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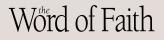
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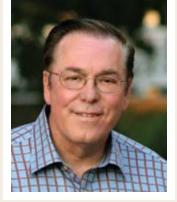
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Keep the Fire Burning!

One of the greatest moments in the history of mankind was the Day of Pentecost—the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the human race. Pentecost began in the Upper Room with tongues of fire and a rushing, mighty wind from Heaven (Acts 2:1-4). As time marched on, there were many great moves of the Spirit, but one by one, they all waned.

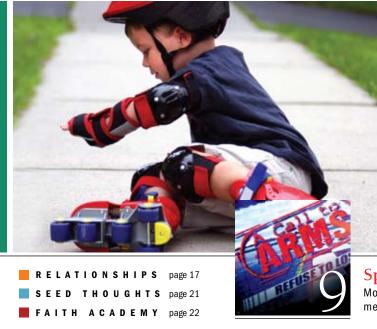
At the beginning of the 20th century the flame of the Spirit burst out again, and soon after, it was fanned in a little mission on Azusa Street in downtown Los Angeles. All at once, the fires of Pentecost began to spread all over the world!

In the mid-1960s there was a tremendous outpouring of the Spirit. People were being filled with the Holy Ghost in restaurants, in elevators, in hotel lobbies—everywhere! But as we rolled into the 1990s, those Pentecostal fires once again began to wane. People tried to quiet the moving of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost was relegated to a special service or a back room. But we need to stop treating the Holy Spirit like a guest and begin treating Him like a Resident! We must stop telling the Spirit of God when He can and cannot move!

When I was a boy, my dad pastored a little Pentecostal church in Farmersville, Texas, and he began to hold healing services every Saturday night. There were more people in our little Pentecostal church on Saturday night than there were downtown at the picture show. Why? Because the Spirit of God was moving. I saw people climb through the windows and crawl over the tops of the pews, rushing to the altar to get saved!

More than anything else in the world today, we need a demonstration of the Spirit. If we will keep those Pentecostal flames burning, we'll have a revival like none we've ever seen. The power of Pentecost must not take a back seat. Let's take the fire of God's Spirit to a lost and dying world!

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Have you ever wanted a fresh start in life? Some people hope to get a new start by moving to a different city or state. They think they can erase their past failures by going somewhere new. Unfortunately, this never happens. Why? Because they take with them the same old attitudes and habits that guarantee their continued unhappiness.

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People don't realize that they don't have to move to **start over**. They can stay right where they are and receive a second chance in the midst of their failures.

> "Don't remain in defeat. **Get up.** It's time to move forward."



We don't have to allow the mistakes of the past to **hold us** captive.

The Bible is filled with stories of people who openly failed but were given second chances. The patriarch Jacob, an Old Testament saint, is an example of this. Jacob's name means "deceiver." If you study his life, you will see that he lived up to his name. But Jacob had an encounter with the Lord that changed his life. And with a changed life came a new name—Israel. (See Gen. 32:24–28.)

Moses is another example. In his quest to obey God and deliver the children of Israel from bondage, Moses got ahead of God and messed up. He killed an Egyptian and fled Egypt, escaping to the country of Midian. (See Exodus 2:11–15.) But God gave him a second chance, and Moses later delivered the children of Israel out of the hands of Pharaoh.

Many of us today have messed up as well. In our zeal to follow God, we've jumped out ahead of Him and have made many mistakes. But as He did with Moses and Jacob, God will also give us a second chance.

Some people think God is not a God of second chances, but He is. It is His nature to deal with us again and again.

Unfortunately, when some people make mistakes, they keep themselves in a position of failure. They continually make excuses for why they failed. Or they place the blame for their failure on others. Until they accept responsibility for their actions and attitudes, God cannot help them.

Another way people play the "blame game" is by saying, "If only I lived in a different part of town." "If only my family wasn't so poor." "If only I had a better education." But pointing a finger at all of the "if onlys" in our lives won't change our situation.

You see, if we really want to do something, we can do it! It doesn't matter where we live, what our name is, or how much money we have. None of this has anything to do with our success. The truth is, we can accomplish anything with God backing us (Phil. 4:13).

In any situation, either we can motivate ourselves to do something, or we can do nothing and wallow in despair. The choice is ours.

But even when we are in despair, the Word of the Lord will come to us a second time saying, "Don't remain in defeat. Get up. It's time to move forward."

We don't have to allow the mistakes of the past to hold us captive. The Apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:13, "... this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reach-

ing forth unto those things which are before." It doesn't matter what kind of mistakes we have made. They are in the past. If we give them to the Lord, He will help us forget them and move on with Him.

All of our failures, good intentions, and good deeds of the past have already been written on the pages of our life story. Now it's time to write our future. But before we begin filling the pages of our life for the rest of 2010, let's realize that the Lord wants to give us a second chance. He's giving us an opportunity to change. With His help, we can make our future better. If we allow Him to, He will show us how to make the rest of this year glorious and victorious!

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A great wind tore the mountain apart, but the Lord was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire, Elijah heard the still, quiet voice of the Lord. (See 1 Kings 18:1-19:13.)

Many people wrongly look for the spectacular when trying to hear from the Lord. **BUT GOD IS NOT NECESSARILY IN THE SPECTACULAR.** As we seek the Lord this year, let's not look for someone to prophesy to us or for some other spectacular manifestation. Instead, let's **LOOK TO OUR INNER MAN.** Let's get quiet in the Lord's presence and **LET HIM LEAD US IN HIS STILL, SOFT WAY.**

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David Vasquez ('00) Pastor of In Him Community Church

After graduating from RBTC, David moved back to Glendale, Arizona, and became the youth pastor at his father's church. When his father passed away in 2004, David became the senior pastor at the age of 26. Since then, the church has tripled in size.

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REFUSE TO LOSE! /////

IT TAKES MORE than horsepower to win an auto race. Drivers also need skill, knowledge, and the determination to stay in the race. And those who attended Kenneth W. Hagin's *A Call to Arms 2009 Men's Conference* heard continual reminders that these same qualities are vital to winning in life.

More than a thousand men gathered in November at RHEMA Bible Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, for the three-day conference. This year's theme, "Refuse to Lose!" echoed Rev. Hagin's lifelong motto, "I cannot be defeated, and I will not quit!" And from his opening message, he and other speakers exhorted the men to stay in the battle to live for God and do things His way. Finances, sexual temptation, marriage, family, work, prayer, faith, growing closer to God . . . workshops and general sessions dealt head-on with these topics and others.

High-energy praise and worship began every general session. During Friday morning's session, Gerald Brooks explained two aspects of the Holy Spirit's work in the lives of Christians: the baptism with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit coming upon believers. Friday evening, Mark Hankins urged the men to meditate in God's Word to keep it abiding in their hearts.

But *A Call to Arms 2009* didn't address just the responsibility side of manhood. Sprint cars from Hagin Racing were parked on the platform throughout the event. And during a special workshop, NASCAR driver Blake Koch answered men's questions about auto racing. A NASCAR race car, a luxury sports car, and other vehicles on display drew plenty of attention. Special bonus sessions presented at a nearby sporting goods store offered tips and ideas for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor sports and activities. And there was plenty of good food and fellowship.

The conference ended Saturday morning with a Communion service led by Rev. Hagin. The men who attended *A Call to Arms 2009* left challenged but encouraged to "refuse to lose" in their walk with the Lord.

A Call to Arms 2010 will be held November 4–6 at RHEMA Bible Church in Broken Arrow. Check **www.rhema.org/cta** for updates. "If we're so powerful, if we're so full of the Word, if we're so filled with the Holy Spirit, then how about growing the fruit of the Spirit and recognizing that God is using our wife to develop the fruits of the Spirit in our lives."

-JOE HERNANDEZ From "Manna for Your Marriage"

"We are living in the age of distractions. There is something calling for your attention all the time. You were made for a purpose and you have a destiny, but just because God has plans for you does not mean you are going to have a bright future. You have to seek God and find out what His plans are."

From "Developing Intimacy With

"Too many people get discouraged when they are believing God for something and don't get it right away. We live in a fast-food and microwave generation. We want instant gratification. If you're in a healing line and don't get healed immediately, don't get discouraged. The power of God is working!"

-CRAIG W. HAGIN From "The Real Faith"

[Editor's Note: Blake Koch finished second in rookie-ofthe-year standings during the NASCAR Camping World Series West 2009 season.]

Question: What are some of your ministry goals for the next five years?

Answer: "There are 75 million loyal NASCAR fans. I'd like to try to give every single one of them an opportunity to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I also want to let people know it's not difficult to be a Christian."

-BLAKE KOCH From "Questions & Answers With Blake Koch"

"God, through the Holy Spirit, wants to penetrate every fiber of your life. He wants to divinely enable you to do something you couldn't do before. He wants to come upon you and enable you to do things that are impossible for you to accomplish apart from Him. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, he makes up for what you don't have. You may not naturally have the skills to be a godly man, but when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, that skill is there. You may not naturally have the skills to be a godly husband, but when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, that skill is there. I don't know how we do this thing called 'being a man' without the power of the Spirit in our lives."

— GERALD BROOKS From "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Your Life"

"Some of us are praying to get God's will. But prayer is His will. How do you get results in prayer? First, you have to pray. And part of your prayer needs to consist of praise."

> - DAVID VASQUEZ From "Prayer That Gets Results"



"Making a difference in the life of a young person doesn't mean that you've led a good enough life. Often the people who have made the most mistakes have a lot to offer a young person. If you've ever made a mistake and allowed God to build you back up, you can use that experience to share with someone else."

All of us like to win first place. But you don't lose just because you don't come in first. You lose when you quit.

A lot of Christian men have given up the battle to receive their healing, to live upright lives, to stay faithful to their spouses and families, to follow God's plan, and to obtain financial stability. How can you stay in the battle to do things God's way? And if you've already quit, how can you get back in the fight?

First Timothy 6:11-12 says, "But thou, O man of God, FLEE these things; and FOLLOW after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. FIGHT the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." Notice three words: flee, follow, and fight. The success of your Christian life depends upon your learning these three things.

FLEE from the things of the devil. That includes the love of money (1 Tim. 6:10). Money isn't evil; the love of money is. If we'll follow God's Word, prosperity will come.

You can't play around with the things of the devil and not get caught. Thank God there's help and restoration. But you've got to

choose to stay away from certain things. The devil wants to trap you.

get back in the battle. It's not too late to win your fight. You and God together make the mainritu

FOLLOW after the things of God. We choose to follow God or not to follow Him. He's not going to make us follow Him. We must choose to follow after love and forgive-to follow after godliness, patience, and gentleness. Make sure that God's plans and promises have a prominent place in your life. Make sure that God's Word is a priority. When you do that, He will make it a priority to take care of you.

FIGHT the good fight of faith. The only fight that we're called to fight is the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:12). How do you do that? Believe in your heart and say with your mouth what God says (Rom. 10:10). That's the way you get everything God has provided for you.

You've got the Word of God and the Name of Jesus. Fight to declare God's Word over your circumstances and your situation will turn around. If you've given up, get back in the battle. It's not too late to win your fight. You and God together make the majority.

It's your choice. You can flee, you can follow, and you can fight. Those three things will make you or break you. It's not up to God or a preacher. It's up to you.



"If we want to excel, we need to get a budget together and then start speaking the Word over that budget. 'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for' (Heb. 11:1). Budgets don't scare me anymore. Why? I put our budget in order. A budget is going to enable you to make sure that you're spending your money on the things you actually need."

"James 1:21 tells us to '... receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.' The Word has the ability to heal, restore, deliver, save your soul, change your personality, and change your life! But for the Word to work, it must be engrafted. In other words, unless the Word is engrafted, you won't get the results. For it to be engrafted, you must meditate on the Word and delight yourself in it. Once the promise-the Word—gets engrafted into you, the devil doesn't have a chance! Once the Word is engrafted, then you and that Word have become one, and the devil can't defeat you any more than he can defeat the Word of God. All the devil can try to do is hinder the engrafting process, because once the Word is engrafted, 'Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven' (Ps. 119:89) and God watches over His Word to perform it (Jer. 1:12)."

- MARK HANKINS From "How the Word Abides in You"

"The will of man can be ruined if it's fed the wrong material continually. But you can refortify and restrengthen your will by making a covenant with your eyes and learning to starve your eyes. And you have to begin to starve your eyes the moment you get up. You can't wait halfway through the day."

- BRIAN BOHRER From "Overco

According to Luke 2:52, Jesus grew mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. Favor has a lot to do with growth. If you're not growing, you're going to notice the absence of favor. Growth is where favor begins. Growth is the atmosphere for God's favor."

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Six days before Christmas last year, my daughter was brutally murdered in a convenience store robbery. I

became quite depressed and could hardly bring myself to attend church. When I did go, I could not join in the praise and worship-1 could only sit and cry. My husband and (had planned to attend Campmeeting 2009. I was experiencing such deep depression that 1 almost cancelled the trip. I finally decided to go, thinking that a change of environment would help. And boy was (right! It was so good to be back at RHEMA. Every speaker said at least one thing that helped crumble the wall of depression. Plus, for the first time since my daughter died. I felt free to sing. praise, and worship without crying. It felt so good! I still have my moments, but that was the turning point for me. I am forever grateful that we went to

Campmeeting. Thank you so very, very much.

M.C., Granger, Indiana

Dear Ken & Lynette,



// LYNETTE HAGIN



GOD'S INTERRUPTIONS: Can you help me?

The Day of the Lord is coming soon, and **it's time** that we are about **our Father's business.** Most of us lead fast-paced lives, and we can become so busy doing natural things that we neglect what God would have us do. Although there are many legitimate things we must do, we don't want to become so engaged in activities that we miss doing what is truly important.

In my own life, I've found that I can be too focused on my agenda. I love checking off the tasks I've written on my "to-do" list. And once I get started on a task, I don't want to be interrupted until I've finished it.



Some of Jesus' greatest **miracles** happened when He was interrupted.

One day the Lord said to me, "You get so irritated with the interruptions in your life. But I want to use you through some of those interruptions. My interruptions are more important than anything on your 'to-do' list."

I quickly repented and said, "Okay, Lord. I'll do whatever You want me to do."

After that, when I looked at Jesus' life, I realized that He was interrupted a lot. In fact, when you look through the four Gospels, it looks as though He was always getting interrupted!

We can see this very clearly in Mark chapter 4. Jesus spent the day ministering to a multitude on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. In the evening, He said to His disciples, ". . . *Let us pass over unto the other side*" (Mark 4:35).

Jesus and His disciples were in the boat when a fierce storm arose. The disciples were fearful that the boat was going to sink so they woke Jesus up as He was sleeping soundly in the back of the boat. Jesus got up ". . . *and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm*" (Mark 4:39).

When the boat landed at Gennesaret, Jesus was met by a madman! He cast the unclean spirits out of the man and the man became perfectly sane. The townspeople became fearful and told Jesus to leave their region. (See Mark 5:1–20.)

Although Jesus' short stay in Gennesaret may have looked like a wasted trip, it actually paved the way for great miracles to happen later. You'll notice in Mark 6:53–56 that when Jesus returned to Gennesaret, people throughout the entire region brought their sick to Him. Scripture says that "... as many as touched him were made whole" (v. 56).

But after His first brief visit to Gennesaret, Jesus traveled to Capernaum where a multitude of people met Him (Mark 5:21). Jesus would have begun to teach the people if he had not been interrupted. Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, begged Jesus to come and heal his daughter. And Jesus left the multitude to minister to one child (verses 21–24.)

However, on the way to Jairus' house, Jesus was interrupted again! This time, a woman with an issue of blood touched the hem of His garment and was healed. (See Mark 5:25–34.) Are you beginning to see how unplanned events continually sidetracked Jesus?

I noticed that some of Jesus' greatest miracles happened when He was interrupted. So I began to pray, "Lord, if I don't get anything on my 'to-do' list crossed off, that's okay. I just want to accomplish the things on Your list."

Not long after I prayed this, my son and I had an important meeting to go to. We had only 15 minutes to eat before the meeting, so we decided to run into a local fast-food restaurant. We were sitting at a table, eating as fast as we could, when one of the restaurant workers came over to us and said, "I have a problem. Can you help me?"

I immediately thought about our appointment. But on the inside—in my spirit man—I knew this was a God interruption. I knew I had a God assignment!

The woman then told me how she had strayed from the Lord and was having alcohol problems. I began telling her about our church, more specifically about a class we have called Turning Point. It's designed to help people turn their lives around. I got her name and phone number and told her that someone from Turning Point would call her and meet her Sunday morning to take her to the class.

To make a long story short, this woman came to RHEMA Bible Church, went through Turning Point, and rededicated her life to the Lord. She eventually became a member of the church. When I didn't see her in church, I would call and encourage her to keep coming.

Then one Sunday morning she introduced me to her nephew and said, "I'm trying to get his mother and daddy to come to church." Now she was going out and bringing people to church! And that's what it's all about—bringing more souls into the Kingdom of God.

How many times have we had a stirring to say something to an individual but didn't? So often we're so busy running here and there that we don't take time to minister to the people God puts in our pathways. Let's not allow the enemy to sidetrack us from what's important to God—the souls of men and women who haven't accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We are God's mouthpieces and we are His hands and feet. So let's slow down enough to recognize God's interruptions. As we do, we'll be among the end-time reapers who bring in the great harvest of souls before the return of the Lord. \checkmark

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HAVING A PERSONAL RELATIONSHI

[Editor's Note: Keith Nachbor and Brent Bailey, youth ministers at RHEMA Bible Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, together have 36 years of youth ministry experience. Both graduated from RHEMA Bible Training Center. The following is adapted from an interview with them on having a personal relationship with God.]

W I know what my pastor and my youth leader say about God. Do I need to have my own relationship with Him?

BRENT: You should never live your life with God through your pastor, your parents, your youth minister, or your friends. You should have your own personal relationship with God. Sadly, a lot of people have a relationship with God through someone else.

EXAMPLE Too many people are not digging things out of the Word of God for themselves. They're not praying about things and hearing His voice. There's nothing in their lives that causes them to act upon the Word of God other than what someone else says. Jesus took 12 guys and poured Himself into them, and everything He did was to try to teach them how to have a relationship with the Father.

Why do I have to have my own personal relationship with God?

BRENT: Unfortunately, many people end up hurt when their prayers don't get answered because they don't have a relationship with God to the point where they just believe He is going to move. When they pray, it's almost out of desperation instead of faith. The prayer of faith comes from knowing God. When people don't have a relationship with Him and they pray and their prayer doesn't get answered, they get mad and say, "See, God doesn't move." Well, that's because they don't know Him to begin with. You can't believe God for something if you don't know Him.

Q Do you think it comes down to the verse, ". . . for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6 NKJV)?

ERENT: I believe it's the "Him" at the end of that verse that is most important. Most of us have been taught that God

is a rewarder and we celebrate that. But do we really know Him as a rewarder, or are we just taking someone else's word for it?

And it's diligently seeking *Him*, not diligently seeking the rewarder of those who *diligently* seek Him.

Can you think of examples from your own lives that go along with this point?

KETTHE When I diligently seek God, all of these other things are "added to me" (Matt. 6:33). I can look back at times in my life when I've gone without. And I went without because I wasn't diligently seeking Him. I was diligently seeking the reward. My prayer time consisted of me asking for things and not talking to Him. There was no relationship.

BRENTH One of the steps to building a relationship with God is, you've got to spend time with Him even when you don't feel like He's there. Many times I haven't asked God for anything. I've gotten into my car, turned on some worship music, and just spent time with Him—not because I wanted something or because I wanted Him to do something in my life. I just wanted to get close to Him. I look at my relationship with God as I do the relationships I have with people. My grandfather made you feel like a million dollars when you walked into the room. Because of what he did, I wanted to spend more time with him. But even if he didn't have a sucker or anything else for me, I still ran up to my grandpa and jumped into his arms because I loved being with him. That's what I want my relationship with God to be like.

So what do you think the biggest hindrance for youth is as far as spending time with God?

BRENTS Waiting for a feeling before they believe He is there.

KEITHE Yes. It's the idea that spending time with God is based on emotion. We should fall more in love with God and pursue Him more every day. The Bible says that God is a God Who hides Himself (Isa. 45:15). God wants us to seek Him and search Him out.

BRENTE When I was a kid, my cousin and I would play hide and seek. My cousin was a little guy, and when he would hide he was hard to find. I would even look where he was hiding and not see him. When he would come out I would say, "I know I looked there." He was so small that he could disappear into the darkness and I would never see him. But even though I didn't see him, I was still in his presence. I was standing right there where he was. Just because I didn't touch him or detect him with one of my other senses, that didn't mean he wasn't there. That's where many people miss it in their relationship with God. They think that if they are in God's presence, one of their senses will sense or "feel" Him. Well, when you begin to seek God, your faith is the only thing that should be getting activated. That will eventually bring all these other experiences, but many times you have to start without feeling anything.

[Look in future issues of *The Word of Faith* magazine for more from this interview with Brent and Keith.]



Who's in Charge

THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE HUMAN SPIRIT AND THE INTELLECT

One of the greatest mistakes that has been made in our intellectual culture is the ignoring of the human spirit. Instead of allowing our spirit to dominate our intellect, we have allowed our knowledge, or intellect, to dominate our human spirit. In many instances, our intellect has **taken the throne,** and our human spirit, which should guide us, has been neglected or locked away in prison, so to speak.

When we shut away our spirit and never listen to it, we become crippled in life and easy prey to selfish and designing people. But when we allow our spirit, our human spirit, to gain the mastery and influence us during a crisis, we will climb to the top.

> [Editor's Note: This article was adapted from a Spiritology class Brother Hagin taught at RHEMA Bible Training Center in 1983 and from his book *How You Can Be Led by the Spirit of God.*]

If we had **listened** to our spirit, we would not have done some things we did.



What natural food is to your body, the **Word of God** is to your spirit. My wife and I knew a certain woman pastor who related the following story to me: An evangelist came to her town and got all the churches he could to cooperate in a citywide meeting. He rented the city auditorium. It is a sorry thing to have to say, but everyone in the ministry is not honest. Because this man had a poor credit rating, the city auditorium demanded payment in advance. So he went through this woman pastor. She was gullible enough to say her church would stand responsible for \$3,000 rent and all newspaper advertising. Crowds of 2,000 to 3,000 attended every night. He took up a lot of money, but he left town without paying one bill. This woman's church had to take \$5,000 out of their building fund to cover this evangelist's expenses. (That was a lot of money in those days!)

This woman pastor eventually recovered her church's money. But she told me, "Brother Hagin, if I had listened to my spirit, this never would have happened. I had a check in my spirit. If I had listened to it, I wouldn't have stood good for his debts."

If we had listened to our spirit, we would not have done some things we did. Remember, the person who lets his spirit gain the mastery and influence him in crisis times is the one who climbs to the top.

How do we learn to listen to our spirit? We start by meditating on the written Word of God. Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, "... Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Bread in this verse stands for "food." You could say, "Man shall not live by natural food alone" What will man live by? Every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

I like to put it this way: What natural food is to your body, the Word of God is to your spirit. Or you could say God's Word is spirit food. So, the Word—the written Word of God—was given to us by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of developing our human spirit.

The New Birth is the rebirth of the human spirit. It's not the rebirth of our body or our mind. After we are born again, we must renew our minds (Rom. 12:1–2) and discipline our bodies (1 Cor. 9:27). The Holy Spirit

through the Word of God imparts God's nature into our human spirit.

After the death of Moses, God told Joshua that if he would meditate on the Word of God day and night and do what was written in it. he would make his way prosperous and he would have good success (Josh. 1:8). Today, we can meditate on God's Word as Joshua did, and we also have the Holy Spirit Who will guide us into all truth (John 16:13).

As we learn to quiet our minds, the Holy Spirit will communicate with

our spirit through the Word of God and unveil truths to us. For many people, it's much easier to get quiet physically than it is to get quiet mentally. We lie down at night and our body is quiet, but our mind is racing.

The more we quiet our minds and think on the Word of God, the more the Holy Spirit will speak to our human spirit. This is how He becomes the dominant force in our lives. Then we will almost never make mistakes when we give heed to our spirits.

We've learned how to cultivate our bodies and become athletes. And we've learned how to cultivate our intellect and become mental gymnasts. Now let's learn how to cultivate our human spirit by meditating on the Word of God.



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Developing the Human Spirit

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LAST MONTH IN MY COLUMN I admonished you to gear up and take your place in the Body of Christ this year—to commit to choosing God's desires above your desires. I ran out of space, so I want to continue along those lines.

One difficulty I have seen in the Body of Christ is an inability to recognize the voice of the Lord. It is very difficult to obey God's instructions if you do not know when He is speaking to you. Many think they are hearing God's voice when actually they are listening to the voices of others or even to the voice of their own desires.

We must all learn to recognize God's voice. Remember when the Lord spoke to the boy Samuel and he did not recognize His voice? (See 1 Sam. 3:1–10.) Samuel thought Eli was calling him. Finally Eli said to the young boy, "Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth" (vv. 9–10).

So how do we know when God is speaking to us? Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." And in Proverbs 20:27 we read, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." When explaining this scripture, my father-in-law would say, "The spirit of man is the light bulb of the Lord. God will enlighten us—He will guide us—through our spirit."

To be able to hear God's voice, we must commune with Him. That does not mean kneeling down, praying, and saying, "OK, God, I need an answer for this situation," and then expecting an immediate reply. Often we get impatient in our prayer time, make up an answer ourselves, and decide that it is God's answer. We head in a direction or make a decision and then wonder why things don't go well.

Let me ask you a question: how much time have you spent waiting on the Lord? David mastered the art of waiting on the Lord. Numerous times he wrote, "Wait on the Lord." Here are two examples: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Ps. 27:14); and "Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it" (Ps. 37:34).

In hearing the voice of God or being led by the Spirit, I have found that God speaks after I have spent considerable time meditating on the matter. To put it simply: First, I make my request known unto God (Phil. 4:6). I state my situation in simple language, just as I would when asking someone in the natural for advice. Then I begin thanking the Lord for the answer. And I add, "Lord, help me be sensitive to Your voice when You speak."

In my prayer times after that, I spend a small portion of my time reminding the Lord that I need an answer to my request. Often when I'm getting ready in the morning or driving in the car, I will say—sometimes out loud and sometimes in my thoughts—"Lord, You know I need to know what to do. Thank You for the answer and the solution to this problem."

Then I rest in peace. I may not have direction at the moment, but I am confident that the answer will come. I do not worry or fret about it. When I am tempted to be anxious or concerned, I simply remind the Lord that I need an answer.

That answer may come days, weeks, or even months later. I may be just worshiping and praising the Lord for Who He is and what He has done, when suddenly out of my spirit will come thoughts that are the answer to what I have asked Him. At the moment I may not even be thinking about the request. Therefore, I know that these cannot be my thoughts but the thoughts of the Lord. He is enlightening my spirit and giving me wisdom.

I trust this simple personal illustration will help you hear the voice of the Lord and recognize His leadings. As you learn to train your spirit to be sensitive to His voice, you will find that you will experience peace, knowing that you are walking in His divine will.

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Have you ever seen a police officer directing traffic in the middle of a busy street? If so, did you notice that even the biggest trucks on the road obey his instructions when he holds up his hand to stop the traffic? Is it because the police officer is strong and powerful that the traffic stops for him? NO! It's because he has Automotion ?! When people see the badge that he wears, they realize that he has power, or authority, to enforce the law and to arrest those who disobey it.

Did you know that, just like that police officer, you have authority? Jesus told his disciples in Luke 10:19, "Behold, I give you the authority ... over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (NKJV). So the next time you see the devil at work, just do like the police officer: Hold up your hand and say "STOP!" But be sure to show your badge! "What badge?" you ask! The memory of JSSUD to your badge! Jesus told his disciples in Mark 16:17, "In MY NAME they will cast out demons ..." (NKJV). The devil knows that there is authority in JESUS' Name, so use it often as your badge of authority!

The Badge Scramble

Unscramble the letters in the badges below to reveal one of the things Jesus told his disciples they had authority over. (Luke 10:19)



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One of the police officers pictured above has more authority than the other. Based on what you learned in the lesson to the right, which of these two officers has more authority and why?

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3. a symbol of authority that police officers wear **ACROSS**

4. what the disciples cast out in Jesus' name

5. what you should do when police officers give instructions 6. what you should say when you see the devil at work

A Little Riddle

We knew the authority in Jesus' Name. We used it to heal a man who was lame. Who were we? (Answer found in Acts 3:1)

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

What has four wheels and flies? A garbage truck

Johnny: Were you long in the hospital? George: No, I was the same size that I am right now.

How did the farmer fix the hole in his pants?

With a cabbage patch.

Why did the policeman have a blanket over his head?

He was working under-cover.

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What happened when the lion ate the comedian? He started feeling "funny."

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What do a bad boy and a canoe have in common? They both get paddled.

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What kind of gun does a bee shoot? **A bee-bee gun.**

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