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heart to heart

with rev. kenneth hagin jr.

NEW REVIVAL!

What a glorious time we had at our 2003 Winter Bible Seminar! The RHEMA campus was filled with the Presence of God and expectant faith. Session after session, people from all over the world allowed the Holy Spirit to ignite embers of faith into new revival fires! We are so thankful for every member of our RHEMA family who took part in this mighty move of God.

However, some of you were unable to join us this year, and we don't want you to miss out. That's why we decided to present this special issue of our magazine. In this issue, you can experience fresh truths — truths that are critical for us as believers in these end times. These truths can take us into greater experiences with the glory of God and inspire each of us to do our part in the last great revival that will usher in the Second Coming of our Lord.

The Lord has put it on my heart to tell you it is time for this new revival!

I've experienced first-hand some of the great revivals of the past. I was born in 1939, and I have vivid recollections of the power of God in the early 1940s during a time when Charles S. Price, Smith Wigglesworth, Aimee Semple McPherson, and many others were in ministry. At that time, my father pastored a church in Farmersville, Texas.

I've had a life full of experiences with moves of God's Spirit and power. I've experienced the healing revival, the teaching revival, the Holy Ghost revival, and the wave of laughter and dancing in the Holy Ghost as God brought joy and times of refreshing. Unfortunately, however, I have also seen the power wane in many places.

Let me quote from a book by the late Rev. John Osteen, *This Awakening Generation*, which was written at the height of the Charismatic Renewal:

Like a sleeping giant rousing itself out of a deep sleep, the true church, which is the Body of Christ, is awakening.

The prophet Joel said, "It shall come to pass in the last days," saith God, "I shall pour out My Spirit on all flesh." This prophecy is being fulfilled today.

Ministers and members of all the historic denominations are receiving the baptism in the Holy Ghost. They are speaking in other tongues, praying for the sick, casting out devils, seeing miracles and experiencing the mighty gifts of the Spirit as recorded in I Corinthians, chapter 12 and demonstrated in the Book of Acts. . . .

With tear-stained faces these awakened people are climbing the hill of God to get above the fog and smog of tradition and sectarianism. They want God and the power of His Holy Spirit.

They want more than religion. They want the miracle life of the Lord Jesus Christ that comes through the mighty baptism in the Holy Ghost.

As Charismatic believers, we must not abide in the "smog" of our own traditions that we've picked up over the years! It's time that we, with our "tear-stained faces," climb the hill of God and carry the true torch of God's power to the lost and dying of this generation! It is time to march forward and enforce Jesus' victory over the power of the enemy!

But we can't live in victory over the power of the enemy in this generation with stories of the past. We can't live in victory over the power of the enemy with just a few embers burning in our hearts. There's got to be a flame of the power of God!

Recently, the Lord reminded me that through the course of my life and ministry, I have witnessed the power of God in a tremendous way. He urged me to tell His people that if we're not careful, we're going to lose the power of God. We cannot live on the revivals of the '40s, the '50s, or any past generation. If we continue to live on Memory Lane, with only mere embers burning, we are going to "die in the smoke."

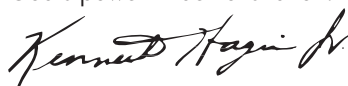
God has shown me that ever since He created man, He's had a group of people who were willing to carry the torch of His power and demonstrate it to that particular generation.

And now, He is looking for a people in *this generation* who are willing to take up the torch and step out of their comfort zone — to step out with nothing under their feet but the Word and the power of God! He has promised to bless them, to anoint them, to send them, and to deliver them. God has promised to give them whatever they need to accomplish His plans in the earth. Are you willing to take up the torch?

You may be asking, "Where do I fit in?" or "What should I do?" I want you to understand that you're not living in these end times by chance! God has a plan for the ages and a place for each one of us in that plan! You must begin to stir the embers in your heart as you seek Him diligently.

I have purposed in my heart to do everything in my power to see that we, as people of faith, don't depart from God's best and that we don't end up with a form of godliness without any power! We are the generation that will fan those embers into a bright flame for God!

It was prophesied that RHEMA would have a large part to play in the last-day revival that would usher in the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Since 1974, we have sent 23,000 alumni into the world to help herald the good news of the Gospel. And as long as RHEMA is here, we will continue with zeal to carry the banner of faith and the torch of God's power. But this new revival is not just for RHEMA graduates! It is for every believer! And since you are a part of the RHEMA family, it is for you! Join us and carry the torch of God's power in demonstration! It is time for a new revival!



Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.



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EXPECT.



The line of people outside the doors of RHEMA Bible Church grew larger all week. They waited for hours each evening in the often cold and rainy weather. Why were they standing there in adverse weather conditions for hours on end waiting for the doors to open?

Because they came expecting.

The crowds gathered at the RHEMA Bookstore each evening as the week progressed and the meetings continued. Why was there such a rush for videos and tapes of these meetings?

Because people came expecting.

Nearly 10,000 people from around the world came to Winter Bible Seminar this year expecting. And *what* were they expecting? *To hear from God. To experience His Presence. To bask in His glory.*

Jesus said, *“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled”* (Matt. 5:6). As people traveled to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, with high expectations of what God would do at Winter Bible Seminar 2003, the atmosphere of the RHEMA Bible Church auditorium was charged with a hunger for the Presence and glory of God. And from that expectancy came one of the greatest Winter Bible Seminars in its history. “The last time I was in a service like that was 1964, almost 40 years ago,” said Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin, referring specifically to Tuesday night’s service.

Sunday through Friday, the RHEMA Bible Church auditorium was filled with thousands of people expecting to experience the move of God. And God did move! Through the

powerful teaching of God’s Word, anointed praise and worship, and the operation of the gifts of the Spirit — a continual flow of the Spirit wove all the services together into a life-changing week for those in attendance.

In the evening services, Rev. Hagin taught on “The Second Coming,” “God’s Great Plan of Redemption,” and “The Reality of Heaven and Hell.” Prophecy came forth imperative to these last days and what will happen in the years to come. God certainly did move during Winter Bible Seminar 2003, and it was a week that will never be forgotten!

On Sunday, February 16, the first night of Winter Bible Seminar, Rev. Hagin taught on the Second Coming of Christ. His message was of utmost significance for this day and hour. Sharing numerous scriptures concerning the last days and what exactly the signs of the times will be, Rev. Hagin then shared two major things that the Body of Christ can do to hasten the Lord’s Second Coming: Be ready ourselves, and then do all we can concerning evangelism.

The end-time and Second Coming scriptures Rev. Hagin shared were: John 14:1-3; Acts 1:5-11; 1 Thess. 4:16,17; James 5:1-7; 2 Tim. 3:1-7; Luke 17:28-30; 21:25-31,33; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 3:1-13; and Dan. 12:4. Following each scripture reading with teaching and explanation, Rev. Hagin clearly showed from God’s Word the signs of the last days in which we are now living.

“Well, when is He [Jesus] coming?” Rev. Hagin asked the congregation. “The Word of God gives us a number of different signs. If you were to travel down a road you’ve never traveled before, you’d keep looking for certain signs. And those signs would tell you about how far it is to your destination. And as you got closer, there would be more and more signs because

people have places of business, motels, hotels, and restaurants to advertise. They put signs up along the way.

“Did you know that the Lord has put up some signs along our pathway to help us know where our destination is and how close it is?” Rev. Hagin said that Paul, James, Peter, and John wrote many things about the end-times and the Second Coming. There was assurance every single time that Jesus is coming again!

Speaking of the signs of the times, Rev. Hagin said, “We’re seeing them fulfilled in our day! ‘And when these things begin to come to pass . . .’ [Luke 21:28]. We’re not only seeing the beginning of them, but we’re right in the middle of them. The Bible says that when they begin to come to pass, lift up your heads! Praise God, it’s time to lift up our heads and rejoice, because our redemption, our full redemption, draweth nigh!

“Notice that most of the problems that are caused in the world are because of selfishness,” Rev. Hagin said, referring to the perilous times that the Scriptures describe as these last days. “Folks are more concerned about themselves than anything else. We ought to be concerned about the Lord and the lost world more than anything else.”

Toward the end of his message on the Second Coming, Rev. Hagin directed a question to believers in Christ. “We are living in the last days. All the signs point to His coming,” he said. “Well, why doesn’t He come? These signs have all been fulfilled, every single one of them. Why doesn’t He come? What is He waiting for?”

Rev. Hagin outlined one main reason why the Lord hasn’t come yet, according to the Word. And that reason is, *He is waiting*. Waiting for what? Matthew chapter 24 and James chapter 5 answer that question.

MATTHEW 24:14

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

JAMES 5:7

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

“Is the Lord waiting just to wait?” Rev. Hagin asked. “No, He is waiting for something very specific: the precious fruit of the earth. He’s waiting for the harvest,” Rev. Hagin declared. “He didn’t say He’s waiting for the precious fruit of North America, Central America, South America, Africa, or any place else in particular. No, He’s waiting for the precious fruit of the *earth*.”

“The reason Jesus hasn’t returned yet is that this Gospel must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then the end shall come. This must be done in order for the harvest He is waiting for to be reaped.”

“Can we hasten the coming of the Lord?” Rev. Hagin asked. “Second Peter 3:12 says that we can! How can we do it? Number one, be sure you’re ready yourself. Number two, do all that you can to send the message around the world.

“It’s quite evident that the Lord is still waiting, because He’s not here yet. What is He waiting on? For us to get the story out. For us to publish it!

“Jesus talks about the sower going forth to sow. The seed he sows is the Word. And when the Word is sown, we pray that God would send the early and latter rain, and the harvest comes up. *These are great days of opportunity as never before.*

“It’s up to us when He comes or whether He continues to

wait. We are preparing the way for Him to come! We are hastening the day for Him to come! Jesus *is* coming, but His coming depends upon me, upon you, upon what we do. And we’ll do our part!

Concluding his message Sunday evening, Rev. Hagin proclaimed, “We go on record tonight to pray as we’ve never prayed before. For the whole earth! A revival! A harvest from the whole earth. It’s coming! It’s here! We are in it, and it will grow bigger and bigger!”

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, Rev. Hagin ministered on “God’s Great Plan of Redemption.” He took the congregation through the pages of the Old Testament into the New Testament, revisiting the foundational truths of what Jesus Christ did for the world in redemption.

“The redemption Jesus bought for mankind by taking our place as our Substitute belongs to anyone who believes on the Lord Jesus and believes that God raised Him from the dead.” According to Deuteronomy chapter 28, Rev. Hagin explained, the curse from which we’ve been redeemed includes spiritual death, sickness and disease, and poverty and lack. This is the redemption we are to live out in our lives and the message we are to preach in all the world.

On Thursday evening, Rev. Hagin shared a riveting message on “The Reality of Heaven and Hell” and his own supernatural experiences with both places. He opened by saying, “We thank God for the blessings that belong to us and that He’s provided for us in this life. We’ve emphasized those things and we *should* emphasize them, enjoy them, and walk in the light of them.

“But, friends, we need to remember that there is an eternity. We need to remember that there is a hell to shun and a Heaven to gain. We may be ready for Heaven ourselves, but the vast majority of the people in the world are on the road to hell. We need to get their attention.”

He continued by talking about evangelism and the ministry of the evangelist. “God calls some of us to be Bible teachers, but we need to remember that one of the ministry gifts is that of an evangelist. In writing to Timothy, although Timothy was a pastor at the time, Paul told him to do the work of an evangelist.

“Every one of us should be so on fire for God and so interested in the lost that you just have to go tell them. In one sense, He called all of us to tell the story and to be witnesses, but there is also the call to be an evangelist.” Rev. Hagin then went on to share sobering truths about Heaven and hell, both from the Word and from his personal experiences.

Rev. Hagin is a prophet to be honored and respected for his place in the Body of Christ in these last days — a man who has been in the ministry for nearly 70 years, a man who has literally impacted the whole world through many outreach avenues. The Spirit of God brought forth prophetic words through Brother Hagin in Tuesday evening’s service.

Read these words. Take them to heart. Grasp their meaning. “*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith . . .*” (see Revelation 3:6).

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The Spirit of God brought forth prophetic words through Brother Hagin in Tuesday evening's service. The following prophecy excerpts focus on the future, what is coming in the next three years, and what God is saying to His people now.

Many are concerned about the future and they wonder what will happen. Will darkness overtake, or will the light shine bright?

Yea, saith the Lord of hosts, remember that you're in My hands. And remember that I know the future better than you know the past — and all is well!

I will alert you concerning that which will affect you. I will show you the way to go, and you'll walk in it and be blessed. Above all the people of the world, upon the earth, you shall be blessed. For thou art My people, and My people shall rule and reign. And the blessings of God will fall upon them.

The latter rain shall be poured out. Yea, upon nations that are now barren and void. But the rain will be poured out. The seed will be planted. The harvest will come. The glory of God will shine upon the earth.

And they of the world will walk on in the way in which they've walked! And the darkness shall overtake them.

But ye shall walk in the light! The entrance of His Words giveth light! Walk according to the Word. Walk *in* the Word. Walk *in* the Spirit.

And the power shall rest upon you. And the glory of God shall be seen upon your face! Many shall turn to the Lord. Great days, great times, great blessings are ahead. So rejoice and be glad.



Many are concerned about things that have happened, the terror that has taken hold of the hearts of many. Many are concerned about war. Many are concerned about the future. Darkness seems to be developing. Dark clouds are on the horizon of time.

But, yea, saith the Lord of hosts, walk not by what you see with the physical eye. But walk according to what My Word says. Walk according to what the Holy Ghost is saying unto you!

For He's speaking unto many hearts. And they walk on in the natural and pay no attention to their heart. He's speaking to many spirits! They walk on in the realm of the mental, thinking their own thoughts, planning their own way.

But, yea, saith the Lord of hosts, listen to what the Spirit is saying to your heart, to your spirit. And what He said to you, act upon it! Act upon it! Act like it's so!

Rejoice and be glad. In the face of adversity. In the face of seemingly natural defeat! Because you have inside information, information inside the Word, information given by the Spirit.

And it shall all come to pass. Amen.



We pride ourselves in being a Word church and Word people. And right and good. For it is true, saith the Lord, you are a Word people.

But do not forget that you're also a *Holy Ghost* people — spiritual. Yes, the Word goes forth. But again and again, the Spirit has endeavored to move in your midst and you've ignored Him, and you've kept quiet.

Some have yielded temporarily to the Spirit. For the Spirit seeketh to manifest Himself. He'll manifest Himself in revelation, revealing unto you through the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom, the discerning of spirits.

And He's endeavored to speak! For He does speak unto His people by the Holy Spirit. By tongues and interpretation, by prophecy. And many have held back and would not speak out. And by so doing have quenched the Spirit, and have not only quenched the Spirit, but have grieved the Spirit.

Yea, listen to what the Spirit is saying. *For there will be an outpouring of the Holy Ghost in these latter days. The latter rain — the early rain and the latter rain to gather in the fruit of the earth which He is waiting to receive before He comes again. Yea, it's coming!*

And this year, the year of 2003, is a year of preparation. It's a year of separation!

There will be those who will separate themselves from you, and walk in their own way, carry out their own plan, and have no power, and no glory, and no Spirit. But a deadness shall overtake them.

But there shall be those who will respond in fullness and will say, "Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, I've missed it in times past. I've even been disobedient. Forgive me." And remember that He forgives. Remember that there is mercy. Remember that it is stated, "Let us come boldly to the Throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need."

And so there's mercy and there's grace. And so pick up and go forward and learn. Learn the ways of the Spirit. Study! Meditate!

There shall be a restoration! There is a restoration in progress at the moment. A restoration! A restoration, spiritually speaking, when there shall be restored a full manifestation of the Spirit. . . . and He's endeavored to divide the manifestations unto many who sit here, and you have not responded.

Be not afraid. Yes, man is human and very often man misses it — misinterpreted, missed just [exactly] what He's saying. But do not let those things deter you, but let them be a learning experience.

Yes! Yes! This is the time of restoration. And there is coming a restoration in the world, in the natural realm. Restoration of marriages. Restoration of those who have been out of fellowship one with another. . . .

Many are out of fellowship! But get into fellowship. Get into fellowship with one another. And get into one accord in praising and worshipping God. And the glory shall come in a way that you've never seen it before.

So this year 2003 is a year of preparation. It's a year of not only preparation, but it's a year of restoration. And 2003 will be glorious; it'll build and build one upon another, so to speak.

But it will not all be glorious. Yes, God's blessings are always glorious. But remember Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. And that wilderness experience was not all glorious until the end.

And so there will come to some who sit here a time that'll not seem so glorious.

Tears [weeping], oh yeah, tears shall be shed. Grief shall be endured. But joy cometh in the morning.

And so in many ways, 2003 is a year of opportunity — a year of restoration, a year of rebuilding.

But 2004, what about 2004? 2004 will be a year for more. More power, more glory, more manifestation, more saved,

more filled with the Spirit, more healed! 2004 will be a year for more.

What about 2005? Will time last or will it cease? 2005 — oh my! A year of judgment. Judgment. If we judge ourselves, we'll not be judged. But when we are judged, we're

turned over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh so that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

There'll be judgment in the individual realm. There'll be judgment in the family realm. There'll be judgment on the national level. A day of sternness. A day of discipline. A day of correction.

But the end of the year will be glorious. Amends shall be made. Many shall judge themselves. Nations will turn to

God. And it'll end in a glorious manner.

Now what about 2006? There is no way to tell it! Oh Lord, oh my! How do you describe it? And that's just the beginning. Yeah, when I say "beginning," I'm talking about what happens just at the beginning of the year!

And it'll grow in intensity. . . . it will be a glorious year. It will be a year of heaven on earth! But the end will be [even] more glorious than the beginning.

So rejoice and be glad. The enemy is a defeated foe! Jesus has triumphed. Victory belongs to everyone. No one should come up empty-handed, but everyone should walk in full victory, commanding and demanding their rights and privileges in Christ Jesus . . . demanding nothing of the Father — He's the One who made the provision. But demanding of the devil, who is endeavoring to thwart the plan of God, who is endeavoring to keep it from coming to pass.

But it will all come to pass. It will all come to pass at last.



And the Holy Spirit has spoken unto a number of ministers here tonight. And He's spoken to you in times past. He's told you exactly what to do. You have not done it yet!

And you wonder why He withholds certain things. You wonder why it's tough, or the way seems rough. Go ahead, listen to what the Holy Ghost is saying.

Make your church not only a Word church, but a Holy Ghost church. Put the Word first always. Move in the Holy Ghost in line with the Word.

And the glory shall be made manifest. The glory shall even be seen by many. And the blessings of the Lord will flow like a mighty river. Thank You, Lord Jesus. 🕊



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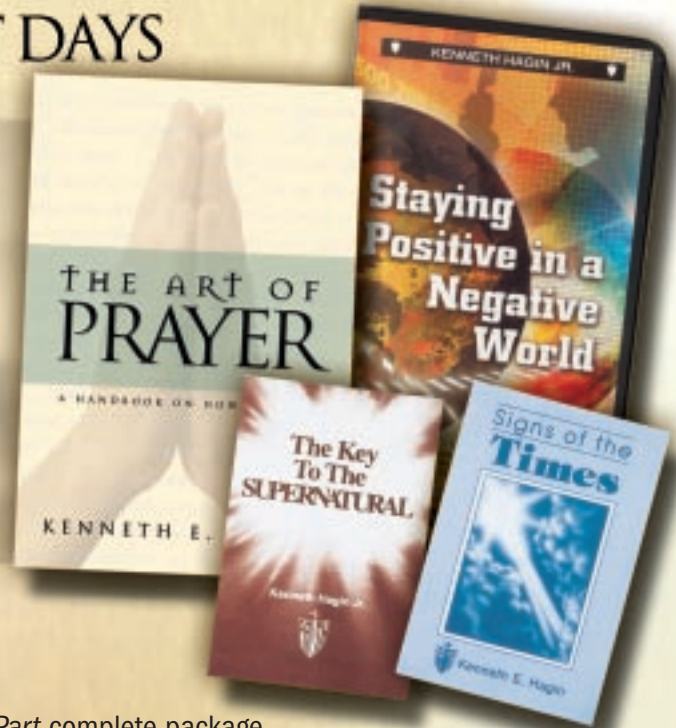
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keys to the Greater Glory

Kenneth Hagin Jr.

[Editor's Note: The following is based upon excerpted portions of messages delivered by Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr. during the morning sessions of Winter Bible Seminar 2003.]

I believe that God has spoken to my heart and given me something to say to you this week. And I believe that if you will listen to what is said during these meetings, you will leave with something that will change your life.

As I began to pray and study, I saw a need for the Body of Christ to have a greater measure of the glory of God in this hour, more than ever before. The need to be changed into the image of Christ is greater than ever before. We must get a revelation of what God wants us to do in these last days. We must be fully equipped to reach the lost and dying of the world with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. And we must be ready when the Lord Jesus returns for His glorious Church.

As the Lord began to deal with me about these matters, He showed me that if we are to see the greater glory, we must first understand it and learn how to operate in it. We must know how to walk in it. And as we begin to do so, we will have greater manifestations of His glory!

We often refer to the glory of God in such terms as the "manifest Presence of God," the "power and majesty of God," the "Shekinah glory," the "glory cloud," or the "cloud of glory." As defined in *Holman's Bible Dictionary*, the glory of God is *the weighty importance and shining majesty which accompanies God's Presence*. The glory of God is defined in *The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia* as *describing the form in which Jehovah (Yahweh) reveals Himself or is the sign and manifestation of His presence*.

One key scripture on the glory of God that I'd like to look at is Haggai 2:9:

HAGGAI 2:9 (NIV)

9 "The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty."

In the Book of Haggai, we find that when the Israelites returned from Babylonian captivity, they rebuilt the walls

around the city of Jerusalem, and their houses. However, sixteen years following their return, they still had not rebuilt the temple! As God said in Haggai 1:4, "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your panelled houses, while this house [the house of God, the temple] remains a ruin?" (NIV). The people had become indifferent to the need for a temple. They had become focused on themselves and their material possessions, and put off rebuilding the house of God.

Now, God is not against His children having material things or living in nice houses. But we need to understand that it is more important to build God's house and to pursue His Kingdom. Some individuals and churches have become more concerned about pursuing prosperity for themselves than they are about pursuing God's plans and purposes, and building His Kingdom through missions and other out-reach programs.

The good news is that it is not too late to start taking care of the house of God! As the Lord instructed the Israelites in Haggai 1:8, "Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honoured" (NIV). God later said in chapter 2:

HAGGAI 2:6,7 (NIV)

6 "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.

7 "I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty."

The children of Israel needed to change their priorities so that the glory of God could return. In one sense, what we see in Haggai is a prophetic picture of the Church today.

In those days, the house of God referred to the temple that Solomon had built, which was subsequently destroyed when the Babylonians came in and utterly ravaged the city of Jerusalem. That house was the "former house" mentioned in Haggai 2:9.

Today, under the New Covenant, we, the Body of Christ, are the temple of the Holy Spirit:

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16 (Amplified)

16 Do you not discern and understand that you [the whole church at Corinth] are God's temple (His sanctuary), and that God's Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you [to be at home in you, collectively as a church and also individually]?

We are now the house of God, or the "present house" spoken of in Haggai 2:9.

In the Old Testament, the glory of God manifested only at certain times. Back then, the Spirit of God did not dwell *within* the people. It dwelled *upon* people, and only upon certain individuals such as the prophet, priest, and king. The glory of God dwelled *in* the Holy of Holies in Solomon's temple.

In the New Testament, we see that the glory of God is continuous because that glory is now inside *us*.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-11 (NIV)

7 Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was,

8 will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?

9 If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

10 For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory.

11 And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

Today, the believer, as the temple of the Holy Spirit, can experience the glory of God 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year! And when we all come together as temples of the Holy Spirit, because we bring the glory with us, we

can then have a glorious manifestation in a corporate body of believers. As you can see, there are both individual manifestations of the glory of God and corporate manifestations of the glory of God.

The children of Israel needed to change their priorities so that the glory of God could return. In one sense, what we see in Haggai is a prophetic picture of the Church today.

As I examined this subject, I began to see some things. You see, I'm 63-and-a-half years old, and I've been in the church all of my life. I was raised in the church where I experienced the anointing and power of God. I was around when the Charismatic Renewal started, and I observed some of the Pentecostal groups that were in the fire of the Spirit, so to speak, concerning the move of the Spirit of God. But I have also seen the power wane in some of those places until they became merely a shell of what they had been in former years. Such things should not be!

The Charismatic Renewal and the faith message have been around long enough now that many people today are beginning to talk about "how it used to be." Friend, it is an

indictment against us that the glory of God is no longer here as it used to be! We have let the glory of God wane in our presence. And I'm here today to issue a call that we must not do as the Israelites did, and neglect to rebuild the temple of God.

If there is to be a greater glory, both in our personal lives and in the corporate Body, then you and I must do something about it! As with the Israelites, there must be a shaking of man's priorities. We must take our eyes off of ourselves and our material things, and focus on the things of God.

When we take care of God's house, He will take care of our house. However, when we neglect God's house, the opposite occurs, as we see in Haggai:

HAGGAI 1:6,7 (NIV)

6 "You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

There are many people today who are living in lack. They don't have enough. Their clothes are worn out. They're planting, but not reaping. They earn wages, but it seems as if the outflow is greater than the inflow. When these things begin to happen, the Lord God Almighty says, "Give careful thought to your ways!" We must seek first God's Kingdom:

MATTHEW 6:33

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

When God says, "Seek first My Kingdom," He's talking about His Word, His Presence, His glory! The Word of God tells us in this passage that all of the material things (food, drink, clothes, wages) discussed in the preceding verses will be added unto you! You won't even have to go after them. Now, I'm not against having material possessions, and I'm not preaching against abundance or prosperity. But I am trying to show you that if you seek first the Kingdom of God, you will have a more prosperous life in every way than you have ever had before.

You see, we must want the glory enough to change some of our priorities and set aside some of our personal agendas. Friend, we are living in critical times. We must begin to preach and teach the Word with a greater fervency than ever before. And we must also show the glory of God in power and demonstration to those in need of His transforming work in their lives. It is in the midst of the greater glory, when we are yielded to Him, that God is able to do the best work, the perfect work. In the glory, we are more conscious of Him than we are of natural things, and more ready to hear and act upon what God is telling us to do. The priority that we are to place upon God and the things of God is perhaps best captured by what the Apostle Paul said in First Corinthians 2:2: "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (NIV). Hallelujah! I'm ready to pursue the greater glory. How about you?

Make this confession with me: "Father, I want the greater glory. I'm willing to do what is necessary for the



greater glory. I'm willing to follow You. I'm willing to drop some of my own agenda. I'm willing to change my ways so that I can experience the greater glory. I now dedicate myself to You to return to true worship — worship in Spirit and in truth — not allowing the negative things that people say or do to dampen my spirit concerning faith and the truths of Your Word. I seek the greater glory.”



The following prophecy was delivered by Rev. Hagin Jr. during his Monday morning message:

I long to pour out My Spirit in a greater way than has ever been experienced before.

I long to move in your midst in a way that you have never seen or experienced up until this hour.

But I am having trouble because you're more concerned about other things than you are about the moving of the power of God.

You're more concerned about whether you have numbers [large numbers of people attending your church] than you are about the power of God.

You're more concerned about your programs, and about this and that!

And you're not as concerned about worshipping Me and lifting Me up!

But I say to you today:

If you will lift Me up, as it is said in My Word, then I'll draw all men.

It's not your programs; it's not your things that are going to draw people.

It is Me that is going to draw people.

And if you will praise and worship Me, and lift Me up, I will come in with the greater glory.

And I will draw the people . . . and you will have the crowd.

Thus saith the Lord God Almighty. ♣

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Seed Thoughts

from Lynette

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)

If we were to look to the natural things, we would be distraught as we consider the world in which we live. These are times in which everything that can be shaken will be shaken, times when the enemy is out seeking whom he may destroy. Unfortunately, many Christians are allowing the devil to destroy them.

I'm reminded of what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church in Second Corinthians 7:5 (Amplified): "For even when we arrived in Macedonia, our bodies had no ease or rest, but we were oppressed in every way and afflicted at every turn — fighting and contentions without, dread and fears within [us]."

Does that sound like our world? Everywhere we turn, there is no ease or rest. Many are stressed out and worn out, fighting sickness and financial woes. Others are concerned about their job stability. All of this outward pressure can begin to work on the inside, and, all of a sudden, not only are you hit from the outside, but fear begins to rise up on the inside. Where peace once dominated, now fear begins to reign.

However, I want to encourage you with the words in John 16:33 (Amplified): ". . . In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you]."

We saw just that taking place during Winter Bible Seminar this year. Thousands came with cares, troubles, and distresses. But from the very beginning, the expectancy of the crowd showed they were ready for God to show up in their midst. And the Lord showed up in a mighty way! The anointing upon every service was as I've not seen before. Oftentimes in seminars or conventions, there will be one outstanding service that you remember. But during this seminar, every service was, as one person said, "a home run."

We saw demonstrated the power available when a body of believers comes together in one mind and one accord. Great demonstrations took place every day. We would all show up at each service to see what God was going to do next! I have been in church all my life, and I cannot recall ever experiencing such a mature body of believers drawing on the gifts as they did. The Holy Ghost was able to

move mightily. No one in the congregation got in the flesh and grieved Him.

One great highlight of the week was the powerful healing service on Friday night. My husband was supposed to preach that night and then pray for the sick. However, the anointing was so strong that he did not want to dissipate it. So instead of preaching, he began to minister by the word of knowledge. I have been in some powerful healing lines, but I think this one exceeded them all. The testimonies of immediate manifestations were phenomenal. I want to share a couple of them with you.

I wanted to let you know what happened Friday night. When Pastor Hagin started to flow in the word of knowledge concerning healing for people's backs, I asked the Lord, "Would You tell Pastor Hagin about the pain in my chest from acid reflux disease?" Then Pastor Hagin called out the chest pain, and he said, "It's not your heart." Well, I've been to the doctor, and he gave me medicine a couple of years ago for the acid reflux disease. The medicine helped, but every once in a while, the stabbing pain would come back. It was exactly like Pastor Hagin described it. When he touched my chest, I went down under the power of God, laughing in the Spirit, and the pain left immediately and has not come back. My wife was also healed of arrhythmia of the heart. She had battled with that for years. The doctor told her she would have to live with it. Not so! Glory to God, we are healed!

— R.A., Iowa

The Friday night healing service was too awesome! I was amazed at the miracles I actually saw happen! My lower back was "killing me," and my neck and shoulders were hurting also. As you were praying for others, every pain left my body. I can't remember having gone to bed without pain, but I slept so good this weekend! I didn't even ask or pray — I just received!

— B.B., Oklahoma

I believe that we are living in the last days and God is wanting to pour out His glory. We must come together in unity and harmony and draw upon the gifts that God has made available. The miraculous things that have happened in the past are nothing compared to what God has in store for us in these last days. Let's come together and expect mighty things!!

Lynette

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‘I knew in my heart that if I had to walk there or hitch-hike, I had to be there ...’

**Arthur Lacroix,
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
RBTC '92**
Ushered 11 out of the last 12 seminars.



At Winter Bible Seminar, spiritual refreshing takes place and it gives God an opportunity to speak to you at that time. It brings you away from the situations you are facing, changes your perspective, brushes you off, and sends you out again.

God is preparing us for the end-time harvest. Tuesday night was a look into the future as to what the Body of Christ can expect as far as God's care and provision for our lives, but it was also a look into the tests, trials, and tribulations that are going to come. If we maintain our faith and trust in God and stay built up in faith and prayer, we can be assured of God's protection in the end.

David Cumbie, Madisonville, Texas
Recently released from prison;
desires to attend RBTC this fall.



Winter Bible Seminar has just been life to me because I had been away for so long. I knew in my heart that if I had to walk there or hitch-hike, I had to be there. It was so good to come back and be where the greater glory that Pastor Hagin talked about is so manifest. One thing I learned in prison was to know the Presence and love of God no matter where I was — in the leather shop, in the gym, in my cell, or wherever. Tuesday night, Heaven manifested in our midst at Winter Bible Seminar. It was like a piece of heaven came down and sat on us, and the Voice of the Lord spoke to us and stirred within individual hearts the purposes of God and the next step for our lives. It was truly an encounter with the Lord.

If God brought you here as a student, this is where you belong. And whether you're a graduate or any member of the RHEMA family, if you don't come to meetings like Winter Bible Seminar, you won't get to where God wants you to be. Dad Hagin said there are ministers who live and die and never fulfill the whole call of God on their life. Meetings like this are a part of it. I think it's a must to stay in touch and do *whatever it takes* to get here. Make it number one on your calendar. I didn't do it all those years; that's why I know the value of it.

Roland Strasser, Basel, Switzerland
RBTC '98

Co-Pastor of Zoe Christliches Centrum

There was such a spirit of boldness on Rev. Hagin Jr. as he shared what was in his heart and brought such a rich message to the people. It was exciting to see! The change was not only in him, but in other people here at RHEMA — in the staff and in worship . . . *a change*. That's what impressed me! I can only encourage people to make a point to come back to be plugged in. Things are changing and things are growing. If I didn't come back regularly, it would be a surprise for me, and I could not plug in the same way.

My suggestion is, if you haven't come back lately, pray about it. There is something that connects us — I couldn't find a family like this anywhere in the world.



Dennis and Mona Grooms,
Decatur, Illinois
RBTC '00
Pastors of River of Life
Family Church

Dennis: Pastor Hagin talked about the greater glory — about how His glory comes in and changes us. God lets us know what's wrong, and we have to make a decision to change and line up with His Word. It's exciting to know that we can attend a meeting as a body of believers and be excited about what God's going to do. We're anticipating and expecting! Glory to God!

If anyone thinks he doesn't need to come back to RHEMA, he is listening to a lie from the enemy. Sometimes it's a money issue that prevents people from coming back, or maybe it's a "can't-do" mentality. But we need to set aside time for meetings like this to get filled up. Just being in a faith-charged atmosphere such as this one, I'm always ministered to by the Holy Spirit. While I'm here, I receive impartations. It's like pulling up to a service station to get filled up, but you get filled up to overflowing in these meetings. Then when we come into contact with others, that which was imparted to us spills over onto them, and they get in on the blessing too!

Mona: People get so busy doing other things that they forget about "home" (RHEMA) and about keeping their roots deep and their foundation established. The devil would love for people in the RHEMA family to be swayed from their roots. He tries to tear up this camp because I really do believe that Brother Hagin and this whole ministry has a big part to play in the end times.

It's hard to stay pumped up when you're always giving out. You need to receive something too. After having been here, we're better ministers when we go back home to our



church. It's just like a family in the natural. We need our mom and dad and our brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts, and uncles. You know what a good time you have when you get together for a family event? You go away refreshed! It's the same thing when you come back to RHEMA!

Don Hiatt, Lenexa, Kansas
Real Estate Investor

The power of God is so great here and the revelation that they have here is awesome. Anybody that is as close to God as he [Brother Hagin] is and as this ministry is — I want to be under that person's teaching and ministry. There's a steady pull for me to come here, and I need it. I didn't understand everything I understand now about the Holy Spirit. It's the *best* thing that ever happened to me. I just get so much out of it. It just hits home with my soul; it's what my spirit needs. The Presence and power of God are here, and He's moving. Even though I'm not a RHEMA alumnus, RHEMA is in my heart; I am a part of RHEMA.



Justin Montoya, Kansas City, Missouri
Former drug dealer and former
homeless person.
Saved two years ago.

Don Hiatt invited me to this "RHEMA Bible deal," and I said "Sounds great. Let's go." I had heard of Kenneth Hagin, but I'd never heard of RHEMA. My experience has been great. It's awesome! Seeing people get healed is amazing. The teachings have been a blessing because I've been getting distracted from my calling by life and work and finances. I came here looking to be refreshed from the Lord and to receive new direction for my life. He's really opened my eyes to some things. I'm growing in the Lord — learning, developing, and being motivated and inspired to want to continue to pursue the calling of God. I've decided to apply here for school in the fall.



Don and Anne-Marie Davies,
Queensland, Australia
RBTC '93
Celebrated RBTC 10-year
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Bible School Teachers

Don: We were able to buy all the WBS videos; they will make a big impact on the



people back home in Australia. Brother Hagin's prophecy Tuesday night will have a very strong and powerful effect. This Winter Bible Seminar was wonderfully stirring; it drew people back into the center of important things. So much of the news today is centered around war and fear and terrorism. The place the Christian needs to be to counteract that has been a bit lost. So we need to be praying and getting ourselves ready to be delivered and protected from fears so that we can be a light to the world in the darkness around us.

Anne-Marie: The Australian people need more awareness of the moves of the Spirit and how to be led by the Spirit. A lot of "word of faith" churches have been just Word, Word, Word with no balance of the Spirit. Realizing more than ever the need for the Word *and* the Spirit, we are excited to get back to Australia with the truths we've learned. Also, I'm not sure if the Body of Christ in Australia believes that Jesus is coming *really* soon.

If we didn't regularly come back home to RHEMA, we wouldn't have the spiritual awareness of what's going on in the Body. Coming back keeps you on the cutting edge, brings you back to the basics, and makes you aware of things that perhaps you have forgotten so you can stay on track.

Don: Coming back helps stir you up! When you're so far away, it's like you're in a different world, and you tend to forget about what's going on "back home" at RHEMA. It's important to come back. The Church is moving on and the teaching has changed, qualities are different, anointings are stronger, and there are more instantaneous healings. RHEMA is definitely at a higher place than when we were students.

Anne-Marie: Even though things keep changing — and for the better — RHEMA is our spiritual home and always will be.

Lizzetta Crittle,
Catbalogan Samar, Philippines
RBTC '96
Missionary



I came to WBS because I felt that the Lord would speak to me in a special way here. There are times when He speaks that you know He has something special to impart to you. WBS this year was such a time for me, and I believe, for the entire body of Christ. We are living in a time when it is *imperative* that we know the Voice of God and are quick to be obedient. I thank God I was in the right place at the right time. Tuesday night was the fulfillment of a desire that has been in my heart since I attended RHEMA as a student. While at RHEMA, I was always believing that the Lord would speak through Brother Hagin words that the Body of Christ could embrace and wage a "good warfare" with. Well, on Tuesday night, I believe we heard those words! Praise God for His divine timing.

It is important to be among my own company — those of like-precious faith — because there is divine fellowship

and unity. While a student at RHEMA, I learned from Brother Hagin the importance of being in your own company. It was among my own company that I received confirmation and specific direction in the ministry that God has called me to.

As a missionary living on the field for over six years, there is a tendency to feel out of touch with what is happening elsewhere. I was built up spiritually during WBS and equipped to go back to the Philippines and do all that God has called me to do.

Alicia Dossenbach,
Muntinlupa City, Philippines
RBTC '93
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After Pastor Hagin's preaching Thursday morning, I was really encouraged to distribute Kenneth Hagin books to all the attendees of my healing meetings. I believe they are the best books, and I want the people to have these books before false teachings enter the country. *The Believer's Authority* is only 50 cents there.

By attending RBTC classes, I was also admonished and encouraged regarding my own teaching. I want to teach the Word like the instructors at RHEMA.

I came to get refreshed, and I was refreshed! This is my home church. For me, coming back reaffirms that no matter where the will of God takes me, I still belong to this camp. I encourage all of the RHEMA family to go back to your roots if you haven't already done so, and to hold fast to your roots!



The Greater Glory in Action . . .

. . . In Prayer & Healing School

“We’ve been having an awesome time over in Prayer & Healing School, and we’ve seen all kinds of wonderful results,” said Rev. Jim Hockaday when he came to the platform to exhort the congregation in Wednesday evening’s service. More than 600 people were in attendance at Prayer & Healing School each afternoon during Winter Bible Seminar. And it is obvious why! There were multiple healings reported from many kinds of sickness, disease, and pain. Rev. Hockaday said Wednesday evening, “One of the great things about being involved in Healing School on a regular basis is, you get to *see* the healing! You get to see the tumors disappear. Today we had people testify to 15 tumors disappearing during the service. And it wasn’t a laying-on-of-hands service; they just started disappearing one after the other.”

With a renewed awakening to the importance of prayer, Prayer School was full of excitement as well! The teaching topics and corporate prayer focus included something different each day: divine destiny, revelation of the believer’s authority, the nations of the world, producing results through prayer, and sending laborers into the harvest. “It’s amazing what happens when we dare to believe that the supernatural is in our midst at all times,” said Rev. Hockaday. And it certainly was at Prayer & Healing School during Winter Bible Seminar 2003.

. . . In Children’s Church

“While you were having a good time down here, we were having an even *better* time in children’s church,” Mrs. Denise Burns, Children’s Minister of RHEMA Bible Church, told the congregation on Thursday night. “Last night was so awesome. Parents if you brought your kids, I promise they will go home changed and never be the same.

“The Lord laid on my heart to share with them last night what Pastor Hagin had been sharing with us in the morning services about the greater glory. I shared on how to usher in the glory of God. After I finished talking, we started singing, and the Holy Ghost came in. Those kids started shouting and jumping and running and praising God! These are first through fifth graders!

“Then it was time to worship, and there was such a beautiful sight. If you can imagine more than 500 first through fifth graders on their knees with their hands raised, tears streaming down their faces, worshipping the King of kings. I told the adults to be quiet and just let the kids sing. And their sweet, precious voices filled the place. You could reach out and touch the Presence of God.

“While we were worshipping God, one little fifth-grade girl came up to me and said, ‘Ms. Denise, while we were worshipping, I felt impressed to check my eyes because I’ve worn glasses since I was in kindergarten.’ The little girl continued, ‘Ms. Denise, I don’t need my glasses. I can see perfectly!’

“In these last days God is pouring His spirit out on all flesh, and that doesn’t just mean adults. That means our



children and our youth, too, and I am thoroughly convinced that the children and youth of this generation are going to have a marvelous part to play in the Second Coming of Christ.

“Campmeeting is coming up in July,” said Mrs. Burns, “and if you have children, they will miss out on something great if you don’t bring them. So bring them to Campmeeting and expect them to be fully changed and on fire for God!”

. . . In Friday’s Healing Service

The anointing was strong on Friday evening as Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Hagin Jr. ministered God’s healing power with great boldness and compassion in a crusade-like format. Many healings took place in the service as Rev. Hagin Jr. instructed those he prayed for to immediately do what they could not do before. There was great expectancy in the air as the congregation saw many people receive instant manifestations of healing!

One exciting testimony came from one of the RHEMA Eagles basketball players, Nathan Schlegel, a first-year RHEMA student from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Two-and-a-half weeks prior to the Friday evening healing service, he was diagnosed by a doctor as having a pinched nerve, torn ligaments, and a stress fracture in his foot. “I was believing for healing,” said Nathan. He had not been able to play in his position as forward for the team, and the USCAA tournament was approaching the following week.

Rev. Hagin Jr. had a word of knowledge for ligaments and fractures, and Nathan went forward to have hands laid on him. He was instantly healed and played in the tournament after all!

During this powerful time of ministry, the anointing was strong to minister to people in need of healing. Rev. Hagin Jr. simply exhorted the people with these words, “I want you to understand something tonight. I can’t heal you, but I know a Man who can. I can’t deliver you, but I know a Man who can. When therapy can’t, I know a Man who can. When doctors can’t, I know a Man who can. If you are going to receive tonight, you’re going to have to believe that that Man, Jesus Christ, took the stripes upon His back for your healing. You’re going to have to believe that He’s here tonight — *now* — to heal you!”

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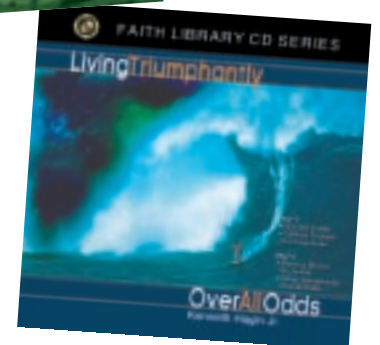
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In 1990 when I was 9 years old, we moved to Tulsa from Germany. My parents attended RHEMA Bible Training Center and graduated in 1993. We then returned to Europe where my dad pioneered a church. But RHEMA is my second home.

Every holiday, my wish was to come to RHEMA for Winter Bible Seminar and Campmeeting. That was my vacation rather than the beach. My dad would send me here as a teenager to stay with friends to attend the meetings.

I became a Word Partner in 2001. Now that I am an adult, I sow seed for my own life. Giving faithfully to Kenneth Hagin Ministries has changed me. But partnership is not just about finances. It is about praying for Brother Hagin, his family, and other people who work in the ministry. It is about staying hooked up with the vision that God gave to the Hagins.

When I turned 19, I moved back to Tulsa to attend RHEMA Bible Training Center and am now in RHEMA School of Pastoral Ministry. I have known in my heart since I was a child that I would be in ministry. It's all I've ever wanted to do. Being a Word Partner Club member allows me to give to a ministry that I believe in and that I have learned so much from all of my life.

(Maria, Hamburg, Germany)

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

The
Secret
to a Life
of
Strength



Each September, Lynette Hagin hosts a unique conference for women in which she and others preach powerful messages and provide practical workshops, food and fellowship, and anointed prayer services. *Kindle the Flame* 2002 guest speakers included Patsy Cameneti, Donna Pickens, and Debbie Varney. Last month's issue highlighted a message by Rev. Patsy Cameneti. The following is a brief excerpt from Debbie Varney's message.

Debbie Varney and her husband, Greg, are the founding pastors of Light of the World Christian Center in Topeka, Kansas. Debbie spoke during the Friday morning service at *Kindle the Flame* 2002.

Speaking on the importance of spending time with God, Debbie taught from the story of Mary and Martha in Luke chapter 10.

Debbie began, "Martha was upset because Mary sat at the feet of Jesus while Martha worked and served. But Jesus answered her, saying, 'Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her' [Luke 10:41,42]. Notice that Jesus didn't cater to Martha's hurt feelings, but He did minister to her need.

"This story applies to us today. On a daily basis, we should be spending time with God. We should listen to Him and

be in fellowship with Him through the Word and through the Spirit. There are so many distractions — so many places to go and errands to run — that we think we don't have time to fellowship with God.

"But the Lord is endeavoring to speak to us each day. He wants to give us wisdom and counsel. We must never get so busy and preoccupied that we can't sit at His feet, so to speak, and relax in His Presence.

"Martha thought her problem involved handling the kitchen duties by herself — food preparation! But Jesus spoke directly to the root of her problem. He told her she was worried about many things. In His Presence, she would have found every answer she needed. But she deprived herself of the Presence and wisdom of God.

"Jesus made it clear that spending time with Him is the most needful thing. Concerning time in His Presence, God said to me, 'This one thing will take care of many things.' Indeed, spending time with God will take care of all things if we will listen to His instructions in every area of life.

"Mary probably faced the same stress, pressure, and frustrations in life as Martha faced. But Mary knew that there was something in Jesus that she needed. Instead of being a troubled woman, she

learned to be a peaceful woman — a woman of rest. She also became a woman with answers, because she spent time with the One who had all the answers!

"Many women tell me, 'Debbie, it's easy for you because you are a Mary. But my personality is like Martha's! I don't know what to do!' I tell them that God never intended for us to be one or the other twenty-four hours a day. We can't read our Bible, pray, or attend church twenty-four hours a day, because there are natural tasks that we must accomplish as women, wives, and mothers.

"Instead, we must find a godly balance between Mary and Martha. We must take time to fellowship with God on a daily basis, and we must make sitting in His Presence daily a way of life. When we sit in His Presence, we will then have the ability to work and to serve, functioning as a Martha anointed of the Holy Ghost! It's only when we spend quality time with God that we will have His grace to do what we've been called to do.

"I encourage you to fellowship with God. As you daily read His Word, let Him speak to you. He will show you things to come. And He will make you a woman of strength! You will be a woman of grace! And you will walk in a peace that is not of this world."

You don't want to miss this year's conference!



Make plans to attend
Lynette Hagin's Women's Conference
KINDLE THE FLAME
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Answering the Call



This past November, men from all over America and from various parts of the world took time to answer a call. Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.'s first annual Call to Arms Men's Conference was held November 7-9, 2002, on the RHEMA Campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

The theme of the three-day conference was "Men of Honor," and it was a time for men of all ages to answer their individual, God-given call in life. In special services, Rev. Hagin Jr. and guest speakers Jeff Perry, Darrell Huffman, and Reggie Scarborough challenged the men to take their place in the Kingdom of God and in their families.

Topics discussed in the various daily workshops included Finances, Career Planning, Family and Parenting, Marriage Enrichment, Time Management, Integrity, Sexual Purity, Goals and Values, Fitness and Stress, and Success in the Workplace. The conference also included a powerful prayer and communion service.

The following are a few testimonies given by men whose lives were changed during the Call to Arms conference.

I received a lot of good ideas and inspiration from the conference, and sometimes that's all it takes to lift you up to the next level. If I had to describe the conference in just one word, I would say it was *super*! It was so worthwhile that I plan to come back again!

Louis Lario
Belleair Bluffs, Florida

I think Pastor Hagin was in his finest hour yet when he spoke at the conference. Call to Arms was totally revitalizing. We saw the wind, the fire, and the rain of the Spirit in action — and we felt it all! It was incredible. I was renewed and revitalized, and I went home with a fresh anointing. My life was changed during the conference, and the change was so overwhelming that I will carry it with me always.

To the men who are thinking about whether or not to attend this year's Call to Arms Men's Conference, I would say, "Be there! The conference will change you!"

Allen Ravine
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

The Call to Arms conference was the most uplifting place I've ever been. The Holy Spirit was so real that it was impossible to ignore the Presence of God! I went to the conference with a burden, feeling that I was unworthy. By the end of the conference, I realized that God sees me as a precious gift — someone worthy of His love, mercy, and care.

I'll never be the same after attending the conference. It has changed my entire life. Call to Arms Men's Conference 2003 is already on my calendar!

David Coheen
Silvis, Illinois

When I went to the Call to Arms Men's Conference, I was spiritually depleted, and I attended the conference to get refreshed. I got exactly what I expected! I got filled up, refreshed, and anointed.

In the past, every time I went to RHEMA, it was to receive something from Pastor Hagin. After attending the conference, I saw him in a different way. I realized that he is also looking for the rest of us to come together and support him, support RHEMA, and support what God has called him to do through RHEMA.

I guess I'm growing up a little bit. I'm starting to look beyond *my* needs to see the needs of others and of Kenneth Hagin Ministries. I used to only go to RHEMA when I needed to receive something. But during the conference, the Lord told me that now I am to go to support Pastor Hagin spiritually, emotionally, and financially.

When many graduates go out in the field, they get away from RHEMA and forget their heritage. I didn't go back to RHEMA for years at a time, and then it was only because I needed something. But I'm growing up. I've learned it's not just about me.

As I sat in several services and workshops, I had a recurring thought. In this body, or army, of believers I feel that I am just a private, so to speak. I don't have a worldwide ministry, and not many people are familiar with me. But I have been connected to RHEMA for more than ten years. I have seen all the times that Pastor Hagin, a *general* in my eyes, has loved me — just a private in this army of God.

The conference taught me that we're all called to come together under this rich heritage of faith, whether we are privates or generals. God's got an army! These are end-times, and all the privates, captains, generals, and so forth must unite together in God to accomplish something great for Him.

I learned throughout the services and workshops that God is asking each of us as individuals to answer a call. The conference was *my* call to arms!

Thomas Kasman
Midwest City, Oklahoma

“... I never felt like the speakers were preaching *at* me. They opened up their hearts *to* us.”

Last November, I was in the process of moving from Oklahoma to South Carolina. I had planned to go to South Carolina for two weeks, find a job, and then go back to Tulsa to finish the moving process. I had a lot of things going on, so I didn't plan on attending the Call to Arms Men's Conference.

Moving takes plenty of expenses, and I didn't know if I would have the money to pay the registration fee for the conference. So I didn't even have the conference in mind.

When I went back to Tulsa, my wife and I visited some friends to say good-bye before we moved. We had a blessed time talking to them, and as we were leaving, they gave me sixty dollars.

My wife and I knew what I was supposed to do with the money — pay the sixty-dollar conference registration fee! God provided the money before I even knew I would have time to attend the conference.

During the conference I never felt like the speakers were preaching *at* me. They opened up their hearts *to* us. I didn't feel like just another number. Sitting in the sessions made me feel like I was someone important.

The workshop taught by Mrs. Hagin was titled, “What Every Wife Wishes Her Husband Knew About Her.” That session was awesome! I've been to other conferences and heard many things about marriage. But sitting in that particular session with Mrs. Hagin, I was able to discover the needs my wife has in our marriage. I really took inventory of myself and saw where I was lacking in our relationship. I was blessed to know that God is gracious and merciful!

Mrs. Hagin presented the teaching with such cheer and laughter. I was with a group of men who sat with open hearts to receive. We laughed and joked, and I was able to receive instruction without feeling condemned about what was lacking in my marriage relationship.

I was excited about going home changed and letting my wife see me be the husband she's always desired.

God's call to arms includes every man, boy, and child. It requires us to be born again and filled with the Spirit of

God. It requires us to stand up and be counted.

To those who are thinking about attending the Call to Arms conference, I would encourage you to go. God will have something specific for you to receive.

**Jerome Bradford
Greenville, South Carolina**

I attended RHEMA in 1996 and 1997. Toward the end of my time at RHEMA, I allowed myself to become offended. I responded badly in return. As a result, I have been separated from RHEMA in general for the past five years.

Recently, I have been traveling across America attending various conventions. I was supernaturally led to attend Kenneth Hagin Jr.'s Call to Arms Men's Conference in November 2002.

In one service, Pastor Hagin said, “Stand up if you're from Australia.” I stood up. And he said to me, “We're really glad to have you here.” When he said those love-soaked words, it was like a wound in my heart was totally healed.

It feels good to be a part of the RHEMA body again. I should never have been out of it. Now I've been grafted back in again because of God's mercy, and it's great.

The conference is about a call to arms; it's about rising up like soldiers. It's a call to put your shoulder to the plow, to stand up, and to start pushing

forward. God's about to reap the harvest of the earth. And we need to stand together and rise up and do what's required of us. We can't do it all by ourselves. But as a collective body, we're going to do it!

**Robert Hawkon
Sidney, Australia**

I want to thank Pastor Hagin for his willingness to follow the Holy Spirit and the leading of God. The weekend was such an awesome blessing for me and for those I know who attended.

Before I went to the conference I had committed to a specific fast for the purpose of receiving wisdom, revelation, outpouring, and victory. God truly revealed Himself and showed me something each and every day — mostly during the three days of the conference. He is my Provider and my Strength!

The ladies who served and provided the behind-the-scenes help during the conference were such a blessing, and I thank God for *all* the work that they did. Those who prepared the meals for the luncheons were awesome too. Nothing was less than excellent.

The Call to Arms Conference was the first time I have ever been to RHEMA, although my pastor and a few members from our church had been to RHEMA Bible Training Center. I'd always heard great things about the organization, and they were all verified during the conference. You are all a credit to God in the work that you do. Praise be to God and to Him goes all the glory and honor.

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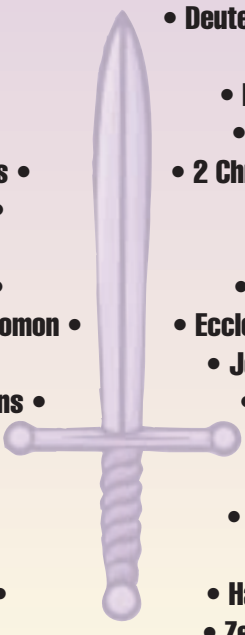
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Fearless, Anointed, Inward-led, Trustworthy Heirs of God

GET YOUR SWORD IN ORDER

If you are skilled at using your sword (The Bible), then you should know the order of the books of the Bible. Draw a line to connect the books of the Old Testament in their correct order. The first three have been done for you. Use the index in your Bible to see if you're right.

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How Sharp is YOUR SWORD?



Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God is living and powerful and SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD. God's Word (The Bible) is a weapon that God intends for you to use against your spiritual enemy, the devil. But if you rarely read it or study it, how effective can this weapon be for you?

Let's imagine for a moment that the only way you can "sharpen" your sword is by reading and studying your Bible. That being the case, underline the phrase below that best describes the "sharpness" of YOUR sword.

- A. Couldn't cut through warm butter.
- B. A paper cut would hurt more.
- C. Sharper than any two-edged Popsicle stick.
- D. So sharp that it inflicts pain on the devil every time I use it.

If you underlined A, B or C then it's time for you to "sharpen" your sword. 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Read and study God's Word and keep your sword SHARP!

Jokes & Riddles



How does the biologist like to communicate?
With his "cell" phone

What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?
Coal

John: Why does your sister jump up and down before taking her medicine?
 Sam: Because the medicine label says to "shake well before using."

A mushroom walked into a restaurant and the waiter said "You look like a fungi!" (fun guy)

Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you?
 Pupil: Not very much!

What did the traffic light say to the car?
Don't look; I'm changing.

There are three houses. One is red, one is blue, and one is white. If the red house is to the left of the house in the middle, and the blue house is to the right of the house in the middle, where is the white house?
In Washington D.C.

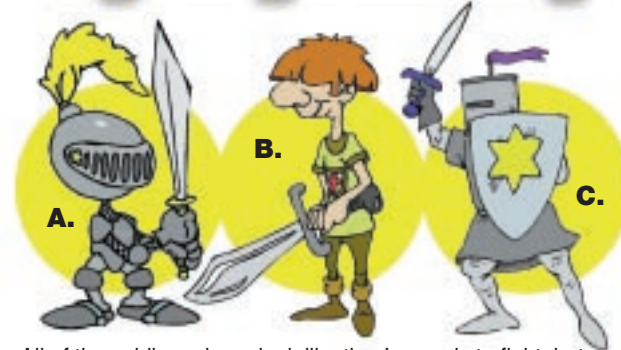
Imagine you are in a room, with no doors, windows, or anything. How do you get out?
Stop imagining

You Figure It Out



Based on what you know about the armor of God in Ephesians chapter 6, how can you tell that this soldier retreated from the enemy? Think it through carefully.

Forgetting Something?



All of the soldiers above look like they're ready to fight, but each one of them is forgetting at least one item from the full armor of God that we find in Ephesians chapter 6. See if you can find the items that each one is missing.

ANSWERS:

Forgetting Something - ANSWERS:
 A. Missing the helmet of salvation, breastplate of righteousness and the shield of faith.
 B. Missing the shield of faith.
 C. Missing the helmet of salvation, breastplate of righteousness and the shield of faith.
You Figure It Out - ANSWERS: The soldier pictured has been shot in his back side so we know that he must have been retreating from the enemy because there is no protection for your back side in the armor of God.
 Think about it...God never intended us to retreat from the enemy or there would be protection for our back.



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