

GENUINE FAITH

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HEBREWS 6:12

John G. Lake was a missionary to South Africa in the early 1900's. While there, the bubonic plague broke out claiming the lives of many. Lake cared for the sick and buried the dead. The British sent a ship with medical supplies and a team of doctors to help. The doctors asked Lake what he was doing to protect himself from the plague. He said he was divinely protected according to **ROMANS 8:2**. To make his point, Lake conducted an experiment. He told the doctors to place a sample of the foam from the mouths of the deceased under a microscope. Doing so, they viewed the live germs. He then placed the foam on his hand. When viewed, all the germs died. He called this the law of life operating in him. Recently, this testimony has been referenced and used to insinuate that if one really has faith, he would disregard the recommendations of the CDC. It was also stated that churches that have cancelled services are weak in faith.

HEBREWS 11:29 (MSG)

The Israelites crossing the Red Sea was an act of faith inspired by the instruction of the Lord. The Egyptians tried to imitate what the Israelites did and acted in foolishness or presumption. This action resulted in their deaths. John G. Lake achieved a level of faith that few men or woman achieve. His faith was based on an understanding of the finished work of Christ and was developed over a period of time, while earnestly seeking God. We can follow this kind of faith, but we'd be foolish if we don't do what he did to achieve it. Read Lake's consecration principles.

- Bishop Gerald Glenn, Pastor of New Deliverance Evangelistic Church near Richmond, Virginia recently preached a message about God being larger than coronavirus. His church continued meeting for services ignoring the recommendations of the CDC. He contracted the virus in March and died this past April 11th. His wife, three children and son-in-law also tested positive for the virus. We can only wonder how many others had contact with him and his family during the services.

MARK 11:23-24

An individual heard of Kenneth Hagin's healing testimony. He had a serious condition and was instructed not to exert himself, or get out of bed. He said "if Hagin can do it, so can I." He got up, walked a few feet and died. It's foolish to copy another man's faith.

ROMANS 15:1-2 (MSG)

In **CHAPTER 14** Paul focused on individual faith. Those strong in faith should be mindful of those he considered weak in faith.

GENESIS 33:13-14 (NLT)

As a leader, Jacob didn't want to jeopardize the weak that were under his supervision and put them at risk. Esau wasn't concerned about those that were vulnerable – the young and elderly. Jacob led with the weakest and most vulnerable in mind.

ROMANS 13:10 (GW)

"Love never does anything that is harmful to a neighbor." We believe in God's power and divine healing, but we also believe in using every means available to stay protected and get healed.

HEBREWS 6:10 (NLT)