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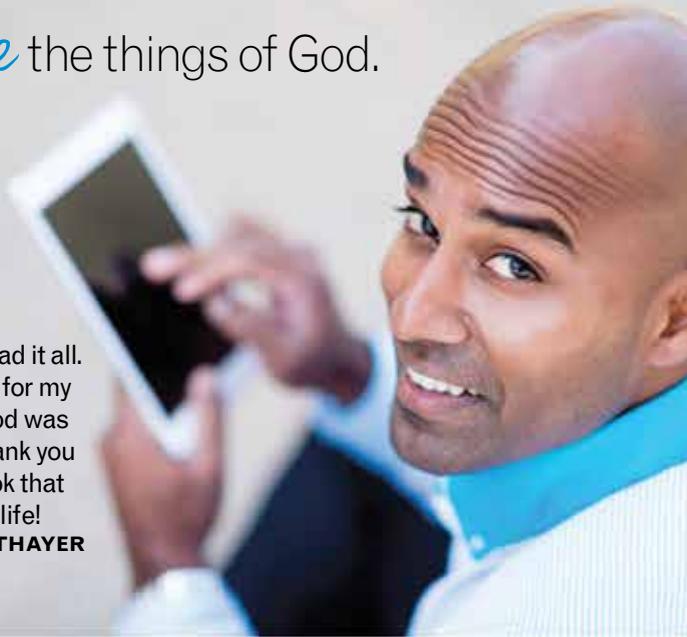
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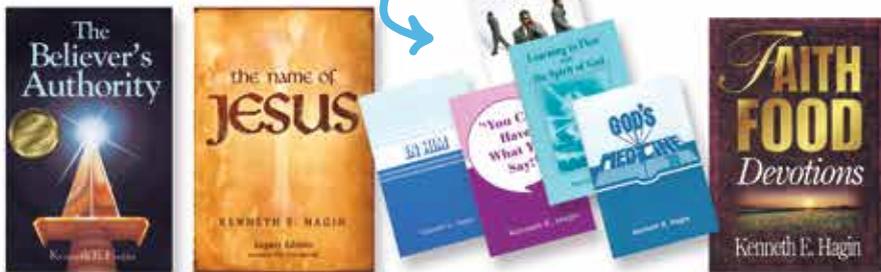
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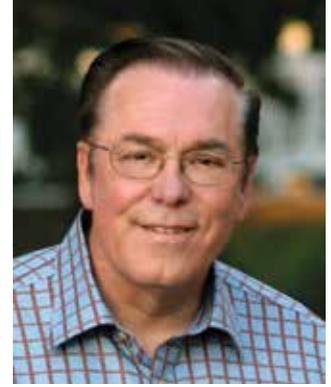
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God is not a one-time God—He’s an every-time God. Some people may get only a one-time blessing, but they could be blessed every day! The reason they get blessed only once is, that’s all they were expecting. We get what we expect.

You see, once God gets started, He keeps going—day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year. He doesn’t get tired or have bad moods or bad days. In fact, Scripture says that He doesn’t sleep or slumber (Ps. 121:4). He doesn’t work 9 to 5, 3 to 11, or 11 to 7. No, our Heavenly Father is a 24/7/365, always-on-duty God!

I know some people may say, “God has given up on you.” A more accurate statement is that God never gives up on anybody, but a lot of people have given up on God. They’ve quit expecting.

The question is not whether God will extend His hand of grace. The question is whether we will reach up and grab that hand. God is a can-do God and a can-do-it-again God. We can expect Him to work in us continually. He will take us from faith to faith, victory to victory, and glory to glory.

We’ve put together a great magazine for you this month to help you get the new year started off right. My article on page 4 will help you learn how to successfully follow the Holy Spirit in each season of your life. And Dad’s article on page 15 will teach you that healing belongs to every believer. Happy new year!

Kenneth W. Hagin

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NAVIGATING

the Seasons of Life

WHATEVER YOUR AGE, vocation, or location, there's a time and season for everything. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV) says, *"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."*

Times and seasons are there for us all, and they affect us not only in our natural life, but in our spiritual life. As you follow the Holy Spirit, He'll lead you into the different seasons of your life. To successfully follow the Holy Spirit, we have to learn to navigate the times of our lives.

GENESIS 8:22 (NKJV)

22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.

God has set things up to revolve around times and seasons, and this pattern is going to remain as long as you're on the earth. There is value in every season, as well as appropriate actions to be taken and actions to be avoided. In the spring, you plant crops that you want to harvest in the fall. In the winter, you don't go swimming; you go skiing. In the summer, you don't wear a fur coat; you wear light clothing so you can stay cool.

Spiritually speaking, there are times in life when you plan and dream. At other times, you prepare and get yourself ready for what God is bringing you next. Sometimes, you cultivate



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what you already have, appreciate it, and stay with what you are and what you're doing. And in some seasons, you get the harvest of your labor.

Don't Hate the Season You're In

In life, seasons happen in sequence. We have winter, then spring, then summer, and then fall.

As a person, you were a baby, then a child, then a teenager, and finally an adult. There is a reason these seasons happen as they do. Yet, some people become unhappy with where they are. They want to skip ahead to the final season. And as a result, they fail to see the value in their current season. If you don't see the value of where you are right now, you will never make it to what God has planned for you next.

Looking back on my life, I did not understand all of the seasons I was in when they were happening. I went through a sequence of seasons. First, I grew up in a minister's home. Second, I was a student. Then I had the military season, followed by the associate pastor season. Then I was crusade director with no preaching responsibilities, followed by being an evangelist.

Going through those seasons enabled me to be where I am today as president of Rhema Bible Training College, pastor of Rhema Bible Church, and CEO of Kenneth Hagin Ministries. If I had not successfully navigated those times, I would not be here now. Most of us can look back and see now that God led us through many different seasons to where we are. So, wherever

you are right now, learn everything you can, because God is preparing you to use it in the future.

Doing Things in God's Perfect Time

When Jesus was 12 years old, He knew it was time to be about His Father's business (Luke 2:49). And we see in John 8:20 that He knew when it was not His hour. In John 13:1 He knew it was time to go to the cross. And He did what was called for in each of those seasons.

Like Jesus, the Apostle Paul followed the Holy Spirit's leadings as he moved through the seasons of his life. At one point, the Holy Spirit told him not to go to Asia Minor to preach the Gospel (Acts 16:6). Instead, he was called at that time to go to Macedonia. Later, at the right time, the Holy Spirit opened the door to Asia for him.

ACTS 19:8-10 (NKJV)

8 And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

9 But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10 And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

You see, in one season of Paul's life, the Holy Spirit said, "Hey, don't go over there." But in another season, the Holy Spirit sent Paul where He had previously told him not to go. Sometimes you may want to do something, but God wants you to do something else first. At the right time, God will bring you where you want to go.

The Holy Spirit knows when we are ready for the next season. So, don't try to get into the next season before you're ready. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV) says, "*He has made everything beautiful in its time.*" God has made a time for every flower to bloom, every tree to bear fruit, and every crop to be harvested. And it's the same with us. We bloom in God's perfect time!

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navigate the times of our lives.*



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I have seen some people who are like shooting stars. They have a momentary display of talent or ability in their life, and then they fade out. I believe it's because God wanted them to be able to do some things, but they jumped out too fast, too quick, and they didn't last because they weren't ready for it.

God may be calling you to minister or to some other calling in life. But until you go through times of learning and preparation, you're not going to come into the fullness of that calling. And let me tell you—once you get there, you still go through seasons, because if you don't, you won't progress.

Commit to Be Satisfied in Your Current Season

Today is the day that God has made. This is the day for you to say, "I'm going to be satisfied in the season that I am in. I'm going to look for opportunities to learn. I'll take the assignments God gives me in this season so that I can accomplish all I'm called to do. And I will see myself prosperous in the natural, and in the supernatural." ♥

Be an Overcomer in Every Season of Life

God has a future for you, a perfect time for you to step into your calling. But He also has plans for you right now, exactly where you are. Learn to enjoy the journey. And learn all you can in your current season so you can enter your next season with success!

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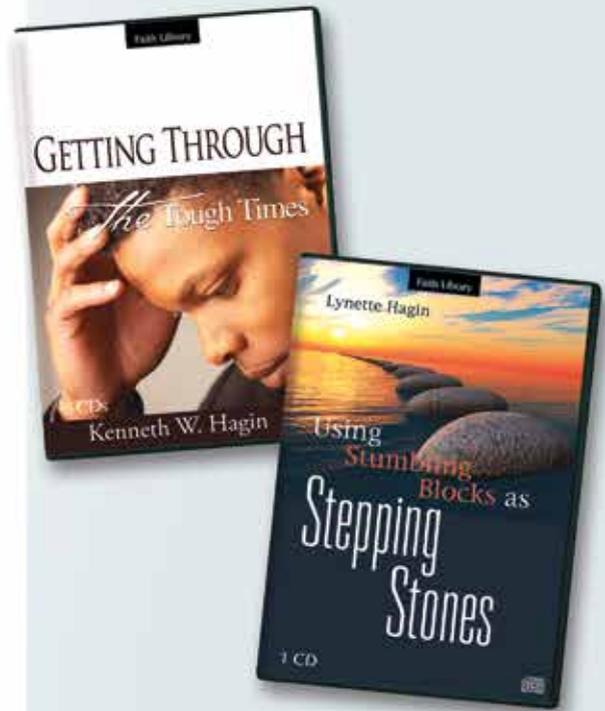
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Using **Our Authority** for Finances

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WHEN GOD CREATED the world, He gave dominion over all the works of His hands to Adam (Gen. 1:26, 28). In one sense, then, Adam was god of this world, because God turned it over to him.

But we read in Second Corinthians 4:4 that Satan is now the god of this world. How did that happen? Adam committed treason in the Garden of Eden by willfully eating of the forbidden fruit (Gen. 3:1-7). When he did this, he gave Satan man's dominion over the earth.

In Luke 4:6-7 Satan said to Jesus, *"All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine."* Who delivered this power to Satan? Adam did!

The Lord showed me this and related it to faith for finances. As I prayed and waited before Him, He said to me by the Holy Spirit, "The money you need is down there. It isn't up here in Heaven. I don't have any money up here. I'm not going to rain any money down from Heaven. If I did, it would be counterfeit, and I'm not a counterfeiter. It's Satan who is keeping money from coming, not Me."

Then I remembered that Jesus said, *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom"* (Luke 6:38). When men give to you, God is behind it. But it's still men giving it.

After the Lord showed me this, He said, "Whatever money you need, just claim it."

Our Authority in Christ

We have a right to claim our needs met because Jesus came to the earth and defeated Satan. We're in the world but we're not *of* the world (John 15:19). Since we still have to live in this world, we must use our God-given authority to enforce Satan's defeat. This is how we will enjoy the blessings of God we have in Christ, including financial prosperity.

That's why when the Lord told me to claim the money I needed, I understood what He meant. He was telling me to believe and exercise my spiritual authority in the area of finances.

The Lord said to me, "Don't pray about money like you have been. Whatever you need, claim it in Jesus' Name. Then tell Satan to take his hands off your money and command the ministering spirits to cause it to come."

In 1950 when I began to see how faith worked in the financial area, it was all new to me. In fact, I said to the Lord, "I understand the part about exercising authority over the enemy, claiming the finances, and telling the devil to take his hands off my money. But what do you mean about commanding the ministering spirits to cause the money to come?"

The Lord said, "Didn't you read in My Word, *'Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?'*" (Heb. 1:14). "For" means the angels were sent to do something for us.

At the time, I was holding a meeting in a church. After the Lord showed me this, I claimed the money I needed. Then I told the

pastor, "Don't make any special pull for money. At offering time, say as little about it as you can."

The pastor said, "If I just say, 'This is Brother Hagin's offering' and pass the plate, you won't get over a dime."

"If I get just a dime," I said, "you won't hear me say a word."

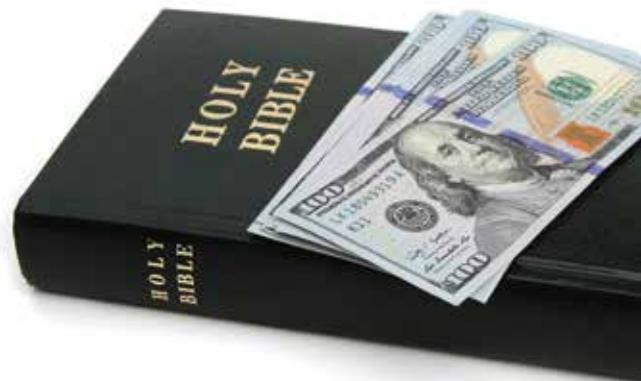
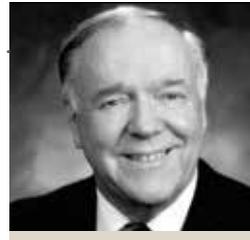
I had claimed \$200. When the 10-day meeting ended, I had the \$200 plus 40-odd dollars over that amount!

We must use our God-given authority to enforce Satan's defeat.

The pastor said, "That beats anything I've ever seen in my life!"

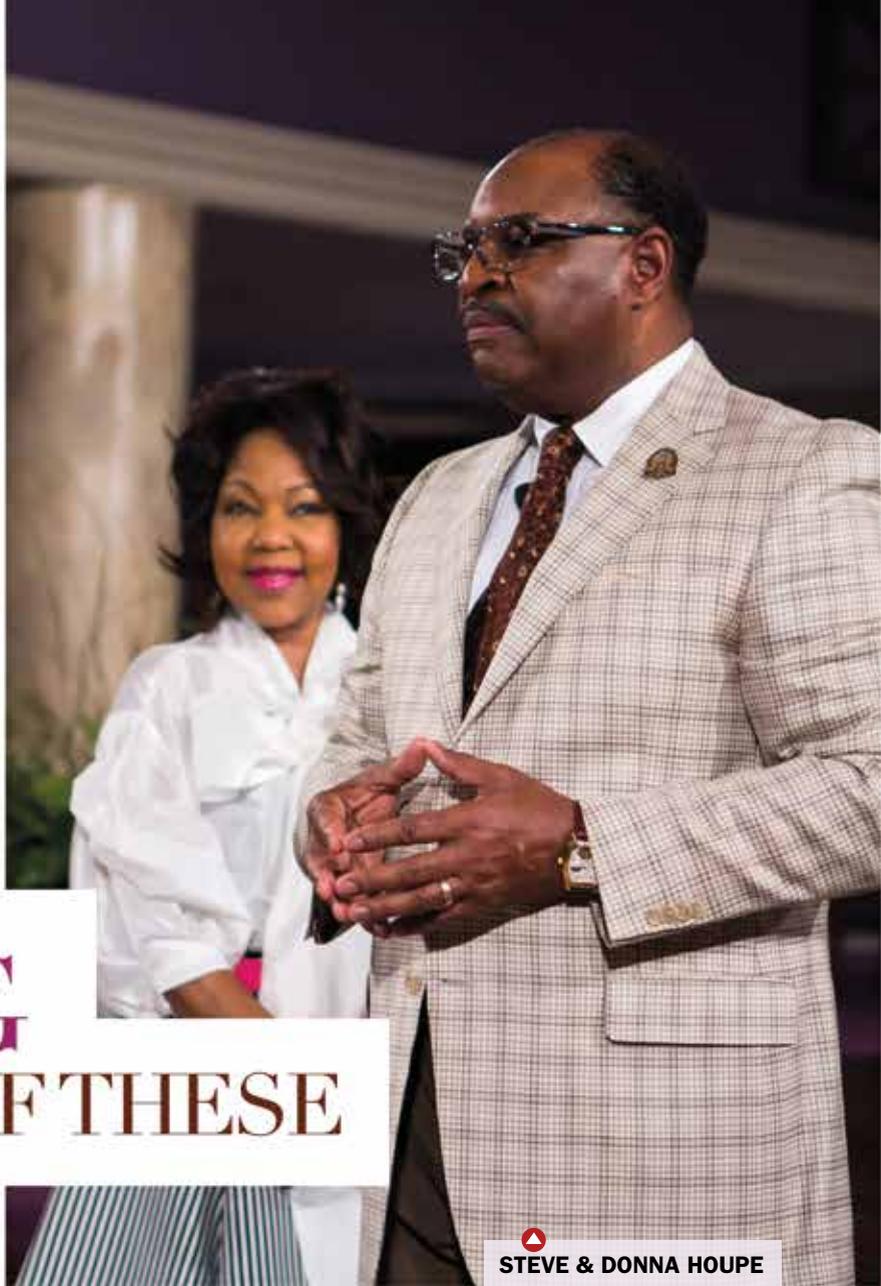
This church thought \$50 a week was big. They would have thought \$75 a week was wonderful, and \$100 a week would have been a miracle! And I received more than \$240 in 10 days!♥

(Editor's Note: This article was adapted from the book *Biblical Keys to Financial Prosperity* by Kenneth E. Hagin.)



“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, **‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’**”

—MATTHEW 25:37–40 (NKJV)



STEVE & DONNA HOUPE

LOVING THE LEAST OF THESE

STEVE HOUPE grew up in dire poverty. Other kids made fun of him because he had holes in his shoes and dirty clothes. He smelled bad because he couldn’t take a bath. The shack he lived in didn’t have running water. His alcoholic father sometimes wouldn’t come home for days. As a kid he had to learn to take care of himself.

Steve dug worms out of the ground to sell to the bait store so he could buy food. Sometimes, shaking with hunger, he jumped over a neighbor’s fence and ate green apples off the tree. In school some of the teachers made fun of him because he didn’t have school supplies. Yet despite his rough upbringing, he excelled in his studies, and by high school he could play basketball well.

After his high school graduation, Steve joined the military and served in the Vietnam War. He earned a college degree in business management and made a successful living working on aircraft. Eventually, though, he felt impressed to attend a Christian school, and he told his friends he was going to Rhema Bible Training College in Broken Arrow. His friends suggested he attend a Christian school in their area, but he knew the Lord had told him to go to Rhema.

Growing in Faith

The message of faith and the teaching on the believer’s authority were new to Steve, but he grew in his knowledge and understanding of God’s Word. He also learned about the power of confessing that Word over his life. Steve graduated from Rhema in 1986, full of faith and God’s Word. And the Lord told him to go to Kansas City, Missouri, and reach people with the message of faith and the Good News.

Greatly excited, Steve packed up his belongings and moved his wife and kids to Kansas City. When he arrived, the Lord told him to hold a three-day seminar. He rented a hotel conference room and went door-to-door passing out a thousand flyers to people in the community. During those three days, only one person showed up.

“Was this God’s plan?” he thought. “Where are the masses of people I am called to reach?” Steve needed to hear from God.



Feeling defeated, Steve paid the hotel for the use of the room. He was already short of money and had no job to support his family. In the natural, it looked like he had missed God by coming to Kansas City.

With tears he cried, “God, I’m in this city! I don’t know anybody, and I know You sent me here. I’ve got to give these people my last bit of money, because I reserved the room.”

“Whose money is it?” God asked.

“It’s Yours!”

“Can I do with My money what I want to do?”

From that day on Steve settled in his heart that whatever God put in his hands, it all belonged to Him. His responsibility was to trust and believe and God would be faithful to take care of the rest.

That same year Steve founded Harvest Church. He began teaching his congregation the message of faith and their authority in Christ, and he urged them to trust God’s plan for their lives.

God caused the church to grow. It grew so much that He led Steve to purchase a shopping mall. Steve realized that the Lord’s vision to reach Kansas City was bigger than he could grasp. And He was calling Harvest Church to greater works, including reaching “the least of these.”

Serving Others

Kansas City is Missouri’s largest city. There are many restaurants, successful corporations, and entertaining and fun activities. There are also thousands of homeless people sleeping under bridges and in cars or abandoned buildings. Steve’s upbringing in stark poverty gave him compassion for these, and he is endeavoring to show them God’s love.

Through the changing seasons, the homeless, including many families with children, are without food, shelter, and adequate clothing. Harvest Church members go out into the highways and byways to reach them with the Good News. The church’s We-Care Center clothes and ministers to those who have nothing. During cold Kansas City winters, Harvest Church members distribute hot sandwiches and soup and provide gloves and coats for warmth.

“Some of those people living under bridges are doctors and lawyers and schoolteachers, and they just hit a hard place,” shared Steve.

Harvest Church is also helping its community through Leah’s House, a live-in facility for unwed pregnant teenagers. Steve and

his wife, Donna, have a passion for helping these girls during their pregnancy, and also helping them receive an education. They encourage them to keep their babies and not abort them. Steve believes that saving these lives is important to God and His Kingdom.

The young mothers live in Leah’s House for a year and get their GED. Many young girls have gone through the program, had their lives changed, and received college scholarships to further their education. Steve shared the story of one such young woman. She came to Leah House’s, went through the GED program, and received her diploma. Then she applied to a local university and received a full-ride scholarship.

The faith message has had a tremendous impact on his life, and he is endeavoring to impart that same life-changing message to others.

Harvest Church also operates Project Destiny, a multi-phase community development program. Project Destiny provides affordable housing, medical facilities, supportive services, educational opportunities, and help for entrepreneurs. As the church reaches out to their community with the Good News, countless lives are being changed.

Steve has come a long way from his meager beginnings. But he understands it’s not because of anything he has done—it’s because of the goodness of God. The faith message has had a tremendous impact on his life, and he is endeavoring to impart that same life-changing message to others.

Steve also remembers who has helped him. “A lot of the success we have experienced in ministry is because after 1986, we stayed connected to Rhema Bible Training College. We have stayed connected with our finances, even to this day. I don’t believe you can stay connected to something great and not produce greatness in your life.”♥



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TO LEARN MORE about Steve and Donna Houpe, go to SteveHoupeMinistries.org.

REGROUPING AFTER A HARD HIT

Chad Speer lost both his wife and his pastor to cancer within three weeks. Hit hard, Chad returned to Broken Arrow to get refreshed and recharged at *Winter Bible Seminar*. Before long, God began prompting him to take a third year of classes at Rhema.

Although Chad, a 2006 Rhema grad, had been in ministry for several years, returning to Rhema Bible Training College and enrolling in the School of Pastoral Ministry helped him regroup after his wife's death. It also solidified his purpose. Today, he's pastoring in Michigan.

"So many things go through your mind when you lose your spouse," says Chad. "Getting back to Rhema and into an atmosphere of faith helped me to lay hold of my call once again. It helped me to have confidence in myself, that I'm OK by myself. I think I could have eventually gotten back to where I am now, but I don't think it would have happened in a year."



Are You Ready to Regroup and Discover Your Purpose?

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God Is **Not Finished Yet**

MARVIN YODER

A **PROCLAMATION** of the creation of Heaven and earth is found in the first three verses of the Book of Genesis: *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”* (Gen 1:1 NKJV). This is not an explanation of creation. It is a revelation of God proclaiming, “I created the Heavens and the earth.”

Verse 2 (NKJV) continues, *“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”*

This is much like a mother hen sitting on her eggs waiting for them to hatch. The hen moves them around to make sure they get turned. She fluffs up over them and flutters around them. She is getting the eggs ready so that at the right moment, life can come forth. Likewise, the Holy Spirit “hovered over the face of the waters,” getting ready for life to come forth.

God can get you out of the mess you're in.

In verse 3 (NKJV), God said, *“Let there be light”; and there was light.* Before God spoke, there wasn't any light.

What God wants in the earth today may not be in sight. But when His Word goes forth, it becomes a reality. He is looking for vessels through whom His Word will be spoken so that He can do what He has not yet done.

When we look at our lives, many of us can say that we have things in our heart that God has spoken to us. But we would also have to acknowledge that perhaps our lives don't exactly represent what God said. We're all in the process of seeing His words come to pass.

In the same way God hovered over a formless and void world,

He can move in our personal lives today. Here are four truths that will help us see what He has spoken in our hearts come to pass.

Truth Number One: BEFORE YOUR PROBLEMS SHOW UP, GOD ALREADY HAS AN ANSWER.

God is the Ancient of Days and has all the answers you need. If you don't have solutions, He does. If you ask Him, He will show you what to do.

Truth Number Two: YOUR LIFE MAY BE A MESS, BUT GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH YOU YET.

God can get you out of the mess you're in. We see in Genesis that the earth was formless, void, and dark. And on a global scale, God got the earth out of that mess. If He was able to do something of that magnitude, He can certainly help you on a personal level.

Truth Number Three: EVEN BEFORE YOU SEE IT, THE HOLY SPIRIT IS WORKING IN YOUR LIFE.

Has it ever seemed as if you haven't heard from Heaven for awhile? You wondered if you'd done something wrong. Where is God in the silence? You have to understand that He is not inactive when you don't hear from Him. He's always working in your life. He's lining things up and getting them ready so the moment you speak a word in faith—BOOM!—it comes to pass.

Truth Number Four: IF YOU SPEAK THE WORD THAT YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART, IT WILL COME TO PASS.

God gave us a pattern to follow in the Book of Genesis. He said,

“Let there be light”; and there was light” (Gen. 1:3 NKJV). He set this precedent for those who would dare to speak His Word.

However, we often lose by being silent. We don't lift our voice and speak the Word enough. We have to stir ourselves up and declare that God's Word is true even when we don't feel like it. We have to say “by His stripes I'm healed” when we don't feel good. We have to say “my God shall supply all my needs” when we don't have enough money.

The Holy Spirit is always working in our lives. He's moving, giving assignments, enabling, empowering, instructing, correcting, and undergirding. He won't stop until He's finished, until His plan is complete. We're fast approaching the day when our Father God will look down at everything the Spirit has done in the Church and say, “That is very good.”♥

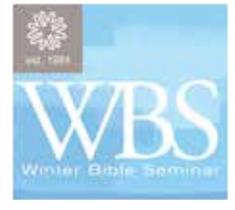
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ANDREW AND HIS WIFE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR THE HEALING OF THEIR SON.

"I am from Gambia, West Africa. Years ago the Lord led me to *The Believer's Authority* by Kenneth E. Hagin. I have now read **MORE THAN 50 BOOKS** by him. These books have prepared me to lay hold of successes and overcome deadly challenges. I have many testimonies to give because of these books, but here is one.

Almost three years ago, our son was born with a growth under his tongue. Some said it would affect his speech. Doctors said when he reached 6 months old, he could undergo surgery. When our son was about 3 months old, I asked my wife whom she would like to heal our son. We both agreed that we would turn to Jesus in faith. I opened to Romans 4:17 and we rebuked that ball. As of that day, we called it gone. For days we called it gone. One day after fellowship, I returned home, and when our son opened his mouth the ball was completely gone! No blood stain, no cut opening, no surgery. **It was gone as if it were never there!** We got on our knees and praised God!" // **ANDREW**

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OUR HEALING: An Accomplished Fact



**Timeless
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WHEN HOWLING AIR-RAID SIRENS signaled another bombing raid in London during World War II, everyone ran to the nearest air-raid shelter. Everyone, that is, except a certain elderly woman.

The people in her neighborhood were busy during the daytime cleaning up debris and trying to repair damage inflicted by the bombs. At night, they huddled for protection in the air-raid shelters.

After several nights, someone commented that this elderly woman was missing. Some speculated that she had been injured and was in the hospital. Other neighbors wondered if she had been killed. Still others thought she had gone away to the country to escape the bombs.

A few days later, one of her neighbors met her on the street during the daytime and said, “Well, we certainly are glad to see you back and to know that you are all right.”

“Oh, I haven’t been anywhere,” she said.

“But you haven’t joined us in the air-raid shelter every night. Where have you been?” her neighbor asked.

“I was home sleeping,” was her calm reply.

“Sleeping?” he asked, astonished. “How could you sleep through all this? Aren’t you frightened?”

“No,” she replied. “When I was reading my Bible the other day, I found where it says that God neither slumbers nor sleeps (Ps. 121:4), so I decided there was no need for both of us to stay awake.”

Likewise, if Jesus has borne our sickness—and Isaiah 53:4 says He has—there is no need for us to bear it too.

ISAIAH 53:4–5

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

When we look up the word translated *borne* in this text, we find that in the original Hebrew it meant “to lift up, to bear away, to convey, or to remove to a distance.”

Therefore, when Matthew quotes Isaiah and says, “*Himself . . . bare our sicknesses*” (Matt. 8:17), it means that Jesus has borne them away, or removed them to a distance.

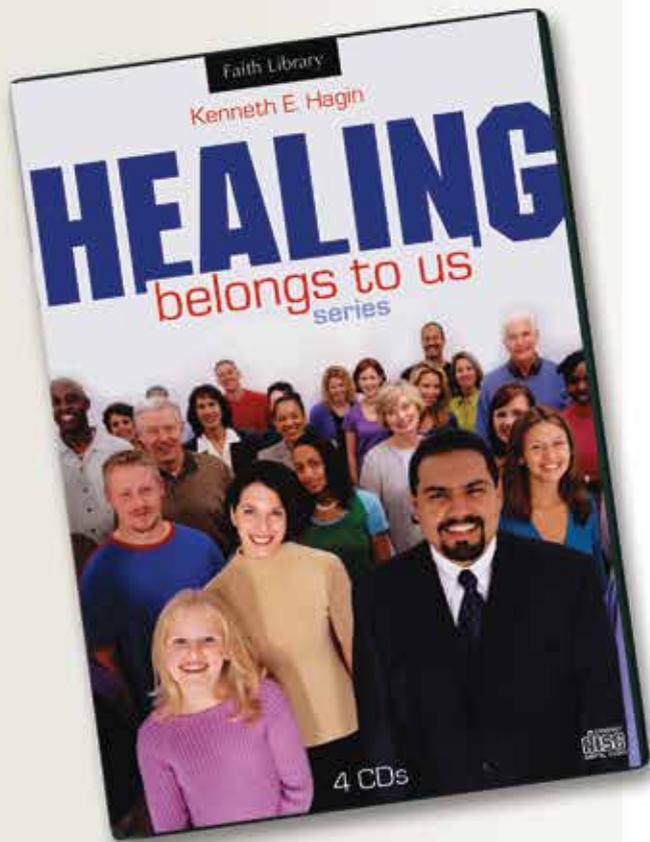
This word is a Levitical word. It is applied to the scapegoat that bore the sins of the Israelite people. It is the same Hebrew word used in Leviticus 16:22: “*The goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities.*” The high priest laid his hands on this goat and, by faith, transferred to the goat the sins and iniquities of the children of Israel. Then the goat was taken out “*unto a land not inhabited: and [a man appointed for the task] shall let go the goat in the wilderness.*”

Just as that goat bore the sins of Israel, the Word of God teaches that Jesus bore my sins and my sicknesses. Sin and sickness have passed from me to Calvary, and salvation and health have passed from Calvary to me.

Know

What Belongs to You

God doesn't want us to wonder whether it is His will that we be healed. He wants us to know what His Word says about it. In Christ, we're already healed. And we can let His Word build up our faith for healing whenever we need it.



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In the fourth verse of this redemption chapter, Isaiah 53, we have not only the Hebrew word for *borne*, but also the Hebrew word for *carried*.

These two verbs in the Hebrew are the same as those used in Isaiah 53:11 and 12 regarding Jesus' substitutionary bearing of sin: "He shall bear their iniquities. . . . And he bare the sin of many."

In the Hebrew, the verbs *hath borne* and *carried* signify "to assume as a heavy burden." They denote actual substitution—He actually took on Himself the burden of our sin, or our sin nature.

It is equally true that Jesus has borne our sicknesses and carried our pains. These verbs in the Hebrew mean a complete removal. When Jesus bore our sins, our sicknesses, and our pains, He bore them away. He completely removed them!

Both of these verbs signify substitution. They mean "one bearing another's load." That is what Jesus did for us. As our Substitute, He bore our sins and our sicknesses.

That is the reason divine healing belongs to every child of God. There is no need to question God's will in the matter when you know this.

FAITH IN ACTION

Possess the Promise

God's Word says it is His will to heal us. And through Jesus' death on Calvary and His resurrection, the price for sin has been paid and sickness has been borne away.

As you walk with God, take time every day to thank Him for the great gift of healing that He has given us through Jesus Christ. And know that, like any other gift, it is ours freely. All we have to do is accept it and, by faith, possess the healing God has promised us in Isaiah 53:4-5.

If Jesus bore our sicknesses and carried our pains, there is no need for both of us to bear them!

This scriptural truth became a reality to a woman who came for prayer in one of my meetings. She had a purplish-colored malignant cancer on her face.

I instructed her to say, "According to the Word of God, I am healed. I believe this cancer is healed."

I told her, "According to the Word, it is healed. Go to bed saying it. Get up saying it. Say it sweeping the floor. Say it washing the dishes. Say it every time you think of it. I feel led of the Lord to tell you to do this for 10 days."

On the 10th day the telephone rang in our parsonage. This woman was on the other end of the line, but she was almost too excited to talk. Finally, she managed to say, "The cancerous growth just came off my face! It has a lot of roots on it. It all came out, and there is no hole on my face. It is as smooth as a baby's skin."

When was this woman healed? On the 10th day? No, she was healed back there at Calvary, but her healing was *manifested* when she *believed* it.

It came about as she said, "According to the Word, I am healed." It came about as she believed that Christ, her Substitute, already had borne her sicknesses. He had paid the price for her cancer; therefore, she didn't have to bear it any longer.♥

[Editor's note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's slimline book *Healing Belongs to Us*.]



‘I was on the verge of giving up on life’

*“I discovered Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin’s books months ago. They used to belong to my late mother and I had no idea the books were in the house. In fact, I probably would’ve never paid any attention to the books had it not been that I was clinically depressed, suicidal, and on the verge of giving up on life. I found the book *What to Do When Faith Seems Weak & Victory Lost*. I began to read it. Although I had been a “Christian” all my life, I found God. I don’t think it is humanly possible for you to know how much you help people like me, and those in even worse situations. Thank you.”*

—Besa

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The **Three Parts** of Man

KENNETH W. HAGIN

WE ARE SPIRIT BEINGS, and God communicates with us through our spirit (Rom. 8:16). The Bible teaches that we each *possess* a soul and *live in* a body (1 Thess. 5:23). With the body we contact the *physical* realm. With our spirit, or heart, we contact the *spiritual* realm.

The soul includes the mind, will, and emotions. Therefore, we contact the *intellectual* and *emotional* realms with the soul.

It's easy to define what our body is, because it's the part of us that's visible. It contacts the physical realm—the realm we can touch and observe.

It's more difficult to distinguish between our soul and spirit. We can't see or touch either of them physically. But it's important to understand the difference between them. If we don't, we won't be led by the Holy Spirit. Instead, we'll be led by our soul in the situations of life.

A Clear Distinction

Many theologians believe the soul and spirit are the same. However, the Bible makes a clear distinction between the two.

Paul said in First Thessalonians 5:23 (NLT), *"May your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again."*

We see that the soul and spirit can be separated by God's Word: *"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow"* (Heb. 4:12 NLT).

The Word of God can "cut between," or separate, the soul and spirit of man because they are different. There would be no need to divide them if they were the same. You cannot separate something from itself. A container of water divided into two parts still equals water.

When dirt and water are mixed together in a container, the muddy water is made up of two different elements: dirt and water. If the water sits for awhile, the mud will settle to the bottom of the container. They're different, so they can be separated.

Similarly, although the soul and spirit come together within the nature of each person, they can be separated from each other. They are two distinct entities.

Your Spirit Becomes New

When you are born again, your spirit becomes new, not your mind or body (2 Cor. 5:17). The old life disappeared and a new life began. Where? In your inward man, the hidden person of the heart (1 Peter 3:4 NKJV).

Our soulish thoughts and emotions don't change overnight. If our souls became brand-new, Paul wouldn't have told us as believers to renew our minds with the Word of God (Rom. 12:2 NIV).

As you receive the Word into your heart and mind, your mind is renewed and undergoes "extensive changes." You are transformed into the image of Jesus (Rom. 8:29).

Your soul is restored and you begin to think and operate in line with the Word. This helps you keep your spirit in control of your body and emotions. It enables you to live right before God continually.

The soul and spirit can be separated by God's Word.

If you're not renewing your mind, you'll probably respond to situations the way you did before salvation. It will be much harder to resist the temptation to sin.

You cannot follow God's plan for your life without renewing your mind with the Word. A renewed mind makes you more sensitive to the things of God. You'll be less likely to respond to circumstances from your emotions or reasoning.

Just stay faithful to fill your heart and mind with God's Word. By doing this, your soul will continually be restored, or saved (James 1:21; Ps. 23:3). It will become easier for you to follow the Holy Spirit's leading.♥

[Editor's note: This article was adapted from Kenneth W. Hagin's book *Listen to Your Heart*.]



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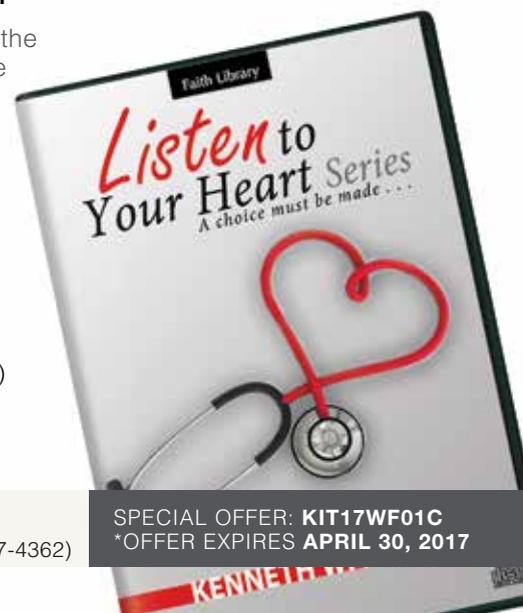
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Finding the Champion Within You



CRAIG W. HAGIN

If you've ever thought, **"I'm a failure. There's nowhere I can go from here,"** I have a scripture for you.

I LOVE WHAT the Apostle Paul wrote to the believers at Philippi. *"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,*

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13–14 NKJV).

This scripture tells us that we can forget everything that's behind us—the good and the bad. It's not about what we've done. It's about what we're doing now in Christ. And what we should be doing is living an abundant life.

Remember, Jesus died and rose from the grave for us. Because He did, we have a wonderful inheritance. We have His life-changing ability inside us! And that means we have the opportunity to change our destiny.

Change isn't always easy,

BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT
IN OUR OWN STRENGTH.



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Change isn't always easy, but we don't have to do it in our own strength. Philippians 4:13 says we can do all things *through Christ* Who gives us strength. Romans 8:37 (NKJV) says, *"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."* Christ gives us strength and ability. He's a secret weapon inside us! But we must lay aside every weight and put our focus on Him.

HEBREWS 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Many people have lost their focus. They've gotten caught up in sin or in looking at their circumstances. They've lost their joy. Some aren't even running their race anymore.

If you ever reach this point, remember the Word. Come to your senses. This is not a game. This is life. And you have so much potential on the inside.

Deal With It

It's time to lay aside the weight, forget about what's behind, and press toward your future. God's a good God. He loves you so much, and He sees you as a conqueror.

Yes, things will happen. You might start to feel frustrated and worthless. You may feel as if you'll never measure up.

But don't let the devil lie to you. Don't let him win. Instead, choose to deal with whatever is causing your unhappiness and frustration. The Bible tells us not to be moved by what we see or feel. We should only be moved by what we believe (2 Cor. 5:7). And we believe that Jesus Christ changed our circumstances 2,000 years ago. But whether we feel like our circumstances have changed or not, we have to know deep inside that things have changed. It's about living by faith.

Where does faith come from? Faith comes by hearing God's Word (Rom. 10:17). We must build up our faith. We must store up the Word on the inside by renewing our minds. Then, when tough seasons come our way, we'll be prepared. We'll know our Heavenly Father, and we'll know what to do in every battle. We *will* overcome.

Rise Up

Sometimes, despite our best intentions, we end up in trouble. We may not even know how we got there. Our world has been rocked and we don't know what to do.

But no matter where we find ourselves or how we got there, we can rise up and become champions once again. We only have to realize that the devil has no right to defeat us, and then come back to our Father.

Quit having a pity party in life and let the Greater One inside you help you get up. Rise up in the Name of Jesus! In Christ we are winners, not losers. And victorious people don't lie on the ground and cry. Victorious people shout and rejoice!

Quit letting circumstances and problems get you down. Instead, focus on Jesus Christ—your Savior. He is the Answer to every test you're going through. And He is saying, "Get up!"

Don't pray about it anymore. Don't think about it anymore. Just get up! Jesus did not die on the cross for you to just sit around in defeat. He died so you could go out and fulfill what He called you to do. It's time to arise and move into what God has for you.

FAITH IN ACTION

Think It Over

Are there areas of your life you've let slide? God can take your mess and turn it into something good. It's time to rise up and press forward with Him. Say this prayer out loud:

God,

Thank You for being my Father and for loving me, even when I don't always do things right. I realize You are full of compassion, mercy, and forgiveness toward me. And I believe Jesus came so I could live an abundant life. God, I want to live that life and be the person You want me to be. Help me to make adjustments, watch my thought life, and see myself as You see me—complete in Christ. Help me to be a light to this dark world. I trust You to lead and guide me in every area of my life. In Jesus' Name I pray, amen.

You Are Valuable

Our Father God sees you as valuable and precious, even when you don't think you are. He always accepts you. Nothing you can do will separate you from His love. You may have lost everything, but you'll never lose your Heavenly Father. And if you have Him, you have everything you need. He'll put you back in right standing—as if you never left. He'll wipe your slate clean. He will lead and guide you in the way you should go.

It's amazing how good God is. He wants you to prosper and be in health. And He's given you the ability to change your destiny.

Don't waste the wonderful inheritance Jesus has given you. He didn't come for you to live life feeling trapped. He came so you could have a rich and satisfying life (John 10:10 NLT)!

Dare to live that life. Dare to rise up and become the champion God created you to be. He is always for you, He is always with you, and your best days are ahead!♥

Feeling Stuck?

You're not alone. Christians are not immune to mistakes, bad decisions, and slip-ups. But thankfully, we don't have to stay stuck! God can lift us up and put us on the path to success. He has a great future for us, and we tap into it by faith.

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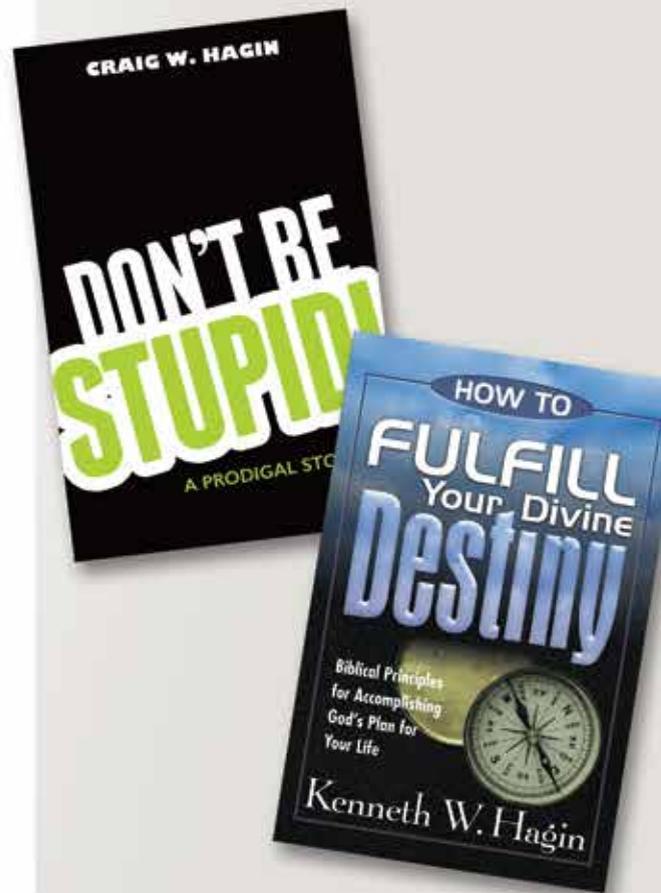


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— ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)



WHENEVER WE START

a new year, I like to look at it as a blank page. We have a clean slate on which to write new pages of history. As we face each day, it's important to do so with a positive attitude. Often we're held back from accomplishing the things God desires because we're continually looking backwards. We're focusing on past failures or letting our minds dwell on people who've hurt us. I'm amazed when I hear someone say, "I remember what so-and-so did to me 30 years ago. I will never forget it, nor will I ever forgive them for how they treated me."

When we adopt attitudes like this, not only are we going against established principles in Scripture, but we're also blocking blessings that God desires to bestow upon us. I admit, some people have an easier time forgiving others. My husband is one of them. He grew up in a home where forgiveness was always practiced.

I didn't have the privilege of learning that principle as a child. And I struggled with forgiving those who hurt me. When my husband and I began working for Kenneth Hagin Ministries, my father-in-law often taught on faith and forgiveness. He always began his messages with the verses he is known for.

"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. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them"
(Mark 11:23-24).

As Brother Hagin ministered, I'd get excited about speaking to my mountain and seeing the desires of my heart come to pass. I wanted my father-in-law to stop at verse 24. But he never did. He always read verses 25 and 26 too.

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:25-26).

I can still hear Brother Hagin's words ringing in my ears: "If you don't practice forgiveness, your faith won't work for you." I decided quickly that I'd better learn how to forgive others, although I really didn't know how. Just saying "I forgive you" never erased the memory of the incident. I asked my father-in-law the secret and he simply said, "You just do it." His answer didn't help me. So I asked my husband and he said the same thing.

I'm so thankful that when we go to our Heavenly Father with questions, He knows our personalities. He knows how to communicate to us in ways we'll understand.

The Lord directed me to Matthew 5:44. I like to call my Bible the "Instruction Book." It's where all of the answers to our questions are found. This verse says, *"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."*

The Lord then gave me these instructions: "Read Matthew 5:44 every day and then pray for the one who hurt or offended you. Do this until you can read this verse without thinking about the person or the offense."

You might wonder how long it took. Truthfully, some offenses were so deep that I read that scripture and prayed for that person for 10 years. But today, because I have the revelation of forgiveness so strongly on the inside of me, I am able to release hurts and forgive instantly.

As I was writing "Seed Thoughts," I felt impressed that some of you reading this article needed to forgive someone who has hurt you deeply. In fact, unforgiveness has even caused health issues in your body. I encourage you to let go of the hurt and forgive that person.

When you do, you will open the door to the bright future God has prepared for you.

Your year will go so much better when you learn the secret of forgiveness.♥

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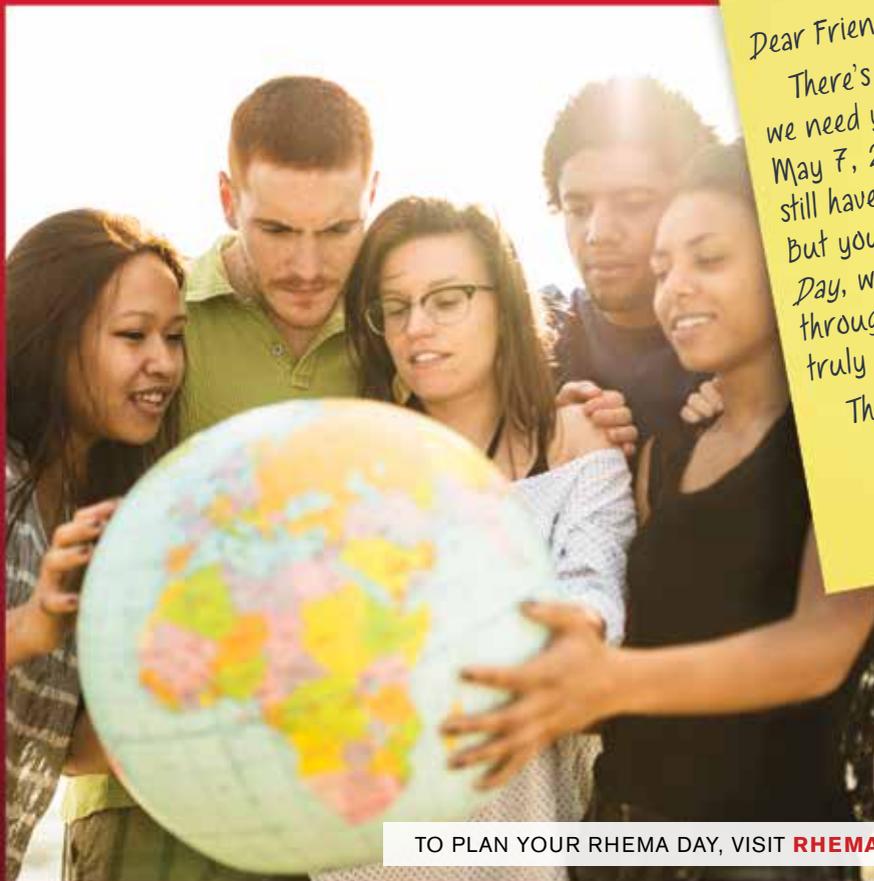
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