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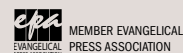
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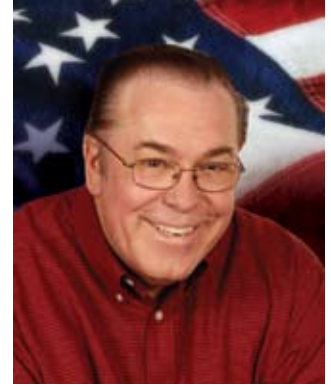
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## Remember Our Heritage

This is the time of year when we remember our nation’s struggle for independence and celebrate our freedom as Americans. But we must always remind ourselves that our freedom was bought with a price. Many lives were laid down on battlefields so we could be free—at Bunker Hill, Saratoga, Trenton, and other places. And we must never forget the hardship George Washington’s army endured at Valley Forge.

As we remember our heritage during this special time of year, we often sing our national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.” In the winds of Valley Forge, when our army faced adversity and disease, those stars and stripes still flew. Our flag stood for freedom then and it stands for freedom today. The last line of our national anthem asks, “O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?” And we can still proudly answer that question in the affirmative—“Yes, those stars and stripes still fly over this country today!”

There are certain things that you and I do not have to endure because the Stars and Stripes flies over this nation. But there are also certain things that we do not have to endure because the blood-stained banner of the Lord Jesus Christ flies over our hearts! That banner says to Satan and all of his cohorts, “This territory belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ, and it operates according to the mandates of God’s Word. Satan, you can pack your bags and get out of here!”

Let us remember our heritage today—both as Americans and as the people of God. And let’s renew our faith in this country, as well as our faith in God’s Word. We have been redeemed from tyranny and can live in freedom because of what the star-spangled banner and the banner of the Lord Jesus Christ stand for. Let us never forget the thousands who have laid down their lives, and the One Man Who gave His life, so that we could be free!

*Kenneth W. Hagin*



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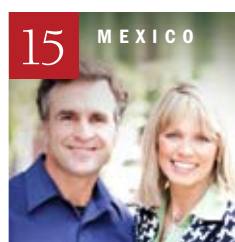
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# Raising the Bars

## GOING FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY

**ANYONE WHO KNOWS ME KNOWS THAT I DON'T LIKE SECOND PLACE. ANYTIME I COMPETE, I WANT TO WIN. ONE TEAM I WAS ON GOT A SECOND-PLACE TROPHY. I LATER GAVE IT TO ONE OF MY GRANDSONS. WHY? NOBODY REMEMBERS WHO CAME IN SECOND. SECOND PLACE IS FOR THE *ORDINARY*. WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, MY DAD USED TO SAY, "SON, ANYONE CAN BE AVERAGE. IT TAKES SOMEBODY WHO IS WILLING TO WORK TO BE EXTRAORDINARY."**

can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13), "I have the kind of faith that says and possesses" (Mark 11:23), and "I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit" (2 Cor. 2:14).

As young children, we may have played the game "Follow the Leader." The ob-

**CHRISTIANS** should not be ordinary or average. We have great potential inside us. There are things God wants each of us to do that no one else can do. And through Christ, we have been given everything we need to tear up the devil's kingdom. However, too many Christians have become satisfied with where they are and never go any further. Some never come close to achieving their potential.

We don't have to settle for average. Living an average life is like talking on a cell phone when it only has a couple of bars on the screen. It isn't receiving a very strong signal. The phone is operating, but it cuts in and out or drops calls completely. God wants us to raise the bars in our lives. He has a way for us to live on a level of full bars. It starts with how we think.

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV) says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." There are people who think life is hard. They don't expect much. They constantly say things such as, "Under the circumstances, that's the best I could do."

If we allow ourselves to think this way, we will never rise above mediocrity. To run on full bars, so to speak, we must think differently from the average person. We must think thoughts such as, "I

ject was to do everything the leader did. The players who were eliminated were the ones who didn't. In the game of life, Christ is our leader. As we follow Him, do what He did, and say what He said, we will become what He is.

Jesus chose ordinary men to be His disciples. And simply being with Jesus changed these very ordinary men into extraordinary men of God.

### WHO INFLUENCES YOU?

Our friends can have a profound impact on our lives. But do they draw us higher? Or does their influence keep us on a lower level of life? Who we hang around with has a lot to do with who we become.

When I was running track in high school, I never watched how the guys on my team ran, because I could outrun all of them. When I went to a track meet, I found out who the best runner on the other team was, and I watched him. I wanted to learn something from him.

If we want to become better at something, we must find people who do it better than we do. As we watch what they do and copy their actions, we'll become better in that area.

*To run on full bars . . . we must think differently from the average person.*



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## HAVING TUNNEL VISION

To run on full bars, we must focus on the right examples. Focusing does not mean just glancing or taking a quick look at something. It means having “tunnel vision.”

It's common for blinders to be placed on some racehorses. That's because the horse gets distracted by what is happening around him. But with blinders on, the horse can focus on running the race.

We can easily become distracted by unimportant things. These things only hinder us and keep us from running at full speed. Like the racehorse, we have to put on blinders, so to speak, so we remain focused on completing our race.

God didn't create us to be average. So let's do more than just the minimum required to get by. Let's do what we do with all our heart (Col. 3:23–24). Let's operate on full bars. As this becomes our lifestyle, we'll far exceed the ordinary and live extraordinary lives. ♥



## FAITH IN ACTION

### *Turning Dreams Into Reality*

The potential for greatness lies inside all of us. But that potential won't blossom on its own. We must work hard to reach our goals. Here are five points that will help us make our dreams come true.

#### **PUT GOD FIRST IN OUR LIVES.**

God can lead us further and higher in reaching our potential if we are behind Him and not ahead of Him.

#### **STAY FOCUSED ON THE RIGHT THINGS.**

If we focus on our potential instead of our limitations, we'll find that we can overcome those limitations.

#### **SPEAK IN AGREEMENT WITH THE POSSIBILITIES IN GOD'S WORD.**

If our words don't line up with God's Word, we will sabotage any success we might attain.

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# A Father's Approval

**PICTURE THIS:** a boy, six or seven years old, steps into the batter's box. He waits patiently as the pitcher goes into his windup and delivers a pitch. With a fluid swing, the young boy makes contact and drives the ball to left field for a base hit. As the boy stands on first base, he looks to the nearly-full bleachers. Everyone is clapping for him. Some even yell, "Nice hit, Jeff!" But the young boy is oblivious. He is looking for one person. Then their eyes meet. Jeff tries not to smile when his father gives him a thumbs-up from the stands.

A lot of children look to their fathers for approval. But once we accept Jesus as our Savior, we have a Heavenly Father whose approval we don't have to seek. He loves His children no matter what. It's impossible for Him to love them any more than He already does.

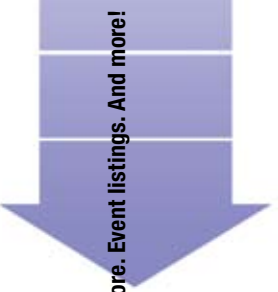
The Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 NKJV). When we believe in Jesus, we become God's children (Gal. 3:26), and we are triumphant (2 Cor. 2:14)!

God gave what He treasured most—Jesus, His only Son—to show how much He loves us. Have you accepted His gift by believing in Jesus as your Lord and Savior? If not, you can! Simply pray this prayer from your heart:

## God,

I come to You in the Name of Jesus. The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9 NKJV). I believe in my heart that Jesus is Your Son and that You raised Him from the dead. And I confess Jesus as my Lord. Therefore, I am saved! Thank You!

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# FAITH CHAMPIONS

SOME PEOPLE HAVE THE ATTITUDE THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS, HAPPENS. THEY JUST GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF LIFE DAY IN AND DAY OUT. SOMETIMES THEY WIN, AND SOMETIMES THEY LOSE.

**LIFE IS REALLY WHAT WE MAKE OF IT.**  
IF WE WANT TO BE CHAMPIONS AND WIN IN THE GAME OF LIFE, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. SUCCESS DOESN'T JUST "FALL" ON US. WE HAVE TO ACT LIKE CHAMPIONS. AND THAT STARTS BY THINKING AND SAYING THAT WE'RE WINNERS.



FAITH IN ACTION

## Traits of a Champion

To win in life, we must think and act like champions. Here are some ways to do that.

- **LOOK LIKE A CHAMPION.**  
Champions have confidence. They believe in themselves. As Christians, we can do that and also tap into God's abilities.
- **ACT LIKE A CHAMPION.**  
Even when things look bad, we can still act like winners, knowing that faith in God will turn adversity around.
- **STAY IN SHAPE.**  
The Word of God puts the devil on the run. We must not only know the Word, we must also be doers of the Word.
- **EXAMINE OUR FRIENDSHIPS.**  
We are a reflection of our friends. Our friendships should lift us up, not weigh us down.
- **DON'T QUIT.**  
As long as we keep getting up, we're still in the game.

**WE ARE TOLD** to “*have faith in God*” (Mark 11:22). Some people try to have faith in their own faith or in someone else’s faith. But our faith must be squarely based in God and His Word. We have to believe that God will do for us what His Word promises. How do we get the promises of God to become realities in our lives?

### OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND TALK

Mark 11:23 says, “*whosoever shall SAY unto this mountain . . .*” *Whosoever* applies to anyone who will put this verse into practice. So we’re going to have to open our mouths and start talking. But to be successful, we have to watch what we say. Are we speaking the Word or are we speaking our circumstances?

Are we talking to the mountains in our lives—those things that keep us from experiencing the abundance we are promised in John 10:10? Scripture says that when we speak to mountains, they have to move! Mountains don’t move because we *want* them to move. They move because we command them to go.

But have we been saying things like, “The economy doesn’t seem to be turning around.” “If my company starts laying off people, I bet I’ll lose my job.” “Nothing ever works out for me. I’ll probably lose my house.”

We can’t talk like this and expect to have things work out for us. Good or bad, we get what we say. When we speak the Word, we will have the Word. But when we speak defeat, we’ll be defeated. Instead of being moved by our circumstances and talking about how bad things are, we *must* speak the Word.

We are told in Mark 11:24 that we will receive what we believe when we pray. Although we might not *have* what we are praying for, if we’ll continue standing in faith, our faith will give substance to what isn’t there.

### WHAT IS FAITH?

According to *Webster’s New World Dictionary*, faith is an “unquestioning belief.” One way to tell whether

we are in faith is if we’re questioning. Are we wondering if what God promised will come to pass in our lives? If so, we’re not in faith.

Sometimes we might start out well. But when we stand a long time and don’t see anything change, we can be tempted to question God and wonder if He will provide. And sometimes when we’ve been standing for a long time, we just get tired.

My oldest son likes to snow ski. I’ve noticed different times when we’ve skied, I start falling down when I get tired. The same thing happens when we’re

## *If we just won’t quit, our situation will turn around.*

tired spiritually. We start falling down. We start saying things that derail our faith—things like, “It’s never going to happen.”

### DON’T QUIT!

At times like this, we have to remember Galatians 6:9. I like the *New English Translation* of this verse. It says “*in due time we will reap, if we do not give up.*”

My dad’s motto is “I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit.” This must be our attitude. We must never give up. No matter what our circumstances look like, we must continue standing. If we just won’t quit, our situation *will* turn around.

God has given us everything we need to be faith champions. We have His Word, and we have the blood and the Name of Jesus. The devil roams the earth looking for someone he *may* devour (1 Peter 5:8). *May* is a big word there. What happens to us depends on us. If we’ll stand strong in our victory in Christ and use the weapons we’ve been given, we *will* triumph over the devil at every turn. And we’ll be champions of faith in every situation! ♥



To learn more about being a champion in life, go to [www.rhema.org/media/rhemafortoday](http://www.rhema.org/media/rhemafortoday) and scroll down to find the radio series *Winning in the Time of Trouble*.



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# Daniel—A Man of Prayer

LYNETTE HAGIN

**DANIEL WAS A MIGHTY** man of prayer. Although he was a captive in the land of Babylon, he always knelt by his window three times a day and faced toward Jerusalem as he prayed to the Lord his God. He was faithful and consistent in his prayer life. Whatever else was going on in Daniel's life, he always took time to pray.

One day King Darius signed a decree that no one could pray to anyone besides the king for 30 days. When Daniel heard about the decree, he did not change his routine. He had no intention of compromising his relationship with the Lord.

Daniel was not ashamed of his relationship with his God. As far as he was concerned, it was just business as usual. After the decree, he went to his upper room and prayed, as

was his custom (Dan. 6:10). Daniel knew the Lord in such a way that he was absolutely certain He would take care of him.

Daniel must have prayed loudly, because the presidents and princes heard him. And those tattletales couldn't wait to tell the king.

King Darius was terribly upset when he heard the news, because Daniel was his favorite among all the rulers of his kingdom. He tried desperately to find a way to change his decree. But according to the law of the Medes and Persians, a decree signed by the king could not be reversed. The king was forced to order that Daniel be arrested.

But King Darius had complete confidence in Daniel's God, even though he himself didn't serve the Lord. The king said,

"Daniel, your God Whom you serve *continually* will save you" (Dan. 6:16). Notice that Daniel didn't wait until he was thrown into the lions' den to pray. He didn't wait until he was in the middle of a crisis to call upon the Lord. No! Daniel served God *continually*.

**A NIGHT IN THE LIONS' DEN**  
Daniel wasn't the least bit disturbed by the predicament he found himself in that night. Even though he was surrounded by ferocious lions, he had no fear. He knew that God would deliver him from every lion. He remained confident and at peace in the lions' den because he had an intimate relationship with his God.

When you have a close relationship with your Heavenly Father, you can be in the midst of any lions' den—any type of trouble or predicament—without fear. You can speak God's Word, stand on His promises, and know that those promises are not going to fail you. And you can refuse to camp in the valley of trouble and distress, because you know that God is going

to deliver you out of all your distresses and troubles.

**DO YOU KNOW HIM?**  
How well do you know your God? Do you know Him the way Daniel knew Him? Do you know Him so well that you can rest in confidence no matter what befalls you, knowing that He is on your side?

Of course, knowing God intimately doesn't mean that you will never go through tests, trials, or tribulations. You will experience those as long as you're here on this earth. But if you will boldly rise up and declare, "My God will deliver me! My God will do exceedingly abundantly, above all that I can ask or think," then the Lord will rescue you. And like Daniel, you will rise to the top!♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Lynette Hagin's newest book, *Talk to Me*.)

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# Confidently Trusting God



Turn the page to find more information about **Campmeeting 2011.**



**LILLIE AND CHARLES** Shuford have attended *Campmeeting* for 20 of the past 21 years. “We plan for *Campmeeting*,” says Lillie. “In January when we do our calendar, we mark off the last full week of July.”

The Shufords became partners with Kenneth Hagin Ministries in 1986. They credit their strong, steady Christian growth over the years to their partnership and what they’ve

learned. “This ministry has challenged our thinking and has moved us up to a higher level in our walk with the Lord,” Charles says.

“I think we were destined for our own spiritual growth to be a part of this ministry,” Lillie adds. “I have grown spiritually and have built a strong foundation.”

The solid foundation of healing truths the Shufords had built in their hearts enabled Lillie and Charles to come through a severe test. In 2004 a fibroid tumor in Lillie’s body erupted and poisoned her entire system. She became critically ill and was in the hospital for 15 days. The prognosis was grim, but the Lord completely healed her.

Her doctor said in over 30 years of practice, he knew of no other case where a patient survived this same condition.

During Lillie’s time in the hospital, many people were praying for her. “I know it starts in me,” she says. “I had faith and never doubted. I knew that I was going to live and not die.”

Charles also believed that Lillie would be OK. “I had so much confidence,” he says, “that when they wheeled her out of her hospital room to be operated on, I prayed and lay down in her room and went to sleep!”

The Shufords are planning on attending *Campmeeting 2011*. They wouldn’t miss it. “Every

year when we come, we always see old friends,” says Charles, “but we always meet somebody new. We always look forward to *Campmeeting*. It’s like an adventure, because we never know what is going to happen!”

We’re looking forward to seeing the Shufords at *Campmeeting 2011*. And like Charles, we’re also wondering how the Holy Ghost will move this year! 🙏



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*"Mexico City is like the Washington, D.C., of the nation. The nation's capital needs the Word. . . ."*

**TIM & RHONDA ROGERS**

**IT TAKES FAITH** to move to a city teeming with 18 million people—a city where you don't know even one individual and have nowhere to live. But faith is exactly what Tim and Rhonda Rogers, 1983 and 1990 RHEMA Bible Training Center graduates, relied on when they did just that in January of 1996. Carrying a few suitcases and with children ages 5, 3, and 2 in tow, they moved to Mexico City with less than \$2,000 a month in promised support.

"It was a time when we were literally walking on the water," said Tim. "We left our jobs, our family, our home, and our security. We sold everything we had to make the move. This was really our first opportunity to see our faith in action."

For Tim and Rhonda, this move to the mission field was really no surprise. Tim was called to missions at age 19. Then, while he was on a long-term missions trip to Guatemala after graduating from RBTC, the Lord supernaturally gave him the ability to understand and speak Spanish.

"I remember taking the Spanish Bible one day and it was as if a veil came off my eyes," Tim recalled. "I began to understand and read it as well as I do English." In a month and a half, Tim went from not knowing a word of Spanish to teaching in Spanish-language Bible schools without an interpreter.

While Tim was in Guatemala, RBTC officially became a two-year program, and he knew he needed to return. He

came back to RHEMA for what he thought would only be one or two years—and ended up staying nearly 12. Today, he recognizes just how vital those years were. Not only did he meet his wife, but together they were able to join their hearts with the Hagins. "Building those relationships and investing that time has brought us to where we are today," Tim acknowledged. "RHEMA has had a huge impact on our lives."

Even with all their training, Tim and Rhonda had a lot to learn—and a lot to overcome—when they moved to Mexico City. They had never been pastors or pioneered a church. And though they didn't realize it at the time, because of strict laws against Christianity, they were in Mexico illegally. "Most Christian churches were underground," Tim recalled. "We had to work as tourists the first few years, and any promoting we did was all by word of mouth."

In spite of the odds against them, Tim and Rhonda began their church in 1997. A handful of people gathered

in their home each week to hear the Word of God taught. In 1998, they announced they would also open a Bible school. Reforms to Mexican law allowed the school to become a legal entity, which in turn allowed the church to meet on Sundays in a public, rented facility—something they had been unable to do previously. In fact, they had been kicked out of two hotels and a cultural center when it was discovered they were Christians.

Today, thanks to God's amazing favor, both the church and the training center are officially recognized by the Mexican government. With over 600 members and new growth each month, Iglesia Bíblica RHEMA (RHEMA Bible Church Mexico) is thriving and has outgrown its current rented facilities.

Centro de Entrenamiento Bíblico RHEMA Mexico (RHEMA Bible Training Center Mexico) has also far exceeded Tim and Rhonda's expectations. The school graduated its first class—35 students—in 2000. As of this year, RHEMA Mexico has trained nearly 400 graduates.

Local pastors who once feared having their members taken now embrace what RHEMA is doing. "Pastors send us their people all the time now," Tim said, "because they know we're going to train them and send them back."

Tim and Rhonda are also passionate about training the pastors themselves. Nearly 10 percent of RHEMA Mexico's student body each year is senior pastors—many of whom

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travel two to three hours each way on buses and other public transportation to attend school. “When you can train a pastor, the message of faith also gets filtered through him to his people,” Rhonda said. “So our efforts are multiplied.”

The results speak for themselves. Tim and Rhonda have 48 graduates who are now pastoring and teaching thousands each week. They’re taking what they learned in school and preaching it on Sundays to their people.

Another of RHEMA Mexico’s graduates—with Tim and Rhonda’s help—began holding crusades throughout Mexico. At one point he was seeing 1,000 people won to Christ each month.

One pastor who graduated from RHEMA Mexico is even taking the faith message he learned and using it to smuggle Bibles into Iraq and Afghanistan. On a recent trip, this pastor—Pastor S—had his suitcases filled with Bibles. In the past, the customs agents had either ignored what they saw or the Lord had “blinded” their eyes. On this trip, though, he was caught and taken in for interrogation. He could have been detained, imprisoned, and sentenced to death—at the very least severely beaten or imprisoned for life—but in the interrogation room something amazing happened.

“Pastor S told them the truth,” Rhonda said. “He told them, ‘We want to bring the Word of God into your country,’ and just basically began to preach. The man interrogating him pulled him aside and said, ‘Tell me about this Jesus guy.’ So he told him about Jesus and led him to the Lord.” And before he was deported—without a beating or imprisonment—Pastor S was even assured that the Bibles he had carried in would not be destroyed.

**RHEMA MEXICO PRAYER REQUESTS**

- » Pray for a new **BUILDING** big enough to house both church and school. “We rent our current church facility and have to set up and tear down for each service.”
- » Pray for **FINANCES** to pay for the building and all needed equipment. “Mexico City is one of the most expensive cities in the world to live in.”
- » Pray for **PROTECTION**. “We want—and need—to be completely led by the Holy Ghost.”

**FAST FACTS**

Tim and Rhonda are 1983 and 1990 RBTC graduates.

- » Today, Mexico City’s population is more than 20 million.
- » On an average day, two million cars roll on Mexico City’s roads.
- » 89.7 percent of Mexico’s inhabitants are Roman Catholic.
- » RHEMA Mexico has nearly 400 graduates.
- » 48 RHEMA Mexico graduates serve as senior pastors.

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“This pastor came to us puzzled because the Lord had not protected him from being caught,” Rhonda recalled. “But he got to share the Gospel with a customs agent—one of the gatekeepers to the country.”

Stories like this encourage Tim and Rhonda to keep looking forward. Even though they have seen amazing fruit, they’ve got bigger plans for Mexico City and the entire Hispanic community. They recently launched a ministerial association, a pastors association, and a graduates association to provide accountability for all of their graduates—whatever type of ministry they’re in.

They’ve also got plans to increase RHEMA Mexico’s impact through four extension campuses opening in September in and around Mexico City. Leaders with a heart for RHEMA’s mission—what Tim and Rhonda call “special ops”—are already being trained to run the

schools. And this missionary couple is excited about the possibilities.

“Mexico City is like the Washington, D.C., of the nation,” Rhonda explained. “The nation’s capital needs the Word—needs RHEMA Mexico—because everything trickles down from the head. When the Word of faith captivates the “D.C.” of Mexico, it will trickle out to all the other major cities. We’re pulling in the net—banding together—and making our voice bigger. And we believe the people—the entire nation—will have to stand up and take notice. ♥



Read the amazing testimony of a Mexican lawyer who was wrongly imprisoned—and how God used RHEMA Mexico to set the “captive” free. Just go to [www.rhema.org/wof](http://www.rhema.org/wof), find this article in the June-July 2011 issue, and click on the link to read the story in Tim’s own words.





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# Abiding in the Vine

*“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”*

— JOHN 15:7

for the devil. Only the Word of God will stop him in his tracks.

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Satan quoted Scripture to our Lord. Jesus responded by saying, “It is also written.” Jesus’ knowledge of Scripture and His quoting the Word

when tempted is what put the devil on the run in His life. When we are told in James 4:7 to “*resist the devil*,” we, like Jesus, must stand against the enemy of our souls with the Word of God.

Luke 4:13 says the devil left Jesus “*for a season*.” That means our enemy will come back. But if we’ll abide in the Word, we’ll be ready when He comes.

**PROVERBS 4:20-22**

**20** My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

**21** Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

**22** For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

“Attending to” God’s Word means that we put the Word first. Other things will try to grab our attention, but reading and meditating on the Word needs to be our priority.

**WE ALL WANT** to get to the place in our Christian walk where we can “ask what we will and it shall be done unto us.” But before this happens, conditions must be met. We must abide in Christ and His words must abide in us.

Not knowing the Word of God puts us at a disadvantage when dealing with the devil. He will do everything he can to take advantage of what we don’t know.

The sixth chapter of Ephesians outlines the armor we have been given so we can withstand the devil. But in looking at the armor, we see that only the sword of the Spirit can be used to fight the devil. The rest of the armor is for our protection. So if we don’t know the Word or how to handle our sword, we won’t have anything to fight the devil with.

People have said, “I’m going to fight the devil with everything I’ve got.” These people are whipped before they start. “Everything we’ve got” is no match



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What benefit is there in doing this? The answer is found in verse 22. God's Word is "life" to us, both spiritually and naturally. And as we hide the Word in our hearts, it will be health to our flesh.

A lot of people are looking for healing and deliverance. Many have been supernaturally and spectacularly healed and delivered through the laying on of hands or by the gifts of the Spirit in operation. However, when people are healed this way, they've received their healing through the faith and actions of another person.

Unless they build themselves up in God's healing Word, when the devil tries to put sickness back on them, they won't have any Word to stand on. Then when they begin experiencing symptoms again, they'll usually say things like, "I must be losing my healing," or "I guess I didn't get healed after all." Instead of resisting the symptoms with the Word of God, they accept the sickness.

It doesn't have to be that way. If we'll always meditate on scriptures pertaining to healing, we'll have a solid foundation of faith for healing. When the symptoms try to come back on us, we'll have the Word of God to stand on. Instead of losing our healing, we'll have permanent deliverance because we're abiding in the Vine.♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from a message Kenneth E. Hagin taught in Miami, Florida, on February 9, 1996.)

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—PSALM 18:28-29 (NIV 2011)

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# Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

"THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS; HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME. YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE WATERS NEVER FAIL."  
— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV 1984)

**HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED** bumps in your life? I don't think it takes any of us very long to answer a hearty, "amen" to that question. In fact, you may be thinking, *Not only do I have bumps, but huge logs are in my way.* Before my husband and I moved to Oklahoma to work with my in-laws, we lived in the Dallas, Texas, metroplex. We frequently traveled the road between Dallas and Oklahoma to visit my husband's parents.

I often slept in the car as we traveled. My standing humorous comment was, "I can always tell when we enter Oklahoma, even if I'm asleep, because I immediately feel the bumps in the road." I didn't realize at the time that the path God was leading us down would end up in the bumpy state of Oklahoma.

God does not always take us down smooth roads in carrying out His plan for our lives. At times we may even wonder, *Am I ever going to experience a smooth ride?* Sometimes the road prepared for us may not seem like a road at all, but merely a bumpy path. If we will allow God to take the steering wheel of our lives, though, He will smooth out the roughest paths and get us to the proper destination.

Many of us plug in our GPS when going somewhere, and most of the time it will get us where we want to go. However, I have plugged in an address and ended up nowhere near my destination. One time I was headed to a restaurant in Dallas. I knew how to get there, but out of habit I put the address in my GPS. Suddenly the GPS said "Turn around and head the other way." I almost turned around even though I knew I was headed the right way. I realized my GPS was malfunctioning.

In our lives, we often pray and ask the Lord for direction. He speaks to us and starts us down the right path. But when life doesn't go as smoothly as expected, we begin listening to the voice of the enemy, whose goal is to keep us off course. The enemy will say, "You need to turn around; you're going the wrong way."

It's at these moments that we must have a firm foundation of the Word of God in our hearts to combat the conflicting directions coming from Satan. We must answer as Jesus did in the wilderness when He was tempted: "It is written" (Matt. 4:4).

One of the foundational chapters in the Bible that my husband and I established with our children was Psalm 91. On a daily basis we would make confessions with them from these verses. My husband and I still quote and confess many scriptures from this chapter every day.

I like the *New Century Version* of this psalm. "Those who go to God Most high for safety will be protected by the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, 'You are my place of safety and protection. You are my God and I trust you.' God will save you from hidden traps and from deadly diseases. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you can hide. His truth will be your shield and protection.

"You will not fear any danger by night or an arrow during the day. You will not be afraid of diseases that come in the dark or sickness that strikes at noon. At your side one thousand people may die, or even ten thousand right beside you, but you will not be hurt. You will only watch and see the wicked punished. The Lord is your protection; you have made God Most High your place of safety.

"Nothing bad will happen to you; no disaster will come to your home. He has put his angels in charge of you to watch over you wherever you go. They will catch you in their hands so that you will not hit your foot on a rock. You will walk on lions and cobras; you will step on strong lions and snakes.

"The Lord says, 'Whoever loves me, I will save. I will protect those who know me. They will call to me, and I will answer them. I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. I will give them a long, full life, and they will see how I can save.'"

I encourage you to take hold of the hand of the Lord. He will lead you through every bumpy path you may encounter. And you will arrive safely at your destination.♥

*Lynette*





# Kids' Page

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

## PRAISE PHRASE

Put the pictures and words together below and you will have a Praise Phrase from Psalm 34:3.



**HIS NAME**

## Spot the Phony!

The Bible was written in two languages: Hebrew and Greek. All of the words and their definitions below, except for one, are Hebrew and Greek words for "Praise" and "Worship." Can you spot the phony?

- HALAL**—TO BE CLAMOROUSLY FOOLISH
- ZAMAR**—TO TOUCH THE STRINGS
- BARAK**—TO KNEEL
- STUBORNO**—TO SIT UPON THE HANDS
- TODAH**—TO EXTEND THE HAND
- SHABACH**—TO ADDRESS IN A LOUD TONE
- PROSKUNEO**—TO KISS TOWARDS

## WHO Should Praise God?

Drop the first letter of the name of the items pictured below to the blank below the picture to discover the groups of people that should praise the Lord according to Psalm 148:11–12.



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## When & Where Should You Praise God?

Is there ever a time or place where it is not appropriate to praise God? Let's see what the Bible has to say about it! Read the scriptures below and draw a square around the words that tell WHERE we should praise God, and draw a circle around the words that tell WHEN we should praise God.



- "IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, I GET UP TO THANK YOU."  
—PSALM 119:62 (NCV)
- "LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM REJOICE IN HIS GLORY. LET THEM SING FOR JOY EVEN IN BED!" —PSALM 149:5 (NCV)
- "THE LEVITES ALSO STOOD EVERY MORNING AND GAVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO THE LORD. THEY ALSO DID THIS EVERY EVENING."  
—1 CHRONICLES 23:30 (NCV)
- "I WILL PRAISE YOU IN THE GREAT MEETING. I WILL PRAISE YOU AMONG CROWDS OF PEOPLE." —PSALM 35: 18 (NCV)
- "SO I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, AMONG THE NATIONS."  
—PSALM 18:49 (NCV)
- "PRAISE GOD IN HIS TEMPLE." —PSALM 150:1 (NCV)
- "I WILL PRAISE THE LORD ALL MY LIFE; I WILL SING PRAISES TO MY GOD AS LONG AS I LIVE." —PSALM 146:2 (NCV)
- "SEVEN TIMES A DAY I PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR FAIR LAWS."  
—PSALM 119:164 (NCV)

## jokes & riddles



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

## RHYME TIME!

All of the answers to this month's jokes and riddles are rhyming words. So, "Have a ball, y'all!"

What caused Abel's death?  
**Cain Pain**

When the first woman ate the forbidden fruit, what did God have to tell her to do?  
**Leave, Eve**

If Balaam had worked in a prison, what words would he have often heard?  
**Jail 'em Balaam!**

Moses could remember where he stood in every family reunion portrait. Why is this?  
**Moses Knows His Poses**

What do you call Jesus in the river where he was baptized?  
**Lord in Jordan**

If a lawyer agreed to represent Goliath in a court case, what would he have?  
**A Giant Client**

What happened to the baby Jacob the first time he ever opened his eyes?  
**He saw Esau**

**Answers:**  
When and Where Should You Praise God?  
Draw squares around: IN THE GREAT MEETING, AMONG CROWDS OF PEOPLE, AMONG THE NATIONS, IN HIS TEMPLE.  
Draw circles around: IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, SEVEN TIMES A DAY, AS LONG AS I LIVE, SEVEN TIMES A DAY.  
Who Should Praise God?  
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## ABUJA, NIGERIA

**AUGUST 9-11** RHEMA NIGERIA  
HEALING CRUSADE

**AUGUST 10-11** RHEMA NIGERIA  
LEADERS MEETING

## LAGOS, NIGERIA

**AUGUST 12** REDEEMED CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH OF GOD CONVEN-  
TION (REDEMPTION CAMP)

**AUGUST 13** RHEMA NIGERIA LEADERS  
MEETING (VICTORIA ISLAND)

**AUGUST 14** FAITH TABERNACLE  
(CANAAN LAND)

You may never set foot on African soil. But through your prayers and financial support, *you can go with us.* You can be a part as we take the word of faith to the Nigerian people. *Will you join us?*

### PRAY

- » FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE ENTIRE TEAM
- » THAT THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE OPEN TO RECEIVE
- » FOR MIRACLES, SIGNS, AND WONDERS

### SUPPORT

- » DONATE ONLINE AT [WWW.RHEMA.ORG/OFFERING](http://WWW.RHEMA.ORG/OFFERING).
- » MAIL YOUR GIFT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

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# LIVING FAITH crusades

**AUG**  
28-31

Believers Christian Fellowship  
2577 SCHENLEY AVE. N.E. | **WARREN, OH** 44483  
PASTORS JOE & GINA CAMENETI | (330) 372-3333  
SUN. 7:00 P.M. | MON.-WED. 10:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

**OCT**  
16-18

Heart of the Bay Christian Center  
24800 HESPERIAN BLVD. | **HAYWARD, CA** 94545  
PASTORS MARK & BRENDA THOMAS | (510) 786-3232  
SUN. 7:00 P.M. | MON.-TUES. 10:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

**SEP**  
11-14

Word of Life Christian Center  
100 DERBY PARKWAY | **BIRMINGHAM, AL** 35210  
PASTOR SCOTT & PHYLLIS WEBB | (205) 833-8500  
SUN. 7:00 P.M. | MON.-WED. 10:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

**OCT**  
19-21

Antelope Valley Christian Center  
304 W. LANCASTER BLVD. | **LANCASTER, CA** 93534  
PASTOR TOM & MINISTER DONNA PICKENS | (661) 949-7200  
WED. 7:30 P.M. | THURS.-FRI. 10:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

For more information visit [www.rhema.org/crusades](http://www.rhema.org/crusades).