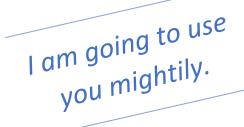
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It was July 1997. I was sitting at a meeting at the living word Christian center foundation class, as we were finishing up our class, one of the sisters asked if we were going to camp meeting.

"camp meeting?" I asked. Yes, Kenneth Hagin's annual meeting. it promises to be powerful this year. Oh, I wanted to go but I didn't know about the cost. So I said I would pray about it.

This year they have a great line-up of speakers Kenneth Copeland, John Olsten, Keith Moor, and the father of faith Kenneth E. Hagin all talking about one thing FAITH. What it is, the power of it, and how to release it. I was so excited now to hear and learn more about faith, but one problem was the money. I was expecting an insurance check to come but hadn't arrived yet, the deadline was approaching fast, and a week passed with no money, so one of the sisters who were going asked me if I was still going. I told her my situation and said I wouldn't be going. There was silence on the phone. Then, she said the lord wants you to go. Now I was silent, then she said again, "the lord wants you to go". Again, I had no money but I knew if it was God, he would make away. Then she said, I will loan you the money. Problem solved, and I was going. I assured her as soon as the check came in I would pay her. It was off to Oklahoma.

The speakers were all great, such topics as "power of faith", "don't give up, the answer is on the way", "its faith that takes", and "God kind of faith". Three sessions a day, books, and tapes (before C D's) all were selling fast.

It was Friday night, and Kenneth Hagin was teaching, he spoke about his faith, how he developed it, his healing ministry, and most importantly, his visions with Jesus Christ. In one particular encounter with Jesus where he was kneeling before him and Jesus told him to hold out both of his hands as he did, Jesus touch the palm of each hand and he said it began to burn like he was holding a" coal of fire" then he said this was a sign of him being called into the healing ministry, if they would believe his testimony, they would receive there healing. Wow, powerful!

Then soon after that, there was a call to the altar for those who felt a call of God on their life, many people were getting up and going down to the front. Then one of the ladies said "Michael, go down there! I didn't want to go but she insisted, so I went. Once down there the power of God was present, the man of God touch me, and the power fell, I fell, got up, and rushed to my seat not fully comprehending what just happened. The service was ending, and Sadie said the lord wants to do more with Michael let's go back to the hotel room and pray. So we did and putting me in the center of them they began to pray and the lord began to speak.

I have given you a healing ministry! I am going to use you mightily! You will go to ministry School! Stay focused. Your foundation scripture will be Matthew 6:33. But seek **ye first**the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.

So now it was clear why the lord insisted for me to come to this conference to release my purpose. Don't be afraid to follow what you perceive is God's direction for your life, it may be the best decision you ever made, stop listening to people who weren't there when he spoke " it was one-on-one, not a conference call" trust your spirit.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says..... Trust in the Lord with all of thine heart; lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thine ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths.

Trusting God means following his instruction no matter how foolish they may sound to you at the moment. Just do it.

We are now at the last session, the last day of the conference; Kenneth Hagin was speaking and he said many of you may be called into the healing ministry; God is sayings for everyone to hold out their hands and he would touch them as he did me. I did and to my surprise, the palms of my hand were burning like they were on fire. The confirmation was in, I was given a healing ministry.

Mark 16:20 saysand they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them.... confirming the Word with signs following.

I am going to use you mightily...echoed.

What to do now? Back at home and decided to pray. I heard the lord say, "pray for people in your apartment building". I spoke with the landlady, she is born again, and she said sure! We went out together, knocked on the first door no response, second, no response, third door, nothing...

I began to wonder, lord, did I hear right? Moved to a different floor and knocked on the door someone answered, hello who is it? We said Donna and Michael; we were wondering if anyone needs prayer. The door opened, sure, come on in, we prayed, thanked them, and moved to the next apartment, knocked on the door and a lady answered. Hi Donna, what's going on? We wanted to know if anyone needs prayer. She said yes, my tooth is bothering me, I said God is healing it, and she said Hallelujah! The pain is gone. The Lord said to me ask her is there anyone else who needs prayer?. I did, and she said yes, my mother, she has a growth on her neck, I said to her God says he's healing her. 3 days later I got a call from Donna my landlady asking me to come to the office.

When I arrived at the office a little shocked what could it be? She said to me the lady with the growth on her neck, took a shower the first day nothing changed, the second day nothing, the

third day it was gone. Glory to God! Glory to God!! <u>He confirmed His Word with signs</u> following.

There was a friend of mine who had been diagnosed with polyps in her rectum, the doctor said they were cancerous, I said don't worry I will Pray, and God will heal you. We prayed a few days later she went for a follow up the polyps were gone. God is so good he loves all people and wants to show his love for all humanity, but he needs us to spend time with Him to find our calling and get involved. He has great plans for you, don't underestimate what he designed for you to do.

Ephesians 3vs20 says:

Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think, according to the power working in us.

Let His power work through you today.

Ephesians 2vs10 says....amp version says:

For we are his workmanship, (His own master work, a work of art), created in Christ Jesus (reborn from above – spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used) for good works which God prepared (for us)beforehand......

He has a plan for you "let him use you mightily".

God bless and keep you!

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