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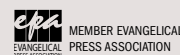
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Faith That Works!

We all want our faith to work. But if we're going to have faith that gets us the desires of our hearts—a faith that receives everything God has promised—then we must build on a foundation of love. In Galatians 5:6 the Apostle Paul wrote, *“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love”* (NIV 1984). In other words, “faith works by love.” We do not have love because we have faith—it’s the other way around.

My father, Kenneth E. Hagin, was a man of great faith. In fact, he’s known as the father of the modern-day faith message (though he never liked that title). At his memorial service, the thing that everybody talked about—more than anything else—was not his great faith but his love walk. Personally, I think his love walk was even greater than his faith life. He would never say anything against anybody. Instead, I heard him say again and again, “Putting out another man’s candle will not help yours burn any brighter.”

That’s the way my dad was! He had a great love walk, and because of that, he had a faith that always worked. Remember, faith works by love. Yes, making confessions of faith is good—we’ve got to do that—but if you stop and find out where you can love more, you will begin to see your faith work more for you.

Do you want perfect faith? Learn to walk in love. Do you want guaranteed answers to your prayers? Learn to walk in love. God is love (1 John 4:8). He has imparted His love to us. And if we learn how to operate in the law of love, the law of faith will work in us, because *faith works by love!*

I’m excited to share this issue of *The Word of Faith* with you. Be sure to check out the healing testimony from one of our current Rhema Bible Training Center students on page 9. And if you’d like to know more about the God-kind of love, don’t miss Dad’s article on page 7.

Kenneth W. Hagin



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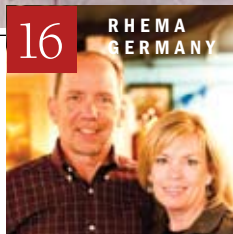
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Special Report: INTERNATIONAL RHEMA
Only four percent of Europeans profess to be born again. See what RBTC graduates John and Michelle Grunewald are doing about that.



Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He commissioned believers to preach the Gospel in every nation. **He gave this commission to everyone**—not just to those who are called to a pulpit ministry. In fact, sharing the Gospel shouldn't be done only in a pulpit. Wherever we go—on the streets, in the nursing homes and prisons, on our jobs, at school, and so forth—we can bring words of life and healing to the hungry, thirsty, and needy. In essence, the world is our pulpit.

OVER SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE are living today, and we must have a global vision to reach them. My son-in-law has a degree in international business. His schooling trained him to look beyond the community and nation that he lives in and think globally.

Coca-Cola is an example of a company with a global vision. I've traveled all over the world and have found that you can go into a restaurant where no one speaks English and say "Coke," and they know what you want. That's because Coca-Cola took their soft drink to the world.

On one ministry trip to Africa, after we landed at the airport, we drove an hour and a half on paved roads. Then we traveled two hours on dirt roads, and finally another hour on what looked like a cow trail. When I sat down to eat, they gave me a 12-ounce bottle of Coke along with my meal. Coca-Cola found its way to the middle of nowhere!

Likewise, we shouldn't rest until every person—even in remote places—has heard the Gospel message.

TOUCHING ONE TO REACH MANY

You may be thinking, "I'm just one person. How can I reach the world for Jesus?" It's not as hard as you might think. It's done by reaching one person at a time. No job is too big when we break it down into a series of steps and stages. Jesus was constantly surrounded by multitudes, but He always took time to minister to individuals.

ACTION REQUIRED: Share Christ with someone who doesn't know Him. And help send someone who is called to take the Gospel to a foreign land.



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God's Word is clear about what will happen just before Jesus returns. And until He comes again, we can walk with God in the fullness of His Spirit and see His power manifested in our everyday lives. Today is the day of the outpouring and demonstration of His Spirit!

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In Matthew chapter 8, a great multitude was following Jesus when He stopped and healed one man of leprosy (vv. 1–3). The woman with the issue of blood had to press through a large crowd to touch the hem of His garment. And when she did, Jesus stopped (see Mark 5:24–34). Luke's Gospel records the story of religious leaders and a crowd of people who squeezed into a house to hear Jesus teach. Out of all the people who were there that day, Jesus healed only one—a man let down through the roof (see Luke 5:17–26).

In our global vision, we have to have an individual vision. By that I mean we have to touch the one to reach the many. Everybody can touch somebody. Someone reached out and shared the Gospel with each of us. Either someone told us personally

Everybody CAN TOUCH SOMEBODY.

about the saving power of Christ, or we heard the Gospel message preached on TV or the radio, or we read something in a book or tract, or on the Internet. All of us had to first hear about the saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ before we could give our lives to Him.

And because somebody shared the Good News with us, we now have life. Where would we be if we had not heard that God loves us and sent His Son to the earth to die for us?

Now it's our turn to tell others. Many people say, "I'm not an ordained preacher." If you need an ordination certificate or sermon, Jesus has already preached one to all of us.

MARK 16:15–18 (NIV 1984)

15 "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

If all of us would just touch one person for the Lord, think how many people would be won to God!

Another way to reach the world is to send someone who is called to go. When we send others, it's just as if we went ourselves. We can pray. We can take care of the home base while others go. Let's grab hold of a global vision and make an impact for the Kingdom of God. Whether we stay or go, we can do something to reach the world.♥

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GOD LOVES YOU.

[P e r i o d .]

It doesn't matter what you've done, even if you did it today. **How can you be sure?** John 3:16 says, "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that every one who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (NLT). God gave His best—His Son—for you. He loves you that much. To have the eternal life He offers you, you only need to believe in Jesus. To accept Him into your heart today,



PRAY THIS PRAYER:

G o d ,

I come to You in Jesus' Name. I don't want to perish. I want to have eternal life. 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 Him as my Lord. Therefore, I am saved. I have eternal life.

THANK YOU!

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 —1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 (NKJV)



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LOVE IS . . .

The Bible says that God is love (1 John 4:8). And since God is love, we need to know what the God-kind of love is. Of course, the God-kind of love is not the same as natural human love. Natural human love can turn to hatred overnight, but **God’s love never fails.**

WHEN WE WERE BORN AGAIN, God’s love was imparted into our hearts by the Holy Ghost. And His love bears up under anything! Don’t misunderstand me. I’ve been there when I wanted to quit from the natural standpoint. But the love of God on the inside wouldn’t let me quit, because it bears up under everything. It never weakens, fades out, or comes to an end.

If we’ll just walk in the light of God’s love, we can bear up under anything. We’ll be able to love folks whether our flesh feels like it or not. Too many times, however, believers act in a selfish manner. No matter how much it might hurt someone, they’ll say things like, “I’ve got my rights. And I’m going to make sure I get them!”

The God-kind of love doesn’t insist on its own rights. If we contend for our rights, we’re not walking in the love of God. And we won’t be able to believe God fully until we understand the God-kind of love and walk in it. Why? Because the God-kind of faith works by love. And to believe God fully and operate in the faith of God, we must walk in the love of God.

QUIT KEEPING SCORE

One characteristic of the divine kind of love is that it doesn’t keep a record when it has been wronged. First Corinthians 13:5 says, “[Love] *takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]*” (Amplified). This verse contains love’s thermometer—love’s gauge.

It’s easy to find out if we’re walking in love. All we have to do is look at our love walk in light of this scripture. Are we touchy, fretful, or resentful? Do we always remember how people have wronged us? As long as we’re taking account of the evil done to us, we’re not walking in love.



THE FRUIT OF LOVE

Love is a fruit of the born-again human spirit, and because it is a fruit, it can grow and develop. All believers received the fruit of the spirit when they were born again. In fact, love is the first fruit of the spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22: “*The fruit of the Spirit is love.*” The fruit of love is produced from our reborn human spirit because of the life that comes from abiding in the Vine, the Lord Jesus Christ (John 15:5).

That life has been imparted to our spirits through the Word of God by the Holy Spirit. If we'll just let that love dominate us, what a difference it will make in our lives. It's up to us to do something with that love nature. Even though the love of

God is in us because it's been shed abroad in our hearts, it won't be developed unless we put it into action. Developing and exercising the God-kind of love is up to us.

A lot of times believers get taken up with natural things, and that's where they dwell. They don't take advantage of what already belongs to them. They don't take time to be nourished by the Vine by communing with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. That's why we need to put spiritual things first.

To grow in love we need to abide in Christ and let Him abide in us through prayer, the Word, and communion with Him. Then we need to exercise the love that we have on the inside. Spend time waiting upon the Lord and feeding on His Word. Love will blossom and bring forth abundant fruit to God's glory.♥

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



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THINK ABOUT: Have you found it challenging at times to walk in love? How did you handle those situations? How can you make it easier in the future? ♥



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Love Defined

God's love is defined in **First Corinthians 13:4-8** (Amplified):

- 4 LOVE** endures long and is patient and kind; **LOVE** never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.
- 5** It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. **LOVE** (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].
- 6** It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.
- 7 LOVE** bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].
- 8 LOVE** never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].



Stage III Breast Cancer Healed!

A FIRST-YEAR RHEMA STUDENT MINISTERS HEALING ON HER JOB

[Editor's Note: A first-year Rhema Bible Training Center student received the following email after praying for a client battling breast cancer. The email has been edited for length and clarity.]

Heather,

I met you last week while you were working. When I walked into the store, I was in a total deep creek of depression and really was ready to die. I came into the store to get my makeup done at the leading of my husband. He wanted me to feel better about myself. When no one was available to do my makeup, that feeling of despair increased, and **I had determined in my heart to die**. The moment I thought that and was ready to leave, you stepped in front of me and with your precious smile offered to do my makeup. I know I said it was allergies but I was tearing up! You were so kind, friendly, and sincere. I could tell in the first few moments of sitting with you that I had come to that store for a certain reason. As you did my makeup, I briefly shared with you that I was diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer three weeks ago. My husband and I are Christians, but when you get a death sentence it tends to change a few things.

Anyway, I wanted to write to tell you thank you! The moment I shared I had cancer, I saw your face and heart change—but it wasn't like most people. You smiled and said very casually, as if it was a deeply-woven belief within your heart, **"Nothing is impossible with God."**

After I finished telling you my sad story, you asked if I believed God wanted me to be healthy. I was stunned but shook my head yes, and then you gently laid both hands on my head and quietly but firmly said, "I command your body to line up with what the Word of God says and be made whole in Jesus' Name!" I didn't tell you then because I honestly didn't know what was happening, but as soon as you said the Name of Jesus I felt a warm, tingling sensation begin in my head where your hands were, and it flowed all over my body. The last words you said to me when I was leaving penetrated my heart. All you said was, "Let it be according to your faith." That hit me hard, so I went home and told my husband what had happened, and for the first time we grabbed hands and agreed in prayer together over my healing.

I went to the doctor on Monday for what was supposed to be my first radiation appointment. Before the doctor began my radiation, he wanted to run another test to see how much the cancer had spread. He did his routine tests, then came back in and said he was taking me in to do more—all the while never telling us what was happening. After about an hour and a half, the doctor called us into his office and sat us down to talk. I'll never forget his words. He said, "I cannot explain it and I don't know what's happening, but **we can't find any of the cancer cells** we diagnosed you with in your body." I knew right then that God had provided my healing, "according to my faith!"

You will never know how appreciative I am of your boldness to speak the Word of God, even while you were at work. You are definitely being taught practical and incredible truths at Rhema.

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“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority.”

—1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 (NKJV)

WE ARE INSTRUCTED in First Timothy 2:1-2 to pray and give thanks for kings and all who are in authority. Since we have been instructed to do so, it would be reasonable to say we have also been authorized and commissioned by God to pray these prayers. How should we pray? What do we ask for on behalf of these kings and all others in authority?

Proverbs 8:15 shows us what is necessary for kings and others in authority to rule and govern rightly.

PROVERBS 8:15

15 By me [wisdom] kings reign, and princes decree justice.

Solomon was a king known for his wisdom. He was his father David’s choice among all of his sons to succeed him on the throne. Most importantly, he was God’s choice.

God appeared to Solomon in a dream and told him to request anything he wanted. Of all the things Solomon could have asked for, he chose wisdom to rule and judge correctly. He recognized that he needed God’s wisdom to rule worthily. God was pleased with Solomon’s request and granted him unparalleled wisdom. So pleased was God with this amazing request that He even gave Solomon the things he didn’t request—riches and honor.

Solomon’s wisdom showed up in several ways. It could be seen in his ability to handle the affairs of state (1 Kings 4:1-28). His wisdom surpassed that of other world leaders (1 Kings 4:30, 34). He composed songs and poetry (1 Kings 4:32). And he showed great understanding of the natural world (1 Kings 4:33).

Two Sources of Wisdom

It was clear to Solomon that to rule and reign justly in his kingdom, he needed divine wisdom. This is true for the king of any nation and for all others in positions of authority. The Bible speaks of two sources of wisdom. We know there is wisdom from God, or from above, but there is also wisdom that is from the earth, or from below (Isa. 29:14, 1 Cor. 2:5).

The following scriptures contrast the two types of wisdom:

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.

JAMES 3:15, 17 (NKJV)

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Clearly, there are two kinds of wisdom from two opposite sources. And it is obvious that of these two types of wisdom contrasted in James, the wisdom from above is the best wisdom by which kings and all who are in authority should operate.

God’s Wisdom Is Dispensed Through the Church

There are rulers who pray and ask for God’s wisdom. But what about those who don’t? We are to ask God on their behalf to give them wisdom. If no one requests divine wisdom for them to rule by, then by default, the only wisdom left for them is the wisdom from below.

We are instructed in First Timothy 2:1-2 to pray for kings. In response, we can request that wisdom be given to them. God has promised to give it liberally. And when we ask, let’s ask in faith, nothing wavering. Rather than trying to figure out what the king is supposed to do relating to national and eternal affairs, let’s absolutely trust the Holy Spirit. Remember, God’s plan not only affects the well being of a nation but also prepares the way for a harvest of souls (1 Tim. 2:4).♥

(Editor’s Note: Patsy Cameneti and her husband, Tony, are directors of Rhema Australia and Kenneth Hagin Ministries Australia. This article was adapted from her book *For Such a Time as This*.)

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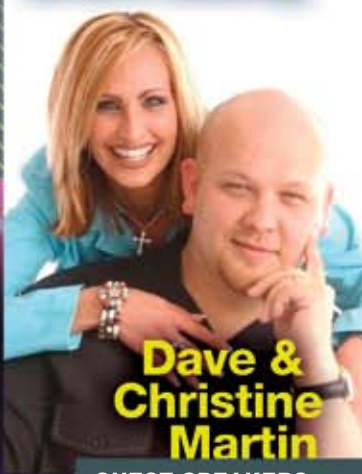
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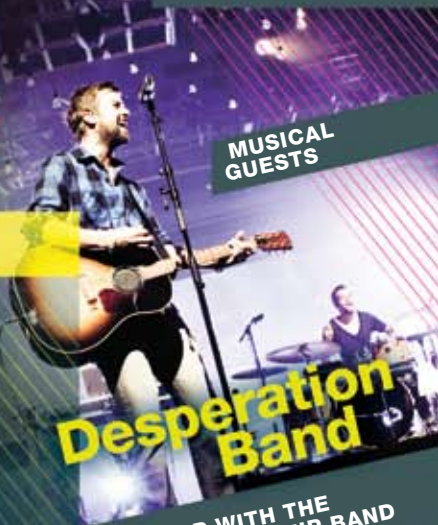


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'It feels like a church'

FOR A LONG TIME Rev. Kenneth W. Hagin has wanted to expand Rhema Bible Church beyond Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. In October 2011, his dream became reality as Rhema Bible Church Oklahoma City opened its doors. The church has been meeting weekly since October 23 on Sunday nights with 85 to 90

people from the Oklahoma City area attending. Rev. Hagin and his son, Craig W. Hagin, co-pastor the congregation. One of them ministers there live every Sunday night. Between 25 and 30 volunteers travel from Broken Arrow each Sunday to help.

RBC-OKC meets **SUNDAY NIGHTS at 6:00 at WALNUT CREEK CHAPEL**, located at **7840 NW. 122ND ST.** The church's vision is to reach people in every walk of life. RBC-OKC is looking for those who don't attend church and those who haven't heard that Jesus came to set them free. The goal is to bring a simple message, offer simple worship, and lay the groundwork for simple relationships that will create a profound and lasting impact.

Two couples had been searching many years for a church to call home. One had been looking for 15 years, and another for seven. Each couple said that in RBC-OKC they finally had found a church that suited them. Another regular attendee said, "It feels like a church," which isn't an easy task to accomplish in only a few weeks. In fact, a few denominational ministers attend RBC-OKC because their churches don't have Sunday evening services.

long when it is going to be Sunday so she can go to church. A parent of a first grader was surprised when her son told her the Bible lesson and memory verse when they got home from church one Sunday. "She said that at other churches they have attended, their child never learned. He just watched Christian videos and was babysat the whole time," said Denise Burns, children's minister at both Rhema Bible Church campuses. "The kids are learning, bringing their Bibles, memorizing Bible verses, and discussing how to use the Bible in their everyday lives. And they are having a blast doing it! God is touching kids' lives in OKC!"

CHILDREN LOVE RBC-OKC

The new church isn't just for adults. Special youth activities have included a bowling night and a combined fall retreat with RBC-Broken Arrow youth, and many more are planned. RBC-OKC children's services average 15 kids a week, and the children love what the new church has for them. One mom said that her little girl asks all week



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Winning!



CRAIG W. HAGIN

When Christians are asked how they are doing, many reply, “I’ve got the victory!” or “I’m winning!” But when you look at their lives, they are doing anything but winning. Yes, we need to have a good

confession. That’s where our victory starts. Scripture tells us to “call those things that be not as though they were” (Rom. 4:17). But at some point we need to go from making a faith confession to living our confession. So when people look at us, they’ll say, “Hey, they really are victorious.”

UNFORTUNATELY, a lot of Christians today are not winning. They’re letting the economy win. They’re letting the devil win. They’re letting all kinds of things win, but they’re not winning. They’re beaten down and they don’t know what to do. They’re making all the right confessions, but they really don’t believe a word they’re saying. For this to change, they must have an attitude change.

Sometimes in sports a larger school plays a much smaller school. Usually, the larger school is a lot better than the smaller school. I guarantee you that the week before the game, the coach of the smaller school is telling the kids that they’re winners. The coach does this so they go onto the field with a winning attitude. Because on the night of the game, if the kids go out with a losing attitude, they will lose.

The Apostle Paul would have made a good football coach. He had a lot of motivating things to say, such as we are more than conquerors through Christ (Rom. 8:37) and God always causes us to triumph in Christ (2 Cor. 2:14). I believe his “never quit” attitude is what got him through the persecution he faced. Even though things didn’t always go right for Paul, he kept running his course. In Acts chapter 20, he even talked about finishing his race with joy (v. 24).

It’s easy to come up with excuses as to why we’re not winning. But as Christians, we really don’t have any excuses, because God is a Winner and He lives inside of us. The Word says that God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5). Everywhere we go, we have the ultimate Winner inside of us. During times

when we don't feel victorious or like we're winning, we have to dig down and let our inner man speak to us and remind us that we're victorious.

TRUST GOD

Jesus tells us, "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22). When we put our faith in Him, we're not going to lose. This is the number one step in faith. Unfortunately, many people forget this step. Their faith is in their pastor or in the traveling minister who comes through town. Our faith should be in God and not in people. It's God Who is going to get us through any situation.

Step number two is for us to do something. We have to speak to the mountains in our lives.

MARK 11:23

23 Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mountains can be anything. They can be physical, spiritual, emotional, or financial mountains, or anything else out in front of us blocking our way. But for any mountain to be removed, we first have to open our mouths and speak. When our words are backed by the Word of God, we can be confident that when we

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Both natural and spiritual laws govern our universe. One natural law is Newton's law of gravity. We know that if we let go of an item in our hand—for instance, a set of keys—it will fall to the ground. If the keys floated in the air, we would think that was abnormal.

One of God's spiritual laws is the law of sowing and reaping. It says that if we sow sparingly, we'll reap sparingly, and if we sow bountifully, we'll reap

bountifully (2 Cor. 9:6). Unfortunately, after they've sowed into the Gospel, many Christians don't reap and their needs go unmet. To them, this is normal. But this should be just as abnormal as keys floating in the air.

As Christians, we often get excited when God's Word works—when we are healed, when our financial needs are met, and so forth. But God's Word working in our lives should be a normal, everyday occurrence. It should be abnormal when any spiritual law doesn't work.

speak, the mountain will move. It doesn't have a choice—it has to move.

That's why it is so important to watch what comes out of our mouths. Many people have very negative confessions. They say things like, "We never have enough money" or "It's always bad at the end of the month." It's no wonder that they're getting exactly what they say.

Let's make it our goal to live like winners this year. By maintaining a winning attitude and a Word-based confession, we will receive everything God has for us! ♥

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The German CONNECTION

Have you ever noticed that it seems God sometimes disregards personality types when He calls people? For instance, He'll take people who have a fear of public speaking and give them pulpit ministries. And He'll call people who love being homebodies to travel. John and Michelle Grunewald, 1980 Rhema USA grads, are examples of this. "Everything we've done in ministry has stretched us big-time," says John. "We were very, very uncomfortable in a lot of the ways God has stretched us."

"Save THE LOST, *establish* THE SAVED, *train* THE ESTABLISHED, AND *position* [OR SEND OUT] THE TRAINED."

◀ JOHN & MICHELLE GRUNEWALD

FEATURE

IT'S A GOOD THING the Grunewalds were open to being stretched and doing whatever God asked of them. The last thing either one of them wanted to do was be in front of people. But they were determined to be obedient and faithful to God's call. And that has caused them to do things outside the boundaries of how they thought their lives would turn out.

After starting Rhema Bible Church and Rhema Bible Training Center Germany in 1999, they went on to open five more Rhema campuses in Germany, as well as schools in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and Zurich, Switzerland. And as international directors for Rhema Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, they also oversee the expansion of Rhema campuses in these areas.

Today the Grunewalds' teaching schedule at Rhema campuses in Europe and Africa keeps them crisscrossing those continents so much that even the best travel agent would have a hard time keeping up with them. But with only four percent of Europe's population born again, there's still a lot of work to be done.

The Grunewalds' ministry motto is "save the lost, establish the saved, train the established, and position [or send out] the trained." Since they arrived in Germany in 1993, John and Michelle have been tirelessly doing this. And their hard work is paying off.

RHEMA BIBLE CHURCH GERMANY

A couple attending Rhema Bible Church Germany learned that their two-month-old daughter was diagnosed with AIDS. At one



point the little girl was not expected to live through the night. Members of RBC Germany stood strong with the couple. Because the husband's job often took him out of the country, the church set up round-the-clock support for the mom. Church members helped with everything from praying constantly at the hospital for the baby to caring for the couple's other child.

At first the doctors kept saying, "The baby is not going to make it." But one day they said, "Well, she might make it." When the infant finally went home a couple of months later, she received a clean bill of health. It's been almost two years since the little girl was healed and today she is a vibrant toddler. Not long after she went home, one of the hospital nurses visited RBC Germany. She wanted to see what this church was all about, because she had never seen any church rally around one of its members in this way.

This is only one of many testimonies of German Christians who now know who they are in Christ and the authority they have as believers. For the first time in their lives, they are experiencing God's promise of health and provision.

RHEMA GERMANY

Since the Bible school's inception, more than 300 students have completed first-year classes and over 170 have finished the second-year program. Many graduates work in the helps ministry supporting their pastors. Others have gone on to pastor churches or work as associate pastors. One student who launched out as an evangelist has even held a crusade in Pakistan.

One Rhema Germany graduate is Sinti, a gypsy. When he started Rhema Germany, he was reading and writing on a third-grade level. The Holy Spirit supernaturally helped him, and by the end of the school year, he was fluent in both reading and writing. After graduation, he went back to the Sinti and has started several churches.

Rhema Germany has opened campuses in Bonn, Cologne, Detmold, Munich, Ulm, and most recently, Hamburg. The headquarters is in Bonn.

RHEMA EUROPE

Monika Wagner, a German national and a '94 Rhema USA grad, keeps things flowing smoothly among the Rhema campuses across Europe. She has been helping the Grunewalds since they first moved to Germany. As European director, Monika is tasked with launching Rhema campuses in new nations. Once a location has been



BAPTISM IN THE RHINE RIVER

FAST FACTS

- » Europe has 38 language zones. Twenty Faith Library Publications titles have been chosen for translation into every one of these language groups.
- » The next phase in reaching Europe with the Gospel emphasizes church planting.
- » Rhema Germany classes meet on weekends.

PRAYER FOCUS

- » The Grunewalds' biggest need is for a **HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**. Right now their ministry offices are located in the basement of their home. The church and school in Bonn are in rented facilities and they both must constantly move in and out. John and Michelle desire one central location for all parts of their ministry.
- » The **BOOK TRANSLATION PROJECT**: finances to translate and publish more books
- » **FURTHER EXPANSION** into Europe, Africa, and the Middle East
- » **FINANCES** to support the expansion

To learn more about John and Michelle Grunewald, go to www.grunewald.org.



◀ MONIKA WAGNER

picked, she oversees the start of the new school.

Monika also ensures that a standard curriculum is maintained at all campuses. She develops common marketing programs where it makes sense. And she is establishing a corporate identity for European schools so Rhema has a stronger voice on the continent.

On top of that, Monika's travel schedule rivals the Grunewalds'. She goes throughout Europe teaching at the many campuses. One of her frequent Facebook posts is "at the airport again." But all of the going and coming has not wearied this traveler. "I had something in my heart for years where I knew I

would travel," says Monika. "I would not have thought that it would come in this package, but I like the package."

One Rhema Germany goal is to have campuses within 125 miles of each other. And Rhema Europe's plans call for 100 campuses across the continent. Right now there are 24, and the number is constantly changing. European school directors are pooling resources to benefit all campuses in Europe and Africa. For example, team members from Germany built a database that all European schools use, and UK team members assisted in the process.

A member of the French team works for French-Swiss TV and has assisted several schools with the sound setup.

THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

The European directors have caught Kenneth W. Hagin's "I cannot be defeated and I will not quit" attitude. Individually they've ploughed through a lot of religious tradition, unbelief, and atheism in their nations. By combining their strong faith and natural talents, they are creating tremendous momentum that is changing the spiritual atmosphere of Europe.

The Rhema schools throughout Europe are moving forward as a united group. In the next five years they expect to have doubled what they've done so far. They are carrying out the mandate God gave Kenneth E. Hagin to "go teach My people faith," and with each person they teach, they are transforming a continent. ♥

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

FEATURE

When Robert Tomaschek and his wife, Irmi, began seeking God, they couldn't seem to find answers. About that same time, a friend of theirs was born again and began witnessing to them. She told them about a church in Austria and gave them a cassette tape of one of the pastor's sermons. As they listened to the tape, the Tomascheks finally heard a message that satisfied the yearning in their hearts.

The dramatic difference they noticed in their friend's life made Robert and Irmi curious about the church in Austria. So they decided to make the two-hour drive from Germany and attend a service. That

first visit to Freie Christengemeinde Wels (Free Christian Church Wels), pastored by Fred and Judy Lambert, '90 and '91 Rhema USA grads, began a remarkable turnaround for the Tomascheks. Before long they gave their lives to the Lord. And by the following September, Robert and Irmi had moved from Germany to attend Rhema Austria.

After Robert's first year of school, he began working at Rhema Austria in the publishing department. He then became the office administrator and later the school's dean and an associate pastor at Freie Christengemeinde Wels. In the course of time, Robert and Irmi began leading a house group of about 15 people who were driving two hours from Germany to attend the Austrian church. Eventually that group gave birth to Christliche Glaubensgemeinde (Christian Faith Church) in Trostberg, Germany, with Robert as pastor.

The handful of people has grown into a thriving congregation of 90 adults and 35 youth and children. And God is moving mightily in their midst.

A member of Robert's church went to the doctor because of severe neck pain. X-rays showed that a disk between two vertebrae was missing. The day the man got the doctor's report, he attended a prayer meeting at the church. When Irmi laid hands on him and prayed for him, the pain immediately left. The man returned to the doctor, and new

X-rays showed the disk was there!

Robert and Irmi are also campus coordinators of Rhema Munich. The school started in Trostberg but moved to Munich to make it easier for people to attend. The move also opens the door for a larger number of potential students. While the Bible school was in Trostberg, 54 students graduated. Currently, 30 students are attending.

Robert works closely with Monika Wagner. As assistant director of RBTC Germany, he is

developing marketing strategies for the school and overseeing development of the alumni program.

Robert and Irmi are examples of the ripple effect. Their lives were affected by Rhema USA graduates who brought the life-changing faith message to Austria. They grabbed hold of that message and in turn are now influencing their fellow countrymen and women with the Gospel. And people being raised up under them will also go out and impact their country. ♥

PRAYER FOCUS

- » A bigger building for Christliche Glaubensgemeinde (Christian Faith Church)
- » A fast-growing network of Rhema Germany alumni and friends
- » The right people in the right places

To learn more about Robert and Irmi Tomaschek, go to www.glaube-lebt.de.



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 CHAPTER 11—PEOPLE OF
conquering FAITH.

REVIEW

HUNDREDS OF MEN from 35 states and five countries were encouraged to become champions of conquering faith at the 2011 *Call to Arms® Men's Conference*. From Kenneth W. Hagin's keynote message through the workshops and main sessions to the wrap-up, the men were exhorted to become all that God has created them to be.

Bracken Christian challenged his hearers to expand their vision and not grow discouraged when obstacles arise. Rick Renner held up the faith-filled life of the Apostle John to urge the men to keep pressing forward. In between sessions there was plenty of time to kick back, relax, and get to know others. Saturday morning provided a fitting end to a great three days. Men from across the country and beyond joined in Communion, ready to take on the world with conquering faith in Jesus Christ!♥

Champions of Conquering Faith

KENNETH W. HAGIN

THOSE LISTED IN Hebrews chapter 11 overthrew kingdoms with their faith. We can overthrow the kingdom of Satan with our faith. If we're going to be people of conquering faith, we can't have fear.

Hebrews 11:39–40 says, *"All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us"* (NLT). That "something better" is Jesus. Through Jesus, all of us become perfect and complete and are able to rise and be conquerors through faith.

Maybe our individual win-and-lose records over sin aren't very good. But the truth is, Jesus marched into hell and defeated Satan and his kingdom for people just like you and me. Our championship of conquering faith does not come because we can roll up our sleeves and conquer. It comes because *Jesus* has already conquered! All we have to do is walk in it. What Jesus did for us enables us to leave the ranks of the defeated and join those of conquering faith.

He came, He fought, He won, and we are conquerors. The question is, will we take our place with those who march with conquering faith because of what Jesus has done? Jesus qualified us to be in the list of Hebrews chapter 11—people of conquering faith.

Romans 8:37 in the Richert translation says, *"In all things Jesus our great Leader has established us as invincible champions through His amazing provision for us."* Because

of what Jesus did, we're not just called conquerors; we're called more than conquerors. We have been established as invincible champions.

Being people of faith—conquering heroes—does not mean that we have to be superhuman. It simply means that we have to be willing to yield to God. It doesn't matter what we've done. When we turn ourselves over to God, He can use us, and we can take our place in the ranks of those that are marching forward as conquerors in faith.♥



Save the Date

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“To ‘order your conversation aright’ (Ps. 50:23) really boils down to, ‘Are you being obedient to God in your life?’ When you’re doing what you should be doing, what you shouldn’t be doing will never get in the way.”

– **TOMMY FIGART**
Workshop: “The Great Balancing Act”

“Never stop chasing your wife. In Genesis 2:24, the word ‘cleave’ means to catch by pursuit. When a man loves a woman, he pursues her all of his life.”

– **WYATT BROWN**
Workshop: “Sex: The Final Answer”



“The greatest fruit in ministry is not what you do. The greatest fruit in ministry is what you help others accomplish.”

– **JAY ADKINS**
Workshop :
“I Could Do Anything,
If I Only Knew What to Do”



“Effective dads look at fathering as an occupation rather than an obligation. Obligation is something you have to do. Being a father is something we get to do and we ought to be proud of that.”

– **DAN MORRISON**
Workshop:
“Family: The Gift of You”



“We spend so much time talking to God about what we don’t have that we forget to thank him for what we do have.”

– **JERRY WEINZIERL**
Workshop:
“Financial Barriers and Breakthroughs”



“Preparation is vital. Winners stay focused and composed because they are prepared.”

– **JACK YURUS**
Workshop: “Never Surrender:
The Champion’s Cry”



BRACKEN CHRISTIAN

MAIN SESSION:

“Expanding Your Vision” // “Our lives are supposed to go from glory to glory. **BUT SOMETHING HAS TO HAPPEN ON THE INSIDE OF US BEFORE THINGS BEGIN TO CHANGE ON THE OUTSIDE.** If we want to expand on the outside, we have to begin to expand on the inside. Our lives move in the direction of our most dominant thoughts. Our lives move toward what we are focusing on, not toward what we desire. We can desire something, but we’ll move toward what we’re focusing on in our minds on a consistent basis. When we feed ourselves the Word of God, we begin to change on the inside. It is the Spirit that causes expansion.”

MAIN SESSION:

“John: A Man of Conquering Faith” // “The Church has been a mess from its inception, and it is still a mess. With all of the weird doctrine and with all of the people that have messed up, it is a miracle that the Church of Jesus Christ exists. Yet here we still are. It doesn’t matter what we have done to it or how many generations have sinned against it. **IN THE MIND OF GOD THE CHURCH IS STILL GOLDEN (VALUABLE).** Jesus paid for it with His blood. He loves it. **IT IS VALUABLE TO JESUS, AND WE NEED TO LOVE IT LIKE HE LOVES IT.**”

RICK RENNER



“Don’t think because you’re a believer, or because you go to a Word of Faith church, or because you believe and you quote and you get up and read every morning, that you’re going to be invincible from an attack.”

– **GENE BAILEY**
Workshop: “Marriage,
Mistakes & Mayhem”



“If you pay a little attention to your health, you can stay well. The vast majority of the things people suffer in our society today are not diseases from the outside—they are diseases of lifestyle.”

– **DR. MITCH DUININK**
Workshop:
“Bum to Boot Camp”



“Do people want to be like you? People wanted to be like Jesus. The biggest thing Jesus did was, He wasn’t judgmental toward people. Even the sinners would come talk to Him and feel OK with it.”

– **CRAIG W. HAGIN**
Workshop: “How to Be Normal
in a Weird World”

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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)

ONE OF MY FAVORITE SONGS

was written by Bill and Gloria Gaither. This song has given me much inspiration during difficult times. The chorus says, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives."*

When troubled times arrive, the first thought that comes to mind is, "I would just like to escape." Crisis, disappointments, and challenges come to us all. When I faced challenges as a child, my father would say, "Lynette, never let the words 'It can't be done' be uttered from your lips. Remember, with the help of the Lord, it can be done."

Many times when situations have arisen in my life, I have wanted to quit and give up. Then my father's words would ring in my ears: "It can be done." As I have said repeatedly in this column, God has a perfect plan for your life and He desires that you fulfill that plan.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV 1984) says, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." God has prepared good things for you, and He desires that you achieve those things. However, in order to do that, you must resist the temptation to quit when adversities come your way.

If you have committed and yielded your life to Christ, your life is not a series of failures; it is a series of successes. In achieving those successes, though, you may experience some bumps along the way. When I am tempted to give up, I always look to the Bible for examples of those who did not quit in the midst of adversity. I love the story of the three Hebrew children.

King Nebuchadnezzar had made a gold statue. Then he sent out the following command (Dan. 3:4–6 NLT): "Then a herald shouted out, 'People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command! When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.'"

Of course, we know the story. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow before the statue. Some astrologers informed the king of this, and he was furious because his command was not obeyed.

In Daniel 3:14–18 (NLT) we read that Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up? I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?"

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.'"

The three Hebrew children were committed to fulfilling God's plan for their lives, even if it meant death. Their faith said, "Our God will deliver us." Their commitment said, "Even if He doesn't, we will still not bow to your god."

The king ordered that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual. Then he commanded that some of the strongest soldiers in his army tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. The fire was so hot that the flames killed the men who threw them in.

If the song had been written then, I can imagine Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in that fire, singing, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone." Suddenly King Nebuchadnezzar jumped to his feet and asked his advisers, "Wasn't it three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" Yes, they replied. Then the king exclaimed, "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!" (Dan. 3:25 NLT).

Whatever fire you are going through, keep on singing the praises of God. Keep declaring, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone." And God will deliver you, just as He delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.♥



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Kids' Page

Fearless, A-pointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-airs of God

SERVANT SEARCH

The word SERVANT appears in the puzzle below 14 times! See if you can find all 14! The word can be vertical, horizontal, diagonal, or even backwards.

**SNSTSYSSXSPSSS
 EEE EEETETEEET
 RRR JRRNRNYRRNR
 VVVAVAVUVVDV
 AQAVAVAAAVATA
 NNRNRNNNNNNHN
 TETEVTTTTTTJP
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 EGESERVANTEAMK
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Search the Scriptures:

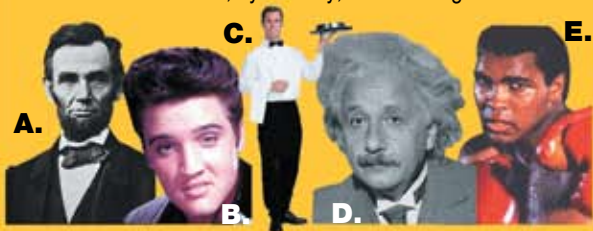
We are looking for a scripture that tells us who the greatest servant of all is. Follow these clues to find the scripture verse in your Bible:

1. The name of the author of the book we are looking for can be found in Acts 1:13. His name does not start with "P" or "J".
2. The chapter number we are looking for can be found in Genesis 31:41. It is the number of years that Jacob served Laban.
3. The verse number we are looking for is found in Second Kings 10:36. It is the number of years Jehu ruled Israel in Samaria.

Write the scripture verse and the answer below.

Who is the Greatest?

Circle the man below that you think God would consider to be "The Greatest." Oh, by the way, there is a right answer!



One day Jesus' disciples got into an argument over which one of them was "the greatest." Jesus overheard their discussion and quickly settled the argument. He told them that the greatest one among them is the one who SERVES! It was so important to Jesus that His disciples understood this that He said it on at least two different occasions. (Matt. 20:26; 23:11). Some people think they have achieved greatness when others serve them, but it's not that way in God's kingdom. Do you want to be great in God's Kingdom? Then start serving God and others today. Here are some areas where you, as a kid, can serve God and others:

- 1). Serve your parents by helping them around the house and yard—set the dinner table, wash dishes, mow the yard, etc.
- 2). Serve in your church by helping your Sunday School teacher with the lesson and cleaning up the classroom.
- 3). Serve the elderly by visiting them in the nursing home.

Ask your parents or pastor other ways that you can serve God . . . that is, of course, if you want to **BE GREAT!**

jokes & riddles



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

What is a singing archaeologist's favorite coffee?
Fossil Latte

What did the man do to his saltwater aquarium to make it easier to pick up.
He put a little "musse!" in it!

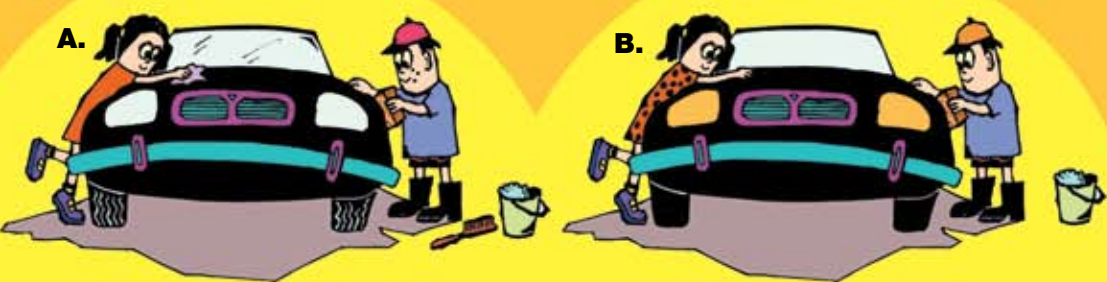
Why did Charlie put a dictionary five feet above his television set?
He wanted to watch "high definition" TV

What can a baby lift that a strong man with laryngitis can't?
His voice

What has two feet but no arms or legs?
A yardstick

FIND THE DIFFERENCES!

One way that you can serve is by helping your parents wash the car like the boy and girl in the picture below! See if you can find the differences between these two pictures. There are eight differences in all.



ANSWERS:
 WHO IS THE GREATEST?
 C. THE SERVANT
 SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES
 MATTHEW 20:26—JESUS IS THE GREATEST SERVANT OF ALL. ("SON OF MAN" IS A NAME THAT JESUS CALLED HIMSELF.)
 FIND THE DIFFERENCES
 1. HEADLIGHTS ARE DIFFERENT
 2. WINDSHIELD IN B. DOESN'T HAVE GLARE
 3. NO TREAD IN TIRES ON B.
 4. NO BRUSH ON GROUND IN B.
 5. NO FRECKLES ON BOY IN B.
 6. BOY'S HAT IS DIFFERENT COLOR IN B.
 7. GIRL DOESN'T HAVE HAIR IN B.
 8. GIRL'S DRESS HAS POLKA DOTS IN B.



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