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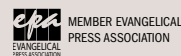
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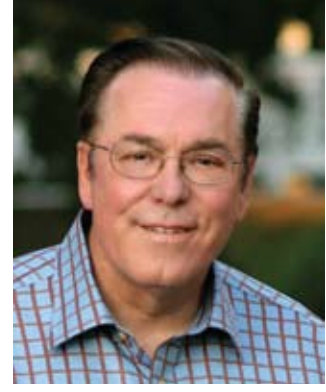
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## Create the World You Want to See!

What kind of world do you want to live in? A world of love? A world of faith? A world of peace? A world of health? A world of abundance? God through His Word has created a world that He wants you to live in. But whether you actually live in that world depends on you! By believing and speaking the Word of God, you can create the world you want to see.

I grew up in a world of faith and love. That was the world my dad created for me by his words. The words he spoke every time we faced a problem or crisis still ring in my ears. He would tell me, "This is just another opportunity to prove that God's Word works!"

There are many factors in our lives today that try to create our world for us. Physical symptoms try to create a world of sickness and disease. Economic factors try to create a world where there is no prosperity. Sometimes our own thoughts hold us captive in a world we do *not* want to live in. Our negative thoughts put a lid on our lives and keep us from entering into the blessings of God.

What is the world God wants you to have? It's a world of faith and love that you create with your words (Mark 11:23). It's a world of peace and joy that you create with your mouth, based on what the Word of God says (Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Thess. 5:16). It's a world where you can take your thoughts captive (2 Cor. 10:5). It's a world of abundance and prosperity, healing and health, and protection and safety, according to God's Word (Matt. 6:33; 1 Peter 2:24; Ps. 91). That's what He has promised! Why don't you call what God has promised that doesn't exist yet in your world *into existence*!

What kind of world do you want to see? Create it with your words (Mark 11:24). Create it in line with the promises of God—with His Word. As we begin this new year, don't stay where you are. Set your life on a new course! When you discover the world God desires for you to have, you can release His power through your words and watch His promises become realities!

*Kenneth W. Hagin*



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**Special Report:** INTERNATIONAL RHEMA  
 RBTC graduates Bud and Jan Wright started with a goal to reach Brazil. To date, RHEMA Brazil, which they founded, has 10,000 graduates and 30 Bible schools. Read the story of how their dream became reality.



To be successful in life, we have to see with what I call the “inward eye.” Some people call it imagination; others call it dreaming. It’s being able to see something that is not in the natural realm. You could call it “dreaming with God.”

ALL OF US CAN GO OUTSIDE and look from horizon to horizon at the vast expanse of the sky. But in looking at our own dreams and vision, many times our horizon is very narrow. We need to enlarge the horizons of our imagination until we are looking at more than we think we can do.

We all have great potential. And with God, we can accomplish more than we have ever dreamed. But unless we see that “more” on the inside, we will never reach our true potential. Many people never reach even a quarter of their potential. Why? Because they can’t see how it could come to pass.

To counter this kind of thinking, many coaches tell their athletes, “See yourself scoring the touchdown. See yourself making the big play.” They say this because a principle is involved: If we can see it on the inside, we can make it happen on the outside.

This holds true in every area of life. When Michelangelo looked at a block of marble, he didn’t see a large rock—he saw a finished sculpture. When a painter sits in front of a blank canvas with his brushes, he already knows in his mind what he wants to paint on that canvas. When an engineer begins working on a new car design, he sketches ideas that he has already conceived in his imagination.

Let me ask you, what do you continually see about yourself . . . about your future? It matters how you see yourself, because what you see is what you will be and do.

Proverbs 29:18 says, “*Where there is no vision, the people perish.*” This verse is not talking about our natural eyesight. It is talking about vision, which can include our vision for life or what we anticipate for our future.



KENNETH W. HAGIN

## VISION BLOCKERS

Jonathan Swift said, "Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others."<sup>1</sup> Many people see but don't have vision. That's because they are focusing on natural things and are not allowing the vision that comes from God's Word to influence them.

Listening to others can sometimes hinder our vision. Some people like to talk about how *they* see things. But

If we can see it on the inside, we can make it happen on the outside.

their experiences can hinder what God wants to do in our lives. In his book *Winning 101*, Van Crouch said, "Never, never, never let a person who is a cop-out, burnout, or dropout cause you to give up the dream that God has put in your heart."<sup>2</sup>

Focusing on the past is another vision blocker. Helen Keller once said, "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."<sup>3</sup> Some people are still looking at yesterday's sunset and can't see the beauty of today's sunrise.

Worry can also cloud our vision. In his book *No More Excuses*, Tony Evans says, "Worry is like fog. [But] . . . fog that can cover up to seven city blocks contains less than one glassful of water."<sup>4</sup>

If we look at the future through the eyes of worry and fear, we will always find something to keep us from fulfilling our vision. But when fear and worry are compressed down to their real substance, they're not worth being concerned over.



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Fulfilling our dreams and desires often boils down to our ability to see ourselves through God's eyes. And as we meditate on His power and willingness to help us, we'll realize that we don't have to face life alone.

So instead of spending time thinking about the things that are against us, let's focus our thoughts on what we already have. Let's change the way we look at life. We must let God's vision

for us become real inside us. And we must imagine ourselves the way God designed us to be: overcomers and victors in Christ Jesus. When we get hold of that, nothing can stop us!<sup>5</sup>

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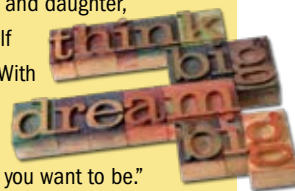
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## FAITH IN ACTION

### New Year Goal Setting

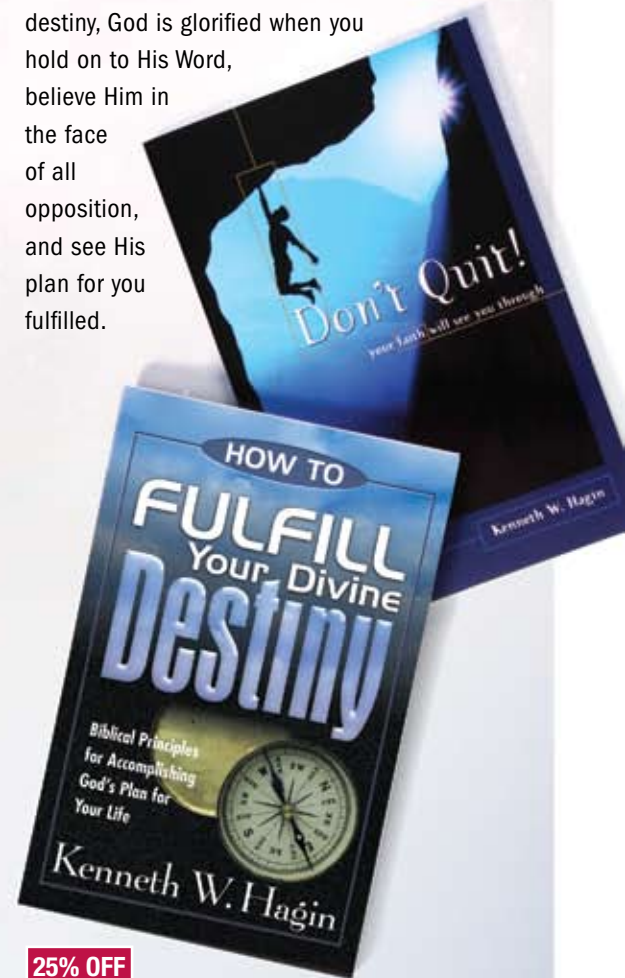
My dad, Kenneth E. Hagin, often said, "I'd rather set my goals high and reach half of them than set them at nothing and get all of it." As we embark on a new year, let's set our goals high. I always told my son and daughter, "See yourself successful. With God, you can do and be anything you want to be."

Then let's take the attitude that we cannot be defeated and we will not quit in reaching for our goals.



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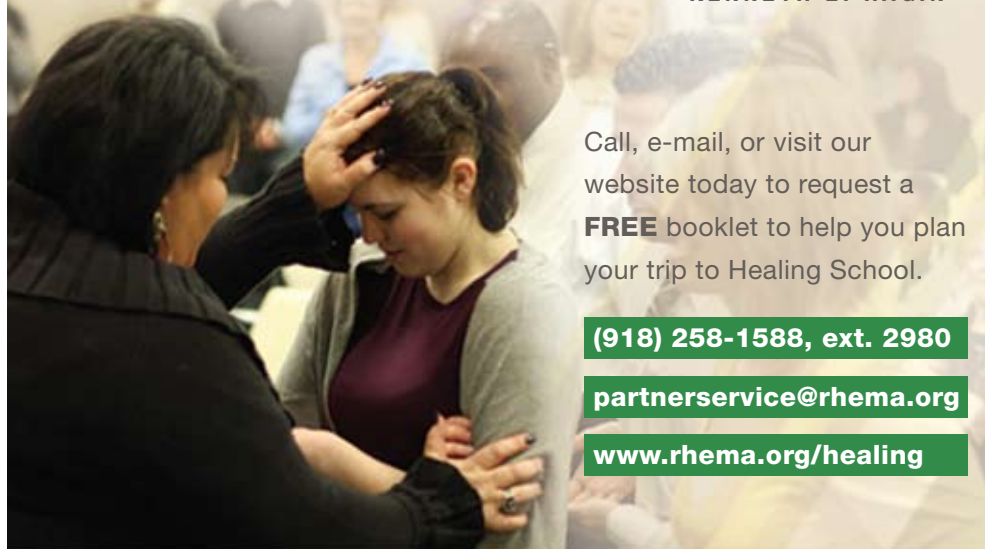
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# Never Give Up on Your Dream



My dad always taught me that I could do whatever I desired to do. If I put my mind to it, I could do it. I just had to decide what I wanted to do and then go for it. Now I'm passing that lesson on to my children.

MY OLDEST SON, Cameron, has a dream of becoming a NASCAR race car driver. We know it's a lofty goal. There are 25,000 kids who vie for the three or four spots that open up every year in the NASCAR ranks. Although it isn't an easily obtainable goal, one thing is certain: for my son to reach this goal, he must practice hard and keep his dream in front of him at all times.

Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Many people think God gives us only the things *He* desires us to have. But this verse shows us that we can have the things *we* desire. As long as our desires

## FAITH NUGGET

### Speed Bumps

When we are striving to reach a goal or fulfill a dream, challenges are inevitable. But challenges and negative circumstances are like speed bumps. A speed bump is made to slow us down when we are going too fast, but it doesn't cause us to stop. Challenges act the same way. The devil has designed them to slow us down when we get going too fast for the Kingdom of God and he feels threatened. But we can ride right over those challenges and keep going because the Greater One lives in us!

be easy to get discouraged along the way. When this happens, we have to push through the setbacks and discouragements to realize our dreams.

#### KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

You might be surprised to learn that Michael Jordan—one of the best players basketball has ever seen—was cut from his high school varsity team when he was a sophomore. But this setback didn't stop him. He worked hard to sharpen his basketball skills and made the team in his junior

and senior years. He went on to play college basketball, and the rest is history.

There will always be people who feel they need to help us "face the facts." And if given the chance, they'll try to talk us out of what we want to do. But we can't be swayed by what someone else thinks. What they think shouldn't have any bearing on whether we fulfill our dreams.

Bill Bates didn't allow other people to talk him out of his dreams. Bill grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, and dreamed of playing in the National Football League for the Dallas Cowboys.

But he was too small and too slow. After college he was invited to the Cowboys' training camp. When it came time to cut players, the Cowboys' management couldn't bring themselves to cut him. In spite of his shortcomings, he was too likable, and he always made the tackle. Bill Bates had a 14-year career with the Cowboys. Pretty good for a guy who others said didn't have enough talent to play in the NFL.

Just because other people tell us we can't doesn't mean that we can't. We serve a God of the

Isaiah 54:17 says, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord."

When we know our heritage, it won't matter what is said against us. It won't prosper. As we remember and do God's Word and are merciful to others, Proverbs 3:4 says that we will have favor with God and with man. When we stand on this

### We serve a God of the "cans," not a God of the "can'ts."

"cans," not a God of the "can'ts." If we'll remember this, we'll realize that the trials we face while working toward our dreams don't have to determine our outcome. Although certain situations may seem impossible, we must remember that a key to achieving our dreams is to never stop believing, no matter what happens.

scripture, doors that were once closed will open.

As we strive to accomplish our dreams, we must never forget that we serve a God Who is more than enough! No matter how lofty our dream may be or how impossible it may seem, He is able to help us achieve all of our desires.♥

line up with the Word of God, we can have whatever we can believe Him for. What we can receive from God is really unlimited!

Sometimes people have a dream they want to achieve, but something happens and they lose their desire to go after their dream. Hard work is always involved in accomplishing a dream, and it can

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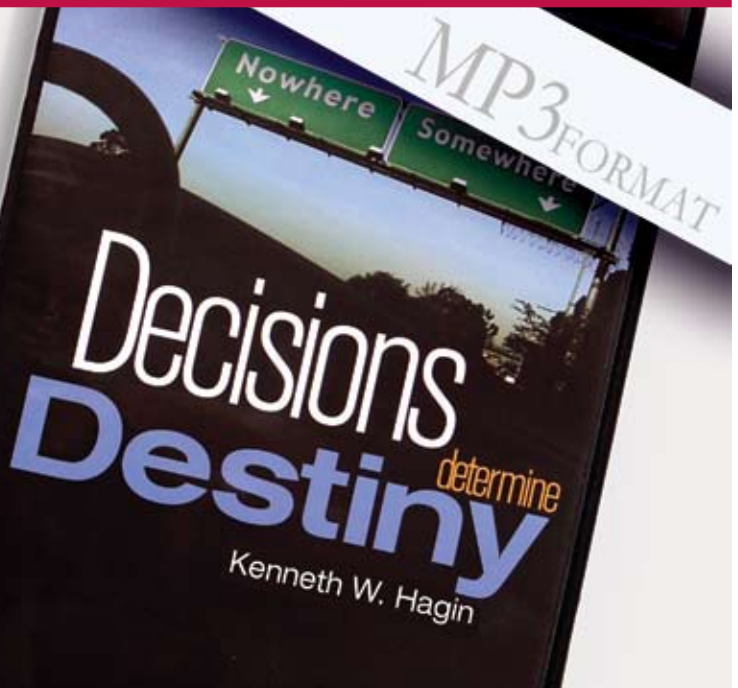
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The “how” became clear in 1973 when Rev. Hagin held his first Campmeeting. “We’re going to start a Bible school,” he said under the unction of the Holy Spirit. Who would have thought that what began with 58 students would grow to encompass more than 45,000 graduates and over 80 campuses worldwide!

*Who are these that make this sound of tramp, tramp, tramp as they come—as they go tramping along? . . . Yea, they are those chosen of the Lord, called of God, equipped*

answered. The fall of the Berlin Wall in Germany and the collapse of communism in the former Soviet Union have resulted from prayer. As these prayers have continued, we have seen more and more doors open to the Gospel.

*Where are they going? They’re going unto the uttermost parts of the earth. They’re going where an empty hand is reaching out for help. They’re going where the hungry cry—hungry for the bread of this life, and hungry for the true Bread of Life. . . . They’re going around the world to tell the story, to proclaim the message, to do the work that God called them to do.*

Every Christian plays a part in spreading the light of the Gospel in this dark and dying world. Some are called to go; others are called to send. Whichever we do, we all share in the reward of souls won for God’s Kingdom (1 Sam. 30:24 NIV). When we all work together, the

FEATURE

# THE VISION IS EXPLODING

**TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP! WHAT IS THAT SOUND? WHAT IS THAT SOUND THAT I HEAR? IT’S THE SOUND OF MANY FEET. IT’S THE SOUND OF BEAUTIFUL FEET. IT’S THE SOUND OF FEET GOING FORTH WITH THE GOOD NEWS!**

*by His Spirit. Yea, they are those who have been loosed from the bondage of the enemy and sent forth to set men free.*<sup>1</sup>

Since the early 1980s, prayer meetings and prayer groups on the RBTC USA campus have prayed for the harvest. Over the years we have seen those prayers being

job gets done. The need is great, for there are many to be won. And more men and women—young and old alike—need to be trained so they can go to every corner of the earth.

Here are highlights of how RHEMA Bible Training Center is making an impact around the world.<sup>2</sup>♥

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Graduates from RHEMA Mexico regularly travel to Iraq and Afghanistan.



## SOUTH AMERICA

RHEMA Colombia has dedicated a new four-story building that houses both the school and The Christian Church of Colombia.

Thirty RHEMA campuses have sprung up in Brazil, with five more anticipated this year.

RHEMA Peru has 18 campuses located throughout Peru and Chile.



<sup>1</sup> The paragraphs in italics are from a prophetic utterance given by Kenneth E. Hagin at the 1979 RBTC graduation.

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*The hungry cry*



*of souls*



## AFRICA

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## ASIA

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RHEMA India's graduates are eager to share the Gospel in their nation—the world's second most populous country.

RHEMA Singapore's graduates are taking the Good News to Buddhists, Hindus, Taoists, and Muslims.



## OCEANIA

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As part of their training, students at RHEMA Australia leave the traditional classroom and hit the marketplaces to win their nation to Christ!

In Papua New Guinea, RHEMA School of Ministry-PNG is constantly on the move. Since it opened in 2001, the school has moved to four different cities in this rural nation. Papua New Guinea's rugged terrain makes travel difficult, so instead of asking students to come to the school, the school comes to them.

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WHEN BUD AND JAN WRIGHT graduated from RHEMA Bible Training Center in 1983, there was no question where they were headed. Nearly three years earlier, the Lord had told Bud, "I want you to go to Brazil and take My Word to My people and set them free."

"The Lord didn't give me a city," said Bud. "He just said 'Go to Brazil.'" After graduation, Bud and Jan arranged a three-month visit to a mission there and bought their airline tickets.

Often when people take their initial steps to fulfill God's plan for their lives, it looks as though there's no way that plan will ever come to pass. And that's what happened with the Wrights.

Three days before they were to leave, they had \$151—not enough for two people to live on for 90 days. The few people who had said they would help them never did. And the one pastor they knew told them his church

could not support them at that time. So the Wrights simply put their trust in God to meet their needs.

Before they left for Brazil, the couple attended a family reunion where something truly remarkable happened. Although Jan's relatives believed differently from Bud and Jan, they gave them an offering of \$441. "We supernaturally lived on that money for three months," Jan said.

"We went to Brazil and visited a city," said Bud. "Of course, that wasn't where God wanted us. He just wanted us to get down there." After three months when they were back in the States, they applied for a permanent visa but didn't qualify. "You had to prove your income for one year," said Jan. "We didn't have any proof of income. We didn't have any."

Four months later the Lord prompted them to call the Brazilian consulate. As Jan explained their situation, the official said,

"Wait a minute . . . we've got a new visa—a missionary visa." They picked it up on their way to the airport for their flight to Brazil. Jan said that was the only time she heard that document referred to as a missionary visa.

Entering Brazil with that special visa made obtaining a permanent visa easy, said Bud. "If God calls you somewhere, His grace is there. He'll make a way for you."

The Wrights arrived in Brazil with only a few suitcases and minimal financial resources. But God gave them favor as they began to walk out His plan for their lives. Twelve people came to their first meeting. And as Bud and Jan preached the Word, it was confirmed with accompanying signs. The 12 soon grew to 100, and on September 15, 1985, their church, Word of Life, was born.

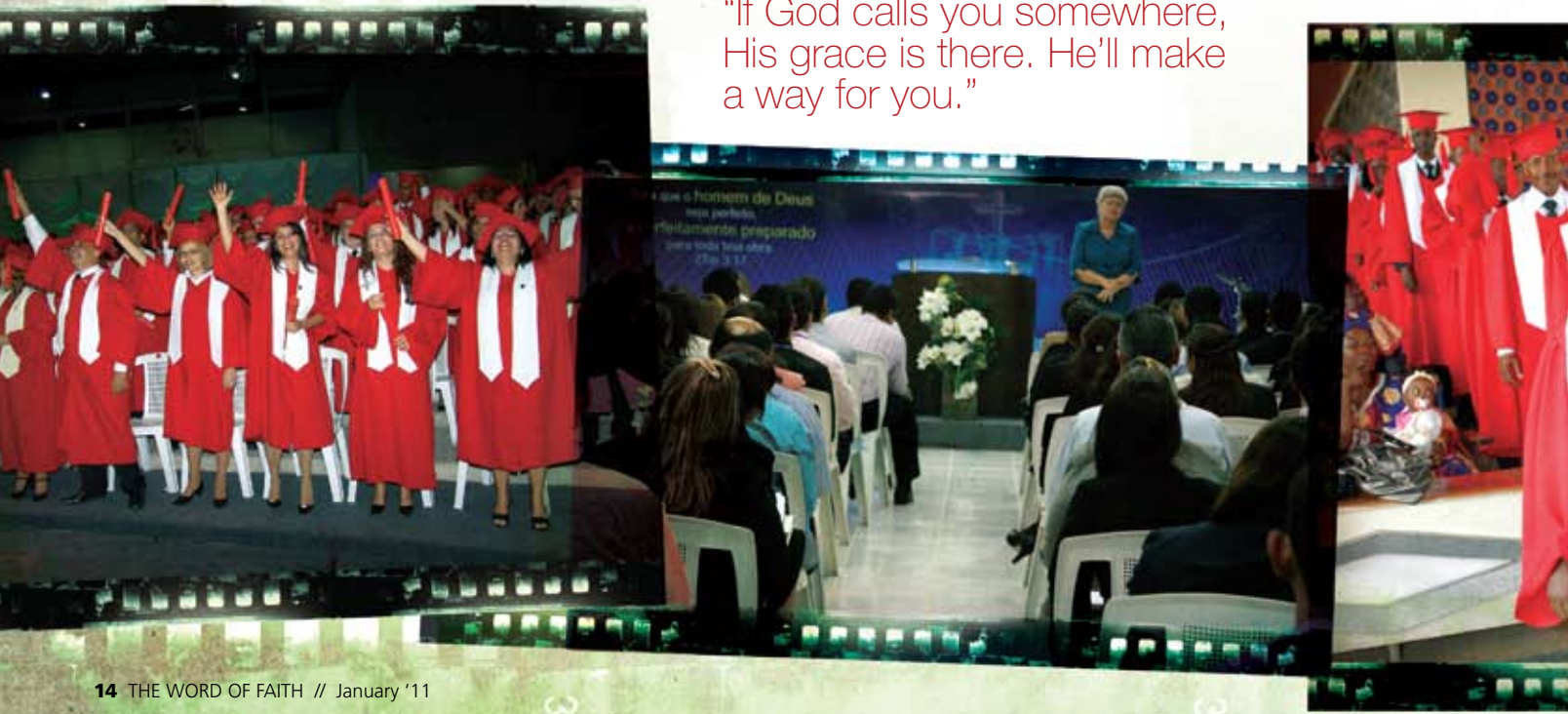
For six-and-a-half years they worked in São Paulo, Brazil's

largest city and the seventh largest in the world. Then the Lord began dealing with Bud about relocating to northeastern Brazil—the poorest section of the country. They visited most of the nine states in that region, finishing up in Campina Grande with no further leading about what to do next. As the Wrights looked down on the city from the balcony of the hotel, the Lord said to both of them, "Campina Grande is your next work."

Campina Grande is now RHEMA Brazil's base. But it took the Wrights overcoming a lot of roadblocks to return. One woman "prophesied" to them that their time in Brazil was over. Some of their supporters in the U.S. thought leaving a city of millions to start a work in one of 360,000 was a mistake and stopped giving. "They said, 'You're out of the will of God,'" recalled Jan. Bud added, "People look at the city; they don't look at

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what God says. But now I can see the hundreds of ministers who have come out of that state.”

The Wrights set out to start a church and a Bible school in each state capital in the Brazilian northeast. Although they knew they were in God’s perfect will, it took one year to start a church in Campina Grande. A businessman promised them the use of a building but kept delaying and eventually sold the property. So the Wrights rented a building for their group of believers to hold services, trusting God to provide the rent.

Bud said the Lord told him that if he would organize and run his churches and schools as much in line with the Word as possible, He would bless them. And that is what is happening. Today, RHEMA Brazil oversees a church or Bible school in the capital cities of all but two of the nation’s 26 states and has a Bible school in Brasilia, the federal capital. The schools have graduated more than 10,000 students who have fanned out across the nation and into other parts of South America and the world. Graduates and ministry staff have planted at least 112 churches.

RHEMA Brazil opened a Bible school in Africa—in Luanda,

Angola, another Portuguese-speaking nation. Three years ago a Luandan pastor asked the Wrights to open a RHEMA campus at his church. Bud was ready to say no, “But all of a sudden, I could hear the man in Macedonia calling, ‘Come and help us’” (Acts 16:9). RHEMA Brazil now shuttles instructors monthly across the Atlantic to staff the school. They also operate a third-year ministers school in Luanda which opened in 2010. “RHEMA Angola even wrote a song,” Bud said: “The Word of Faith Has Come to Angola.”

Bud used to ask God why He called him, a farmer and truck driver from rural Alabama, to do such a work in Brazil. “I was sure there were people better educated than I was, and people who knew more than I knew. He never would answer me.” Some years later he heard a minister say that healing evangelist Kathryn Kuhlman had asked the Lord why He had called her to such a responsible ministry. The Lord’s answer to her was, “Because you obeyed Me.” “That spoke to me,” Bud said. Then God told him, “I spoke to a lot of people, but you’re the only one that obeyed me.” ♥

**RHEMA BRAZIL** operates a school in Luanda, Angola, shuttling instructors monthly across the Atlantic to staff it.

## RAISING THE DEAD

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RBTC graduates Bud and Jan Wright are reaching out and making a difference in Brazil.

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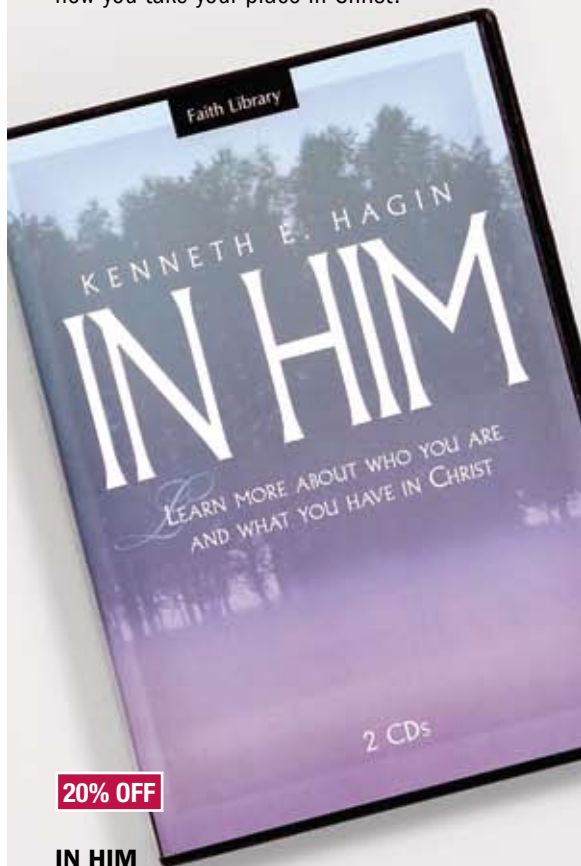
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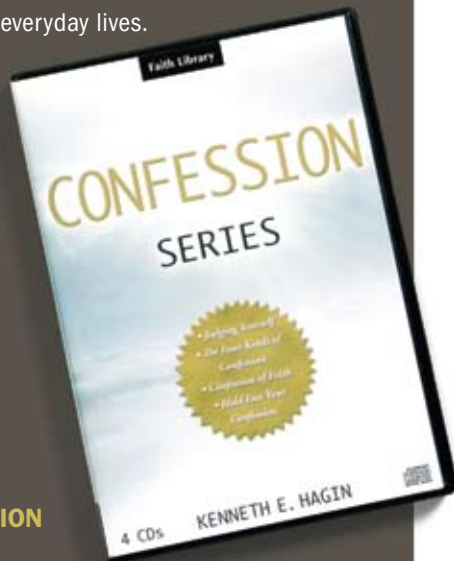
On the other hand, I’ve seen people look at a task and say, “I can’t do it.” The moment they spoke those words, they were defeated.

When we say we do not have faith, doubt rises up like a giant and binds us. We are imprisoned by our negative words. Proverbs 6:2 says, “*Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth.*” In other words, whether good or bad, *our words dominate us.*

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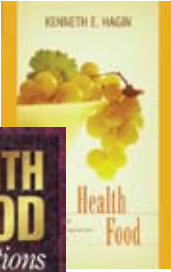
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have faith when it was impossible for us to have faith, we would have a right to challenge His justice, because that would be unjust. But it is possible for us to have faith, because the Bible says, "*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*" (Rom. 10:17).

We can increase our faith by hearing God's Word. Therefore, the responsibility of having strong faith rests with us.

Number two, we must believe our words. We must believe that what we say will come to pass. We must believe the Word of God in our hearts and believe the Word of God on our lips. Doing that gives us power over demons, diseases, and circumstances.

Many times people will say, "I wish I had that kind of faith." Well, the Bible says we do! Second Corinthians 4:13



## FAITH IN ACTION

### Words of Wisdom

These wise words will help you always speak in line with God's Word.

- 1 CULTIVATE** a habit of **DWELLING UPON GOD'S THINGS** in your thought life (Phil. 4:8).
- 2 LEARN** to use positive, faith-filled words that will **EDIFY YOUR SPIRIT**.
- 3 TALK** about **HOW BIG GOD IS**. Doing that will buoy up your spirit in faith, confidence, and assurance.

Let's examine how our words affect our faith walk.

Romans 10:10 says, "*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*" This principle concerns more than salvation. Confession is made unto *whatsoever*—salvation, prosperity, healing, or whatever else we need. This agrees exactly with what Jesus said about faith.

In Mark 11:22 Jesus said, "*Have faith in God.*" In the Greek this phrase literally says, "Have the faith of God." Or we could say, "Have the God-kind of faith."

The God-kind of faith is described in Mark 11:23: "*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*"

There are two things to notice about the God-kind of faith. Number one, confession *precedes* possession. Most people want to possess the blessing before they'll confess it. But Jesus said, "*He shall have whatsoever he saith*" (Mark 11:23).

At the time we make a faith confession, we don't have what we confess. That's because *confession precedes possession*. We must confess God's Word to bring the thing we desire into the realm of reality (Heb. 11:1).

says, "*We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.*"

The Apostle Paul didn't say we are *trying* or *hoping* to get the same spirit of faith. He didn't say someday we *might* get it. Paul said we *have* the same spirit of faith. That's present tense. That means we have it *now*.

What is this spirit of faith that we have? We *believe* and *therefore we speak*. Believing and speaking the Word is operating in the same principle of faith Jesus talked about in Mark 11:23.

We can also see this principle in the story of the woman with the issue of blood. She said, "*If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole*" (Matt. 9:21). She got exactly what she *believed* and what she *said*.

We must realize that our words will either make us victors in life or hold us captive. So let's learn to talk in line with the Word of God. Let's confess scripture that promises the things we desire. As we do, these scriptures will register on our spirits. Our faith will rise to the level of our confession, and we will experience victory over our circumstances! ♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book *Classic Sermons*.)



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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

**AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH YEAR**, I like to take an inventory of my life. I look at every area to see where I have succeeded and where I need improvement. I also make sure that I have not veered off track from the plans and purposes God has for me.

We each wear multiple hats. Sometimes it's difficult to successfully change the hat we are wearing, and to do it at the proper time. For instance, I wear a hat as a wife, mother, and grandmother, but I also wear hats as a pastor's wife, minister, and business administrator.

I have dreams and goals that I desire to accomplish in each of my various roles. For example, my husband and I have always attempted to make sure that our family life and children were not slighted because of the vast demands of ministry. However, we also know that we must not neglect the call of God upon our lives.

To maintain proper balance, I constantly look to the Lord for wisdom. James 1:5 (NLT) says, "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." Many times I need wisdom to handle situations. Whatever wisdom you need, know that God is right there to supply you with the knowledge and ability. But His rule is, you must ask! I also ask God for strength to function in my various roles. I constantly proclaim, "I have the life of God in me. And if that same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in me, He shall quicken my mortal body." I speak life and energy to my body.

We are snared by the words of our mouth. So speak positive words over your life and body. Don't confess, "I'm so tired" or "I'm always a failure." When you do that, you put those words into motion in your life. Remember, what you confess you will possess. Therefore I make positive confessions over my life and body.

It is important to have dreams and goals. However, it is most important to carry out the dreams that God has for us. Proverbs 20:24 (NLT) says, "The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?" We must live committed and submitted to God's plans and purposes for us.

As Christians, most of us want God's perfect will for our lives. We want to live out His plans and vision. However, we must be very sure that it is God's plans we are following. Often we can be so caught up in our own plans, purposes, visions, and dreams that we mistake them for God's plans. It is very important to listen closely to His instructions. If we allow His desires to become ours, we will find that even our personal desires will become a reality.

To submit to God's plan, I had to put some of my dreams on a shelf and say, "God, I guess that was not part of Your plan for my life." However, those dreams came to pass many years later. You see, God's timing was different from mine. He had larger plans, and He knew that I needed more experience and training for the job. Therefore He took me on a journey during which I had to simply say, "I trust You, Lord."

I sense that there are readers who have experienced disappointment in life. You have questioned God, wondering why the dreams and visions that were placed in your heart many years ago have not materialized.

The Lord would say to you, "Just trust Me. Know that I am leading you down a path that will eventually take you to the place that I desire you to go. If you will follow and stop questioning, you will get there sooner. If you will speak positive words over your present situation, you will find that the situation will change and you will experience victory where there has been defeat seemingly on every side.

"I will lead and I will guide, if in Me you do abide.

Listen to My voice every moment of the day,

and the doors of opportunity will come your way.

And that which you have so long desired will come into place,

and you will then understand the path that you had to take.

It will be much greater than you thought,

and then you'll be able to say,

'My, my, my—look what the Lord has done!'

As I was writing, those prophetic words began to flow. I trust that they will witness to many hearts. Remember—place your life in God's hands and He will bring those dreams into reality in His time.♥

*Lynette*





# Kids' Page

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

## FIND THE PAIRS!

See how many matching pairs of pictures you can find below. When you have found the matching pairs, see if you can figure out what topic the pairs have in common.



## WHAT MADE THEM WELL?



Read the three accounts of healing below and see if you can figure out what two words are missing.

**Mark 10:51-52**—And answering him, Jesus said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!” And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; \_\_\_\_\_ has made you well.”

**Luke 8:47-48**—And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And He (Jesus) said to her, “Daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ has made you well.”

**Luke 17:15-19**—Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His (Jesus’) feet, giving thanks to Him. . . . And He (Jesus) said to him, “Rise, and go your way; \_\_\_\_\_ has made you well.”

Only one of these answers is the correct answer to fill in the blanks above. Which one is it?  
**A. GOD’S POWER C. YOUR FAITH**  
**B. GOD’S GRACE D. GOOD WORKS**

## MATCH-UP

How much do you know about Jesus’ healing ministry? Match the people below with the way that they were healed.

- Blind man of Bethsaida  Jesus laid hands on them
- Crowd at Peter’s house  Jesus used his spit
- Deaf man of Decapolis  Touched Jesus’ clothes
- People of Capernaum  Jesus used clay
- Man born blind  Jesus laid hands on them
- Woman with issue of blood  Jesus used his spit

## A-mazing Healing

Draw a line to mark your way through the maze below. Challenge a friend to see who can do it the fastest!



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

Why couldn’t the pony sing with the choir?

**Because he was a “little hoarse” (horse)**

**Johnny:** Hey Sam, can you come out to play?

**Sam:** No, my Mom grounded me because I was dribbling balls in the house.

**Johnny:** Wow, your Mom sure is tough!

**Sam:** Well, they were meatballs!

Why did the bicycle quit the race?

**Because it was too tired (two-tired)**

It’s raining outside and all the windows in the house are tightly shut, yet one curtain still gets wet . . . why is this?

**Because it’s the shower curtain**

What do you get when you cross a rooster with an owl?

**A cock-a-doodle-who!**

What ball still works fine even with three holes in it?

**A bowling ball**

**WHAT MADE THEM WELL?—ANSWERS:**  
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**FIND THE PAIRS—ANSWERS:** THERE ARE FOUR MATCHING PAIRS AND THEY ALL SHOW JESUS HEALING SOMEONE.  
**MATCH-UP—ANSWERS:**  
 1. BLIND MAN OF BETHSAIDA—JESUS LAID HANDS ON HIM AND USED SPIT—MARK 8:23  
 2. CROWD AT PETER’S HOUSE—JESUS LAID HANDS ON THEM—LUKE 4:40  
 3. DEAF MAN OF DECAPOLIS—JESUS LAID HANDS ON HIM AND USED HIS SPIT—MARK 7:32-33  
 4. PEOPLE OF CAPERNAUM—TOUCHED JESUS’ CLOTHES—MARK 6:56  
 5. MAN BORN BLIND—JESUS USED BOTH SPIT AND CLAY—JOHN 9:6  
 6. WOMAN WITH ISSUE OF BLOOD—TOUCHED JESUS’ CLOTHES—LUKE 8:44



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