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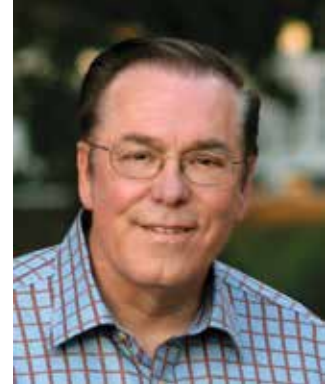


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Faith Knows No Defeat

Have you ever asked yourself, “What’s the use?” You felt as if you were down for the count and about to be defeated. Maybe you’re feeling that way right now. I want to encourage you—don’t quit! Rely on God and keep going in faith. Your success is not far off.

There is no problem that’s unsolvable—no fear that’s unconquerable—if you’ll stand true to God. Yes, your needs may be many and the trials may seem overwhelming. You may be facing problems you don’t know how to solve. But faith knows no defeat. Place your problems in God’s hands and trust Him. He knows everything you’re facing, and He knows how to bring you out.

You have everything to gain by trusting in the Lord. If He could take care of the Israelites as they marched across the desert to the Promised Land, He can take care of you. If He could sustain the prophet Elijah in the midst of famine, He can sustain you (1 Kings 17:1-16).

Dare to come boldly to God to obtain your needs met in full! He will not disappoint the one who asks in faith, believing—taking Him at His Word!

I want you to be successful—to experience joy and peace—in every area of life. And that’s what this month’s magazine is all about! Craig’s article on page 4 will show you that Jesus is always the answer. And my dad’s article on page 18 will explain why it’s so important to stay filled with the Holy Spirit.

Be sure to share your favorite quotes from this issue with us on social media. Just #RhemaWOF. And remember—never quit! We serve a God Who can take care of us in every situation.

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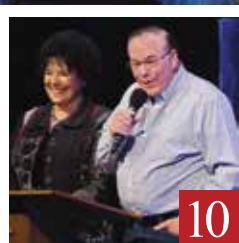
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THE ANSWER TO YOUR PROBLEMS

Jesus



CRAIG W. HAGIN

JESUS IS ALWAYS the answer. He's the answer before and during our problems. He does not change (Heb. 13:8). He will do everything the Word says He will do.

Romans 10:13 (NKJV) says, "*Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" Most of us probably think of this as a salvation scripture—and it is. Jesus is our Savior, and one day we'll be

in Heaven with Him. But He is not just our Savior ultimately. Jesus is our Savior in any situation we're going through.

It doesn't matter how depressed we are or how far we think we are from the Lord. When we need help, we should call upon Jesus. Doing this will change the way we feel. It will change everything about us.

"But Brother Craig, I've gotten myself into this situation, and I have to get myself out." No! Jesus is the answer, no matter what we've gotten ourselves into. Our Savior loves us, and He already took care of our situation 2,000 years ago. All we have to do is call on His Name. John 14:13–14 (NKJV) says, "*Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*" Jesus' Name is the answer to all of our problems. That Name opens up everything we need.

Call on Him

Even when we're facing the worst possible circumstances, Jesus is still the answer. I think there is no better example of this than when Paul and Silas found themselves in jail in Acts chapter 16. They were ministering in the district of Macedonia because Paul had a vision of a man there saying, "Come and help us" (v. 9).

Paul and Silas were where God wanted them, but they weren't making a lot of people happy. They found themselves beaten with rods and thrown into prison (vv. 22–23).

So here they were, in jail. And I'm not talking about a jail with cable TV. I'm talking about a dungeon. They were chained to the wall and were probably hurting from being beaten. To make things worse, there was a possibility they'd be killed in the morning. They were in a bad situation.

But when most people would be griping and complaining,

Even when we're facing the worst possible circumstances, Jesus is still the answer.



Acts 16:25 (NKJV) says, "*At midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God.*" Paul and Silas weren't focused on their situation. They were praying and singing praises to God! They knew that if they called upon the Name of Jesus, they would be saved. And they were!

Acts 16:26 (NKJV) says, “Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.” Notice that it wasn’t just Paul and Silas who were saved—everyone around them was saved as well. Two guys changed the lives of many people because they knew they could trust their Lord.

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Just Trust

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV) says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” In other words, when you’re in the middle of a situation, quit trying to figure it out and start leaning on the Lord. You may not understand everything, but you can trust Him. You can put your faith in Him, because He cannot—and will not—let you down.

Know the Word

Maybe you’re not physically beaten like Paul and Silas were. But perhaps you feel mentally beaten up. Maybe you feel like there is no hope and no one to help you. Right in the middle of everything you’re going through—when it looks as if there’s no way out—Jesus is still the answer! But you’ve got to know what the Word says.

My grandfather, Kenneth E. Hagin, always said the number one reason people don’t get their needs met is that they don’t know the Word. When we’re facing trials—when we’re depressed and going through bad stuff—we have to know that Jesus is the

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God’s Not Mad

One of my favorite scriptures is John 3:16: “For God so loved the world . . .” You’re in the world, so that means He loves you!

“Well, Brother Craig, that verse is just about sinners.” No! God loves you. He loves everyone.

“Even when I mess up?” Yes. Even when you mess up! Some people have the idea that when we mess up, God gets mad at us. But He doesn’t. He still loves us.

Now, there may be some things we do that don’t please God. There have been times when my kids did things I didn’t really want them to do. Those things didn’t please me, but they also didn’t make me love them any less.

God’s the same way. Even when we mess up—even when we do things that may not please Him—He loves us anyhow. No matter where you are today—no matter where you find yourself—call upon the Name of Jesus and return to your Heavenly Father. He loves you. He is for you. And He wants you back.

answer. We have to understand that He wants to help us. Jesus didn’t die on the cross and bring us this far to let us down. He is the answer! He shed His blood so we could be saved. He took the stripes on His back so we could be healed (Isa. 53:5). He came so that we could have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

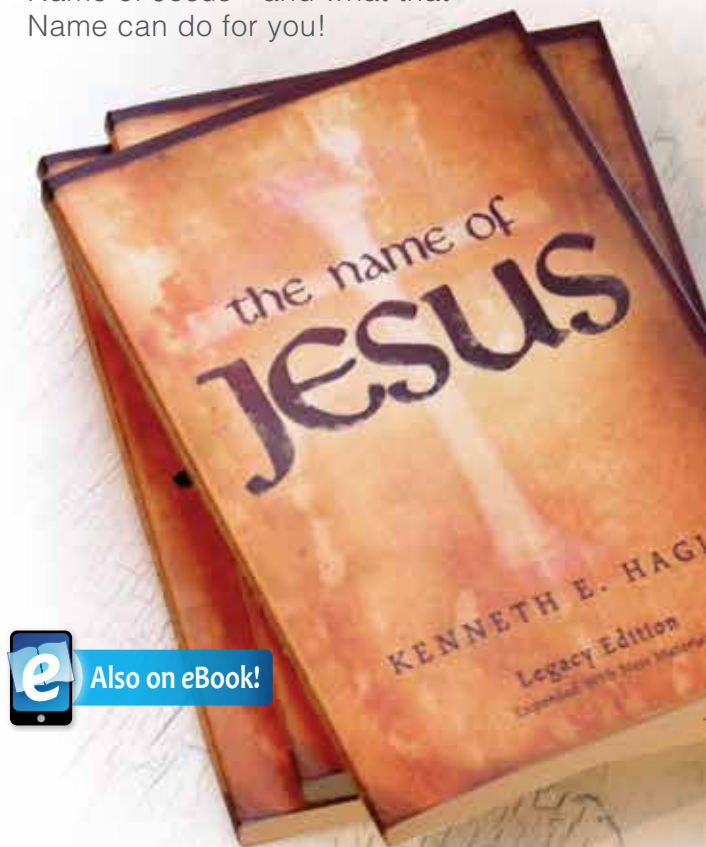
Sometimes we go through tough times and it looks as if we’re not going to make it. Sometimes we face mountains, and sometimes we’re in the valley.

Whatever you’re facing today, call upon Jesus. He is always there. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He is for you, and He has already provided a way out. Just call on Him and you will be saved! He is always the answer!♥

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The Word: Handle With Caution

JOE DUININCK

JAMES 1:22 tells us that we don't want to be just hearers of the Word. We want to be doers. But what does that look like? And how can we be sure we handle the Word correctly? Here are some cautions—some do's and don'ts—we should watch out for as we handle this Word of life.

1. Don't minister the Word from a position of pride. If our conversation has a lot of words like "I," "me," "mine," and "my"—if we think we have *the* word for this generation—the alarm is sounding. We may be dealing with pride. And if we're prideful, we're going to mishandle the Word of God. That's why we've got to stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit. He will warn us concerning issues of pride so we can continue to handle the Word properly.

We have to match our passion with our level of knowledge and understanding.

2. Don't use the Word as a tool to fight. Have you ever found yourself studying to prove a point? I have. And while there is a place for Christian apologetics, we must acknowledge our motivation. If our motivation is to fight, I'd say "caution." Second Timothy 2:14 (NIV) says, "*Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.*" We don't want to beat others up with the Word or use it for the wrong reason.

3. Don't act quickly on limited information. Zeal without knowledge is not good. We have to match our passion with our level of knowledge and understanding and our development of that good fruit in our lives.

Remember the seven sons of Sceva in Acts chapter 19? They tried to cast out an evil spirit "*in the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches*" (v. 13 NIV). In response the spirit said, "I know about Paul. I know Jesus. I don't know you" (v. 15).

I think these men could have grown and developed in their handling of the Word so they could drive out that spirit. But they moved too quickly on limited information.

Jesus' disciples did the same thing in Luke chapter 9. They wanted to call fire down on a Samaritan village that didn't receive them (v. 54). Jesus said to them, "You don't know what spirit you're of" (v. 55)! He rebuked them because they were moving too quickly and handling the Word that had been

taught to them incorrectly. Let's be careful not to do the same in our lives.

4. Do maintain a proper attitude and motivation as you handle the Word.

The Word can be controversial, but our attitude doesn't have to be. Romans 14:19 (NIV) says, "*Make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.*" The love of God should be the motivating factor as we handle the Word of God. And we should yield to that love on the inside of us as we pursue peace and unity, particularly in the Body of Christ.

5. Do fulfill your call. First Corinthians chapter 12 says that God has placed each of us in the Body as He sees fit. We each have a place. We each have giftings. We each have a part to play, and it's not one else's part.

We've got to know our part and do it. Because there will be a bogging down—a slowing down—if we're doing good stuff that's not the right stuff.

6. Do be bold. This Gospel that we get to carry and handle is life! This Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, healing, deliverance, protection, and preservation. And we've got to watch out that we're not backing down when we should be moving forward.

We want to handle the Word appropriately, but let's not cast away our confidence. We have the message that will transform the world one person at a time. Let's go boldly, proclaiming this Word. Jesus is alive. Jesus is the Way. He is the Truth. He is the Life. Hallelujah! Let's carry this truth with boldness!♥

[Editor's Note: Joe Duinick is an instructor and the missions director at Rhema USA.]



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Look at what the Bible says:

MARK 11:23-24

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

When you pray, believe you receive! Years ago as I acted upon the promises of God found in these verses, I was healed and raised up from a deathbed. And since then, I've seen many other people healed through their faith in God's Word.

Given Up to Die

One young man came to our Healing School years ago. When he was 27, a growth he'd had on one of his limbs suddenly flared up. He thought nothing of it for awhile, but it got worse, so he went to the doctor, who sent him to a cancer specialist.

The specialists told the young man he had the very worst kind of cancer and wanted to take his limb off immediately. They said, "If we don't, **YOU'LL BE DEAD IN 30 DAYS.**"

The young man asked, "What are my chances of living if you *do* take the limb off?" They told him that after surgery and treatments, he had a 50-50 chance. "No," the young man said, "I'm not going to do it."

He went to two more cancer clinics. They told him the same thing. Finally, the young man called his mother, who suggested he go to Healing School. This young man was not a Christian, but he agreed to come with his mother.

Now, this young man had never been around the anointing or any kind of church. So when he saw people falling on the floor under the

power of God, he said to his mother, "I don't understand that."

I taught Healing School in those days, and in the process of teaching on healing, I always worked my own testimony in somewhere. So I gave my testimony of how I was healed of a deformed heart and an incurable blood disease just by acting on God's Word.

This young man said to his mother, "I see that. I can understand that." So he sat right there in his seat in Healing School and said, "I just believe I receive my healing." He later said he didn't feel a thing when he said that. He simply believed he received his healing.

You see, feelings have nothing to do with believing God's Word. "Well, how do you feel?" someone might ask a person who's just believed he received his healing. "I don't feel any different, but the *Bible* says . . ." **FAITH BELIEVES WHETHER IT FEELS ANYTHING OR NOT.**

This young man believed what the Bible said. And he was healed! He went back to one of the same clinics where he was diagnosed, and **THEY COULDN'T FIND A TRACE OF CANCER.** It all disappeared. Hallelujah!

Here was this young man, sitting in Healing School, not even saved. (He did later accept Jesus as Savior!) He never felt a thing. He just believed he received his healing, and he was healed. He was healed through his faith in the anointed Word!

You can receive the same results through *your* faith in God's anointed Word. Whether or not His tangible healing power is in manifestation, faith will cause Him to move on your behalf. You *can* be healed!♥

[Editor's Note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book *The Healing Anointing*.]

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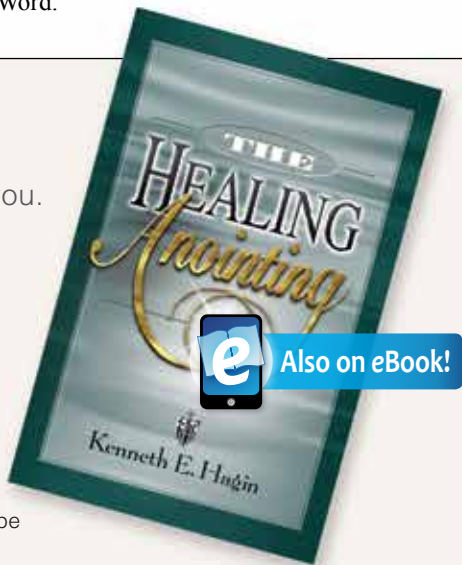
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Rhema Haiti Graduation

Charter class graduations are always exciting. Rhema Haiti's first commencement was especially touching. On November 1, 2012—less than two years after a devastating 7.0 earthquake struck this island nation—Rhema Haiti opened its doors. It may not have seemed like a good time to start a Bible school. Much of Haiti's capital city, Port-au-Prince, looked as though recovery had barely started.

But to the men and women who came to study at Rhema's sixth French-speaking campus, this was an opportunity to learn spiritual truths. And those truths would change the course of their impoverished nation. Many Rhema Haiti students



were full-time pastors when they enrolled. And they didn't wait for graduation to share what they were learning in class. They immediately began teaching their hope-deprived congregations truths about healing, God's will for prosperity, and our authority in Christ.

In May, 274 on-fire Rhema Haiti graduates proudly walked across a stage in

Port-au-Prince to receive diplomas from Kenneth and Lynette Hagin. These men and women have been equipped with the Word of God to impact and bring restoration to their people. "Everywhere we've been," points out Kenneth Hagin, "a Rhema school has not only influenced the religious part of a nation—it's also impacted the culture and the *entire* nation."

Armed with the knowledge of their authority in Christ, these grads have been breaking the power of voodoo that has been so prevalent in Haiti. Today, a change in the spiritual atmosphere can be felt.

Some Rhema Haiti graduates have set their sights beyond their homeland. They're headed to one of the 29 nations where French is the official language.

Faith! The Conference // Oslo, Norway

After returning from Haiti, the Hagins were home for less than 24 hours before leaving to hold a *Living Faith Crusade* in Wright City, Missouri, northwest of St. Louis. Once back, they immediately got ready to preside over Rhema USA's 41st graduation. They only had a brief stay in the U.S. before repacking their bags and heading out again—this time to Oslo, Norway. There they spoke at *Faith! The Conference*, dubbed Europe's first camp-meeting.

Held Wednesday through Friday, May 27 through 29, the gathering proved to be an amazing time of worship, preaching, and fellowship. Rhema grads and other believers from across Europe and Africa and as far away as the U.S. descended on Norway. Those who attended were refreshed and recharged for their work in the harvest fields.



Going Down Under

Then, early in June, Kenneth, Lynette, and crew boarded the Rhema aircraft and flew across the Pacific Ocean to Brisbane, Australia. The 8,000-mile flight took 19 hours. In Brisbane they ministered to excited congregations in three Sunday services at Rhema Family Church. The pastors, Tony and Patsy Cameneti, are also the directors of Rhema Australia.



REACHING TWO GENERATIONS IN PRAYER (OSLO, NORWAY)

▶ KENNETH W. HAGIN PRAYING FOR PASTOR EDDIE, WHO WAS INFLUENTIAL IN STARTING RHEMA HAITI.



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CRAIG & JOE PRAYING FOR A PASTOR FROM SHARJAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, WHO HAS FOLLOWED RHEMA FOR MANY YEARS.

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Why would the Hagins fly so far for just one day of ministry? Kenneth and Lynette firmly believe in maintaining connections with every Rhema church and campus, no matter its location on the globe. And it means a lot to the international Rhema alumni and partners when the Hagins stop in for a visit!

Rhema South Pacific

Apia, Samoa—home of Rhema South Pacific—is a five-hour flight from Australia. Arriving from Brisbane, Kenneth and Lynette ministered for nearly a week at *The Word of Faith Seminar* on this beautiful tropical island. Kenneth poured into those present an “I cannot be defeated and I will not quit” attitude. Lynette helped them realize that they *can* do everything God asks of them, for nothing is impossible with Him!

Rhema is a worldwide network of schools, students, alumni, and partners. And the Hagins’ international trips help strengthen that network. Kenneth and Lynette spend long hours in the air and cross many time zones. But the encouragement their visits give the extended Rhema family are worth the effort.

Rhema Dubai

Craig Hagin and Joe Hernandez, a 1993 Rhema USA grad, spent three days in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, at the end of April. They were welcomed with open arms at a pastors conference, where they announced the start of Rhema Dubai.



Many of the pastors shared how the books of Craig’s late grandfather, Kenneth E. Hagin, influenced their lives. One pastor credited his book, *The Name of Jesus* with helping him grow his congregation of five to a church of 10,000 members over 24-year period.

Rhema Hong Kong

At the end of May, Craig flew to Hong Kong to speak at the first graduation of Rhema Hong Kong. Craig first visited this busy city as a teenager. When Kenneth E. Hagin ministered there 30 years ago, no one had any

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In our day-to-day lives, I think it's the same. Society pushes us to live at breakneck speeds. We can get up at 5 a.m. and not stop until 9 o'clock at night. We're constantly

taking our children from one activity to another, always doing something at church, and often going to work early or staying late at night. We wonder why our lives are falling apart.

Running at Full Throttle

The redline on a car's tachometer indicates how fast that vehicle can go without causing damage to the engine. It doesn't matter how well-designed and engineered a NASCAR sports car is. It can't run at the redline for extended periods of time.

And neither can we.

The thing about speed is that it produces weight. If a car going slowly hits an object, usually only minor damage results. Hit that same object going 100 mph and the car is totaled.

When we hit a wall while racing through life at full throttle, the weakest part of our lives is what breaks up. For most people, that's their marriage, because they haven't taken care of it the way they should.

Building Pressure

We add weight to our lives by giving in to the pressures of society. Society pushes us to have the latest and greatest. Anytime something new comes out, we're made to feel that we have to have it—even if we don't have the money for it.

A lot of times we try too much to keep up with the Joneses. We feel pressured to do the same things they're doing. We'll take vacations we can't afford. We say we're creating great memories for our family. But when the credit card payments come due, those fond memories quickly sour.

How Close to the Redline Are You Running?

Do you feel as if you're living on the edge of your redline? Are you just one step away from going over? Ask yourself these questions:

- Are you at the end of your rope with your spouse? Your kids? Your job?
- Do you have difficulty focusing?
- Are you tired, irritable, and angry all the time?
- Do you feel as if you're just going through the motions?

If you've answered yes to these questions, it's time to put the brakes on. You're getting too close to the redline.

Start Subtracting

The only way to back off from life's redline is to slow down. And the only way to slow down is to start subtracting from our lives. Sometimes we're so committed that it seems as if we can't get out of those commitments. But there are things that all of us can let go of.

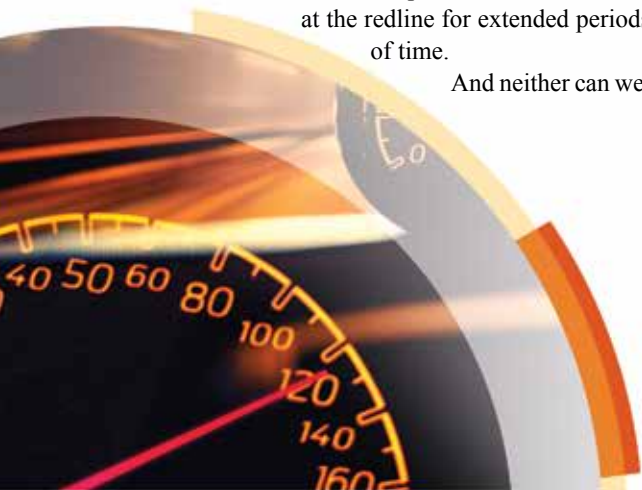
Get a Crew Chief

We need a crew chief to help us navigate the race of life. Yes, we have God. And the Holy Spirit—the greatest Crew Chief of all—lives inside of us. But we also need mentors. These are people who understand us and see our strengths. They also see our weaknesses and blind spots. They help us see things we don't see.

Set Healthy Boundaries

Boundaries are meant to keep us from spending more money than we have. They'll keep us from overcommitting ourselves and attending every activity we're invited to. Boundaries keep us from running after things that only bring pressure into our lives. They help us say no.

Sleek sports cars with their high-performance engines and aerodynamic styling may be mechanical wonders, but they're impractical to drive in rush-hour traffic. And while it might be fun to drive in life's fast lane, we can't live that way over the long haul. It's only when we slow down to a manageable pace that we'll live balanced, Christ-centered lives filled with peace and contentment.♥



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THE VALUE OF

Friendship

IN LIFE there are various types of relationships that we can be involved in. There is the divine relationship between God and man, the marriage relationship between husband and wife, and the family relationship between relatives. But there is another relationship that is very important, and that is our friendships.

Friendships can be a great blessing to our lives. Christian friends can help us achieve our goals and dreams. In the Bible we learn about many types of relationships. Let's see what Jesus said about the value of friendship.

JOHN 15:12-17 (NIV)

12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command.

15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

17 This is my command: Love each other.

SHARE YOUR STORY!

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In this passage, Jesus Himself said He is our friend. The words to an old hymn say, "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!"* Because we are Christians, Jesus is our friend.

It is a fact of life that we must have friends if we are going to accomplish very much. We need someone to believe in us in order for us to accomplish anything worthwhile.

Destined to Be Friends With Jesus

I want to share two facts about friendship with you. Fact number one: *you were destined to have Jesus as your best friend.*

The Word of God tells us that this was ordained before the foundation of the world. Friendship with Jesus is the will of God concerning you! Jesus wants to be your friend and help you through life. He has forgiven you of your sins. He wants to show you how to overcome and be victorious.

Notice the characteristics of friendship that Jesus shared in John 15:12-17. First, *a friend is someone who loves you.* John 15:12 (NIV) says, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." We know that Jesus is a true friend because He loves us.

Even if the whole world gives up on you, Jesus still believes in you! He is your friend!



Second, *a friend is someone who gives his life for you.* John 15:13 (NIV) says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus showed His great love for us in that while we were still sinners, He died for us (Rom. 5:8).

Third, *a friend is someone who does something for you when you ask him to do it.* A true friend won't make excuses when

asked to do something; a friend will just do it! John 15:14 (NIV) says, “*You are my friends if you do what I command.*”

Fourth, *a friend is someone who shares himself with you.* In John 15:15 (NIV) Jesus said, “*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*” Jesus shared His heart with His disciples, and He still shares His heart with us today.

Fifth, *a friend is someone who chooses you voluntarily.* John 15:16 says, “*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*” Jesus chose us voluntarily. And for us to enter a friendship relationship with Him and enjoy the benefits of that friendship, we also must choose Him voluntarily. Jesus won’t force His friendship on us.

Sixth, *a friend still believes in you when everyone else gives up on you.* In John 15:17 (NIV) Jesus said, “*This is my command: Love each other.*” Jesus would not command you to do something that He was unwilling to do. He will always love you. Even if the whole world gives up on you, Jesus still believes in you! He is your friend!

FAITH IN ACTION

Choose Your Friends Wisely

We are ordained to be friends with people, but how should we choose our friends? Here are a few guidelines to help you choose your friends wisely:

- 1 Choose people who have **SIMILAR INTERESTS, BELIEFS, MORALS, AND VALUES.**
- 2 Choose friends who will **SUPPORT YOU**, strengthen you, and encourage you to do the will of God.
- 3 Choose people who are **GOING THE SAME DIRECTION** in life that you are.
- 4 Choose people who will **ADD SOMETHING OF VALUE** to your life.
- 5 Choose people who will **LIFT YOU UP**, not pull you down.

Created With a Need for Friends

So we’ve seen fact number one about friendship: *You were destined to have Jesus as your best friend.* Here is fact number two: *You were created with a need for friends.*

Even though you know God and have Jesus as your friend, you still need other people. You can be the most spiritual person on earth and have the most spiritual experiences known to man, but you still need earthly friends.

Look at Adam, for example. Though he was a perfect creation, had daily fellowship with God, and lived in a perfect environment, God said, “It is not good for man to be alone” (Gen. 2:18).

God has divinely appointed the paths of certain people to intersect with your life and enrich you.

Friendship allows a networking to take place so that your efforts will accomplish many times more than what you could do by yourself. Looking back, you could probably say that without a certain friendship, without the encouragement of a certain friend, you would not be where you are today. Friendship is valuable and vital to our success in life.♥

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OBEYING THE COMMAND TO GO

Rhema's Varsity Youth Spread the Gospel



WINNING THE LOST is important to Kenneth W. Hagin. He never likes to end a service without giving people an opportunity to accept Christ as Savior. That same love for the lost has been instilled in the hearts of Rhema Bible Church members of all ages.



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"The trip gave them an awareness that they don't need to be taking in all the time, but they need to be giving."

—DENISE BURNS

That's why Denise Burns, the church's Student Ministries pastor, took a team of 19 teens and 11 Varsity Youth leaders to Bogotá, Colombia, over spring break in March.

"I wanted them to be able to share their faith, share their story," says Denise. "So many times here in

America, they don't have the opportunity in their day-to-day lives to lead somebody to the Lord or pray for someone to be healed. I also wanted them to see what Rhema Bible Church is on an international level. Let them see how Rhema is larger than just the campus in Broken Arrow."

Nonstop Ministry

The trip was packed with ministry. Breakfast started promptly at 6:30 a.m. The team had a half-hour to eat before heading out, and they usually didn't get back until 10 p.m. and sometimes midnight. Then they were up early the next morning to start all over again. At the end of the trip everyone was exhausted but excited.

The teens had lots of opportunities to step out of their comfort zone. Sixteen-year-old Camilyn explains, "I felt nervous at first. . . . But once we got into it, the Holy Spirit was there. I don't want to say it was easy, but it wasn't really that hard. Once you got into it, it just started flowing."

The teenagers gave out all week, met lots of people, and enjoyed making new relationships. Reserved kids came out of their shells and were really outgoing. Although the language barrier made it hard for Colombian teens to share how they were impacted, their facial expressions and tears spoke volumes.

To visit as many places as possible, the youth split in two groups, with Denise taking one and Varsity Youth director Rob Post leading the other.

Sharing at Schools and Orphanages

On one outing Rob took a group including the youngest teens on the trip to a middle school. When they arrived, no one expected to see barred windows and policemen patrolling the hallways. They thought they were going to talk to sweet little 11-year-olds.

Through an interpreter, Colombian teachers told Rob and the teens, "Be strict with them. They're dealing drugs and many are engaged in sexual activity." One team leader talked to the Colombian students about sexual purity and the value of their bodies. Her words hit some young girls really hard. Bursting into tears, one middle-school girl just sobbed and sobbed.

On another occasion Denise took her teens to a boys home. The orphanage director asked the teenagers to talk to the 17- and 18-year-olds about having a future. He explained that when the boys turn 18, they're transitioning to leave the orphanage. They have no family and few job skills. To them, their future looks hopeless.

Varsity Youth stepped up to the plate and shared from Jeremiah 29:11 that God has a good plan for their lives. The young men quickly wiped away their tears. They tried to put on a good front, but clearly God was ministering to their hearts.

Relying on the Holy Spirit

Wherever they went, the Rhema teenagers learned to trust the Holy Spirit to help them minister. "When we were at the boys home," explains 16-year-old Greyson, "half the students didn't have anything planned to say, and it still worked out. A lot of the people got saved that day. It really amazed me how your willingness to flow with the Holy Spirit can be the determining factor in changing someone's life."



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1 HAVING A FUN TIME WITH KIDS AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND AT AN ORPHANAGE.



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Varsity Youth playing soccer with Colombian teens.

Doing the Works of Jesus ... on Spring Break!



INSTEAD OF lounging on the beach during spring break, some Rhema Bible Training College students head to the mission field. Their goals: share Christ, get people saved, lay hands on the sick, and see God's miraculous power at work.

In March three student/alumni teams fanned out to Trujillo, Peru; Bangkok, Thailand; and a Navajo reservation in Shiprock, New Mexico.

Craig W. Hagin led the trip to Thailand, where fewer than one percent of the people are Christians. The team ministered to



pastors and many refugees, among others. At a boys detention center, team members led about 180 young men to Jesus. And during a three-night crusade in a church, the owner of a nearby factory paid his workers to come for two nights.

Tad Gregurich, Dean of Rhema USA, led the Peru trip. The team ministered on the street and in churches and market-



places. Healing miracles were the norm. After team members prayed for one young man with a tumor on his leg, the growth disappeared. Others prayed for a woman who couldn't hear out of her left ear, and the Lord restored her hearing.

Carl and Susan Hibma, employees of Kenneth Hagin Ministries, led the Navajo trip. The team of students, alumni, and Rhema Bible Church members ministered nightly at a church. Eleven adults and 10 children accepted Jesus as their Savior. Thirty-seven

people reported being healed, including the bass player in the worship band and several at the hotel where the Rhema group was staying.

Each trip let team members put into practice what they'd learned in the classroom. And they could see that the Holy Spirit will work through all who make themselves available to Him.♥

At a government-run school, the Rhema teens were told they couldn't talk about Jesus and the work of salvation. They were, however, allowed to perform skits dramatizing Christ's story. But when it was time to talk to the students, some Rhema youth weren't sure how to minister without mentioning Jesus.

Varsity Youth leaders gave the young people topics to talk on, such as respect, bullying, and obeying parents. The teens relied on the Holy Spirit inside to give them words to say. Before arriving at the



school, a young girl named Rhema had planned to share her testimony, which was all about Jesus. As she stood before the room filled with students, she thought, "I've got nothing. 'Holy Spirit, I need you!'" And the words began flowing out of her!

A Hunger to Serve

The Colombia trip stirred a hunger for Christian ministry in the hearts of several young people. Some had a hard time leaving Bogotá. They wanted to stay and continue ministering to the Colombian youth. Some realized they were called to missions.



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The Sunday after the team returned to the States, a bunch of them found Denise in kids church. They felt compelled to keep giving out. So she sent them to the three- and four-year-old classrooms to volunteer. "The trip gave them an awareness that they don't need to be taking in all the time, but they need to be giving," says Denise. "And that was neat to see."

During the Colombia missions trip, the Rhema teens grew closer to the Lord but also to each other. They developed a bond among themselves different from that with their other friends. Seventeen-year-old Risen summed it up perfectly. "We went out of the country as a youth group. But when we came back, we were like a family."♥





Timeless
Teachings
of Kenneth E. Hagin



Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

IT'S GOD'S PLAN for Christians to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit and worship in the Spirit. The way we maintain a continual infilling and walk in the Spirit is through speaking divinely inspired utterances to the Lord.

These divinely inspired utterances can have several different means of expression. One way is to magnify and worship God in other tongues. We see this in Acts 10:46: *“For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.”* Paul also mentioned several other expressions.

EPHESIANS 5:19

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16 also emphasizes worshipping the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

16 . . . teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Paul was speaking to every believer when he said we are to speak to ourselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. This is something we are to do in our personal communion with God.

A *psalm* is a spiritual poem or ode. It may or may not rhyme, but there is an element of poetry about it. It may be sung, chanted, or recited. A person given to music would naturally sing a psalm given by the Spirit. Others who are not inclined to sing would simply speak out the psalm.

Many times, God will give us a psalm in our private prayer life for our benefit. On the other hand, a *hymn* is a song of praise and worship addressed to and directed toward God.

A *spiritual song* brings forth the revelation of the word that the Holy Spirit has given you. It may be a scripture, a word of encouragement, a word of exhortation, and so forth.

Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are given by the Holy Spirit. They're “hot off the wire” from Heaven. Jesus called this kind of utterance New Testament worship.

Once we are initially filled with the Spirit and speak supernaturally, we are to *continue* speaking supernaturally.

Ephesians 5:18–19 and Colossians 3:16 are talking about the supernatural utterance the Holy Spirit gives us on the spur of the moment by the spirit of prophecy.

What is prophecy? It is inspired utterance in a known tongue. The simple gift of prophecy *“speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort”* (1 Cor. 14:3). It should not be confused with the prophet's office, which often gives revelation of the future.

According to First Corinthians 14:31, every believer should prophesy—or, in other words, should speak to himself in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in his private devotional life. Consider what Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: *“When ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm”* (1 Cor. 14:26). The reason everyone in the Early Church could have a psalm when they came together was that they had been speaking in psalms in their private prayer lives.

The benefits of speaking to ourselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are great.

First, it enables us to have true communion with God and worship Him in Spirit and in truth. It's also a means of spiritual edification—we stay encouraged and built up in the Lord. Finally, it keeps us separated from the world. It causes us to be conscious of His indwelling Presence. If we're conscious that He is living



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It is God's plan that we be filled with His Spirit and speak forth in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. But some may say, "I don't know how to do that. How can I enter into that kind of walk in the Spirit?"

Stir Up the Gift

Some believers have been filled with the Holy Spirit and have spoken in other tongues. Yet they've either never spoken in tongues again or have spoken very little since their initial infilling. They have not maintained a fresh experience with God.

Notice what Paul, in writing to Timothy, said:

2 TIMOTHY 1:6

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

What "gift" was Paul talking about? There is a twofold application of this verse. The word *gift* here can refer to impartations by the Holy Spirit given when God sets people aside for service. For example, Acts 13:2 says, "As they ministered to the Lord, . . . the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Something was imparted to Barnabas and Saul by the Holy Spirit as they were set apart for service.

The second application of this verse is that the *gift* Timothy received when Paul laid his hands on him was the gift of the Holy Spirit. We know from scripture that Paul laid his hands on many people and they received the Holy Spirit.

Notice what Paul said Timothy was to do with this gift. He said, "Stir up the gift of God that is within you" (2 Tim. 1:6). In other words, stir up the Holy Spirit on the inside of you!

You can stir up the Holy Spirit yourself within your own spirit by praying in other tongues. After you do that for awhile, you can begin speaking to yourself in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19). This is how you enter into New Testament worship.♥

[Editor's note: This article was adapted from Kenneth E. Hagin's book *Plans, Purposes, and Pursuits*.]



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Yea, even the god of this world
has darkened their minds,
and all they see is desolation, darkness,
and the end of time.

The end of time will surely come.
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who walk and live in this time,
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ROCKETS OVER RHEMA 2015

Celebrating America's Freedom

TIM AND DORIA CUSTER from Tulsa drove across town to attend *Rockets Over Rhema*. The couple arrived hours early to find the perfect patch of grass from which they could watch the beautiful fireworks display light up the night. For them, *Rockets Over Rhema* means time spent together enjoying food, fellowship, and Christian music, and celebrating America's freedom.

"It's just a great venue for everybody," shared Tim. "The joy—the celebration. It is a day of enjoyment."

The patriotic celebration—held Sunday, June 28, at Rhema Bible Church in Broken Arrow—kicked off indoors with the musical *Liberty High*, staged in the church auditorium. The audience laughed and toe-tapped along with the singing and dancing as they followed a new student around a high school. His "teachers" included Benjamin Franklin, Martin Luther King Jr., and Davy Crockett. The student learned about America's achievements and the true meaning of

freedom—including the spiritual freedom purchased for us by Jesus Christ.

The joy continued outdoors at 6 p.m. with plenty of inflatable games for the children. Kids zoomed excitedly through the "Rat Race," took their best shot at a basketball hoop, and found their way around a large maze. Some got their faces painted and received glitter tattoos.

In perfect late-June weather, thousands of friends and families chatted and laughed under a beautiful blue sky. "It's a good time for family and friends, and to see people that you see in church that you may not know and say hi," shared Garnet Nowell, a Broken Arrow resident and Rhema Bible Church member.

The wonderful sound of worship music echoed from an outdoor stage. Musicians included Christian artists Lacey, Jillian Edwards, The Neverclaim, and Synergy Band. Each performer brought energy to the evening and lifted up the Name of Jesus.

There was something for everyone! Hundreds

strolled through a car show featuring antique vehicles, custom-built hot rods, and race cars. And there was plenty of delicious food, with the smell of grilled hamburgers, sizzling hot dogs, and sweet funnel cakes filling the air.

Bryan Bennett, owner of Backstreet BBQ Burgers, was one of the food vendors at the event. Bryan has seen many other firework shows. But having the patriotic celebration in his own community and being a part of it, he said, is pretty special. "It's neat to be in my own backyard, in my own city, being able to do this," he shared.

Finally at dusk, it was fireworks time. With campus lights turned off, the rockets blasted and boomed through the night sky, creating dazzling arcs and umbrellas of sparkling color. The 20-minute, eye-popping barrage brought plenty of oohs and aahs. As the deafening grand finale concluded, the crowd broke into applause.

Once again, *Rockets Over Rhema* proved to be a great time for all. ♥



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)

HAVE YOU EVER watched circus performers walk a tightrope? Every time I see that act, I am anxiously trusting that the performer will get to the other side. Of course, maintaining balance is the key. If the performer does not maintain balance, he will most certainly fall off. And without a safety net, this could possibly mean his death.

Life is often like walking a tightrope. Our success depends upon whether we maintain proper balance. The two things we must keep in balance are the natural and the spiritual. Both are vitally important to us. My husband penned a saying many years ago: "The natural and the supernatural working together make an explosive force for God."

God created us with three parts—spirit, soul, and body. It is important that we keep a balance in all areas. I have heard it said all of my life, "Some people are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good. Others are so earthly minded that they are no heavenly good."

The two great commands that the Lord gave us illustrate the spiritual and natural very well. We are instructed to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind. But on the heels of this command, we are instructed to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matt. 22:37–39). The one is spiritual; the other is natural. Together they produce a wonderful balance.

In observing our society I have grown very concerned that people, even those who profess to be Christians, have become seriously unbalanced in their lives. When I was a child, Matthew 6:33 was quoted to me often: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (NKJV). I learned very quickly that placing God at the center of my life, listening to His instructions, and regularly attending church was the very foundation upon which I could live a balanced and successful life.

It seems that people today are seeking things more than God. We must place Him

first in our lives. However, He also wants us to live a fulfilled natural life. John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)" (Amplified).

God wants you to have an abundant life—spiritually and naturally. He does not want you to live in a tense, uptight, and stressed-out world. Have you ever come home from a day's work and said, "I'm ready to throw in the towel. I'm at the end of my rope," or even worse, "I'm just a bundle of nerves." I am sure that we at times have all been guilty of saying those words.

Jesus has given us a solution to any situation we may encounter. He said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matt. 11:28–30 NKJV).

The *Amplified Bible* explains it in even more detail: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.] Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne."

A pair of connected oxen is called a yoke. Yokes are made for two, not one. We were not meant to go through life apart from God. His yoke fits well and is lighter than the one we've been pulling by ourselves. So it is important to be connected to Jesus. When you think of two oxen, you usually picture them going forward. We cannot be yoked to Jesus and go our own way. We must follow Him and His direction for our lives.

God wants to share the labor of your daily tasks. Quit trying to navigate through life by yourself. The secret of peace and victory in the Christian life is found in accepting and resting in God's yoke, for His yoke is light.♥

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Kids' Page

Fearless, A-nointed, I-nward-Led, T-rustworthy, H-eirs of God

Faith "Gets By" With a Little Help From Its Friends



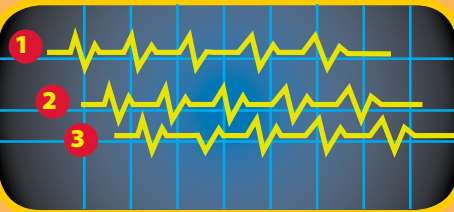
We all know that faith is very important to the Christian. Remember that the Bible says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6 NIV). But just like you need the help of friends sometimes to get a job done, the same holds true for faith. The New Testament tells us about three very important "friends" of faith. One of them is found in James 2:17. His name is **ACTION**. Let's read about it: "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (NIV). How important is it for action to be with your faith? Well, without it, your faith dies! Here are a couple of important actions that will help your faith: 1) Confess God's Word in each situation you face. 2) Obey God's Word and do what it says to do. Well, the other two friends of faith still remain a mystery. Do you think you can figure out their names? **Unscramble the two words below to discover the names of the two other friends of faith. (Answers found in Galatians 5:6 & Hebrews 6:12)**

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THE VITAL SIGNS OF FAITH

Faith gets healthy much the same way your heart gets healthy...with good nutrition and exercise. So partake of the Word of God daily and exercise by doing what it tells you to do. Then your "faith monitor" should look like this one.

Only one of the faith monitor blips below matches the one above exactly. Can you pick out the exact match?



Find the Bible Names

Find the names of 12 Bible characters cleverly hidden in the paragraph below. Names may have spaces in between the letters.

I went to the Supermarket and played a video game called "Zulukenny." Funmart has a game just like it. It is a most intriguing game. A bell rings when you save a damsel in distress. Zulukenny is the bravest hero of all. Some video games are real evil and violent, but not Zulukenny. To tell the truth, I have a habit of playing video games too long. But I'm getting a lot better now.

Did you find the 12 names? Maybe this will help you. Here are the names you are looking for: Abel, Adam, Ahab, Amos, David, Esther, Levi, Lot, Luke, Mark, Martha, Ruth.

jokes & riddles



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

What does the winner of a race lose?

His breath

What lies on its back 100 feet up in the air?

A dead centipede

What starts with T, ends with T and is full of T?

A teapot

Why do bees have sticky hair?

Because they have honeycombs

Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?

She couldn't control her pupils

Where was King Solomon's temple?

On his forehead

Finish the Rhyme

Read the Bible lesson at the top of the page. Then try to complete the rhymes below.

You might read your Bible daily,
And believe every word that it said.
If you read it but do not obey it,
Your faith, without action, is _____.

Faith is a gift sent from Heaven,
But a greater gift comes from above.
Because Galatians 5:6 has told us,
Our faith will not work without _____.

Faith is important to Christians,
Go ask the disciple named Thomas.
But if you have faith without patience,
You will not inherit the _____.

ANSWERS:

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Galatians 5:6 says that "Faith works by love."
Love & Patience.
Hebrews 6:12 says that "through faith and patience" we inherit God's promises.

Finish the Rhyme
Answer: 2
dead, love, promise



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