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ONE SWEET, VICTORIOUS



this out by experience years ago: I have a habit of following my eyes. Wherever I'm looking, that's where I go.

Before I found the explanation in the Bible, I used to think something was wrong with me. Riding down the highway on my motorcycle, I'd start looking at something lying in the road and drive right smack

Kenneth, what's wrong with you? I'd think, you were supposed

over the top of it.

to avoid that thing not hit it!

Now, of course, I know what happened. Like everyone else on this planet, I've been created by God to move toward what I focus on. Not just when I'm riding a motorcycle but all the time, in every area of my life.

It's a spiritual truth that governs us all—spirit, soul and body. Whatever we look at determines our course and becomes our source. Wherever we set our gaze, that's where our faith and trust will go.

That's why so many born-again believers miss out on the world-overcoming victory that's theirs in Christ Jesus. That's why they keep finding themselves "under" the circumstances instead of "on top." It's also the reason so many Christians are hurting financially these days instead of enjoying the most prosperous time of their lives.

"Oh, Brother Copeland, how can you say we should be prospering right now? Haven't you been watching the world economy?"

No, I haven't. I'm aware of what's going on but I'm not "watching" it because it's not my source. My source is Almighty God and, I guarantee you, He's not wringing His hands over what's happening in Greece, the European Union or anywhere else.

God's economy is doing just fine. He's well able to supply all my needs according to His riches in glory AND make all grace abound toward me so that I have plenty for every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8). His BLESSING makes me rich and He adds no sorrow with it (Proverbs 10:22).

Certainly this world is facing a serious crisis. We may be the first generation in history to see all of the socialistic, Babylonian systems of government on earth—systems designed by men to meet their own needs without God—imploding at the same time.

But so what? When the world is in its biggest financial mess is when God's people should have more income than ever before. We're His answer to this mess. We're the ones anointed to release THE BLESSING of God wherever it's needed—and these days it's needed everywhere.

When Times Get Tough a Heath Is No Help

"Well, I can hardly see how I'm going to get enough money to pay my

we can't enjoy the full benefits of that BLESSING

if we continue to think, talk, act and live like we're under the curse.

own bills," one might say, "much less help anyone else!"

Then you're looking at the wrong thing. You're making the same mistake the man made in Jeremiah 17:5-6. This is what The LORD said about him: "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited."

As believers, those verses shouldn't apply to us. After all, we've received Jesus as our LORD. We've inherited THE BLESSING of Abraham (Galatians 3:14). But even so, we can't enjoy the full benefits of that BLESSING if we continue to think, talk, act and live like we're under the curse.

That's what this fellow Jeremiah described is doing. Instead of looking to God, he's looking at the cursed conditions around him. His eyes have departed from The LORD and he is looking to the world as his source.

That's what makes him a heath.

A thorny, stunted little shrub that's absolutely useless, a heath can't provide shade enough for a lizard. It grows in soil so alkaline that any water poured on it just turns to salt water. So there's nothing anyone can do to help it and it can't do anything to help anyone else.

A person with a heath mentality doesn't see when good comes because he's not looking at it. He's looking at the bad. He's looking at the drought. He's focusing on the desert; and since where you look determines what you become, his life is a desert through and through.

"Come on, give the guy a break!" someone might say. "He's stuck in a parched, salty wilderness. He doesn't have any other choice."

Yes, he does. The next few verses prove it. They describe a different man who, according to the translations I've studied, lives in the very same vicinity surrounded by the very same conditions. Yet the Bible says about him: "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

What a difference! This man isn't worrying about the drought around him. He's not staring at the scarcity of the region or the scorching sun. He's looking instead at the boundless supply of God. He has his attention on the river.

The heath guy can't even see that river! He doesn't know it's there because it's not visible to the natural eye. A subterranean river that flows underground is hidden, much like the spiritual truths of God's kingdom. Only those who will put their roots down into it by faith can tap into its waters. Only those who will dig down deep into the rock can see the abundance that's there.

None So Blind

Actually, the heath in Jeremiah reminds me of the unbelieving Jews in the New Testament Gospels. Jesus stood right in the midst of them in all His miracle-working power and they Follow us on Twitter for short, timely messages from Kenneth & Gloria. twitter.com/KCMEurope

couldn't receive from Him. They couldn't see who He was or THE BLESSING He came to give because they'd closed their spiritual eyes. As Jesus said: "They seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them" (Matthew 13:13, 15).

It sounds crazy but people still do this today. They shut their eyes to spiritual truth because they don't want to see it.

Some years ago, Gloria and I heard a stunning illustration of that fact from a woman named Gertrude. She'd experienced a tremendous miracle of God. At one time in her life, she'd been paralyzed. Utterly immobile, she had to be carried from place to place in a bedsheet.

The doctors told Gertrude she had no chance of recovery, but she didn't believe them. She believed God's WORD instead. So, the day they put her in the ambulance to take her to the hospital, she said to her son, "Go get my shoes!"

"Mama, why on earth do you need shoes?" he asked.

"Because when Jesus heals me, I don't want to walk around on those cold hospital floors barefooted!" she answered.

Sure enough, in response to her faith, Jesus showed up in her hospital room and personally ministered healing to her. She got out of bed, put on her shoes and robe and started going up and down the hall testifying to the other patients. They were thrilled about it—but do you know who wasn't?

Her doctor.

When she walked into his office he literally turned his back on her. "Gertrude, get out of here," he said. "I don't want to see you."

"Why not?" she said. "Jesus healed me! I'm totally well. Don't you want to look?"

"No!" he said. "If I see you, I'll have to change everything I think and I'm not going to do it."

It's hard to imagine anyone acting so foolishly, but people do it every day. They invest so much of their time, money and reputation into the world's way of thinking and operating, they're not even willing to look at what God has to offer them. Fixing their eyes on the world, they close their eyes to the truth—even though in the end it costs them everything.

Converting to God's System

Although the spiritual condition of the self-blinded unbelievers in Matthew 13 is tragic, here's the upside.

In the very same passage, Jesus said this about those of us who are His disciples: "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.... Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear" (Matthew 13:11, 16).

What is it we can see and hear?

The "word of the kingdom" (verse 19).

To appreciate the importance of that, you have to realize the kingdom of God is a system. It's God's way of thinking and operating. The WORD of the kingdom gives us access to that system. It enables us to see what God sees and know what He knows. No longer bound to the beggarly elements of this world, "at any time" we choose, we can look at God's WORD, hear it, understand it and "be converted" (verse 15).

"Be converted! Brother Copeland, I got converted years ago when I was born again."

Yes, spiritually you did. But for the rest of your life to change (your soul, body, finances and circumstances) your mind must be converted too. Instead of thinking like a heath and staying stuck in the desert, you must learn how to think, talk and act like God.

Exactly how do you go about that?

First, open your spiritual eyes! Do the exact opposite of what the spiritually sightless people who missed out on Jesus' ministry did and yield to the authority or dominion of the King. (Since a kingdom is where the king has dominion that's always the first step to kingdom living.) Say to Jesus, "Sir, I'm Yours to command. I will attend to Your WORD and make it my final authority. Whatever I see there I will put into practice."

Then obey the instructions in Proverbs 4:20-22: "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."

Notice that according to those verses, when you "attend" to God's WORDS they become "sayings." The Scriptures start talking to you. The Holy Spirit speaks them to you on the inside so you can not only see but hear the thoughts of God.

If you'll make the decision to take those thoughts by saying them on purpose over and over again, eventually you'll catch yourself saying them without having to decide to do it. When that happens, your thinking in that area has been converted. God's thoughts have become your own.

Suddenly, you're seeing something entirely different than the world is seeing. While they're seeing drought, you're seeing rivers. While they're looking at famine, you're seeing feast. While they're looking at financial collapse, you're seeing the riches of THE BLESSING.

I'm not saying all your circumstances will change overnight. It often takes time for the manifestation of THE BLESSING to become visible in this natural realm. But you can still "see" it because

you don't really see with your physical eyes. I don't either. You see with your mind. Your brain collects information and turns it into images in your soul. Then you interpret those images and decide what to do with them.

I have a very good friend who proves that point every day. A Partner with this ministry, he owns a gun store. He does not have sight in his natural eyes. One of his customers told me he bought guns from him for four years without noticing anything unusual about him.

"I'd tell him which gun I wanted and he'd go over to the case and get it with no problem," he said. "He'd clear it, break it down, whatever he needed to do, and hand it to me. I'd stand there talking to him and looking him right in the face with no idea he was blind."

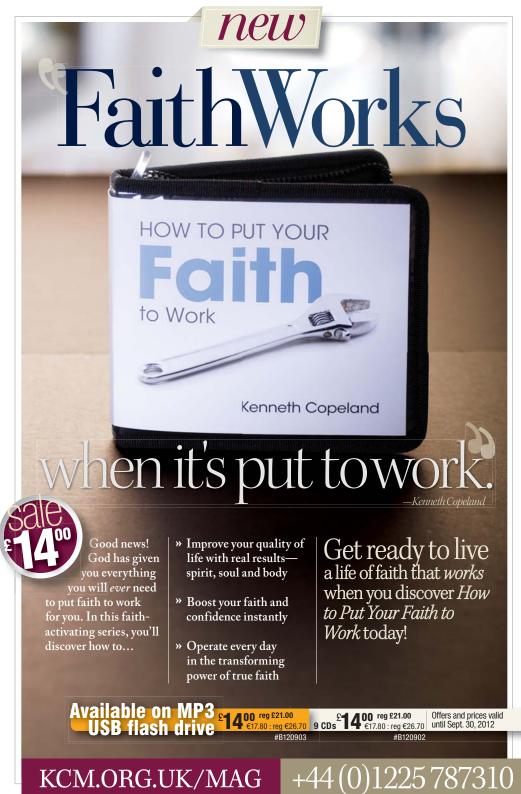
Amazing as it seems, the man also trains military personnel. According to his staff, if you're his enemy and you don't want him to shoot you, you'd better be real quiet. His ears catch sounds yours don't. He can hear you breathe from across the room—and if he hears you, he can shoot you.

Can that man see?

Absolutely. He sees with his hands. He sees with his ears. He sees images on the inside of him the same as you and I do. His eyes don't yet transfer light from his eyes to his brain but that's changing. He's attending to The WORD. He's fixing his spiritual gaze on his miracle-working God.

You and I can do the same thing. Instead of looking at the circumstances around us, we can focus on The WORD of the kingdom. Instead of watching the curse on the news, we can spend our time watching THE BLESSING in the Bible. As we do, we'll start moving toward it. It will become our source.

Before long, we'll be drawing from the river instead of withering in the desert. Just like I did when I was on my motorcycle and saw something on the highway, we'll run right into THE BLESSING and this bumpy road of life will become one sweet, victorious ride. VICTORY





MadeRich

The step class was vigorous and afterward Miranda took a shower thinking about the upcoming week. Kenneth and Gloria Copeland were holding a meeting in south England and she'd scheduled time off to attend. The year before, Miranda had flown to the U.S. and attended KCM's Great Lakes Believers' Convention. She could hardly wait for another infusion of the Word of God.

Standing in a stream of warm water, Miranda froze. She felt a lump in her breast. Miranda's fingers palpated the lump, noting its size, texture and edges. As a surgical nurse she'd seen plenty of this type of growth. She didn't need a mammogram, sonogram or a biopsy to know the diagnosis.

This wasn't a cyst.

Cancer.

The word came unbidden, but she knew. She, Miranda Eyles healthy, vigorous and without a trace of illness—had cancer. Fear clawed at her throat. Why her? Why now? How had this happened? She was born again, Spirit-filled and living for the Lord!

Get a grip! Why not me? I'm born again, Spirit-filled and living for God! I can't panic! I won't receive it! I've got to use my faith!

Miranda didn't notice the daffodils as she left the gym and headed home. She had to talk to her husband, Francis, and their daughter, Priscilla. After dinner, she asked them to join her in the sitting room. Grateful that Francis, an interior designer, had made the room so inviting, she took comfort in the familiar milky yellow walls, red Persian rug and open fireplace.

"Let's sit down and have a chat," she said. "I don't want either of you to panic, but I found a lump in my breast today. I'm going to the doctor tomorrow, but no matter the outcome,

I want us to behave as though nothing has happened. For me to have the strength I need, you each need to do what I'm asking. I don't want you to feel sorry for me, because I believe God has healed me."

The color drained from her husband's face.

"God's not going to heal you!"

"I know you don't believe in God," Miranda replied, "but I know I'm healed. I need you to agree with me."

The next morning the doctor frowned as he examined Miranda. "I'll do a biopsy straight away and have the results by the end of the day."

Late that afternoon, the doctor sent Miranda a message. "I need you to come see me. Bring your husband or a friend."

Miranda sighed. Doctors didn't tell patients to bring a friend if the news was good. She couldn't take Francis; he would fall apart. Instead, she asked her prayer partner to go with her.

by THE BLESSING







All I want to do is run and saturate myself in God's Word. Everything else will be OK. One look at the doctor's face told Miranda everything she needed to know.

"Look, Miranda, I have really bad news. You have grade III invasive ductal cancer, and it's a big tumor. You need to go home and get things arranged so that you can be admitted to the hospital tomorrow."

"I've booked a conference in Bournemouth next week," Miranda explained, "so I'll decline coming into the hospital until afterward."

"Miranda, I know you're shocked and aren't thinking straight, but I don't believe you're going against my advice." at night I listened to the Word of God until I fell asleep. I didn't want moments spent staring into space. I spent every spare minute in praise and worship and pasted notes with scriptures everywhere.

"Before leaving for the conference, I called the KCM office and told them my diagnosis and asked for prayer. They sent me healing scriptures and Dodie Osteen's wonderful book, Healed From Cancer. I also called my brother, Zwelibanzi Cephas Mazabane, who pastors a church in South Africa. He talked to me every day and became a tower of strength."

Watching the BVOV broadcast

for her. In addition, after Healing School on Saturday, Gloria prayed for her as well. Miranda left the conference with quiet assurance that she'd been healed.

Plugging in to the Power

Back home, the doctor ordered more tests, expecting the worst.

"Oh my!" he exclaimed. "The metastasis in your liver is *gone!*"

"Let's see what we can do now," he said. "I'm sending you for chemotherapy, surgery and radiation."

"You can do whatever you wish," Miranda said, grinning. "I'm healed."

When the oncologist explained all the risks of chemotherapy, Francis turned as white as a hospital sheet. Looking him in the eye, Miranda said, "This is all just talk. I only believe God. Francis, *I'm healed!*"

Born and raised in a Christian home in Zimbabwe (formerly called Rhodesia), Miranda had attended church where her mother worked in the women's ministry and her father had been the praise and worship leader. Although she always believed in God, it hadn't been until after she'd migrated to London and married that Miranda realized she had only had head knowledge of Christ. She had not known Him on a personal and intimate basis.

That's why she understood Francis' fear. Until he became a new creature in Christ, spiritual things would remain a mystery to him. She prayed for him to have that divine encounter with Jesus.

While other patients undergoing chemotherapy were depressed, lethargic and ill, Miranda arrived at each session with her Bible, her friends and infectious laughter. She overheard her husband say, "I've never seen such tenacity! She has faith that I don't understand!"

Miranda continued teaching Bible study every third Sunday, allowing those in the congregation to believe she'd shaved her head as a fashion statement.

Cancer, you're a spirit and you have no right in the temple of God! I am speaking to you and you must leave!

"Really, what difference will one week make? So yes, I'm going to the conference first. You see... I'm healed."

"What?"

Back home, Francis thought his wife had gone totally mad.

"I don't believe you aren't going to do what the doctor said!"

"All I want to do is run and saturate myself in God's Word," Miranda explained. "Everything else will be OK."

Before she left for the conference, a series of tests revealed that things were far from OK. The cancer had already metastasized to her lymph nodes—and to her liver.

"It was tempting to allow myself to feel sad and depressed," Miranda recalls. "I knew without a doubt if I let my mind drift into neutral I would fall into depression. I also knew if that happened, the cancer would quickly overtake me and I would die.

"I couldn't allow that to happen so I had to take every thought captive. I determined to live in conscious joy at all times. I was joyful at work and one day, Miranda listened while Gloria and Billye Brim discussed how the devil tries to come into a person's home illegally. Meditating on this, Miranda realized the cancer was illegal and she had to take authority over it.

"Cancer, you're a spirit and you have no right in the temple of God! I am speaking to you and you must leave!"

The following week, Miranda packed her bags and left for the conference, along with two colleagues. Neither of her friends knew of Miranda's diagnosis, nor could they guess by her demeanor. Miranda appeared as happy and joyous as anyone could be. Prior to her diagnosis, she'd volunteered to usher, so she kept that commitment and ushered every meeting.

The conference was everything Miranda had hoped, and she experienced God's presence in a powerful way while being saturated in His Word and in faith. At one point, the prayer team from KCM's office gathered around to pray

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Another Dose of the Word

"Chemotherapy was awful," Miranda admits. "But my faith was so strong that I could feel healing emanating from inside my body and also from the outside. Every time they measured the tumor my oncologist was stunned. She said she'd never seen a tumor decrease as fast. In three months it dropped from 8 to 2 centimeters.

"One of the things that helped me a great deal was listening to Brother Copeland's teaching called *Healing: It's Always God's Will.* I listened to those CDs over and over and they gave me great strength.

"As soon as I finished chemotherapy I boarded a flight to the U.S. to attend the West Coast Believers' Convention. I mentioned that I was going to saturate myself in the Word to ensure that the cancer never came back and the airline upgraded me to first class! I slept the entire way!"

During each step of the process, Miranda talked to her family, letting them know what to expect. For the first time since she'd been born again, she had the freedom to discuss her faith openly. Miranda not only came through the ordeal stronger, so did her marriage.

Miranda's surgery was scheduled for November 2008. Because the tumor had decreased to 2 centimeters, she didn't require a mastectomy. The tiny growth was removed through a lumpectomy.

Established in a strong local church, Miranda's pastor is a spiritual son of Creflo Dollar. In 2010, two years after her diagnosis, Kenneth and Gloria arrived at her church to preach.

THE BLESSING at Work

"I was diagnosed with cancer in 2008," Miranda explains, "and there has never been a sign of cancer in my body since. In my profession you don't see this. If someone with my type and stage of cancer survives, it usually recurs within one to two years. It's now been four years and even my doctor says, 'Your belief has brought you to this place!'

"Fifteen years ago I lost a great deal of money in some investments and was in financial crisis. My cousin invited me to church where I got born again. Afterward, looking for financial answers, the Lord led me to KCM's website. I became a Partner with the ministry and within two years I had recovered financially.

"Becoming a Partner with KCM was one of the best decisions I've ever made. Without them, my marriage would have ended in divorce from the financial stress. If not for KCM, I would be dead. I found myself through this ministry and I'm alive because of this ministry. It's better than gold to me."

Today, Miranda Eyles is as busy as ever as manager of the operating theatre at the Portland Hospital for Women and Children. Financially, physically and in every way THE BLESSING is still at work in her life.

"I thought you were going to die," Francis admitted. "I've seen something I've never seen before."

As a result of Miranda's healing, in 2011, Francis received Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Truly, "THE BLESSING of The LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22). VICTORY

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When Miranda Eyles was being healed of cancer, she was confident of two places she could turn for encouragement, support and agreement in her stand of faith for the power of THE BLESSING to work in her life—God's Word and Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Today Miranda is cancer free and declares, "Healing is always God's will—it's part of THE BLESSING!"

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Taking in adequate oxygen is essential for life itself.

Aerobic exercise, which trains our body to breathe
deeper and pull more oxygen out of the air, actually
reverses the effects of aging and prolongs life.



Hard to believe? Well, not when you understand that God created our bodies to be active. When we exercise, our bodies respond quickly and favorably. According to the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, "higher levels of regular physical activity are associated with lower mortality rates for both older and younger adults." Even those who are moderately active on a regular basis have lower mortality rates than those who are least active, the report said.

In addition, the report revealed that exercise helps reduce the risk of premature death, or developing conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, colon and breast cancer, and diabetes.

Exercise also helps to reduce or maintain body weight or body fat, builds and maintains healthy muscles, bones and joints, reduces depression and anxiety, improves psychological well-being, and enhances your work, recreation and sports performance.

Health Is in the Air

There are many forms of exercise with many different health benefits. Most often we categorize exercise into two kinds—aerobic and anaerobic.

Aerobic is any activity "requiring oxygen." Aerobic exercise uses large muscle groups, is rhythmic in nature and can be maintained for a period of time. Anaerobic means "without oxygen."

Done consistently, aerobic activity trains the heart, lungs and

cardiovascular system to process and deliver oxygen in a more efficient manner. Your body is subjected to a good kind of stress that strengthens and trains your heart and lungs to work more efficiently. Naturally, by strengthening your heart muscle you reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease.

Good Reason Is a Good Reason to Exercise

When you exercise aerobically,

you also increase your lung capacity. That's important for a number of reasons.

Taking in adequate oxygen is essential for life itself. Aerobic exercise, which trains our body to breathe deeper and pull more oxygen out of the air, actually reverses the effects of aging and prolongs life. Taking in more oxygen means more oxygen goes to the brain, which helps you think and reason better.

If you want to stay mentally sharp, aerobic exercise can help!

A study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine concluded that a lack of physical activity is a possible risk factor in intellectual decline. As part of

the study, the cognitive ability of 6,000 women over 65 was tested at the onset and then again six to eight years later.

The results revealed that the women who walked the most (2.5 miles daily) were least likely to experience deterioration in their cognitive ability. Only 17 percent of the women showed signs of intellectual decline as opposed to a 24-percent decline in those who walked less than one mile per week.

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	Activity (60 min. duration)	140-150 pound person	170-180 pound person
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	Backpacking	448-476	539-574
	Badminton	288-306	347-369
	Bicycling (outdoor)	512-544	616-656
	Bicycling (stationary)	448-476	539-574
	Bowling	192-204	231-246
	Canoeing	224-238	270-287
	Dancing	288-306	347-369
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	Golfing (carrying bag)	288-306	347-369
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	Volleyball	192-204	231-246
	Walking, 2 mph	160-170	193-205
2000	Walking, 3.5 mph	243-258	293-312



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Aerobic exercise increases the amount of oxygen to your brain. I think that's an excellent reason to get moving!

As the Fat Burns

Another important benefit of aerobic activity is that it burns stored fat. This is vital in achieving and maintaining a healthy weight.

Fat is a slow-burning fuel that requires oxygen. If oxygen is delivered to muscle cells in sufficient quantities the cells can easily burn fat for most of their energy requirements. Burning fat requires continuous smooth movements, so learn to develop a rhythmic style when exercising. And to effectively burn fat, you should breathe slightly deeper and use a little more lung capacity.

A consistent exercise routine will help you become more physically fit. As you do, you will begin to look better and have more energy.

Don't Worry, Be Happy!

Another very important result of aerobic exercise is that it causes you to feel better, not only physically but emotionally. As you exercise, endorphins are released in your body. These are neurotransmitters (biochemical substances) in the brain that, among other things, produce a sense of well-being. When you exercise you will not

only feel stronger and healthier, but you will also be better able to deal with day-to-day stress. In fact, many researchers believe exercise is the best antidepressant available.

So if you struggle with depression or anxiety, gird up your mind with God's Word first. Find scriptures to stand on that will bring you peace. Then exercise—it's a natural, healthy way to combat depression. And it will also help you sleep better.

Ready, Set, Go!

I'm sure by now you are ready to get started, right?

"So how much exercise is enough?" you might ask.

Well, that depends on your age, gender, fitness level and objectives. The Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas has found that walking 30 minutes a day, three times a week, provides some cardiovascular benefits. If weight loss is your goal, then the institute suggests you increase your walking time to 45-60 minutes, five to six times a week. As you progress, you can strive for a higher level of fitness by increasing the duration or difficulty of your workouts.

Exercise can be a lot of fun! Find something you enjoy doing and after getting clearance from your doctor—go for it!

The chart on the previous page shows some ways to get the exercise

you need. It also lists the estimated number of calories burned while performing these activities for one hour at a moderate intensity level.

When calculating the number of calories burned while exercising, keep in mind that the type of exercise, the intensity of your workout and your weight need to be factored in to the equation. As you get into an exercise routine, you'll discover you feel better and have more energy. It'll put a spark of vitality back into your life.

Be Strong

Another way to turn back the clock is to include some form of impact exercise or weight training in your routine.

This was proven when a landmark study by researchers at the USDA Human Nutrition Research Center at Tufts University revealed that weight training has a tremendous effect on aging. In only eight weeks, 10 fragile men and women between the ages of 86 and 90, all of whom had chronic disease or disabilities, increased the strength of their leg muscles by a dramatic 174 percent without injury. They also increased their balance and walking speed.

According to the American College of Sports Medicine, weight or resistance training is the only type of exercise that can substantially slow and even reverse the declines in muscle mass, bone density and strength that were once considered inevitable consequences of aging.

As you can see, a physically



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active lifestyle provides many health benefits. Exercise can help you regain energy and vitality, improve the quality of your life and even prolong your life. An article by Mark Lander of *Better Health and Medical Network* states that reports have indicated that athletically and nutritionally fit individuals can be as many as 10 to 20

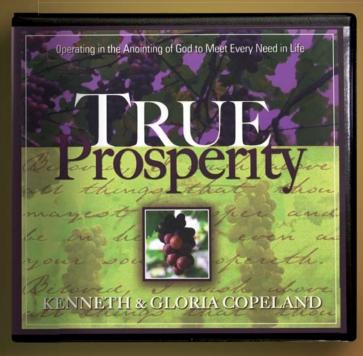
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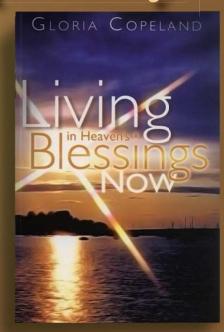
By exercising *you can turn back time!* So why wait another minute to start moving? **VICTORY**

Check with your doctor before beginning any diet or exercise routine.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33)

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Her Mother's Prayer of Faith Healed Her

Dear KCM, I have thanked God many times for you. When I was 4 years old, our family went to the Philippines to visit my dad's family. While there, we visited some remote

the side of my ear and started crawling away. They looked at the bite on my ear and told my mom that I would either be paralyzed for the rest of my life, or dead by morning. My mother refused to believe that

report. She was raised Catholic, but recently had given her heart to the Lord and started listening to the BVOV broadcast on the Hong Kong TV channel. She put everyone

out of the room and prayed the prayer of faith. I was healed instantly! Our hosts were surprised. Thanks to the teachings of Brother and Sister Copeland, my mother knew that "faith can move the mountains in your life." We serve a living God who still performs miracles today. Our family now lives in Montreal, Canada, and we are overjoyed to call you partners.

C.N. Montreal, Canada

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night, my sister and I would sleep on the floor with some of the other children. One night, I was bitten on my left ear by a deadly millipede. Almost instantly, my left side was paralyzed. I could not call for help as my mouth was paralyzed too. From another room, my mother heard me groaning in pain. She came with our hosts to see what was wrong. When they turned the bedroom light on, the millipede left

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1, New King James Version)

Range of Motion Restored

I was healed of decreased range of motion in my left arm while watching the Pearsons on the BVOV broadcast. While they were teaching on Exodus 15:26, I was illuminated in my spirit and I saw an image of the Lord speaking to me and declaring that He "did not put this on me." The range of motion began to return in my left arm. Praise God.

Paula P. :: Illinois

Thank You for Drawing Me Back

I just want to thank you for having the broadcasts available online. They've been a real blessing to me, and I really appreciate the work you do at KCM/KCM Australia. I remember tapes of Kenneth and Gloria playing in the house when I was little, and Superkids playing in the car on the way to school. I found you on TV a few years ago when I was living in the U.K. Your broadcasts and teaching resources have helped me to grow as a Christian, given me a passion to study the Word, opened my eyes to THE BLESSING—including healing and prosperity, and helped me get back on track.



I was saved when I was 3, but went my own way and only in the last few years have gradually come back to walking with the Lord. I still remember when I first heard the healing CDs and

suddenly realized: "I'm not supposed to be sick. I don't have to be sick! I'm healed from everything. I never have to get sick! No pain. That's awesome!" Although I knew this when I was little, I'd forgotten. So thank you, Kenneth and Gloria, for all the great work you are doing here and around the world.

Anna M. :: Australia

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The Blood Protected Us!

We knew God's promises about safety, so when the tornadoes hit, we applied the Blood around 89 acres, over our lives and commanded the tornado to go back up in Jesus' Name! It went up right over us. We didn't even lose a leaf off a tree. Hundreds of trees. houses and roofs around our property were gone, but not ours! Glory to God! J.R. :: Tennessee

'Keep Declaring Jesus Is Lord!'

I believe you saved my life. I was pastoring in Orange, Texas, in 1999, when I started experiencing violent seizures. I thought I was having a nervous breakdown. It turned out that I had an acute case of candidiasis attacking my nervous system—I had thrush all through my internal organs. When the doctors finally found out what was assaulting me they gave me one year to live.

I waited every day for your broadcast. I was bound over double in tremors, sometimes so violent I couldn't stand or write. Satan oppressed my mind, screaming suicidal thoughts, but I knew I could make it to the final moments of the broadcast, when you would proclaim, "Jesus is Lord." I know some people think that's just a slogan or a nice saying, but when you would declare it, my tremors would cease and the violent bending of my body would release. When I touched the TV as you pronounced those words, the attacks would stop. As I battled on, I began to speak it over myself: Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord. Lord, meaning, Owner, Possessor, Purchaser, Controller.

I underwent treatment, left my church and traveled through Argentina and the U.S. for about two years, ministering. When I proclaimed Jesus' lordship, demons came out, tremors ceased, paralytics were healed, cancers were cured and disappeared! Praise the Lord—the more I ministered the more I walked in health. It was as if the healing that flowed through me ministered to me! Without a doubt, your declaration of Jesus' lordship saved my life! I owe you and, of course, our Lord, my very life for speaking and declaring Christ's lordship over me in those dark days of torment. Now my wife, Paula, and I pastor a church in Des Moines, Iowa, and I am the president of a Christian college that oversees Bible colleges and training centers in 25 nations and 28 states.

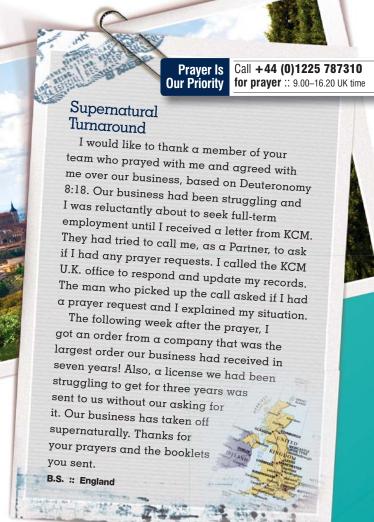
Thirteen years have passed since I was told I would die, but I'm alive and well—ministering the Word today because Jesus is Lord. I love you, my brother. You've blessed me so much through the years. Keep declaring over the tormented and bound: Jesus is Lord. We praise God for you, and you are always in our prayers.

James B. :: Iowa

God Restored My Hearing!

The doctor diagnosed me with severe hearing loss in both ears, one worse than the other—I could hardly hear the pastor anymore. God restored both ears during a prayer call to KCM. I was shouting in tongues at the top of my lungs. Every time I call your ministry, I receive from God!

S.S. :: Alabama



Sharing the Gospel With Those Behind Bars

Thanks a million for the Bibles and other devotional books. As a chaplain, I see many wonderful things that God is doing in our midst. The day after receiving the Bibles I was called by one of our officers saying that an inmate had iust received some bad news and needed to talk to me as soon as possible. I called him to my office and he told me his story. His life included years of heroin addiction and run-ins with the law. He had been locked up numerous times in the past. That day just an hour before, he had received a bad report from the doctor. His

world was turned upside down. After some time visiting with him, God allowed me to tell him about our Savior's love. He invited Jesus into his heart and asked God to save him. I gave him a Bible and asked him to write his name in it with the date Jesus had come into his heart. It is great to be able to give an inmate one of the small books that's applicable to his particular need, like The Power to Live a New Life and many others that are easy to read and personally beneficial to them. I rejoice. Thank you all for what you're doing. We are blessed by your obedience and faithfulness.

John S. :: Texas

God's Word Went Forth and Healed

I had been battling with a discomfort in my neck for several months, then it made its way down to my throat, shoulder, chest and stomach. At times the pain took away my strength. I went to

several doctors who told me it was acid reflux. Others said it was nothing.

During this time I studied God's Word about healing



One day when I was out of town, as I was watching on my phone I prayed with Gloria. The moment Keith spoke about the healing in people's neck, throat, shoulder and stomach, I received it, and a hot sensation came over my body, so much, I had to take off my shirt. Praise God, I'm healed!

Blake N. :: Texas



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The very nature of faith is to respond to grace because it proceeds from grace. EVERYONE WHO WANTS to be in the will of God, raise your hand. » Anyone with any sense should want that. Being in the will of God sums up the Christian's goal in life. Walking daily in His will is the true mark of spirituality. Not because finding His will is hard and only the "special ones" will ever know it. Truth is, we are all special ones.

The cry of God's heart is that we know His will. Accordingly, He has equipped us with all we need that's necessary to both know that will and be able to do it; to



discover His plan and fully, daily, walk it out. That equipping is called *grace*.

Grace is so *many* things that it is *everything*. One way to sum it up is: Grace is the God-given power *to be* what God wants us to be, *to do* what God wants us to do and *to have* what God wants us to have. It is by grace we are allowed to know and by grace we have the capacity to grasp and understand (Ephesians 1:6-9, 17-18).

How do we receive grace to know His will and do it? By faith: "For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Ephesians 2:8).

A Look at Faith and Grace

Here's what faith in grace looks like:

Faith believes God has given grace for this purpose and it is available. Faith responds to the grace given by receiving it—regardless of feelings of unworthiness. Faith believes that grace is sufficient to close the gap between our unworthiness and worthiness. Faith believes it can take, receive and possess as its own all that grace has provided. Furthermore, the very nature of faith is to respond to grace because it proceeds from grace.

We can have and use faith because God desired us to, and by His grace designed us to have and release faith even as He does. Faith is the arena God functions in. Grace opened the door for us into that arena where we are always the winning conquerors over the lions, which the world intended to devour us. Grace by faith and faith by grace.

True, the will of God is complex. It is deep and wide. Its scope ranges from the monotonous to the grand. It is moment by moment yet spans eternity. It is unique to each individual person while embracing the whole of all creation. No particle of creation—whether spiritual or natural—is too small to escape having destiny and purpose. No entity is so grand it requires no direction of the Divine One. So, it's not uncommon for the will of God to seem so complex that we are too intimidated to actually require ourselves to reach for it.

Sure, there is some striving involved—the world is in a flow to keep us out of God's

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"trust & obey."

will. Any part of our thinking that has not been renewed to think like God thinks is going to be carnal, fleshly and will pull against the will of God. (See Romans 8:5; Galatians 5:16-25.) But there is also a great prize involved, as Philippians 3:14 tells us: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Though the *fullness* of the prize awaits us at the end of this life's journey, there is a prize rewarded every moment we walk in the will of God in this life. For indeed, every moment in His will is a moment of knowing Him more. No prize is greater.

Trust and Obey

In all of its depth of complexities, following and accomplishing the will of God is as simple as "trust and obey." We are back now to faith and grace. Trust is resting in faith that grace will make His will known. Then faith obediently *acts* on that knowledge *expecting* to be empowered.

By now I'm sure your faith is growing, but you may still feel that to really comprehend the will of God for you is over your head. I understand. Although I, at least, had the assumption one *could* be in the will of God, generally speaking, I had the sense it would be hit or miss to accurately be in God's specific will, *and* to confidently *do* it.

But thanks be unto God for my dad, Kenneth Copeland!

A number of years ago, our family had taken a few days to be together and have fun. On the last morning we all gathered for a time of prayer and Communion. Whenever we are together that way, one of us will usually be inspired by the Holy Spirit with a question for "Paw Paw" that will make way for a word from the Lord. Praise God, all our children have open ears and hungry

salvation prayer

If you do not know

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as your Saviour and 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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hearts to hear the wise words he brings.

That day, my sister Kellie said, "You know, Dad, in just a few days some of the kids will be heading off to college. But even the ones not ready for that yet are at an age that they need to be especially clear about the will of God for their lives. Can you talk to us about how to know and be in His will?" I'm sure we all recall his answer a little differently, but I do know that each of us was stunned by its simplicity. His words were so saturated with grace—the power to be and do all He wants us to be and do—that our lives will forever be shaped by them. I will do my best to convey his lesson,

especially in the light the Lord has continued to give to me.

First, he said the greatest prayer a person can pray is "Thy will be done" (Matthew 6:10). Making that declaration commands our own will to be in line with His. All carnal thoughts and worldly pressures will yield to the believer who has chosen the Master's will above his own. Some things yield quicker than others, but nothing of the flesh or the devil is capable of forever resisting the will of a believer firmly united with the will of God. It also releases the mountainmoving faith which changes our circumstances to line



up with the plan of God. Powerful!

The next thing Dad told us was so simple yet absolutely liberating. He explained that we are not required to know God's will way into the future. We only need to walk in His will for us today—just one day at a time.

He went on to remind us that we first find the will of God revealed in His Word. To whatever His Word says, we respond, "Thy will be done!" And then we do it! It's amazing how obedience to the obvious commands of the Lord-such as study, prayer, tithing, givingcan open the specific will of God to us. The greatest command is to love God and to love others the same way He loves us. Living by love releases a free flow of His will in our lives: "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, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19).

Then, he said, just do what is right in front of you to do.

Of course, keeping our lives free from ungodliness is essential. Sin cuts us off from the goodness God has planned for us. Just ask Adam. If we own a Bible, we have no excuse for not knowing what He has made obvious.

So, he continued, every day look for His will in His Word and set your heart to do it. Then, as you pray in the spirit and fellowship with your loving heavenly Father, watch within for His leading. After all, Jesus said in John 16:13-14 that it is the purpose of the Holy Spirit's

earthly ministry to lead, guide and show us God's will. If you continue to listen within and act on His leading (Romans 8:14), you will end your day—and eventually your life—fulfilling His will for you.

Believe it! Say it! Act on it! "Thy will be done!" VICTORY

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BY GLORIA COPELAND

Keep the Union

"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with

Me] you can do nothing. If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers." John 15:5-6, *The Amplified Bible*

If you remain in constant contact with God, if you are vitally united with God, all of the power of heaven is at your disposal.

Did you get that? Think about that for a moment. Think how wonderful it would be to have such harmony with God that He did everything you asked Him to do!

According to Jesus, that kind of prayer power is available to every believer. It's available to you and to me...if we will make our union with God the most important thing in our lives.

So let's do it! Let's stop compromising and allowing the things of the world to eat away at our time

with God. Let's get His Word into our hearts so deeply that no one else's opinion seems important.

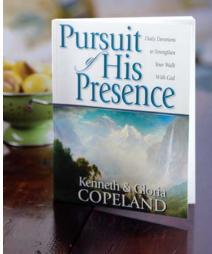
Then let's start asking. Let's ask for what we need. Ask for what we want. Ask God to meet the needs of others. And, of course, believe we receive when we ask.

We won't have to be shy about it. We can be bold, knowing that when we give God priority in our lives, He gives us priority in His life. That's what Jesus meant when He said, "Whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him" (John 14:21, The Amplified Bible).

The Lord explained it to Rufus Moseley—a great man of God who went to heaven some years ago—in these words: "Life in Jesus is gloriously easy. It has one responsibility: the responsibility of remaining in union. If you stay in union with Me, I'll take care of everything else."

Isn't that a delightfully simple instruction? You keep the union. He'll take care of everything else. VICTORY

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Jesus Begins

Healing School

Early one summer morning in 1979, Gloria Copeland woke up and slipped out onto the back porch of the family's cabin in southwest Arkansas. While everyone else slept, she took the opportunity to pray.

It was in those quiet moments alone with God that Gloria remembered a prophecy she had recently received. She was told that she was about to hear from the Lord concerning something He wanted her to do.

Thinking about that prophecy, she spoke from her heart and said, "Lord, You know I'll do anything You want me to do. Just tell me what it is."

When she finished praying, Gloria went inside to get ready for the day. A few moments later, as she was bent over a sink washing her hair, God spoke to her and said, I want you to start teaching on healing in all the meetings.

Gloria heard the voice of God in her spirit in a way she had never heard it before. It was strong and powerful. But what was really shocking was what God wanted her to do. Me, Gloria Copeland... preach? And on healing?

Yet, she loved the Lord and His Word more than anything, so she never questioned whether or not she would obey. She just decided she would be another living example of 1 Corinthians 1:26-31... God calling the simple ones of this world to confound the wise.

In September 1979, three months after that encounter with God, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland obeyed God by adding a Healing School to each of the meetings they had scheduled for the rest of that year—and Gloria began teaching on healing. It was during those meetings that the Lord also instructed her to begin laying hands on the sick and praying for them. So she did.

By the beginning of the next year, with a few meetings behind her, Gloria thought she was finished. She had obeyed God, and thought she could stop now. But then another prophecy came. And this time, it was clear to Gloria when God intended for Healing School to end. In a prophecy delivered to her through her husband in 1980, the Lord said:

I want My people well. I have desired for My people to walk in health. I have desired for My people to know how to walk in health regardless of what ministry is in town. I want My people to know how to take My Word, and stand on My Word, and receive My healing power and know that I am the Lord. I want My people to walk with Me in health and life and know the good things that I have prepared for them. I have set a table before you in the presence of your enemies. You shall not be an orphan group. You shall not be hungry. You shall not be in want,

for I am the God-Provider. I am the Lord God that heals you....I will have My people well, saith God. So My instruction to this ministry is: Continue this Healing School...until I return.

By that, it was clear to Gloria that the Lord not only wanted her to preach healing, but that He wanted her to preach it until Jesus returns. Since the very first Healing School in September 1979, every Believers' Convention and Victory Campaign held by Kenneth Copeland Ministries has given our Partners and Friends an opportunity to receive God's Word on divine healing and to apply it to their lives.

Today, 33 years later, Gloria Copeland has taught Healing School around the world to countless numbers of people. In Healing School, she steps out onto a platform in an auditorium full of people and boldly declares—Jesus always comes to Healing School! And thousands of people have received God's Word on divine healing, applied it to their lives and seen the results.

To God be the glory! VICTORY



Time is running out.

All you have to do is read your Bible to know it. We've moved into the final days of this age—days so difficult and dangerous that Jesus Himself talked about them during His earthly ministry and told us how to handle them.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass (Matthew 24:3-6).

Notice that right in the middle of His description of these perilous times, Jesus gave us a direct and powerful command. He told us in six simple words what we must do to live safely and victoriously in these last days.

He said, "See that ye be not troubled."

Then He went on and warned us in detail of the trouble ahead. He talked about nation rising against nation. He talked about murder and betrayal. He talked about false prophets arising and the love of many waxing cold. In other

words, He talked about the very things we are seeing in the world today.

Jesus warned us about these things so they wouldn't take us by surprise—so we would know there would be trouble. But He also commanded us to see to it that we don't let that trouble trouble us!

Upheld by The WORD of His Power

How can we possibly obey that command? How can we possibly live in the middle of a world filled with danger and distress without it troubling us?

Those are fair questions and Jesus answered them in that very passage. He said: "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (verses 34-35).

Thank God, no matter what is happening around us, The WORD of God remains the same. It is the unchangeable force that upholds us in every time of trouble. It is the solid rock, the foundation that, if we build our lives upon it, will bring us safely through every storm (Matthew 7:24-25).

The WORD of God is far more

real, far more permanent than anything in this natural world. It is, in fact, the very power by which this world and everything in it exists. The Bible tells us Jesus upholds all things—that's right *all things!*—"by the word of his power" (Hebrews 1:3).

I used to wonder why God said it that way. Why didn't He say that He upholds all things by the *power of His WORD?* Then it dawned on me. If we were just depending on the power of God's WORD to see us through, we might find we needed Him to say something He hadn't said yet. And if He hadn't said it, the power of it wouldn't be available to us yet.

But glory to God, He has already said everything that needs to be said! We're not waiting on Him to say something. He's already spoken and all things are being upheld by His words! Everything in the earth, every natural and spiritual force on this planet, is under the influence of what God has already said.

What Do You Say?

Psalm 119 confirms that fact. It says: "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast

established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants" (verses 89-91).

What does that mean to you in these troublesome times? It means a great deal!

It means that in the midst of danger it's already been settled in heaven: "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling" (Psalm 91:10). It means that in these times of financial failure it's already been settled that you "shall not want any good thing" (Psalm 34:10). It means that when the rest of the world is failing around you, it is already settled that you will "triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Those are the words God has spoken about you as His child and they are settled forever in heaven. They are never going to change.

But here's what you have to remember. You're not living in heaven yet. You're living on earth and to activate those words here, you must make sure that your heart agrees with God's WORD. Why? Because Jesus said it will be unto you according to your faith! (Matthew 9:29).

Heaven has already spoken. Now the earth is waiting to hear what you say.

Are you going to speak The WORD of God? Or talk about the trouble around you? Are you going to agree with the heavenly decree? Or agree with the earthly circumstances?

Don't Push the Envelope

You are living today in what you said yesterday. And tomorrow is waiting to hear what you say today. Your eternal destiny is being shaped and formed by your agreement with The WORD of God that is upholding all things.

That's always been true...but now that truth is becoming more crucial than ever before. The reason is simple. We're running out of time. In years past, if we got our hearts and mouths out of line with God's WORD we had some time to get ourselves straightened out before we ran into the consequences of that disagreement. God, in His grace, would just keep dealing with us until we repented and got back into a place of faith.

Although God is still as gracious and merciful as He ever was, time is short. We've hit the end of the age and, frankly, many Christians are pushing the envelope. They're letting the world fill their mouths and getting their hearts out of agreement with heaven, thinking one of these days they'll change. One of these days (when circumstances get easier) they'll start confessing The WORD again.

But friend, we've hit the end times. Circumstances aren't going to get easier. They're going to get harder and we're running out of days. We're about to step into that time when we are permanently stuck with the consequences of our confession!

This is not the time to ignore Jesus' words by saying things like, "I'm just so sick. I'm so worried." When you say things like that you're not agreeing with heaven—you're agreeing with torment and trouble. You're opening the door for those things to manifest in your life.

Jesus specifically told us not to do that. He said, "See that you be not troubled." That wasn't just some kind of Sunday-school suggestion! It was a command from the Son of the living God instructing His disciples who would live in the last days. It was Jesus Himself speaking personally and emphatically to us!

Take Your Heritage

Now more than ever before, we must pay attention to His instructions. We must obey that command, take hold of The WORD of God and refuse Heaven has already spoken.

Now the earth is waiting to hear what you say.

to let go of it. We must be like the writer of Psalm 119 who said: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart" (verses 105-106, 110-111).

It's not enough for us to just lie back and say, "Well, if it's God's will for me to have victory I guess He'll just give it to me. If it's His will for me to be healed, He'll just heal me."

No! It is His will. He did give it to you. By His stripes you were healed. Now you must take God's WORD as your heritage. You have to aggressively pursue it and get it in your heart and mouth. You have to fight off every unbelieving devil and every troublesome circumstance that comes to steal that WORD and say, "Bless God, I have taken God's promise as my heritage. It's my future. It's my life. I refuse to be troubled by the temporary troubles of this world. They'll pass away but God's WORD will never pass away. God upholds all things by The WORD of His power and that WORD will come to pass in my life!"

Then just stay with The WORD all the way to the end. No matter what happens around you, don't turn back. Don't change.

Fear not. Only believe. And you will see your way through these troubled times in triumph as the end time overcomer God destined you to be. VICTORY



In last month's article on understanding faith, we discovered that faith gives God access into our lives, an opening through which He can funnel all His favor We receive divine health and supernatural healing by faith. We receive our spouses, our children, our homes, our food—all our earthly needs and desires-by faith. Our

How does faith make that draw on God's Word?

By taking action. By speaking the Word and then acting as though it is done.

faith is an opening through which God can save us, deliver us, baptize us in His Spirit, anoint us for ministry.

In short, faith is heaven's window into our lives.

The second principle we learned was that, given the right conditions, faith always comes. Faith is always available when we need it. It's "on call" to anyone who will give attention to the Word of God (Proverbs 4:20-22).

We receive God's Word into our hearts by reading it, speaking it, hearing it, meditating on it and acting on it. His Word causes faith to manifest and rise up within our spirit to draw the promises of God—and the provisions of God—from the spiritual realm into this natural realm (Romans 10:17).

So faith comes by hearing the Word of God—and when it is released from our hearts with our mouths, it brings the fulfillment of God's promises. Faith gives the blessings of God natural reality or substance. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

Faith Doesn't Sit Around

In the second half of our study of understanding faith, we're going to look at two more vital principles. The first is—faith acts.

Again, looking to God as our Guide, we find in the book of Genesis that faith is released with words. Faith words demand results of whatever they say.

In Genesis 1, we read an account of Creation that goes something like this:

"In the beginning God said, Let there be light...and there was light. God said, Let there be a firmament... and it was so. God said, Let us make man...."

Do you see the pattern?

"God said...and it was so. God

said...and it was so." God literally spoke all of Creation into existence. Hebrews 11:3 says that the worlds were framed by the Word of God. That is the very same way we frame our world. We are created in God's image to live like Him!

Notice that Genesis doesn't say "God thought...and it was so." No, God spoke. That's how He operates. That's how faith operates. What's more, God has never stopped speaking.

Down through the Old Testament and into the New, we see how God continued to pour His Word into the earth, primarily using prophets to speak His Word. The reason God released all that Word into the earth was to give substance for when the time came for Jesus—the ultimate Word given by God—to appear in the flesh. He brought Jesus into the earth by His Word!

What was that substance? Faith.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is the heavenly materiality, or tangibility, of those things for which you and I hope. But now, here's where we need to be aware of being deceived.

Oftentimes, many believers think they're walking in faith when in reality they're not. They're actually walking in unbelief. In the first place, they really don't have what I call true, Bible hope. All they have is a wish list. They're wishing God would do this for them, and wishing He would do that. They heard how He did it for Brother and Sister So-and-So. And now they'd like Him to do it for them.

I cannot tell you how many people I've known in 45 years of ministry who thought they were "faith people." For years I watched them hang around the faith teaching, yet never did I see any substance, and never did they see any real changes in their lives and circumstances. What was wrong?

Well, I'll tell you. When it came to God's Word, they didn't use any faith. They merely gave mental assent to it. They didn't put faith in it enough to act on it. They only agreed with what they read in the Scriptures. (Read James 1:22-26.)

Granted, agreeing with the Word is better than disagreeing with it. But that doesn't add any substance to it. Agreeing doesn't change things.

Remember, "God said...and it was so." God's act of speaking released faith, or heavenly materiality, to that which He believed. When He said, Light be! He fully expected light to be. His faith took action. It spoke.

Likewise, our faith must take action, and it must take action based on the Word of God.

Get Your Mouth in Gear

I like to describe faith like this: Faith is movement. It's a mouth in motion.

Here's an example of what I mean.

Let's say my body is being attacked with symptoms of sickness.

Thousands of years ago, God spoke a promise about healing into the earth. He spoke through His prophet Isaiah and said: "Surely he hath borne our griefs [sickness, weakness and distress], and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was The provision for all that God has promised us—health, healing, salvation, protection, prosperity—has already been established in heaven and earth.

Receiving that provision is up to us.

wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5).

Many years after that prophecy was spoken, Jesus came—God's promise in the flesh—to fulfill that Word. Galatians 3:13 describes the results of Jesus having come to this earth: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."

Looking back on Jesus' ministry, the Apostle Peter also wrote, "Who his own self [Jesus] bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye WERE healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Now, here I am with symptoms of sickness attacking my body. What do I do?

Remember, faith is what gives substance to that for which you and I hope. In this case, I'm hoping to be delivered from this sickness.

Faith also gives God the opening necessary for Him to pour His favor and blessing into our lives, bringing the manifestation of that promise, and its provisions, from the spiritual realm into the natural realm—which is where my body needs it at the moment.

But now, how does faith make that draw on God's Word? By taking action.

And how does my faith take action?

By speaking the Word and then acting as though it is done. Romans 10:6-10 describes the process like this:

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The provision for all that God has promised us—health, healing, salvation, protection, prosperity—has already been established in heaven and earth. The work was completed 2,000 years ago. It is like having money in the bank, but to spend it, you have to make a withdrawal. Receiving that provision is up to us. That's where *mouth and motion* come into play.

In Isaiah 55:10-11, we read,

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Our new hearts, like the earth, are good ground for the Word of God. They are the abiding and functioning place for His Word.

Likewise, our mouths are the implements of faith that speak the words out of our hearts to enable us to reap the harvest we desire. We reap that harvest by believing and thus speaking the promises of God into fulfillment. That's why we read in James 2:14 and 17, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

Our faith must act. The faith stored in our hearts must come out. Otherwise, it is dead and of no use. You release faith with your words.

When the Pharisees tried to back Jesus into a corner concerning His true source of supernatural power, He told them, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things..." (Matthew 12:34-35).

Then, as Jesus explained faith to His disciples, He said, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he *saith*. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:23-24).

You and I have the responsibility of getting our hearts and mouths in gear, speaking and acting as though we've already received the fulfillment of our desire. We believe we receive when we pray. From the moment we release our faith, we must talk and act as though it is done. We must take action by speaking as God spoke and give substance to His promises. As we do, we give substance to something we can drive, something we can eat, something we can wear, something that can heal our bodies. We give substance to our world.

close the door to God's blessings in your life, and open the door to every curse loosed in this world. No, forgive them. Stay in the flow of God's love.

Galatians 5:6 says, "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."

Do Yourself a Favor...

A fourth principle you and I must understand about faith is that it works by love—that is—faith forgives.

Returning to Jesus' teaching on faith in Mark 11, let's read the rest of what He told His disciples on the road to Jerusalem.

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11:24-25).

Now, I understand that when we've been hurt and the Holy Spirit reminds us of this verse our flesh wants to say, "Yes, but, Lord, You heard the terrible things those people said about me.... Yes, but, Lord, You know how that person abused me...."

While the hurt we suffered may have been a cruel and ungodly act against us, nonetheless, we have to walk in love toward those people. After all, God had to forgive. Jesus had to forgive. You and I are no different. We must forgive if we want to walk in faith and in the full favor of God.

Besides, if someone is against you, why do them a favor? Why let them ruin the rest of your life by short-circuiting your faith through unforgiveness?

Don't let anyone keep you sick, broke, mentally tormented and without joy because of unforgiveness. Don't help people



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Faith works by love. It is energized by love. Faith is put into motion by love. Why is that?

Well, most of us are probably familiar with the Apostle Paul's teaching on love in 1 Corinthians 13. But as we read verses 1-3 in The Amplified Bible, I want us to focus on the connection between faith and love.

If I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love...I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers...and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody). Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned...but have not love...I gain nothing.

In the Garden of Eden, God gave Adam just one "do not." It was, Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God only gave one command, but it certainly covered a lot of territory.

Today, if you think about it, you and I still only have one "do not"— Don't get out of love. That's our one commandment. We are to walk in love, which covers a lot of ground, too. In fact, we see in this passage that our love walk is connected to everything we do in life as believers, including our faith. Paul makes it quite clear that faith-without loveis going nowhere.

Again, we have to ask ourselves, How is it that our faith is so tied into love? Let's read a little further into 1 Corinthians 13 and we'll find out.

"Love bears up under anything and everything that comes...its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]..." (verses 7-8, AMP).

God wants us to walk in love because love never fails. He wants the best for us, and since the best is found in love, you and I must walk in love in order to receive God's best. That's why Jesus instructed His disciples to forgive when they prayed.

When you and I stand before God in prayer, in a position of faith, we must forgive anyone who has wronged us if we want answers to our prayers. Otherwise, not only do we slam the door shut on the favor of God, we also give place to what we read about in James 3:16—"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

In other words, unforgiveness leads to strife, and strife to every evil work of the devil. When that happens, all the Bible reading in the world won't change the situation. Only forgiveness will.

You and I cannot pick and choose what we want to believe from God's Word and disregard the rest. It's all connected, and it all centers around love.

What's more, as long as we're on this earth, we will have plenty of opportunities to forgive people taking no account of evil done to us, paying no attention to suffered wrongs (1 Corinthians 13:5, AMP).

Remember, faith without action is dead. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26). If we don't act on the Word of God and forgive, we will never walk in the full measure of God's favor. In fact, we won't even get close.

So don't take offense. Don't carry around hurts. Release them to the same blood of Jesus which cleansed you, redeemed you and set you free. As you do, you will free yourself to walk in faith...and in the full measure of God's favor, VICTORY

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