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Going to the other side!

In Matthew chapter 14, Jesus told His disciples to get into their boat and go to the other side. But while they were on the water, a storm arose. They found themselves all alone, laboring in the dark to row against the waves. Seemingly, they were going nowhere fast.

It's a dark day when we come up against temptations, trials, and adverse circumstances in life. It can be hard when it seems we're all alone without help, going nowhere fast. Maybe you feel that way today. Maybe you feel as though you're in the midst of a storm, rowing your boat on life's sea and getting nowhere.

I have had the opportunity to feel that way at times — working hard in the ministry and having situations and adverse circumstances rise up against me. Recently, I was hit hard personally when my dad, whom some called the father of the modern-day faith movement, went home to be with the Lord. Every one of us has faced some hard trials, heartaches, and disappointments in this life.

But we must remember that no matter what we are up against, God loves us, and He is on our side. We may not know how or when, but He will always come through for us if we won't give up.

In Matthew chapter 14, notice that Jesus told the disciples to go to the other side and that He would meet them there. Regardless of the storm, the disciples were doing their part to get to the other side. That's an important point. When Jesus came to them, walking on the water, they were busy doing what He had told them to do.

The majority of the promises in God's Word involve two sides of action: the God side and the man side. Most of them involve "if-then" statements. For example, a verse might say, in effect, "If you do such and such, then God will do such and such."

It's important for us to be busy doing what God has told us to do. Even when it seemed that the disciples weren't going anywhere — when the wind and the waves were tossing their ship — they continued to toil and labor.

In this new year, as we set our sights on new plans and goals, we must be careful to do what God has told us to do. There are things He has commanded all of us in His Word. And there are things He has specifically told you and me to do regarding our individual purpose and divine destiny.

As we obey what God has told us to do, God will be faithful to do all He has promised to do. And no matter what rises against us in the natural, we must not lose our confidence in God, believing that He *will* do what He said He would do. Hebrews 10:35 tells us, "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward" (NKJV). Ephesians 6:13 tells us that after we have done all to stand, we are *to keep standing!* As some have said, we must "keep on keeping on."

It is not for us to figure out *how* God is going to work everything out for our good. Our part is to do whatever God has told us to do and to continue to walk with Him. We can simply trust God and let Him take care of the situation.

God never told us that we would go through life without obstacles. He simply told us to trust Him, no matter what! You



see, no matter what it looks like, feels like, or sounds like, God is our Redeemer! He is our Helper, Savior, and Strength!

If the disciples had turned their boat around and returned to shore, they would have been in the wrong place when Jesus came to find them. Are you in the wrong place? Has God told you to go do something, but you're not doing it? If so, make a fresh commitment this new year to do whatever God has told you to do.

When the storms of life come — and they will come — don't turn your boat around and head back to shore! Keep believing God, and you will receive the answer! It may not be tomorrow or the next day, week, or month, but if you will keep believing God, you *will* see the results He has promised.

In our darkest hour, God is there. In our greatest trials, He's there! As we take our eyes off the darkness, off what is happening around us, we can turn our eyes upon Jesus. With our eyes on Him and not on our situation, we can see that God is always right there with us.

Make this your confession for the new year: "Father, I know You are here with me. I know Your Word is true, no matter what I see and feel. I know You're working for me, turning every situation around for my good according to Romans 8:28. I commit to doing my part, obeying all that Your Word and Your Spirit have told me to do. I am going to the other side! And if a storm arises as I go, I fully expect You to deliver me. I may not know how or when, but I expect it to happen because I have complete confidence in You and Your Word."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth Hagin Jr." in a cursive style.

Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.

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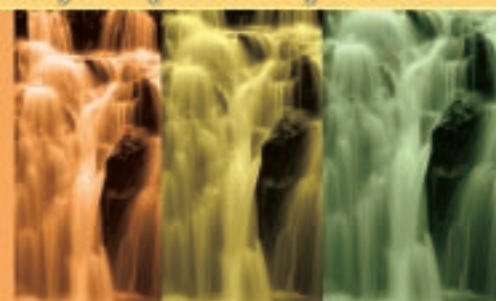
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CONQUERING YOUR SPIRITUAL JERICHO'S

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As you begin the new year, are you nearing the “Promised Land” of something in your life? Have you stood fast, patiently waiting for your prayers to be answered, and now see the fruition of those prayers on the horizon? Perhaps you are near to receiving from God something you have longed for. This is not the time to give up and quit! You can conquer your “Jericho” and receive all that God has in store for you.



Kenneth Hagin Jr.

Even if you are beginning to possess your Promised Land, so to speak, this is no time to sit back and relax. The start of each year is a time to take stock of the past year and of what you have accomplished or have yet to accomplish. It's also a time to make plans and set goals.

We can look forward to the future at the beginning of a new year, hopefully anticipating the good things to come. But we shouldn't be surprised if there are more battles to face. Instead, we must know how to win the victory in order to possess what God has promised us. *We must be ready for our spiritual Jerichos.*

You see, Jericho was the first battle the Israelites fought after they crossed the Jordan to go in and take possession of the Promised Land. But God gave the Israelites the plan for taking this city and winning this battle *without a fight!* This battle was to be won with the high praises of God in their mouths and with a shout of victory!

JOSHUA 6:1-5,16,20

1 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

2 And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the rams' horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him. . . .

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city. . . .

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the

people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

Jericho, the first city the children of Israel took for their possession as they journeyed toward Canaan, was not won by fighting a battle! Think about that! God instructed the Israelites to march around Jericho every day without making a sound. They had their marching orders even though in the natural, the instructions didn't seem to make any sense. Then on the seventh day, the Israelites were to march around Jericho seven times.

The seventh time, as they blew the trumpets and shouted and praised God, the walls fell down. The Israelites simply went in and took possession of *what God had promised them!* The Israelites didn't fight in this battle. They just obeyed God's instructions, shouting and praising God, and God gave them the victory.

In order for Christians living under the New Covenant to possess our "Canaan land," we, too, will have our spiritual Jerichos we must take for God's glory. God has placed desires and goals in each one of us — pursuits and dreams — that are *His* will for our life. We all have our Jerichos we need to possess. But God has promised to give us our spiritual Jerichos! It will be done by *His* power and for *His* glory, not by our own might or strength, and we will give *Him* all the praise for it!

Our Christian experience on earth is, in a spiritual sense, what going through life was in the natural for the children of Israel. The Israelites fought natural enemies that loomed as giants. Our warfare is not against natural enemies, but against supernatural enemies that sometimes seem to loom as giants. However, under the New Covenant, the Lord Jesus Christ has already defeated our enemy, Satan! We need only to stand our ground in Jesus' victory, declaring God's Word and praising God for our triumph in Christ.

God didn't promise that you wouldn't encounter some spiritual Jerichos in life. But He did promise that through *Him*, you can conquer every spiritual Jericho because He promised

you the victory in *every* circumstance in life through Christ (1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14).

Therefore, when you come up against your spiritual Jerichos, begin to encompass them one by one with the Word of God: "Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world!" "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." "By His stripes I am healed." "I am *more* than a conqueror through Jesus Christ." "God always promises me the victory in every circumstance!" "All my needs are met according to God's riches in glory through Christ Jesus" (1 John 4:4; Phil. 4:13; 1 Peter 2:24; Rom. 8:37; 2 Cor. 2:14; Phil. 4:19).

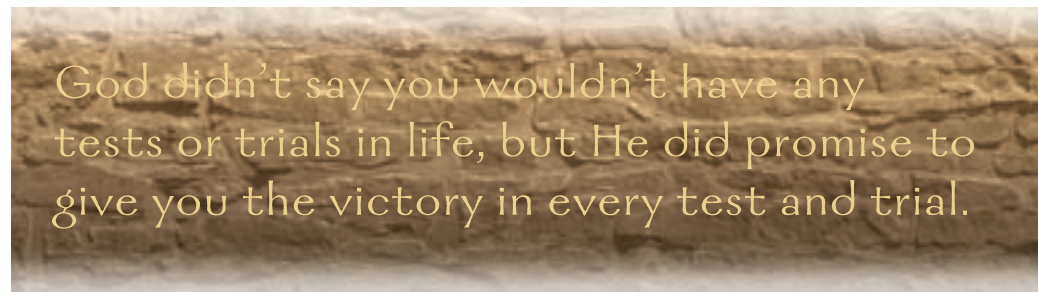
After you've stood your ground with the Word, then demonstrate your faith in God's miracle-working power to give you your rightful possession *by praising Him*. As you praise God wholeheartedly in faith, watch those walls or obstacles fall down in front of you! No devil or evil circumstance can stay in your presence when you learn

before you can be established and prosper in this life! And you demonstrate what you believe by praising God with absolute confidence in His Word!

Do you want the walls that have tried to hinder you in the past to fall down right in front of you so you can march in and take what God has promised you? Begin to shout and praise God with a voice of triumph because you know who you are in Christ. Shout and praise God with a voice of triumph because you are fully persuaded that what God has promised, He is able also to perform!

Every time you come up against a spiritual Jericho, don't let it make you afraid. You have the victory in Christ! Simply begin to march around those impossibilities with shouts of victory, praising God in advance for your triumph.

Faith *believes*. Faith *trusts*. Therefore, faith *praises!* Boldly proclaim your faith in God even though a "Jericho" may be standing right in your way! Don't let that frighten you!



how to praise God sincerely with your whole heart!

God doesn't bring adversity into the lives of His children; He's not the one who causes negative situations in your life (John 10:10; James 1:17). The Bible says *Satan* is your adversary (1 Peter 5:8). God didn't say you wouldn't have any tests or trials in life, but He did promise to give you the victory in every test and trial.

But you have to do as the Israelites were instructed: ". . . *Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established . . .*" (2 Chron. 20:20). You're going to have to believe God's Word

That's no obstacle to God! Demonstrate your confidence in God by praising Him even before that Jericho falls down in front of you, and then stand back and watch *God* work. Obstacles can't stay in the presence of God's people when they sincerely praise the Lord for His greatness and His faithfulness to His Word.

In my Christian walk, Satan has thrown up some seemingly insurmountable obstacles in front of me as I've been marching along my road in life. There have been financial pressures associated with overseeing a worldwide ministry, and there has

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GOD WILL GIVE YOU THE VICTORY!

been sadness over losing my father. But even when Satan puts up walls right in front of my face, I just keep on marching because I have received my marching orders from the Lord.

I continue to quote the Word, saying, "Every need of the ministry is met according to God's riches in glory." "Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world." "I cannot fail with the Greater One on the inside." And I keep marching.

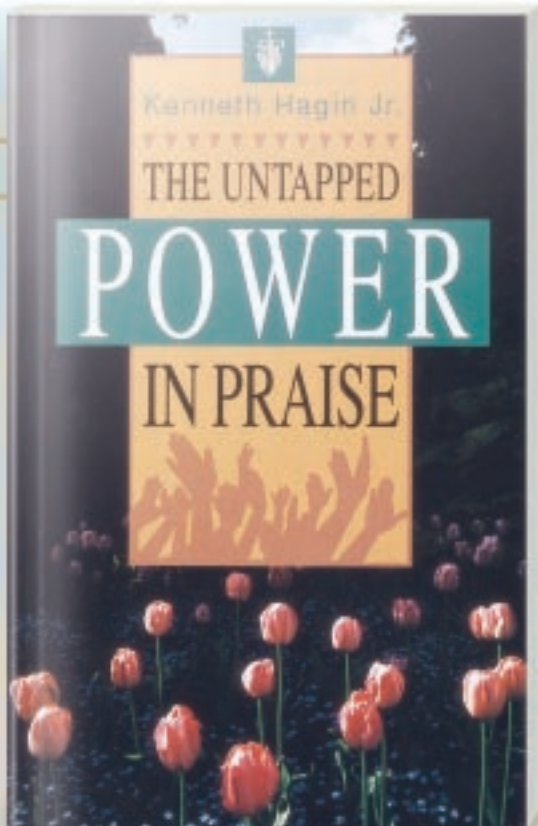
Your situation may seem to grow darker and darker, as you feel that you're marching right into the night. But if you'll keep marching and praising God, sooner than you may think, you'll hear a crack in that barrier and daylight will dawn for you.

If you're diligent to stand on God's Word in faith and to give Him the praise due His Name for His faithfulness to His promises, sooner than you think, that barrier will begin to fall away from you so you can march over the top of it

the victor! Begin to praise God for His wonderful faithfulness to His promises. Praise God, because His mercy endures forever! Nothing can stop a child of God when he learns how to praise God from the depths of his heart!

Whatever you are facing in life right now, whatever you desire to obtain in 2004, if you will learn how to praise God before you see your answer, God will give you the victory! Whatever you need from God, it's available right now if you'll just begin to take God at His Word and praise Him for the provisions He's already made for you in His Word!

Yes, you might have to stand your ground for a period of time. Your situation may not change overnight, and your desires may not be fulfilled in a single day. But if you're faithful to trust in God and in His Word and praise Him for the outcome, the day will come when you will see your victory with your own eyes! Refuse to give up! Stay in God's Presence, singing His praises, and you will see your faith gloriously rewarded! ♠



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Living Sacrifices Unto God

(Editor's Note: The new year is typically a time when people make plans and determine purpose for their life. We felt it appropriate that the teaching article for this issue be an excerpt from Brother Hagin's book Plans, Purposes, and Pursuits. During Winter Bible Seminar 2003, Brother Hagin prophesied some very specific things about the next three years. One thing he prophesied was that 2004 was to be a year of "more." In order for us to obtain and accomplish all that God has planned and purposed for us in this year and in the years to come, we must consecrate ourselves afresh and present ourselves as living sacrifices unto Him.)

Unlike the New Testament Church, the saints of the Old Testament weren't a *spiritual* house. Israel was called the "house" of Israel, but these people were spiritually dead — they weren't born again. The Old Testament priests offered up only physical sacrifices.

Under the New Covenant, in First Peter chapter 2, the Bible calls believers "... *LIVELY stones* ... *built up a SPIRITUAL house* ..."

1 PETER 2:5

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood [the whole Body of Christ], TO OFFER UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

This verse says that as a holy priesthood, we are "... to offer up *spiritual sacrifices* ..." What are the spiritual sacrifices we are to offer up?

ROMANS 12:1

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

True New Testament worship includes the presenting of our body as a living sacrifice unto God. The Bible says *this* is the spiritual sacrifice acceptable to God as a *spiritual house* and as a *holy priesthood*.

The *King James Version* of the Bible says we are to present our body as a "*living sacrifice*." Other translations say that we are to present our body as our "spiritual worship" or as a "spiritual service of worship." The Bible calls this our reasonable service.

It is a part of true spiritual worship for the believer under the New Testament to offer his or her body unto God

as a spiritual sacrifice. When the Church starts worshiping God according to His plan for New Testament worship — you talk about worship!

Jesus said this to me in a visitation: “If the people aren’t taught about spiritual worship — *true* New Testament worship — they won’t get it. They do not know about true worship. They know a little bit about praising Me, but nothing about true worship.”

The spiritual worship of presenting their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, is something many Charismatics know nothing about.

I know because I’ve been around them. I can see why the Lord said, “Charismatics know a little about praising Me, but nothing about true worship.” You can see some Charismatics running around talking in tongues, smoking cigarettes, and sipping cocktails! By such actions, they prove that they don’t know a thing about true spiritual worship!

When many Christians got over into the Charismatic Movement, they seemed to get free from *everything* — all laws, all discipline, all commitment, all restraints. God wants bodies presented as “. . . a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Rom. 12:1). It is your spiritual worship to present your body unto God.

Let’s see what else God wants as a part of true spiritual worship:

ROMANS 12:2

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. . . .

God wants transformed minds. This is another one of the spiritual sacrifices the Bible says the believer is to offer up to God.

Many people are trying to serve God with the same old unrenewed mind they had before they were born again. No wonder they’re still having so much trouble with their body and with their thoughts! It takes *work* and *discipline* to renew our mind. It doesn’t come by simply attending church or by praying, and it doesn’t come overnight. It requires diligently meditating in God’s Word and learning to change our ways and patterns of thinking to line up with what His Word says. But renewing our

mind is not an option if we’re going to be true worshipers. A transformed mind is part of the spiritual worship we are to offer up to God.

Hebrews 13:15 says we also are to offer up to God the *sacrifice of praise*, which is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks unto His Name! This is an acceptable sacrifice to God and another part of our spiritual worship. The fruit of our lips offering praise to God is a part of *true* New Testament worship.

EPHESIANS 5:20

20 Giving thanks always for [or in] all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HEBREWS 13:15

15 By him [Jesus] therefore let us offer the SACRIFICE of PRAISE to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

What does the Bible mean by “the sacrifice of praise”? And how are we going to offer it to God? Look at this verse again: “. . . let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the

When I was just starting out in the ministry, I preached prosperity, because I knew that it was in line with God’s Word. But I was the most unlikely candidate for prosperity you ever saw. I drove an old worn-out car. In fact, I finally sold it for junk; I couldn’t have sold it otherwise. I had a hole in one pocket and a dime and a pocketknife in the other pocket. But I went down the highway praising and thanking God. Did I thank God *because* I didn’t have any money? No! I praised and thanked God because even in the midst of not having any money, His Word was true and I had yet another opportunity to believe Him and to prove His Word works. I thanked God in the midst of everything I happened to go through.

A person filled with the Spirit will be full of thanksgiving — thanking God for His great plan of redemption He sent Jesus Christ to con-

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fruit of our lips giving THANKS to his name.” Therefore, the Bible says New Testament praise is “the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name.”

Let’s see what else the Bible has to say about the fruit of our lips.

PHILIPPIANS 3:1

1 Finally, my brethren, REJOICE in the Lord. . . .

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

4 REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16,18

16 REJOICE evermore. . . .

18 In every thing GIVE THANKS: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

We can’t thank God *for* the devil’s work. That would be unscriptural. We aren’t to thank God for what the devil is doing. But in the midst of it, we can give praise to God.

summate and thanking Him for every good and perfect gift.

True New Testament worship is to live a *life* of thanksgiving. What a difference giving thanks will make in you!

So what is God’s plan for the New Testament believer? Ephesians 5:18-20 tells us.

EPHESIANS 5:18-20

18 . . . Be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament, the emphasis of *true* worship is being filled with

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Amazing Testimonies, Inspired Faith

“Tonight is healing night!” Kenneth E. Hagin declared at his All Faiths’ Crusade in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, earlier this year.

He added, “The Bible says faith *comes* by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, but good testimonies *inspire* faith — the faith you already have.”

In support of this statement, Dr. Sandra Kennedy, founder and senior pastor of Whole Life Ministries in Augusta, Georgia, came to the platform to do just that: inspire faith. She gave marvelous testimonies that ignited an atmosphere of faith — faith you could almost reach out and touch.

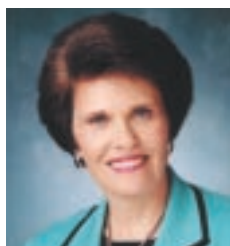
“We have had a healing center and healing teams in Augusta, Georgia, for about six years now, and miraculous things are happening!” Dr. Kennedy reported. “Six brain-dead patients — with only minutes to live before ‘pulling the plug’ — came out of the trauma unit healed! I’m talking about people in a coma who were more dead than alive.

“We stood over them, preaching and teaching the Word of God, speaking to the spirit man because the *spirit man is not dead!* And the Spirit of God [quickened] them to the point where they arose from their deathbed!”

Dr. Kennedy’s healing teams (currently made up of more than 100 people) are welcome in all five hospitals in Augusta, including every trauma and emergency unit. The three- or four-member healing teams go to the hospital to visit patients at the *request* of doctors, nurses, and paramedics.

Giving God all the glory for the great things He has done through her ministry, Dr. Kennedy said, “It took years to build this kind of reputation, but God has been standing with and helping us. We go in with integrity, lifting up the Word of the Lord!

“When someone dials our number and asks us to come, a healing team will go visit the person and make sure, first of all, that they are born again. Then the team will show them what God’s Word says about healing. After that, we let them make up their own mind concerning what they believe about it.”



Dr. Sandra Kennedy

Dr. Kennedy reported that a nurse who graduated from the Medical College of Georgia was one of the six brain-dead patients who found out, firsthand, about the prayer of faith and God’s supernatural healing power. Whole Life Ministries’ healing team prayed and believed God for the nurse’s healing and she arose from her

deathbed less than eight minutes before she was to be taken off life support!

After hearing of the nurse’s miraculous turnaround, leaders at the college invited her to come and tell the medical students about the healing that was clearly beyond the realm of medicine. And that’s not all. The Medical College of Georgia now invites Dr. Kennedy to teach its medical students about God’s pathway to healing! Without question, these testimonies exhibit the favor and power of God in action.

Dr. Kennedy speaks with reverence and honor about her relationship with Kenneth E. Hagin and his ministry: “I am not a RHEMA [Bible Training Center] graduate, but in my heart, I am a RHEMA graduate. I often told Dad [Hagin] that I’m a RHEMA graduate . . . simply because I’ve listened to *every* tape he ever made! For over twenty years, not a

day has gone by that I haven’t listened to one.”

Healing was the mainstay of Brother Hagin’s ministry for nearly 70 years. Through his ministry outreaches, including millions of tapes and books in circulation, his teaching of God’s Word about faith and healing changed many lives. The thrust of that ministry still goes on today at RHEMA.

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God's Spirit Poured Out Upon His Handmaidens

You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. — Psalm 138:28,29 (NIV)



In 1986, Sue Tate of Salem, Oregon, received a scripture from the Lord: “The Lord gave the Word; great was the army of women who bore and published it” (Ps. 68:11). “He told me I would be a part of this great army,” she recalled. “In the following years, as I was growing in the Lord and learning how to pray, God was constantly teaching me about being under authority and yet having all authority, about standing firm and being vigilant . . . about being a prayer warrior.”

In 2001, Sue saw an ad in *The Word of Faith* magazine for Lynette Hagin’s first *Kindle the Flame* women’s conference. “Even though I had never gone to anything but local events before, I knew instantly that I wanted to go,” she said. “God supernaturally provided both my plane ticket and my motel room; the only thing I had to pay for was my food.” At the conference, she heard Lynette share her vision for this annual gathering of women. “When I heard her stand up and say

that God was going to gather an army of women around her, my spirit leapt within me. I was so excited. I knew this was what God had shown me. I went home from that first conference with a purpose.”

Sue has since attended every *Kindle the Flame* women’s conference. She comes with her sister Carla Monares, who lives in Olympia, Washington. “We have made the commitment to save all year long for this one event because we have taken hold of the vision. God has an army. We are in it. And it is destined to do great things and make an impact for the Kingdom of God,” she said.

Kindle the Flame 2003 was held September 25-27 on the RHEMA campus in Broken Arrow,

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Oklahoma, with guest speakers Patsy Cameneti, Anne Durant, and Kate McVeigh. For Sue Tate and the 1600 other women who attended, the gathering was, in the end, far more than a time of great refreshing, strengthening, and fellowship. At its very outset, it seemed a “different” type of meeting. Anticipation and joy filled the air as each woman stopped at the registration table, received her welcome bag stuffed with conference materials and a beautifully wrapped scented candle, and headed into the main church auditorium.

Spiritual Seasons in Life

Opening the conference Thursday evening, Lynette Hagin spoke on the different spiritual seasons in a

woman's life. She talked about the seasons of commitment and of preparation as well as the season of waiting and the testing, or proving, season. Sharing personal accounts of these spiritual seasons from her own life, she remembered her season of waiting after the Lord first impressed the women's conference upon her: “It was 27 years

ago that the Lord said to me in a time of prayer, ‘I will gather an army of women around you. And it will be a mighty force in the last days!’

“I waited and I waited, and I knew that I needed some ‘seasoning.’ I thought, *Well surely, at 40, I'm seasoned a little bit.* And God said, ‘No.’ I waited another 10 years. I thought, *Surely, at 50, now is the time.* But God said, ‘No.’ It wasn't until I was 55 that God said, ‘Now is the time.’ Twenty-five years I waited. We started our first women's conference three years ago. *And it was at that time that God finally gave me the plan. . . .*”

Two Kinds of Flames

It was a plan with a *divine* purpose behind it. Speaking Friday evening, Patsy Cameneti opened by revisiting the history and purpose of the *Kindle the Flame* women's conference. She likened the purpose to one of two types of

flames found in the scriptures. The following is an excerpt from her message:



The purpose was, as Lynette stated in the first meeting, that God was going to rally a group of women around her. But it wasn't just any group. It wasn't a bunch of women coming for a tea party. It was *an army* of women.

Now I like that — because then we're all going somewhere! We're not coming just to look at each other and to compliment one another and to edify one another. That's all included in drawing

an army together — to come to get ministered to, come to get fed, come to get refreshed. *But an army has a purpose beyond itself!*

The name of this particular conference is “Kindle the Flame.” Looking over my notes from past years, I saw that there were *two kinds of flames* that stood out to me in examples in the Scripture. One was the flame or the fire that Peter warmed himself by shortly before he denied Jesus three times. I don't believe this is to be that kind of a flame. We can come here and just warm ourselves by the flame and it will have no long-lasting effect in your life — and certainly no effect on anybody else beyond yourself.

It's better to do what Gideon did with fire and his 300 men. He lit a torch, hid it under a lamp, and at a certain time, he broke the lamp. The light was revealed, and they cried, “The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!” And they won an incredible battle for the Lord.

God wants us *to do something with our fire.*

Assignments From Above

The work to be done came in the form of specific assignments — assignments on an individual level and assignments on a corporate level. Like packages containing explicit orders from the Lord, they were parceled out at various times and in various forms throughout the weekend. The following prophetic words, brought forth by the Spirit of God through Lynette in tongues and interpretation, center on these assignments from above.



And we shall run the race. And we shall walk the course. And we shall go forth for the plan of God for our life. And we shall not be deterred. Oh no! But we shall walk forward. . . . And those orders shall come very strongly. And those orders shall come very clearly. . . . We shall not question. But we





Enlisting Women From All Over the World

The women in attendance at *Kindle the Flame 2003* came from 40 states and nine foreign countries — including Samoa, South Africa, Norway, and Colombia.

The largest group to attend the conference from abroad came from RHEMA Mexico. Rhonda Rogers, co-director of RBTC Mexico, brought the group of more than 20 women. She said their purpose was fourfold: first, to give; second, to receive and strengthen their own walk with the Lord; third, to observe and get a vision for excellence of ministry; and fourth, to enjoy the fellowship of other women.

Speaking on the first goal, she said: “They came primarily to be a blessing. In an army, you don’t think, ‘What’s in it for me?’ You think, ‘What benefit can I be to the army?’ And because I’ve known from the very beginning the vision for this meeting, I’ve been dealing with my ladies the same way and preparing them to think in those terms — to ask, ‘What can I give into this army for God?’”

Wendy Prince traveled halfway around the world from Singapore to attend the conference. She described the gathering as follows: “It is like a ‘United Nations’ of women. It’s really my privilege and honor to be here and to be a part of this event.”

As the wife of Pastor Joseph Prince of New Creation Church in Singapore, Wendy came with Adeline Gan and Karon Ng, both of whom serve in the ministry of helps at the church. Adeline, who sings and leads worship at New Creation Church, said, “The worship here is so different from our style back home, and yet I really enjoyed it. The anointing is evident. I could feel the anointing, and I could worship.”

“It’s great to see the Body together — worshipping together, sitting and receiving the Word together, and praying together,” said Karon. “It is amazing how God talks to each of us and binds us together by His grace. We could be miles, thousands of miles, apart, and yet we are moving in the same direction — His direction. And that is awesome.”

shall go forth with our assignment. For there are many assignments that must be accomplished.

— Prophecy excerpt from Thursday night, September 25, 2003

Do not neglect that call. For it’s a big assignment. A big assignment! . . . And it’s not just a yearly assignment. No, no, no, but it’s a daily assignment. A daily assignment! And you must come aside, and you must come before My face . . . and I will reveal those mysteries.

— Prophecy excerpt from Friday night, September 26, 2003

Underscoring the importance of each woman’s individual assignment, Lynette said, “Every one of our assignments is different. But it’s very, very important that we walk in our assignment. Don’t ask to do somebody else’s assignment. Your assignment is just as important as your friend’s, your neighbor’s — every assignment is important.”

Instructions Concerning Prayer, or ‘Prayer Assignments’

As each woman received understanding, strength, encouragement, and direction — with assignments — for her personal life, a corporate assignment came to light. It was an assignment having to do with the work of prayer.

In the Candlelight Prayer Service on Saturday night, Lynette taught and admonished the women on prayer. Emphasizing that prayer is “the power plant of the Church” and that it will take prayer to accomplish the last-day mission, she said, “One of the greatest ministries that we can have is prayer. . . . Because God moves through prayer! Prayer changes things.”

Lynette shared that it seemed an “overwhelming mission” when the Lord first revealed to her that she would teach on prayer and lead others by example in it:

To me, it was an *overwhelming* mission. Because, first of all, I didn’t feel qualified. Second of all, praying has always been very private to me. I’ve never wanted to let anybody else into my prayer closet. That’s something that I’ve always done *privately*. . . .

I don’t like for people to hear me pray. I don’t pray pretty, you know? I always would love to hear people pray . . . and use all of these adjectives. And all I say is, “God, I’ve got a problem and I need Your help. And I’m really frustrated right now, God! Because it seems like You’re late!” And that’s the way I pray. . . .

I knew that in order to lead people into prayer, I had to let them into my prayer closet, and that was hard. But finally I said, “Okay, Lord, I’ll do it.” . . .

And as we began formulating these women’s meetings, I said, “God, I don’t want to just have a meeting ‘just to have a meeting.’ There are plenty of meetings. Our time is too valuable. . . . I’ve got to have a purpose.”



And He said, “The purpose is to gather *an army of women*. And there is a *great mission* for you to do in these last days.” And then, as He began to give me the plan, [He said] that *the utmost purpose of the mission was to pray!* Because it was going to be prayer that would *usher in that last-day revival*.

Prayer assignments were distributed that evening at the conclusion of Lynette’s message. They included the assignment of *continual* prayer for the harvest; an “immediate assignment” to pray for the President and the nation’s safety and elections; a third assignment to pray for one another; and a fourth assignment to pray for marriages. Referring to these four specific assignments, Lynette said, “We’re going to pray to that effect tonight. And it’s just going to be a *start* to what you are supposed to do all year long.”



On Friday evening, the women joined in a powerful time of united prayer that targeted the breaking down of “walls of partition” — whether in families, between friends, in churches, or across nations — and the gathering together of all things in Christ (see Eph. 1:10). During that time of prayer, the following prophecy came forth:

There have been years of preparation, years of gathering My army. But I’m saying to you this night — this night is the beginning, the beginning of that which I have planned for so many years. A coming together; a coming together; a coming together. And as you come together in one mind and one accord, the “suddenly” shall happen! And wall after wall after wall shall come down. For this is the catalyst. Oh yes, this is the catalyst of the manifestation of the purpose for which I’ve called you.

Kindle the Flame 2003 was the gathering of a vast army of women for the Lord to carry out a work that would extend well beyond the three days of the actual conference. It was the unfolding of a commission given over 25 years ago. And it would be only the beginning of a work that will continue on in the years to come.

[Editor’s Note: Where appropriate, quotes and excerpts included in this article have been edited for length and clarity.]

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September 23-25, 2004

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With Lynette Hagin
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Developing the Whole Woman

With the many roles that women take on in life — in the home, at the workplace, in their church, and so forth — *Kindle the Flame 2003* included a variety of events, activities, and workshops aimed at developing the *whole* woman. Indeed, there is much that God has called His women to do!

This year, the conference workshops focused on various areas of enhancing the home — to help women, who are frequently called the “heart of the home,” keep their homes inviting and beautiful.

“Never a Mistake — Add Another Layer” was a two-part workshop on faux painting techniques. Said Theresa Stewart of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, “It was good to get *practical* tips and ideas that we can use to make our homes nice for our families. God is creative, and He wants us to bring that creativity into our homes —

in decorating, entertaining, and just making our homes a lovely place.” She added, “Even in the practical things that we hear, we can learn some spiritual lessons. I was impressed in these workshops, for example, that God also wants us to be open to His ‘creative’ ideas in our times of worship and prayer.”

The Saturday afternoon style show was a fun time for women to relax and see the latest fashion trends as modeled by RHEMA staff, students, and church members. Encapsulating the importance of maintaining balance in our lives, Lynette said, “One of my heart’s desires is that we need to develop the whole woman. We need to have spiritual food. We need to have physical food. We need to have laughter, and we just need to live a balanced life!”



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the Spirit, speaking to ourselves in psalms and hymns, giving thanks always, and presenting our bodies and transformed minds to God as living sacrifices. God considers this our spiritual service. This is God's plan.

What is God's purpose in this plan? His purpose is to help us, to build us up! Since this is God's plan, we are to pursue it and follow it! Paul said, "... forgetting those things which are

behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13,14).

There is a high calling for the Body of Christ. We stand on the threshold of a mighty move of God's Spirit. God has revealed His plan whereby we can

enter into the fullness of His blessing. It is now up to us to pursue God's plan with His purpose and usher in the next great outpouring. But we must be willing to pay the price.

The following prayer of commitment came forth under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit during Homecoming 1987 after I had taught on this and other related subjects. May each of us make this our prayer, and may we choose to pay the price necessary to walk in God's plan — not only His plan for our individual lives, but His plan for the

world in this hour.

Dear Father God,

I am willing. I not only have a willing mind, I have a willing heart — a willing spirit! I will to do Your will — to follow Your plan. Though it may be hard on the flesh, though there may be a cost, I'll pay the price and I'll do Your will. I'll follow Your plan. Your will shall be accomplished

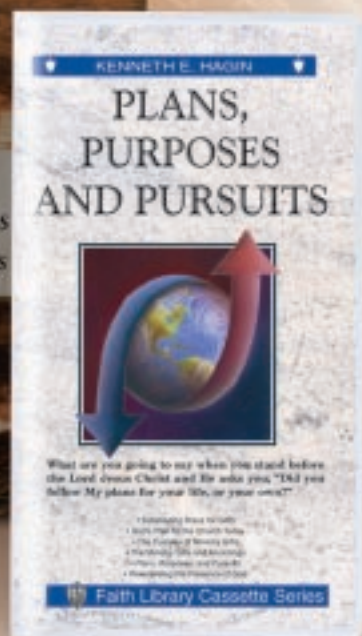
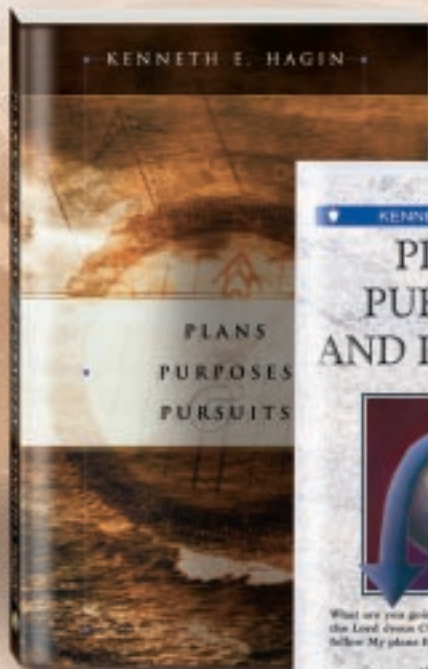
in my life, and Your plan shall be perfected in the Name of Jesus. I will not draw back. I will not go back on the words I've spoken this day no matter what it may seem to cost. No matter how much it may seem to hurt, I know the rewards are great and that it pays to obey You.

Thank You for working in my life. Thank You for preparing me for that which You have prepared for me. Thank You for showing me those things which I see not. Thank You for teaching me those things which I know not. Thank You for preparing me for that which You have prepared for me. Your will I will do.

I purpose to be faithful, true, dedicated, and consecrated — not just for today and not just in word, but in action. And tomorrow and the next week and the next year and forever, I'm Yours! Use me, O Lord. Make me a blessing unto humanity.

May Your plan and purpose for my life be perfected in me. And it is You, God my Father, who is at work within me. I yield to You. I trust in You, and I'll not allow my natural mind to dominate me. I'll maintain the vision. I'll maintain the glow. I'll maintain the commitment. And I'll not forget, but with You, I will go. ♠

It is now up to us to pursue God's plan with His purpose and usher in the next great outpouring.



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Seed Thoughts by 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)

It seems impossible that 2003 has come and gone. You may have said, as I did, "With the help of the Lord, I made it through the year." It was indeed a challenging year for our family. Many times I had to stand on the truth of Psalm 46:1 which says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Our Heavenly Father is always there for us, if we will just ask for His help.

Last year is history, and we now look to this year...2004. I believe the Lord is calling for a greater commitment from us all in this next year — a commitment to spend quality time in God's Word and a commitment to put the Word of God into practice.

After the death of Moses, the Lord told the Israelites, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8). Each one of us desires to have a successful and prosperous life. The Bible has given us the formula for success. Joshua 1:8 tells us to meditate in the Word continually and to practice the Word of God in our lives.

Each year, many Christians include these two items in their New Year's resolutions: to study the Word more diligently and to spend more time in prayer. However, if we're not careful, the enemy subtly begins to steal our time, and we find ourselves too busy in the natural to spend time with the Lord. This year, I encourage you to not let the enemy rob you of the one thing that will make you a success in life.

As the Body of Christ, we have a great work to do. I believe we are living in the last days. The Lord needs laborers. Matthew 9:37 and

38 says, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Each one of us can be a laborer in the harvest field. I encourage you to be a witness in your world. Your world may include your neighbors, fellow workers, or people you meet on the street. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with your world.

I have often had the opportunity to witness to others about God just by living a godly life. There is an old adage that says, "Actions speak louder than words." It's important that we be good witnesses through our actions. When a situation arises and my flesh wants to react, I choose to be a godly example. For

instance, when someone cuts in front of me in a line, I simply smile and say, "You must be in a hurry. Please go ahead of me" (even when I'm in a hurry too). You would be amazed how a simple gesture like that can open the door for witnessing.

Psalm 37:23 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." Let the Lord guide your steps this year. Be sensitive to His promptings. Many times we miss a good opportunity because we are not sensitive to the voice of God.

As you allow the Lord to lead and guide you throughout the year, I know He will bring His Word to pass in your life. He will do exceeding abundantly above all that you could ask or think, according to the power that is at work in you (Eph. 3:20). I believe 2004 holds great abundance for those who dare to trust and believe God!



Lynette



From the Archives

A nostalgic look at the beginnings of Kenneth Hagin Ministries



FEATURE: FROM THE ARCHIVES

A Better Preacher Because of the Baptism

In this segment, Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin recalls how receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit impacted his preaching ability and the condition of his church congregation.
[Editor's Note: This *From the Archives* is taken from Rev. Hagin's book *Understanding the Anointing*.]

After I was baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues, I didn't announce it to my church. I followed that anointing in me that teaches you all things. Something on the inside of me said, "Don't say anything about it in church." So I never mentioned it; I just went right on with our services in that little country church.

It wasn't thirty days until people started saying, "What happened to you?"

"What do you mean, what happened to me?"

"Well, you're different," they said.

"What do you mean, I'm different? Is it good or bad?"

"It's good," they said.

"Well," I said, "what is it? What do you mean?"

"Oh, you've got power you didn't have before. When you preach, you have power you didn't have before."

I had been anointed to preach before, but now the anointing to preach was increased.

The people said, "When you preach now, it almost knocks us off the seats."

They didn't mean I was a hard preacher — it was just the power behind the preaching.

Ours was a community church — the only church in the community — and eighty-five percent of the people were Baptists. One member of the congregation was a Presbyterian.

This Presbyterian gentleman was wealthy, even for that day. He owned many acres of land. All of his children were grown and married. Just before he and his wife left on a tour to Europe, he had heard of a couple in the community who had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and he had announced, "If that talking in tongues gets in here, I'm pulling all of my folks out!" There were seven families of them.

While he was in Europe, I received the baptism. When he returned, he asked another member, an elderly Methodist man, "What happened to our little preacher while I was gone?"

This Methodist gentleman was a spiritual giant. He told me he

answered, "Oh, has something happened to him?"

"Yes, it sure has," the Presbyterian said.

"What do you mean?"

"Well, he's a better preacher than he used to be."

"Well, I always thought he was a good preacher," the Methodist answered.

"Yes, but he's more powerful now than he ever was before. He's got a power he never had before."

I had shared my experience with the Methodist man, although I hadn't told it publicly because I didn't want the church split.

So he said, "Mr. C., you know what happened to our little preacher while you were gone?"

"No."

"He got baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues!"

The Presbyterian dropped his head, and the Methodist didn't know if he was about to announce he was pulling out or not.

The Presbyterian announced, "I've heard him preach before, and I've heard him preach since, and I want it!"

We never lost a member; we never lost a family. They saw the value of the experience.

Ninety-three percent of them followed me in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the other seven percent still attended the church!

To be continued . . .



Kids' Page

Fearless, A-ointed, I-guard-Led, T-rustworthy H-irts of God

Test Your Memory!

Memorize Ephesians 2:10 written below and when you have it memorized, cover the verse with your hand and then try to find all of the errors in the verse inside the box. "X" out wrong words that are used and put a circle where words are missing.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we were God's workers, made in Jesus to do bad works, which God prepared in advantage for us. Ephesians 1:10

You Were Created To...

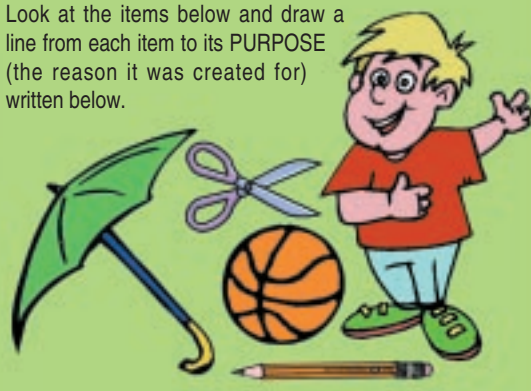
Fill in the boxes to the right by finishing the sentences below. When you are done, the yellow boxes will tell you what you were created to do.

1. Fish were created to.....
2. Bowling balls were created to..
3. Roosters were created to...
4. Questions were created to..
5. Axes were created to.....
6. Teeth were created to.....
7. Tops were created to.....

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what's the PURPOSE?

Do you know what the word "purpose" means? Simply put, PURPOSE is "the reason a thing was created for." Look at the items below and draw a line from each item to its PURPOSE (the reason it was created for) written below.



PURPOSES

- A** The purpose of this item is to write on paper.
- B** The purpose of this item is to keep people from getting wet when it rains.
- C** The purpose of this item is to cut fabric and paper.
- D** The purpose of this item is to bounce and to be shot into a goal.
- E** The purpose of this item is to glorify God and to do good works.

That was easy, wasn't it?! Of course, each one of the items above can be used for other things besides its intended purpose. For instance, you can beat a pencil on a drum and it becomes a drumstick . . . but that is not what it was CREATED TO DO! Isaiah 43:7 says that YOU were created for God's glory, and Ephesians 2:10 says that YOU were "created in Christ Jesus for good works." You have a PURPOSE! SO, DO WHAT YOU WERE CREATED TO DO!

jokes & riddles

A merry heart does good like medicine. - Proverbs 17:22



What has three feet but cannot walk or run?
A Yardstick

Johnny: Go ask your dad for 50 cents.

Sam: I can't.

Johnny: Why not?

Sam: Because mom said that dad doesn't have any cents (sense).

Why did the little boy put a clothespin on a skunk's nose?
To keep it from SMELLING.

Tommy: Mom, what's the difference between a needle and a pin?

Mom: A needle has an eye in it.

Tommy: But a pin does too!

Mom: No it doesn't.

Tommy: Sure it does . . . P "I" N!

Why couldn't the triangle enter the race?
Because it was in no "shape" to run.

Where did the watch repairman get parts?
At the "Second-Hand" Store

SIMILAR PURPOSES

The 12 items shown below may all be different, but under closer inspection there are 4 groups of items that have similar purposes. There are 3 items in each group. Can you find the 4 groups and tell what similar purposes they have?



YOU WERE CREATED TO... ANSWERS: 1. SWIM 2. ROLL 3. CROW 4. ASK 5. CLOPE 6. BITE 7. SPIN 8. BLOW 9. BLOW 10. BLOW 11. BLOW 12. BLOW
SIMILAR PURPOSES - ANSWERS: GROUP 1 - MICROSCOPE, BINOCULARS, MAGNIFYING GLASS; THEY ALL HELP YOU LOOK AT THINGS CLOSE UP. GROUP 2 - SAW, UTILITY KNIFE, LAWN MOWER - THEY ALL CUT SOMETHING. GROUP 3 - SAFETY PINS, PAPER CLIPS, CLAMP - THEY ALL HOLD THINGS TOGETHER. GROUP 4 - MEASURING CUP, SCALERS, TAPE MEASURE - THEY ALL MEASURE SOMETHING.