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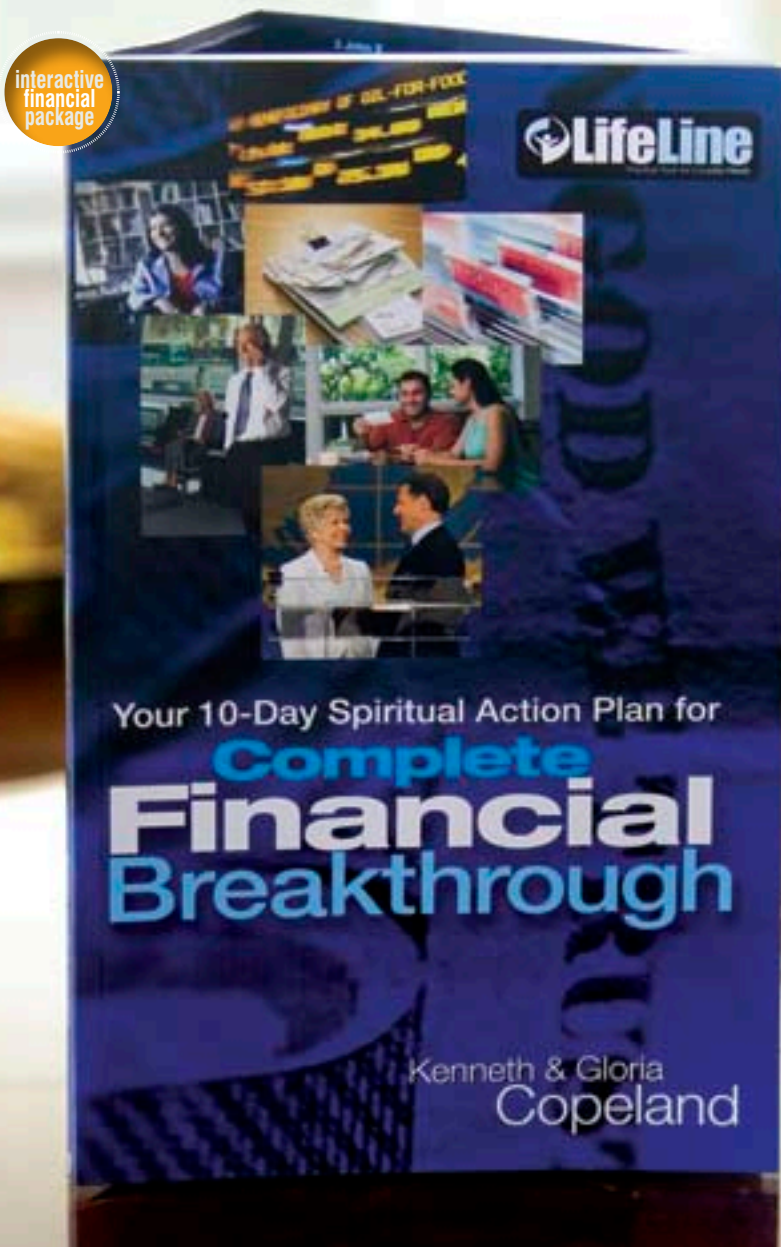
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OCT. 8, 2008, THE EARLY RUMBLINGS
OF ECONOMIC UPHEAVAL

WERE JUST BEGINNING TO SEND TREMORS THROUGH THE STOCK MARKET. IN THE NATURAL, I HAD NO REASON TO PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THEM. GLORIA AND I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY INVESTED IN THE MARKET AND NEITHER DOES OUR MINISTRY. SO WALL STREET'S UPS AND DOWNS DON'T REALLY MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO US. >> BUT THAT MORNING I WOKE UP LONG BEFORE DAYLIGHT WITH A DISTURBANCE IN MY SPIRIT. I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT, SO I WENT TO MY STUDY AND BEGAN TO PRAY IN THE SPIRIT.

As I did, I sensed the Lord directing me to open my Bible to John 16:13: "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."

That verse doesn't say the Holy Spirit might guide us into all truth, I thought. It says, He will. He will.

Suddenly, those two words seemed to jump off the page and attach themselves to me, and right then the word of the Lord came to me.

He said: *I am your Lord and I am your Savior; and I am responsible for you before Almighty God like I am the rest of My Body. Anyone who has come to Me and made Me Lord, I am responsible for their daily welfare.*

Although I already knew that, I appreciated Him reminding me. In any economy, it's good to have the assurance that Jesus is taking care of us. But it's especially thrilling when the whole world is wringing its hands and worrying about going bankrupt. And on that October morning, that's exactly what was about to happen.

The Babylonian economy that people

BY KENNETH COPELAND

invented as a way of meeting their needs without God was crumbling in a massive way. All the world's "wise men" were about to start saying, "We don't know what to do."

The Lord was getting me ready—He didn't want me (or any of the rest of us) chiming in with them. He wanted me to be listening, getting my instructions from Him about how to handle what was coming. So, after reminding me that He was responsible for my daily welfare, He directed me back to John 16:13 and the issue of the Holy Spirit's communications to us.

The Holy Spirit does not have a hearing problem, He said. I am speaking all the time, every day.... I speak the Word, the Holy Spirit hears it, He speaks to you and you're too busy. Too much of the time, you don't hear what I'm saying.

I don't mind telling you, when I heard that, I jumped up and repented all over the room. "Forgive me, Lord," I said. "I'm opening my ears to You now!"

DON'T LISTEN TO BABYLON'S SYSTEM

As the Lord continued speaking to me, He told me some things that were coming and gave me instructions about how to get through them safe and sound. He let me know that the sand under the foundation of the world's economy had given way; and that politicians were going to throw more sand at it to try to get it built up but it wouldn't do any good because it's bloated and it's coming down.

He said:

Don't pay attention to or make any plans based on what the media say or what the politicians say. Stand on My Word in John 16. I will lead you. I will tell you. I will show you what's to come. All that the Father has is Mine, and I'll give it all to you....

Pay attention to Me...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...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. Don't you ever use people to get money. You use money to bless people. Love My people the way I love them.

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. 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.

DEALING WITH MATERIALISM

In the months that have passed since the Lord said those things to me, I have meditated on them and put them into action. One thing in particular I've committed myself to is identifying every trace of covetousness in my life and getting rid of it. I've made a fresh determination to stay completely free from financial lust, keeping 1 Timothy 6:10 in the forefront of my mind as the Lord instructed: "For the love of money is the root



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of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

To be honest, I thought I had already been doing pretty well in that area. After all, Gloria and I had to start dealing with the issue of covetousness (which is the pressure of wanting things so much you're willing to disobey God to get them) more than 40 years ago when the Lord told us not to go into debt.

That seemed like a dark day for us because we had

no idea how we could ever get anything without borrowing money. We couldn't figure out how we could even buy groceries—much less start a ministry from scratch, and preach the gospel from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around—without taking out a loan.

Back in 1967 when we made a covenant with the Lord that we'd never borrow money again, I thought about the airplane I'd hoped to get. How could I ever afford to buy an airplane with cash? It looked impossible. *The airplane deal is over*, I thought.

Gloria thought about the house she had dreamed of since she was a little girl. She couldn't figure out how that dream could ever be fulfilled without going into debt. It looked to her like she'd be living in a rented house for the rest of her life.

We didn't know back then that THE BLESSING system even existed. But we took our first step toward living in it by deciding that airplane or no airplane, house or no house, we would obey Romans 13:8, “Owe no man any thing...”

That one decision went a long way toward delivering us from the trap of materialism. I'm not saying it stopped us from having and enjoying money, goods and property. That's not what materialism is. Materialism is the attempt to answer a spiritual problem with material things. It's trying to use a new dress or a new suit of clothes, a new car, house or airplane to fulfill and make you happy.

A GOOD DEAL ISN'T ALWAYS A GOD DEAL

People in our nation have done so much of that in the past few years they are going down the drain financially. They have borrowed themselves into poverty trying to meet spiritual needs with material possessions.

I'm not condemning them for it. People who aren't born again don't know any better. But as believers, we do. We don't have any business trying to use material things to meet our spiritual needs, because we can come boldly to the throne of grace and find fullness



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of joy in the presence of the Lord. We can get our fulfillment the way God intended—through our relationship with Him. He is our shepherd, we shall not *want*.

As we've all discovered, however, that doesn't mean we can't fall prey to covetousness. On the contrary, we must continually be on guard because the devil is always trying to push us into it. He is always trying to load us up with the cares of this world; to convince us to join in the general financial panic of Babylon's economy; and to forget that Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

The devil is on hand in every economic climate—good or bad—to crowd our hearts with the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things. But we must not allow him to do it. If we do, we'll start loving money more than people. We'll decide it's smart to finagle a *good deal* even if it hurts someone else. Covetousness will convince us to take advantage of others when they're down so we can make a profit.

"Believe me, Brother Copeland, I'm not in a financial position to take advantage of anyone," someone might say. "I'm the guy who's down!"

That may be true right now, but if you'll learn to live in THE BLESSING and operate by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, you won't be down long. You'll start increasing, and eventually you'll find yourself on the other side of the economic equation. You'll get to the place where you're prospering when other people are going broke.

By the grace of God, Gloria and I are in that position right now to some extent. We're not indebted to anyone and we're not paying interest on anything. Over the years, the Lord has led us to do things that have put our ministry headquarters in the unusual position of being totally independent of the world's economic system. We have our own water wells and septic systems. We have natural gas wells on the property generating finances for facility maintenance. We have our own power plant so we don't have any utility bills.

We didn't set out to get ourselves in that situation. We just followed the leading of the Lord for 30 years, taking one step at a time. Now that we're there, however, we've discovered something interesting. We've found out that when you're financially sound and prosperous and the world's economy is spiraling downward, you can start calling the shots financially.

And frankly, there's nothing wrong with that.

It's a result of THE BLESSING of God and it's a great thing...unless you get covetous and start taking advantage of people. If you do that, you fall into the devil's trap. You step out of THE BLESSING system and into Babylon.

When this whole economic mess started, the Lord made that clear to me. He said, *I never blessed you so you could strip anyone of their stuff. I blessed you so you could be a blessing to them.*

SET UP TO BE BLESSED

His words weren't just theory to me either; they had an immediate practical application. Gloria and I had just bought a piece of property in Colorado. The Lord had led us to it, prepared us to buy it, and told us what to give for it. In the midst of the negotiations, we'd learned that the owners of it were Jewish and began praying THE BLESSING of Abraham over them. I said, "Lord, we're going to bless them whether they know they have it coming or not."

We made them a fair offer by finding out what the actual market value of the property was and making that our proposed purchase price. When they responded by asking for more money, I said, "OK. But this additional money is not part of the price for the house. It's a blessing to the seed of Abraham."

They accepted the deal and were thrilled about it.

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"[God] hath given unto us *all* things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." 2 Peter 1:3

Like a fur coat

by Kenneth Copeland

Then the bottom dropped out of the real estate market.

You can imagine what I was tempted to do. I was tempted to start thinking, *Man, if I had just held out a little while longer I could have gotten that property for half the money.*

But the Lord stopped me.

He said, *Don't mess up the setup. I told you to bless the seed of Abraham, and I told you if you'd bless them, I'd bless you. That was a setup. I provided the money. I got you the property. And I set you up to be blessed at a time when the world is running head-on into the curse. Now just sit there and smile and use your faith. The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it. So be still and let it work!*

"But what if those people hadn't been Jewish? What if they'd been white-collar crooks who exploited people and helped create this financial mess? Surely it would be OK to strip someone like that of their stuff. After all, Proverbs 28:8 says, 'He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor!'"

Certainly that verse is in the Bible, but God is the One responsible for bringing it to pass. He'll handle the stripping while we're looking for people to bless.

We don't have any business thinking about getting other people's stuff anyway—no matter who they are or what they've done. That's covetousness and we are called to stay completely away from it.

WATCH YOUR WORDS

If you're really serious about it, one of the first things you'll have to deal with is your mouth. I know, because I've had to do it myself. I watch over my words all the time to make sure there's no covetousness in them. (Some people would say I'm *picky*, but it's not pickiness, it's training. If you don't get *picky*, you'll never get trained.)

I realized just how much of an overhaul my vocabulary needed when I heard Keith Moore preach on the subject. He talked about how we fall into the habit of saying things like, "I just love my car," or "I love my house," and he pointed out that such talk is unscriptural. God doesn't give us things to love, He "giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17). We're to *love God and people and enjoy things*.

When I heard that, I began to change my way of speaking. I started expressing my appreciation for the things God has given me by echoing the sentiments of Psalm 118:23: "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

Now, instead of saying I love something, I say, "This is a blessing. I like it. I appreciate it. I enjoy it!"

You might think I'm being picky, but it has helped me keep 1 Timothy 6:10 in the forefront of my thinking. It's continually reminded me to keep my love where it belongs so that in these financially troubled times I can be THE BLESSING God planned for me to be. I can use the wealth God gives me to reach out to suffering people with the good news of the gospel, and share the heavenly benefits of THE BLESSING with those who have run head-on into the curse.

You are BLESSED to be a BLESSING! **VICTORY**

God is not holding back anything that will set us free and assure us total overcoming victory in life. That's what I finally realized in 1967 when, as a young believer, I saw His Word as a love letter to me—a letter filled with promises He had made to me. I began to see that God was honorable, His Word had integrity and He was committed to doing those things He had promised—to make me the spiritually, emotionally, physically, financially and relationally successful person He had created me to be.

I found out He'd do anything in the world for me when I started living in love and acting in love. You start telling Him you love Him and start keeping His commandment of love, and He'll get all over you like a fur coat!

I remember one afternoon, I was driving down the road when my newfound awareness of God's love came all over me. I had to pull my car over and stop. It was the first time in my life I had come to God without a bunch of begging and wanting and trying to get.

"I just can't stand to drive this car any farther," I cried out to God. "I just had to stop in order to raise my hands and tell You how much I love You, worship You and care for You! Heavenly Father, my needs are met according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

"It just dawned on me a few days ago, that the whole world is running against You," I said. "I want to run *with* You! I want to do something to give You a good day. I want to do everything I can for You in a big way. Your slightest whim is my command. Just tell me what You want. Just tell me what You want me to do!"

But He wouldn't tell me! Instead, He said, *Son, what do you want Me to do for you? Is there anything?*

That's God's heart toward you. He's given you everything you need to succeed. His Word gives you the edge. Receive it. Take hold of it. Be all He created you to be. Read His love letter to you... start telling Him how much you love Him...and let Him get all over you just like a fur coat! **VICTORY**

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The Lord has blessed me with many good friends over the years, but the best friends I have are the people who have partnered with me in this ministry. Those are the people I write letters to every month.

Kenneth Copeland's Partner Letter

In a world filled with counterfeits, the Partners of Kenneth Copeland Ministries have had something genuine to count on month after month, year in and year out: *Kenneth Copeland's Partner Letter*. It's timely, it's real and it's personal...because as far as Brother Copeland is concerned, he's writing to his closest friends.

A Call to Obedience

Kenneth Copeland learned the importance of letter-writing from his spiritual father, Oral Roberts. It happened years ago when the two met early one morning at Brother Roberts' request to have Kenneth "help him" write his own Partner Letter. Sitting across the desk, Oral held up his Bible and asked Kenneth a pointed question: "What is this?"

"That's the Word of God."

"What *is* this?" Oral asked again.

Kenneth knew he hadn't given the answer Brother Roberts wanted.

"Well," Kenneth said, "it's the Old Covenant and the New Covenant."

"What *is* this?" Oral asked a third time.

"It's the Bible."

Wham! Without warning, Oral "shovel-passed" the Bible across the desk and hit Kenneth right in the chest with it, nearly knocking him over in his chair.

"Those are letters!" Oral said, the anointing all over him. "And they're just as anointed today as they were the day they were written!"

Letters! The word reverberated to Kenneth's core. *The New Testament is mostly letters from the Apostle Paul to his partners in the churches at Ephesus, Philippi, Galatia, Corinth, Rome, Colossae and Thessalonica—letters written to encourage them and to help them overcome every obstacle!*

"I'm going to ask you to make one of the most serious commitments you've ever made in your life," Oral told Kenneth. "I want you to commit to God that every 30 days, for the rest of your life, you will pray in the Holy Ghost until you have something anointed to write to your Partners, just the way Paul wrote to his."

That day, Kenneth made a lifelong commitment. The Lord then led him to study Philippians—a letter from

Though most material by KCM takes several months to produce, the Partner Letter is considered top priority and takes only a matter of days from conception to completion. Here's how the Partner Letter is created:

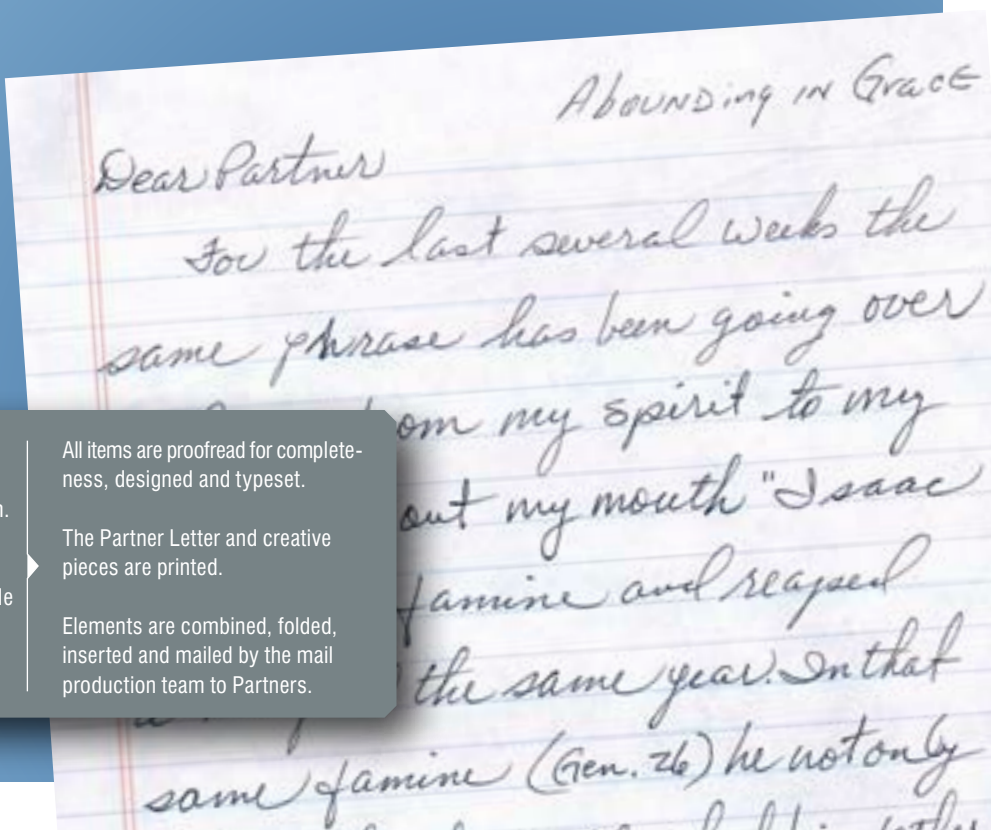
Kenneth Copeland sends his handwritten Partner Letter to his editorial team.

The editorial team adds creative pieces to include with the letter, such as a confession based on the content.

All items are proofread for completeness, designed and typeset.

The Partner Letter and creative pieces are printed.

Elements are combined, folded, inserted and mailed by the mail production team to Partners.



Paul to *his* ministry partners—as an example of how the Holy Spirit could use him to write his own letters.

“From that time until now,” says Kenneth, “I’ve written a letter every month to my friends who are in partnership with me. They aren’t money-raising letters. I don’t write them for that reason. God is my source, and *He* meets all my needs. I write the letters because I want to bless my Partners. Since they are partakers of my grace (Philippians 1:7), I want to share with them the revelations God has given me.”

And they aren’t off-the-cuff revelations.

“I agonize over those letters,” says Kenneth. “I pray, and pray, and pray, and pray. Then I go back to prayer until I hear what’s on God’s heart. Sometimes it comes to me in the middle of the night. But one thing’s for sure. I wait until I hear from heaven. I don’t just sit down and put something on paper.

“As a result, those letters have changed lives—my Partners’ and mine. Thanks to God, and to the Holy Spirit working through the Apostle Paul and Brother Roberts, we have all been blessed!”

The Heartbeat of Ministry

Since its inception, Kenneth Copeland’s Partner Letter has been not only an encouragement to Partners, but also a source of truth and victory. For instance, when a recession hit Canada several years ago, one Partner there remembered the instruction the Lord had given her through Brother Copeland’s Partner Letter in February 1992: *Don’t join the recession!* So she didn’t. After heeding that word, the Holy Spirit instructed her to take it a step further and pray the recession would work *for* her and not *against* her.

Brother Copeland recounts, “The first thing that happened was instead of being a victim of downsizing in her company as a result of the recession, she was promoted to a position in human resources.” Soon after, she was given the opportunity to finish her education. “As the world around her was going through a recession, she chose to participate in THE BLESSING of provision and promotion in God!”

Moreover, Kenneth Copeland’s Partner Letters have become a heartbeat of the ministry itself. “I would estimate that between 85 and 90 percent of what I preach in meetings...I receive the revelation of it while I’m writing that letter,” Kenneth said. “I’ve been doing it for a number of years and it’s a constant flow and a constant fountain of revelation for me.”

Year In, Year Out, Without Fail

Since penning that first letter in 1986, Brother Copeland has faithfully fulfilled his commitment to write a Partner Letter every month, year in and year out, without fail.

Today, the Partner Letter is one of the most important ministry tools extending from Kenneth Copeland Ministries. It travels the world, from the top to the bottom and all the way around, providing strength and resulting in thousands of testimonies of salvation, healing, deliverance, restoration and increase.

If you don’t receive Kenneth Copeland’s monthly Partner Letter, tick the box on the order form that came with this magazine to find out more about partnership, or visit **kcm.org.uk** and click on CONNECT, then PARTNERSHIP. With quality teaching and timely revelation, Kenneth Copeland’s monthly Partner Letter is just one more way that, at KCM, we’re here for you! **VICTORY**



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The First Partner Letter

The Lord put it on Brother Copeland’s heart in February 1986 to make his letters as ministry-oriented as possible. He wrote:

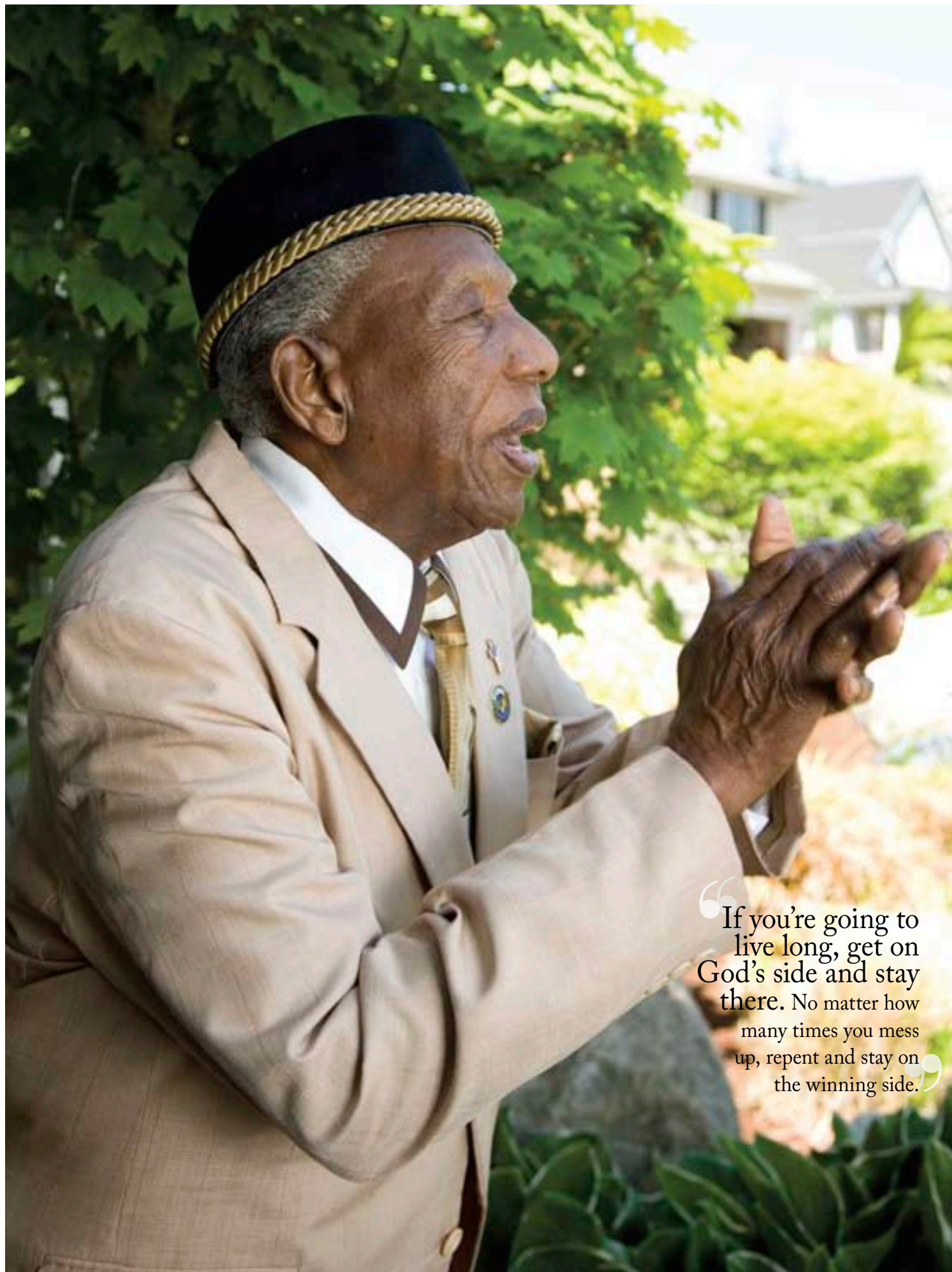
Dear Partner,

Recently the Lord has given me a new and deeper calling to minister directly to you, my Covenant Partner, through my letters to you. In the light of God’s Word, I’ve seen those letters in a new and powerful way. And no matter how much of my time and prayer it takes, I’m going to do my very best to get an anointed, faith-filled letter to you each month to help you live that month in greater victory. This is my commitment to you....

The letters you will receive from me will always be based on and subject to...God’s eternal Word. As I intercede in prayer for you, I expect the Holy Spirit to anoint me with an anointing that is greater than your needs. Out of that anointing will come my letters to you.

So pay close attention to them. Treat them with great respect, for the anointing will be on them. After they have ministered to you, don’t just forget about them. Continue to think on them. Give God the opportunity to continue to use them in your life as seeds of my faith for your prosperity.

You have my word, that everything I say I will do for you in these letters, I will actually do! You know I’ll keep my word.



“If you’re going to live long, get on God’s side and stay there. No matter how many times you mess up, repent and stay on the winning side.”

Long life, Strong Life

WHEN KENNETH COPELAND ACKNOWLEDGED *105-year-old Otis Clark*, WHO WAS SEATED ON THE FRONT ROW DURING A MORNING SESSION OF THE 2008 SOUTHWEST BELIEVERS' CONVENTION IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THOSE SITTING CLOSE ENOUGH TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT THE MAN STARED IN SURPRISE. ¶ "DID BROTHER COPELAND SAY 105?" SOMEONE WHISPERED. "SURELY NOT! THERE'S NO WAY THAT MAN IS 105 YEARS OLD!" ¶ THE ASTONISHMENT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE.

With his radiant smile, broad shoulders and upright posture resembling that of a man two-thirds his age, Mr. Clark defies every stereotype attached to aging. He is a centenarian who has not only survived, but thrived—a living testimony to the truth of Psalm 92:13-14: "Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing" (*New King James Version*).

But there is much more to this gentleman's story than simple longevity. This sturdy, vibrant, oak of a man has weathered storms that might have toppled others—storms that make his life's story one that should serve as an inspiration to us all.

In his opinion the worst of those storms was the Tulsa race riot of 1921, a devastating event in history that shattered Mr. Clark's family when he was 18 years old. It left his stepfather dead and their home reduced to a smoldering pile of rubble.

Yet, somehow, the memory of that tragic event has not stolen the sparkle from Mr. Clark's eyes.

How has he done it? How has Otis Clark overcome such adversity and defeated all natural odds to live such a long life and remain so strong?

"If you're going to live long, get on God's side and stay there," a confident Mr. Clark said recently during an interview with *Believer's Voice of Victory*. "Once I got on God's side, I forgave all those people. I had to because I'd been forgiven."

Forgiveness is the key Mr. Clark used to unlock the door to living a long, productive Christian life—one that has enabled him to preach the gospel for more than 80 years and see many come to know the Lord.

Today, at 106, Mr. Clark still preaches (he preached in Zimbabwe, Africa, in 2006 and 2007), exercises daily, spends

time working in his yard, and even makes it a point to dress up in a suit and tie every day.

In the following interview, Mr. Clark shares about the things that are most important to him and offers some advice on how to live a long and fruitful life.



BVOV: You celebrated a birthday in February. When and where were you born?

Mr. Clark: I was born Feb. 13, 1903, in Meridian, Okla. That was before Oklahoma was a state—it was still Indian Territory.

BVOV: How did you get connected with Kenneth Copeland Ministries?

Mr. Clark: My adopted daughter and granddaughter, Gwen and Star Williams, and I are Partners with KCM. I've been a longtime viewer of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast, but I didn't meet Kenneth and Gloria until August 2008 at the Southwest Believers' Convention.

BVOV: If you could narrow it down to one thing, what would you say is the single most important step toward long life?

Mr. Clark: Getting on God's side! If you're going to live long, get on God's side and stay there. No matter how many times you mess up, repent and stay on the winning side.

BVOV: When you went through the horror of the Tulsa race riot

as a teenager, you had not yet chosen God's side, had you?

Mr. Clark: No. All I knew to do back then was run for my life, so I hopped a train and rode like a hobo all the way to California. That was during Prohibition and I made my living making and selling bootlegged liquor. Eventually, I got caught and sent to jail. When I first got there, a group of people from the Salvation Army came and preached the message of salvation, but I wasn't interested. The next week when they came back they explained that there were two sides of life—the winning side and the losing side. The winning side was God's side, and everyone not on God's side would lose. I took a look at my life and realized that was true. All my friends were partying and living high, but I was in jail. I was on the losing side. I decided right then that I wanted to be on God's side. As soon as I got out of jail I went to the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles and was born again and baptized in water.

BVOV: Did you have anyone to mentor you in the Lord?

Mr. Clark: Yes, there was a black evangelist by the name of Emma Cotton who took me under her wing. Emma had been very involved in the Azusa Street Mission back in the glory days and had received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost there. She'd been mentored by Aimee Semple McPherson and Aimee had inspired Emma to start the Azusa Street Temple in Los Angeles. Emma took me to Aimee's church several times and that's how I got baptized in the Holy Ghost. For several years I traveled with Emma and her husband as an evangelist and helper.

BVOV: It must have been tough, even after you were born again, to live with the memory of the injustice and pain your family suffered during the race riot. Your murdered stepfather's body was never found; and your dog, Bob, had been trapped inside your family's home when it was burned to the ground—that was just cruel! How did you deal with that?

Mr. Clark: I forgave all those people. I had to because *I'd* been forgiven. Forgiveness is the key to the Christian life, but it's also the key to long life. If you don't forgive, that bitterness will make you sick.

BVOV: What else besides unforgiveness can stop Christians from living long, victorious lives?

Mr. Clark: Most Christians don't have a revelation of what it means to be an heir with Jesus. So instead of acting like royalty—a child of God—they act like they're nobody. That's the most important revelation a believer can get, because it'll change everything.

BVOV: As someone who has walked in that revelation for many years now, what advice would you give to believers today who desire to do the same?

Mr. Clark: Get rid of the fuss! Proverbs 14:30 says, "A heart at peace gives life to the body" (*New International*

Version). If you're going to live in peace you've got to get rid of fussing and frustration. Get rid of worry, because worry is nothing more than dwelling on negative things. It's important to speak only positive words about yourself and everyone else, but don't stop there. Go even further and refuse to have negative thoughts, negative emotions or negative attitudes. Being negative will give you anxiety, stress and raise your blood pressure. It'll make you sick.

BVOV: Skeptics would say it is impossible to avoid negativity and stay optimistic in negative times like these. How do you do it?

Mr. Clark: You get converted. I don't mean just getting born again. You get converted to thinking and acting like you're an heir with Christ. When you really *know* you're an heir to the kingdom of God, you know you're on the winning side so it doesn't matter how bad things might look, eventually everything will work out right. If you *know* you're an heir, what could you possibly worry about? When you get that revelation, you'll have a smile on your face and be optimistic too.

BVOV: What's the key to keeping that smile on your face even when you encounter disappointments and defeat?

Mr. Clark: When you experience a defeat, remember there is *always* a comeback. Take what happened to me a few years after the race riot, for instance. My wife and I were hired to work for Joan Crawford! We lived on the top floor of her Brentwood estate. My wife was her cook, and I was her butler. Joan treated us so well that she insisted we sit at the table and eat with her. I went from white folks trying to kill me to dining with Joan Crawford, Clark Gable and Charlie Chaplin. That's a comeback. Also, back in the 1930s I wanted to go to Africa and preach, but it didn't work out. That might have disappointed me at the time but it didn't make me quit praying and believing God. I stayed with it and finally got to go to Africa and preach in Zimbabwe when I was 103. I went back for a second time when I was 104. If you trust God, there will always be a comeback.

BVOV: In your book, you talk about spiritual and physical secrets to long life. What are some of the spiritual ones?

Mr. Clark: The first and most important thing is to spend time every day with your Divine Creator. I believe in humbling myself before God by lying prostrate on the floor or kneeling to pray. You'll be refreshed in His presence. Another thing I do is fast and pray. Not long after I was converted, I fasted for two weeks, going 10 days without food or water, praying to be like the apostles. I still fast, mainly to see sinners saved and revival come to the Church. I also spend time meditating on God's Word every day, and that brings health to your body. And praying for other folks will bring God's blessings on you.

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BVOV: What do you eat?

Mr. Clark: Well, the most important thing about food is to pray and thank God for it, and also to eat in moderation. Romans 14:2 says, “One man’s faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables” (*NIV*). I believe that meat makes men strong, so my faith allows me to eat meat, especially beef. I still enjoy cooking my own breakfast of steak and eggs or bacon and eggs. I like to make a pot of beef stew with garlic cloves, tomatoes and potatoes. Another thing is that digestion starts in the mouth and a good rule is to chew each bite of food 22 times. I go quite a bit beyond that and chew my food 30 to 40 times per bite. I use a toothpick after every meal and I still have all my teeth.

BVOV: How do you stay so fit?

Mr. Clark: I work in the yard and exercise in the pool. I take walks and always stop to smell the flowers. The doctor says I have the heart of a 35-year-old man. I can still thread a needle and mend my own clothes. I also enjoy soaking for a long time in a hot bath. I take one or two hot baths a day.

BVOV: You not only look much younger than your years, you’ve also stayed quite young at heart. What’s your secret?

Mr. Clark: Most people get more set in their ways the older they get, but I refuse to do that. When I was 97, I had some business to take care of in Seattle so I drove from Atlanta to Seattle and back alone. When I was 98, I drove to San Francisco and back. I’m always ready to try something new, and one way I do it is by following young folk around. When I was 97, I followed some young people onto the Zingo roller coaster at Bell’s Amusement Park. It was *fun*. Don’t tell me I can’t do something, because with God *all* things are possible! My goodness, just believe the Bible.

BVOV: In your lifetime you’ve seen mankind go from driving a horse and buggy to sending men to the moon. You’ve lived through the greatest explosion of information and technology the world has ever seen. What is the single, greatest change you’ve seen in your lifetime?

Mr. Clark: That’s easy. The single, greatest change in my lifetime was stopping Hitler. We stopped him from what he was doing to the Jews. We stopped him from what he would have done to the world. Nothing else compares to that.

BVOV: As you know, the world is facing serious problems, from terrorism to a global economy teetering on the brink of collapse. What do you say to people about what might be ahead for this country and for the world?

Mr. Clark: I’m not going to say that bad things won’t happen, because they do. I’ve lived through the Tulsa race riot, the pandemic flu of 1918, the Great Depression and both World Wars. Now the economy is shaking again, but there’s nothing to fear if you’re on God’s side, because God’s side *always* wins. **VICTORY**

To read more about Otis Clark’s life, or to order a copy of his book, *His Story, History and His Secret*, go to www.LifeEnrichmentInc.com.

Otis Clark is living proof that the most important partner anyone could ever have is God Himself!



get on God’s Side!

At 106 years of age, Otis declares the key to a long, strong life comes from following biblical principles. For example, he lives a life of forgiveness toward others. He also has a clear revelation of the believer’s identity as a child of God and joint heir with Christ. And he says, “Get rid of worry!” He thanks God for all His blessings, including every bite of food that goes into his

mouth! Otis knows he is on the winning side—God’s side!

In Otis’ 106 years of living on God’s side, he has been divinely connected with key people who have impacted his life and whose lives he has also affected. Otis and his family, Gwen and Star Williams, are Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries—they know the power of partnership in helping believers get hold of their long, strong lives in Christ Jesus.

We invite you to become a Partner with KCM. And, if you have not yet made Jesus Lord of your life, please see the salvation prayer on page 27. We would be honored to help you “get on God’s side.”

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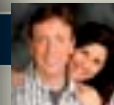
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the Spirit of prophecy & prayer

Now more than ever,
we must pay attention
to prophecy and the
word the Lord is giving
through the Holy Spirit.

We must be able to recognize Jesus *as* He is coming so we can recognize Him *at* His coming. Much of our recognizing Him will come through the operation of the Holy Spirit through prophecy. “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: *for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy*” (Revelation 19:10).

We can see in Acts 2:17-18 that the spirit of prophecy is vital in the last days: “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy... And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.” The spirit of prophecy not only brings the outpouring, but it perpetuates the operations and moving of the Spirit during the outpouring.

Some Holy Ghost-inspired utterances concerning the future (or we could say words that come by the spirit of prophecy) are no more automatically fulfilled than the written Word. Mark 4 tells us the devil comes to steal the Word and he has many strategies to accomplish his goal. Paul charged Timothy to wage warfare for the words of prophecy he had received. “This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare” (1 Timothy 1:18, *New King James Version*).

Waging war or standing in faith “against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil” is primarily done through prayer (Ephesians 6:11, *The Amplified Bible*). Without it those precious words from the Lord may never come to pass. None of what the believers experienced as recorded in Acts 2 would have happened without prayer. Acts 1:14, *The Amplified Bible*, says, “All of these with their minds in full agreement devoted themselves steadfastly to prayer...” That says so much to the Church. Those 120 gave up their schedule and obligations. Their priorities were completely rearranged to do what Jesus had told them: “...tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until

ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

Even though the promise of the Holy Spirit had been given, there was still a need for waiting on God in prayer like they did in the upper room. It’s that kind of waiting that brings power upon us. Nothing, absolutely nothing, takes the place of waiting. Jesus said, he who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. This means that when He chooses to speak, it is still up to us to hear.

The following word of the Lord came forth while I was ministering in Wales in 2006:

These final hours of the closure of this time, of this generation, are but the beginning of all ages yet to come. And for centuries yet to come, men will look back on these days and reflect and say, “Ah, those days, those hours, those times when the signs and wonders of God and the miraculous expressions of His abounding grace poured forth out into the streets, and were demonstrated in men in such great strength, such great power, such great might, that men could hardly stand to behold the goodness of God.” Though God has demonstrated a degree of His wrath in the earth [as seen in Exodus], there is still an outpouring of His wrath yet to come. But not before the great outpouring of His goodness. Not before the great demonstration of His blessed love. Not before the great demonstration of the great manifestations of His presence be poured out in all the earth so that all men might see and might know. For only in God’s justice would He pour out His wrath, and never would He so do before all men had opportunity to see and to know the depth of His goodness, mercy and compassion that

flow in streams of love from His throne. It is this throne of mercy and abounding grace that you approach. Look toward Him and gaze upon His grandeur and know that every light, every gleam of light that glows from His Brilliant Being are manifestations of love.

“Demonstrations!” “Demonstrations!” “Demonstrations of the Spirit!” This must be the call of the Church, for it is the call of His Spirit. Call for Me and I will demonstrate for you. Call for Me and I will demonstrate for you the goodness of the Lord. *[Don't read past this lightly.]* I will show you His abounding, great wisdom in ways that you did not know were possible. I will demonstrate for you His knowledge that abounds beyond the human scope of reasoning. I will demonstrate for you the vastness of His kingdom. I will demonstrate for you how deep and how wide and how humanly fathomless the goodness and mercies of our great God are. *[Can we even picture what that would look like?]*

Call upon Me. Call upon Me that My mercies pour forth on those who do not know the mercy of God. Call upon Me that mercy would reach out and rescue those who blindly move toward darkness, raising men from all the depths of darkness that can be experienced on the earth. I will demonstrate the goodness of God...not only to those who have been blinded by the deceit of sin, held captive by darkness so highly developed you cannot begin to comprehend it...but I will demonstrate mercy to you. I will show you what Love has done. I will show you what Love can do.

Call upon Me and I will demonstrate to you. Call upon Me in faith. Call upon Me, believing. Call! I will hearken to the voice of His Word in you. I will hearken to the voice of His command through you. I will hearken to your request. Call! And I will move upon the nations. I will move upon the streets. I will move upon the governments of this world. Call! I will move in the bush. I will move in the jungles. I will move on people you know nothing of...

Notice the Lord says, “Call on Me, believing.” That means we call in the Spirit of faith expecting Him to respond. Then notice He said He will respond to the voice of His Word through us. Too often believers call upon the Lord but in the same way they did as a sinner, with a sense of unworthiness and panic. If we pray that way our prayer is diminished in effectiveness and I dare say may be useless altogether. Unworthiness was wiped out at the Cross and we were re-created in His image. So we don't come to the Lord with a sense of inferiority but boldly with unquestionable submission to His Lordship. Sin-consciousness is diminishing but

righteousness in submission is empowering.

With that in mind, let's continue to look at the instructions received in the word from the Lord:

You must come to Me, you must approach Me, you must know Me and you must know My ways. You see, the authority that I have given you is not an authority of your own. Remember Jesus said in His earthly ministry that “My authority is not My own. I speak only what I hear Him (the Father) speak. I do only what I see Him (the Father) do....” Do you not understand that you are in *your* earthly ministry? You now must walk in your earthly ministry the same as He walked in His earthly ministry. You must listen for My voice, but to hear My voice, you must know My voice. You must be acquainted with the things that I say. You must be acquainted with the things that I do. All that you need to know for the future is recorded in My Word as records of the past. For everything that I have done in the past is quick and alive for your present and it will be quick and alive in your future. *[Think on this statement. And remember, His Word is alive!]* If you will walk with Me, if you will seek My ways, if you seek My counsel, if you will seek Me in all you say, seek Me in all you do, then I will show you My ways and My words by My Spirit. Then My words and My ways will become My miracles. And My words and My ways will become My outstanding signs for this hour, and they will become the signs and miracles for this hour through you and through your earthly ministry.

What marvelous promises! Let's hear and heed the great cry of the Spirit to “Call on Me!” The Word of God clearly calls us all to prayer, and the Holy Spirit has spoken to us and said, “Call on Me!”

The world is crying out. The Church is crying out. If you'll listen, you'll know that your own heart is crying out for those streams of the Spirit to flow through your spirit, your soul and your body, just as powerfully as in the early days of the Church. We want God and the nature of His Being to flood us until we sound like, act like and are like Jesus, the Anointed One. If we will but call upon Him and then seek out His ways through prayer and His Word, He will not only answer us with the greatest awakening the world has seen, but He will do it through us! **VICTORY**

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God is not looking to the government
for change in America, He is looking
for the Church to pray. —Kenneth Copeland

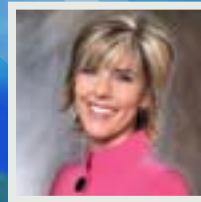
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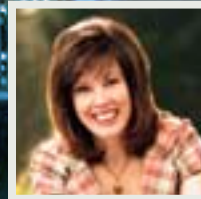
Terri Copeland Pearsons



Terri Copeland Pearsons, eldest daughter of Kenneth Copeland, learned at an early age that prayer is a way of life, not a mundane ritual. Sharing her father's passion for faith in the Word of God, she specializes in revealing the presence of God through prayer. She and her husband, George, minister together as senior pastors of Eagle Mountain International Church and at conferences throughout the world.

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Patsy Cameneti



Patsy Cameneti is a gifted and anointed Bible teacher and communicator. While focusing on helping people to be all God has called them to be, she places a special emphasis on the subjects of prayer and a personal pursuit of God. Under the ministry and leadership of the late Kenneth E. Hagin, Patsy developed into a well-known and loved leader in prayer. Patsy has ministered around the world and helped establish Bible schools in Italy, Singapore and Australia.

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God Has the Last Word

In August 2000 my mom died and the following year I lost my job, my dad fell terribly ill and my wife lost her job when she was six months pregnant. I remember in 2002 when at one point we believed my dad would not live another three months. But we were wrong.

I managed to travel overseas in 2002, the same week I lost my granddad. And in 2005 I received the most shocking news: My dad had gone blind. I tried to be strong, but it wasn't easy.

I started reading BVOV magazines—old editions but ever-new teachings. I came across a phrase that changed my thinking, belief and worries: "Until God Says It's Over, It's Not Yet Over." Seven years later my dad is still strong! The fears I had are now happiness. And as I live my life through these days, I always know that God has the last say. It's not over yet for me. Hallelujah!

D.K. :: Pakistan

"Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit...." (Ephesians 6:18, *The Amplified Bible*)

A New Heart

I called for prayer about healing for my heart because of damage from chemotherapy. I continually confessed healing scriptures and played Kenneth and Gloria's *Healing Praise* CD. My heart is totally healed! My heart specialist said, "Whatever you have been doing for yourself has worked." Thank you for changing my life with your daily broadcasts. You are so appreciated!

E.M. :: Canada

THE BLESSING Provides Protection

I must share with you what has happened since I attended the Bournemouth Campaign. The Lord had me focus on the teachings from Kenneth and Gloria on THE BLESSING. Then, out of the blue the Lord had me pray in the spirit and I was in tears for three days and nights. I knew it was something to do with my son.

He called to see me and told me he had fallen 15 to 20 feet from a ceiling in a factory he was clearing. He hit the ground and was completely covered with heavy metal. His boss thought he was dead! After a couple of minutes he crawled out from under the metal completely unharmed. Glory to God! As he was telling me what happened I saw in the spirit the angels that had intervened and broke his fall and saved his life. That same day he was at a red light and a car traveling too fast was coming behind him. He thought the car was going to hit him but at the last minute the car swerved and hit barriers. No one was hurt!

PB. :: United Kingdom

BVOV Broadcast Makes a Difference

Thank you for having Dr. Colbert again on the broadcast. I'm pushing 60 years old and I'm a home caregiver for five seniors, including one who is bedridden. I wasn't feeling too good and couldn't figure it out, until I heard Dr. Colbert. I started drinking water with electrolytes and it really made a difference!

I don't make much money nor do I have insurance, but thank God I have Jesus, the Word of God and great teachers through Christian TV. Praise the Lord! What a blessing you have been to me. I have learned so much, the most profound being: no fear, THE BLESSING, being a tither and a giver, supernatural provision and walking in love. You are always in my prayers.

Kathleen Grieve :: Michigan

Every Seed Produces a Harvest

I had attended an on-campus event sponsored by one of the departments of the university where I'm employed. I received \$20 and felt led to give it as seed to as many ministries as I could that have fed me spiritually. When I committed to sowing the seed, we received an unexpected \$400—before we even got our seed in the ground! God bless you, and my family thanks you for your obedience to His call on each of you.

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My Constant Provider

Thank you so much for standing in agreement with me in prayer. I have been accepted in a university for my nursing degree and I do not even have to pay a cent! God is such a marvelous Father to orphans like me and He is worthy of all glory, praise and honor. It's people like you who assure us that God is really there. Be blessed!

T.D. :: South Africa

"I Have My Life Back"

I had a 52-year sentence and my parole date was not until 2013. I went on appeal and praise God, my case got reversed and I signed for an 11-year sentence. God took 41 years off my sentence and I have my life back!

God has been here with me, opening up my heart. And with each day that passes He gives me more and more wisdom about the Bible. I want to thank KCM for all the support and prayers through these hard times. I am awaiting housing and I received a letter from KCM that brought a smile to my face. I must spread the word about our merciful Lord and let people know if you put your faith in God *all* things are possible!

M.J. :: Texas

Prosperity in Every Area

Thank you for your prayers of agreement and wonderful words of encouragement. I want to give a special thanks to God for answering prayers and giving me a permanent job. He has also given me peace and favor in my workplace.

God answers my needs and is prospering me in every area of my life.

A.J. :: Norway

All Our Needs Met

Recently, we were really tight on money for groceries. We didn't tell anyone and trusted in God's Word for provision. People came to our door with two weeks of groceries! Thanks to KCM for teaching us about THE BLESSING. Praise God for His faithfulness!

H.K. :: Canada

Prayer Brings Results

Thank you so much for your prayers during our hardship. My husband now has a regular job and we have health insurance! Thanks be to God!

V.H. :: Kentucky

Abundant Increase

Thank you, Kenneth and Gloria, for making me a woman of faith. I have learned so much through your Internet ministry. I was living on welfare with my two boys, but today I have a job! I thank the Lord for increase in my finances, divine health, protection, wisdom and every good gift He has given us.

M.T. :: Germany

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You Are Always There

I am so thankful for your faithfulness and obedience to God! You are truly there for your Partners and anyone who might call for help. In one of my recent "seed" envelopes I included a request for restoration for my daughter's marriage. Praise God, it is done!

My next praise report concerns another daughter who lives in Tennessee. She had been wrongfully dismissed from a medical program and this left her devastated. We agreed with a minister on your prayer line and everything turned around! She has graduated from Milligan College and she had a job before graduation! Now here is the best part: Because God took all the enemy meant for harm and turned it for good, she had the opportunity to lead an elderly man to Jesus. This happened only 12 hours before he passed away! I thank God for the power of agreement!

Shirley Anderson :: Huntington, W. Va.

New Home in Nice Area

In 2008 I asked you to agree in prayer with me for a move to a better area to live. Thank God, I received an answer to my prayer! I will be moving to a new home in a very nice area. Thank you for standing with me. To God be all the glory—He is so faithful.

E.F. :: Ireland

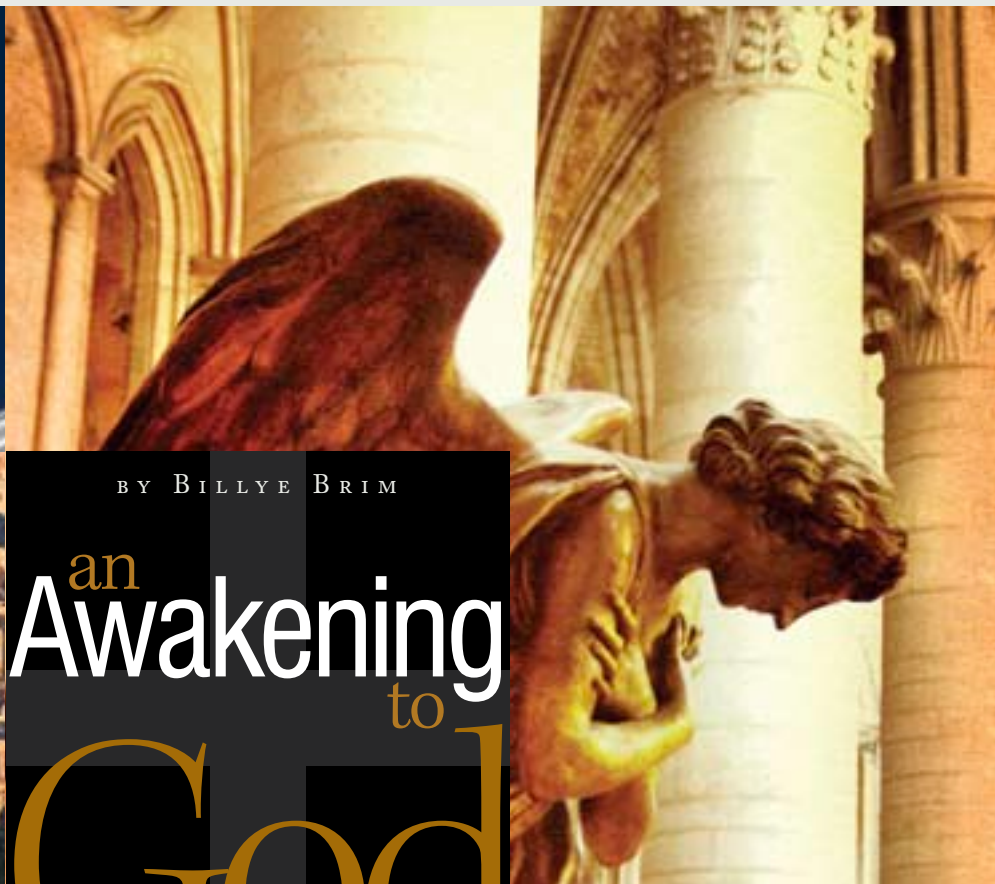
Powerful Healing Words

I have been receiving the *BVOV* magazine since 2006. It has been a source of inspiration and encouragement for me. In September 2006 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. The first issue of the magazine I received had healing words in it. I used them to help increase my faith and trust God for my healing.

When I was going in for surgery, endless scans and chemotherapy sessions my copy of the magazine came with me, along with my Bible. Nurses would ask what I was reading and I used those opportunities to share about Jesus.

Today I am well and still read and speak out healing scriptures. I thank the Lord for the work of your ministry which has been a blessing to me.

C.J. :: England



BY BILLYE BRIM

an Awakening to God



On June 29, 2008, the Lord interrupted our Sunday afternoon corporate prayer meeting here at Prayer Mountain in the Ozarks. We were praying about the then-upcoming elections. We were praying for America. We were praying for Israel and the nations.

The core of this group has been praying together for some time, so we were not surprised when we began to be lifted up in one accord. However there was something a bit unfamiliar about the place where we found ourselves in united prayer. Then came the interruption.

The Spirit of God came on me with power I have

known only a few times, and forcibly spoke these words through my lips: *One thing will save America; and it is not the election. It is an awakening to God. One thing will help Israel and the world. It is an awakening to God.*

We were silenced. Shaken. Rebuked.

Then Spirit-inspired thoughts raced through my mind. *The best person in the world could be elected president of the United States and it wouldn't do one bit of good if the people did not awaken to God. American history. The Great Awakening.*

The Lord told us to prepare ourselves and the people

One thing will help Israel and the world. It is an awakening to God.

Individuals and prayer groups in 60 countries have joined us in prayer for an awakening.

who would gather for our annual prayer meeting. We host an Autumn Assembly of Prayer at the end of October every year in Branson, Mo. From June 29 on, I knew the autumn prayer meeting would not have the anointing to pray about the U.S. elections that we'd known in previous meetings just before elections. Indeed as it came to pass, the Lord's anointing to pray in that meeting rested on prayer for His breathing upon the embers within His Body until they burn with new fire, for the awakening of all that is preserved in us as nature preserves things in ambers, and for a manifestation of His presence that will awaken the spiritually dead unto Himself.

MORE TO KNOW ABOUT AWAKENINGS

I vaguely knew about The Great Awakening, and other "awakenings" of times past. But He led me in an intense study of those moves of God that history labels as *awakenings*. I was and am amazed at their impact.

In one resource I found a comparison between *revival* and *awakening* that resonated with my soul. "A revival can be described as 'a visitation of God's Spirit on God's people.' But an awakening is 'a time of such intense visitation by God that both the Christian and non-Christian communities are affected.' An awakening is considered to be the effect of a revival on the community at large, including those who are outside the Christian faith. While revivals alter the lives of individuals, awakenings alter the worldview of a whole people or culture."

That is what happened in The Great Awakening that resulted in the birth of the United States of America. A Harvard professor said that one cannot understand the Colonial society that brought forth the Declaration of Independence and the United States of America without a study of The Great Awakening.

God used preachers. Jonathan Edwards was a pastor who read his sermons in a monotone as he stared at the back wall. George Whitefield was a golden-voiced itinerant preacher who traversed the separated Colonies by horseback and canoe, preaching the new birth, and his dream of one nation under God. Through the ministry of these preachers and others, multitudes of individuals were changed, the Colonists were united in *an awakening to God*, and a nation was born out of it!

Not only was this nation born out of The Great Awakening, but also it has been preserved in times of crisis

by *awakenings* to God. I am convinced the *awakening* from 1857-1859 preserved the nation through the Civil War.

I have studied the *awakenings* in many books and resources, both Christian and secular, and a few in particular have impacted me. For those who would like to know more about these historical moves of God, and understand how the *awakenings* have affected the nations of the world, I recommend you read *Ireland's Lost Heritage* by David Carnduff, Th.M.; *Revival Fire* by Wesley L. Duewel; *2000 Years of Charismatic Christianity* by Eddie L. Hyatt; and *The Light and the Glory* by Peter Marshall and David Manuel. *George Whitefield and the Great Awakening* by John Pollock is out of print, but you can find it online.

Any study you invest into the *awakenings* will be of great benefit as the days ahead unfold. And along with your study, your prayer for these days is vital.

KEY TO EVERY AWAKENING

The key to every *awakening* is prayer.

Of Jonathan Edwards it has been said, "His preaching derived its power from his prayer life. He would spend whole days and weeks in prayer, and it was not unusual for him to spend eighteen hours in prayer prior to preaching a single sermon."

What does prayer do? It makes power available—effective in its working (James 5:16). For Edwards, and other fervent pray-ers throughout the ages, the result has been revivals—indeed, *awakenings* that transformed the moral and spiritual character of not only their own community but also that of entire nations.

The 1857-1859 Awakening in America was known as the revival of the United Prayer Meetings. It resulted in an awesome sense of God's presence across America. And 2 million of the 30 million people in the nation were won to Christ. In 1859 Northern Ireland knew an outpouring of God's Spirit that swept 100,000 people into the kingdom of God in one year.

These simultaneous *awakenings* began with prayer meetings, which started on both sides of the Atlantic on the exact same date. On Sept. 23, 1857, Jeremiah Lanphier began a prayer meeting in The North Reformed Dutch Church near where the Twin Towers stood in New York City. On that same date, four, young Irishmen, new to the faith, in a rural schoolhouse in Kells, began to pray

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for God to pour out His Spirit. Neither knew of the other prayer meeting.

Today, the importance of effectual, fervent prayer is crucial. As individuals and groups of believers gather specifically to hold their nations before the Lord, we expect the outpouring of the next Great Awakening.

As I think back through the days of our ministry, I am moved by the responsibility the Lord has given us in this generation to pray.

In 1981 the word of the Lord came to me saying, *It is your job to help the pray-ers.* And in 1985, Brother Phillip Halverson reminded me, "Never forget, your No. 1 call is to help the pray-ers." In 1995 the Lord directed me to go to Branson, Mo., and establish a place of prayer. As impossible as it seemed then we now have such a place. Prayer Mountain in the Ozarks was born and is functioning as He wills and provides.

Prayer Mountain is a place for individuals to come and pray, and for corporate gatherings of pray-ers. Our God-given purpose for this place of prayer is twofold—to pray in the plans of God and to stop the strategies of the enemy. Every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. people join us from various churches for corporate prayer.

It was in that very prayer meeting, on June 29, 2008, that the Lord spoke to us about "the only thing that would save America—an *awakening to God.*"

This mandate is now the focus of a special noontime prayer group. We have set aside one hour every Wednesday, from noon until 1 p.m. CT, to pray. People from all over the world are uniting in God's call to prayer at that time. We stream the prayer time live over the Internet at www.billyebrim.org. And, we are connected live with Pastor Paul Brady of Living Rivers Church in Northern Ireland! Individuals and prayer groups in 60 countries have joined us in prayer for an *awakening*. Many attest to the power they "feel" in our united prayer.

The call 'to help the pray-ers' that the Lord has given me is humbling. But with what has happened since June 29, 2008, there has come a gift of faith to expect an *awakening to God* for my nation, for Israel and for our world! For God is calling us to pray!

Recently, by the Spirit, we prayed along these lines and invite you to join us as we pray together:

Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, everything that was there then [in earlier Awakenings] we expect to be greater now. You gave the outpouring, the anointing, the move of God that caused this nation to be born. Everything that happened, whatever it took, whatever power, whatever manifestation of the Spirit...we believe for such a move and such an awakening now in our time...Father, we know there will be a move that will outshine every other...there will be an awakening to God...that will shake men...that will shake off the bonds that have held us back...and give [us]...another even greater Awakening unto God! For Your eternal glory! Amen.

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This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8

Meditation

Meditating on the Word of God. It was an essential element of success in Joshua's day. It still is. Unfortunately, today, most people don't know it. ¶ Oh yes, we read the Word of God. We listen to preachers preach it. We get together and discuss it. But meditate on it? No. Most of us don't have any idea how to do that. Nor do we realize that we're short-circuiting God's formula for success and consigning ourselves to failure by doing without it.

The truth is, meditation isn't nearly as mysterious as most believers think it is. Scriptural meditation simply means thinking about and reflecting on the Word. It means pondering a particular scripture and mentally applying it to our own circumstances again and again until that scripture permanently marks our consciousness.

Meditation is important because it can affect our lives in a way that almost nothing else can. It can, quite literally, alter our minds. Take a look at the story of Abraham and I think you'll see what I mean.

When God first told Abraham (or Abram as he was called then) he was going to have a son, Abram was an old man. His wife Sarai had been barren all her life and not only that, she was old and well past the age of childbearing.

An aging, childless couple—that's how Abram and Sarai

saw themselves. They'd given up any hope. In fact, they'd already made plans for their servant Eliezer of Damascus to be their heir.

So when the Lord spoke to Abram and told him He was going to give him and Sarai a child, Abram couldn't imagine such a thing. It contradicted his mindset. Knowing the mental struggle Abram would have, God didn't just make him a verbal promise and leave it at that. He did something else. Genesis 15:5 tells us: "And [God] brought [Abram] forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And [Abram] believed..."

God didn't leave Abram with an image of himself as a barren, old man. He gave him a new image to ponder—an image of God's promise being fulfilled.

Can't you just see Abram staring at and trying to count the stars? He looked into those sparkling lights and visualized the faces of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He filled the eyes of his heart with the promise of God!

Later, when Abram and Sarai began to lose sight of that vision, God once again did something to permanently mark their thinking. He gave them new names: Abraham, a father of many nations, and Sarah, a mother of nations (Genesis 17:5, 15-16). God made sure His promise to Abraham and Sarah would not be forgotten. He arranged it so that countless times each day, whenever they heard or called each other's names, His promise would come to mind. From that day on, they were never able to separate themselves from it. It became a permanent part of their identity.

That is meditation. It is tremendously powerful, and by focusing on the scriptural promises God has given you, you can put it to work in your life just as Abraham put it to work in his.

How? Let me show you. Say, for example, you have a desire to give, yet financial failures have held you back. Put meditation to work for you in that area by going to 2 Corinthians and reading God's promise that says: "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Spend some time thinking about that promise. Visualize yourself writing a generous check to someone in need. Then begin to act on that image. When the Spirit leads, give whatever you can. It may not be much at first, but don't worry about that. Just keep developing that image inside you. See yourself giving more. In your mind, practice writing those checks again and again. Each time you do, the promise of God will become more real to you, and your faith will grow.

"Oh my, Brother Copeland, surely you're not saying I should use my *imagination!*"

Yes, that's precisely what I'm saying. Why do you think God gave it to you? Coupled with the Word of God, your imagination is a tremendous thing. Let it help you visualize God's promise. A hazy hope is not enough. You need a detailed picture!

I first learned how to use my imagination that way while I was a kicker for my high-school football team. I'd lay in bed and visualize myself making the kick. I

could see the turf beneath my feet, the laces on the ball and the goal post in front of me. Then in my mind's eye, I would visualize the football sailing between the posts. I'd do that over and over, building an image of that successful kick within me.

Let me warn you though, sometimes creating such new images is tough—especially when there are old images blocking the way.

Years ago, when I was many, many pounds overweight, I read countless books on weight loss. One thing almost all of them said was this: "See yourself slim." I tried. Believe me, I tried! But I just couldn't do it. Every time I shut my eyes I saw the same fat guy. Even when I succeeded in losing some weight, my inner image didn't change. So, I'd end up putting the weight right back on.

I finally went on a fast, meditated on the Word of God and stayed in prayer until I overcame that image.

Why is it so hard to change old mental images of ourselves? Because we've spent years developing them. But regardless of how tough it may be, if we're going to enjoy the blessings God has for us, we're going to have to do something about such images. We're going to have to cast down [the wrong kind of] imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). We're going to have to stop being conformed to this world, and be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2).

Quite often when I talk about visualizing and imagining the Word of God, I find believers are wary of such things. They say it sounds like positive thinking or transcendental meditation.

Well, where do you think the devil got those ideas? You don't think he ever came up with anything on his own, do you? Of course not! He's a thief. He just stole that passage about meditation from the first chapter of Joshua, took out the part about the Word of God, and gave it to some folks who were foolish enough to fall for it.

The very fact that he stole it indicates just how powerful it is!

So, put the powerful art of meditation to work for you. Use it to change the inner images that have held you back for so long. You'll find, just as Joshua did, that it is truly one of God's most effective "secrets" for success. **VICTORY**

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BY GLORIA COPELAND

Therefore, if we'd like to know what God desires to do for us today, all we have to do is look at the ministry of Jesus and see what He did for people while He was on the earth. See His attitude toward people and you see God's attitude. See His heart and you see God's heart.

Acts 10:38 sums up His ministry by saying, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Jesus went about doing good because *God is good*. According to this verse, we can know for sure that it seems good to God for all to be healed. Jesus said, "...the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10). God the Father was present and involved in every healing and deliverance.

God the Father and Jesus His Son can never change. They are good and everything they do is good because they love mankind. Healing comes straight from their heart!

JESUS CARES ABOUT PEOPLE

The religious people in Jesus' day were no different than many religious people today. They were constantly upset with Jesus because the things He did violated their religious traditions—things like healing people on the wrong day of the week and letting His disciples pick grain to eat on the Sabbath.

Obviously, Jesus did not care as much about religious traditions as He did about people, because that's the way God is. When He saw people were physically hungry, He didn't just turn His back and say, "Well, they'll be OK. They ought to be fasting more anyway." No, "Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way" (Matthew 15:32). Then He worked a miracle to feed them. It was the Father's will.

In the same way, when people were spiritually hungry, He fed them with the Word. He sat down among them and taught them scriptural principles through stories, unfolding the mysteries of heaven to them. When people were sick and came to Him, Jesus healed them.

One of my favorite accounts of Jesus' heart to heal is that of blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10, starting at verse 46. Bartimaeus heard Jesus was coming, and he cried out to Him, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." The disciples tried to shut him up, but he cried out even more—he wanted to be healed!

When he cried out, the scripture says Jesus then stopped and stood still. Faith always gets Jesus' attention. When the disciples called the blind man to Jesus, Bartimaeus jumped up from the place where he sat, threw off his garment and

came running. Listen to the heart of Jesus, hear His kindness and goodness as He responds in Mark 10:51-52: "Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

That was Jesus' heart.

HEALING IS FOR EVERYONE!

Now, religious tradition might say, "God doesn't always choose to heal. Sometimes He will heal you and sometimes He won't." But the life of Jesus proves otherwise. He healed every person who ever reached out to Him in faith, believing and acting on what He said.

Healing is not a doctrine. It is straight out of the heart of God because He loves you and me!

You only need to read some of the accounts of His ministry to know this to be true.

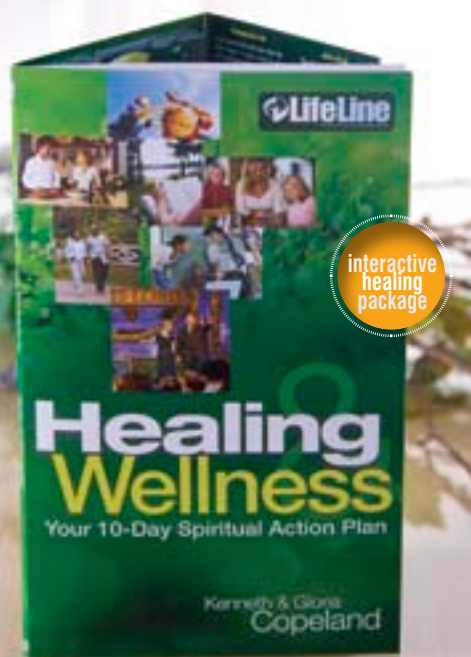
And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them (Matthew 4:23-24).

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick (Matthew 8:16).

Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all (Matthew 12:15).

And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole (Mark 6:56).

...and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; and they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and *healed them all* (Luke 6:17-19).



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JESUS—ALWAYS WILLING TO DO GOOD

Jesus was always willing to express His heart of love. Whatever those who came to Him for help needed, He supplied. And nothing has changed. He is just as full of compassion today as ever. He was easily entreated, and receiving from Him was always easy.

Man-made religious tradition would have us believe God is not willing to heal all who come to Him, but that He demands near perfection from us before He is willing to give us anything.

Jesus demonstrated that God loves everyone and desires to meet the needs of all who come to Him in faith. Certainly among the multitudes who reached out to Him in these scriptural accounts were those who were just like some today—imperfect people who fail and make mistakes. People who, by their own natural merits, do not deserve to receive anything from God. Yet Jesus healed every one of them.

Jesus showed us at the wedding feast in Cana that when He is asked, He will step in to meet what some would consider even the most insignificant needs. The hosts of the wedding had run out of wine—an embarrassing situation to be sure, but hardly of great significance. Yet when Jesus' mother called on Him for help, He abundantly met the need by turning the water, not into ordinary wine, but into such wonderful wine that "the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now" (John 2:9-10).

That was so characteristic of Jesus! He never failed to give the best to those who came to Him in faith for help. According to His own words in John 14:9, when you see Him, you have seen His heavenly Father—you have seen a perfect picture of the compassion and goodness of God.

JESUS' UNCHANGING HEART

You may say, *Well, that was how Jesus was back then. But does He still deal with us that way now?* The answer is, *Yes!*

Year in and year out, I am privileged to share the healing ministry of Jesus with people around the world. I have witnessed hundreds of healings straight from Jesus' heart, and I receive reports from hundreds more every year! And in the Body of Christ worldwide, healing from the heart of Jesus is as prevalent as it ever has been.

We can read about healing and deliverance through the technology of the Internet. God has made a way that any hour of the day we can watch Christian programming on television and witness the healing power of Jesus. We can know beyond a doubt Jesus heals today!

Will Jesus heal you? Yes, He will!

Jesus loves you! He doesn't care where you are from, how hard your heart may have been, or however tough you think your "case" may be. None of that matters. What matters is: Do you have faith? Do you believe what Jesus says? Will you dare to believe Him when He asks, "What would you have Me do for you?" Will you boldly respond, "Jesus, I believe

You love me, I believe You are good, and I believe You desire to heal me!"?

Really, it's just that easy for us to receive healing from Jesus today.

Hebrews 13:8 tells us, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Jesus is the never-changing

expression of the heart of God the Father. He is the same right now as He was when He walked the shores of Galilee and healed every person who reached out to Him in faith. He is good, He does love you, and He is always ready to heal you.

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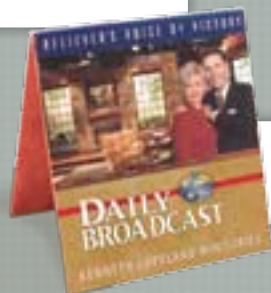
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