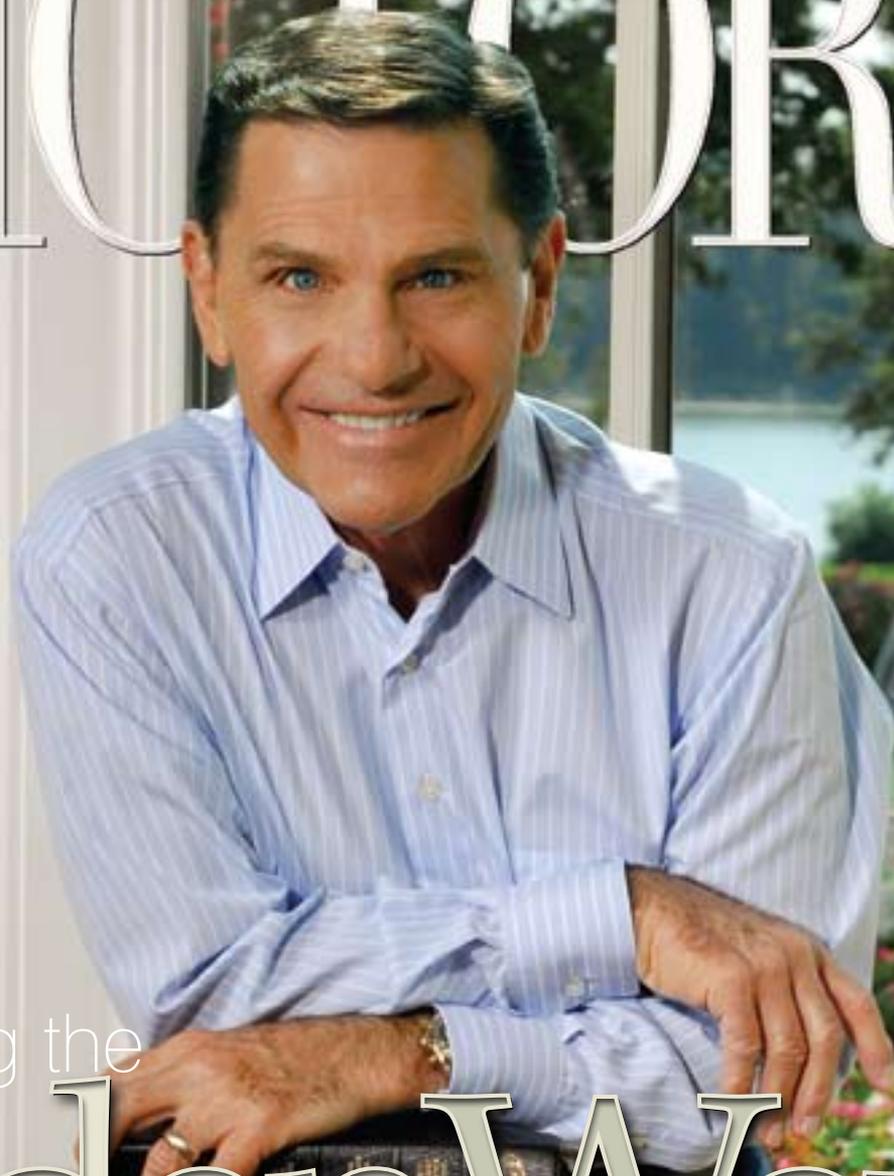


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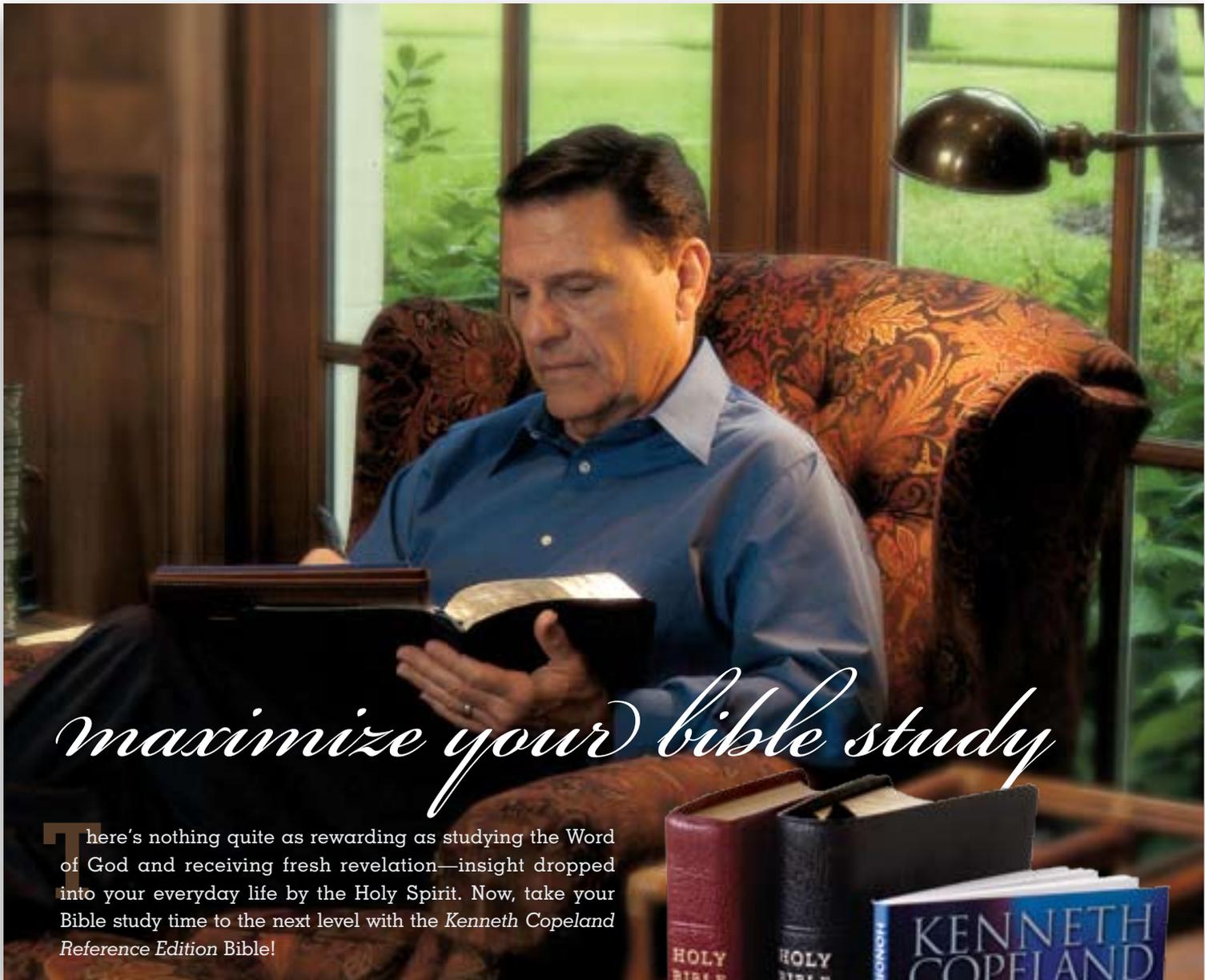
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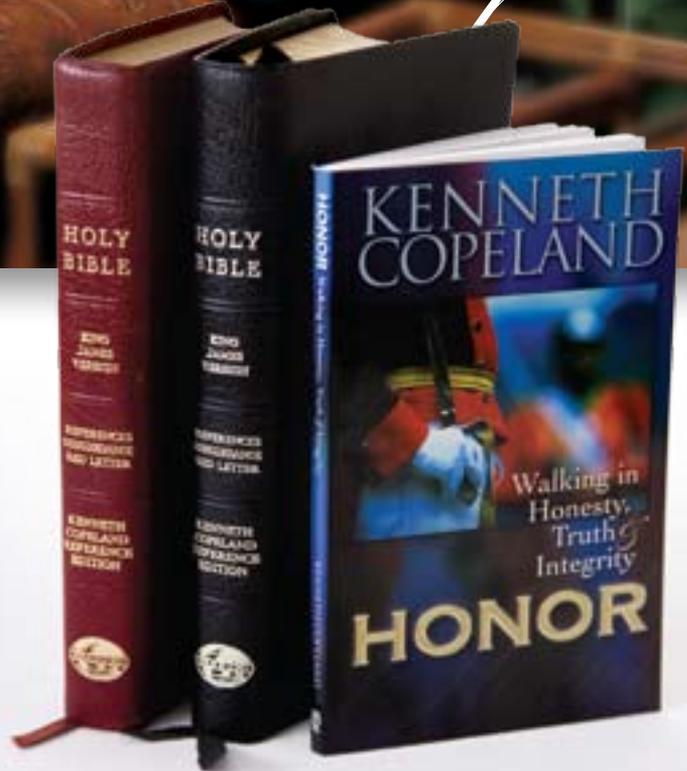
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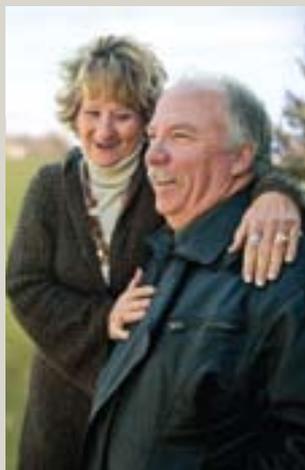


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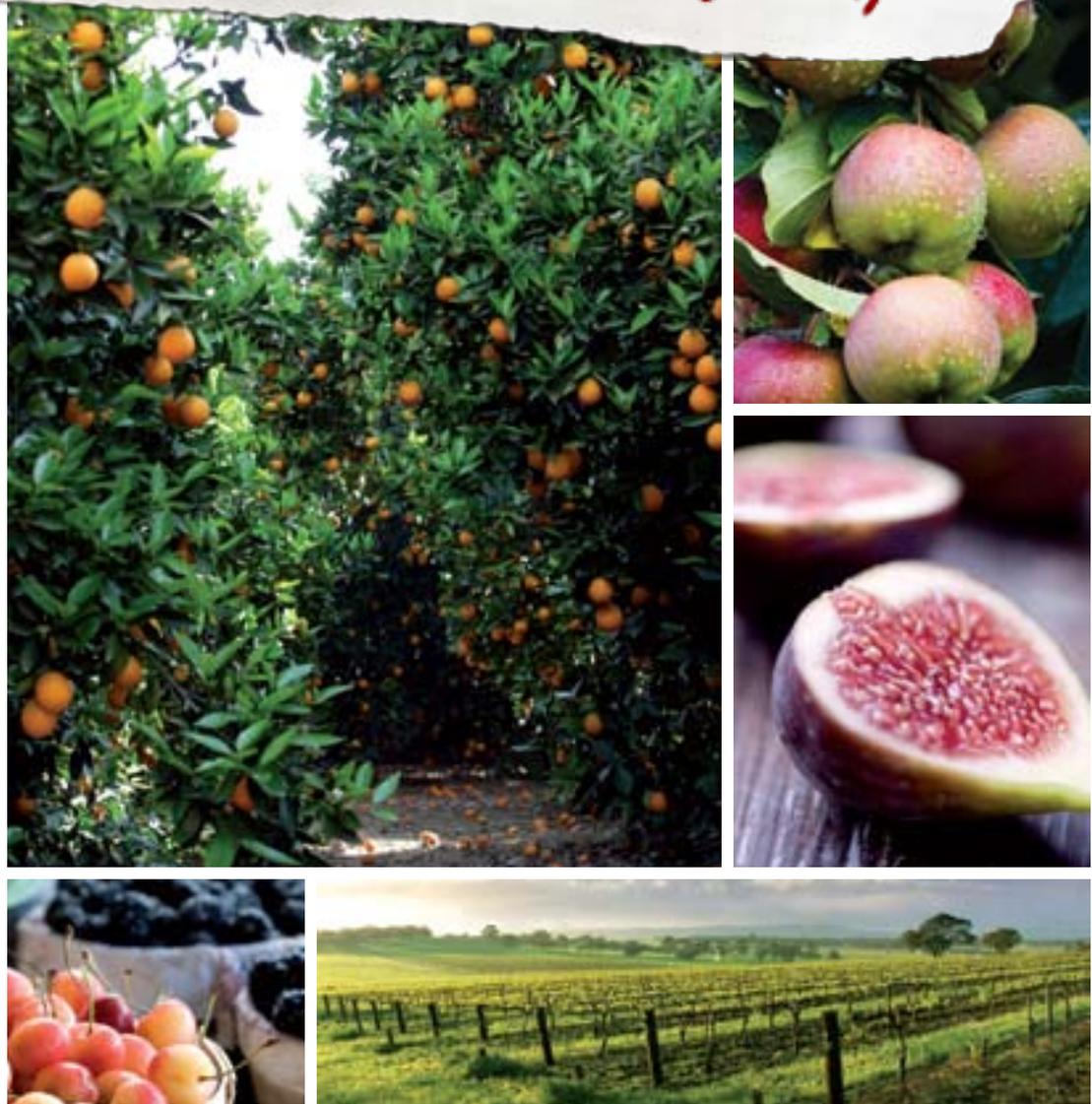
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Thinking the Eden Way



A few months ago, Gloria and I were watching a televised interview with a panel of experts discussing solutions to a major issue facing our country. I noticed that not one of those experts had seen the situation coming, each had a different plan for turning it around, and all were talking at once. | “Now that’s what the Lord showed me that that system out there is doing,” I told Gloria. “Each of them thinks he or she has the answer. All of them are talking at once. And nothing is coming out but a bunch of confusion. None of them has a plan—at least not one I want to follow.”

The believer has been designed and equipped to recognize and refuse confusion and to hear clearly and act confidently on information from heaven, regardless of the situation.

Gloria and I were observing what is described in Proverbs 16:25: “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

“But, Brother Copeland, if it seems right, how will we know if it’s not right until it’s too late?”

By discerning which system is at the source of the information presented and the plan being advocated—the world’s way of thinking (the Babylonian system which begins and ends in confusion) or heaven’s way of thinking (THE BLESSING way—the Eden system).

In God’s system nothing is hidden or confused. He communicates clearly and freely to those who will hear according to John 16:13-15: “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.”

Confusion Is Not God’s Way

Look at a definition of *confusion* from the Noah Webster 1828 *American Dictionary of the English Language*: “In a general sense, a mixture of several things promiscuously; hence, disorder; irregularity; *as the confusion of tongues at Babel.*”

Remember, at the building of the tower on the plain of Shinar, God heard what they were saying and saw what they were doing and called it babel, or confusion (Genesis 11:7-9). *Confusion* is “a mixture of thoughts and ideas blended together creating disorder in the mind. It’s the state of being mixed or blended so as to produce indistinctness or error; indistinct combination; disorder; tumult.”

As we saw in John 16, God has a better way of guiding us through the various upheavals of the world’s way of thinking and doing things. His way of having us discern which thoughts proceed from Him, and dealing with those that are not, is simple: “Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that

exalteth itself [raises itself up and makes itself a presentation for you to choose] against the knowledge of God...” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

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Clean Out Your Spiritual Ears

Never has this impacted my spirit more strongly than on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008. I was hungry to hear from the Lord, and He woke me up that morning very early. As I prayed in the spirit in my study, the Lord instructed me to read John 16:13-15.

There is no way to even venture a guess how many times I’ve read this scripture and preached on it. But the Lord began to break these verses down for me. He came at me head-on—spirit, soul and body—especially with verse 13: “The Spirit of truth...will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.”

As I was reading those verses, it struck my thinking that Jesus is responsible for me being led and guided every step of my life. He is a faithful High Priest, speaking the word of heaven’s plan, THE BLESSING, into my life faithfully. The Holy Spirit is hearing and willingly relaying that word to me. He will and does show me things to come that glorify Jesus, and He shows me how to glorify Jesus even in things that don’t bring Him glory. Jesus *is* speaking.

If there’s any problem here, the Lord said to me, *it’s not with Me speaking and leading and guiding. And it’s not with the Holy Ghost hearing and transferring it to you. It’s you. Clean out your spiritual ears.*

“They’re clean right now,” I declared. “You are a responsible Lord and Savior. You are faithful and You are just. And You’re not only faithful to God, the Father, You’re faithful to me. You’re faithful to Your Word...”

By this time I was shouting back at Him.

“...and I open my ears to hear!”

The unfolding of His plan always begins when we choose to open our spiritual ears. Only then can the Lord begin to lay out His answers to our questions for the days ahead.

Don't Listen to the Wrong Plan

Immediately I heard these words:

Don't pay attention to or make any plans based on what the media say or what [politicians] say. Stand on My Word in John 16. Pay attention to Me. I [the Holy Spirit] will obey verses 13-15. I will show you things to come. I will lead you through troubled times. I already have THE plan for you, and it's very good. Follow it. It will not only get you through, it will place you in a very high place—a rich place—a strong place of victory.

You will have to discipline yourself and be diligent to listen to Me. All the other voices will have a plan, a word, an idea for your future and security. Don't listen to Babylon's system. It has fallen apart. My

system is stronger than ever. My kingdom is flourishing, and THE BLESSING is the place to be.

Keep your eyes on My Word. Listen to it. It will guide you and I will perform it. Love Me. Love My people as I have loved you. Walk in it. Love never fails, and neither does My plan.

Be very cautious to stay completely clean from covetousness. First Timothy 6:10 must live in the forefront of your thinking. If you will do these things and continue therein, you will come into your wealthy place. A place lifted up. A place in Me already planned and prepared for you now. Here. Not heaven—not yet. But it will seem like heaven right in the midst of all the trouble, and you'll be able to reach out to untold numbers of suffering people with the good news of the gospel.

I'm coming very soon. Sooner than you think. Keep your eyes on Me and you'll get the job done.

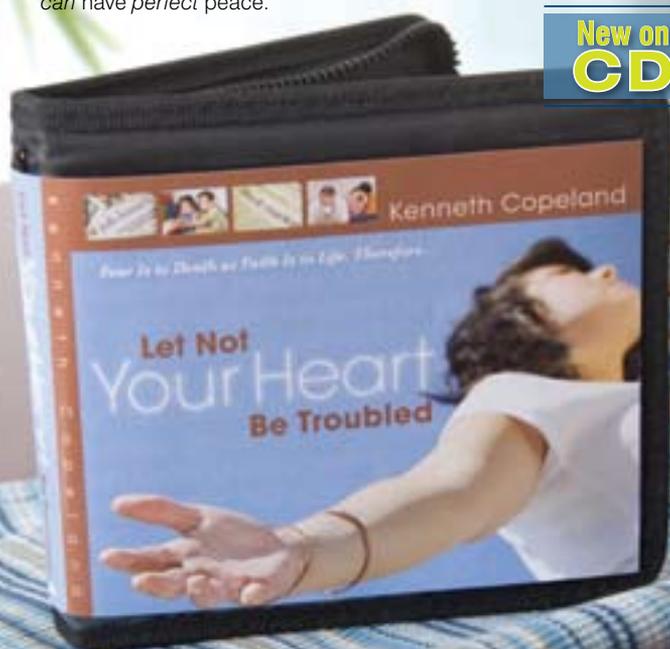
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What we need is not the world's plan, but God's—a plan for much more than just survival. He said, *I already have THE plan for you, and it's very good. Follow it. It will not only get you through, it will place you in a very high place—a rich place—a strong place of victory.*

Jesus has given us everything heaven has to offer, and He wants us to step into our wealthy place in Him: "We went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place [a place of great abundance]" (Psalm 66:12).

Look again at what He is saying to us: *If you will do these things and continue therein, you will come into your wealthy place. A place lifted up. A place in Me already planned and prepared for you now. Here. Not heaven—not yet. But it will seem like heaven right in the midst of all the trouble, and you'll be able to reach out to untold numbers of suffering people with the good news of the gospel.*

Far more than a plan to just get us through, God is giving us His plan to put us in a higher place than ever. God's plan is to bring us through the midst of

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trouble and for it to seem like heaven. The plan He offers will not only meet our needs, but will provide for us in abundance so we can give and reach out to untold numbers of suffering people.

Tune Out the Confusion

But one thing God is not going to do is force His plan on anyone.

Each of us has a decision to make. We must decide what we will give our attention to. The Lord said to me, *Don't pay attention to or make any plans based on what the media say or what [politicians] say.... Pay attention to Me.*

So, what does it mean to pay attention to Him? It means we stop talking and start listening.

I learned many years ago that, if I made a quality decision before going into a church or ministry service, nothing could distract me from hearing what the Spirit of God had to say. It amazed me how much greater the depth of my understanding was when I purposely "paid" my attention to hear. My attention "paid" became my seed sown for a harvest of clarity and insight into God's direction for my life. And my attention mixed with my faith brought greater understanding.

I have noticed over the years, when God moves in an unusual way, the devil attempts to draw attention away from what God is doing, and does his best to bring discouragement and hopelessness. If he can get God's people to pay attention to what he is doing, then he can steal the Word from them and cripple their faith.

Of course, Satan *is* the spirit of fear so he is the true source of it all. But remember, he is a thief and works in the dark. He uses people, situations and things—things that look complicated and dangerous; incurable, unchangeable messes of destruction. However, they boil down to five basic things—all of which Jesus has defeated by the Word, by His Name and by His blood: *affliction*, which is pressure; *persecution*, which comes from the root idea to pursue, or to stalk; *cares of this world*, or distraction causing anxiety; *deceitfulness of riches*, or faith in money; and *lusts of other things*, or pressure from desires of the flesh and mind. (See Mark 4:14-20.)

Whatever the devil can do to create a distraction and draw attention from the Word and God's Blessing at work in the world, he will do, whether it

is reports of flu epidemics, hurricanes and tsunamis, or terrorism and threats of war and economic distress. His tricks can work, but only if a person will make room for them—only if the believer will take his or her focus off the Word and "pay" attention to the cares.

His tactics don't work on those who stay rooted and grounded in the Word. Those believers who allow the seed of the Word to grow in them come to a place where the sources of fear cannot enter in and tear down the stronghold of faith.

It comes down to this: Where is your attention? Your focus?

Dealing With the Noise

When you understand the devil's limited but persistent weapons and tactics, you understand why the Lord said to us: *You will have to discipline yourself and be diligent to listen to Me. All the other voices will have a plan, a word, an idea for your future and security.*

If you haven't noticed, there's a lot of noise out there. Some of it is confusion among the "experts" and political leaders—people who did not see the problems their previous policies and theories were creating and now offer multiple theories about how to fix it.

But some of the noise is personal. It includes anything that is screaming for your attention over what God is saying.

The love of money, or things, will try to draw your attention from the promises of God's covenant—promises that are far greater, more enriching and fulfilling than anything money alone can buy. Don't focus on what you don't have—give that over to God. Praise Him for what you do have, and out of that look for opportunities to bless others in need (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

How do we think Eden's way? We take Eden's thoughts and fill our minds with the Word of God that shows us how to enter THE BLESSED way of thinking and acting.

Babylon's system has fallen apart, but the Eden system is stronger than ever. God's kingdom is flourishing, and THE BLESSING is the place to be.

As God has said and is demonstrating through those who will receive: *Keep your eyes on My Word. Listen to it. It will guide you and I will perform it. Love Me. Love My people as I have loved you. Walk in it. Love never fails. And neither does My plan.* VICTORY



Life Without Regret

Mike Morgan finished his required discharge physical and settled into an army-green chair to discuss the results with a doctor. His body was lean, his cheeks hollow and a bleak look in his eyes belied his age. At 22, Mike wasn't too concerned about the physical findings, although pain often flashed like wildfire up and down his spine. But if there were ways to X-ray the condition of a man's soul, his would reflect darkness. | How was it possible to still be on the starting blocks of life and already be filled with deep, aching regret? Then again, how could it have turned out any other way?

BY MELANIE HENRY

Mike had grown up without the usual reins of parental discipline to guide him. Under the influence of Dr. Spock's modern teaching, his father and mother abdicated their authority and let Mike and his three brothers decide on their own what they wanted to do and who they wanted to be. With no boundaries to restrain him, Mike had become a fun, likeable kid who pushed the limits. By fifth grade, he'd pushed them to include alcohol. By eighth grade, he'd pushed them to include marijuana. By the time he entered high school, he had added acid, speed and mescaline to the mix.

The one guiding light he'd had through it all was Jill, a girl he met in fifth grade in the small Nebraska town where they grew up. She'd been his best friend before she became his sweetheart. A good girl who would not have approved of Mike's choices, he had hidden the dark side of his life from her while they were dating. However, after they married and moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., where Mike was stationed in the military, his drug use spiraled out of control. Unable to keep his secrets from her anymore, Mike revealed them and shattered Jill's heart.

With their son, Michael, less than a year old, she kicked him out.

"Mike, I've got the results of your discharge physical," the doctor said as he stepped into the room. "I'm afraid I've got some bad news. First of all, you've got an ulcer. But that isn't the worst of your problems. Do you have much back pain?"

"It hurts all the time," Mike admitted.

"I'm not surprised. You've got a disease that causes deterioration of the spine. Looking at your condition today, I would expect that by the time you're 30 you'll be in a wheelchair.

When that happens, you'll never walk again."

Mike stepped outside into the bright Colorado sun. Not even that light could drive out the darkness of his soul. He'd lost his wife. He'd lost his son. Now he was losing his health.

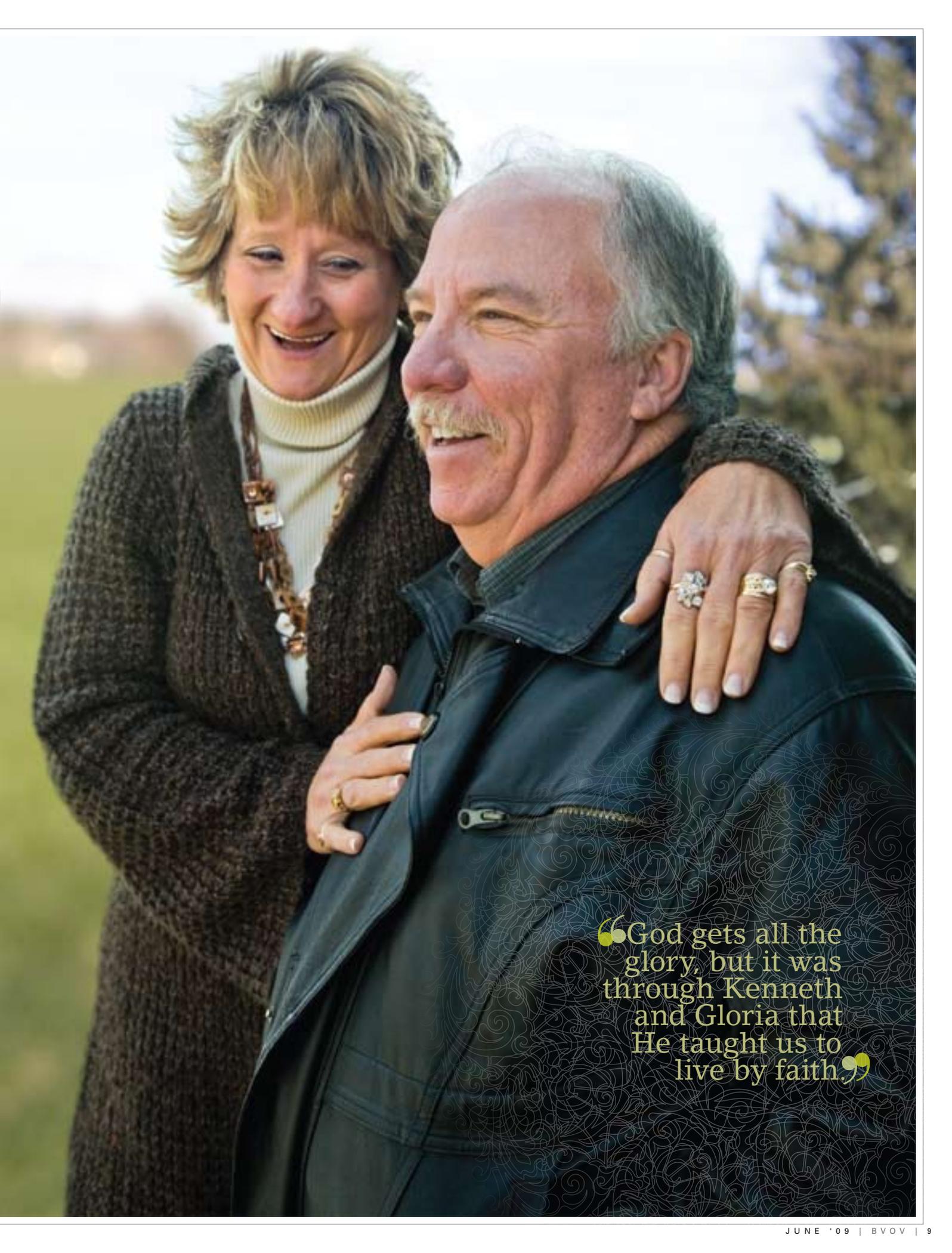
A Way to Stop the Pain

With no hope for the future and nowhere else to go, Mike decided to move back to his hometown. He pleaded with Jill to go with him and try to save their marriage, but she wouldn't hear of it. She wanted to stay in Colorado where she'd be free to keep on nursing her broken heart with the only thing she had found that would numb her pain—a drug habit of her own.

The thought of what his behavior had done to Jill sent a shiver of grief through Mike. Somehow in the process of running from him, she had ended up following in his footsteps. The speed she'd started taking as a diet aid, combined with the alcohol she drank to escape her disappointments, had changed her so much she was no longer the person he once knew.

"Family meant everything to Jill, and she adored our son," Mike says. "So when I asked to take him back to Nebraska with me, and Jill agreed, I knew she was giving up everything she loved."

The day he left for home, Mike searched Jill's face for some trace of emotion as she held their son for one last time. He hoped that little Michael's chubby cheeks and curly red hair might warm her heart enough to convince her to go with them. But her face was a stone. Handing the toddler over to Mike, she turned her back on them both and walked away without looking back.



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The Master's Touch

The role of hardened rebel was a new one for Jill. The youngest of seven children, her father had died when she was 3 years old—the same year her mother had given her life to Jesus. That godly influence held Jill steady for years. But now, her family watched in disbelief as her life crumbled. Unable to reason with her, Jill's family decided to intervene. They sent Mike and Jill's cousin to Colorado with one mission: Bring Jill back home—by force.

Following an ugly scene, Jill found herself back in Nebraska. She moved in with Mike and the baby, but the situation was unbearable and Jill decided to leave again. But before she could, Jill discovered she was pregnant with their second child.

"It was 1978," Jill recalls. "The charismatic renewal was going on but it hadn't reached our small town. Yet my mother, who attended a Catholic Church, was so hungry for God that the Lord did a sovereign work in filling her with His Spirit. When she heard there would be a meeting of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship in town, she decided to bribe us into attending."

While dinner was being served, Mike looked around the room and thought to himself, *I've been set up!* Entertainment provided at the dinner had included singing and preaching. At one point the lead singer stopped everything and said, "There's someone here who has stomach problems and God wants to heal you."

Jill's mother had no right to tell them about my ulcer, Mike fumed.

"The Lord doesn't want us to go on until this is dealt with."

Furious, Mike sat in his seat refusing to budge.

A few minutes passed while the man asked the person with stomach problems to come forward. Mike liked nothing more than a good fight. *Fine, I'll play your game. I'll walk up there but I'm going to lay you out and then leave.*

Fists clenched, Mike stood and walked forward. Before he reached the front, the man said, "You've got some other problem—you've got problems with your back, don't you?"

Mike paused. *Had his mother-in-law told the man about his back as well?* "Yeah," he answered.

"If the Lord healed you right now, would you serve Him?"

Mike had no idea what serving the Lord meant, but any chance for a reprieve from a wheelchair and debilitating pain was worth not hitting the guy.

"You bet," Mike agreed. The man prayed and Mike found himself sprawled on the floor under the power of the Holy Spirit. Next, the man called Jill forward and prayed for her. Soon, she lay on the floor beside Mike. The Spirit of God fell on them with such power the ulcer in Mike's stomach healed in an instant. A creative miracle coursed through his back putting out the flames and re-creating

his spine. In a stroke of divine love, Mike and Jill were both delivered from drugs and alcohol. Their marriage was restored to such a degree there was never again any jealousy, anger or hurt over their past behavior. God did a complete and total restoration.

New Creatures in Christ

"The change in our lives was dramatic," Jill says. "Two days later, some of the people from that singing group gave us tapes and books by Kenneth Copeland and minibooks by Charles Capps. The first set of tapes we devoured was called *Faith: Servant of the Believer*. We became Partners with KCM right away and began ordering books and tapes which we fed on all the time."

In addition to meditating on the Word of God, confessing and praying scripture and listening to tapes, Mike and Jill developed another habit. Each year they took a vacation that always included a KCM meeting. They also continued attending the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship, where the president and his wife mentored them.

Mike and Jill soon realized that in addition to the inward changes they'd experienced, they needed some changes in their circumstances as well. "Mike had been working as a roughneck with the same guys he'd once partied with," explains Jill. "So we prayed and asked God to give him an employer who was a Christian or a job where he could work alone. Two weeks later, a man called and offered to train Mike as a mud engineer, which is someone who studies the properties of the chemical mud used in drilling and recommends chemicals to mix with it."

"Mike knew mud engineers worked alone so he accepted the job, even though it meant he worked more hours a day for less money. Six months later, another company bought out the one where Mike worked and they were all Christians. The new company sent him to school for formal training. At age 24, Mike was promoted to manager. We'd been praying the Word of God over our lives and knew the favor of God was on us."

Journey of Faith

When Mike accepted the position as manager, there were six major mud companies in McCook, Neb. In spite of the competition, the Lord taught Mike how to build a business and within three years there was only one other mud company in town. He'd driven out the competition.

Eventually, Mike's company was bought out by another one and Mike didn't have a good feeling about it. When executives from the new company arrived to talk to him, Mike interviewed them.

"Why would I want to work for you?" he asked.

"I'll bind your wrists with gold chains," the man answered.

"I was bound once before and I'll never be bound again," Mike replied. With that, he resigned and walked away.

One hour later, a man in town who ran an oil company called Mike. "I've been thinking about expanding my business," he said. "How would you like to start your own mud company? I'll put up the money and be a silent partner."

Soon after, Mike started Morgan Mud.

"By the time the price of oil dropped in the mid-80s, Morgan Mud was the only mud company in McCook," Mike explains. "I had a young guy working for me who was a hard worker, but I knew the business couldn't continue to support both of us. So I prayed and asked God for direction."

Soon after that a man who owned the largest livestock trucking company in the world called Mike.

"He was a believer, and wanted me to raise the money to drill on a piece of property he owned," Mike recalled. "What he had is called a rank wildcat, meaning the well was a long way from any other production. With oil prices down, no one wanted to invest in a rank wildcat.

"Finally, he decided to put up all the money and asked me to decide where to drill. I had no background in geology, but I knew the Lord. We drilled that well and it was dry. We'd decided to cap it when our equipment picked up something interesting. We hit oil, and that became the best oil well I've ever seen. He asked me to leave Morgan Mud and go into business with him. Within two years I was operating 500 wells from Kansas to Wyoming."

Passing It Along

Over the years, Mike and Jill raised five children—Mike Jr., Angel, Faith, Caleb and Nate. In 1999, they started a Christian school in McCook. One of the students accepted the Lord and went home to lead his whole family to Christ. His parents are one of the couples who attend the Bible study Mike and Jill hold in their home on Sunday evenings. Using teachings from KCM and other faith ministries, they teach other families how to live in victory.

"Becoming Partners with KCM was one of the best decisions we ever made," Mike says. "God gets all the glory, but it was through Kenneth and Gloria that He taught us to live by faith." Now Mike and Jill are passing that message of faith along to others.

In 2007, as they were planning their upcoming trip to a Believers' Convention, Jill said to the Bible study group, "Why don't you all go with us?"

That's exactly what they did. Thirteen people, including three of their oldest children and their spouses, attended the Great Lakes Believers' Convention. During the meeting the Lord launched one of the women into her ministry of doing cooking demonstrations while sharing the gospel.

Today, Mike and Jill Morgan enjoy life with their five children and 11 grandchildren. Mike owns his own business, and they live a victorious life filled with the favor of God—a life without regret. **VICTORY**

Partnership Come with us!

Mike and Jill Morgan exchanged a life filled with pain and destruction for one with no regrets. God intervened and turned things around in what seemed like an instant.

Within days of their deliverance from pain, drugs, alcohol and a failing marriage, Mike and Jill began to devour the Word of God along with materials from Kenneth Copeland Ministries. They immediately partnered with KCM as they began their journey of faith.

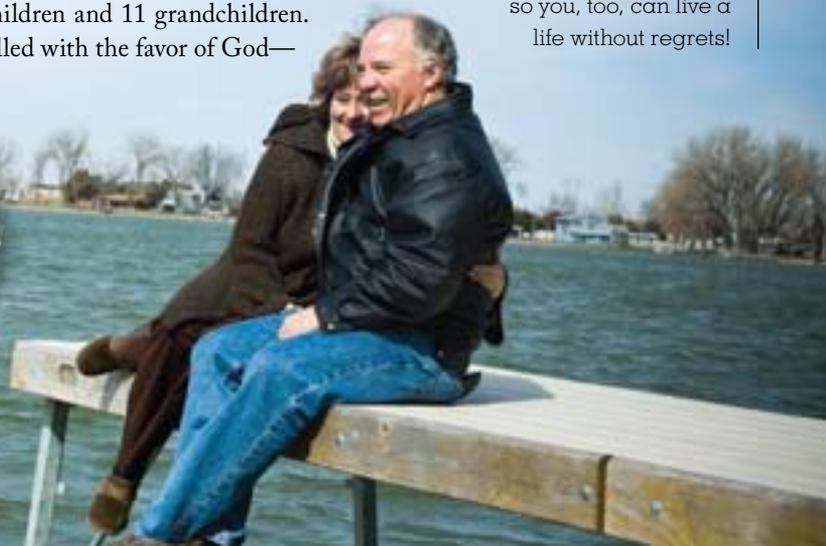
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Today, the Morgans are still living in victory, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and passing the message of faith along to others. In 2007, Jill even invited their Bible study group to go with them to the Great Lakes Believers' Convention—and 11 of them did!

KCM is here to help you, our Partners, receive all God has promised in His Word—to help you on your journey of faith, so you, too, can live a life without regrets!

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developing Faith in the Father's Love



“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.” Ephesians 3:16-19

In this day and hour, we as God’s people are taking our rightful position... dedicating ourselves to God, renewing our minds with the Word, setting ourselves apart from the carnal ways of the world, committing ourselves to walk in the love of God. ¶ God has promised us the knowledge of His love. First John 4:16 says, “We have known and believed the love that God hath to us.” Believing that love is acting on it and putting it into operation. When we do, we reach out into areas that pass human knowledge. ¶ Again, Ephesians 3:17 says, “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love.”

We are to be *rooted* and *grounded* in the love of God. In His parable of the sower, Jesus said that those sown on stony ground have *no root* in themselves (Mark 4:15, 17). They heard the Word with gladness, but when persecution and affliction came for the Word’s sake, they were offended. They didn’t respond in the love of God. They responded in the natural

realm and Satan stole all the Word that was in them. They were not rooted in love.

God is declaring unto you and me that we can have a comprehensive revelation of His love—its height, its depth, its width and its breadth. To know His love is to know God because He *is* love. God is telling us: “I’ll teach you all there is to know about Me.”

“To walk in love is to walk in the very highest spiritual realm there is. Jesus walked in that realm.”

He has been wanting, since the beginning of time, to share Himself with us—not part, but *all!* Think about that! God is offering you and me understanding of the height, depth, width and breadth of *Himself*. It’s almost unbelievable, but it is true.

God has a spiritual capsule and this capsule goes into effect when you get into the Word and allow God to minister to you. God will, by His Spirit, build that capsule around you and protect you from all that is happening in the outside world. If you will walk in the Word, you can be protected at all times and the wicked one will not be able to touch you. That capsule is the shield of faith. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

Faith works by love. The Bible says in Ephesians 6:16 that faith quenches *all* the fiery darts of the wicked one—not part of them, *all* of them. The first time I heard Brother Kenneth Hagin say this, I was thrilled! He spoke to Satan and said, “Satan, my household is off limits to you.” Then he put a sign in the world of the spirit that said, “Off limits, Satan. This means you!” Glory to God! I had always thought Satan held the key to my back door and could come and go as he pleased. Then I found out my authority as a believer.

Developing Faith in God’s Love

You might ask, “How do you know when your faith is developed in a certain area?” The same rules apply to the development of faith in every area of life. Faith is faith in any Bible subject—whether it is the new birth, the infilling of the Holy Ghost, right-standing with God, divine health, divine prosperity or some other area. It is the same spiritual substance. It works the same in every situation.

1. Put the Word first place. Don’t be moved by feelings. To develop your faith in God’s love, or in anything else from God, you have to learn what the Word says about it. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). For instance, Psalm 23:6 says, “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.” Put that Word first place. Don’t ever go by how you *feel* about the love of God. Don’t confess anything else. Be confident in the fact that God’s mercy and goodness follow you all the days of your life. You should read the book of 1 John over and over on a regular basis.

2. Meditate on the Scriptures concerning God’s love.

Meditation develops the capacity for faith. As you meditate in God’s Word and your capacity begins to grow, you recognize the power God’s love can have in your life. Then the things of Satan will begin to shrink and lose their grip over you, as you realize the fullness of God’s Word.

3. Act on the Word concerning the love of God. First John 4:11-12 says, “Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.” By practicing this love on one another, the love of God is perfected in us.

The word *perfected* means “allowed to run its full course.” You can let God’s love run its full course in your life. *Love never fails*. Here we are reaching for that “zero failure rate.” It is possible, and it *will* come to pass! How are we going to do it? Not by becoming perfect ourselves, but by acting on the Word of God and allowing the love of God, which is perfect, to run its full course in our lives. Even though we make mistakes, that love force will be there to prevent failure.

4. Decide to live the love life. Make the quality decision to live by love. To develop your faith in divine healing, you have to make the decision to be well, or you never will be healed. *A quality decision is a necessity in learning to live the love life.*

What is a quality decision? A decision from which there is no retreat. It simply means this: “With God in heaven as my helper, He that is within me is greater than he that is in the world. I refuse to allow anything to hinder me from walking in love. I make the quality decision to walk the love walk, whether anyone else does or not.”

It is a necessity that we renew our minds to the supernatural power of the love of God. *We must develop our faith and renew our minds so that we respond in love without having to think about it.* We must learn to live in love, walk in love, talk in love and edify one another in love. Then when the pressures come, when the hard times come, when disasters approach us, we won’t have to stop and think. We will immediately react in love.

The secret to successfully combat Satan is to retaliate in the spirit, not in the natural. The love walk is 100 percent in the spiritual realm. This is where God wants the Body of Christ to walk. By developing our faith in the love of God, it will work and bring about that “zero failure rate.”

Now say this: “O God in heaven, I commit myself today to develop my faith in the love of God. I commit myself to Your Word, to be pleasing unto You—to walk in love, even as Jesus walked. I make the quality decision now to walk in love, talk in love, think in love and respond to all things in love. I renounce selfishness in the Name of Jesus. It has no part in me. I am born of love, so I will walk in love!”

The Power of God’s Love

By walking in God’s love, you release a force to work in your behalf—a force that has all the appearance of weakness but is stronger than any force in existence. To walk in love is to step aside and allow the power of the universe to come between you and the situation you are dealing with.

Romans 8:37 says, “Nay...” In other words, “No, you are not a lamb for the slaughter.” It says, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors.” You are more than a conqueror! It is one thing to conquer; it is another thing entirely to conquer and occupy! Praise God!

You are one spirit with the Lord. Glory to God! He paid the price, so you wouldn’t have to. You didn’t have to go to the Cross; He went for you.

You are more than a conqueror through Him who loved you—through the power of that love. There is an unseen power that goes into operation when a person is developed in the love of God and knows how to walk in it. When the world starts to run over you because you appear to be weak, they will run into the unseen power. It’s all around you. It’s in you—ever ready for whatever comes. God wants you to be full of the Word and use

His Name without fear. It is yours to use, and God will back you with His power just like He said He would.

One of the most outstanding examples of the power of God’s love was manifested during Jesus’ ministry. In John 8, Jesus was confronted by some Jews as He was teaching in the temple. His words were so forceful in the face of their traditional thinking that they were angered. John 8:59 says, “Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”

Jesus just turned around and walked through the midst of the crowd. They were trying to stone Him and He walked off! They couldn’t even see Him! This verse says He hid Himself. He was protected by an invisible shield—the love of God.

I have known men who walked in that kind of protection, and I have walked in it myself from time to time. It is the protective shield of God’s love that every believer can walk in, but very few know how. Jesus said, “Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:14). But thank God for the few who do! And I have made up my mind to be one of those!

To walk in love is to walk in the very highest spiritual realm there is. Jesus walked in that realm. We have seen it operate in His earthly ministry. Another example of the power of God’s love is found in Acts 7. It

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is the story of Stephen as he stands before the high priest, accused of blasphemy. Acts 6:5 describes him as “a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost.” It says in verse 8, “Stephen full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.”

Stephen preached the gospel as his defense and his accusers were outraged:

When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord. And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man’s feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep (Acts 7:54-60).

Stephen was demonstrating the love of God. He said the one thing Jesus said at Calvary: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Stephen showed he had the same capacity to love as Jesus. The love of God was perfected in his life. He imitated Jesus.

How did Stephen learn? By waiting on tables. By serving people. Through Stephen and his ministry, great miracles were done. Where were they done? Among the people.

First John 5:1, 4-5 says, “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. For whatsoever

is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” God is love and we are born of love. Every born-again believer on the face of this earth is a world-overcomer. He is not *in* the process of overcoming the world; he *is* a world-overcomer. You can be a world-overcomer and never overcome. You can be a rich man and starve to death. You are a creature with a will and a choice. You may never realize it in your own life, but as far as God is concerned, you have already overcome.

Let’s read Romans 5:3-5, “And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

We definitely know we have the same capacity to love as Jesus does because it is the love of God that has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Think about that. The love of God is shed abroad in *your* heart. *God’s* love is in you because He is in you. You are *born* of Him. You have been made one spirit with the Lord. What is that spirit? The Holy Spirit. Who is He? He is compassion and mercy and love.

Rooted and Grounded in Love

First John 2:5 says, “Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected.”

There are two ways to perfect the love of God in your life—by keeping the Word of God, and by practicing love on others.

Love takes practice and we can practice on each other. You won’t operate perfectly in love at the very beginning; but as you keep at it, you will get better and better. If you fail, just simply confess it as sin, receive your forgiveness, and go on. Keep loving. Keep overlooking the shortcomings of others and look for Jesus in them! **VICTORY**

Salvation Prayer

If you do not know

Jesus

as your Saviour & Lord, simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” and “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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“..He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

(Philippians 1:6)

All Things Are Possible

I would like to give God praise and thank Kenneth, Gloria and everyone in KCM for their input into my life.

I first came into contact with KCM through a dear lady who is now 81. She gave me a BVOV magazine over 20 years ago. A few years later I became a Partner and thanks to Kenneth and Gloria's teachings I have learned so much and my life has changed beyond recognition.

Many years ago I saw people teaching in children's church, praying in prayer groups and going on missions and I said to the Lord, "I will never do anything like that—it would be impossible for me to do it." Well, we know what is impossible for us is possible for God. I recently realized how much I have been changed...I have been teaching children in our church now for almost seven years. God has blessed me in so many ways, taken me out of dreadful situations and brought me into a wonderful peace and confidence in our Lord Jesus.

I.C. :: England

Basking in the Lord's Peace

I just had to write a personal note of thanks to Jeremy Pearsons for the blessing he was to me during his time on the broadcast. I have partnered with KCM for years and continually thank God for the ministry founded by the Copelands.

Through your teachings I feel as though God has done a deep work of renewal in my heart. I guess He used your passion, enthusiasm and integrity to stoke up the fire in my spirit! I was just plain tired and weary—physically, spiritually and emotionally. Now I feel totally recharged with tenacity to press in and fight the fight of faith!

How did it happen? I woke early one morning and things started to swirl around my mind and trouble me. Instead of lying there, I got up with a new determination and decided to apply your teaching! I said to God, "I will not put my Bible down until You speak to me and cause faith to rise within me!" I read for quite a while, then Psalm 29:11 hit me—the Lord gives strength to His people and the Lord blesses His people with peace. I claimed it, believed it and received it. My strength has been renewed and I am basking once again in His peace!

J.J. :: United Kingdom

A Word of Healing From the Lord

Just a note to let you know how blessed I have been by your ministry. Last year I was watching Gloria teach Healing School from one of your meetings. Kenneth had a word for a lady sitting in her chair in front of her computer who had lower back problems. That was me, and my lower back has been healed ever since. It hasn't felt this good in years! Thank you for your obedience and faithfulness in doing God's work.

A.T. :: Missouri

Prospering in Tough Times

Thank you so much for your ministry and doing what God has called you to do. I have been listening to your teachings for over 10 years. A friend loaned me a copy of the 1997 *West Coast Believers' Convention* tapes. I have bought every tape series since. I feel like I've been there for all the conventions and hope someday to go in person.

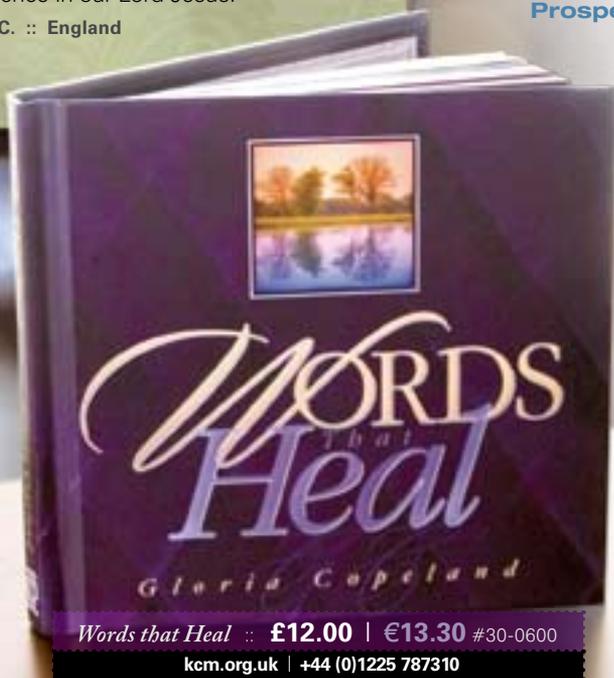
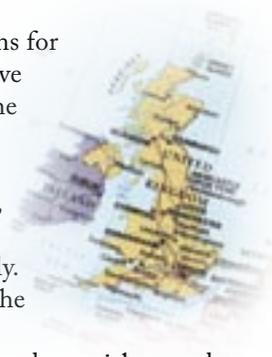
I'm living a prosperous life, and I thank you for teaching me about God's provision. From the world's point of view times are tough, but I like the saying, "When the going gets tough, the tough get giving!"

V.V.H. :: Canada

Heavenly Provision

Several months ago I called KCM and asked one of your prayer ministers to agree with my mom and me for a new job. Shortly after that I received an employment offer and I have a new full-time job. Thank You, Jesus! I give the Lord *all* the praise and all the glory. Thank you for your prayers and support.

A.V. :: California



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God Has a Plan for Me

I'm writing to thank both of you. I'm currently incarcerated. Since I've been here I've been watching your broadcast. I just recently began my walk with God and with every day that passes and the more I watch the broadcast, the more joy I feel. I can feel God's grace taking over my heart and life. I'm 22 years old and never dreamed I'd be so happy while incarcerated. I don't feel alone anymore. The things you have taught me are helping my relationship with the Lord and leading me on the path God has for me.

T.K. :: Wisconsin

Healing Tapes Give Encouragement

My husband was healed from lymphoma because of your healing tapes. We ordered them, listened to them and continually spoke the scriptures Gloria gave in those teachings. And we saw results! He is free of cancer, praise God!

F.H. :: Texas

Fires Flee Through Prayer



Thank you so much for your prayers the night of the "Tea" fire in Santa Barbara, Calif. My pastor, Raygene Wilson, was with you at the Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign. I called to ask him to pray and his wife, Beth, called back and said the Thursday night prayer group was praying.

We had about an hour to evacuate and didn't leave until we saw flames over the hill—it was very windy in our canyon. Pastor Wilson's wife called us at about 10 p.m. and said she had called a fire dispatcher friend who said our house was OK. The next day, we called a firefighter friend and he said our house had made it, but the neighborhood was in bad shape. The fire had burned the foothills all around us and across the street, but our close neighbors' homes were OK. More than 20 homes burned less than a mile away and more than 210 homes burned in Santa Barbara and Montecito.

We *know* God's angels were standing guard over our home and property because we live in a canyon that acts like a "wind tunnel" and the fire went around us. Praise God!

David and Tanda Jacobs :: Santa Barbara, Calif.

I Have Renewed Hope

Your ministry has renewed the hope in my heart. I believe God wants me to be in health and prosper, even as my soul prospers. I realize we don't have to worry about the credit crunch because God gives us abundance from His ever-flowing riches in glory.

A friend of mine offered me an all-expense-paid holiday to Norwich. I accepted and had a very happy holiday. Later, my cousin invited me to Spain to stay with him. He paid for everything! Praise the Lord—THE BLESSING is flowing in my life!

W.C. :: England

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Learning to Live in THE BLESSING

I want you to know how much help your whole team has been to me. Some time ago I thanked you for sending me the book *He Did It All for You* by Kenneth and Gloria. I'm a Christian, but had not had this wonderful type of teaching before. I have lived under condemnation and guilt for as long as I can remember—now I am learning how to live in THE BLESSING.

The book lifted me, as my son had just lost his job and I had given mine up due to anxiety and stress. Despite these difficult days when so many are losing their jobs, within six weeks my son had a new job! He is happier in this job than he has been anywhere else. I told him about you and your prayer team and how you've prayed for him, and he is thankful.

E.S. :: United Kingdom

No Cancer

I had a biopsy and it was cancer. I called you for prayer and you lifted me up. The prayer was so great. When I went back for the second biopsy there was *no cancer*. God bless your ministry!

G.R. :: Pennsylvania

God Changed My Life Through You

It is an honor and privilege for me to write about the blessings I have experienced by partnering with you and discovering God's principles to live in health, peace, joy and prosperity.

I had many problems in the past and tried my best to quit smoking and drinking alcohol, but it seemed they were part of me.

However, after receiving Christ, trying to live a faithful life and receiving the *BVOV* magazine, I slowly connected to God's Master Plan. The purpose of my life was totally revealed to me and I just can't wait for God to fully utilize me in His service. My sincere, heartfelt gratitude is forwarded to your ministry for being instrumental in changing my life. The inspiring words in the magazine were very touching and prayer really makes the difference.

Thank you so much for your partnership.

T.T. :: Fiji Islands

Ministry Is a Blessing

I was recently introduced to your ministry through a friend in the U.S. and you've been a blessing to me. Also, the pain I've had in my foot for a long time is healed. God bless you!

E.L. :: Germany



we're here for you!



Doug Anderson
distribution center manager

KCM's Distribution Center Helping to supply the needs of God's people. >> *That is the heart of Kenneth Copeland Ministries' Distribution Center staff. In all they do, they pray God uses them to help supply the needs of the ministry's Partners and Friends worldwide. From dawn to dusk, they fulfill orders, print and mail correspondence, duplicate CDs and DVDs, prepare materials for meetings and warehouse all the ministry's products. It's all part of their mission to bring the truth of God's Word to the world...one shipment at a time.*

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—Philippians 4:19

"We believe we are literally supplying the Word through books and media to our Partners and Friends—and that it will supply all their need, according to the power of the Word contained in it," said Doug Anderson, the distribution center manager. "It is an honor to distribute each letter or package. It is a tangible item that has eternal results."

In 2008 alone, KCM's Distribution Center shipped

644,908 product orders and mailed 4,435,780 letters. Working in 19-hour rotation shifts, the 39 distribution center employees work diligently to duplicate and distribute the messages Partners and Friends need to walk in faith and victory. In fact, most letters and packages are shipped within 24 hours of receiving the requests.

"We pray every day for our Partners, believing that every piece of mail and every product we send has an

“What we do every day is made possible by the unwavering diligence and faithfulness of our Partners.”



eternal effect on everyone who comes in contact with it,” Anderson said.

The Core of the Gospel

In addition to day-to-day operations, the KCM Distribution Center staff works overtime when they receive notice that an area has been hit by a storm or natural disaster, such as a hurricane, tornado or the recent California wildfires. During those times, plenty of supplies—including encouraging Word-filled books—are gathered to bring relief and God’s compassion to those in the affected areas.

“I love seeing our team and KCM respond with pallet after pallet of books, water, clothing and supplies being readied for emergency distribution by plane or truck,” Anderson said. “Being ready to respond and help any way necessary is truly the core of the gospel.”

Helping bring truth and deliverance to those in prison is also part of the distribution center’s duties. Last year, 147,630 Bibles and other devotional materials were mailed to inmates around the United States.

“Reaching into prisons with tens of thousands of letters and products, and seeing the many testimonies of lives *set free* from bondages most people have never even heard of, is truly a blessing.”

The duties the distribution center staff performs each day are vital to KCM’s worldwide ministry. Because of their hard work, the Word flows efficiently and consistently and lives are forever changed.

“It takes a special heart to do this every day, and the team members here do it wholeheartedly,” says Anderson. “When we get more orders than we think we can ship in a day, we get excited! Sending the Word to people all over the world is exciting because it is the burden-removing power of God in action. This is truly full-time ministry.”

The Door Is Always Open

The distribution center’s staff considers it an honor to meet the Partners and Friends who make their work possible, and they love giving tours of their facility.

“What we do every day is made possible by the unwavering diligence and faithfulness of our Partners,” Anderson said. “We are so grateful they support us with their prayers! It makes a difference in the lives of millions. We pray as a team every day for them and welcome their visits.”

So the next time you’re in Fort Worth, Texas, drop by KCM headquarters for a tour, and make sure it includes a visit to our distribution center. It’s a great opportunity to see your faith in action through a place that is touching lives around the world, and bringing believers from the milk of the Word to the meat.

And be sure to say a special prayer for these ministers who put their faith into action each and every day. The KCM Distribution Center: We’re here for you! **VICTORY**



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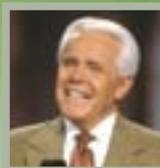
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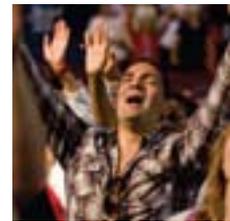
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ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND

Since the days of Abraham, God has been promising His people a land of their own. It's a promise that has captured the minds of the Jewish nation for generations. And it's a promise that applies to you today as surely as it has ever applied to anyone. ∴ Yes! God has promised to give you a land of your own. Not necessarily a piece of property, but a state of being that's far more valuable than any plot of ground could ever be.

It's a place where all the promises of God are “yea” and “amen” in Christ! It's a land flowing with milk and honey—a land where your every need can be met. It's a place where you keep sin underfoot, ruling and reigning as a king and a priest with Christ *in this life*. It's a place where no weapon formed against you shall prosper. When you occupy your promised land, you are seated with Christ in heavenly places, far above principalities and powers—far from oppression.

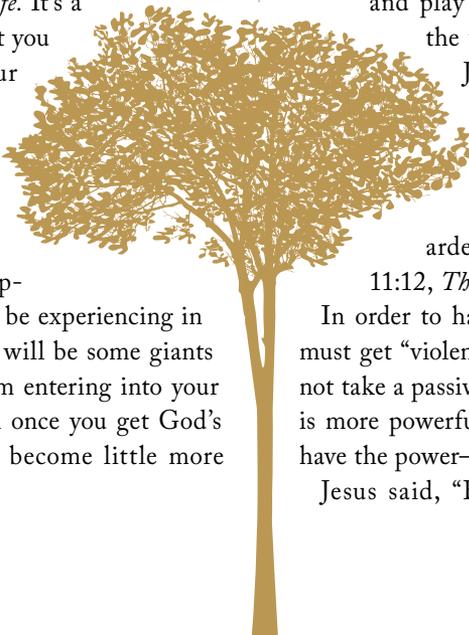
As you study the Word of God, you'll find that's an accurate description of the kind of victory you should be experiencing in Christ. However, be prepared—there will be some giants along the way trying to keep you from entering into your promised land. But that's no problem once you get God's perspective—then those giants will become little more than grasshoppers in your sight.

You may say, “Yes, that sounds like a nice theory, but I'm dealing with reality here, and all I see is poverty, sickness, sin, oppression and fear everywhere I look.”

That's to be expected—the devil isn't going to lie down and play dead just because God has promised us the victory. Jesus said, “And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion]” (Matthew 11:12, *The Amplified Bible*).

In order to have a share in the heavenly kingdom, you must get “violent” and seize it with ardent zeal! You must not take a passive attitude and mistakenly believe the devil is more powerful than you, because he isn't! He does *not* have the power—you do!

Jesus said, “Behold, I give unto you power to tread



on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19). Naturally, the devil doesn’t want you to know that you have this power because once you realize it, you’ll start using it against him to enforce his defeat.

Just listen to what God said to the children of Israel when they were about to enter into the Promised Land: “When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places: and ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it” (Numbers 33:51-53).

Notice God didn’t promise the Israelites the inhabitants of the land would just hand it over to them. He didn’t say they wouldn’t have to fight for the land.

He *did* promise, however, that as long as they obeyed Him, He would give them victory.

Empty Threats

As believers, we’re in much the same situation. If we’re going to enjoy the promised land, we’re going to have to drive the devil out of it! God has given us the power to do it. We’re much better armed than our enemy! In fact, he is totally unarmed. Colossians 2:15 tells us: “[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross]” (*The Amplified Bible*).

We have absolutely no reason to cower down to the devil. Jesus defeated and disarmed him through His death, burial and resurrection.

The devil can’t defeat you unless you let him. All he can do is make empty threats.

But beware! Even his empty threats can stop you cold if you believe them. The children of Israel proved that. Moses sent spies into the land, and they came back with a frightening report about the giants that occupied the land: “And there we saw the giants [they said], the sons of Anak and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight” (Numbers 13:33). The Israelites allowed that report to intimidate them. They forgot who they were—the real giants, empowered and supported by the invincible power of Almighty God. And they began thinking of themselves as grasshoppers.

It works the same way today. If you’re weak in your own sight, that’s how you’ll be in the devil’s eyes. So when the devil tries to convince you that you’re not going to win the battle, when he tells you he is a giant and you are just

a grasshopper, refuse to receive his bad report. Dare to believe God’s report of victory instead.

That’s what the Scripture tells us Joshua and Caleb encouraged the Israelites to do. But instead they rebelled and believed the lies of the devil and sentenced themselves to 40 years in the wilderness.

After those 40 years had passed, God once again led His people toward the Promised Land. He gave their leader, Joshua, these instructions: “Be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:7).

To successfully take the Promised Land, God said the Israelites were going to have to be strong and very courageous. He goes on to tell them where that courage was going to come from—the Word of God. He said: “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” (verse 8).

They had to keep the Word in their thoughts and in their mouths constantly. They had to remember that God was on their side and to see themselves not as grasshoppers but as giants in Him.

Now it’s your turn to take the promised land. Jesus has defeated Satan and He’s promised you the victory if you’ll submit yourself to Him and stand up to the devil. You must forcibly remove Satan from the territory he has taken in your life—whether it be your home, health, business, church or nation.

It will undoubtedly take courage to do it. But you can experience that kind of courage the same way Joshua did—by meditating on God’s Word day and night. The more you fellowship with the Lord in the Word and in prayer, the more confidence you’ll have in God and the harder it will be for Satan to discourage you.

Begin to be courageous and forcibly take back what Satan has stolen from you and your family. Arm yourself for battle by spending quality time with the Lord every day. Allow Him to strengthen and encourage you. He will prepare you for what’s ahead and help you overcome every obstacle.

God has given you the victory! “Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:9).

So, march right into Satan’s territory and slay the giants in your land! **VICTORY**



Activating the VOICE OF FAITH

Are you getting the results you want out of life? If not, do you wonder why things are not happening the way you expected? % We've all experienced discouragement at some point in our lives. And considering the current state of the economy, things are not getting any better. The sagging economy is causing Christians to become weary. So weary, in fact, that they have yielded their ears to the fearful tactics of the enemy that resonate daily.

Nearly every week I hear someone say they can barely hold on to anything. People have exhausted their savings and retirement accounts, and fallen behind on their mortgages. And there are some who thought they'd never have to rely on public assistance, yet they are standing in line today seeking help.

But here's some good news: The recession we're in isn't ours, it belongs to the world! This is the time when God wants to show Himself strong on our behalf. You

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God is about to show the unsaved world there is profit in serving Him. There is no certainty in banks, jobs or government.
OUR CERTAINTY IS IN GOD.

may be thinking, *Brother Dollar, I've been praying, fasting and even tithing, but it just seems I'm getting nowhere.* Well, I'm glad to know you're diligently doing all those things. But the truth is it's going to take more than praying, fasting and tithing to change your circumstances. It's going to require power!

IT'S TIME TO RISE UP!

We're living in an age of power. And I believe one of the ways God is going to prove Himself in the midst of all that's going on right now is through the demonstration of His power. God is about to show the unsaved world there is profit in serving *Him*. There is no certainty in banks, jobs or governments. Our certainty is in God.

Isaiah 60:1, *The Amplified Bible*, says, "Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!"

The word *arise* means to "change your posture and position." But if you're broke, busted and disgusted, and working "to make ends meet" you can't shine. When you involve God in your circumstances things change. God's glory is on you and it shall be seen *on* you (Isaiah 60:2).

When I was in high school, I had a little Volkswagen car. I didn't have the fancy cloths we use now to shine our cars, so I'd get a T-shirt and some wax and shine that baby as best I could. Then, after polishing that car for hours in the shade, I would get in it and ride around town in the sunlight to put it on display.

That's what God wants to do in your life: He wants to put you on display. When you shine, you bring Him glory! There may be people who won't listen to what you have to say right now. But once your posture and position change, they'll wish they had. God is going to demonstrate His power through you, and when He does His goodness will be undeniable.

CHANGE BEGINS WITH YOU

So how do I change my posture and position? you may ask. You must activate God's power in your life. I define *power* as "the ability to get results"! While others are sweating to get results, you should be experiencing sweatless victories!

To be successful, you must rely on God's supernatural ability. In other words, you need His ability working *through* you to get results.

Don't fall into the trap of relying on your experience alone to succeed. Experience, education and who you know can only take you so far. Paul said it best in 1 Corinthians 2:5: "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

We can't rely on our nation's new administration to meet our needs and resolve our problems. The answers this nation needs, and the world for that matter, can only be found in God. When we allow His power to work through us, it will have great influence—not just in the Church or community, but in the world. When the world begins to see the evidence of God's power in action, they'll take notice.

If you're serious about changing your posture and position, the transformation must begin in you. Don't expect God to wave a magic wand over your situation. He's not into magic tricks. You can't keep doing things the same way and expect different results. Change is up to you.

The first step toward change is decision. You must decide to change. The second step is to stop making excuses. And third, you must be willing to change now!

Everywhere you turn, there are voices in the atmosphere. A good listener is able to distinguish the voices he or she hears. Take children, for example. If you were in a crowd and your child called your name, without question you would recognize his voice. There are other familiar voices you've grown accustomed to hearing as well: your boss, friends and even talk-show hosts. You know these voices well, but how well do you know God's voice?

The foundation for your success is not going to be based on good ideas; it will be based on how much time you spend seeking God's voice.

TURN THE CHANNEL

It's time to change the channel on what you've been listening to. There's a voice behind a large majority of what you hear on radio and television. It echoes fear, failure and hopelessness. That voice is not from God.

It's time to tune out all the voices around you and get in a quiet place so you can hear the voice of God. John 10:4 says, "...The sheep follow him: for they know his voice." How does the time you spent in God's presence

yesterday compare to the time you spent listening to the news, talking with friends and searching online?

The Bible says God's mercies are new every day. That means He has a fresh Word for you today! Be careful you don't replace hearing from God with your own plans and ideas. Don't get me wrong, having a business plan is great. But knowing what God is saying is greater.

I've lost a lot of money on good ideas. They were well-planned, tested and seemingly good at the time. But as I later learned, they were not God ideas. I've never lost with a God idea.

There's a sleeping giant inside you and he's ready to wake up. God has empowered you as a believer with His authority. He's entrusted it to you. Now is the time to use it!

In Luke 10:19, Jesus reminds us of the power we have been given: "Behold, I give unto you power to

tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." The word *power* is translated "authority." You have been given absolute mastery over everything! Isn't that amazing? God gave us His authority when He said, "Let us make man in our image...and let [him] have dominion...upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26).

If things are going to change in this nation, the economy and our lives, then we're going to have to initiate that change! Faith has a voice, and that's the place of power. You have been given the authority by Almighty God to issue earthly license and permits for heavenly involvement. When you involve God, the angels and the Holy Spirit in your life, there's going to be a turnaround.

Recession is the world's crisis. It's an Egypt thing. Our place is in Canaan! During Moses' time, there was famine in Egypt and it was dark. But at the exact same time, there was light and increase in Goshen. The same can be true for us today!

HEAR WHAT GOD SAYS

Romans 10:17 tells us faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. It's not enough just to hear the Word of God. You're going to have to hear the Word *from* God. That's when breakthrough occurs. When you meditate in God's Word you will begin to hear His word for you! Then the Holy Spirit can lead you in the way you should go.

You and I can read the same scripture, but what you hear and what I hear will be different because God speaks clarity behind the Word. He is the voice behind the Word. When you confess the word He gave to you, you activate the voice of faith.

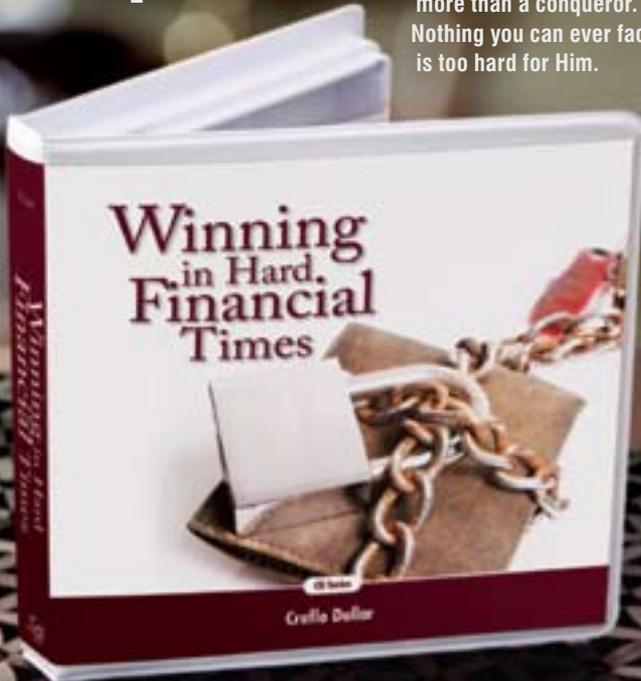
How thirsty are you for change? In Psalm 42:1 David expresses how his soul panted for God as a deer panting for water. To *pant* is to "yearn and crave for God's power." How thirsty are you for God's Word?

Change your posture and position today by activating the voice of faith in your life. Don't stop at the first victory. That's like settling for a win at a local tournament when God really wants to make you champion of the world. Tune out the voices around you, and tune in to God's voice daily. Your breakthrough is closer than you think! **VICTORY**

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IN THE BEGINNING, GOD ADDED THE CROWNING GLORY TO HIS CREATION WHEN HE MADE MAN—ADAM AND EVE. HE CREATED THEM TO LIVE ETERNALLY ON THE EARTH IN FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM. HE PREPARED THE PERFECT ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPLIED THEM WITH EVERY NUTRITIONAL SUBSTANCE THAT WOULD GIVE THEM THE STRENGTH REQUIRED FOR LIFE. HE GAVE THEM DOMINION OVER EVERY LIVING THING HE HAD CREATED.

And finally, we see in Genesis 1:28-31 that “God blessed them.” He empowered them to *be* and *do* everything He had dreamed for them since before He spoke His first creative word. Every word He spoke from *Let there be light* to *Let us make man in our image* was all for mankind to live long and live blessed!

GOD IS GOOD FOR HIS WORD

At the end of the sixth day of Creation, “God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). Yes, everything God has ever dreamed for you and me, every word He has ever spoken out of His heart of love for us has only been good. Good is who He is!

God has never changed His mind or plan for eternal life and blessing for His creation. Receiving His blessed, long life has always been and always will be the personal choice of every person. In fact, since Creation the choice for every person has been, *Do I take God at His Word—do I believe Him; do I obey Him? If I do, I choose life and blessing. If I don't, I choose death and cursing.*

That was the choice Adam and Eve were presented in Genesis. It was the choice given to Moses and the children of Israel (Deuteronomy 30:19). And it is the choice Jesus gives us in John 3:16: “Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

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CONNECTING GOD'S WORD TO OUR LIVES

God's Word produces life. It creates blessing. The Bible is filled with promises about the connection between God's Word and our quality of life. Proverbs 4:20-23 gives one of the clearest pictures of the relationship between the Word and our lives.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Do you see the connections? When we pay attention to God's words, getting them into our ears, into our eyes and into our hearts, the Word becomes our very life! The Word is our health. The Word we diligently keep in our hearts becomes everything that proceeds from and is produced by our lives. The Word we have diligently put into our hearts will talk to us and keep us in line with what God has in store for us.

And then, Proverbs 23:7 makes the next connection from the heart, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.” Whatever is in our heart in abundance will make us who we are. If we continually think on the Word of God that fills our hearts, apply it to our everyday living, receive our vision from it and develop our dreams and desires from it, the Word will become us. Our obedience to the Word, whether it is the help we give to others, the love we show to one another or our faithful giving, are the best indicators of what is in our hearts.

Only one connection remains for our lives to be complete examples of a Word-filled heart expressing God's good plan for His man, and that's talking. Jesus declared that: “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” (Matthew 12:34).

What comes out of our mouths tells the tale of what is in our hearts. When we have made the connection with God's Word, then our hearts can't help but overflow with the Word. When we confess the Word over our lives, we complete the connection. God's Word coming out of our mouths brings the Word that is in our hearts from the unseen realm to the seen realm. As we believe and speak the Word into our circumstances, we create our personal world that lines up with the life God desires for all mankind.

As we follow through by acting on the Word, we establish our lives on its firm foundation. That's what Jesus said would happen: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24-25).

So, Ken and I made the choice more than 42 years ago to connect our entire lives to God's Word. And, as each year has come and gone, we have become even more connected and are enjoying the long and blessed life God has promised us!

HEART TO HEART

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Well, that's because it *is* simple. All it requires is your giving yourself to God's Word every day of your life—hearing and obeying what He has to say to you personally in the Word and being diligent to keep it in your heart. Spending time with the One who loves you is the simple key. His Word, coming from His heart to yours, is the source of your blessed life.

Our time is the most valuable thing we have, and however we decide to spend it determines how our lives will play out. When we spend time every day in the Word and in prayer, we set ourselves up for God to work out His detailed plan for our lives. Having a regular time and place for a daily reading schedule and communication with our heavenly Father is foundational to making the connections with His Word we will need daily for living productively and effectively. Years ago I began to set aside my early morning hours and discovered that time works best for me—before the day's activities begin.

Then, when we find ourselves facing unusual circumstances or challenges, we can work off of our foundation. We go to the Word and dig out what it has to say about the thing we are facing and then speak and act accordingly.

During your times of prayer and feeding on the Word, God will reveal His heart to you. You will begin to know His love for you personally. The Word is the place where you will gain the wisdom, knowledge and understanding you need to make decisions and take the steps that will lead to victory in any situation. Your diligence to research the Word and believe what God says in every circumstance connects the Word to your situation. Get it in your ears, in your eyes, into your heart and out your mouth, and get it into your life by

doing whatever He shows you and tells you to do.

Once you get in the habit of taking God at His Word and obeying the Word, life becomes a great adventure of blessing. You will get to the place where you can hardly wait until your next time alone with your heavenly Father. His Word and your time with Him will become your most valuable, daily nutritional source, feeding and strengthening your inner man—changing you and the way you deal with life day in and day out.

BLESSED ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES

God created mankind to live from the inside out. The good health and vitality of our inner man (our spirit) that we gain from our connection with God's Word, works itself out into our soul (our thoughts, decisions and feelings) and into our physical bodies. God designed our soul to give expression to our inner man. And He designed our bodies to contain and carry us through all our days.

Spending time with God and His Word builds our inner man. How we approach life's issues starts on the inside.

Our long and blessed lives develop day by day for our entire lives as we give our attention to the things of God, staying aware of Him in everyday activities. That simple activity alone makes the way for Him to give us things we need for blessed living. Jesus said it plainly, "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33, *The Amplified Bible*).

We can go back to Deuteronomy 28 to see the full picture of God's blessing promised to those who hear His words and obey them. I love this passage of scripture because God left nothing out of the promised blessing.

Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall

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Well, there you have God's Word on living the blessed life. It covers everything—prosperity, health, deliverance, protection. Hear Him and obey what He says and the blessings of God will follow you. With this kind of promise from Him, who wouldn't desire to live long on this earth?

I enjoy life and blessings. So, I have chosen to believe God and receive all His blessings. I choose to live as long as I desire—until I am satisfied, according to Psalm 91:16—and enjoy the blessings of God all the days of my life. I have made my decision and taken the actions

for long life based on God's Word in Proverbs 3:1-2: "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee."

You can make that choice, too. All you have to do is

believe God, obey His Word and receive all He promises. You can be, and do and have all He has ever dreamed for you. His plan is a simple one: Obey Me! The choice is yours to receive the long, blessed life God has for you. I say, do it today! **VICTORY**

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The Power to Forgive Releases Healing

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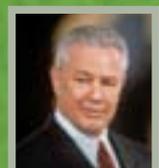
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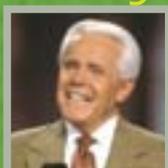
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