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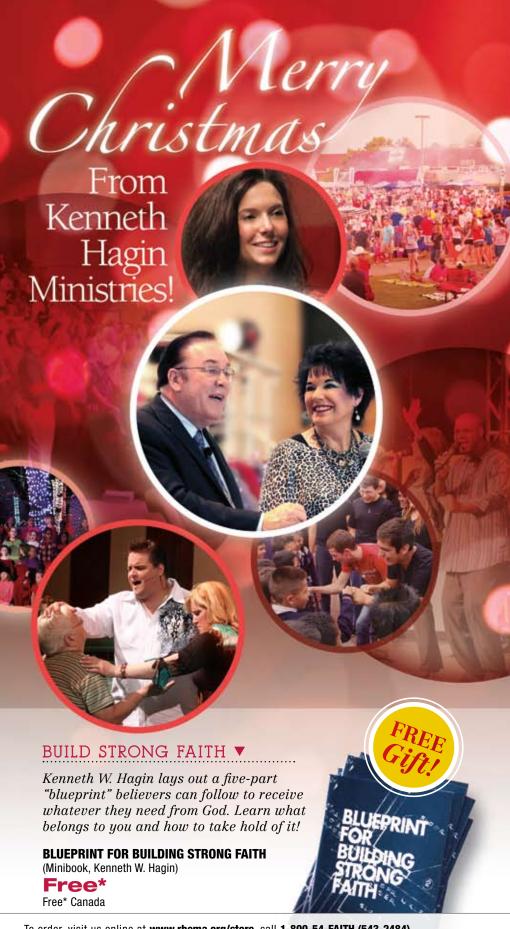
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Right on Time!

It's a story unlike any other—a story that gives us hope and fills us with faith. Of course, I'm talking about the Christmas story—the account of our Lord and Savior coming to earth as a baby.

Can you imagine the scene? The shepherds were on the hillside at night tending their flocks.

Suddenly an angel appeared and spoke to them. Then a host of angels appeared, saying,

"Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth. Goodwill toward men!" Meanwhile, the magi—bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—followed a bright star, unsure of their destination but searching for their King.

And in a manger filled with hay, surrounded by braying donkeys and roaming sheep, lay Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. This was the child whom Isaiah had long ago prophesied of—the mighty God, the Prince of Peace, Emmanuel (Isa. 7:14, 9:6). Many hearts had longed for this day. Now it had finally come!

Galatians 4:4–5 says, "WHEN THE RIGHT TIME CAME, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children" (NLT). God sent Jesus right on time to set us free! Our Savior humbled himself as a man (Phil. 2:5–8), reaching out to us when we could not reach out to Him. He came so that we could be God's children, no longer bound by sin or shame but free to walk boldly into the throne room of Heaven. He came so that we could talk freely with the Father and worship Him whenever we desire.

Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem at exactly the right time. He was born so that He could offer us a helping hand when we're struggling, a healing touch when we're hurting, and abundant provision in the face of lack. He came so that we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). What a joyous and festive time of year! Not because of the brightly wrapped packages or sparkling lights, but because at the right time, God sent His Son—for us!

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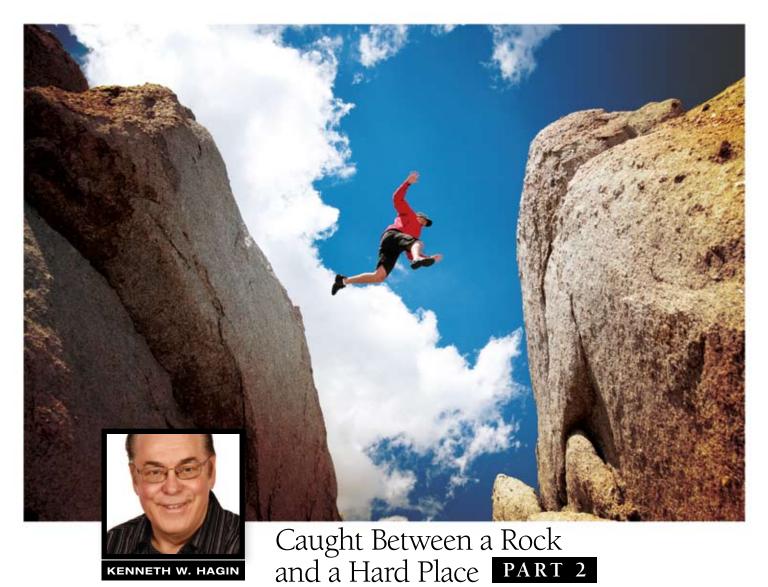
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Moving Forward

AFTER BEING UNDER Egyptian

bondage for over 400 years, the day finally came when Moses led the children of Israel out of a life of slavery. The Israelites had not gone far, however, before it seemed as though they were caught between a rock and a hard place. Pharaoh and his army were in hot pursuit behind them, mountains and hills were on both sides of them, and the Red Sea was in front of them. No matter which way they turned it didn't look good. Their hope for a better future quickly faded.

When they left Egypt, the Israelites were focused on their deliverance from slavery. But as they ran into hardships, they lost focus and began whining and complaining. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" they cried out to Moses (Exod. 14:11). They were overcome with fear, and

suddenly the oppressive life of slavery didn't look so bad.

Moses said to the people, "'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again'" (Exod. 14:13 NIV 1984).

The most important thing to remember when circumstances, trials, and disease come against us is not to fear. We can never allow fear to grab hold of us. It paralyzes us. If we give in to it, we won't move forward in what God has for us. Fear never talks back or fights. It only looks at the situation and trembles.

Moses went on to say, "'The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still'" (v. 14 NIV 1984). All too often, we try to fight the devil in our own strength. But we're no match for him. We'll lose every time.

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Jesus battled Satan and won, so we don't have to fight him. And we should never worry, fret, complain, or whine. We only have to rest in the everlasting arms of Jesus and let Him take care of our problems.

In Exodus 14:15 the Lord told Moses to tell the Israelites to "move on" even though their situation hadn't changed. They were still being pursued by Pharaoh and his army, and the Red Sea was still in front of them.

In our own lives, the Lord often tells us to "move on" when the financial need is still in front of us; when the disease is unabated; and when the temptation, circumstances, and trials are still there. Those of us who live by faith do that. As we move on, it may look as if we are walking into destruction. But we have to remember that God is fighting the battle for us. We aren't walking into defeat. We are walking through to victory!

When we stare at the problem in front of us, focus on what's behind us, or say, "I don't see any way out," we will be defeated. But when we look to God and move on with Him, we will walk through adversity and into victory.

The Israelites' safe place was on the other side of the Red Sea. If they hadn't crossed the Red Sea, they would have been destroyed. They had to walk

FAITH IN ACTION

No Fear Here!

Facing what seems to be an immovable mountain can be frightening. Whenever fear tries to grab hold of our hearts, we must resist it. Here are three simple steps to take to stand strong against fear.



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BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER

(Eph. 6:10 NIV 1984). Jesus already defeated Satan, so we don't have to. We simply have to walk in the victory Christ won for us.



RESIST FEAR.

No one can resist fear for us. We must decide to face adversity boldly. But we can be confident that God will be with us (Heb. 13:5) and that He will give us the victory (1 Cor. 15:57).



STAY FOCUSED ON GOD'S WORD.

Make time to read and meditate on the Word of God every day. That Word has a calming effect on our lives in the midst of adversity.

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through what seemed like impossible circumstances to see their deliverance.

It's time for us to move forward in God. Like the Israelites, we can rest assured that when the Lord tells us to "move on," He will part the barriers that confront us and we will walk through to victory. We will no longer see the problems we were facing because the Lord is fighting for us.

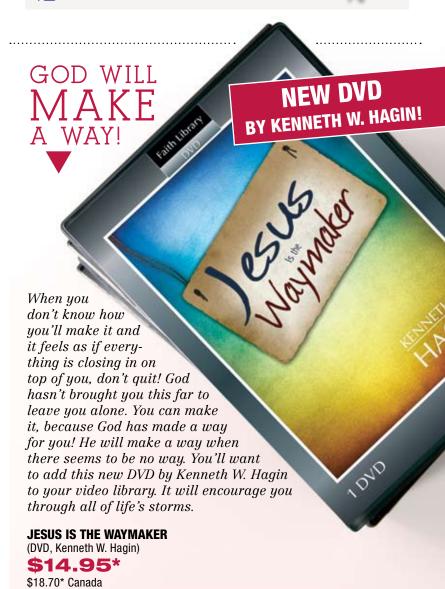
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A Seed Well Sown

JUST ABOUT everybody in Nigeria knows the Hagin name—from the president of the country to the everyday person on the street. In fact, when Kenneth and Lynette Hagin arrived in Nigeria August 9, customs agents and airport security personnel asked Rev. Hagin to pray for them before he and Lynette left the airport.

To understand how the Hagins made such an impact in Nigeria, we have to go back 29 years. RHEMA USA held its first national ministers training seminar there in 1982. Two years later, a second ministry team crossed the Atlantic to share the faith message and the authority of the believer with Nigerian ministers.

When that team arrived, Nigeria was going through a financial crisis. Even the wealthiest people in the country didn't have money to put fuel in their cars. In spite of this, approximately 6,000 people attended the seminar daily and around 15,000 spiritually hungry men and women attended the final day.

At that time Kenneth Hagin Ministries shipped 113,000 Faith Library Publications books to Nigeria with the purpose of giving them to ministers and whoever was hungry for the Word. For some of the men and women who received the books, these were the first Christian materials they'd ever got their hands on.

When Kenneth E. Hagin heard the good things God did at the RHEMA seminar, he said, "Praise God for everything that was accomplished and that which will yet be accomplished. The seed is sown. The Holy Ghost, the latter rain, will fall upon the seed, and the harvest will come."

And when Kenneth and Lynette Hagin went to Nigeria in August, it was evident the rain of the Holy Spirit had watered that seed. Some of the young men who received those books are today pastors of churches of 50,000 to 200,000 people.

FIRST STOP: ABUJA, NIGERIA

The Hagins kicked off their time in Nigeria with a three-day healing crusade in Abuja. As Kenneth Hagin preached on the wom-

> an with the issue of blood and blind Bartimaeus, many were healed. On the second night, 80 percent of the attendees came forward to have hands laid on them for healing.

During the days the Hagins met with RHEMA Bible Training Center alumni and held "Taster Sessions"—meetings for anyone interested in attending RHEMA Nigeria. Prospective students were blessed to hear Kenneth and Lynette tag-team teach on "Balancing Family and Ministry."

LAGOS, NIGERIA

After a quick flight to Lagos, and a not-so-quick drive to the Redemption Camp, the Hagins had a few hours to rest before ministering later that evening. Kenneth Hagin was one of several guest speakers at The Redeemed Christian Church of God's Annual Convention, which is similar to Kenneth Hagin Ministries' Campmeeting. That evening Rev. Hagin spoke to three million people!

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ABUJA, NIGERIA

Healing Crusade





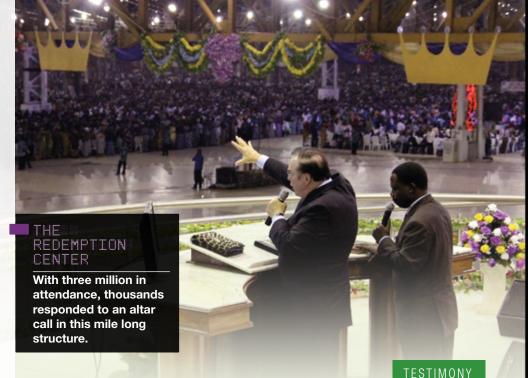
The Redemption Center is an amazing structure—a half mile wide and a mile long, with no walls. It's simply a tin roof sitting atop very tall poles. The interior is elegantly decorated with crystal chandeliers, nice fabrics, red carpets, and flowers. Huge video screens and speakers situated throughout the building make every seat a good one.

When the minister speaking before Kenneth Hagin gave an altar call, thousands of people responded, many of them running to the front. Some members of the KHM team thought it had started to rain but soon realized they were hearing the sound of the footsteps of people answering the altar call. Some who responded didn't make it to the altar before the service had to be concluded so the next one could begin. Remember, those sitting in the back of the building had a mile to walk!

When his turn came, Rev. Hagin preached boldly on the Promised Land. He taught the people how to receive from God for themselves, because times may come when their backs are against the wall and no one is nearby to lay hands on them.

The last stop on the whirlwind tour through Nigeria was ministering at Faith Tabernacle in Canaan Land. Faith Tabernacle seats over 50,000 people and holds four services every Sunday morning. Kenneth Hagin ministered during two of their Communion services, teaching on "the table that speaks." Amazingly, it took only nine minutes to serve Communion to 54,000 people!

Many years ago God spoke to Kenneth E. Hagin and told him the printed page was the best way for him to spread the message of faith. Today we can see how one container of books transformed a nation. Those printed pages dramatically changed the lives of millions of Nigerians. And now with the opening of RHEMA Nigeria, men and women are being trained to transform a continent.



Iyanu: God's Miracle Baby

WHEN CHRISTY OLUTOLA

gave her life to the Lord, all she knew was that she was going to Heaven. Her prayers were little more than begging God. But in the early '80s two of Brother Hagin's books made their way to Nigeria and into Christy's hands. And reading I Believe in Visions and Redeemed From Poverty, Sickness, and Spiritual Death transformed her life.

"My eyes were opened," she shares. "Before, I didn't know there was power in the Word and that you could use the Scriptures for anything. Now I know that you can have victory over every situation if you apply the Word."

When Christy read the books, she didn't realize how vitally important what she read would be. About six years later, Christy gave birth to a baby girl. A month after she was born and five days prior to her naming ceremony (a Nigerian custom), the infant began having difficulty breathing and stopped eating.

Christy took her baby to the hospital, which was really more like a clinic. At the ill-equipped

facility, the baby could not receive oxygen or intravenous fluids. Plus, the hospital was filled with children sick with infectious diseases like measles.

Since the hospital staff couldn't help and Christy didn't want her baby exposed to the sick children, she took her daughter home. As the week went by. the baby grew steadily worse. She showed signs of severe dehydration-very dry skin and mouth, and sunken eyes. She continued struggling to breathe and eventually her extremities turned blue. Christy remembered reading in *I Believe in* Visions how Brother Hagin was raised off his death bed, and she began standing on scriptures he had mentioned.

Thoughts that her baby was going to die bombarded

her, but Christy kept standing on the Word and quoting scriptures. Day by day the child's condition deteriorated, but Christy did not give up. She kept quoting the Word, and finally signs of improvement came. The healing wasn't instantaneous, but hour by hour the infant continued to get better. Two hours before her scheduled naming ceremony, she was completely well! Her breathing became normal and all signs of dehydration disappeared.

"I thank God for Kenneth Hagin's ministry," says Christy. "The books taught me about faith and healing. If I had not read them, I would have lost my daughter." Fittingly, at the naming ceremony, Christy named her daughter Iyanu, which has two meanings: "God is wonderful" and "miracle!"

Today, Christy is a second-year student at RHEMA Bible Training Center USA, and Iyanu has graduated summa cum laude from Oral Roberts University. ♥







I DON'T CARE, SO WHY SHOULD YOU!

Christmas should be a joyful time. After all, we're celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. But unfortunately, this time of year can be very stressful as we try to figure out how we're going to do everything we need to do and buy everything we want to buy. Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. But many of us don't have *any* peace.

WHEN WE LOOK AROUND, we see many people who are concerned about the future and what it holds. During these times of uncertainty, we need to follow the Apostle Paul's advice:

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 (NKJV)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

REFUSE TO WORRY

Fear and worry are contrary to the Word of God, and we shouldn't let ourselves become stressed out about anything. No matter what is going on around us, we can tap into God's peace and let it take over. When we do this, we will have peace when things aren't going our way and everybody else is stressed out.

In my own life, I refuse to allow myself to worry. People who know me have often heard me say in stressful circumstances, "I don't care." It's not that I *don't care*, but I've decided that no matter what a situation looks like, I *will not* worry.

God's peace enables us not to worry when it seems we should be worried. This happens when we know God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5) and that He causes us to triumph in all situations (2 Cor. 2:14). Jesus came so we could have fullness of life on the earth (John 10:10). And being depressed and stressed at Christmastime or at anytime is not fullness of life.

LOOKING INSIDE

Anytime we're feeling stressed, we need to remember that the Greater One resides inside of us. When we focus on Who is in us, we'll look at our circumstances differently. But instead of doing this,

CONSIDER what Christmas means to you. Are you spending more time wondering what gifts to buy than celebrating the birth of Christ?

LISTEN

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too many Christians are looking to others for help. They think if they can get their pastor to come to their home and pray for them, they'll be OK. Or if they call enough prayer groups around the country, then their needs will be met.

Some may wonder how the disciples could have been so fearful when Jesus was in the boat with them. How could they have ever thought the boat would sink with Jesus on board? Well, guess what: whenever we're going through a storm in life, Jesus is in our

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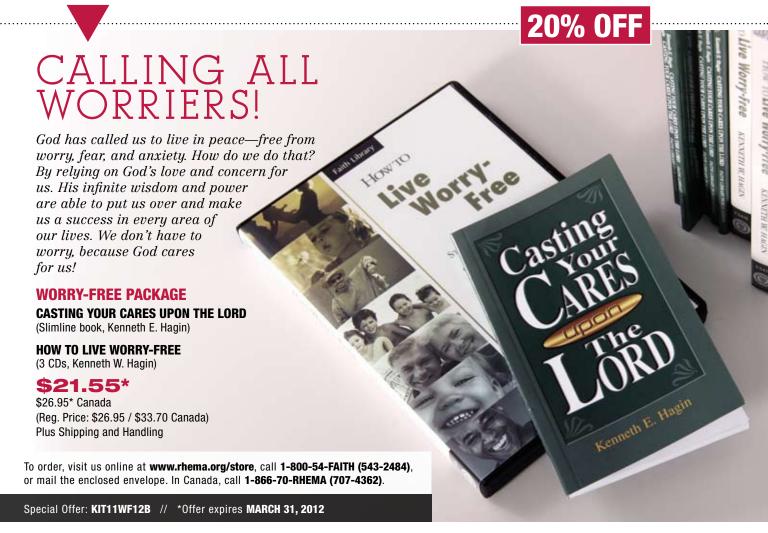
Whatever our situation is, we *already* have the Answer. And that is the reason we celebrate the Christmas season. The Answer was born to be the Savior for all mankind. And when we focus our thoughts on the Answer, we'll have the solution to anything we face.

SOUND ASLEEP IN THE STORM

In Mark chapter 4, Jesus said to His disciples, "'Let us cross over to the other side'" (v. 35 NKJV). After they got into the boat, Jesus fell asleep on a pillow. While He was sleeping, a fierce storm arose. The disciples were fearful that they were going to die, so they woke Jesus. And "then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!'" (v. 39 NKJV).

"boat" too. But like the disciples, many of us think we're going to sink. Instead of using the authority Christ gave us, we're trying to wake Jesus up and get Him to help us!

So if cares of the Christmas season start piling up on us, let's remember the real reason for the season: Jesus, the Light of the World, was born to bring salvation to mankind, and He now lives inside of us. Whenever life is tossing us to and fro, let's rise up and say, "Peace, be still!" And as we remember Who is in our boat and keep Him at the center of the Christmas season, we'll be filled with the peace that He brought to the world.





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OUPLIN UPDATE:

Demonstrating the Love of Christ

PEOPLE HAVE COMPARED the sound of a tornado to a passing freight train. To one survivor of the EF-5 tornado that devastated Joplin, Missouri, on Sunday, May 22, 2011, the roar sounded as though he was lying next to the tracks with the train rumbling by at full throttle. It lasted only a minute or two, but to him it felt like an eternity. "It just didn't end," he said. "I've done a lot of stupid things, but this was the first time in my life that I truly thought I was going to die."

Tragically, more than 160 people did die in the tornado, described as the eighth deadliest in our nation's history. Within minutes, 30 percent of Joplin, the heart of Missouri's fourth-largest metropolitan area, was destroyed. Semitrailers lay crumpled like aluminum foil. Houses and business buildings were blown apart. For many, life as they knew it abruptly came to an end.

After the storm, Kenneth and Lynette Hagin immediately sprang into action. RHEMA Bible Church members were emailed asking for donations of food and water. By 9 a.m. on Tuesday after



the storm, the first of three truckloads of provisions was on its way to Joplin. Teams of volunteers were organized and taken to the disaster zone. Over 300 RHEMA Bible Church members helped with the cleanup. RHEMA alumni were also alerted and volunteers from RHEMA churches in at least 25 states poured into Missouri to help the people of Joplin.

Abundant Life Christian Center (ALCC)—pastored by Larry Bjorklund, a 1989 RBTC graduate, and his wife, Judy—became a

"IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE HOW THE RHEMA FAMILY REACHED OUT AND ABSOLUTELY SUPPORTED US."

—PASTOR LARRY BJORKLUND, ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER

hub for food distribution and disaster cleanup. ALCC teamed up with Service International, a disaster relief organization founded by Jeff Perry, another RHEMA USA graduate. Together the two

groups worked tirelessly in coordinating the efforts of more than 5,000 volunteers from across the country who descended on ALCC to help storm survivors.

Joplin residents were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from total strangers. Many of them cried as they thanked volunteers again and again for coming. But the relief effort affected more than just the survivors. Many volunteers were also changed. A couple from Louisiana who were on the verge of divorce decided to make their marriage work. A man from Nevada rededicated his life to the Lord. And hundreds—both survivors and volunteers—gave their lives to Jesus as they experienced His love firsthand. $\stackrel{\bullet}{\Psi}$





Kindle the 2011

the Flame® Women's Conference keeps getting better and better. Women from across the U.S. and as far away as Norway, Germany, Zambia, and Australia came to be refreshed and recharged. And they weren't disappointed. Lynette encouraged the women to let go of baggage—the weights and bondages that keep them bound. All of the speakers' messages dovetailed perfectly

tally unforgettable experience for everyone who came.

As the women headed home, they left changed and on fire. Not only did they want to "kindle the flame" in their family and friends—they also wanted to start some brush fires! And many were already looking forward to and making plans to attend Kindle the Flame 2012, which will be held September 27-29.

has attended KTF for the past eight years. She summed up the conference this way: "Me and my mom and my sister have committed to come every year for the rest of our lives. We feel like God wants us here. God began a good work in us here, and I believe that He will finish the work in us. As long as we keep coming back, I know we'll get what we need!"♥



Get Rid of Your Baggage!

LYNETTE HAGIN

AT ONE TIME or another we've all dealt with baggage in our lives. It doesn't matter who we are—life isn't perfect. We experience disappointments, failures, deceptions, and ugly situations. In the midst of these difficult times, whether we realize it or not, we start accumulating baggage.

Sometimes we don't realize the baggage we're carrying because we've become so accustomed to it. It's just a part of our lives. But when we carry baggage, it keeps us from fulfilling God's plan for us. Baggage prevents us from having the joy of the Lord in our hearts. It keeps us in bondage.

We've got to get rid of that baggage! Things are gearing up in the spirit realm, and we have a race to run. We have assignments from God, and the only way we're going to accomplish them is to kick the baggage out the door! Look at what the Book of Hebrews tells us.

HEBREWS 12:1-2 (NLT)

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us STRIP OFF EVERY WEIGHT that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

In these days we must lay aside every weight - anything that loads us down or, in other words, the baggage.

What's weighing you down today? What's keeping you from moving forward-from running your race? Maybe it's disappointments, hurts, fear, or worry. Perhaps you've experienced rejection, abuse, or low selfesteem. It could even be frustration, sickness, or lack. Whatever it is, now is the time to throw away all of that baggage! Take it to the Lord and reach into His "provision bag" to receive what you need from Him.

He's got grace for those disappointments, comfort for those hurts, love for fear, and peace for worry. He's got reconciliation, restoration, high self-esteem, patience, health, provision, and joy unspeakable!

Jesus already took all of our baggage for us! But we've got to accept what He did and receive it! It's time to get rid of that baggage for good and let God use you!











THE Touch OF Faith

JESUS USED DIFFERENT methods to minister healing to people. He told a lame man to "rise, take up your bed, and walk," and the crippled man was healed. A blind man was healed after he washed mud from his eyes in the pool of Siloam. Jesus told 10 lepers to show themselves to the priest, and as they went, they were healed. A deaf man who could hardly talk was healed after Jesus put His fingers in the man's ears, spit, and then touched the man's tongue.

The most prominent way Jesus healed was by the laying on of hands. People also sought to touch Him. And the woman with the issue of blood was healed after touching the hem of His garment.

Jesus laid hands on the sick in obedience to a spiritual law. There are spiritual laws, just as there are natural laws. For example, there are natural laws that govern the operation of electricity. And if we don't obey these laws, we'll get into trouble! There are also spiritual laws that govern the operation of God's power in the spiritual realm.

THE LAW OF CONTACT AND TRANSMISSION

Healing power is transferred by touch. The spiritual law of contact and transmission enabled Jesus to lay His hands on the sick to heal them. Power flowed out of Him and into the sick person, effecting a healing and a cure in his or her body.

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RECEIVE IT.

She immediately felt in her body that she was healed.

TELL IT.

She fell at Jesus' feet and told Him what happened.

(See Mark 5:25-34.)

he laid his hands on cloths or handkerchiefs. The anointing of God's healing power that emanated from Paul transformed those handkerchiefs into storage batteries of Holy Ghost power. When those cloths were then laid on the sick, they surcharged the body, and healing resulted. Both the sick and the insane were healed by this method.

HEALING CLOTHS

Some have called healing cloths superstition. They're not superstition; they're a Bible fact. When hands are laid on a handkerchief or cloth, power is transmitted into the cloth. The cloth becomes a point of contact for the person to release his or her faith for healing. When it touches the body of the sick, it's just as if hands were laid on the person.

Power will flow out of the cloth unless doubt or unbelief is there to stop the flow. Doubt and unbelief stop the flow of the Holy Ghost the way a dam in a river keeps water from flowing. Faith, however, gives action to the power of God.

In Mark chapter 5, the faith of the woman with the issue of blood activated the power of God when she touched the hem of Jesus' garment. We see in verse 31 that a multitude thronged Jesus. It's likely that several people touched Him accidentally. Others may have touched Him casually. And some could have touched Jesus just to see if anything would happen. But of all the people who touched Jesus that day, only the woman with the issue of blood was healed.

When she touched Jesus with the touch of faith, He was instantly aware of an outflow of virtue, or power. And the woman knew immediately that she had been healed. This shows us that the healing power of God is a tangible substance. It can be felt.

Both the woman's faith and the power of God were apparent, because Jesus told her, "Your faith has made you whole" (see Mark 5:25-34.) Her faith activated God's power.

FAITH ACTIVATES THE POWER

It is evident then that the healing power of God can go into a sick person, yet no healing takes place until something happens that releases that person's faith. This is why some people aren't healed instantly. Although the power of God went into them, the healing process was not consummated until something happened that released their faith. Healing becomes a process when people don't mix sufficient faith with the power of God.

Healing, then, is by degree based on two conditions: the degree of healing power administered, and the degree of faith of the individual that gives action to that anointing. The power of God to heal is still available today. But it's up to us to activate

that power with our faith. So let's reach out in faith and receive everything that has been promised to us in the Word of God.♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from the lesson Kenneth E. Hagin taught at Prayer and Healing School on January 8, 1982.)

HEALING CLOTHS

Countless people have been healed by God's power through healing cloths from Kenneth Hagin Ministries. The staff and volunteers of the Prayer and Healing Center pray earnestly over the cloths, believing God for complete and total healing. If you or someone you know would like a healing cloth, it is just a phone call away. Simply call (918) 258-1588, ext. 2238 (Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CST) and we will send you a healing cloth free of charge.







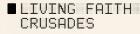
A GLOBAL **EXPANSION**

In 1973 when Kenneth E. Hagin said, "We're going to start a Bible school," who would have thought that less than 40 years later there would be more than 100 campuses worldwide with over 50,000 graduates?

RHEMA Bible Training Center saw amazing growth in 2011 as many more campuses opened around the world. NEW CAM-PUSES opened this year in BOLIVIA, EGYPT, KENYA, MEXICO (three campuses), NIGERIA, SWITZERLAND (Zurich), NORTHERN IRELAND

(Belfast), ENGLAND (two campuses), and ZAMBIA. Plans are already in place to open schools next year in CUBA, the NETHERLANDS, and AUSTRIA (two campuses), just to name a few.

Jesus gave His disciples a great task: "'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature'" (Mark 16:15 NKJV). Each new RBTC campus means more students. More students means more ministers trained to take the Gospel to their world. RHEMA is doing its part to help fulfill Jesus' Great Commission.





A TRAVELING YEAR

Kenneth and Lynette Hagin love preaching the Gospel—whether at RHEMA Bible Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; a *Living Faith Crusade* across the country; or a meeting halfway around the world. Not many days passed this year when the Hagins weren't preaching.

At the end of April, Kenneth and Lynette headed west to the Pacific Rim. During this fast-paced, 14-day trip, the Hagins and their crew flew through 14 time zones, crossed the international dateline twice, and typically slept less than five hours a night.

But it was worth it. The RHEMA team visited Bible training centers in Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, and Samoa (RHEMA South Pacific)—ministering to faculty, staff, students, and alumni at every stop. For more about this trip, visit www.khm.com/pacificrim.

Another missions highlight this year was the Hagins' August trip to Nigeria, with ministry to millions. See page 7 for details.

The Hagins' heart for missions is contagious. In June, 34 RHEMA Bible Church youth and their leaders invaded Colombia with the Gospel. After five days of ministry the team looked back on what the Lord had done through them: more than 3,500 people had chosen to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, there were countless healings, a blind eye was opened, and many were set free by the power of God. For more details about this trip, visit www.khm.com/axiscolombia.

Grass had no time to grow under the Hagins' feet, whether they were abroad or at home. This year they held *Living Faith Cru*sades and special meetings in:

- » NAPLES, FLORIDA
- » NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
- » LUBBOCK, TEXAS
- » LEBANON, MISSOURI
- » NANUET, NEW YORK
- » LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA
- » WARREN, OHIO
- » BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
- » HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA» LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA



511 attended RHEMA's first-ever Worship & **Technology Conference**



A PASSION FOR WORSHIP

Amplify 2011, RHEMA's first worship and technology conference, was an experience. Pastors, worship leaders, and the musically and technologically inclined enjoyed four days of worship and workshops on the RHEMA USA campus.

Worship leaders left encouraged to take their congregations to another level. Here's a sampling of what conference speakers shared:

"God is a jealous God. He wants our hearts no matter what. He is in pursuit of us, not in pursuit of what we say or sing to Him. He just wants

us. When we show up, it doesn't matter what we sing to Him. WE JUST **NEED TO PUR-**SUE HIM "

-KARI JOBE



"It's just about loving Jesus. Stay in the moment. I WANT TO

MEAN EVERY SINGLE WORD THAT COMES OUT OF MY MOUTH?

BACK-TO-BACK **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The RHEMA Lady Eagles entered the 2011 Association of Christian College Athletics National Championship Tournament wearing a big target on their backs. Not only were they defending national champions-they were also the number-one tournament seed. For three days the Lady Eagles took their opponents' best shots, but they still walked away with the top trophy after defeating Ozark Christian College 54-52 in Joplin, Missouri,

Clinging to a two-point lead with 2.5 seconds remaining in the game, the Lady Eagles relied on their team's biggest strength to bring home a national championship: defense. After a timeout, the Ozark Lady Ambassadors lined up a wall of players on the three-point arc to the left of the free-throw line. As the referee blew his whistle, an Ozark quard stepped behind her teammates and took the inbound pass. When she turned to shoot, one of the Lady Eagles circled the wall of players and got a hand in the Ozark guard's face as she fired the potential game-winning three. Her shot glanced off the rim and fell harmlessly to the court as the final buzzer sounded. RHEMA's players, coaches, and fans then stormed center court and celebrated the Lady Eagles' 2011 ACCA National Championship!



The Lady Eagles' 2011 championship win marked their third in the ACCA in seven years and their sixth overall title in 14 years.



A LIGHT TO THE WORLD

In Matthew 5:14 Jesus said, "'You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden'" (NKJV). And RHEMA Bible Church held the Light high through community outreaches that included the RHEMA Christmas Light Display and Rockets Over RHFMA.

On November 23 Kenneth and Lynette Hagin flipped the switch in RHEMA Park, illuminating the RHEMA campus with more than two million colorful lights. Each year more than 200,000 people eniov the Christmas lights display, which runs from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Day. Donations are accepted, and 100 percent of the proceeds go to a local charity.

For July Fourth, Rockets Over RHEMA 2011, a free community outreach, went off with a BANG, both literally and figuratively. Local police estimated that up to 55,000 people blanketed the RHEMA USA campus during the event, which was capped by a dazzling, thunderous, 25-minute

> fireworks display. It was the grand finale of a great day spent celebrating our nation's freedom. For more on this event, visit www .RocketsOverRhema.com.



blanketed the **RHEMA USA** campus



// 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

I AM SURE that most of you are thinking about the holidays. I know that I have been mentally preparing myself for this busy season. As I began to reflect on the busyness of the schedule, my mind wanted to panic and begin thinking about being tired and worn out even before the events occurred.

This is a time when you can let your thoughts put you into a state of panic and distress. So many allow panic to dominate them, and they live in constant turmoil. Our world is fast-paced, whether it is the holidays or not. One might call me simple, but I have found that the Word of God always ministers peace to me in every stressful situation.

I have found that when I ask, the Lord always brings the right scripture to mind or sends someone across my path to give me just the words I need to help me in the present crisis. At such times I like to read Psalm 94:19 (NIV 1984): "When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul." The Message Bible says, "When I was upset and beside myself, you calmed me down and cheered me up."

David encountered stressful situations throughout his life. However, he knew Who to go to in the difficult times. First Samuel 30:6 (NLT) says, "David was now in great danger because all his men were very bitter about losing their sons and daughters, and they began to talk of stoning him. But David found strength in the Lord his God."

So many people start wringing their hands in the midst of crisis and stressful situations. But the Lord is always right there to lead, guide, direct, and help us. Often we only think of the Lord's help in spiritual matters. However, I ask for His help constantly in natural situations. We live in a natural world and we most definitely need help in living life. Jeremiah 33:3 in *The Message* says, "'Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.'"

I remember one Christmas our daughter, Denise, wanted two Cabbage Patch dolls. She had gotten one for her birthday and wanted more. That year the dolls became exceedingly popular and were scarce. I searched, but there were none to be found in Tulsa.

Of course her dad and I did not want to disappoint our little girl. So I began to pray earnestly that the Lord would direct me to a place that would have the dolls. I went to Dallas the first of December that year to visit my parents and do some Christmas shopping. As I passed a Target store, the Holy Spirit said, "Stop here." I went in, only to find a line of women.

I asked the ladies why they were in line. They replied, "A shipment of Cabbage Patch dolls is about to be delivered." So I stood in line, still praying, because I knew that there were probably more people than there were dolls. I said, "Lord, You know the desires of my daughter's heart. Now I thank You that those desires will be met and I will receive the boy and girl dolls that she desires."

Suddenly the dolls appeared. I reached into the bin and came out with two girls. However, I was not moved by the circumstances. I knew that God would grant my request. I went to the counter to pay. In front of me was a woman with several dolls, both boys and girls. Suddenly the Holy Spirit prompted me to ask if her dolls were for a child.

She said, "No, I just collect them." I told her I had a daughter who would be disappointed if she did not receive boy and girl dolls. I then asked her if she would switch dolls with me. "Let me see your dolls," she said. While she was looking, I was praying. Suddenly she said, "I like the redheaded doll you have, so I'll switch." I was so delighted that I wanted to jump up and down right there praising God! But I waited until I got into my car. My mother and I rejoiced that

What do you need? Whatever it is, God is right there to assist you. John 16:24 says, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." God is willing to grant your request. You simply have to ask for His help. ♥

God had taken care of the situation and granted my request and my daughter's desires.

Lynette



Candy Cane Maze

Find your way through the Candy Cane Maze.

Start Here



SPELL IT QUT!

Using only letters from the word Christmas to the left, fill in the blanks below.

1. They weren't just

s men, they were

2. By the expensive gifts the wise men brought, you might guess they were h.

3. The wise men used the

a instead of a road map to find Jesus.

4. When the wise men found Jesus they worshipped [1].

5. "For unto you is born

S day in the city of David a Savior, which is

Luke 2:11).

The W's of Christmas

If you carefully read the Christmas story in Matthew chapter 2 and Luke chapter 2, you will discover three different groups of people whose reaction to Jesus' birth begins with the letter "W."

- 1. The wise men "W" orshipped (Matthew 2:11).
- 2. The shepherds "W"itnessed (Luke 2:17).
- 3. The people "W" ondered (Luke 2:18).

Our reactions should be the same this Christmas season. Like the wise men who brought him gifts and worshipped, we, too, should offer Jesus the gift of our thanks and praise as we **WORSHIP** Him this Christmas. Like the shepherds who told others in Bethlehem of the birth of the Son of God, we also should tell others about our Savior by **WITNESSING** to them during this season. And just as the people who heard the shepherds' testimony wondered in awe of the things they had heard, we also should remember that this is the most **WONDER**ful time of the year as we think about the awesomeness of this holiday, Christmas, that changed the world forever! **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Seek and Ye Shall Find!

Looks like the wise men brought more than gold, frankincense, and myrrh! See if you can find these other items.





"A merry heart does good, like medicine."

Cocka-DOODLE

-Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

What do you call a wall built out of teddy bears?

A Bear-icade

What do you call it when a rooster scribbles on a piece of paper?

Why did the rocket go to the foot doctor?

Because it had Missile-TOE

There are three houses in a row. The Red House is on the far right and the Green House is on the far left. So, where is the White House? *In Washington, D.C.*

What has teeth but doesn't eat and hair that it doesn't keep?

A Comb

Answers:

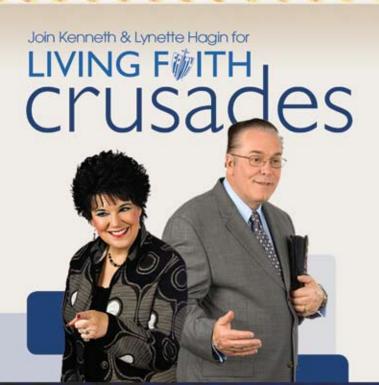
Spell It Out! 1. Smart 2. Rich 3. Star 4. Him 5. This, Christ







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