If you seek Me, you will find Me.”

I said, “God, You’ve never let me down. And I’m hungry for You. I don’t care anymore. I want to know You. I want to find You for myself.”

I say this with all due respect, but too many people in the church know Jesus because somebody else knows Him. **WE CAN’T OPERATE JUST ON OUR PASTOR’S FAITH, OR OUR SPOUSE’S FAITH. WE’VE GOT TO OPERATE ON OUR FAITH. WE MUST KNOW HIM AS WE’VE NEVER KNOWN HIM BEFORE.**

So I began to pursue the Lord and turn things off around me. In that pursuing, I met the Lord and He transformed and touched my life. He began to show me things and ways that I’ve never experienced before.

And this is available for you too. You may have lost that passion. You may just be maintaining in your walk with the Lord. But God’s going to release a hunger on the inside of you. It’s a hunger that’s not going to be satisfied by a new car or a spouse. **THE HUNGER**

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THAT GOD'S GOING TO PUT UPON YOU WILL ONLY BE SATISFIED BY GOING AFTER HIM.

If you’ll just be available—if you’ll just present yourself to Him—it’s not going to be hard. It’s not going to take a long time. Psalm 24:6 says, “This is . . . the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face” (NKJV). You and I are living in “this” generation. I want to tell you and declare and decree as the Word of God says, we will seek the Lord.♥



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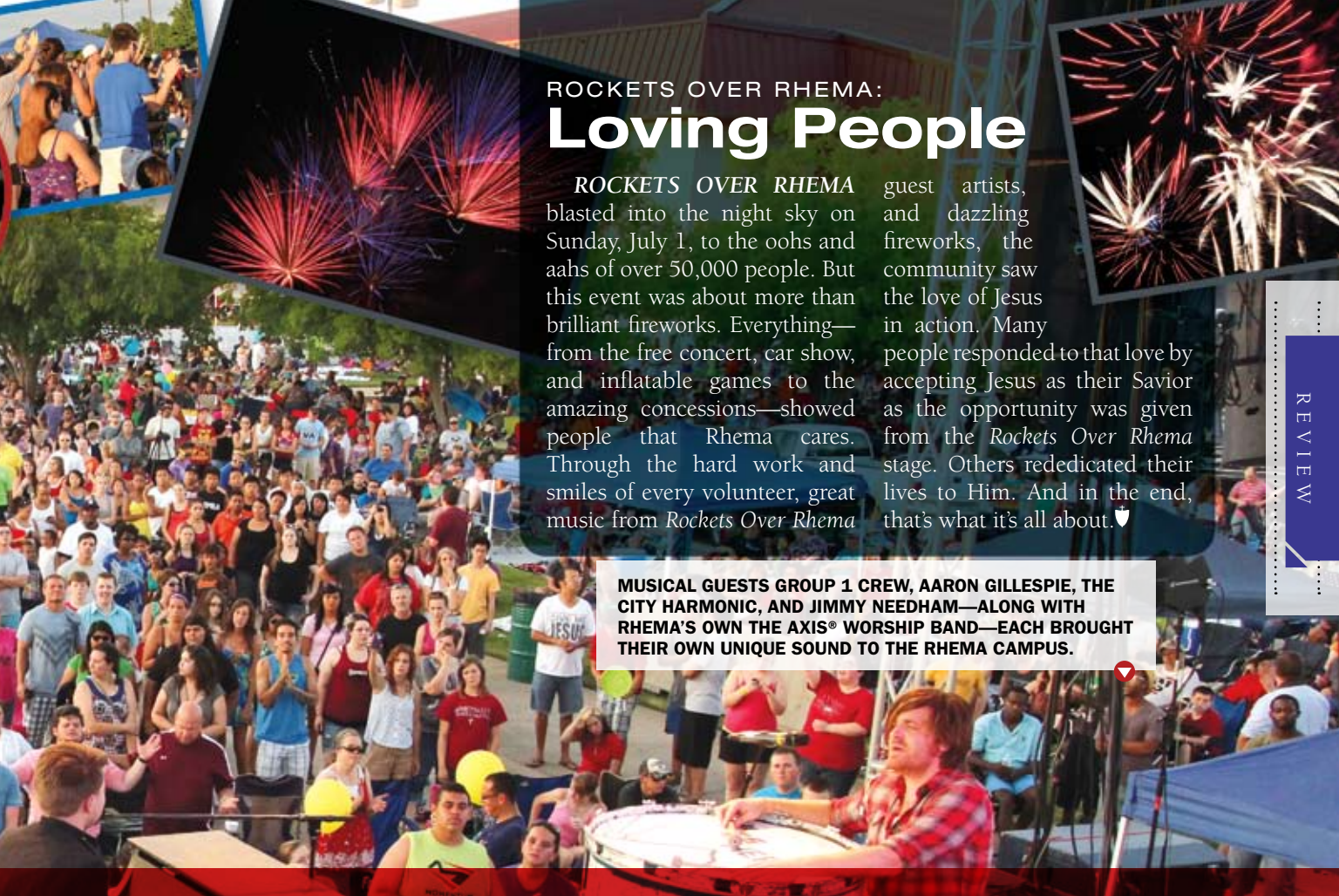
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REVIEW



Where Were You?

CRAIG W. HAGIN

Eleven years have passed since the United States fell victim to a terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. As with most national tragedies or triumphs, many people can remember exactly where they were when they first heard the news. I was in my bedroom packing my suitcase for a ministry trip to Florida, a trip that ended up being canceled.

Many of us also remember where we were when major

news came in our personal lives. I'll never forget being in a hotel in Augusta, Georgia, with my grandfather, Kenneth E. Hagin, when I found out I was going to be a father for the first time. It's been nearly 20 years, but I still remember the excitement I felt that day.

I also remember the Sunday my grandfather was rushed to the hospital, a week before he passed away. When I received the call, I was

washing my four-wheelers after doing some riding.

Most importantly, I remember where I was the day I surrendered my life to Christ. I was 4 years old and responded to an altar call given by the children's pastor at Sheridan Assembly of God in Tulsa, Oklahoma. That's actually the building

where Rhema first started, and it's also where I started my walk with God.

If you've never accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, **now is your time** to create a memory of where you were when you gave your life to Him. Simply pray the following prayer:

God,

I come to You in Jesus' Name. I admit that I'm a sinner and need forgiveness for my sins. The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9 NLT). I believe in my heart that You raised Jesus, Your Son, from the dead. And **I confess Jesus as my Lord**. Therefore, according to Your Word, I am saved. In Jesus' Name, amen.

If you prayed this prayer, welcome to God's family! I would like to send you some materials to help you in your new life with God. Email the ministry at PartnerService@rhema.org or call us at 1-800-54-FAITH (543-2484).



Timeless
Teachings
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*"But he [Stephen], being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God."
— ACTS 7:55*



Blood



Fire



Smoke

The *Glory* of God

NOTICE THAT WHEN STEPHEN looked up to Heaven, he saw the glory of God. Have you ever seen God's glory? I've seen it on more than one occasion. Scripture has much to say about God's glory and uses words like cloud, brightness, smoke, white, bright, shone, and glistening to describe it. Let's look at some verses, beginning in the Old Testament.

Exodus 16:10 says, *"The glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud."*

In Exodus 40:34–35 we read, *"Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon."*

Ezekiel 1:28 says, *"As the appearance of the bow [talking about the rainbow] that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord."*

In the New Testament, we see where Jesus' face *"did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light"* (Matt. 17:2). When Saul was on his way to Damascus, a great light shone round about Him, and he could not see *"for the glory of that light"* (Acts 22:11).

THE CLOUD OF GLORY

The first time I saw the glory was on the 16th day of August in 1933. It was 106 degrees outside, but I was cold as ice. I was at death's door on the bed of sickness. I told my brother Pat to go get Momma. I wanted to tell her goodbye.

When he left, the whole room lit up brighter than the sunshine dazzling on snow. Momma and Granny came running, but

they couldn't get into the room. Momma later told me that it looked like a cloud had filled the room. Granny tried to get in the room three times. She backed up and tried running through the door. But each time she'd hit the glory and bounce back like she'd hit a rubber ball!

Another time I saw the glory was in December 1941. The war was on and I was holding a street meeting in East Texas. I was driving around with my PA system announcing, "Japan is doomed! Find out details in the market square." When I got to the square, it looked as if everyone in town had come.

I was about 20 minutes into my sermon when that cloud enveloped me. I don't know how much longer I preached or what I said! When the cloud lifted, nobody had a dry eye. I said, "Everybody who doesn't know Jesus and wants to know Him, step up here." Twelve grown men came forward sobbing like their hearts would break. All of them gave their lives to the Lord!

THE PURPOSE FOR THE GLORY

What's the purpose of these manifestations?

ACTS 2:17, 19

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh. . . .

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke.

Some people think these verses are talking about bombs falling and people being killed. But that can't be so. These verses are telling us what God will do in the last days.

He's not a murderer. It's the thief that comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10)—not God.

These verses are referencing signs that God has put on this earth concerning His Presence, which are:

1 THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin (Heb. 9:22).

2 HOLY GHOST FIRE

Tongues of fire sat upon everyone in the Upper Room. (See Acts 2:3.)

3 VAPOR OF SMOKE

"And the house was filled with smoke" (Isa. 6:4).

God wants to demonstrate signs in the earth through the outpouring of His Spirit. The Lord said to me back in January of 1939, "It's time for this to come to pass."

Why will God use these signs? Well, why did God deal the way He did with Israel? It was because they were spiritually dead. He had to appeal to them through their physical senses because they had no spiritual perception. He had to do something that they could see.

Today just as then, sinners are spiritually dead, so God has to go through their physical senses to reach them. And the purpose of these signs is to attract attention to the power of God and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

SIGNS AND WONDERS

During my ministry we had some supernatural things happen—and not just people being healed or baptized in the Holy Ghost.

For instance, a 16-year-old girl came to one of my meetings seeking the baptism in the Holy Ghost. She spoke in other tongues and then a spirit of travail and compassion came upon her. She stood like a statue for 8 hours and 40 minutes with her hands lifted up. During that entire time, she never once blinked her eyes.

The girl's mother was concerned because there was only one heating stove in this church building, in the center of the room, and the young girl wasn't close to it. This happened in January, and it was cold in that part of Texas. The mother asked the pastor, "Would it be all right to move her close to the stove?"

The pastor didn't know, so he asked me.

"I don't know," I said. "I've never seen anything like this before."

We decided to lift her up and move her closer to the stove. Although the pastor weighed 250 pounds, we couldn't budge her. It was as though she was nailed to the floor! We recognized that a power was involved here, so we just backed off and left her alone. She stayed that way all night. She came out of the trance the next morning at 20 minutes till nine, danced in the Spirit, and then went on to high school. She never slept, never ate, and said she never felt better in her life.

CONTEND FOR THE GLORY

Supernatural manifestations such as this will happen in the last days. I'm not talking about healing. Thank God for healings and miracles. But God is going to manifest His glory in unusual ways. Men and women will stand for days like statues under the power of God. People will fall under that power, and God will raise them up from the floor!

We're on the verge of this happening. So stand in faith and contend for the manifestation of God's glory!♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from a message Kenneth E. Hagin preached at a camp meeting in Detroit, Michigan, on June 5, 1975.)

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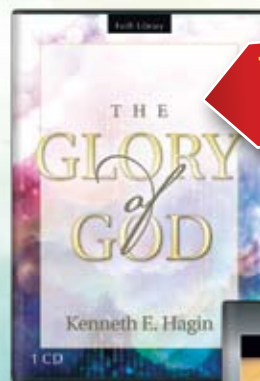
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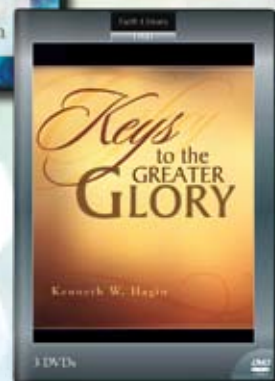
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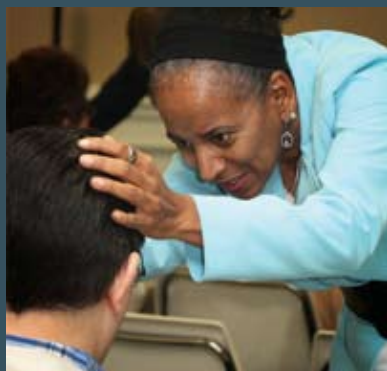
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"Leading worship has very little to do with you and everything to do with God. It's not you, that's on you."

IT'S THE ANOINTING

"One of the things that kills the anointing and quenches the Holy Spirit is when we don't walk with authentic joy."

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Daniel Eric Groves



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Hope and Healing in Europe

GRATITUDE. It stirred Albanian pastors and their wives to ride for hours crunched into a minivan with their feet on their luggage to attend the first graduation at Rhema Greece.

It compelled an eastern European woman to travel three-quarters of a day by train to be at the Rhema Ukraine graduation.

What were these and others who came grateful for? Their lives had been changed through Kenneth Hagin Ministries' teaching. And they wanted to be part of what Rhema is doing in their corner of the world.

This spring after Rhema USA's graduation, Kenneth and Lynette Hagin and a small team of helpers packed their bags and headed overseas. They flew across nine time zones to attend commencement ceremonies for several Rhema campuses in Eastern and Western Europe. It was the Hagins' first visit to these schools.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Six hundred family members and friends packed the auditorium for a combined commencement ceremony for Rhema campuses in Nice, France, and Geneva, Switzerland. They watched as 38 excited men and women marched proudly across the platform to receive their diplomas. These

French-speaking graduates stand ready to embark on the next phase of their walk with the Lord. After the ceremony, Kenneth W. Hagin preached a healing message. When he called for those who wanted healing to come forward for hands to be laid upon them, hundreds responded. During a meeting with alumni, Lynette Hagin encouraged them to "let every moment be a learning experience."

ATHENS, GREECE

Graduation tours can be a whirlwind of travel and ministry. But Greeks love to eat, and Kenneth W. Hagin enjoyed Greek salads so much that they became a diet staple during his short stay in Athens. Rhema Greece held its inaugural graduation in the beautiful five-star Novotel Hotel. Chairs for 550 were in place. But 15 minutes after the ballroom doors opened, it became clear that more seats were needed. Eventually, 742 people filled the room and others sat in the reception area. Once the service started, tears began to flow and voices rang in laughter as the 19 charter-class graduates walked across the stage, shoulders back and heads held high, to receive their diplomas.

It means so much to international students when Kenneth and Lynette Hagin attend a graduation. As one

Rhema Greece graduate put it, "I finally realized who we are—we as in Rhema. Tonight I got it. I looked at the faces of the people around me and realized that we are a family."

SUMY, UKRAINE

Back in the early '80s, Kenneth E. Hagin held prayer meetings on the Rhema USA campus every Wednesday. Maps of different regions of the world lined the Rooker Memorial Auditorium walls. For years, Rhema students and staff prayed for the USSR

and the fall of Communism. Now, 30 years later, when the Rhema aircraft touched down at Sumy airport in the heart of what had seemed an impenetrable area, it created a vivid testimony of God's faithfulness to answer prayer.

Kenneth and Lynette watched with great joy as 115 Rhema Ukraine graduates from four campuses received their diplomas. Eastern Europe will never be the same as these men and women take God's message of hope and healing to their fellow countrymen.



Fellowshipping with the Hagins after an alumni meeting in the city council hall building of Aylesbury.

AYLESBURY, England 



One of the many people Kenneth W. Hagin prayed for in Geneva.

Graduates from Rhema Nice and Geneva are excited to take what they've learned to the world!





Ukrainian welcoming ceremony

Europe

GENEVA, Switzerland



SUMY, Ukraine

ATHENS, Greece



Albanian pastors traveled 22 hours to Athens to hear and receive from the Hagins.

Will YOU touch the world?

Though they may never leave the shores of this country, Rhema Word Partners help **SOW THE WORD** into the lives of people around the world. Their monthly gifts make it possible for countless Rhema graduates to **TAKE GOD'S MESSAGE OF FAITH AND HOPE TO THOSE LIVING IN DARKNESS.**

As Kenneth E. Hagin once prophesied, "They're going where an empty hand is reaching out for help. . . . They're going around the world to tell the story, to proclaim the message, to do the work that God called them to do."

WILL YOU JOIN THEM?



Again in Ukraine, Kenneth W. Hagin conducted a healing service. After his message, of the 750 people present, more than 700 came forward to receive healing!

AYLESBURY, ENGLAND

The final leg of the trip took the Rhema team to England for the graduation of 67 Rhema students from four campuses in the UK and Ireland. The Hagins also held a healing service and met again with alumni. Many of those alumni had graduated from Rhema

USA and returned to the United Kingdom. Some had not been to the States for 17 years. All were grateful for the Hagins' visit and left strengthened and encouraged by the fellowship. They returned to their churches, ministries, and jobs with a renewed determination to share the love of Christ and the message of faith with others.

To see more of what happened on the Hagins' 2012 Euro Graduation Tour, go to www.khm.com/y0d9 to watch video highlights. ♥



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Rhema Kenya A Gospel Safari

AFRICA HAS BEEN on Vidar and Cathrine Ligard's hearts since their childhood and youth. From an early age, these 2002 Rhema USA graduates knew that one day they would do missions work on this vast continent filled with majestic mountain peaks, breathtaking waterfalls, and a beautiful array of wild animals. When an opportunity to travel to Mombasa, Kenya, opened up in the summer of 1999 after his first year at Rhema, Vidar jumped at the opportunity.

After that first trip, Vidar just kept going back to Kenya—visiting the pastors he knew and establishing new relationships. Before long he was traveling to Kenya once a year conducting seminars in churches. Eventually those yearly trips evolved into seminars for pastors, with Vidar focusing on more remote areas where formal training wasn't accessible.

“YOU DO IT!”

After one trip in 2004, as Vidar was flying back to the U.S., he began praying about a way to better train Kenyan pastors. For many of them, the only training they received was what they learned at seminars held by missionaries who came to Kenya.

“Lord,” he prayed, “seminars are good, but what these pastors really need is a curriculum that goes from A to Z to get a strong foundation.”

Vidar thought it might be several weeks before God raised up someone to establish a Bible school. But after praying only five minutes, he heard the Lord say, “OK, you're the one. You do it!”

THE TRAVELING BIBLE SCHOOL

Vidar and Cathrine didn't waste any time. They immediately began working on a Bible curriculum and making plans to start Safari Bible School. *Safari* is a Swahili word that means “to travel.” Right from the start, the Ligards knew the school had to be modular and mobile since many pastors were unable to leave their churches to attend Bible school in a big city.

Vidar had formed many relationships during his short-term trips to Kenya. So when he announced the opening of the

Bible school, a lot of people—both pastors and lay people—were anxious to enroll. In April of 2006, Vidar and Cathrine packed their bags and, with 8-month-old baby Lisa in tow, moved to Kisumu, Kenya.

That first year the Ligards hit the ground running. School modules were held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. five days a week for

two to three weeks at a time, and that plan is still in place. In the beginning, Vidar taught 90 percent of the classes himself. Today, he has help. William Meni, pastor of Jesus Warriors Church located outside of Mombasa, is helping teach the spiritually hungry students. So are a number of Rhema USA grads. Pastor Meni is also charged with administering the school, scouting out locations for additional campuses, and encouraging Christians from all denominations to attend.

RHEMA KENYA

In 2011, Safari Bible School joined the Rhema network of more than 100 campuses worldwide. Since Vidar and Cathrine's curriculum mirrored what they learned at Rhema USA, the transition to Rhema Kenya was seamless.

Three-quarters of the students who enroll are pastors. They immediately take what they learn and share it with their congregations. And their members grab hold of what they've been taught. As a result, church members have learned to receive healing for themselves without having to ask their pastor to pray. Even nonbelievers in their villages have noticed



such a change in church members that they're asking what happened.

Many of the pastors who have attended the Bible school have become mentors to other pastors in their communities. Their fellow pastors have seen how their church membership has increased and how their members' lives have improved. Many local pastors are coming to them for advice.

DOING THE WORKS OF JESUS

All of the students and grads are experiencing God's healing power in their own lives and in the lives of those around them. The father of one student

VIDAR & PASTOR MENI STAND ATOP THE NEW SCHOOL SITE IN KANAMAI.



FEATURE



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To learn more about Vidar and Cathrine Ligard, go to www.RhemaKenya.org.

was seriously ill and writhing in pain. The student decided to return to her village that evening. Before she left, her fellow students and Pastor Meni prayed for her father. When she arrived home, she learned that her father had been healed at the exact time they had prayed!

A witch doctor outside of Mombasa had become sick almost to the point of death. He went to the local mosque and was prayed for, but he didn't get any better. He then asked his fellow witch doctors for help, but nothing they tried worked. Somebody told him to go to Pastor Meni's church and have him pray.

Afraid to go to the church openly, the witch doctor asked a neighbor to see if Pastor Meni would come and pray for him. Pastor Meni laid hands on him and he was instantly healed! The witch doctor gave his life to the Lord and burned all of his witchcraft paraphernalia!

Kieti Mwangangi, a 2008 grad, had been praying for signs and wonders for quite some time. Nothing happened until he enrolled in Safari Bible School. One day the Holy Spirit directed him to pray for the deliverance of a madman. The man was bound with ropes and was making a lot of noise. After Pastor Kieti prayed for him, he was completely delivered!

On another occasion a woman who had been bedfast for four years was brought to Pastor Kieti. After he prayed for her, she got out of bed and began to walk! At a different time, Pastor Kieti laid hands on another woman who had a broken leg and it

instantly mended. She jumped out of bed and began walking!

MOVING FORWARD

The Ligards have purchased land in Kanamai, just north of Mombasa, and are in the process of constructing a multipurpose building. In addition to school administrative offices, the building will contain classrooms, a dormitory for 70 students, a library, and two small apartments for guest ministers.

Next month Rhema Kenya will roll out a second-year curriculum. Shortly after the conversion of Safari Bible School to Rhema Kenya, the Ligards made their way through Kenya informing the graduates of the transition. The grads were excited to learn about a second year being added, and many of them plan to attend.

Vidar and Cathrine have dedicated their lives to training Kenyan pastors and lay people. They're seeing a lot of positive change in the communities where the nine Rhema campuses are located. But there's still much work to be done. Although 80 percent of Kenyans call themselves Christians, pockets of people remain who have never once heard the Name of Jesus. The Ligards are committed to raising up Gospel ministers who will find these people and bring to them the saving, healing, delivering power of God. ♥

ALUMNI QUOTES:

"This thing [Rhema Kenya] is not only changing us, but affecting entire communities."

—PASTOR GEOFFREY, MWINGI

"I am no longer concerned about just having a crowd. I am concerned about transforming somebody's life."

—PASTOR GEORGE, KEROKA

"Even the community is commenting that my church members are living different and better lives."

—PASTOR MAITHIA, MWINGI

"There was a day I was looking for who could help me. Now I am able to support my own family."

—PASTOR MOGERE, KEROKA

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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 1984)

DO YOU WANT to be successful in life? You may be thinking, "Lynette, that is a dumb question. Of course we all want to be successful." However, I want to raise another question: are you following the Bible's principles for attaining success?

After the death of Moses, God spoke to Moses' assistant, Joshua, and gave him instructions for leading the children of Israel. God told Joshua, "*Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you—from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.'*" No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. Be strong and courageous . . ." (Joshua 1:2–6 NLT).

You may think, "What a promise! God said that He would be with Joshua just as He was with Moses!" However, it was not quite that simple. There were stipulations that Joshua had to meet in order for the promise to come to pass.

God gave Joshua the following instructions: "*Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go'*" (Joshua 1:7–9 NLT).

God told Joshua three times here to be strong and courageous. However, God gave Joshua two keys that would enable him to do that. Number one, he was to carry out explicitly the instructions that Moses had given him. He was not to deviate from them at all. Number two, he was to study the Book of the Law continually. It was to be in his thought life constantly, both day and night.

If we want to be successful in life, we must study the Word of God continually. If we are not familiar with God's instructions, it will be very difficult to carry them out. Many years ago when our children were young, we purchased a swing set that had to be assembled. My husband carefully laid out every part in a very organized fashion. It took him a long time to set out all the bolts, screws, and other parts of the swing set so that he could assemble it. However, after he had organized the parts, he placed the instruction manual to the side and never read it. I thought perhaps he had assembled a set like this before and didn't need the manual.

Many hours later, the swing set was erected. However, there were parts still on the ground that had not been used. Why? Because my husband had not read the instructions. He thought that he could assemble the swing set without reading them. He could not, so he had to disassemble a large part of the set and rebuild it. He would have spent a lot less time if he had read the instructions first.

That is the way it is with life. We are guilty of listening to our pastor preach or another minister teach the Word of God and then not reading the Bible for ourselves. Of course, listening to ministers teach and preach God's Word is good. However, it is important that we dig into the Word ourselves and read God's instructions. Let the Holy Spirit enlighten your understanding of the Scriptures. When you read something for yourself, you retain it better.

God wants to direct your path. He wants you to live a successful life. However, if you don't follow His manual, you may end up as my husband did—reassembling the swing set. Read the Word of God, follow His instructions explicitly, and meditate on them day and night. Then you will find yourself prospering in all your ways, spiritually and naturally.♥

Lynette





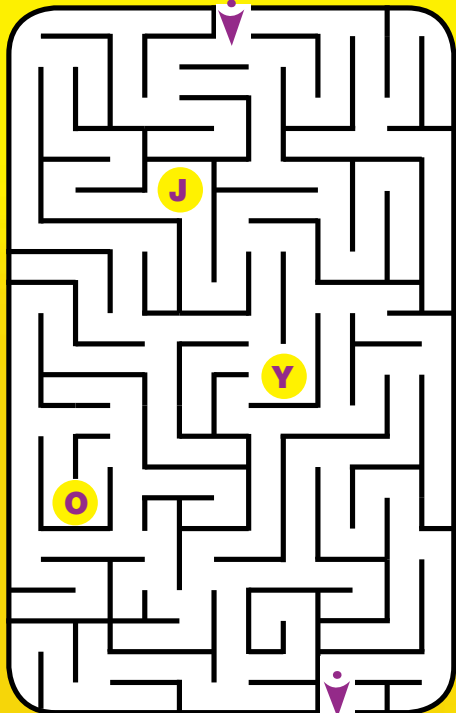
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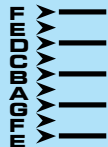
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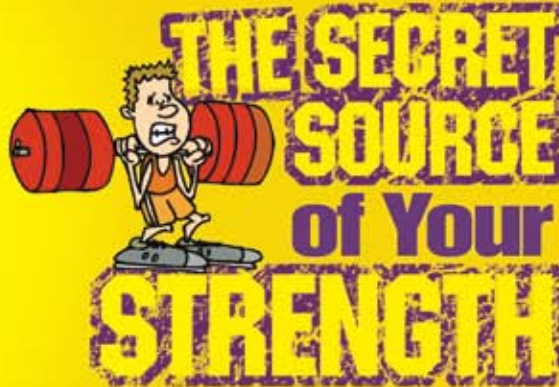


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If you remember the story of Samson in the book of Judges, you will recall that Samson's enemies paid Delilah to find out what the **secret of his strength** was. They knew that if they could **cut him off** from his source of strength, they could capture him and taunt him. Samson told Delilah the source of his strength and ended up getting captured by the Philistines.

Well, just like Samson, you have an enemy who wants to **cut you off** from your source of strength. Your enemy, the devil, knows where your hidden source of strength is . . . **But DO YOU?** Nehemiah 8:10 tells us "the joy of the Lord is your strength" (NKJV). Don't let your enemy cut you off from your source of strength! If you can keep your joy, then your enemy can't capture you or harm you like Samson's enemies did.

Here are a few Biblical ways to keep your joy—your secret source of strength:

- 1. STAY IN GOD'S PRESENCE**
"In Your [God's] presence is fullness of joy" (Ps. 16:11 NKJV).
- 2. LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF JESUS**
"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:11 NKJV).
- 3. ASK GOD TO MEET YOUR NEEDS**
"Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24 NKJV).

WHERE DOES JOY COME FROM?

The source of your strength is joy! But where does joy come from? You can figure it out by converting the color circles below into letters using the guide below it to figure out which colors stand for which letters.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

jokes & riddles



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

What did the father goat say to his son when he got in trouble at school?

I remember when I was a KID . . .

Even though I'm full of holes, I can still hold water. What am I?

A sponge

When you meet me, you beat me and heat me and eat me. What am I?

An egg

What do you call a bee who is having a bad hair day?

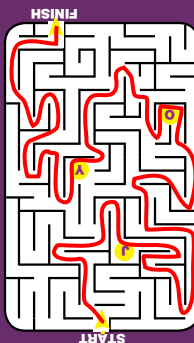
A frizz bee (frisbee)

TONGUE TWISTERS!

Try saying these tongue twisters three times as fast as you can!

YOU SHOULD SEE SHELBY SELL SEA SHELLS

CAPTAIN COULDN'T QUICKLY CLEAN THE QUEEN'S CLICKING CLOCK



Answers:
This Take Note of
A. Bedad Genesis 36:35
B. Agag 1 Samuel 15:8
C. Gad Genesis 30:11
D. Ebed Ezra 8:6
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Romans 14:17;
Galatians 5:22



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"You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.
With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall."
—Psalm 18:28-29 (NIV 2011)



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