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Love That Turns Dreams Into Realities

Most word of faith people today are not missing it in their confessions. They're not missing it in knowing what the Word of God says. They're not missing it in believing the Word. They are missing it by not knowing how to walk in love.

You see, faith is the hand that takes the things we need from God. But Galatians 5:6 says faith works by love. We can't do anything without love.

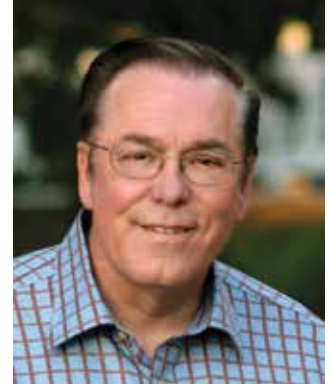
The kind of love I'm talking about covers a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8). First Corinthians 13:4-8 tells us this love bears all things, suffers long, and is kind. It doesn't envy and does not think more highly of itself than it should. This love is more interested in what it can do to help others get more, than in what it has itself.

I'm talking about pure love—the love of God. When we have this kind of love, we will not be content to be mediocre, stay in a corner, and barely make it to Heaven. We will be successful even when we're not trying to be!

The God-kind of love will spill over into our jobs, our schools, and every other aspect of our lives. Not only will we reap spiritual benefits; we will reap natural benefits we never thought possible. We will wake up one morning and find that good things are happening to us. Promotions are coming. The money we need is coming. Everything we need is coming to us—because we're walking in this love.

Think of all the marvelous things God has prepared for us. We could sit and dream and dream of them. Dream faith dreams! And when we put the love of God to work with our faith and our confession, we will see those dreams turn into spiritual realities!

I encourage you to get the God-kind of love working for you this month. And let this magazine encourage you as you do. Lynette's article on page 14 will teach you the importance of taking your requests to God. And my dad's article on page 10 will reveal an important door of blessing Jesus has opened for you.



In love,

Kenneth W. Hagin

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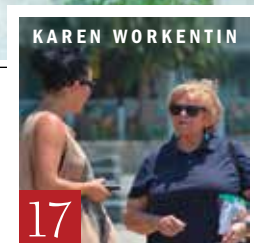
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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GOD?



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We each have a divine destiny. But before we study *what* God has planned for us, we should take the time to get to know the One Who gave us the destiny in the first place. It's important that we know *Who* God is.

HOW DO WE get to know God? We get to know Him the same way we get to know anyone else—by spending time with Him. You see, so often we think only about God's awesomeness and power—how big He is. That's good, but we also must realize that we can commune with Him one-on-one. Isn't that a tremendous thought?

Actually, the Bible teaches that we were made in God's image for this very reason—for fellowship (Gen. 1:26–27; John 14:23). And this fellowship happens as we spend time with God through His Word and prayer.



TAKE TIME

Take 15 minutes today to get in the Word and find a scripture that reveals Who our Heavenly Father is to you. Then meditate on that scripture to get that truth down on the inside of you!

GET IN THE WORD!

The Bible is a book of God's perspectives. It tells us who we are as believers, what God thinks of us, and what He thinks we can do. The Word of God is a book that will help us grow to be what God wants us to be. It shows us how to develop character and integrity. It tells us how to get and use faith. It helps us have a winner's mentality.

Really, the Word shows us Who God is. He's the One Who has given us the good gifts of salvation, prosperity, and healing. He's the One Who has promised to give us all the desires of our heart (Ps. 37:4) and meet all of our needs

(Phil. 4:19). No matter what anyone else says or what circumstances may be saying to us, we can believe that what God has said is true.

As I was growing up, when my father told me something, I believed him implicitly. And I know that after I've told my son, Craig, something, a thousand people could tell him it isn't so, but he would stand there and say, "I don't care what you say. My daddy said it is so."

I'm going to stand up and say the same thing: "Believe what you want; write what you want; do what you want. But my Heavenly Father said that I was saved, delivered, healed, and set free. I'm going by what my Father says!" When we make the decision to know God and trust His Word in this way, there won't be anywhere for us to go but over the top!

TALK TO HIM

In order to get to know our Heavenly Father fully, we also need to develop a strong prayer life. We must commune with Him—not just every day, but all day long. David understood the importance of that kind of communion with God. In Psalm 55:17 (NKJV) he said, "*Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.*"

We must learn to come into our Heavenly Father's presence and talk to Him as a child would talk to his earthly father. A child doesn't approach his earthly father afraid and nervous, and say



THINK ABOUT

How do you talk to God? Do you talk to Him as you would your best friend? Or do you keep Him at a formal distance? Why do you think this is?

in a stilted, formal voice, "O Father, wilt thou take heed to what I desire?"

No, a child comes to his father and just says, "Daddy, I want to talk to you about something." That's the kind of intimate relationship we should cultivate with God.

When I attended Bible college, some of the students who lived in the dorm with me sometimes said to me, "Hagin, you pray funny."

I'd ask, "What do you mean?"

They'd answer, "Well, you talk to God just like you'd talk to anyone else."

I responded, "That's the way we're *supposed* to talk to God. He's our Father, and we're His children."

For some reason, many people have the idea that prayer has to be formal to be effective. But we don't have to put on a formal front in order to communicate with God, because He's our Father. And we don't have to do all the talking either!



THE WORD *shows us* WHO GOD IS.
HE'S THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US THE *good gifts*
OF SALVATION, PROSPERITY, AND HEALING.

As we spend time every day communing with our Heavenly Father, we'll learn to hear His voice in our spirit. Our prayer life will become a two-sided conversation. We'll talk to God and He'll talk to us. And He'll give us comfort, guidance, wisdom—whatever we need at the moment.

It's simple. It's not complex. Get to know your Heavenly Father. Know Him through His Word. Talk with Him. Because when you do, no sickness or economic condition can stop you, and there aren't enough demons in hell to keep you from fulfilling your divine destiny. When you're acquainted with Him, there is no way you can be defeated!♥

Enjoy THE BENEFITS OF KNOWING GOD!

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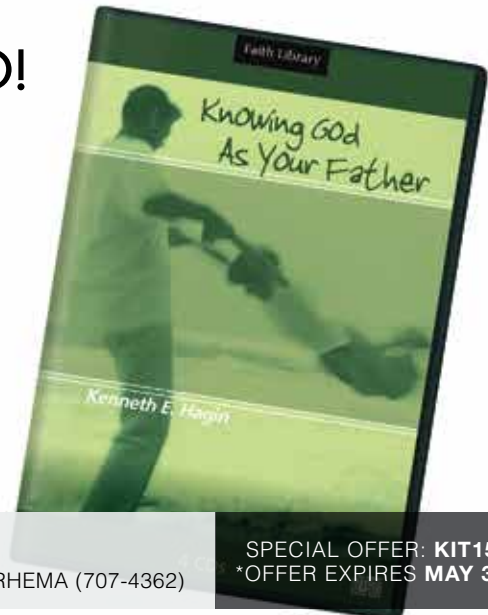
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If you've never experienced God's love—if you've never known what it is to have a relationship with God—you can do so today. Just say the following prayer out loud:

God,

I come to You in Jesus' Name. I want to know You and Your great love. I want to have eternal life. The Bible says, "If you openly declare 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 openly declare that He is my Lord. Therefore, I am saved. I have eternal life. *Thank You for loving me!*

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Building Men of Character



“A CALL TO ARMS” went out and hundreds of men answered. They gathered on the Rhema campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, in November for Kenneth W. Hagin’s annual men’s conference. Speakers challenged and encouraged them to be God’s men—learning how to live and lead His way and leave a godly legacy. Here are highlights. And be sure to save the date for *A Call to Arms 2015*, November 5–7.

WE NEED TO *train* OURSELVES TO BE GODLY BECAUSE WE’LL NEED THE STRENGTH OF GOD TO *overcome* LIFE’S CHALLENGES.



Train Yourself to Be Godly

KENNETH W. HAGIN

“Stay clear of silly stories that get dressed up as religion. Exercise daily in God—no spiritual flabbiness, please!”

—1 TIMOTHY 4:7 (MESSAGE)



IT PAYS great dividends to show godliness in this ungodly world. But training yourself to be a godly man is a daily exercise for your entire life. You train yourself to be godly, and you keep yourself godly by training.

If you work out in the gym or at home, do you do it once a month or every quarter? No, it’s a daily routine. And you can’t hire someone to work out for you. You can’t delegate it. Likewise, it’s *your* responsibility to keep yourself spiritually fit. The Word will be your training guide. This is a 24/7/365 training session with God.

We need to train ourselves to be godly because we’ll need the strength of God to overcome life’s challenges. Sometimes the godly character we incorporate into our lifestyle is what helps us to be faithful. If it weren’t for that character, we would fail, yield to temptation, and give up.

Look at Samson. He was a man of God, but he neglected to stay spiritually fit. He thought he could live the way he chose and still have the power of God. But he was stripped of his strength, and the enemy took him captive.

My point is this: We must train ourselves daily in the qualities that a godly man should demonstrate to his family—his sons and grandsons—and all of the young men he comes in contact with. Our godliness or ungodliness will affect future generations.♥

Power Talk Highlights

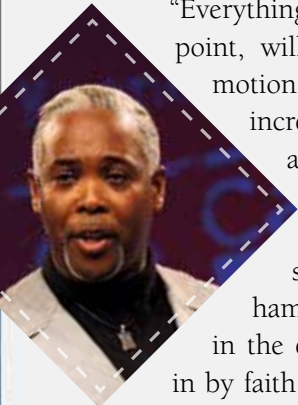


“You don’t know how many lives you touch. Wherever you are, you’re able to influence people. It may just be your Facebook friends. If that’s the case, make it great. Inspire them.”

// **ARTHUR GREENO**
Power of Business

“The Bible says to resist the devil, and he has to flee from us. Why will he flee? Because he has no right to operate in our lives if we don’t give it to him. Remember, the devil is seeking whom he *may* devour. I’m of the class of people that he may not devour, because I know who I am in Christ. When we know this, nothing will move us. Fear will not motivate us, because we won’t be motivated by what we see and feel. We’ll be motivated only by the Word of God on the inside.”

// **PASTOR CRAIG W. HAGIN**



“Everything you do while you’re on the earth, at some point, will become history. But everything you set in motion becomes legacy. That’s why Rhema has an incredible legacy. Something has been set in motion, and it’s grown bigger than the house from which it was birthed. You know you have something that is birthed of God when God uses you to set something in motion that outlives you. Abraham is dead, but his blessings continue to thrive in the earth toward believers who have been grafted in by faith. We’re blessed today because we’re Abraham’s children.” // **BISHOP DALE C. BRONNER**

“Hebrews 10:35 (NIV) says, ‘*Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.*’ This is not the time to give up on your confidence. Don’t give up on who God made you to be—on your dream, your prayer, or your vision. It’s time to be strong. Don’t you dare throw your confidence away; it will be richly rewarded! Though it has been a little delayed, it’s still coming. You will reap a harvest if you faint not. We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed. We are of those who believe and are saved.”

// **PASTOR ANDY THOMPSON**



“Nehemiah gave people a reason to believe. Action leadership begins there. People aren’t moved to action with the mind. If the heart is not convicted, people will not do great things.”

// **KELLY RIGGS**
Power of Leadership



“Is it disagreement that destroys teams? Or is it disrespect? Respect is the glue that binds the team together. It’s the gift you give somebody, even before they deserve it.”

// **TIM REDMOND**
Power of Family



“What you think about, what you focus on, will become your reality. You’ve got to be very aware of the thoughts that you are letting reside in your mind.”

// **VICTOR BLANCO**
Power of Purity



“Money is not ours to blow—it’s ours to invest. It’s ours to do something with in order to give back into God’s Kingdom.”

// **DON BURNS**
Power of Finances



“They said I would never get out of prison. I got a full pardon. The most powerful thing you have today is the testimony God has given you.”

// **RANDY GRIER**
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Go Ahead and Rejoice

MARK HANKINS

PSALM 118:24 SAYS, “*This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*” The Good News Translation says, “*This is the day of the Lord’s victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate!*” I want to ask you, “Are you ready to celebrate?”

See, your celebration—your rejoicing—is first of all a demonstration of your revelation. **IF YOU HAVE REVELATION KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR YOU IN HIS DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND TRIUMPH, IT’S EASY TO GET HAPPY.** Jesus took your sin and shed His blood to redeem you, and victory is yours!

Your faith IS IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR REJOICING.

Secondly, your celebration is a demonstration of your expectation. In other words, you have faith, but you need to add some joy to it. Your faith is in the middle of your rejoicing.

I love the story Dad Hagin told about when he was facing some symptoms in his body. The devil came against his mind and said, “This is one time you’re not going to get healed.”

As he lay in bed, Dad Hagin took the covers, pulled them over his head, and began to laugh. He said, “I just lay there and went ha, ha, ha.

I forced myself to laugh.” (There is a laugh in the Holy Ghost. But there is also a laugh of faith.)

While he was lying there laughing, the devil came against his mind again and said, “What are you laughing at? This is one time you’re not going to get healed.” Dad Hagin just kept laughing.

This happened three times. On the final time, Dad Hagin responded, “I don’t have to get healing. Jesus already got it for me. And because He got it, I have it!” After that, every symptom left!

I thought about what the devil had said: “This is one time you’re not going to get healed.” Understand that Dad Hagin was healed of seven incurable diseases. Now he was having another physical challenge. And the devil said, “This time, you’re not going to get it.”

Isn’t that interesting? **THE DEVIL WILL NEVER CHALLENGE YOU ON LAST TIME.** He doesn’t even want to bring that up, because you know what the Lord did for you in the past. But he’ll tell you, “This time, you’re not going to get it.” However, if God healed you once, He’ll heal you again! If He blessed you once, He’ll bless you again!

I dare you to laugh right now and say, “The Lord delivered me last time, and He’s delivering me again! This time is going to be just like last time and the time before! Ha, ha, ha!”

WHEN YOU BREAK FORTH INTO JOY, SOMETHING BREAKS LOOSE IN YOUR LIFE—something that is exceedingly abundantly above all you could ask or think, according to the power of God that’s working in you. While you’re laughing, something’s happening in your house, in your body, and in your bank account. Something is happening in your future!

IF YOU KNEW WHAT THE LORD WAS WORKING ON FOR YOU RIGHT NOW, I COULDN’T MAKE YOU SIT STILL! You’d say, “I have to praise! I have to shout! I may even have to dance and run! Ha, ha, ha! God is working!”

Go ahead . . . laugh at the devil. He’s under your feet. Sickness is under your feet. Depression is under your feet. Lack is under your feet. Jesus is Lord! You’ve been raised up together and seated with Him. **GET THAT CONCERNED, WORRIED LOOK OFF YOUR FACE. GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE.** And if God is for you, who can be against you (Rom. 8:31)? If He gave you Jesus, He’ll freely give you everything! His victory is yours! Ha, ha, ha!♥

[Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from Mark Hankins’ Wednesday afternoon message at Campmeeting 2014.]




SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT

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THE OPEN DOOR OF

Healing



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JESUS HAS OPENED many doors of blessing for His people. He not only opened the door of salvation, He also opened the door of healing. Jesus opened this door, and no man can shut it.

Isaiah prophesied that the coming Messiah would bear the sicknesses and diseases of us all. When he spoke, he was looking into the future.

ISAIAH 53:4-5

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs [sicknesses], and carried our sorrows [diseases]: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and **with his stripes we are healed.**

BUILD YOUR FAITH in God's healing Word.

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Isaiah was prophesying about Jesus offering Himself as a sacrifice for our sins and bearing our sicknesses and diseases.

When Peter wrote of the covenant of healing, he was looking back in time to Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary and to the stripes that were laid on His back.

1 PETER 2:24

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes we were healed.**

Notice this verse doesn't say we are *going to be* healed—future tense. It says we *were* healed—past tense. That means in the mind of God we were healed at the Cross of Calvary when our sins and sicknesses were laid on Jesus.

The door of healing and health is wide open. Jesus opened it, but it's up to you to go through it! Someone asked, "How do you pass through the door of healing?" You go through it by faith in what God said in His Word!

How did Jesus open the door of healing for mankind? By sacrificing Himself! Matthew 8:17 says, "*Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*" That open door of healing is waiting for us to go through it. Healing belongs to us now!

We passed through the door of salvation by accepting Jesus as Savior. We pass through the door of healing the same way, by accepting Jesus as Healer. We accept Jesus as Savior and Healer by faith in what God said in His Word.

Physical healing is part and parcel of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOD PROVIDED FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

The psalmist said that God provided both forgiveness and healing. Both of these doors are open to us.

PSALM 103:2-3

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

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

God not only forgives all our sins, but He also heals all our diseases. If we need healing, we can appropriate what Jesus has already provided for us. What is even better is to walk in sweet fellowship with Jesus so we can walk in healing and health.

ENTER THE DOOR FOR YOURSELF

You must enter the door of healing for yourself. Others can inspire your faith so you go through that door. But no one can enter it for you. This is especially true concerning healing, but it also applies to any other door of provision Jesus opens for you.

Once a young lady was injured in an automobile accident and broke her neck and back in two places. The doctor said she would never walk again. After two years in the hospital and extensive physical therapy, she could finally swing her body along between crutches for 10 or 12 feet at a time.

At age 28, she came to one of my meetings. She eventually asked me, "Who's going to have faith for my healing—me or you?"

"Both of us," I said. "I have to have faith to lay hands on you for your healing. And you have to have faith to receive your healing."

"Well," she said, "if I'm supposed to believe anything, just forget it." She never came back to any more of those meetings.

Two years later, I was holding a series of meetings in the same church. That young woman came day and night, listening. On Friday night of the second week, she came forward and stood in the healing line. She said, "I've come for healing. Just lay your hands on me."

What a vast difference! Before, she was trying to get me to carry her on my faith. Now she was ready to enter the door of healing herself!

I reached my hand out and barely brushed her forehead. She raised both hands and began to praise God for her healing. Both of her crutches fell away, and she walked off totally healed!

Whatever God has provided for you—salvation, healing, provision, and so forth—you have to enter through the door.

We can help one another. For example, another believer can come into agreement with you in prayer for your healing. Others can join their faith with yours. They can help to inspire your faith. But they can't go through the door for you. Neither can Jesus Himself. He said, "*Behold, I have set before thee an open door*" (Rev. 3:8).

Jesus was saying, "I've done My part. I've already paid the price, and I've opened the door for you. Now it's up to you to go through it." In the same verse He added, "No man can shut that door on you."

YOU CAN SHUT THE DOOR

We recognize that Jesus is the One Who opens and shuts doors. But when we do not enter an open door, we are in effect shutting the door to that blessing.

You can shut the door of healing on yourself. One way you can forfeit your rights to what belongs to you in Christ is by wrong living and wrongdoing.

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CROSS OF CALVARY WHEN OUR SINS AND SICKNESSES
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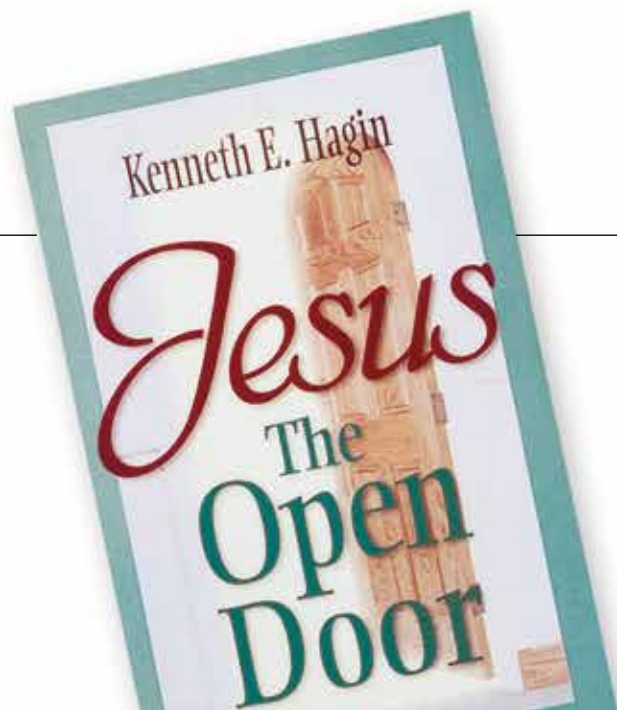
Today it seems we live in a promiscuous society where immorality is accepted. Failure to judge sin and wrongdoing can eventually result in believers being turned over to the devil. (See 1 Cor. 5:1–5.) They will forfeit their right to the blessings of God that belong to them.

When we don't judge ourselves, we open ourselves up to the Lord's judgment by our own sin and disobedience.

When you don't enter through Jesus' open door because of sin, you are shutting doors on yourself. You are closing yourself off from God's wonderful doors of blessing, provision, and promise.

Jesus works on your behalf to open doors for you. Don't close yourself off from those doors. Trust the Holy Spirit to help you see and recognize them.

So by faith and obedience, walk through each door and receive what God has so bountifully provided for you. Let your life be a testimony to the riches of God's inheritance in Christ. ♥



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NO MATTER WHAT we're going through, we have to remember that God's power is greater than anything we're experiencing. Whatever we may face—from financial problems to health challenges to adversity of any kind—God's power is more than enough to change our situation. It's what causes us to be victorious.

God is well able to work on our behalf. But all too often, instead of looking to Him when we face a crisis, we try to come up with our own solution. If we need extra money, we might think the best thing to do is get a second job or work overtime. Doing these things, however, may not be wise.

GOD IS WELL *able*
TO WORK ON OUR BEHALF.

Our wisdom is limited, but God's wisdom is unlimited. I believe we should do everything we can. But sometimes everything we do just isn't enough.

Paul tells us in First Corinthians 2:5 that "[our] *faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God*" (NKJV). The Holy Spirit can do more for us in two seconds than we can ever figure out. It's not about what we can do; it's about what *God* can do. It's His power and ability—not ours—that works out our problems.

TURNING ON THE SWITCH OF FAITH

Faith is the key for God's power to operate in our lives. It's also important to know *where* to put our faith. In other words, our faith has to be in something. And we see in First Corinthians 2:5 that it should be in God's power, not in the wisdom of men.

One of the best places to see God's power demonstrated is in Genesis chapter 1. God changed things He didn't like with His words. He saw a null and void earth and decided to do something about it. He said, "*Let there be light*," and there was light (v. 3).

God spoke and things changed! He said with His mouth what He believed in His heart. And what He said came into manifestation. We have this same power when we speak.

Proverbs 18:21 says, "*Death and life are in the power of the tongue.*" Every time we open our mouths, we are speaking either death and destruction or life and blessing into a situation.

The Word of God contains the power of God. That power is activated when we speak God's Word to our situations. When we hide God's Word in our hearts and speak forth that Word, we, like God, can change our situation.

God's power can be compared to electricity. Electricity flows through the wiring in our homes. We can have electricity in our house, but nothing happens until we turn on a switch. The power was there all the time, but nothing happened until it was activated.

GOD'S POWER IS *greater*
THAN ANYTHING WE'RE
EXPERIENCING.

Let's activate God's power by speaking His Word in faith to the things in our lives that we want changed. God's power is a powerful force. No sickness, disease, poverty, or demon in hell can stand up against it!♥

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JOHN WESLEY once said, “God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.” That’s the law He has designed to operate on this earth—the law of prayer.

In other words, our Heavenly Father works through the prayers of His people. He

shapes the world by the prayers of His saints. But that means He has to find someone who will intercede in prayer.

If we want the will of God to be done in this earth, it is our responsibility to pray that His will is done. The Lord’s Prayer says, “*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. THY WILL BE DONE in earth, as it is in heaven*” (Matt. 6:9–10). I don’t know about you, but as long as I’m here on this earth, I want to be surrounded by the will of my Heavenly Father!

Prayer is our responsibility as Christians. God has called each and every one of us to pray. In fact, it seems that He cannot carry out His plan on the earth without the prayers of His saints, which means we have a mighty job to do in prayer!

The law of prayer requires us, as believers, to pray so God can answer our prayers. In other words, we are supposed to ask, and then He answers. Now, I know that God is all-knowing. Jesus said the Father already knows what we need before we ask (Matt. 6:32). He also knows our desires. But He still requires that we ask Him for those things. James 4:2 says, “*Ye have not, because ye ask not.*” God expects us to ask!

Let me share a story with you that illustrates what I’m talking about here. When I was 16 years old, I had some babysitting jobs and was beginning to earn some money. At the time, contact

lenses had just come out, and I desperately wanted to have some contacts.

I knew there was no money in our family’s budget to provide contact lenses for me. So being the independent person that I’ve always been, I said to my dad, “I desire to have some contact lenses. I want to go to the bank and borrow the money for contacts.”

My dad thought it was a good idea for me to establish some credit, even though this was certainly establishing credit at quite an early age. But my dad was not only a minister, he was also a businessman. And he thought this was a good thing for his daughter to do.

So he told me, “OK. I’ll go to the bank with you and you can borrow the money.”

When we went into the banker’s office, my dad and I sat down. Dad introduced me to the banker, and I thought surely he was going to explain what I wanted. But we just sat there for several minutes, and my dad didn’t say a word!

Finally I thought, “If I’m going to get this loan, I’m going to have to ask for it myself.” So I gathered up my courage and said to the banker, “This is what I want to borrow. I have a babysitting job, and I’ll pay it back.”

“That’s fine,” the banker replied. Then I signed my name on the paper, and when we walked out of his office, I had the loan.

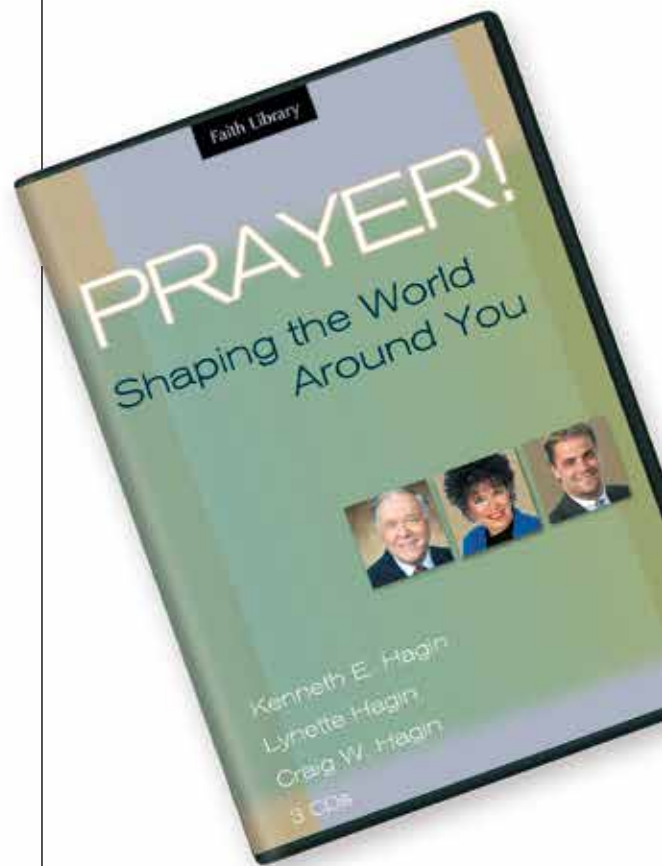
As we were leaving the building, I looked over at my dad and said to him, “Daddy! Why didn’t you tell the banker what I wanted?”

My dad replied, “Lynette, I wasn’t the one who wanted something. It was you. You needed to ask.”

It’s the same way in our relationship with our Heavenly Father. We can’t depend on our spouses to ask God for the things we need. We can’t depend on our friends to ask for us. And our

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children can't depend on us to ask the Heavenly Father for the things they desire. Yes, we can all lift each other up in prayer. But we all must learn how to ask the Father for ourselves!

JESUS SAID TO ASK

There are a number of passages in the Bible where the Lord Jesus Christ told us to ask. Let's read one of those passages from the Book of John.

JOHN 16:23-24

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Remember, when Jesus spoke those words, He was not addressing a crowd of world-renowned Christian televangelists. He was speaking to His disciples. He was speaking to you and me. And He said that whatsoever we ask in His Name, the Father will give it to us. Jesus was urging us to ask!

IF WE WANT THE *will of God* TO BE DONE IN THIS EARTH, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO *pray* THAT HIS WILL IS DONE.

In another passage from the Book of John, the Lord told His disciples, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13). After Jesus made that statement, the disciples must have looked at Him incredulously. They probably thought, "Jesus, are You talking about *anything* that we ask?"

So what did He do then? In the very next verse, He repeated what He had just said—"If ye shall ask *ANY THING* in my name, I will do it" (v. 14). But then He gave them the qualifier for their asking. Verse 15 says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

If you love Me! Jesus is talking about relationship, isn't He? You see, our asking is tied to our relationship with the Lord. It's tied to our love for Him and keeping His commandments. If we have a close, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and we're obeying His commandments, *then* if we ask anything in His Name, He will do it for us.

God desires to give us the things we need and want. But we still must ask Him for them. This is the law of prayer—the law by which God brings His will to pass in the earth. As we boldly ask God to meet our needs and wants, we will receive answers from Him.♥

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TONY & PATSY CAMENETI WITH KAREN WORKENTIN

WHEN KAREN WORKENTIN first moved to the “land down under,” she had \$200 in her pocket and a one-way plane ticket. She’d never heard of Rhema Bible Training College and had never been to any Bible school. But she knew the Lord was calling her to Australia—and so she went!

At the time, Karen thought spending six months in this foreign land would be significant enough for the Lord. Those six months turned into 13 1/2 years of missionary work, during which Karen helped establish several churches. She did all she could to help further the Kingdom of God. Interestingly, it was also during this time that she became acquainted with Rhema.

“I didn’t really know about Kenneth Hagin,” Karen recalled. “My father was a dairy farmer in Washington State and always had the Christian radio on. I did know Brother Hagin preached to our cows, but that’s all I knew,” she laughed.

When friends encouraged her to attend a new Bible school in the city of Perth where she was living, Karen agreed to go. That school was Rhema Australia. The teaching she received there was unlike anything she had heard before. In a letter to a friend she wrote, “There’s not one Bible story that remains the same as I learned it. They’ve absolutely changed up everything! My conflict is that I’ve been raised to believe the Bible is true. And everything I see they’re teaching is in the Bible. Something’s going to have to give!”

Something did give. As it always had, the Bible convinced Karen of the truths she was receiving at Rhema. “I’d had no

idea that the power of God was something totally accessible to ordinary people who would simply believe,” she recalled. “I had always believed the Bible. But I had no idea the Word was as potent out of my lips as it was out of those who inspired it, wrote it, and walked with Christ. I had no idea that I could lay hands on the sick and see them recover or that my Christian walk could be supernatural.” The teaching Karen received at Rhema revolutionized her life and ministry.

BACK TO THE STATES

Though Australia was deeply entrenched in Karen’s heart, in 1992 she found the Lord calling her back to the United States. “I wept when I left Australia,” she remembered. “I felt like I was abandoning the people.” But the Lord had more training in store for her.

Karen moved to Tulsa where she was able to get to know Rhema’s ministry firsthand from the base. That experience opened her eyes. She also found herself utilizing her education background. Following her heart’s desire, she served as dean at colleges in both Oklahoma and New Mexico. She then moved to Tennessee and became vice president of a university.

“I wanted to have my feet in traditional missions,” Karen explained. “But in these schools I was learning things I could take back into more traditional ministry. I learned how to do administration in a higher education setting and how to work with students.”



**RHEMA AUSTRALIA
EXPLOSION DAY
TESTIMONIES**

Prior to Explosion Day, a student heard in her prayer time that she was going to run into a man who could not walk. The Lord told her she'd pray for him and he would walk. That student found the man in a shopping center. She told him Jesus heals today and explained what the Lord had told her. The man agreed to let her pray. She did so in the middle of the marketplace and the power of God healed him. **THE MAN JUMPED OUT OF HIS SCOOTER AND BEGAN TO DANCE WITH JOY.**

A student heard the Lord tell her to go to the top floor of a parking garage at a shopping mall. Once there, she ran into two 15-year-old boys riding skateboards. She asked them if she could talk with them about Jesus. They agreed, got off their skateboards, and sat down on the curb to listen. Minutes later, **BOTH BOYS ASKED JESUS INTO THEIR HEARTS.**

One student saw a young girl limping in the street. He asked if he could pray for God to heal her. She agreed. Seconds later, **THE GIRL FELT THE HEALING POWER OF GOD TAKE HER PAIN AWAY.** That girl and her friend were so amazed by God's power that they asked Jesus into their hearts. A few minutes later, three more of that girl's friends were born again.

While in Tennessee, Karen heard that Tony and Patsy Cameneti, 1983 and 1977 Rhema USA graduates, were moving to Australia. They were going to establish Kenneth Hagin Ministries Australia and to reestablish Rhema Bible Training College Australia.

Friends encouraged Karen to contact the Camenetis to see if they'd like her help. She didn't know Tony or Patsy personally and had never heard them minister, but the Lord supernaturally connected them. Several emails and phone calls later, it was settled. Karen would return to Australia to help the Camenetis. She'd return to the nation God had placed on her heart so many years before.

RHEMA AUSTRALIA

Three months later, Karen flew back to the other side of the earth. She'd quit her job and sold her home, car, and most of her possessions—all to follow the Lord's call. Her only desire was to serve Him. And from the moment she arrived, that's exactly what she did.

Karen jumped in to help Rhema Australia in its pioneering stage. The staff worked out of their homes and met

in restaurants. All the while they prayed and believed God. And He didn't disappoint! In 2009, Rhema Australia relaunched in

Brisbane with 18 students and Karen as the dean.

One unique facet of Rhema Australia that Karen is particularly passionate about is their monthly Explosion Days. "When we were putting the school together, Patsy felt in her heart that we were to have an evangelistic stream," she explained. "And she assigned me the task of making that happen.

"So once a month, we leave the traditional classroom and go out into the marketplaces, malls, parking lots, and beaches. Our purpose is to teach students how to win the lost to Jesus Christ and fulfill



the Great Commission as a lifestyle. This is critical, as approximately 90 percent of the people in Australia are not born again. The students *must* develop a compassion for the lost."

And they are! Students at Rhema Australia are discovering not only how to evangelize effectively but how to be led by the Holy Spirit as they do. They take their cues from the Lord in order to know who to share the Gospel with. And they're seeing amazing results!

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THE STUDENTS MUST
DEVELOP A *compassion*
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On their scheduled Explosion Day in September 2014, students led 25 people to the Lord and ministered to 151. In the weeks following—on their personal time—they led another 100 people to the Lord.

"When the students go out, it's always supernatural," Karen said. "And of course, that makes their faith so real. Some students I would have considered too shy to even approach a fence post get really stirred in their heart by the Word. They go out and witness all the time!

"I love these students," Karen continued. "I've been in schools for years, but Bible school takes you to the heart of why you're in the earth. It's the opportunity to give others the life-changing Rhema curriculum—the powerful Word. That's got to be the top job in the world! I will always teach that it's a powerful life we can live."♥

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Knowing God's Love for the Lost

TO INTERCEDE EFFECTIVELY, you must know the great love God has for all humanity. The scriptures talk about this love.

MATTHEW 5:45

45 He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

LUKE 6:35

35 He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Since the love of God is in us and that love has been shed abroad in our hearts, we are to be kind as God is kind—to the unthankful and to the evil.

IF WE CAN GET PEOPLE TO *see God* AS HE REALLY IS, THEY WILL WANT TO LOVE HIM.

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

One afternoon while resting between services, I was studying my Bible and another book, when the Lord helped me to see the following scripture in a new light.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

I saw how we had missed it in praying for the lost.

I don't mean it unkindly, but just to say, "God, save Uncle John and Aunt Lucy" does about as much good as it does to twiddle your thumbs and say, "Twinkle, twinkle little star." God has already done all He's going to do about saving them.

He sent Jesus to die for their sins. When they confess their sins to God, turn from sin with a whole heart, and believe the Gospel, the Holy Spirit transforms their lives and they are born again.

That afternoon I heard the Lord say to my spirit, "No human in his right mind would drive his car down the highway at a hundred miles an hour, past blinking red warning lights and signs that said, 'Danger! Bridge out!' and plunge himself out into eternity. But a drunk man would—a doped man would. The same thing is true spiritually. No man in his right mind would plunge himself out into eternity without God. But the god of this world has blinded their minds."

He gave me this scripture: "*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds . . .*" (2 Cor. 4:4).

Here is where intercession comes in—we are to loose the sinner from the devil's blindness that he may see the light.

If we can get people to see God as He really is, they will want to love Him.

We are one with the great Intercessor in His ministry of reconciliation. Here is a scripture that sheds light on that ministry:

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 (AMPLIFIED)

19 It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).

Whom did He reconcile unto Himself? The world!

Whose trespasses are canceled? The world's!

The sins of the unsaved have been canceled out by Jesus. All they need to do to take advantage of that is accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and turn wholeheartedly from sin. That's how God is kind to the unthankful and the evil. And He has given to us that message, that word of reconciliation.

When we know God's great love for all humanity, we can intercede effectively for the world. And when we can get people to see God as He really is, they will want to love Him. ♡

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"THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS; HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME. YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE WATERS NEVER FAIL."
— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

AS I HAVE RELAYED many times, I am a planner and organizer. I love to write to-do lists and proudly check off items. It makes me feel that I have accomplished so much. However, as I do this, I often encounter interruptions. Those may not bother you, but they used to annoy me.

I detested interruptions so much that when my children were small, I waited until they were in bed to clean house. I chose a time when I would not be interrupted. Once when a friend was visiting us, I asked my husband around midnight to go and rent a carpet-cleaning machine. "She must be kidding," our friend said to my husband. "No, she is serious," my husband replied. "She always does her cleaning when no one can interrupt."

However, several years ago the Lord began to deal with me about seeing interruptions as a ministry, not an annoyance. I had been complaining about my interruptions when I looked at Jesus' ministry and suddenly realized that His life was full of interruptions. A time-planning expert would have cringed. His days were filled with things not on His original agenda.

In Mark chapter 5 we see Jesus about to address a crowd. Suddenly Jairus approached Him and said, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live" (v. 23). Jesus interrupted His original plans and started for Jairus' house. And the crowd followed Him.

Just then, the woman with an issue of blood seized the moment. She said, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (v. 28), and she touched His garment. Jesus turned around and said, "Who touched my clothes?" Another interruption. His

disciples were annoyed, just as we might have been. They said, putting it in today's language, "Jesus, what do You mean, 'Who touched You?' There is a multitude around You. Many could have touched You!"

But Jesus knew that this was a different touch—not one of curiosity, but

of faith. Mark says, "The woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole" (vv. 33–34).

This interruption came as Jesus was on the way to heal Jairus' daughter. Then word came that she was dead. It appeared that it was too late. However, Jesus continued with His mission. Though the family was already mourning, He said to them, "Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth" (v. 39). We know the rest of the story; Jairus' daughter was raised from the dead.

What if Jesus had said to Jairus, "Go away. You're bothering me. I have another agenda right now"? What if He had refused to stop and minister to the woman with the issue of blood who had suffered for 12 years? We need to take inventory of our lives. How many times has the Lord tried to use interruptions as ministry opportunities, and we have replied, "I don't have time right now. I'm busy checking off my to-do list"?

Several years ago I had my to-do list all ready for the day. It was full of errands. I started out to purchase my first item and was in a store when a woman approached me. I stopped, smiled, and politely said, "Hi." I thought that would be the end of the conversation. However, the woman began pouring out her heart. I stood in that store for two hours listening to her hurts. At first I wanted to scream, "I'm too busy for this! I must complete my list!" But the Lord gently reminded me that interruptions were my work. After I had listened to her and offered words of comfort, she said, "You were an answer to my prayer this morning."

After leaving her I said, "OK, Lord, I obeyed You. Now I need You to redeem my time." I estimated that it would take at least four hours to complete my list. But in less than an hour, I had found everything I needed. God's ways are so much higher than our ways.

So I encourage you, do not look at interruptions as irritations, as I once did. Look at them as opportunities. Know that the Lord may be taking you down a path of interruptions that will let you minister to the needs of others. In turn, you will not only become a blessing but will be blessed.♥

Lynette





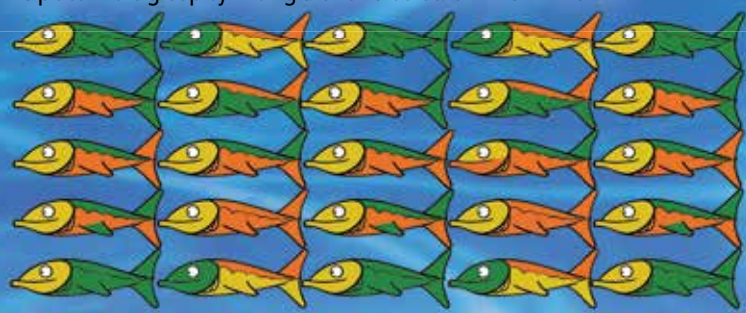
Kids' Page

Fearless, A-nointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-eirs of God

the lost "school mate"



The fish in the light blue circle has lost his place in the school of fish below. Find his place in the group by finding the fish that looks EXACTLY like him.



Find the Palindromes

A palindrome is a word that spells the same thing backwards and forward. . . like the word "MOM." See if you can find all 10 of the palindromes in the silly fish story below.

Bob wanted to go fishing one day at noon. So he got his kayak out and strapped it to the top of his Honda Civic, making very sure it was level. As he drove down the road, he gave his horn a toot as he passed by a racecar. When he got to the lake, he saw a nun fishing on the bank. "Madam," he asked, "what are you fishing for?" With a twinkle in her eye she replied, "Angelfish!"



jokes & riddles



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

What do you call a fish with no eye?
FSH!

What's the best way to communicate with fish?
Drop them a line.

Where does a fish keep its money?
In the river "bank."

What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?
I wanna hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand!

Find the Palindromes:
The identical fish is 3 rows down and 2 from the left

Answers:
The Lost "School Mate"
The identical fish is 3 rows down and 2 from the left
Find the Palindromes:
Madam, eye
The **Wishing Starfish:**
1. on the kayak
2. on the letter "O" in "Gone Fishin'"
3. on the Faith Academy logo at the top by the red banner.

GONE FISHIN'

When Jesus called His first four disciples away from their jobs as fishermen he offered them a brand new job: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). The job for all of His disciples today has not changed. We're still called to "fish for men [people]." So, the question arises: "What have you been using for bait?" Now, every good fisherman knows you've got to put something that either tastes good, smells good, or looks good on the hook before the fish will bite. Here are some scripture verses that tell about the **GOOD THINGS** of God that you can use to "LURE" people into His kingdom:



"O **taste** and **see** that the Lord is **good**: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. . . The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any **good thing**."
—Psalm 34: 8, 10

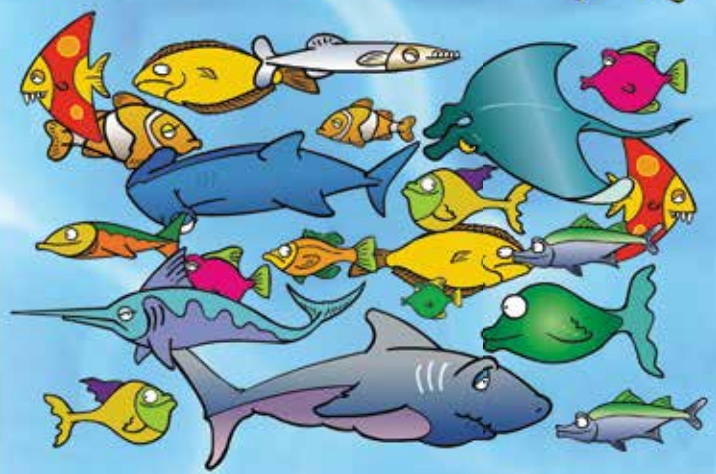
". . . **no good thing** will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."
—Psalm 84:11

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with **good things**; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."
—Psalm 103:5

Now that you've baited the hook, "Let's Go Fishin'!"

The Wishing Starfish

Mother starfish lost her three baby starfish when the schools of fish swam by, and now she wishes she could find them. But they're not too far away. They are somewhere on this page. Help her find all three missing starfish.





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