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We are not living in this day by accident. God has a plan for the ages, and He has a place for each one of us within the framework of that plan. We must step up and do the works of Jesus (John 14:12). For we are called to the Kingdom of God for such a time as this.

There are many people today who are oppressed, bruised, and downtrodden. Their lives have lost meaning, and they are wandering through life directionless. The reason we are on the earth now is to set free those who are down and out. This is our time!

We can demonstrate our Heavenly Father's love to those around us. We can carry the message of faith and hope in God to those who are hurting. And we can keep the torch burning for future generations.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, make a point to share Christ with others. It's the one gift that can save and change lives for eternity. I pray you are abundantly blessed this Christmas season. And that you experience God's love, peace, and goodness like you've never known before.

*Kenneth W. Hagin*

PS. You don't want to miss a single page in this month's issue. We have some great articles for you! Be sure to share your favorite quotes from the articles with us on social media. Just #RhemaWOF.

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# CHRISTMAS: OUR ULTIMATE

# Victory

**WHAT DOES THE BIRTH** of Jesus mean to you? One thing that it should mean to all of us is that through Christ we gain the ultimate victory. Jesus was born more than 2,000 years ago to end Satan’s rule over mankind. But the Christmas story doesn’t start in the town of Bethlehem. It begins in the Book of Genesis.

After God created Adam, He placed him in the Garden of Eden where He walked and talked with him every day. God brought every animal and bird to Adam to see what he would call them (Gen. 2:19). And He gave Adam dominion over every creature (Gen. 1:28).

Eventually, Satan deceived Eve, and Adam sinned. The two became separated from the Creator, their loving Heavenly Father. Satan thought he’d won a victory. He thought that mankind would never be able to connect with God again.

But I can imagine God saying one day in Heaven, “I want to redeem My man. Who is willing to go?” All of Heaven was silent. None of the angels moved or raised a hand. Then One stepped forward and said, “Father, I’ll go.”

On a starry night, Jesus was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger made of wood. He lived a sinless life—only to be crucified and nailed to a cross made of wood on Calvary’s hill.

First John 3:8 (NKJV) says, “*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*”



**KENNETH W. HAGIN**

Through His birth, death, and resurrection, Jesus ended Satan’s rule over every person who would simply believe on Him as Savior.

The beauty of the Christmas story is that the only reason Jesus became the Babe of Bethlehem was for you and me. He made a way for us not only to commune once again with God but also to experience victory over all of life’s circumstances.

People everywhere deal with situations. Many have troubles in their families, jobs, and finances. Others have suffered tragedies and confront health issues. The Good News from the Christmas story is that Jesus can help us with all of these problems. He lived as a man to show us that we can overcome anything and live victoriously on the earth.

John 10:10 *Amplified* says, “*I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].*” Because of Jesus,

our needs are met spiritually, physically, financially, emotionally, and every other way.

Jesus is called *Emmanuel*, which means “God with us” (Matthew 1:23). We are not destitute. *El Shaddai*—the God Who is more than enough—is with us, and He promises never to leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5).

The Christmas story is not just about a stable, a baby in a manger, shepherds, and wise men. It’s about the power of God. The

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power that brought the Christ child to earth is the same power that delivers us from adversity and helps us with every need.

The victory that was won so long ago is still available to us today. Scripture is filled with verses that guarantee our victory over any problem.

*“Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 15:57 NKJV).

*“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ”* (2 Cor. 2:14 NKJV).

*“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”* (Rom. 8:37 NKJV).

*“Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”* (1 John 5:4–5 NKJV).

The Christmas story is the ultimate story because it frees us from bondage and enables us to live as overcomers. Victory is possible for us only because of the day Jesus was born. Christmas is our ultimate victory!♥

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## The Greatest Love Story Ever Told!

The Christmas story is the *ultimate* story. The word *ultimate* means that it's the best. There isn't any story that's better. In this one tale, we read about the greatest power, the greatest revelation, the greatest victory, and the greatest gift ever known to mankind. By far, it is the greatest love story that was ever recorded in all of human history. The birth of the Babe of Bethlehem is an impossible story that was made possible by the power of God. We also see God's guidance, mercy, and protection. Below are six points that are clearly evident in this wonderful story.

- 1 GOD LOVES US.** *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16).
- 2 GOD CARES FOR US.** *“What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?”* (Psalm 8:4 NASB).
- 3 GOD IS WITH US.** *“[God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]”* (Heb. 13:5 AMPC).
- 4 ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD.** *“The things which are impossible with men are possible with God”* (Luke 18:27).
- 5 GOD GIVES US STRENGTH WHEN WE ARE INCAPABLE.** *“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak”* (Isa. 40:29 NIV).
- 6** No matter what we're facing in life if we'll **FOLLOW GOD'S LEADING**, He will cause us to come out on top. *“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ”* (2 Cor. 2:14 NKJV).

The Christmas story is meant to bring hope to all mankind. Within it is contained salvation, healing, protection, and provision. The same God of the Christmas story is with us each and every day of the year. And that is cause for great rejoicing!

## What Is Jesus Doing for Us Today?

Jesus soundly defeated the devil through the Cross, but His ministry did not end there. Sitting at God's right hand, He is our High Priest, Advocate, Intercessor, and Shepherd. With Jesus on our side, we can go forth in His authority and power and enjoy abundant life.

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# 2016: Increasing Our Reach

**It's been another great year at Kenneth Hagin Ministries.** Here are some highlights of what has happened over the past 12 months.

## The Expansion Continues!

More people are hearing the message of faith in *every corner of the earth*. They are learning about their authority in Christ, experiencing the healing power of God, and understanding God's never-ending grace and mercy. Rhema graduates are responsible for this. They are making a huge impact for God's Kingdom.

At the writing of this *Word of Faith* issue, Rhema has 225 campuses in 51 nations. But the way things are going around here, these numbers will be outdated by the time the magazine arrives in homes!

One of the new campuses was Rhema Guatemala City. Five recent Rhema USA graduates, with a burning passion to bring the faith message to this lush Central American nation, worked with Dean Tad Gregurich to open the campus.

Over 50 students from all walks of life started classes in February 2016. Some

were students who recently graduated from high school. Others were doctors and business professionals in the international fruit trade. **THESE STUDENTS ARE CATCHING THE FIRE OF REVIVAL THAT WILL CHANGE THEIR LIVES AND NATION.**

## The World Came Home

In February, Rhema family from across the U.S. and around the globe came home for *Winter Bible Seminar & Rhema Worldwide Homecoming*. It was a remarkable time as hundreds converged on the Rhema USA campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. They heard powerful messages, offered praise and worship to God, and enjoyed fellowship.

they weren't ministering somewhere. They are passionate about fulfilling the Great Commission and want to see people everywhere come to the saving knowledge of Jesus and grow into strong, faith-filled Christians.



The 2016 *Living Faith Crusades* took the Hagins to **13 U.S. CITIES**. **GOD'S GLORY FILLED EACH MEETING** as inspiring messages on prayer, faith, and healing were taught and preached. Wherever Kenneth and Lynette ministered, God confirmed His Word with miracles following.

At a Florida crusade in January, a woman came up to the Hagins after the service. She had a little boy just under 2 years old in her arms. She told them how she attended a *Living Faith Crusade* a year earlier. At that time, she brought a prayer cloth to the meeting. It was for her son. Since her son was born, he had at least one seizure every day. As Kenneth and Lynette always do, they laid hands on every cloth that people brought. The woman laid the prayer cloth on her son, and **HE HAS NOT HAD A SEIZURE SINCE!**



The Parade of Nations ceremony was especially moving. Representatives from every nation with a Rhema campus carried a flag into the Rhema Bible Church auditorium. The great impact RBTC is having around the world was clearly seen.

## Ministering Across the U.S.

Kenneth and Lynette Hagin love preaching the Gospel. There weren't many days in 2016 when

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## Ministering Internationally

Every year Kenneth and Lynette visit an international campus. In May their travels took them to Rhema UK & Ireland in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. They were warmly greeted by Rhema students, alumni, local pastors, and campus directors.

During a meeting with Rhema family and friends, Kenneth and Lynette shared details of how Rhema came to be. And they explained how God has joined people all over the world together to fulfill His mandate to “go teach My people faith.”

While in Northern Ireland, the Hagins visited Life Triumphant Church, which is pastored by David and Claire Cullen (2009 Rhema USA graduates). After Kenneth ministered God’s Word, it was immediately confirmed with signs following. **MANY PEOPLE WERE HEALED, AND FOUR PEOPLE RECEIVED THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.** Everyone was strengthened and encouraged in their faith.

From Ireland, the Hagins flew to Israel and joined 30 other men and women for a 10-day visit to the Holy Land. Led by a Messianic Jewish guide, the group kept a packed schedule, stopping at sites throughout Israel. The Bible came alive as they walked where Jesus walked, stood on Mount Carmel where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal, and traveled by boat on the Sea of Galilee. At many stops, Kenneth opened the Bible, read from the Scriptures, and gave a mini-teaching on the importance of the place.



**PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN NORTHERN IRELAND**



**AT EVERY LIVING FAITH CRUSADE, MANY CAME FORWARD TO RECEIVE HEALING.**

## Shining Light in the Darkness

Demonstrating the love of Christ to Tulsa/Broken Arrow and surrounding communities is what Rhema Bible Church is all about.

In July, more than 45,000 people converged on the Rhema campus for *Rockets Over Rhema*. The free event held attractions for everyone. A patriotic musical kicked off the



celebration, which included amazing Christian bands, fun and bouncy inflatable games, and an unforgettable, jaw-dropping fireworks display! This is one of the many ways Rhema Bible Church shows the love of Christ to the community.

On Thanksgiving Eve, the Hagins flipped the switch on a brilliant display of two million Christmas lights on the Rhema campus. The yearly tradition continues to draw people from Oklahoma and surrounding states. Based on turnouts from previous years, over 200,000 people



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were expected to view the dazzling lights. The bright, beautiful Christmas display is designed to point those who see it to the love of Christ and the real meaning of Christmas.

## Rhema Bible Church

Each year a variety of Kenneth Hagin Ministries events—including *Winter Bible Seminar*, *Campmeeting*, *Kindle the Flame Women’s Conference*, and *A Call to Arms Men’s Conference*—are held in the Rhema Bible Church auditorium. These events are another way Kenneth Hagin Ministries is continuing to build faith in the Body of Christ. One thing is certain: Rhema will do its part to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of faith to the uttermost parts of the world before Jesus returns. ♡



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—Jennifer

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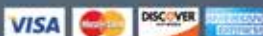
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**A POPULAR PASSAGE** in Deuteronomy chapter 28 talks about all of our blessings—how we will be blessed in the city, blessed in the field, and the fruit of our body (our children) will be blessed (vv.1–4). We love to concentrate on verse 13 that says we’ll be the head and not the tail and we’ll be above and not beneath. While that is all true, sometimes we don’t read the rest of verse 13 that gives the condition on which these blessings are based.

Deuteronomy 28:13 (AMPC) says these blessings will come *“if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day and are watchful to do them.”*

You may wonder why sometimes your confessions of faith are not becoming realities. Ask yourself this: *“Am I heeding the commandments of the Lord?”*

What has He asked us to do? There are many commandments that we must do, and we must get into the Scriptures to find and obey them. The commandment I want to focus on here is the commandment to walk in love.

Matthew 22:39 says, *“Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”* Jesus isn’t telling us to love others just in words and thoughts but with consistent actions and deeds.

Acts of kindness are one of the strongest voices in the love walk. I believe that we’ve only scratched the surface of this commandment. The fact is, if we consistently keep the love

commandment, we won’t have to worry about the other commandments. They will become second nature to us.

What is supposed to come out of us when we practice the love walk? A sweet fragrance! Ephesians 5:2 says that when we walk in love,

it’s as *“a sweetsmelling savour.”* In the Greek, that phrase means a *sweet odor or fragrance.*

I got excited when I found this out because I thought, *“When we walk in love, we’re supposed to smell like a brand-new bottle of cologne!”* Most women like a certain fragrance of perfume or cologne. I believe God wants to give us a new perfume—the fragrance of walking in love!

The cares of life can bring us so far down in our love walk that if there’s any fragrance left in us, it smells like cheap perfume. So let’s check up on our love walk. If we want to live a life of faith, we must remember that faith works by love (Gal. 5:6).

The act of walking in love is a very important part of relationships. If we don’t walk in love, then what’s the alternative? Life is just too short to be living in selfishness and turmoil. We’ve been taught to seek first the Kingdom of God. The fact is, when we place God first, every hostility will evaporate and His love will permeate our lives like a sweet fragrance!

▼  
**READ MORE**  
 To read more from Lynette about walking in love, go to [khm.com/lhr16](http://khm.com/lhr16).

## Love That Never Fails

A life spent walking in the God-kind of love is fulfilling and rewarding. Kenneth W. Hagin teaches from First Corinthians 13, “the love chapter,” to help us understand what this love really is. Using scripture, he explains that love is greater than spiritual gifts, hope, and even faith. And when we choose to practice this everlasting kind of love, it will mature us and transform every area of our lives!

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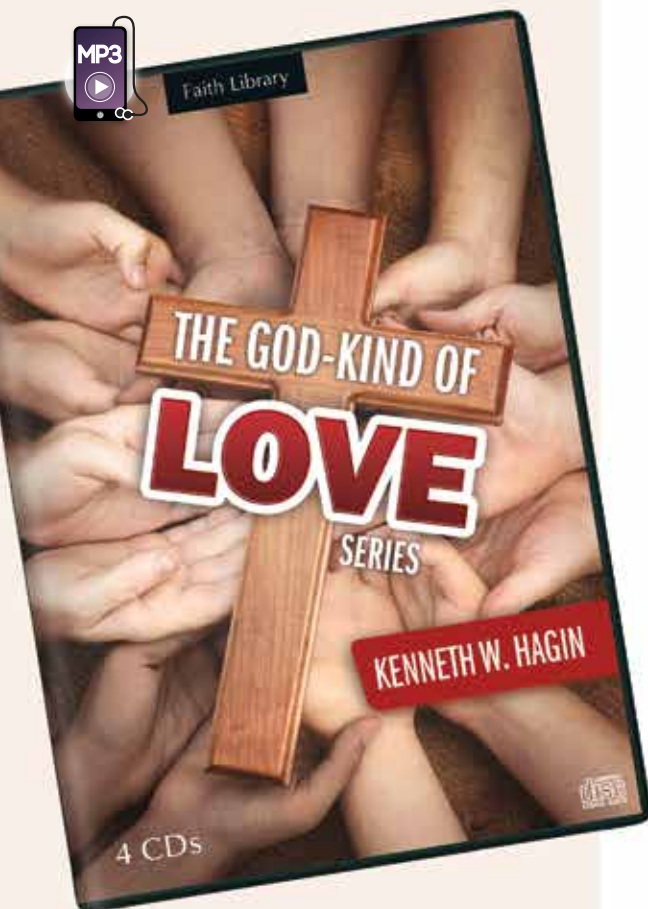
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Can people around you “smell” the fragrance of God’s love flowing through you? You may be thinking, “That’s just not my personality type.” Naturally speaking, you may not be a person who shows love easily. But if you are born again, the love of God has been “shed abroad” in your heart (Rom. 5:5).

*Acts of kindness are one of the strongest voices in the love walk.*



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When you seek the Lord and yield to His love in you, it has to come forth. Then, no matter what is going on around you, love will come out of your heart and mouth.

So many times we want the desires of our heart to be granted, but we stop short of the very thing that will bring those desires to pass—practicing the commandments of walking in love and forgiveness. Often we want forgiveness for ourselves and judgment for others, but we must forgive if we want to receive forgiveness and have our prayers answered. We need to be filled with love and walk in love so that everywhere we go a sweet-smelling savor surrounds us.

#### FAITH NUGGET

### Take the High Road

#### *The Importance of Forgiveness*

One of the things I witnessed in the life of my father-in-law, Kenneth E. Hagin, was that he not only taught the love walk, but he truly lived it. He was the greatest example I’ve ever seen of someone who walked down the love path. He never let anybody offend him. He never took offense at what anyone did or said.

I remember times when my husband and I would get exasperated when we heard others criticize and say hurtful things about our family or ministry.

Sometimes we expressed our feelings to my father-in-law, but he would tell us, “Don’t ever stoop to their level. Always walk the high road.”

I am forever grateful for his example and for him being straightforward with us about these things. After all of these years, I still hear his words ringing in my ears when I’m tempted to walk the low road.

We can never allow offenses to trip us up, because faith works by love (Gal. 5:6). Faith and love go hand in hand.

Yet this is one of the most difficult skills to master. That’s because it’s easy to experience such strong, negative emotions toward someone who has hurt you. I’ve had many opportunities to practice the love walk myself. I understand that someone might have done something to you—something that’s hard to forgive. But I’ve found that the more you practice love and forgive others, the easier it becomes.

When you walk in love, peace and tranquility will surround you. You’ll experience a joy like you’ve never known before and hatred and bitterness will dissolve away! Your whole life will have a wonderful fragrance—the fragrance of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!♥



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“AFTER WATCHING CRAIG HAGIN ONLINE DURING A HEALING SERVICE, MY HUSBAND WAS HEALED OF PAIN UNDER HIS SHOULDER BLADE. THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT NO DOCTOR OR THERAPIST COULD EVER HELP.”

— MELANIE W.

FAITH  
*is here.*



HEALING  
*is here.*



FUN  
*is here.*



## Having Faith in the Last Days

KENNETH W. HAGIN



IN MATTHEW CHAPTER 24, the disciples came to Jesus on the Mount of Olives and asked Him about the last days. Jesus told them that nation would rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. He also talked about famines, pestilences, and earthquakes (vs. 7). We don't have to look far to see that we are living in the last days.

As Christians, we should not be afraid of the end times. Because of everything that is happening around the world, we must guard against fear. If we don't, it will creep in and rule our lives. We should not be trembling in fear, hiding in caves, or buying survival packages. God has given us the answer for the day in which we live: “*Have faith in God,*” (Mark 11:22).

Focusing on what is reported daily on the news can cause us to lose our grip on faith. When our faith is squarely in God, we can be assured that we'll be taken care of no matter what happens in the world or when calamity strikes close to home.

Fear causes us to become self-centered, and it immobilizes us. It keeps us from receiving from God and doing anything for Christ. We forget how big God really is.

**TO LIVE VICTORIOUSLY, WE MUST KEEP OUR FAITH IN GOD.** His Word is truth and He will fulfill His promises. We can count on Him to take care of us. We can't pray against what has been prophesied in Scripture about the end times. But we can believe that God will protect and provide for us. Having “*faith in God*” will cause us to live above adversity.

Teaching about the end times is important. We need to know what Scripture says will happen. And we need to make up our minds that we're going to believe God no matter what. When we do, we *will* live victoriously in these last days.♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth W. Hagin's Sunday night message at *Winter Bible Seminar 2015*.]



Timeless  
Teachings  
of Kenneth E. Hagin

**PRAYER** doesn't work all the time for some people. They want you to pray the prayer of faith and get the victory for them. But they want to hold onto their cares too!

God has given us instructions in His Word about what to do with our cares. I believe He knows what He is talking about, so why not do what He says?

Philippians 4:6 says, *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."* This version is from the *King James Bible*.

*If you've been in the habit of worrying, get in the habit of faith instead.*



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We don't talk this way today so its meaning might be a little blind to some of us. Instead of saying, *"Be careful for nothing,"* we would say, "Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything."

Notice that this verse is instructing us about prayer. What is the first thing the Lord tells us to do? He wants us to deal with our anxieties and worries.

When I started out in ministry, I didn't know much about the Bible. But this is the first thing the Lord dealt with me about concerning prayer. The Spirit of God led me in line with what the Bible says. We are to deal with our anxieties first, and then pray.

It's easy to practice the second part of Philippians 4:6, *"In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."* This part, however, is not going to work without doing the first part of the verse, *"Be careful for nothing."* Or, "Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything." We must take this step first.

### Let God Handle It

I was holding a meeting in South Texas once, and a Full Gospel minister contacted me through the pastor to see if I would talk to him. He was in a lot of trouble. I knew him, so I agreed to meet with him.

He came to that town and told me his problems. Among other things, he was being sued, and that was going to cost him a lot of money in lawyers' fee alone. Troubles were piled on him. He couldn't eat or sleep, and he was full of anxiety.

He wanted me to pray the prayer of faith so all of his problems would get straightened out.

I realized I had to deal with his anxieties before any kind of prayer would work. So I began talking to him along these lines. I gave him Philippians 4:6 and First Peter 5:7 and encouraged him to cast all of his cares, anxieties, worries, and concerns on the Lord before taking his problems to God in prayer.

I shared with him a few problems I had faced and how I practiced these verses. I told him it wasn't easy, but I stayed with it. When I got the problems over into the Lord's hands, I was able to rest. And then God worked everything out.

This preacher was able to cast His cares upon the Lord. He then prayed about his situation himself. I saw him afterwards, and everything had worked out. The lawsuit had been dropped.



God is our burden-bearer. He will carry any load when we turn it over to Him. Hallelujah!

## Cast Your Cares

All of us will get into difficulties in life. We're not going to float through life on flowery beds of ease. The crises of life come to everyone. The difference is if we know the Word, if we know the Spirit of God, and if we know how to pray correctly.

Some people hold onto their cares and anxieties and fret about them. Others boil over with anxiety, care, and concern.

God wants us to turn our concerns over to Him. I didn't say it would be easy, especially if we've been in the habit of worrying. *We need to get in the habit of faith instead.* We do this by releasing the worry habit into God's hands.

When you feel like worrying, make this your confession: "Lord, I'm putting my concerns into Your hands. I'm turning it over to You. I refuse to fret and worry anymore. I refuse to be unduly concerned anymore about this. I refuse to be full of care. You said to cast it all on You because You love me, and I thank You for it. It's in Your hands, Lord, from this moment on. I rest in You. Thank You, Master."

Yes, the devil will bring a picture of your situation back to your mind after you get into bed tonight. What are going to do? Start laughing at him!

Say, "Devil, you may have brought that picture back, but I'm not worried about it. I turned that over to the Lord. And while I'm asleep He's working on my case, ha, ha!" Then go to sleep. This is being a doer of the Word and not a hearer only (James 1:22).

The Bible says, "God cares for you affectionately and watchfully" (1 Peter 5:7 AMPC). God loves you. He really does.

God is watching over you. Just turn loose of your cares and fall back into His loving arms. You'll find that your symptoms will disappear and your problems will be taken care of.♥

[Editor's note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's slimline book *Casting Your Cares Upon the Lord*.]

### FAITH IN ACTION

## Scriptures to Meditate On

The Lord told Joshua, "*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success*" (Joshua 1:8). The Hebrew word translated *meditate* carries with it the thought "to mutter." To remember God's Word and put it into practice, mutter His Word. Speak it to yourself. Build your faith in Him by meditating on these scriptures.

### PSALM 55:22 (NKJV)

22 Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

### 1 PETER 5:7 (AMPC)

7 Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

### PSALM 37:5

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

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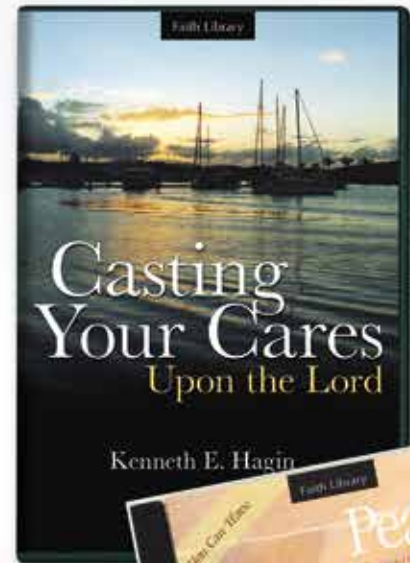
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AS THE WOMEN of this southeast Caribbean island nation stepped onto the red carpet leading into the event venue, they were greeted with applause and adulation. Some didn't know how to respond—their eyes stayed glued to the ground. One woman burst into tears and fell to her knees. The greeters helped her to her feet. No one had ever treated her this way before. For the first time in her life, she felt like royalty.

No one left the two-day event unchanged. Gone were the insecurities. With their heads held high, the women returned home strong, emboldened, and secure. They now know who they are, but also Whose they are. They're stepping into the roles God called them to. They're fearlessly tackling challenges and exploring new opportunities.

### How It All Got Started

More than a year and a half before the *Caribbean Ladies Celebration*, Grenadian pastors were seeking God on behalf of their country. They wanted Him to move in their nation. The Lord told them that some significant things were going to happen, but it was clear to the pastors that He wanted to move among the Grenadian women first. They knew exactly who to call to help them with this—Rev. Jen Tringale, a 1997 graduate of Rhema Bible Training College.

### A Proven History

Rev. Jen had ministered in Grenada for the previous 14 years. Her first missions trip to the nation was to hold an all-day event on a long-abandoned airstrip on the north side of the island. Everyone who came was fed what would be the equivalent of a steak dinner to Americans. Reggae praise and worship music continually filled the air.

People sat on the ground in family groups eating and listening to the music. Every hour on the hour, someone presented the Gospel. When calls to accept Jesus or to be healed were given, Grenadians responded by raising their hands. Members of 10 local churches and 35 young people from the United States ministered to those present and led hundreds of families to the Lord!

Afterward, local pastors came to Rev. Jen weeping. "This will forever change what ministry will be like here," they said. "This doesn't look like church."

# HONORING THE DISHONORED — RESTORING THE BROKEN

## The invitation went out to women across Grenada.

"Come. We want to celebrate and honor you." And they came! Young and old and in between—3,000 women attended the *Caribbean Ladies Celebration* in July!





*“This will forever  
change what ministry will  
be like here . . .”*

Since 2003 God has sent Rev. Jen back to Grenada again and again—each time with a different ministry strategy. Once she took medical students and Spirit-filled nurses to hold first-aid clinics. Other times, she’s ministered to the youth and children. When she has asked to speak in the schools, the Grenadian Minister of Education has suspended classes for one hour so she can hold an assembly. She’s been given permission to minister however she’d like during that time. Rev. Jen has given altar calls and even preached on the baptism in the Holy Spirit!

### Every Trip Led Up to This Moment

In 2015 the pastors asked Rev. Jen to prayerfully consider coming to Grenada and reaching the nation’s women through a major event. As she sought the Lord about this, He told her He wanted to honor what had been dishonored and restore what had been broken. And as Rev. Jen prayed, the *Caribbean Ladies Celebration* began to take shape. “It was a huge step from just ministering in Grenada every year,” she says. But it was a moment when she knew that everything she had done previously on the island had led up to this gathering.

Of course, a conference of this magnitude has to be a team effort carried out by many volunteers and ministries. Pastors and ministers from seven U.S. states came on board and participated. Several on the team were Rhema graduates, and 12 Grenadian churches partnered with the event.

The lives of the women who came to the conference have been forever changed. One night Rev. Jen laid hands on those who had been involved in witchcraft or who had family members who had been. And God’s power destroyed bondages and set women free.

The conference also included a team-training day for local church members on how to usher, greet, and serve in other ways.

God’s mandate on Rev. Jen’s ministry is to awaken destiny within the heart of a person, a church, a city, and even a nation. During the conference, many women had awakening moments. They learned that God had placed gifts inside of them, and they discovered that He had a plan for their lives. But more than this, they found out how they can impact people in their communities. Today they’re doing things they never dreamed of as they walk out their God-given destinies.

Sunday night after the conference, Jen Tringale Ministries held a reception for Grenadian pastors and government dignitaries. Some arrived with tears; others overflowed with joy. “We had no idea of what was going to happen through this conference,” they said.

The pastors explained that it had been difficult to stir up a passion to serve in the church. But after the conference, their phones were ringing off the hook. Callers were saying, “Pastor, we see the big picture now of what



JEN TRINGALE

### PRAYER FOCUS



- » **PROTECTION**
- » Continued **OPEN DOORS**; the right doors to be opened; and open doors in the nations
- » For the “awaken destiny” **MANDATE** to go forth
- » To be in the **RIGHT PLACE** at the **RIGHT TIME**

church can be like. Can we usher like we did at the conference? Can we greet like this? How can we serve?”

Four pastors shared that for the first time their wives had ministered during Sunday morning church services. Some had a word for the congregation—others prophesied. The *Caribbean Ladies Celebration* empowered the women who attended to step into their rightful place as ministers.

The effects of the conference will be felt for a long time. Women across the nation have awakened to God’s plan for them. They’ve risen to a new level. And for this mighty moving force, there’s no turning back!♥

### TO LEARN MORE

about Jen Tringale Ministries, go to [JenTringale.com](http://JenTringale.com).



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# The **Zoe Life** of God

KENNETH E. HAGIN

**WHY DID JESUS COME?** To start a church? To improve humanity or give us a code of conduct? No, He came for one purpose: *“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10).

The Greek word translated “life” in this verse is *zoe*, which means the God-kind of life.

The Bible says, *“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16). And, *“The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”* (Rom. 6:23).

This everlasting, eternal life Jesus came to give us is the nature of God. John 5:26 says, *“As the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.”*

In John 1:4 we get a hint of what this life will do for us: *“In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”* Light stands for development. In other words, “In Him was life; and the life was the *development* of men.” Or “In Him was *zoe*, and *zoe* was the *development* of men.”

*Receiving eternal life is the most miraculous incident in life.* We call it the new birth. Some call it “getting religion,” but that’s not what it is.

It is God imparting His very nature, substance, and being to our human spirits. It is described by the Apostle Paul in Second Corinthians.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

This is the miraculous *recreating* of man: *“Therefore if any man be in Christ.”* Paul is not talking about the body—the outward man—or the mind. He’s talking about the

spirit—the inward man—who is in Christ.

In the new birth, our spirits are born of God. It is the life and nature of God coming into your spirit that makes the inward man a new creature.

The body is not new. This new man—the hidden man of the heart—is to dominate the body. The body is not to dominate you.

Paul not only talks about doing something with the body, but in Romans 12:2 he talks about renewing the mind. He is writing to people who are born again and Spirit filled, yet they need to do something with their bodies and minds.

One of the greatest needs of church members is to have renewed minds. Your mind becomes renewed with the Word of God.

We know this then: Man is a spirit. We know he is in the same class with God, because God is a Spirit and man was made to fellowship with God. We have not majored on this fact as we ought. Therefore, we’ve never been able to walk in the light of eternal life as we ought.♥

(Editor’s Note: This article was adapted from *Zoe: The God-Kind of Life* by Kenneth E. Hagin.)

If you would like to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and enjoy this God-kind of life, pray this prayer from your heart:

## God,

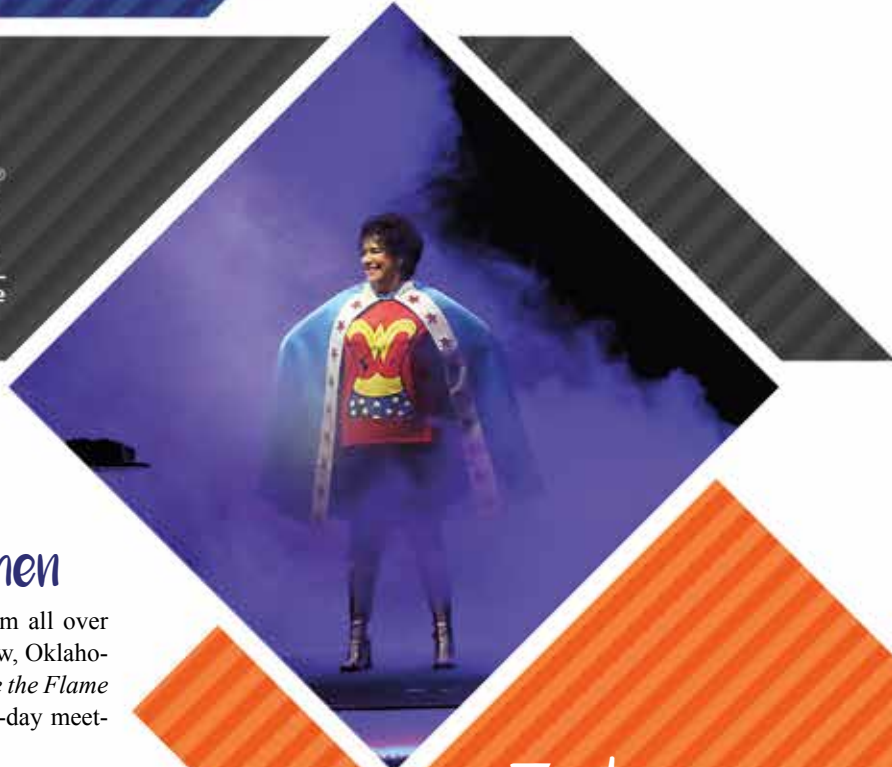
I come to You in the Name of Jesus. The Bible says, “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9 NLT). I believe in my heart that You raised Jesus from the dead. And I confess Him as my Lord. Therefore, I am saved! I now have eternal life in me. I have Your life and nature in me! Thank you! And with Your help, I will develop. I will renew my mind with Your Word.

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**KINDLE THE FLAME**  
Lynette Hagin's Women's Conference



## God's Wonder Women

**NEARLY 1,500 WOMEN** from all over the world gathered in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, this fall for Lynette Hagin's *Kindle the Flame Women's Conference*. They left the three-day meeting encouraged, strengthened, and changed.

Those at the conference learned that they can be "wonder women" when they trust in God's strength and keep the attitude of "I cannot be defeated and I will not quit!" Speakers encouraged the ladies to continue developing healthy connections with godly friends, live every moment in their God-given authority, and stay full of the Holy Ghost.

They also had a blast at the *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun* social and learned practical skills at the workshops. *Kindle the Flame 2017* is scheduled for September 28–30 on the Rhema USA campus in Broken Arrow.

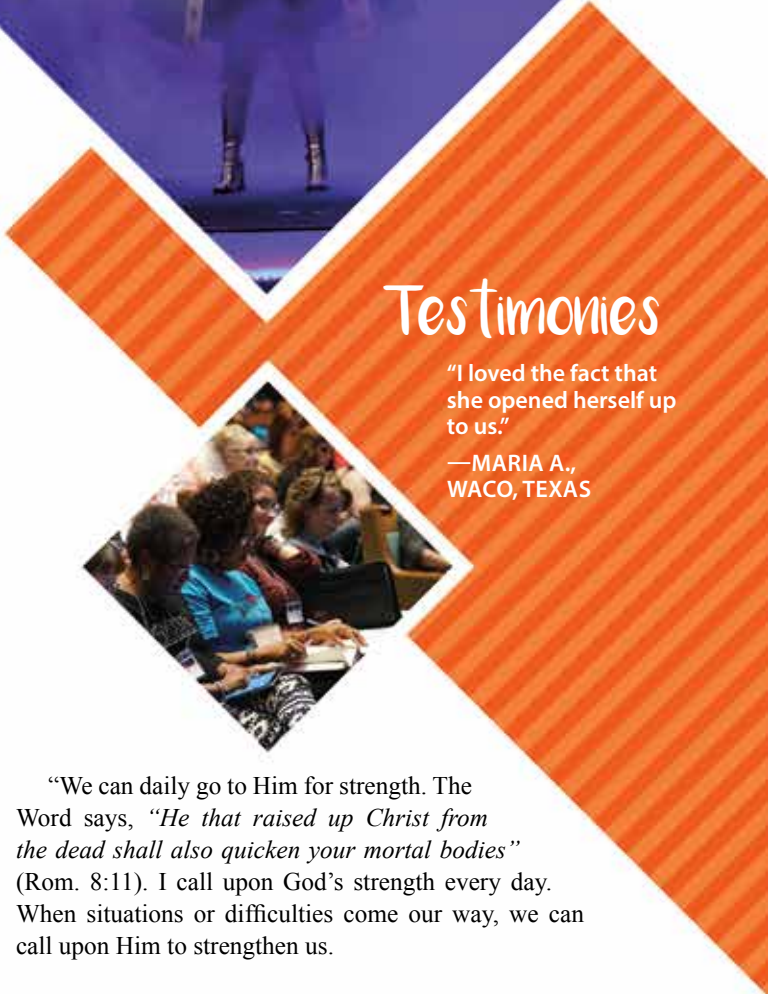
## Have Faith in God

**Lynette Hagin**

"**THE FOUNDATION** of our lives must be established upon Mark 11:22, *"Have faith in God."* We have to believe that God is, and that He always will be. We must believe what God has spoken about us and what He has spoken to us. He must be our number one priority in life.

"God has approved of us. Before we were born, God knew us (Jer. 1:5). God planned our steps. Psalm 139:16 (NLT) says, *"Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed."* It's all the more important that we walk in the steps He has for us. We are special to Him.

"God is with us all the time. He said He would never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5). It's so important we acknowledge His presence and allow Him to help us, even in the little things in life. Oftentimes we call upon His help for the big things we encounter; but He also wants to help us in the little things.



## Testimonies

"I loved the fact that she opened herself up to us."

—MARIA A.,  
WACO, TEXAS



"We can daily go to Him for strength. The Word says, *"He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies"* (Rom. 8:11). I call upon God's strength every day. When situations or difficulties come our way, we can call upon Him to strengthen us.

***God is with us all the time. He said He would never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5).***

"Our life must be built upon God and His Word. We have to be totally dependent upon Him. We have to commune with Him at all times and continually cultivate a relationship with Him. He is the foundation of our life."



# A Glimpse Behind the Scenes

Denise Burns

“Usually the first of August, my mom and I go somewhere for a mother/daughter weekend. We get away to hear what the Lord is speaking to us about *Kindle the Flame*. We brainstorm and talk about the Thursday night sermon and what we’ve been hearing from the Lord. It just kind of develops into whatever it is.

**“My desire is that the women are refreshed spiritually and get that boost for the rest of the year.”**

“Over the years, I’ve become more involved with the conference. I do get to minister, but the best part of *Kindle the Flame* is being able to support my mom and minister with her.

“Together we get to minister to ladies from around the world. Just to see them enjoy KTF so much, see their lives changed, and see them entering into worship and being healed . . . this really ministers to me and blesses me.

“My desire is that the women are refreshed spiritually and get that boost for the rest of the year. Women can get so caught up in doing things for everybody else—in their jobs and in their families—that they don’t take time off for themselves.

It’s always my hope that during *Kindle the Flame*, they can focus on themselves and get rejuvenated and ministered to and be able to go home and be effective in their workplaces and in their families.”

“I bring a group of women every year to *Kindle the Flame*. Sometimes in the local church they haven’t experienced what we’ve experienced at Rhema. I feel like the more they are exposed to what my husband and I were exposed to at Rhema, it helps our church to grow.”

—JULIE MEAUX,  
DESTINY BIBLE CHURCH,  
INDIANOLA, IOWA



“God’s design is for connection. **WE NEED GOD IN OUR LIVES, BUT WE ALSO NEED GOD IN OTHERS.** His supply for us comes through the Body of Christ. One of the biggest delivery systems God likes to use is other people. Ephesians 3:2 (NKJV) says, “If indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you.” Grace was given to Paul—not for Paul, but for believers. If believers had cut off Paul, they wouldn’t have received what they needed from God, because it was in Paul to give to them.”  
// **HALEY SCHURZ**



“In Ephesians 1:19 Paul asks in prayer that we understand that power is available to us when we believe. That power not only affects and heals our lives, but **WE CAN—LIKE THE SON OF GOD—BECOME CONDUITS AND DISPENSERS OF DIVINE POWER.** We have an amazing authority that has been given to us in Christ, and we are to represent Him on the earth. We can’t represent Him without power and authority. To the degree that we are aware of our authority, we can operate in it. If we lose consciousness of it, that authority will wane.”  
// **PATSY CAMENETI**



“We are living in a day and hour when the cares of this world can start sticking to us. But Hebrews 12 tells us to lay aside those weights and things that would try to trip us up. Many Christians are falling-down drunk with care, fear, and worry about our nation. But **SOMETIMES WE NEED TO TURN OFF THOSE TALKING HEADS ON TELEVISION AND LISTEN TO THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.** We are to hook up with the One Who knows all things. We have the Holy Ghost on the inside of us and we don’t have to let that stuff cling to us.” // **BRENDA THOMAS**



# SEED

## Thoughts

// LYNETTE HAGIN

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

**AS WE PREPARE** to celebrate Christmas, let's not get lost in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season and lose its real meaning—the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Have you noticed when someone asks, "Are you ready for Christmas?," the reply is often, "No, I don't have all of my shopping done." I think it's time to remember what Christmas is all about.

I love the Christmas story. My aunt helped me to memorize it at the age of four. I recited it at a Christmas program that year in our church. These are the scriptures she taught me.

*"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. . . . And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).*

*"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

*"When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.*

*"And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 'And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.'*

*"Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, 'Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.'*

*"When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.*

*"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:1-11).*

*"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

*"And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'*

*"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men' " (Luke 2:8-14).*

In thinking of the Christmas story, Mary and Joseph were making plans to get married. But when the angel appeared to Mary, their wedding plans were quickly interrupted.

Maybe your plans have been interrupted too. When that happens, look to God and realize that out of difficult situations He can work miracles in your life. Trust Him to work everything out for your good.

Merry Christmas! Enjoy family time and most of all celebrate the real reason for the season!♥

Lynette





# Kids' Page

Fearless, Anointed, Forward-Led, Trustworthy, Heirs of God

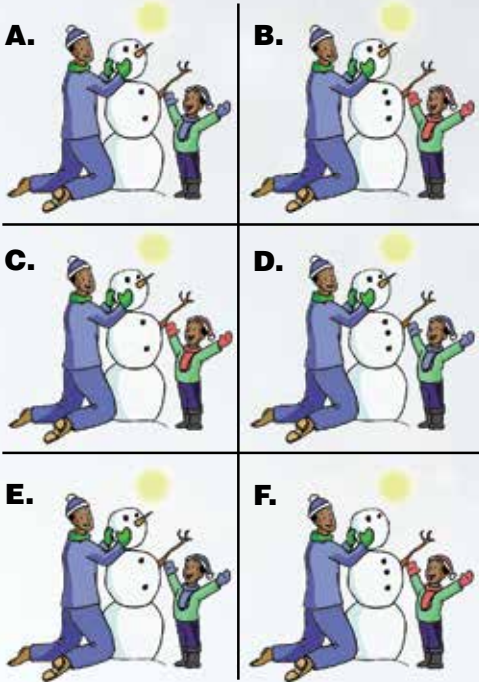
## What's "IN" His Name?

If you look closely at the word "FATHER," you can see the words "FAT" and "HER" contained in it. Read the verses below and circle other words that are contained in the name FATHER.

- A. "Let all the earth fear the Lord" (Psalm 33:8).
- B. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Rev. 2:7).
- C. "Their heart is far from Me" (Matt. 15:8).

## Find the Match

There are only two pictures below that are exactly the same. Can you find the match?



Note: All scriptures on this page are from the New King James Version of the Bible.

**Find the Match** • Answer: A and E  
**What's "IN" His Name?** • Answer: FATHER  
**What's His Favorite Name?** • Answer: FATHER

## ANSWERS:

## What's His Favorite Name?



You may have several names that you are known by. If your name is Robert, you might be called Rob, Robby, or even Bob. But, more than likely, there's one name that you'd rather be called more than any other . . . your favorite name!

Well, God has several names that He is known by too! One person might call Him "Almighty God" while someone else calls Him "Jehovah God" and still another calls Him "Lord God." He has a lot of different names, but, just like you, there is one name that He would rather be called more than any other. Can you guess what His favorite name is?

Read the prayers of Jesus below and you will discover the name of God that Jesus used the most . . . and we should too!

"our father in heaven, hallowed be **YOUR** name" (LUKE 11:2).

"**I** thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight" (LUKE 10:21).

"Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done" (LUKE 22:42).

"**FATHER, I THANK YOU THAT YOU HAVE HEARD ME**" (JOHN 11:41).

"NOW MY SOUL IS TROUBLED, AND WHAT SHALL I SAY? 'FATHER, SAVE ME FROM THIS HOUR? BUT FOR THIS PURPOSE I CAME TO THIS HOUR. 'FATHER, GLORIFY YOUR NAME'" (JOHN 12:27-28).

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You" (JOHN 17:1).

## jokes & riddles



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

What do you call a woodpecker with no beak?

**A Headbanger!**

**Teacher:** Sara, If you had sixteen jelly beans, and Johnny asked you for ten, how many would you have left?

**Sara:** Sixteen!!

Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door?

**To win the no-bell prize**

What sort of a cat should you never play cards with?

**A cheetah**

How do you keep a bull from charging?

**Take away its credit card!**

Have you heard about the new restaurant on the moon?

**It has great food but no atmosphere.**

What do you call a fairy that hasn't taken a bath?

**Stinkerbell**

Why are teddy bears never hungry?

**Because they're always stuffed**



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