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# The Creator Is Pleased With Our Praise

God, the Creator of Heaven and earth, is pleased with our praise. True praise glorifies Him (Ps. 50:23). But true praise also affects us. The more we praise God for what He has done and *is doing* for us, the better we'll feel and the brighter our lives will begin to look. That's why it's so important to learn to live in the praises of God.

We've got to practice praising Him. For example, instead of groaning and grumbling when that alarm clock goes off in the morning, train yourself to say, "Praise the Lord! This is the day He has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it!"

If you will do this consistently, you will find your attitude changing from negative to positive. In fact, you will find that praising God affects your entire day. Instead of feeling irritable and disagreeable, you will discover new strength and vitality. Praise will encourage your spirit. It will change the spiritual atmosphere of your home.

Praise will also help you tap into the healing Jesus has already provided. Healing is always available to you, but praise is a wonderful demonstration of your faith. You're praising God for the answer before you actually see it manifested.

Wherever you are—whatever you're facing in this new year—I encourage you to begin to give God praise. Praising God replaces hopelessness with hope. Praising God for His goodness dispels doubt and unbelief. Praising God will carry you from sickness to health, from despair to joy, and from bondage to liberty.

You see, praise and defeat cannot live in the same house. When you praise God in faith, nothing will be impossible to you (Luke 1:37)!

Don't miss a single page of this month's magazine! Dad's article will show you how to be a success this year by following the Holy Spirit. And Lynette's article will help you to take inventory of your life.

I pray that this will be your best year ever as you practice praising Him!



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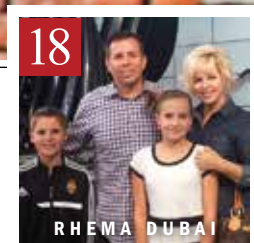
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FOCUS ON THE

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**IT'S A NEW YEAR.** And we have a decision to make. We must decide whether we will hold on to the past and go backward, or focus on the promises of God and move into the future He has for us.

The Apostle Paul chose to focus entirely on his future with God. In Philippians 3:13–14 (NKJV) he wrote, *“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but*

*one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

Though Paul wrote this late in his life, he was still “reaching forward.” He said, *“I do not count myself to have apprehended.”* *“I have not achieved”* (NLT). *“I can’t consider myself a winner yet”* (GW). Paul recognized that there was something more in front of him.

We, too, must recognize that the future is in front of us. And we must prepare ourselves right now to do what God wants us to do. You see, a farmer doesn’t wait until harvest time to plant the seed or get his equipment ready. He knows that preparation time is critical, because it will affect the performance of the harvest.

It’s the same in our lives. How we look at today matters. It’s not just another day. It’s a time that we have been given to get ready for tomorrow. *Today*, we prepare for the opportunities coming our way. *Today*, we prepare for the adversities we will face. *Today*, we get ready for eternity.

### Forget the Past

Today is important because there are things we haven’t achieved yet—things that are in our future. But in order for us to achieve those things, we’ve got to do as the Apostle Paul did. We must forget our past.

Remember what he said? *“One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind.”* Paul knew that dwelling on the past

#### FAITH NUGGET

### Neglect the Past

I want to give five reasons why we should choose to neglect our past.

- 1 We can’t change the past, so why allow it to clutter our minds?** Cluttered minds will keep us from moving into what God has promised and into our future.
- 2 Our past is not an accurate measuring stick of what is in our future.** Actually, what happened in the past should propel us forward to accomplish more in the future.
- 3 Dwelling on the past will keep us from stepping into our future.** We can’t be in the past and in the future at the same time. We’re in either one or the other.
- 4 Dwelling in the past will give us the wrong picture of what the future is.** Just because something was in our past does not mean it will be in our future as well.
- 5 The best moments of life are in front of us, not behind us.** Our past is history. We can’t change it or rewrite it. But with God’s help, we can do something about the future!

## You D.E.C.I.D.E.

### 6 Keys to Help You Step Into Your Future

**D** **DISCOVER** God's promises for your future. Your future is wrapped up in what God says.

**E** **ENGAGE** your mind to think on the plan for your future. What you focus on is what you will eventually end up doing.

**C** **CONNECT** with the right people—people who will move you toward your future.

**I** **IDENTIFY** the next step for your future—both spiritually and naturally.

**D** **DARE** to take the step. Dreams without action are nothing more than wishful thinking.

**E** **ENDURE** until you experience your future. If you won't quit, you will experience the promises of God.

could weigh him down and keep him from accomplishing more in the future. He decided he was not going to lug around an old suitcase filled with past baggage. And he had a lot of baggage.

Paul had held the coats of those who stoned Stephen, the martyr (Acts 7:58). He had traveled all over putting Christians to death. After he became a Christian, he built the first megachurch in Ephesus. But Paul chose to forget all of this—the good, the bad, and the ugly.

What does it mean to forget? According to Strong's concordance, the Greek word translated *forgetting* means “to lose out of mind; by implication, to neglect.” Another definition says, “to willfully neglect.”

That means we *choose* to forget. Someone may say, “I can't forget.” Yes, you can. You can't change the past, but you can decide to get it out of your mind. You can choose to neglect the thoughts. Don't dwell on them. If you keep looking back and holding tightly to yesterday's baggage, you'll lose sight of the promises of God.

Choose to let go of the baggage of mistakes, failures, and circumstances. Let go of the baggage of negativity, bad self-image, and regrets. And even let go of the baggage of success and achievements. Let it all go and focus on your future with God.

The decision is yours. The future is in front of you. Begin preparing yourself right now to do what God wants you to do. Don't just settle down. Stretch yourself. Believe that God has a future for you and that what He promised in His Word will work.

You see, God will meet us

when we step out in faith. And if we want tomorrow's opportunity, we've got to decide to capture today. We've got to believe God one step at a time.

King Solomon was a wise man. He said, “*The end of a thing is better than its beginning*” (Eccl. 7:8 NKJV). As we begin this new year, believe that. Decide to look forward, focus on God's promises, and walk into the future He has for you.♥

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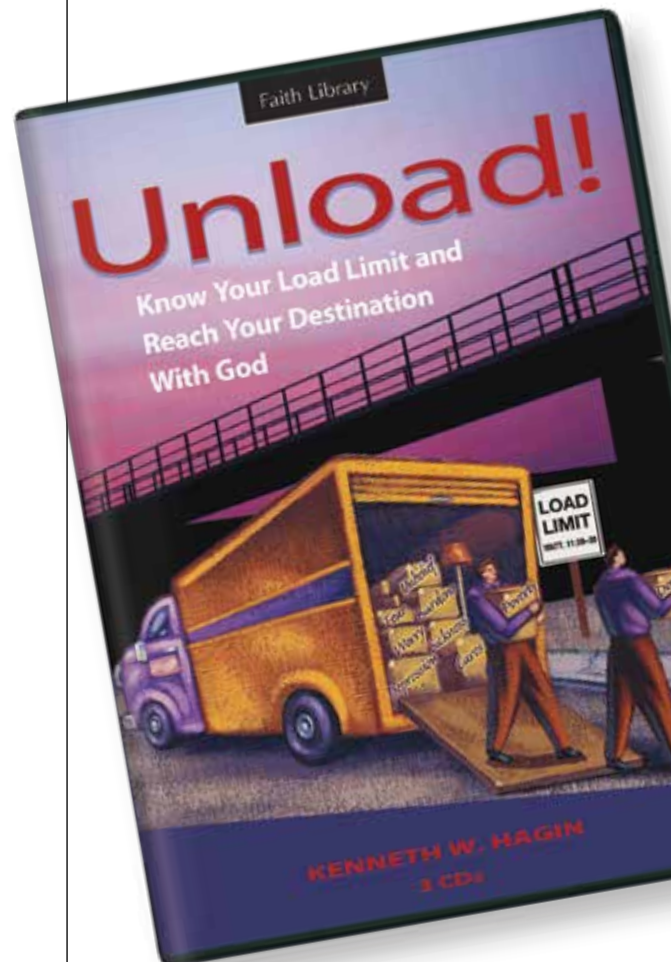
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# 'Can I Get a Witness?'



SCOTT &  
LAURIE ISLEY

IN 1988 in Scotia, New York, Scott Isley felt an unusual tug on his heart to share the Good News door-to-door in his neighborhood. But he had never shared the Gospel with anyone, and he was afraid to do it. So he talked with his pastor, expecting him to share comforting words of wisdom. When his pastor heard what he and his wife wanted to do, he was ecstatic, but he had no idea how to help them. His response did not calm the Isleys' fears.

Scott and his wife, Laurie, decided not to let fear stop them from reaching the unsaved. They walked out into their neighborhood and knocked on their first door. There they stood, waiting on the front porch, Bibles in hand and smiling. When their neighbor opened the door, the Isleys, with the Lord's grace and the Holy Spirit's help, shared the Good News with joy. Since then, that one knock has become thousands.

Scott, a 1996 Rhema USA graduate, and his wife have established High Impact Ministries to train churches to share the Good News effectively, with confidence and joy. During 27 years of going door-to-door, they have learned

how to talk about Jesus Christ with people with many kinds of personalities. And they have seen thousands receive salvation, healing, and deliverance at the doorsteps of their homes.

"It's about ministering to the community," shared Laurie. **"IT'S CARING ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY ENOUGH TO SAY, 'WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY? LET ME BE YOUR HANDS, LORD.'"**

Every Saturday morning and evening, the Isleys lead teams from Rhema Bible Church Broken Arrow, pastored by Kenneth W. Hagin, to go out and share the Gospel in the community. Scott and Laurie coordinate the church's Residential Evangelism Outreach program. Since 2011 they and their fellow team members have reached more than 10,000 families.

One sunny Saturday, a Rhema team came upon an elderly woman working in her flowerbed and struck up a friendly conversation. As they spoke with her, they learned that she believed God had raised Jesus from the dead, but she had never confessed Him as her Lord and Savior. At her request, they prayed with her to receive Jesus as her Savior. Then,

two houses down, they spoke with a teenage girl who gave her heart to the Lord.

The Isleys enjoy helping others go out confidently to share the Good News. Through High Impact Ministries, they have trained believers in churches and throughout the United States and into Central America to reach their neighbors with God's love and His message of salvation.

Scott and Laurie have their hearts set on seeing millions of families touched by God's love in communities throughout the United States and abroad. Their goal is to see 500 churches using their *Can I Get a Witness?* program. If each church reached 2,000 families a year, that could lead to a million families being touched annually.

"Pastor Hagin says that when the natural and the supernatural come together, it makes an explosive force for God," shared Scott. "The supernatural is our praying as a church for people to come in, and God drawing them in. The natural is when we go out and get them."♥

[Editor's Note: Scott and Laurie Isley coordinate the Residential Evangelism Outreach program at Rhema Bible Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.]

## FAITH IN ACTION

### Tips on How to Share the Good News

When ministering to people you don't know, follow Jesus' example:

- **WALK IN LOVE.** You will do this if you listen, are kind, are personable, and don't have a preconceived agenda.
- **SPEAK FROM YOUR HEART.** Let answers and questions come to you through the Holy Spirit.
- **BE AVAILABLE TO COMFORT THEM** if they open their lives to you.
- **BUILD RAPPORT.** This is the key to opening the door so you can minister God's love and help someone.



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**THE LORD ENLIGHTENS US** and guides us through our spirits (Prov. 20:27). If that be the case—and it is—then we need to become more spirit conscious. We need to become more conscious that we are spirit beings, not just mental or physical beings. We need to train our spirits so they will become safer guides.

One thing which has held back the Christian world as a whole is that we are more physical-conscious (body-conscious) and more mental-conscious (soul-conscious) than we are spirit-conscious. We have developed the body and the soul, but we have left the spirit of man almost untouched.

Our spirits can be educated just as our minds can be educated. Our spirits can be built up in strength and trained just as our bodies can be built up and trained.

Here are four steps by which you can train and develop your own human spirit.



## Meditate in the Word of God

The most deeply spiritual men and women I know are those who give time to meditation in the Word of God. You cannot develop spiritual wisdom without meditation. God made that fact known to Joshua just after the death of Moses.

### **JOSHUA 1:8**

**8** This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou

mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

If you ever want to do anything great in life, if you ever want to amount to anything in life, take time to meditate in the Word of God. Start out with at least 10 or 15 minutes a day—then increase the time.

How do you meditate? Talk about the Word. Think on the Word. The Hebrew word translated *meditate* also carries this thought with it: to *mutter*. Mutter the Word.

As you meditate and walk in the light of the Word, you'll have good success. You'll know how to deal wisely in all the affairs of life.



## Practice the Word

Practicing the Word means being a doer of the Word. James 1:22 says, "*Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.*"

We have many "talkers about the Word" and even many "re-joicers about the Word," but we do not have many doers of the Word. Begin to practice being a doer of the Word by doing in all circumstances what the Word tells you to do.

For example, Philippians 4:6 says, "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving*

let your requests be made known unto God.” The *Amplified* translation of this verse begins, “Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything.”

Now, we don’t mind practicing part of this verse—the part that says to pray. But if we practice just that part and not the first part, we are not practicing the Word. If we are going to fret and have anxieties, it will do no good to make requests. That kind of praying does not work. An over-anxious prayer full of fretfulness does not work.

We have to practice the Word and *then* we will get results. God’s peace will keep guard over our hearts and minds (Phil. 4:7), and we will grow spiritually.



### Give the Word First Place

The training—the developing and educating—of our spirits comes by giving the Word first place in our lives. Proverbs 4:20–22 says, “My son, attend to my words [Give heed to them—Put them first]; *incline thine ear unto my sayings* [Listen to what I have to say]. *Let them not depart from thine eyes* [Keep looking at the Word of God]; *keep them* [My Words] *in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*”

Why is it that God tells us to put His Word first, to listen to what He has to say, to keep looking at His Word, and to keep His Word in our heart? It’s because there are rich dividends for doing this. “*They [God’s Words] are LIFE unto those that find them, and HEALTH to all their flesh.*” The margin of my *King James Bible* says the word translated *health* is the Hebrew word for *medicine*. God’s Word is “medicine to all their flesh.” There is healing in the Word.

*As you meditate in the Word and walk in the light of it, you’ll have good success.*



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That’s why we should train ourselves to put the Word first. We should train ourselves to ask in any matter of life, “What does God’s Word have to say about this?” And then we should put that Word first.



### Instantly Obey the Voice of Your Spirit

The human spirit has a voice. We call that voice conscience. Sometimes we call it intuition, an inner voice, or guidance. The world calls it a hunch. But what it is, is your spirit speaking to you. Every man’s spirit, saved or unsaved, has a voice.

The human spirit is a spirit man. We cannot see him with the physical eyes, nor touch him with our physical hands. This is the man who has become a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). When a man is born again, his spirit becomes a new spirit. And that spirit has within it the life and nature of God (1 John 4:4).

As you give this newborn spirit the privilege of meditating on the Word of God, the Word becomes the source of its information. Your spirit will become strong and the inward voice of your conscience, educated in the spirit, will become a true guide.

You can—and should—learn to instantly obey this voice, the voice of your spirit. If you are not accustomed to doing this, of course, you will not get there quickly. Just as you did not begin school in the first grade one week and graduate from the 12th grade the next week, your spirit will not be educated and trained overnight.

However, if you will follow these four points and practice them, after a while you will always know in your spirit what you should do. You will receive guidance. You’ll know the will of God the Father even in the minor details of life!♥

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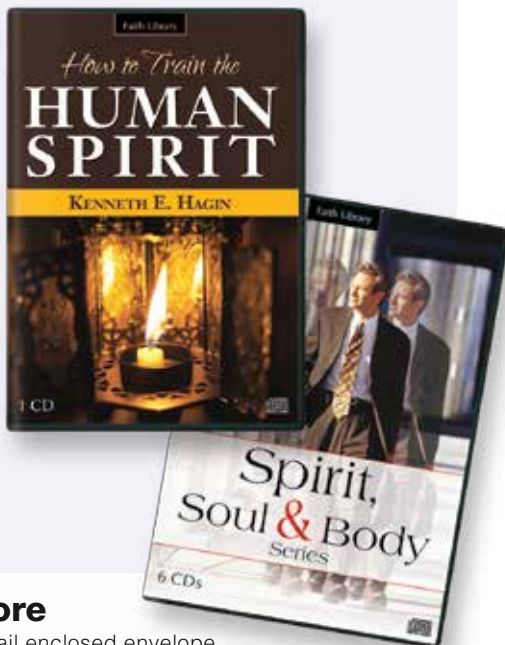
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# The Basics of Faith

TOKUNBO "TOKS" ADEJUWON

**WE SEE** in the Book of Mark the story of Jesus cursing the fig tree. Jesus and His disciples were on their way to Jerusalem when Jesus cursed the fig tree because it didn't have any fruit on it. The next day when they passed by the tree, Peter pointed out that it had withered and dried up from the roots. Jesus said to His disciples, *"Have faith in God"* (Mark 11:22) or "have the faith of God."

In essence Jesus was saying, "Did you see what I did? I was able to do this through the God-kind of faith. If you have this kind of faith, you'll have the same results."

After hearing this, many Christians may say, "I want that kind of faith!" Little do they know that, as born-again Christians, they already have it. Romans 12:3 says, *"God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."*

## What's the Big Deal About Faith?

Faith is the center of our Christian beliefs. Everything we receive from God is through faith.

**WE ARE SAVED THROUGH FAITH**—*"For by grace are ye saved through faith"* (Eph. 2:8).

**YOU CAN'T LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WITHOUT IT**—*"The just shall live by his faith"* (Hab. 2:4).

**IT TAKES FAITH TO PLEASE GOD**—*"Without faith it is impossible to please [God]"* (Heb. 11:6).

**FAITH IS THE ONLY BATTLE WE'RE TO FIGHT**—*"Fight the good fight of faith"* (1 Tim. 6:12).

All that Jesus did on the cross through His death, burial, and resurrection is available to us through the grace of God.

## ROMANS 5:1-2

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand.

How do we access this grace? Through faith.

## What Faith Is Not

We can better understand faith by knowing what it is not. Faith is not a get-rich-quick scheme. It is not a panic button. Faith is a lifestyle. It should be the lifestyle of every Christian.

Living by faith doesn't mean you won't have tests or trials. The Bible says, *"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers [us] out of them all"* (Ps. 34:19 NKJV). Scripture also promises us that God *"always causes us to triumph in Christ"* (2 Cor. 2:14).

## Our Words Dominate Us

Words are coins in the kingdom of faith. The moment you said you couldn't do something, you were whipped. Failure holds you in bondage when you talk failure. Talking

lack stops money from coming in. Fear and doubt only grow stronger when you speak words of fear and doubt.

What are we to say? We're to speak the Word. Scripture tells us to *"hold fast our confession"* (Heb. 4:14 NKJV). We have an enemy—Satan—who is against us. And our continual confession of the Word enforces his defeat.

To keep us from gaining an upper hand, the devil tries to steal that confession from our mouths. He does this through adversity. He tries to make it look like the Word isn't working. But as long as we don't quit speaking the Word, we *can't* be defeated. God's Word will get the job done.

Through faith we are a mighty moving force that can't be stopped. There aren't enough devils in hell to stop us. The devil is not big enough. Adversity isn't big enough. Sickness and disease aren't big enough. Why? Because our Father is greater than all!

## LET THIS BE OUR DAILY CONFESSION:


*"I am a believer and not a doubter. I have mountain-moving faith, and all things are possible to me. I am more than a conqueror through Christ Who loves me."* 🇳🇮

[Editor's Note: Tokunbo "Toks" Adejuwon is Team Leader and Campus Coordinator for Rhema Nigeria. This article was adapted from the message he preached during Rhema USA's Winter Bible Seminar & Rhema Worldwide Homecoming 2014.]



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Our family had miracle provision come in for us to be able to attend *Winter Bible Seminar*. The Lord spoke directly to us to attend and to bring my sister and my 89-year-old mother. We knew God was speaking to us, but we did not have the finances to travel. We made reservations at a hotel and for a car rental by faith, and God provided through our tax return just in time to cover all of our expenses and still have money left over for an offering. God is so faithful!

—MELANIE

# NO MORE PAIN

I came to *Winter Bible Seminar* on crutches with a broken toe after three solid wood shelves fell on my foot. When I arrived in Tulsa, my foot was in a lot of pain and it was extremely difficult to walk. I came to the service on Monday night, and during praise and worship Pastor Hagin told everyone to jump and dance, so I did. While I was jumping, dancing, and praising the Lord, I realized my foot didn't hurt anymore. By the end of the service, I was walking normally and there was NO MORE PAIN! Praise God for His goodness!

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**EVERY YEAR** many people set aside a special time, usually around the first of the year, to take inventory of their personal lives. First, they carefully examine all the projects from last year's to-do list that they didn't finish. Then they formulate their New Year's resolutions for the

coming year. They're saying, in essence, "It's a new day and a new year. I'm going to do some new things!"

Taking inventory is a powerful way to help us get a fresh, new start in life. But in my own experience, there have been other times besides the beginning of the year when I've asked the Lord to help me take inventory. For example, I've taken inventory of my life when my prayers don't seem to be answered or when things are just not working right for me.

I say, "God, this is Your promise, and I know Your Word is true. But I haven't received what You promised me. I know the problem is not with You. So what am I doing wrong?"

You see, the promises of God are a partnership. God says, "If you'll hearken to My voice and do what I have commanded you to do, *then* you will enjoy My blessings" (see Deut. 28:1-2). The Lord has set down guidelines in His Word. As long as we obey His guidelines, He is obligated to do what He said He would do. But when we're not doing what God has commanded us to do, He doesn't have to hold up His end of the bargain either. That's why it's so important for us to take inventory!

If we want to experience the powerful, victorious Christian life God created us to have, we must allow the Lord to help us take inventory. And when we take our personal inventory, we

must make certain that we're living a holy, consecrated life—a life that's set apart, dedicated, and fully devoted to the Lord. Here are four areas we should check.

### Am I Putting God First?

One of the first questions you should ask yourself when you take inventory of your life is, "Am I putting God first?" One of the first scriptures my parents taught me as a child was Matthew 6:33: "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things [that you need] shall be added unto you.*"

*We renew our minds by continually feeding our spirits on God's Word.*



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If you're not experiencing the victory you desire, I encourage you to check up on what you're seeking. Are you seeking the things of this world? Or are you seeking God first? As you seek first the Kingdom of God and put Him first in your life, everything else will fall into place.

### Am I Renewing My Mind?

When we ask the Lord to help us take inventory of our lives, one of the most important areas we need to check is that of renewing our minds to the Word of God. In Romans 12:2 the Apostle Paul gives us these powerful instructions: "*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind*" (NKJV).

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### Am I Surrounded With the Word?

Proverbs 4:22 says that God’s Word is life and health to all our flesh. And Ephesians 5:25–26 tells us that the Lord sanctifies and cleanses us “with the washing of water by the word.” If we want to enjoy the abundant life God has planned for us, we must keep ourselves surrounded with His Word!

### Am I Resisting the Devil?

Another important area we need to check when we take inventory of our lives is that of resisting the devil. James 4:7 tells us, “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” And Hebrews 12:1 says, “Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us” (NIV). In other words, we must refuse to give in to the temptations that come our way. We have to make a conscious effort to resist them.

### Signs and Wonders

When we renew our minds to the Word of God and allow the Holy Spirit to help us resist the devil and control our flesh, then wonderful, miraculous things can happen. In other words, when we consecrate ourselves to the Lord, He can perform His signs and wonders for us.

FAITH IN ACTION

## A Prayer of Consecration

If we want to see God’s plan unfold in this hour, we must be a willing vessel, wholly committed to the Lord. I challenge you to pray this prayer of consecration from your heart each day:

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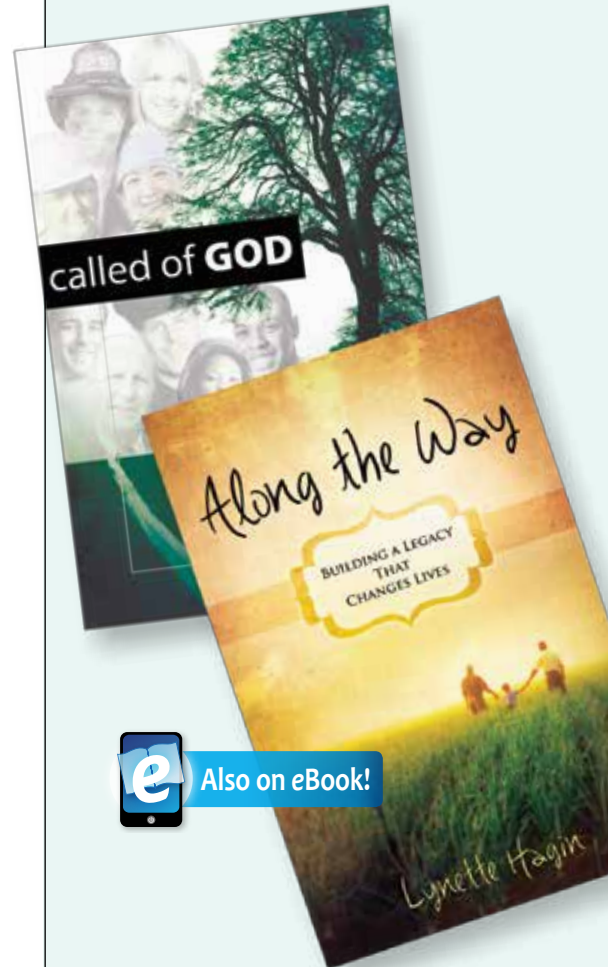
I will keep my body under control. I choose to resist the devil, and he will flee from me. I will be sensitive to Your things and keen to hear Your voice. I will renew my mind to Your Word, and I make up my mind this day that I am going to draw closer to You.

I will walk in faith. I will walk in peace. I will walk with You, O Lord, all the days and nights of my life! My heart and soul cry out for you—my Strength, my Help, and my Redeemer.

**Amen.**

God wants to do some wondrous things in our lives today. To see those signs, wonders, and miracles, we must be more consecrated and more committed than we’ve ever been. We must allow God to sanctify us—to purify us. And we must stir ourselves up so we will have a deeper hunger for the things of the Lord than we’ve ever experienced.

Taking inventory of our lives can enable us to enjoy a powerful Christian life. When we choose to put God first, renew our minds with His Word, keep ourselves surrounded by that Word, and resist the devil, we will experience the miraculous! As we do our part, God is sure to perform His. ♥



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# Are You Pleasing God?

BRIAN MCCALLUM



IN SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:9 (NKJV), the Apostle Paul wrote that he and his fellow workers made it their goal to live, speak, and act in a manner that was well-pleasing to God. **THEIR LIFESTYLE REVOLVED AROUND BRINGING GLORY TO HIS KINGDOM.** Verse 10 of that same chapter tells us why: *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad”* (NKJV).

**BE PLEASING TO GOD.** They didn’t want to disappoint their Lord and Savior by coming before Him with nothing of value to show for their lives.

So how do we become “well pleasing to God?” Colossians 3:14 (NKJV) says, *“Above all these things put on love, which is the BOND of perfection.”* When we walk in love, we are bonded to perfection. Or, we could say, we are bonded to the whole Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What does it mean to be bonded? Let me give you an illustration.

When I was a pilot with the U.S. Air Force, I flew the SR-71, or the Blackbird as it was known. This plane could fly high (85,000 feet) and fast (2,100 mph). This height and speed caused the plane to get very hot in certain areas.

In order to withstand this heat without falling apart, the SR-71 had to be built differently. Its assembly method was bonding in the true sense of the word. Along the edges of the parts that were to be bonded together, the titanium metal was heated to more than 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. When those pieces were

allowed to cool, they were no longer separate. The intense heat had allowed the molecules of one part to merge with the other part. They were now one! And the bond was actually stronger than the original pieces were.

If such good work can be done by mere man, how much more can the work of redemption forever bind God’s people to Himself? How much more can the work of redemption strengthen God’s people to do the work of Heaven?

After Jesus Christ bore for all mankind all of the heat that Satan could muster against Him, He bonded us to Himself. And when He arose from the grave victorious over all the works of the enemy, His victory became our victory—because we are one!

You see, Jesus destroyed all the works of the devil. That means that we who believe on Him have the power to put off all the enemy’s lies and attempts to deceive us. Remember, **SATAN IS A LIAR. THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HIM.** So when he tries to turn up the heat on us with his lies and devices, we can just dismiss him using the Word and the Name of Jesus. All power and authority is in His wonderful Name!

When you are found doing good works here on earth through the authority of Jesus’ Name, you are being well-pleasing to Almighty God. At the same time, you are laying up gold, silver, and precious stones for that great day in Heaven. And **JESUS WILL REWARD YOU FOR YOUR FAITH** and obedience sown on the earth. ♡

[Editor’s Note: Brian McCallum served as dean of Rhema Bible Training College USA for five years and as an instructor for nearly 30 years. This article was adapted from his book *The Judgment Seat of Christ*.]

*Jesus destroyed all the works of the devil.*



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One day when we stand before Jesus, we will be either well-pleasing to Him or a disappointment. Our works will either be made of heavenly things and valuable, or they will be carnal and of no value.

The Apostle Paul and his fellow workers lived every day conscious of this reality. And **EVERY DAY THEY MADE THE CHOICE TO**

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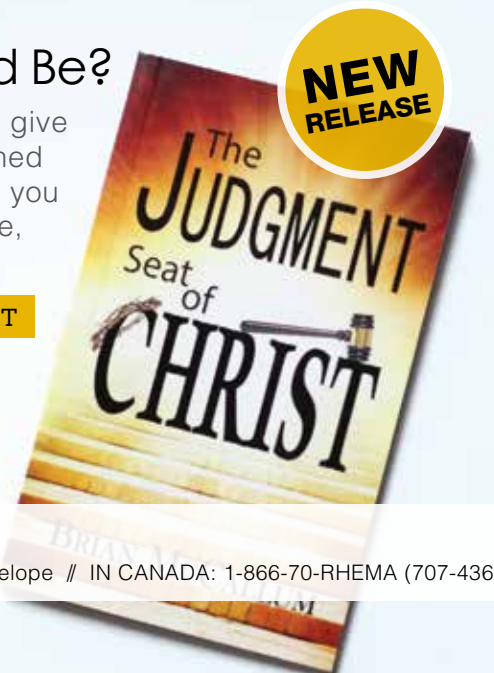
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# A HEART FULL OF LOVE

**IN RESPONSE** to Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, the U.S. began a large-scale military activation. Joe Hernandez, a 20-year-old Marine reservist, had just started his studies at Rhema Bible Training College. Only two months into his schooling, he was called to active duty in Desert Storm.

When Joe arrived in the Middle East, his unit formed a perimeter boundary around Kuwait City. Working in the scorching, 100-degree heat, Joe was positioned in a foxhole. His post was in the middle of smelly, rotten garbage in the city's landfill!

Joe was a relatively young Christian then. Before coming to Jesus, he was addicted to drugs and alcohol. As a teenager and even as a child, he constantly lashed out at everyone and was quick to pick fights. In 1989, only a year before being deployed to Kuwait, Joe gave his life to the Lord at a Kenneth E. Hagin crusade in Anaheim, California.

Stationed in the abrasive desert sand with many long hours to fill, Joe immersed himself in the Word of God. He quenched his thirsty soul by listening to Kenneth E. Hagin cassette tapes, reading his Bible, and praying for hours on end. He often wondered if one day he would return to the Middle East.

Through God's Word and prayer, Joe began to change inside. Under that blazing hot desert sun in the middle of a garbage heap, the chains of addiction melted off of him. Gradually, a burning love for the people of the Middle East was kindled in his heart. His unceasing prayers paved the way for what he is doing today in Dubai.

## Back Home

After Joe's tour of duty ended in April 1991, he returned to Oklahoma and finished his training at Rhema. While in school, he met Danille, and they married in 1992. Joe graduated in 1993 and spent the next several years obtaining a Bachelor's degree



JOE & DANILLE  
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from Bethany University, a Master of Divinity from Golden Gate Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in marriage enrichment from Oral Roberts University.

In 1997 Joe joined the Army as a chaplain and was stationed in South Carolina, the state of Washington, and Hawaii. During the next eight years, Joe and Danille held church services on military bases and conducted many retreats for singles, couples, youth, and men—with amazing results. In one particular marriage retreat held in Honolulu, 26 couples—all of whom were high-ranking military personnel—gave their lives to the Lord!

## For the Sake of These Nations

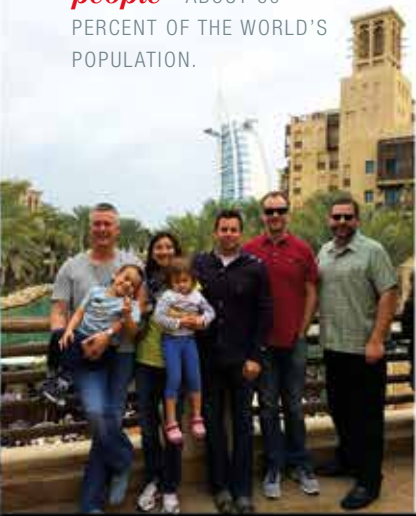
After Joe's honorable discharge from the Army in 2005, he and Danille started Gateway Church in Concord, California. One day as Joe was praying in tongues, he saw in a vision red arches leaving the United Arab Emirates and going to neighboring countries.

"What is this, Lord?" he asked.

These words flowed out of him: "What is this? But the UAE for the sake of these nations."

Joe and Danille continued praying about the vision for almost a year. When Joe came to the *A Call to Arms Men's Conference*, he confessed to Rhema's international schools leadership,

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“I think I’m supposed to move to the Middle East.”

“We’ve been looking at our map,” they said. “We have people in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. We’ve been praying that God would raise up someone to go to the Middle East.”

Not knowing of this exchange, Kenneth W. Hagin had a word for Joe during an evening men’s conference service: “Joe,” he said, “you’re on the right track. Keep going in this direction. This is the will of the Lord for you.”

### Why Dubai?

Over 200 nationalities are represented in Dubai. It’s a transient city. People usually live there for three or four years and then return to their home country. It has become the melting pot of the Middle East.

Within a four-hour plane ride from Dubai, you can reach 4.5 billion people—about 60 percent of the world’s population. With the population exploding in Asia and Africa, Dubai is predicted by some to become a world-travel hub.

Dubai is a pivotal city, and today is a critical time. Although there are many restrictions, Dubai is one of the few places in the

Middle East where it is legal to preach the Gospel. The window of opportunity is open and the need for a Rhema Bible Training College campus in Dubai is vital.

Joe and Craig W. Hagin have met with pastors and business leaders in Dubai. They’ve been welcomed with open arms and tremendous favor. As in so many other nations, Kenneth E. Hagin’s books have paved the way to make this day possible.

### Rhema Dubai

Joe and Danille’s vision is first to establish an international Rhema church. They believe the church will have a positive effect on surrounding nations. The next step is to open a Rhema Bible Training College campus in Dubai.

It would be difficult for someone from Afghanistan, Pakistan, or any Middle Eastern country to obtain a visa and raise the necessary finances to attend Rhema USA. But it would be easy for anyone in this region to come to a Rhema campus in Dubai and receive the same training that they would in the U.S.

### Tramp, Tramp, Tramp: Do You Hear That Sound?

Echoing Kenneth E. Hagin’s 1979 prophecy, the sound of beautiful feet is being heard today in the Middle East, and love is the motivator. Joe and Danille believe that the men and women who attend Rhema Dubai will be carriers of the love of God and the message of faith to the people of the region. The Hernandezes are taking full advantage of the opportunities they have. They are committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure that this love is spread throughout the entire Middle East.♥

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# Activate Your Healing!

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**THROUGH A STORY** in Acts chapter 9, I believe you will see that God not only performed healings through Jesus' ministry—**HE ALSO HEALS TODAY THROUGH HIS PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE HIS WORD.**

Acts 9:32–35 relates details of Peter's encounter with a man named Aeneas. Let's look for a moment at this man's condition. He was paralyzed and in a helpless, deplorable state. Possibly the doctors of his day had done all they could for him. **BUT WHEN SOMETHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH MEN, IT'S STILL POSSIBLE WITH GOD** (Luke 18:27).

Aeneas had been bedridden for eight years. Can you imagine him lying there on his bed, with no hope of getting better? Day after day, life passed him by. Day after day, he watched people do things he longed to do but couldn't. He may have even had to fight off bitterness because of his lot in life.

We have no idea why Aeneas was suffering from this condition. Perhaps he had been in an accident. Or he might have been a victim of a violent crime.

The Bible doesn't tell us what happened to Aeneas. It only says that he was in a helpless state as he lay on that bed for eight years. No matter what happened to him, his condition shows us the desperate, helpless position that so many people are in today. It also shows us how desperately mankind as a whole is in need of the intervention of God.

You may be suffering from sickness or disease right now. Perhaps you're afflicted, and medical science hasn't been able to help you. You may even be getting worse, or

the doctors may simply be keeping you alive until you can get healed.

We know that medical science has made a lot of progress over the years, but there are still many conditions they cannot cure. Thank God for what man is able to accomplish, but we must look beyond the knowledge of man. We must look to God—*"the Father of lights"*—from Whom we receive every good and perfect gift, including healing (James 1:17).

Acts 9:33–34 (NIV) says of Peter, *"There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. 'Aeneas,' Peter said to him, 'Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.' Immediately Aeneas got up."*

They need to begin to do what they couldn't do before. They need to activate the healing power by the words they speak. You see, faith without works or action is dead (James 2:20).

Your actions and words activate the power of God and let it drive out sickness and disease. Too many times people are prayed for but they don't activate the power of God. How do you do this?

After you pray and receive your healing, immediately do something that you couldn't do before. That's what Aeneas did. When Peter told him to get up and roll up his mat, that was something he had not been able to do for a long time. But the Bible says he did it.

*Your actions and words activate the power of God and let it drive out sickness and disease.*



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I want you to notice that Peter was confident and bold when he declared, "Jesus Christ heals you." He had been traveling around the country ministering when he came to the city of Lydda, located about 25 miles northwest of Jerusalem. There he found this man, Aeneas, in such a terrible condition, and Peter declared, "Jesus Christ heals you!"

That's a bold statement. There was no hesitation, no question mark. And I say to you today—**IF YOU WILL BELIEVE AND ACT ON THE WORD OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST HEALS YOU TOO!**

Once the healing power of God is administered, the people who are prayed for need to act on the Word.

You can also activate God's power by your words. When you receive healing, you can declare by faith, **"HEALING IS MINE. I HAVE IT NOW!"** When people really get the revelation of the healing power of God and they understand that Jesus Christ heals them, no one can keep them from receiving what belongs to them!♥

*"Healing is mine. I have it now!"*

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## Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

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

**ANOTHER YEAR** has come and gone, and we have now entered 2016. As I reflect on last year, I'm reminded of a song written by Andraé Crouch. The words of the chorus are, "Through it all, through it all, Oh I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God. Through it all, through it all, Oh I've learned to depend upon His Word."\*

The Word of God, and depending upon that Word, have gotten me through every year of my life. We may not be able to depend upon our friends or even our family at times, but our Heavenly Father will never fail us. What He has promised, He will perform. God will see us through every storm in our lives.

I think about the story in Mark 4:35–40 (NIV): *"That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side.' Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?'"*

When Jesus spoke the words "let us go over to the other side," He knew that they would reach the other side regardless of circumstances. Obviously, the disciples did not have faith in those words or they would not have been concerned about the storm.

When we get into the boat with Jesus, we can trust His words, "Let us go over to the other side." In these perilous times, it is essential that we place a greater trust in Him. It seems that often, trusting God is our last resort. He wants us to put Him at the top of our list. We need to trust Him implicitly.

David knew how to trust His God. We read in Psalm 18:2–3 (NLT), *"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies."*

And again in Psalm 56:9–13 (NLT): *"My enemies will retreat when I call to you for help. This I know: God is on my side! I praise God for what he has promised; yes, I praise the Lord for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? What can mere mortals do to me? I will fulfill my vows to you, O God, and will offer a sacrifice of thanks for your help. For you have rescued me from death; you have kept my feet from slipping. So now I can walk in your presence, O God, in your life-giving light."*

David experienced literal physical enemies in his life. You may not be experiencing someone who is trying to take your physical life. However, most of us encounter circumstances, situations, and so forth, which are enemies endeavoring to keep our lives in turmoil.

I encourage you this year to make a New Year's resolution to trust the Heavenly Father in every situation. Two of my favorite scripture verses are Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV): *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."*

We often try to determine how God is going to work out a situation or circumstance we are facing. Don't try to figure out His plan. Just stand back and allow Him to make the crooked path straight. His thoughts are so much higher than our thoughts, and His ways than our ways.

When you begin to understand trusting in God, you will begin to experience the peace of God. Know that regardless of the circumstances that may come your way this year, He is going to see you through. You can live in peace if you will put your trust in Him.♥

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# Kids' Page

Fearless, Anointed, Inward-Led, Trustworthy, Heirs of God

## Are You a Name-Dropper?

Some people try to impress others by telling them the names of important people they know. These people are called "name-droppers." Are you a "name-dropper"? You should be, because you know the name of someone very important . . . as a matter of fact you know someone with the most important name there is. His Name is "JESUS!" The Bible tells us some very interesting things about Jesus' Name.

Philippians 2:9 says that Jesus' Name is above every name. **There is no name greater!** Acts 4:12 tells us that the Name of Jesus is the only Name that brings salvation. **We are saved by Jesus' Name!** Jesus Himself said in John 16:23 that whatever we ask God for in Jesus' Name, He will give it to us. **Our needs are met in Jesus' Name!** When Peter and John healed the lame man in Acts chapter 3, they told him to rise "in the Name of Jesus." **There's healing in Jesus' Name!** In Mark 16:17 Jesus told His disciples that they would cast out devils by His Name. **There's authority over the devil in Jesus' Name!**

Since there is no name greater than Jesus' Name and since we are saved by His Name, healed by His Name, have authority in His Name, and have our needs met by His Name, don't you think we should be **saying** His Name a lot more?

### NAME DROPPERS

The names below will fit perfectly in the red puzzle pieces below them if they are "dropped" into the right slot (just like the Name of Jesus in the example to the right). Take a pencil and draw a line from the name to the puzzle piece that it fits.

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JESUS

### What is IN Jesus' Name?

There are 3 "P's" in Jesus' Name . . . Protection, Provision, and Power. His Protection gives us shelter and safety. His Provision meets all of our needs. And His Power gives us authority, strength, and ability.



Find the pictures in the Name of Jesus above and figure out which ones are symbols for Protection, Provision, and Power.

### Bible Mysteries

Can you figure out who these Bible characters are?

**They used Jesus' Name, and what happened to them seemed to be quite confusing. They knew the right Name but really didn't know the One whose Name they were using.**

**Who were they?**

Fill in the blanks with the letter that matches the symbol below it. The letters are in the box below.

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▼	★	♠	*	♣	◆
*	□	■	*	□	*
*	♣	♠	◆	*	

A=*	C=◆	E=♠	F=*
H=★	M=★	N=■	O=□
Q=*	S=*	T=▼	V=◆

## jokes & riddles



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

What was Moses' cure for a headache?

He took two tablets.

One day Adam went for a walk with his sons Cain and Abel. As they passed by the Garden of Eden, Adam's sons asked their father what this beautiful place was. He answered, "Boys, that's where your mother and I ate us out of house and home!"

What did the whale tell the other fish in the sea after he spit Jonah out of his mouth?

You should have seen the one that got away!

Where would you go to find out how much a pie weighs?

♪ Somewhere over the rainbow, weigh-a-pie ♪

Did you hear about the dog that ate garlic and onions?

His bark was worse than his bite!

What do you get when you cross a bear with a skunk?

Winnie the PHEW

### Add'em Up!

Count the total number of times Jesus' Name appears on this page.

### Decode the Message

In Acts 4:30 the disciples asked God for something to take place through the Name of Jesus. Decode the message below to find out what they asked for.



### ANSWERS:

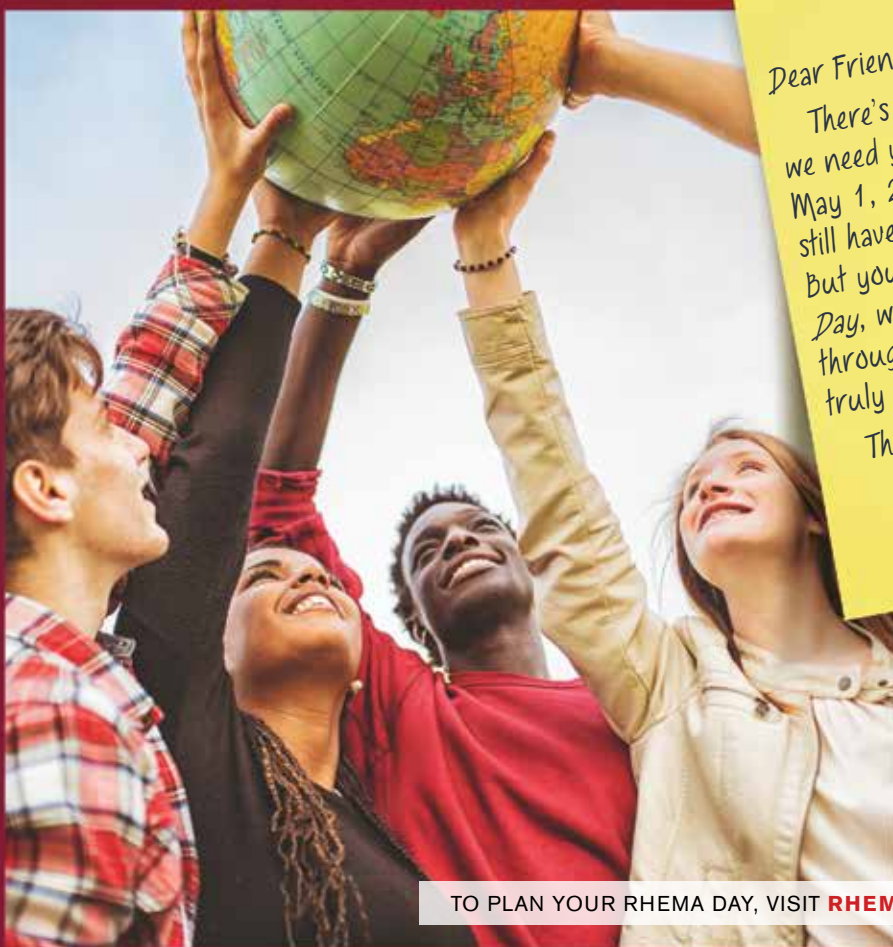
**What is IN Jesus' Name?**  
**PROTECTION:** football helmet, shield, lock, hard hat, safe, suit of armor, umbrella  
**PROVISION:** sock, dress, piggy bank, house, cake, money, bread and butter  
**POWER:** muscle, lightning bolt, sheriff's badge  
**Bible Mysteries** (These men tried to cast out a demon in Jesus' Name but they didn't really know Jesus in their hearts . . . the man who was demon possessed jumped on them and beat them all up. If you're going to use Jesus' Name in this way, make sure you know Him in your heart first.)  
**Decode the Message**  
**Signs and Wonders**  
**Add'em Up:** • Answer: 26 times!



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Thank you in advance for your support!

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