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Those who loved Him removed His body from the cross and laid it in a tomb. The Jewish leaders feared Jesus' disciples might steal His body and say that Jesus had risen from the dead. So they put a seal on the stone in front of the tomb to make the entrance secure. The leaders even placed soldiers to stand guard in front of the grave.

Jesus' followers had heavy hearts and were filled with utter despair. The One Who had opened blind eyes, made the lame walk and the deaf hear, and raised the dead was Himself dead and buried.

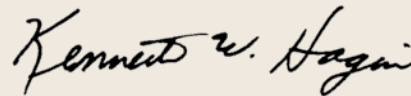
I could take you to Jerusalem—to a garden where many historians and Bible experts believe Jesus was buried after His crucifixion. I could show you a tomb, but you wouldn't find Jesus. You wouldn't find His bones or His burial garments. *The tomb is empty!* It's just as the angel said: "He is not here: for he is risen" (Matt. 28:6)!

The risen Christ is alive and well today. He is seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, forever making intercession for us. He is clothed in majesty and glory—and He loves us!

Think of it—the King of kings loves *you!* It makes no difference what you've done or haven't done. Jesus Christ loves you and is interceding for you at the right hand of the Father.

If you are discouraged today, I want to encourage you with this reminder—Jesus is alive, and He's on your side! The grave could not hold Jesus. The devil thought he had won when Jesus died. But the devil did *not* win. Glory to God—Jesus rose from the dead!

Jesus is alive!



PS. We've put together a great magazine especially for you. We want to share with you the wonderful blessings you have because Christ is risen.



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REVIVAL

The Cry of the Hour

THE SPIRIT OF GOD is moving mightily in revival on the earth today. In the midst of this growing revival, the Holy Spirit is stirring up and awakening the hearts of supernaturally minded, God-called people. They are awakening to the call to be part of the greatest move of God's Spirit this world has ever known.



KENNETH W. HAGIN

From the rich to the poor, from the business executive to the blue-collar worker, God is calling the young and old alike. Spiritually hungry believers are rising above the fog of tradition and natural thinking by coming into the Presence of God. Their heart's desire is to learn how to walk in the reality of God's supernatural power and glory. They are stirring their hearts up for revival!

Evil Is Increasing

If ever we needed our hearts to be stirred up to seek revival, it is now. In these last days before Jesus comes, evil is increasing all around us. Never before have sin, sickness, hatred, strife, wars, famine, and earthquakes occurred on the earth to the degree we see them today.

What are we believers doing while evil increases? Some may say, "We're rejoicing in the Lord!" Others say, "We're making our confessions according to the Word." That's good, but while we're rejoicing and making our good confessions, people are becoming more bound by the devil. And the world is moving toward greater chaos and destruction.

Rejoicing in the Lord and confessing the Word are important to our spiritual walk. But let's make sure we aren't being selfish in our rejoicing and our faith. We should be using our faith to reach others with the Gospel, not just to heap material blessings upon ourselves.

Every second the clock ticks another person dies somewhere in the world. Did that person know God? Did believers even try to reach him with the Gospel? Or were they too busy with their own personal affairs to reach out and tell that one who was on his way to hell about Jesus?

Let's not lose sight of the true purpose for which we've been called. We must fulfill our divine call to bring those who are in bondage to Satan, sin, and sickness into the liberating knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We must answer the call to put aside selfishness and go into the world to save those who would otherwise be lost for eternity.

Operating in the Supernatural

Even though you are called doesn't mean you can make revival happen in your own power. But you *can* rise up and answer your call, equipped with the authority of God's Word and *His* supernatural power. Only then can you overcome the devil's tactics and help reach the world for Jesus in this generation. The devil has some power, but he's no match for you when you know how to walk in the supernatural power of God.

The Church is awakening itself from spiritual slumber as people hunger for truth and for a demonstration of God's power on the earth. Spiritually hungry believers look for those who will stand strong and boldly speak the Word of truth with signs and wonders following. They aren't interested in listening to minis-

ters who give flowery speeches and only *talk* about doing the greater works of Jesus, but never do them.

People are eagerly seeking men and women of faith who really know God and can teach them by example how to walk in the supernatural power of God! That power is available to you. If your motives are right—if your only desire is to lift up Jesus and build the Kingdom of God—when you call upon God’s power to work for you, it will remove the obstacles Satan has placed in your path. And God’s power will supernaturally set people free and bring revival on the scene!

Judge Yourself

Fulfilling your part in God’s plan for revival depends on whether you live a holy life from a pure heart. You won’t be able to successfully answer God’s call with sin in your life. If we’re going to experience true revival, we first need to *clean up our camp by repenting of sin* (Deut. 23:14).

Repentance always precedes revival. The Bible says judgment begins at the house of God (1 Peter 4:17). If we want to succeed in fulfilling God’s call on our lives, we must judge ourselves and repent of anything that isn’t pleasing to God.

Ungodliness will keep you out of fellowship with God and keep you from achieving everything He has for you. Never allow yourself to become complacent about sin in your life or about the things of God. Complacency—spiritual sloth and laziness—is a deadly poison that kills revival.

Requirements for Revival

There are some requirements we must fulfill to see revival explode in our generation. First, we must be *spiritually hungry for more of God*. Revival comes when the Church is hungry to see souls won into God’s Kingdom. It comes when both ministers and laypeople alike dare to pay the price to seek the Lord the way

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great men and women of God have done in times past. When God’s flame of revival burns inside us, we won’t be content to sit around and do nothing for the Lord.

Secondly, before we experience a spiritual awakening, we must learn to *pray persistently until victory comes*. We’ll have to spend time praying for the lost! We won’t be concerned with praying for just our own needs to be met. Our hearts will burn with the desire to pray for others and minister to their needs.

Thirdly, to experience revival we must *be committed to what God has called us to do*. We must completely sell out to God, giving Him everything we are and everything we possess. We must be committed to obey God and fulfill our part in His master plan. We should be willing to say, “Lord, I’ll obey Your call. I’ll preach, witness, or help behind the scenes. I’ll do whatever *You* want me to do.”

Determine to be the success God intends you to be. Allow the wind of the Holy Spirit to blow through your heart and cause the desire for revival to burn brightly. Always depend on God’s supernatural power and never try to bring about revival in your own strength. Determine to *do* the greater works of Jesus and not just *talk* about them. Revival is the cry of the hour. Don’t fail to take your place. Answer your call!♥

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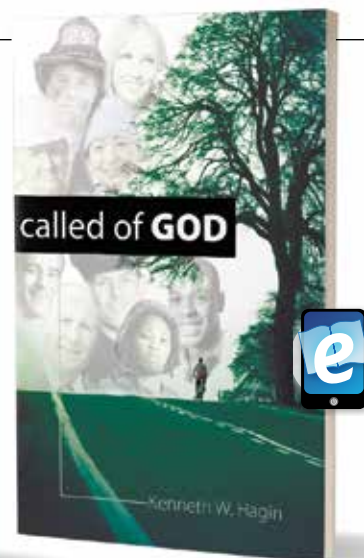
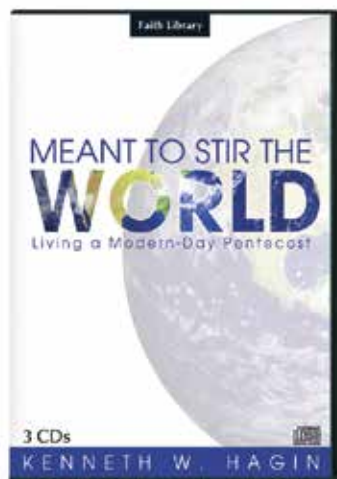
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At *Campmeeting*, there's **SOMETHING FOR EVERY AGE, STAGE, AND GENERATION.** But don't just take our word for it! See what people are saying about this life-changing week. ♡



"The Word is so powerful. I love being able to be free in the Spirit. One of the best parts is getting to **MEET NEW PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!**" // **DANA, OKLAHOMA**

"I love it. I just graduated from high school, and **I WOULD COMPARE CAMPMEETING TO SUMMER CAMP FOR ADULTS!**" // **AUSTIN, ALABAMA**

“This is where I first learned that God loved me.”

"This was my first *Campmeeting*, and it was awesome! **THE WORD WAS SO RICH.** I enjoyed the praise and worship and the atmosphere. I'm definitely going to have to make this an annual event in my life." // **BONITA, DELAWARE**

"I've been coming to *Campmeeting* since 1977. I've only missed two or three since then. **THIS IS WHERE I FIRST LEARNED THAT GOD LOVED ME.** *Campmeeting* builds me up and gets me through another year. It's just good." // **PEGGY, OKLAHOMA**

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"It has been amazing all week—just getting filled, refreshed, and the vision getting stirred back up in me again. Being here made me realize **IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW BIG THE MOUNTAIN IS, GOD IS BIGGER.**" // **AMANDA, WISCONSIN**

"When I arrived on the Rhema USA campus, I felt like the devil was stomping on me. Yet I knew **I MUST BE AT CAMPMEETING TO KEEP AN APPOINTMENT WITH GOD.** He reminded me of so many things during the week! I am ready to go out again to be a devil-stomping missionary!" // **DENISE, AFRICA**

"I was in a car accident. The doctors told me I had a crack in my pelvic bone. I was in pain for months and couldn't bend over to touch the floor. **HANDS WERE LAID ON ME DURING ONE OF THE SERVICES, AND I FELT INSTANT RELIEF.** I can now touch the floor. I'm free!" // **KINGSLEY, NIGERIA**

"**CAMPMEETING WAS AWESOME!** It was freeing and touched on some things I've been dealing with. And I let 'em go!" // **GWEN, OKLAHOMA**

"It's a privilege to be at *Campmeeting*—a treasure! It is amazing. **LIFE CHANGING!**" // **WICHER AND LENA, NETHERLANDS**



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"I've been to *Summer Blitz* four times. I had known Jesus and the Holy Spirit before that, but **THIS IS WHERE IT REALLY GETS IGNITED!**" // **XAVIER**

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"One night the speaker talked about the fire of God and everyone was dancing. I felt it in my bones. **IT WAS LIKE A FIERY PASSION FOR THE THINGS OF GOD.** It was very inspiring. It made me want to knock on God's door and say, 'I'm here! I'm here!'" // **NIIA**



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AS CHRISTIANS, we sometimes concentrate on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and overlook the Person of the Holy Spirit. Our Heavenly Father sent the Holy Spirit to live and dwell within us for our benefit. He has notable character traits that we can tap into that will help us live a victorious life.

Jesus taught His disciples about the Holy Spirit in John chapter 14. He told them that He was getting ready to leave them and return to His Father. Hearing the news, the disciples began to “freak out.” They were going to be alone and didn’t know what they were going to do without Him. Jesus tells them that He is not going to leave them alone. He begins to tell them about the Person of the Holy Spirit.

JOHN 14:16–17 (AMP)

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever—

17 the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you continually and will be in you.

The Holy Spirit is a person that dwells within every believer. Let’s look at His character traits and how each one benefits us.

ADVOCATE—An advocate is someone who supports us and fights on our behalf. We have Someone on the inside Who is fighting for us and supporting us.

Where our strength ends is where God’s strength begins.

HELPER—There are times when we need help. We’ll face situations when we don’t know what to do. The Holy Spirit will show us the right decisions to make and what to do.

COMFORTER—When we’re sad or upset or something unexpected happens in life, we don’t have to run to another person for comfort. We don’t even have to turn to a substance or a pill. We can call on the Comforter Who lives inside of us.

INTERCESSOR—According to the online *Oxford Dictionary*, an intercessor is “a person who intervenes on our behalf, especially in prayer.” We have Someone Who is intervening on our behalf before the Father.

COUNSELOR—Sometimes situations happen that we don’t understand. But God has given us a Counselor Who gives us answers and helps us to understand.

STRENGTHENER—The Holy Spirit is there to strengthen us. Getting to the end of our rope is a good place to be. Why? Because where our strength ends is where God’s strength begins. We want to be in God’s strength.

STANDBY—The word *standby* means “to be held near at hand and ready for use.” The Holy Spirit is ready to help us. He is waiting for us to rely on Him and to call on Him.

FRIEND—We never have to be alone or feel lonely. We have the ultimate Best Friend within us. If we ever feel lonely, we only have to say, “Hey, God, I’m lonely. Be my Friend.” We can talk to Him anytime, anywhere.

The Holy Spirit lives inside of us. Let’s not ignore the Person He is but live more conscious of His presence. As we do, He is ready to help us in many different ways.♥



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Yes, you will need to find a place to live. Apartments and homes are plentiful in Broken Arrow.

- **UNFURNISHED STUDENT HOUSING** is available but fills up quickly.
- Have a roommate? **SHARE CONTACT INFORMATION** and coordinate arrival details.
- Use **RENTAL APPS** and check local sources like Broken Arrow Facebook groups.
- Neighborhoods near campus have **CONVENIENT ACCESS TO AMENITIES**—grocery, dining, shopping, medical, and fuel.

WORK



Area businesses love hiring Rhema students.

- Some **CAMPUS JOBS** are available.
- Bring **PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION** documents with you.
- Use **JOB-FINDER APPS** and even maps to locate nearby businesses.
- **COFFEE LOVERS**, Google those nearby coffee shops and submit applications early to find java and a paycheck at the same place!

VEHICLE



You will need transportation! Buses are available but limited.

- Research **VEHICLE/LICENSE-RELATED INFO** if you are moving from out of state or country.
- Keep **WEATHER-RELATED ITEMS** in your car. It can change quickly!
- In addition to **CAR-BUYING APPS**, check local sources like Broken Arrow Facebook groups if you need to buy a car.
- **KEEP CHANGE** in your vehicle for toll roads (or get a PIKEPASS).

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Testimonies

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It has been a very difficult journey and I had pretty much given up. **THE ARTICLE INSPIRED ME TO KEEP GOING** and I will continue to do so. Praise our awesome God! I am so grateful to our God for who He is and what He has done. I just wanted to let you know. Thank you and God Bless.” // **KRAIG**

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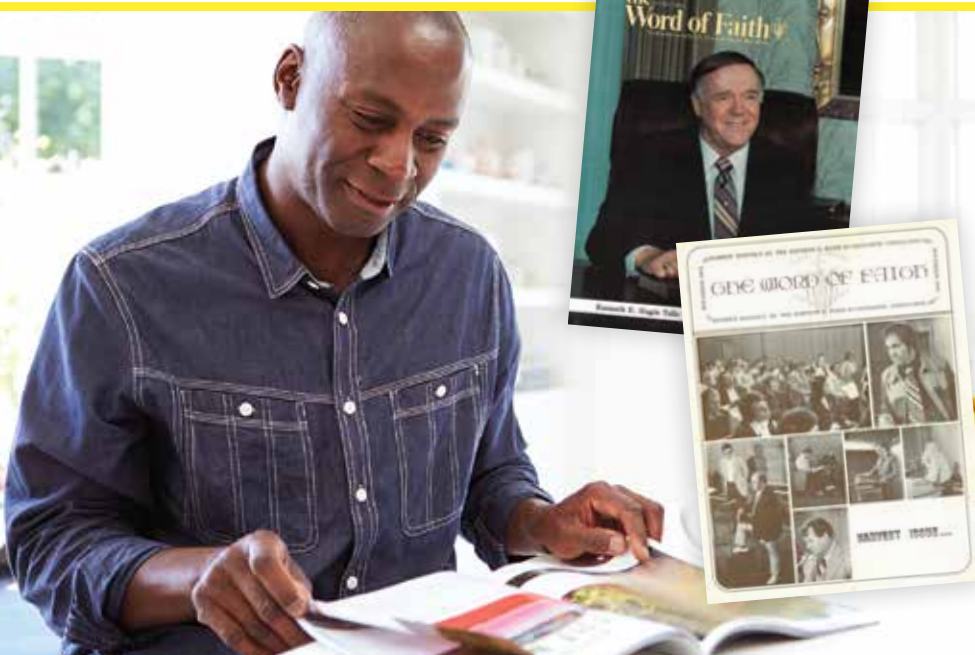
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GOD HAS A call on your life! Whether it's in the ministry, workplace, or family, He has assignments and instructions for each step. One of the most important things you can do is learn how to hear the Holy Spirit. As you trust God and act on what you hear, He helps you to be in the right place at the right time.

To help you on your journey, I want to share some scriptures that have guided my life from a young age. I was raised in ministry and knew I was called to ministry. I have held on to these verses for a long time.

PSALM 37:5 (NKJV)

5 Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NKJV)

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Both of these passages of scripture, tell readers to “trust” the Lord. And as you do, *God* promises to move on your behalf. Proverbs 3:6 in the *New Living Translation* says, “*Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*”

Trust

Why do we have so much trouble trusting God when we place trust in natural things all the time? When you sit down, do you

examine the chair and wonder if it will hold you up? When you're driving, do you wonder if your brakes will work? Hopefully not!

When our oldest grandson was small, he would go to the edge of the platform after the church service and call out, “Poppy!” Of course, Kenneth would recognize his voice, turn around, and little Cameron would jump. He trusted his grandfather so much that one time he was in midair before he said, “Poppy!” Thank goodness Kenneth was quick enough to catch him!

When you call to your Heavenly Father, know that He recognizes your voice. He is always there and always ready. You can rely on Him! Luke 12:31 (NLT) says, “*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.*”

You may not understand why, where, or what God is calling you to do, but the most important thing to do is trust Him. He will use each and every one of us wherever we are as we learn to have confidence in Him.

Go!

One of the greatest examples of trusting God is found in Genesis chapter 12 when God spoke to Abraham. Can you imagine being 75 years old and hearing God tell you to leave your country and family but not tell you where you were going? Yet Abraham was quick to obey. Why? He trusted in God.

God's first word to Abraham was “go” (Gen. 12:1 NIV). Sometimes God's first word to us is “go!” But do we quickly obey? We want to know the whole plan! Some people say, “I'm not going to move until God tells me what I'm going to be doing or where I'm going.” Our Heavenly Father does not normally work that way. Why? Because we must live a life of faith!

Kenneth began to work for his father in the early '70s. I grew up in Texas and never wanted to leave. I didn't like to travel.

Trust God to Answer!

Clinging to a ledge with sheer cliffs below, Brenda desperately searched for her contact lens. Her safety rope had snapped across her face and one of her contact lenses had popped out. She cried to the Lord, "God, Your Word says that the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth. You know exactly where my contact is. Please help me find it!"

There was no sign of the lens. Finally, Brenda's rock climbing group descended where a new party was waiting. Someone shouted, "Hey, has anybody lost a contact lens?" An ant was slowly crawling across the face of the rock, carrying Brenda's contact!

Maybe you need an answer to prayer. God answers! But maybe *you are* God's answer! If you don't know why God has you doing what you're doing, He may be nudging you to carry the "contact lens" or the provision someone is believing for.

Declare this: "God, I trust You! If you tell me to go, I'll go. Thank you for hearing every prayer and guiding me to help others!"

I was satisfied sleeping on my own mattress in my own house. But God was not satisfied!

When He said, "Move," I asked, "Why?" In every way, moving to Oklahoma looked like a step backward. I told God I needed a word from Him, and He simply said, "Trust Me."

I took the verses in Philippians 4:11, 13 literally, "*For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am [Texas or Oklahoma], therewith to be content. . . . I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*"

As I committed to follow God, even though I didn't understand it, God said, "*Lynette, let Me plan your future.*"

Kenneth and I began traveling in crusades with Brother Hagin. Then one *Campmeeting*, he said under the unction of the Holy Spirit that we were going to start a Bible school. As soon as he said that, the Spirit of God came upon my husband and me and said, "*This is what I have been preparing you for.*" And look what has come to pass! Now there are hundreds of Rhema Bible Training College campuses across 50 nations!

Sometimes God's first word to us is "go!"

What if we had not obeyed God? What if I had said no? I thought I was committed and submitted until God asked me to go where I didn't want to go, do what I didn't want to do, and say what I didn't want to say!

I urge you to fully commit to God's plan for your life. He is calling you to a higher place. Trust Him! Stay in His will, open your heart, forget the past, and go forward. The joys that await you will be more than you could have imagined!♥

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IN HEBREWS 11:1, we see what Bible faith is: “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*”

Moffatt’s translation of this verse reads, “*Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see.*” Another translation says, “Faith is giving substance to things hoped for.” Still another translation reads, “Faith is the warranty deed, the thing for which we have finally hoped is at last ours.”

There are a number of kinds of faith. Everyone, saved or unsaved, has a natural, human faith. Here, God is talking about a scriptural Bible faith. He is talking about believing with your heart. And there is a vast difference between believing with your heart and just believing what your physical senses tell you!

Faith is grasping the unrealities of hope and bringing them into reality.

For example, you hope for finances to meet the obligations that you have to pay. Faith gives the assurance that you will have the money when you need it. “Faith is the evidence of things not seen.” You hope for physical strength to do the work that you must do. Faith says, “*The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid*” (Ps. 27:1). Faith will say about itself everything that the Word says, *for faith in God is simply faith in His Word.*

In being raised from the bed of sickness many years ago, I learned what faith is. After getting healed, I needed work. Since it

was during the Depression, work was not easy to find. However, I was able to get a job in a nurse helping to pull up peach trees. With another boy on the other side of the tree, we would pull up two-year-old trees to fill orders that had come in. I want you to know that was work—especially for someone who had been recently bedfast for 16 months. I had only been out of bed for a few months.

Each morning before sunup, we would meet. Every day some of the boys would say, “Well, I didn’t think you’d make it today. You know, two or three quit yesterday.”

Now I didn’t believe in going around trying to push something off on someone, but I did believe in witnessing for God. And when they would say these things, it would give me the opportunity to witness.

Faith is grasping the unrealities of hope and bringing them into reality.

“If it weren’t for the Lord I wouldn’t be here,” I would answer, “for you see, His strength is my strength. The Bible says, ‘*The Lord is the strength of my life.*’ My life consists of the physical as well as the spiritual, and the Lord is the strength of my life.”

See Yourself Victorious

Many people fail *because they see themselves fail*. Begin to see yourself with the answer. Picture yourself with what you are believing God for. If you're sick, see yourself well. If you need finances, see God meeting your needs. See yourself doing what the Word says you can do. As you are standing in faith, keep the Word constantly before your eyes and in the midst of your heart (Prov. 4:21). As you do, the Lord will make good on His promises.

It would make some of the boys angry when I would say that. But I would smile and say, "Praise the Lord, I'll be here tomorrow and every other day, because the Lord is my strength."

Now, if I had gone by my feelings I would never have gotten out of bed! I was never so weak in my life. I felt as if I couldn't do it. But I stayed with it. I acted on the Word because I knew what faith was.

I would say to the Father, to Jesus, to the Holy Spirit, to the devil, to myself, and to the other boys if they asked me, "The Lord is my strength." But I never actually got any help *until* I started to work.

Many people want to get something and then believe they've got it. But you have to *believe* you have something and then you *receive* it.

When we began to work each morning I wouldn't have any strength, but when we started on the first tree (or sometimes the second) I would feel something hit me in the top of my head. It would go through my body, out the ends of my fingers, and out the ends of my toes. Then I would work all day long like a Trojan.

One 250-pound fellow said, "I'll tell you, when this old 250 pounder is gone, there won't be a man left in the field." I said, "Why, Alton, God weighs more than 250 pounds. When you fall out and quit, I'll still be here." That riled him, but at 3 o'clock that afternoon he fell out, and I was the only man left. In the natural I was the weakest and the skinniest, but I was the only man left of the original crew. I had proved God's Word.

You may say that you know God's Word is good, but you never will really know until you have acted on it and have reaped the results.

And this is what I am trying to tell you that faith is. *Faith is giving substance to the things hoped for*. I acted on God's Word; I went to work. I hoped for the physical strength to do the work, but it was my faith that gave substance to what I had hoped for.

Faith says, "God is the strength of my life." As I acted on God's Word, faith gave substance to that for which I had hoped.

A lot of people just hope—and stop there. And that won't work. *Faith* is the substance of things hoped for. If you say, "Well, I hope God heard my prayer," and that's all you do, He didn't, and there won't be any answer. But your faith can and will give substance to the answer to that prayer.

Remember this: Hope says, "I will have it *sometime*." Faith says, "I have it *now*."

Real faith in God's Word says, "If God's Word says it is so, then it is so. It is mine. I have it *now*." Real faith also says, "I have it when I can't see it."

Many want to know it first and then believe. That is, they want to know it from the standpoint of its having come to pass. But we know it from the standpoint that God's Word says it is so—then it materializes. This is real faith. 🇺🇸

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FAITH IN GOD
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Let Every Generation Praise the Lord



KENNETH W. HAGIN

GOD DESIRES THAT all people from generation to generation come to know Him. How will this happen? Psalm 79:13 (NKJV) says, “*So we, Your people . . . will show forth Your praise to all generations.*” Psalm 145:4 (NLT) says, “*Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.*”

Every generation is to tell its children about the mighty things God

has done. By doing this, the next generation is being prepared to follow God’s plan for their lives.

Knowing about God just doesn’t happen accidentally. We have to teach children about Him. When our kids are young, we teach them things like looking both ways before crossing a street. In the same way, they have to hear us talk about the things of God, His greatness, and how He has moved in our lives.

Having a Heart for Young People

Young people today face a far different world than the one I grew up in. Today’s generation is different from older generations. In spite of our differences, we need to show younger generations support and understanding. It’s important that we have a heart for all of the different generations that are represented in church today.

Sometimes older generations don’t appreciate the energy of the youth, but I do. If you run with young people, you’ll stay young. But if you sit down and do nothing, you’ll get old. The more mature generations may have wisdom and experience, but they need the energy, idealism, and enthusiasm of the younger generations.

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MANY YEARS FROM NOW.

MALACHI 4:5–6 (NKJV)

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

6 And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

From these verses, we see the need to have a heart for young people. They are valuable and have a lot to give to our world. One of the keys to generational cohesion is maintaining a young heart. Be young in your spirit. Be flexible. And don’t put young people down.

In church congregations today, we can have as many as six generations under one roof. Although we all have different ideas of how things should be, we have to have cohesion with one another. We have to understand that each generation is important and has something to give. And those of us in older generations need to realize that it’s our responsibility to teach and be involved with younger generations.

Realize Their Potential

Today’s kids need us. They need to see our strong faith. They need to know that we’re interested in them as people. There are many young people today that have problems with acceptance. They need to be reassured that they’re accepted and that they belong.



“Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”

Our kids need help in knowing what truth is and how to establish safe boundaries. Because of what we see on TV and what we are surrounded with on a daily basis, we can fall into the trap of accepting what is wrong as right. Yes, we have to love everybody, but we don’t love what they do. Society tolerates things the Bible calls sin, and our young people are losing sight of what the Word of God says.

Every generation has to find their own faith. Our prayer is that our kids will have the same testimony that David had: *“O God, You have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works”* (Ps. 71:17 NKJV).♥

Young people don’t have to be very old to start contributing to the world.

By age six, Mozart gave piano concerts in Europe. At age seven, Helen Keller, blind and deaf, mastered a vocabulary of 625 words. At age 10, Thomas Edison set up a laboratory in his basement. At 18, Joan of Arc led 3,000 French soldiers to victory in Orléans.

Long before Samuel became a prophet, he ministered to the Lord as a young boy. In the Bible, David was a teenager when he was anointed king of Israel.

There is great potential in young people. They will be the world’s leaders in not too many years from now. It’s important that seeds of greatness are planted in their hearts and are cultivated and fertilized with the Word of God. Like it or not, older generations are passing and younger generations are taking over.

Show Them God’s Truths

The younger generation needs us to show them how to live for God and how to stay with God. Many young people today don’t understand right from wrong. They’re not taught absolutes in school. They’re taught, “Okay, whatever.” They believe in tolerating everything, even if it’s against God. There is no clear sense of right or wrong and no moral boundaries.

Romans 12:2 in *The Message Bible* explains exactly what kind of world our kids are living in today and what needs to be done:

Six Generations

All six of these generations are living in the United States today.*

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Generation Z (aka Boomlets or the “i” generation)—born after 2001

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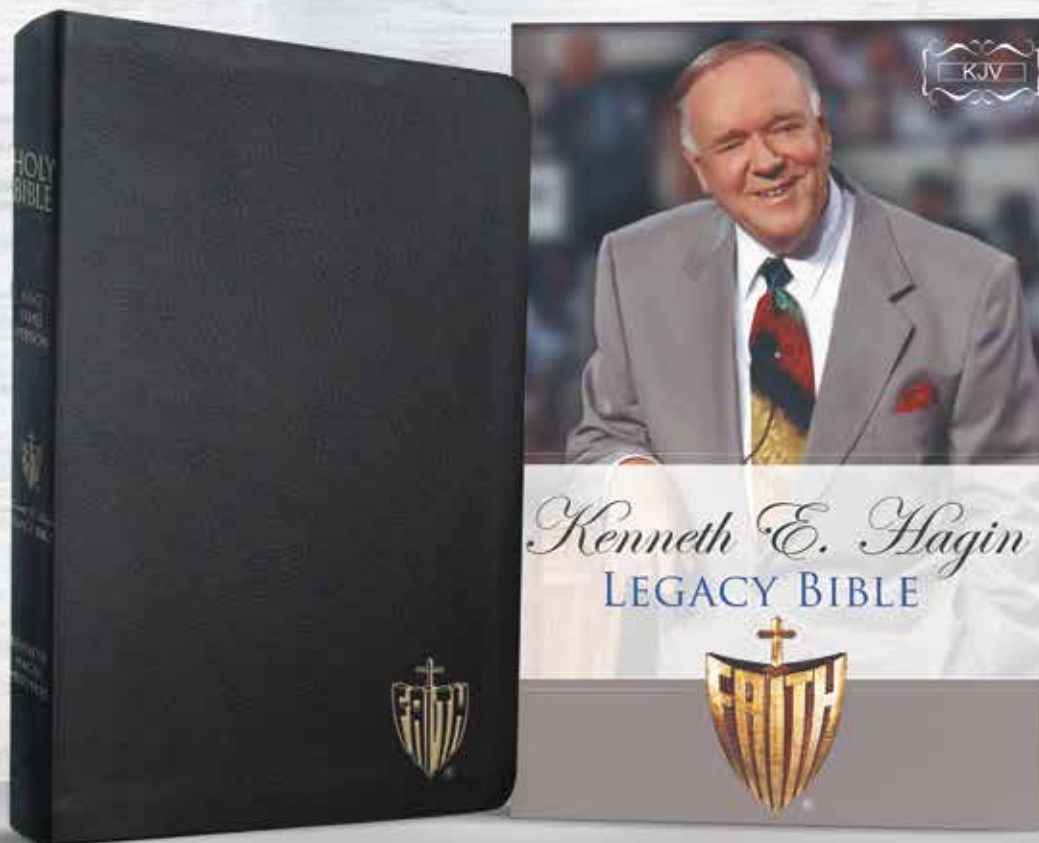
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The Space in Between

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KNOWING THAT healing *already* belongs to us is an important truth every Christian needs to understand. When Jesus died on the cross 2,000 years ago, salvation *and* healing were made available to mankind. First Peter 2:24 tells us that by Jesus stripes, we *were* healed.

Some people, however, believe they are *going* to get healed someday. Others are waiting for God to do something. But **ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, WE ARE ALREADY HEALED.**

If the Bible says we are healed, but we are sick, how do we obtain healing?

It's very simple. Just believe. Healing is a free gift that Jesus already paid the price for. We receive it by faith.

As an illustration, think about how we order food when using the drive-thru at a fast-food restaurant. We place our order at the kiosk. Then we drive to the first window to pay. Imagine if we got to the window and discovered that somebody had already paid for our meal! It doesn't cost us anything. We just drive to the second window and pick it up!

In the same way, Jesus paid for our healing. We can now bypass the "pay" window. All we have to do is ask, and pick it up!

Don't Listen to Fake News

For many people, a problem arises in the space of time between getting and seeing. We already have been healed. That happened 2,000 years ago. By faith, we are healed now.

However, it's when we don't immediately see any changes in our body that we can allow the devil to come in.

The devil tries to convince us that we aren't healed even though God's Word says we are. Remember, the devil is a liar. He is the inventor of fake news! He tries to keep

Some people have to wear eyeglasses to see. Without them, everything looks blurry. Spiritually speaking, clarity comes when we renew our minds with the Word of

*Healing is a free gift.
Jesus already paid the price for it.*

us focused on our situation and how it looks. He wants us to focus our attention on our symptoms.

Put On Faith Goggles

To combat the lies of the devil, we need to see ourselves through the lens of who we are in Christ. In essence, we have to put on "Christ goggles." Looking at our situation through the Word of God enables us to see clearly.

God, and we start to see clearly. We don't see sickness. We see healing. We don't see the devil roaring. We see him cowering.

Jesus paid a high price for our healing on the Cross of Calvary. The stripes He received on His back covered every sickness mankind has ever known. Because of what happened then, we don't have to wait for God to heal us now. Healing *already* belongs to us. ♥



CONSIDER THIS

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law (Gal. 3:13), which includes every sickness and disease. Meditate on this healing scripture, and allow it to penetrate your heart. "Many are the afflictions of the righteousness: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

KEEP THE SWITCH OF FAITH TURNED ON

MY FATHER-IN-LAW, Kenneth E. Hagin, taught many of us the principles of exercising our faith to receive whatever we needed from God. I heard him quote Mark 11:22–24 hundreds of times.

"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that 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. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

After teaching on faith, he would say, "Keep the switch of faith turned on." You may wonder what that statement means. Simply put, it means that God wants us to live a fulfilled life.

John 10:10 says, *"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* To live the abundant life, we must practice what the Word says. One of the principles that God has established is found in Mark 11:22–24.

Let me paraphrase these verses in my words. Jesus said that when you speak to a mountain—your mountain might be finances, healing, difficult circumstances, family situations, and so forth—to be removed, do not doubt in your heart. Believe that what you have said will come to pass, and you will have what you say. When you pray, believe that you will receive the things you desire, and you will have them.

You may think that you have followed the principles of praying, saying, and believing. But the things you have prayed about, confessed, and believed have not come to pass yet. This is why my father-in-law would say, "Keep the switch of faith turned on."

Our part is to pray, confess, and believe. It is God's part to bring into reality what we have asked for.

Many times His timetable is

not the same as ours. We live in an instant generation. We are so used to having everything instantly at our fingertips that we get irritated if things do not happen quickly. I am guilty of getting aggravated at my computer when it doesn't respond as soon as I desire.

Often what we have asked God for takes time. That is why we must continue to believe and thank Him, for He is working on our behalf on whatever request we have given to Him. I hear people say, "Well, I prayed and asked God for something, and it hasn't happened. I guess it's not going to come to pass."

That statement grieves me because I know that person has just turned the "switch of faith" off and nullified what they were believing for.

I'm reminded of when Daniel asked God about a situation. Let's review those scriptures:

"Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. And he said to me, 'O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.' While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

"Then he said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come'" (Dan. 10:10–14 NKJV).

Many times there is a war in the heavenlies or God has to work out situations you are not aware of before your request can come to pass. I encourage you to continue to keep the "switch of faith" turned on. When I have made a request to God, I simply thank Him every day that He is working on my behalf for the request to become a reality in my life.♥

Lynette





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God's Front Door



When you go to visit someone's house, most likely you enter their house through the front door. Well, to enter into "God's House," there is a "front door" that He wants all of us to use . . . **The Door of Praise.** Lots of folks try to get to God through the "back door." They come to Him with their prayer requests and complaints. But Psalm 100 tells us the correct way to enter into God's presence. "**Come before Him with joyful singing. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise**" (vv. 2, 4 NASB). The next time you go to church, remember to take these three things along: a joyful song, a thankful heart, and praise on your lips! That's the way you'll enter God's front door . . . The Door of Praise!

jokes & riddles



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

What has forty feet and sings?

The school choir

Why did Humpty Dumpty have a great fall?

Because he wanted to make up for a boring summer.

What do you call the first person to get in the bathtub?

The ring leader

Why did the chicken cross the road?

To show the possum that it could be done

Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Cockadoodle . . .
Cockadoodle who?
It's not Cockadoodle who, it's
Cockadoodle doo!

Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Atch . . .
Atch who?
God bless You!

What do you call a frog with no legs?

Unhappy!!



PSALM 100 SPIRAL

See if you can find 10 words from Psalm 100, verses 1-4, in the spiral of letters above. Use the King James Version of the Bible.

A. The Sheep of His Pasture



Psalm 100 says that we are the sheep of God's pasture. One of these four sheep is different from the others. Can you figure out which one it is?



THANKSGIVING SCRAMBLE

Enter His gates with thanksgiving! What? Can't think of anything to be thankful for? Here are a few things you should be thankful for, but the words are scrambled. Unscramble them and then put the letters in the colored circles in the correct order to discover someone to be thankful for.

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Thanksgiving Scramble
salvation, health, family, answered prayers, friends
Colored letters: Holy Spirit
PSALM 100 SPIRAL
(Starting from center) GATES, COURTS, PRAISE, ENTER, SINGING, JOYFUL,
SHEEP, PASTURE, THANKSGIVING, GOD
ANSWER: A. THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE • Answer: A.

ANSWERS:



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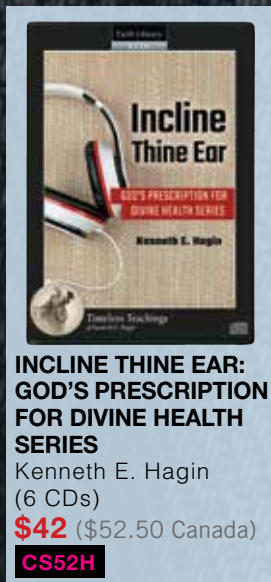
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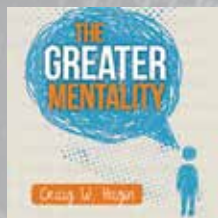
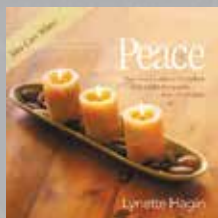
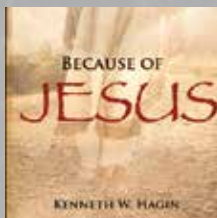
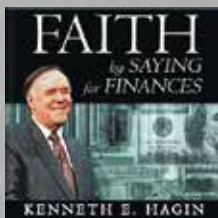


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