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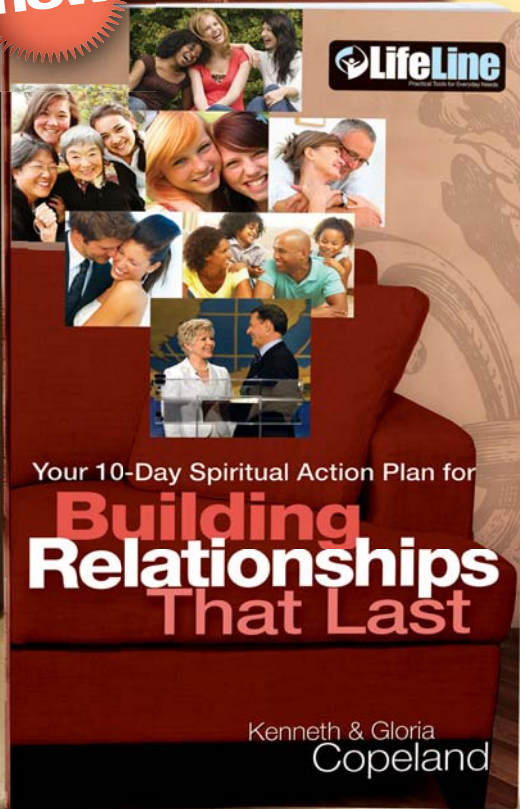
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Have you noticed how many people are coming up with plans for us these days? Politicians, media pundits, financial advisors—they all seem to have a plan for our future and our economic security. | I've never heard so many plans as I have in recent times. They have plans to get rid of our clunker cars. Plans to help us buy houses. Plans to fund our retirement. Plans for our health care. | To put it as politely as I can, I've never heard so much bull.

Of course, that's not what the planners call it. They think their ideas are brilliant. But they're wrong. Because their ideas don't include God, they fall into the scriptural category of the "way

which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

That's why the Lord warned me about them in advance. Back in October 2008,

just as the current financial mess was getting started, He spoke to me one morning in my study in a powerful way and said:

Don't pay attention to or make any plans based on what the media say or what the politicians are saying. Pay attention 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. 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. If you will do these things and continue therein, you will come into your wealthy place.

Covetousness Is Crippling

Ever since the Lord said that to me, I've been studying and praying especially over the part about covetousness. I had always assumed it just meant *coveting*, "wanting to take for yourself something that belongs to someone else." I equated it with the command in Exodus 20:17 which says, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife... nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

But actually, coveting and covetousness are two different things. Covetousness is a way of thinking that eventually leads to coveting. It's a natural, carnal mindset that doesn't include God.

Most of us were trained in it by our parents' generation. We were raised to believe as the world does—that we are responsible for meeting our own material needs and wants. We were brought up to think we have to go out and gather up money for ourselves—that we have to make our own living.

We grew up hearing Mom and Dad and

Grandma say things like, "Now listen to me, child. You better make good grades in school because if you don't, you won't get into college, and if you don't go to college, you'll never be able to get a good job. You'll be poor your whole life."

It never occurs to most Christians that there's anything wrong with that perspective. They don't realize it's based on the logic of the world and doesn't include an ounce of faith in God. They just accept it and start making their financial decisions accordingly.

Instead of asking, "What does God want me to do? What does He have planned for me?" they ask, "How can I make enough money to meet my needs?" Then they come up with a way that seems right to them but ends up in death.

That kind of *thinking*—not the world's economy—is what's crippling believers financially these days. It's a covetous mindset and it is cutting them off from THE BLESSING of God. Even worse, it's a deadly way of thinking that eventually leads to financial manipulation, cheating, theft and all other kinds of evil.

"Wait a minute, Brother Copeland," you might say, "I thought the love of money is the root of all evil."

It is. But covetous thinking is what turns people into money-lovers. First Timothy 6:9-10 says it this way: "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Notice that passage refers to "they that will be rich." It's not talking about people who trust THE BLESSING of the Lord to make them rich and add no sorrow with it (Proverbs 10:22). It's talking about people who are trying to get rich by their own willpower and human ingenuity. It's talking about "the ungodly, who prosper in the world" (Psalm 73:12) by gathering up finances for themselves, and God isn't any part of it.



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That's covetousness, and it leads to the love of money and all kinds of sorrowful, evil things. It leads people to make decisions that seem right but turn out to be deadly.

Right Question/Wrong Answer

There's a story in Luke 12 that reveals how truly dangerous covetousness is. Jesus told it in response to a man who called out to Him right in the middle of a teaching meeting and said, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me" (verse 13). I suppose the guy was expecting Jesus to issue a financial judgment right then and there. But instead He gave him (and all the rest of us) an earful about the underlying issue. He said: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (verse 15).

The phrase *take heed* means "wake up; look and listen; beware or be very cautious." It describes a state of mind referred to in aviation as *situational awareness*. To a pilot, situational awareness means he knows what's going on around him every minute of the flight so if something malfunctions, he detects it and deals with it before it wrecks the airplane. That's the way we must be where covetousness is concerned. We must always be aware and on guard against it.

Jesus drove home that point by telling about a man—not a fictional character but a real person—who lost his situational awareness and let covetousness wreck his life.

The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry (verses 16-19).

Notice the initial question the rich man asked was a good one. I believe God actually inspired it. He put

it in the rich man's spirit to get his attention because the man had been focusing completely on himself. He wasn't thinking about anyone else at all. Now that he'd run out of storage space, God was trying to lead him into the revelation that he had enough to give. He was blessed enough to be a blessing to others.

So He put the question in him: *What shall I do now that I have no more room to store my wealth?*

It was the right question. But, sad to say, the man came up with the wrong answer. He decided to tear down his barns and build bigger ones.

Think about what a foolish decision that was. He was going to have to empty out his old barns before demolishing them. What was He going to do with the crops he'd been storing there? Was he just going to leave them out in the weather while the new barns were being built? They'd be ruined.

Meantime, he was going to spend money like there's no tomorrow, hoping there'd be no crop failure this year. He was not only going into major expenditure mode, he was putting everything at risk. One bad storm, one bad crop year and he would be destroyed.

It sounds crazy but that plan seemed right to him.

Why? Because his thinking was clouded by covetousness. He was not looking to God as his source. He had gathered those riches by himself for himself. His purpose in life was to take it easy and have a party. He was making his own way and coming up with his own decisions. Instead of seeking the will of God and listening to Him, the rich man was listening to himself and he didn't know much.

Covetous thinking had turned him into a fool.

That's not just my assessment—according to Jesus, that's what God called the man. "God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (verse 20).

Act Like a Wise Man

Here's the sobering end to the story. The man never got a chance to tear down his barns. He never got that far because the decision he made opened the door to death in his life. Covetousness cost him his protection from God and he died that night.

The Bible doesn't say how it happened. Maybe he was murdered. Maybe someone wanted to steal what he had in his barns. Maybe he had a heart attack. We don't know.

But we do know this: God was trying to get his attention before it happened. He was prompting the man to ask the right question. But instead of going to God and saying, "Lord, what's the answer to this?" he made up the answer himself. He became his own god.

Whether the economy is good or bad, trying to be your own god is stupid. It makes people think and act like fools.

So don't do it. Act like a wise man instead. Jesus told us how. He said, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man," (Matthew 7:24).

Notice, He didn't say we have to be wise on our own. All we have to do is *act* like a wise man to get a wise man's results, and we do that by hearing and obeying God's Word. We do it by following the instructions God gave to Joshua when he was about to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land: "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).

If those instructions worked for Joshua (and they did) they will work for us. He was facing a far more pressurized situation than the one we face today. He was heading into combat, going back to Canaan to fight the giants who had scared the Israelites back into the wilderness 40 years earlier.

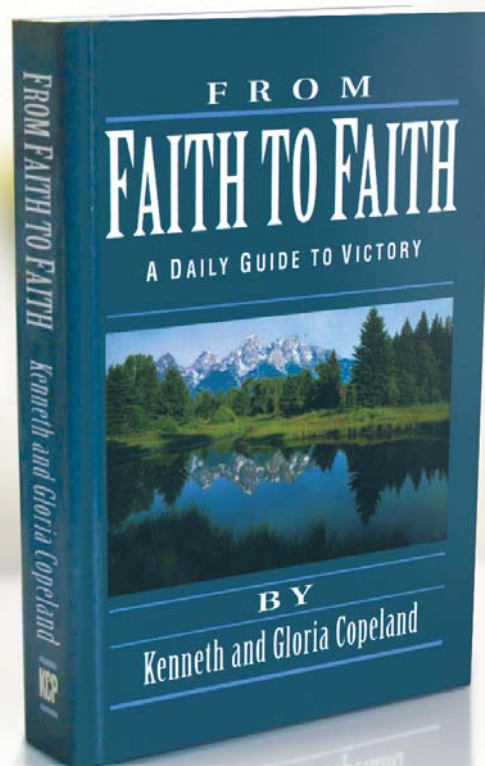
You can imagine what the devil was saying to him about it, trying to get him knotted up in fear and worry. He was telling Joshua the giants had gotten bigger since he last saw them. They'd multiplied. They were stronger. *Face it, Joshua. There's no way you and your little ragtag bunch can beat those monsters. You don't know anything about war. They've spent the past 40 years developing their military might while you and your little group of grasshoppers have been wandering around in the desert. Blah...blah...blah...*

But Joshua didn't listen. He kept his attention on God's Word. He believed that if he'd meditate on that Word, think the way it taught him to think, and do what it told him to do, no matter how bad the situation around him became, he'd prosper. He'd have good success and, as one translation puts it, *deal wisely in the affairs of life*.

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Don't you think He has this economy figured out? Do you think He's sitting up in heaven wondering how we came up with such a complicated system? Do you think He is saying, "Oh my, I've never seen anything like that!"

No, this is the same old system that's been around since the tower of Babel. It's an economy designed by men trying to meet their own needs without God. It's nothing new.

Even the socialist agenda that people are so upset about these days, made its debut at the tower of Babel. Socialism first reared its head when the builders said, "We'll make this tower out of brick." Unlike the stones with which God builds His temple, bricks are all just alike. God never made any two things alike in all of history. There aren't even two fingerprints alike.

Why is that significant?

It tells us God is interested in the success of the individual. His way is to bring successful individuals together and make them a thousand times more successful together than they were by themselves. That's God's way.

Man's way is to make everyone just alike. Make them all look alike. Don't let anyone get ahead of anyone else. Except, of course, those who are in charge because they're the only ones who know anything and they have to run it all.

That sums up the Babylonian system.

But you and I aren't in that system. We're in the Eden system. We have a covenant with God. We're BLESSED with THE BLESSING of Abraham and God has given us His Word to live by, so no matter what's going on in the world's system we can deal wisely and have good success.

"Brother Copeland, do you really think that's possible in these messed-up financial times?"

I know it is.

That October morning when the Lord spoke to me about the economic disturbance that was coming and the plans people would devise to deal with it, He said if we'd keep listening to Him and doing what He says, if we'd stay completely clean of covetousness, we can live in heaven on earth right in the midst of all the trouble.

Sure enough, that's what's happened. Gloria and I have marveled over it time and again. Right in the middle of all the financial turmoil that's gone on in the past couple of years, we've felt almost like we're in heaven. Without any debts and without any cares, we have unhooked from Babylon's system and we're having the time of our lives enjoying THE BLESSING of the kingdom of God. **VICTORY**

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321-951-0646 | brevardworshipcenter.org

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pre-service prayer
with Terri Copeland Pearsons

Setting the Atmosphere

for a Life-Changing Encounter



As you might imagine, Kenneth Copeland Ministries' team members put in hundreds of hours of work planning, then setting up at the Fort Worth Convention Center for Southwest Believers' Convention every year! And this year marks the 30th time our Partners and Friends will come together from around the world to spend six days immersed in the Word of God and soaking in His presence.

Kenneth and Gloria Copeland fully expect every person who gets on their divine path to Fort Worth, Texas, to experience a life-changing encounter with the Spirit of God at *Homecoming 2010*. The venue will be ready and waiting for you, and the atmosphere will be set!

Setting the Atmosphere

Walking into the convention center brings a sense of expectation and joy—you know without a doubt something wonderful is going to happen.

In all the preparations for an event this size, the most important thing—the thing that sets the atmosphere—is joining together in prayer.

This meeting will have been saturated with prayer before our international family gathers—at one time, in one place for this one big Homecoming. The entire KCM team of more than 500 members worldwide, along with our Partners and Friends on six continents, will have prayed for this meeting and for those who will attend.

Then, beginning Monday evening, and each evening through Friday, Partners and Friends who make their way to *Homecoming 2010* will have the opportunity to join Terri Copeland Pearsons at 6:15 for pre-service prayer.

During this time of focused, corporate prayer, Terri makes way for Spirit-led prayers of

intercession for all the activities, speakers and attendees at the meeting.

The Lord knows every one of you who will make your way to Fort Worth. He knows you have set your faith on getting here. He knows every step you have taken to get from where you are to where you want to be. And He will join the daily pre-service pray-ers to guarantee your steps of faith are fulfilled.

The Highlight of Coming Home

You may find the highlight of your journey to *Homecoming 2010* will be joining Terri for pre-service prayer. Taking time to pray for your fellow Partners and Friends who have made *their* way to the meeting could be part of the life-changing experience the Lord has planned for *you*!

Please continue to pray daily for Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis and Creflo Dollar, as well as the Superkid Academy and 14forty sessions, and for the entire KCM crew as we prepare for you, our Partners and Friends, to join us at *Homecoming 2010!* **VICTORY**



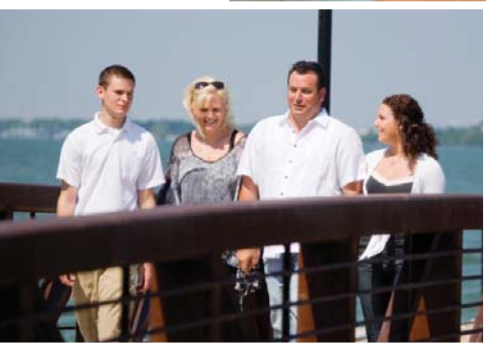
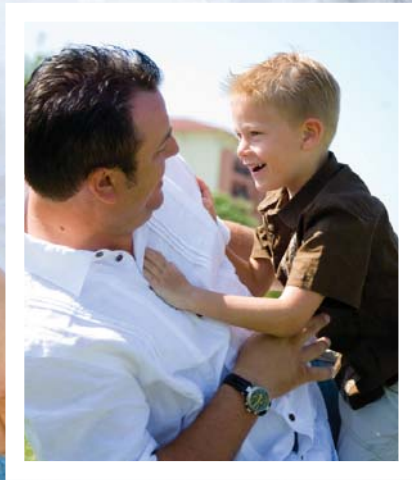
The first day of the conference [Southwest Believers' Convention] we passed a sign saying, "Pre-Service Prayer," and the Lord spoke in my spirit and said, *I want you in that*. And I got into the prayer meetings, and I tell you, Sister Terri is so anointed for prayer. I mean, I thought I knew how to pray...then I went from here to here [one level to another] in days.

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Nothing is impossible

Keith Hogden stood in his office looking as though he were in an unfamiliar place. As senior vice president of operations, Keith was also a partner in the company that installed high-end art and antiques. His wife, Sarah, was the director of human resources.



The company had given them a solid financial base, and the ability to provide a good life for their children—Victoria, 9, and Jennings, who was 5.

Keith settled into the chair where he had worked diligently to help the business grow. He felt as he always did: This position was a good fit for him.

Keith and Sarah were a good fit as well. Sarah had been raised by parents who were missionaries to Mexico. Keith, on the other hand, had not been raised in an actively Christian home. But when he was 10, he made a commitment to the Lord Jesus while attending a children's ministry outreach on the Gulf Coast. Through that children's ministry, his whole family rededicated their lives to the Lord.

During one of Sarah's visits to the U.S., she and Keith met at church camp when he was 15 and she was 18. The hand of the Lord had been on their lives and they'd been blessed in every way.

Keith looked around his office again. Things were going so well, yet he and Sarah had both sensed the Lord telling them to quit their jobs and leave the company. They'd turned in their resignations, and were about to take their first real step of faith. Besides, God wouldn't tell them to leave their jobs unless He'd prepared something else for them.

Would He?

No More Debt

"We loved the Lord," Sarah recalls, "but we lived our lives by the world's system. When I remembered how my parents had always lived debt free, I thought maybe they didn't know how things worked in the U.S., because things worked very well for us."

Their journey of faith had begun in 2000, and now the Hogdens were eager to see what the Lord had planned for them. Almost immediately, Sarah was offered a teaching job in a private school where her salary was enough to cover the rent and utilities. Meanwhile, Keith sent out résumés and applied for numerous jobs, but remained unemployed for a year. During that time he received a small severance. In 2001, he finally found work hauling bricks by hand.

Later that year, Keith and Sarah started their own business helping small-business owners set up their accounts. In 2002, things were going so well they bought a house. Then in 2003, things started to change. Their business had been booming with numerous large accounts, and then it gradually trickled to a standstill. For the next three months they didn't get a single contract.

Kneeling in the living room to pray, Keith and Sarah asked God for direction. The answer was not what they expected. *I never want you to take out another loan*, the Lord said.

There would be no more relying on credit cards to get

by. There would be no more applying for a loan to buy a car. God was severing their ties with the world's system. He had brought them into a situation where they had no choice; they *had* to learn to live by faith. The transition wasn't easy. That year, they shut down their business.

Doors Slam Shut

"I sent out about 150 résumés," Keith remembers, "but everyone said I was overqualified. I began dressing down when I applied for jobs, and still didn't get hired." With no money coming in, the Hogdens found themselves rolling nickels and driving to the local discount store to buy canned goods. During one of those trips to the store, Keith noticed a sign in the window of a pizzeria next door: *Now Hiring Drivers*.

"Sarah, I'm going to apply to deliver pizza. I have a nice car and maybe I'll get tips!"

"This isn't the easiest job," Keith was told when he applied.

"I'm sure I can do it," Keith assured the man.

"You'd have to go through training," the man said.

"That isn't a problem," Keith said, "I'll work hard for you."

Returning home, Keith appeared stunned as he told Sarah, "I can't even get a job delivering pizza!" The situation was so absurd he burst out laughing. "Sarah, God's *got* to be involved in this."

Now behind on their mortgage payments, Keith and Sarah decided to sell their house, but the Lord stopped them. *I gave you this house*, He said. *I want you to stand for it*.

By 2004, they were about to lose their home to foreclosure—and Sarah was pregnant with their third child.

Dancing Over the Mountains

During this time, their son, Jennings, was given a copy of *Shout!* magazine in Sunday school. He begged his mom and dad to take him to the Southwest Believers' Convention so he could meet Commander Kellie.

"My parents listened to Kenneth Copeland when they were on the mission field, so I was familiar with his teaching and the conventions they held," Sarah explains. A short time later, Sarah was at the public library one day when she found a series by Brother Copeland and George Pearsons titled, *It's Time to Get Out of Debt!*

"As we listened to the series, it helped us understand what God had been teaching us. Brother Copeland talked about making a quality decision to cut yourself off from the world's system, because the world's system actually operates *against* God's system. They also taught us how to stand for financial independence. We needed to believe God would meet our needs rather than trusting in a bank."

In January 2004, Keith took a job making a third of his former salary. Two questions bombarded them every day: *How will we pay the bills?* and *What will we feed the kids?* They learned the best response to fear is radical praise. Rather than focus on the mountain of problems, they focused on the goodness of God. Each morning at 4:45, they started their day by dancing and praising God.

They knew God was their only way out, and praise ushered them into His presence. The following August, Keith and Sarah attended part of the SWBC in Fort Worth, Texas. They continued to rejoice even though debt collectors left them feeling like they were living inside a pressure cooker.

In addition to praise, Keith and Sarah knew they needed to give their way out of their financial situation. Although they always tithed and gave offerings, they also tithed their time by volunteering in church and donating things from their home.

Divine Connection

In August 2005, Keith and Sarah were able to attend three days of the SWBC. Receiving a much-needed transfusion of faith, they knew it was time to step out again and start their own business. They also made a decision to partner with KCM.

"We needed years of wisdom fast," Sarah says, "and through partnership with KCM we were able to tap in to it. They sent us a whole series on covenant and we devoured it, listening over and over as our faith was strengthened."

"In addition, our long-range goal was to take our business worldwide," Keith explains. "I believe you need to give where you want to go, so we wanted to give into a ministry that was taking the gospel around the world."

In September 2005, Keith flew to Phoenix, Ariz., on business. After landing, he stood outside the terminal watching people scurry to their destinations. He had no money for a rental car to get out of the airport. Alone in the crowd, he praised God for the answer. They had plenty of business, but their clients were taking a long time to pay.

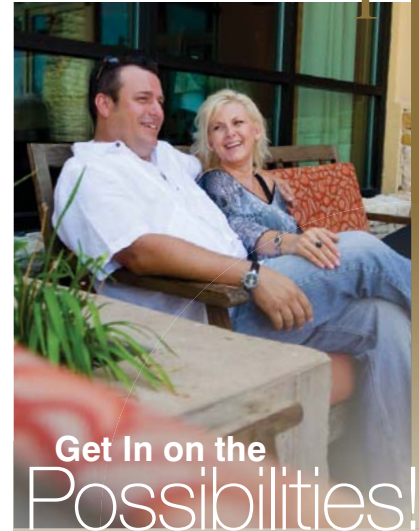
Back home, Sarah had just fed the baby when their banker called. "I'm sorry," he said, "but we can't wait any longer. Your house will be sold at the courthouse."

Sarah hung up the phone and a short time later, the doorbell rang. "I'd like to buy your house before it sells in foreclosure," the man said.

"Our house is not for sale," Sarah stated, "and it will *not* be sold through foreclosure." She closed the door firmly as humiliation washed over her and tears stung her eyes.

In Phoenix, Keith figured out the bus system and made it to his meeting. He called Sarah, who told him about the

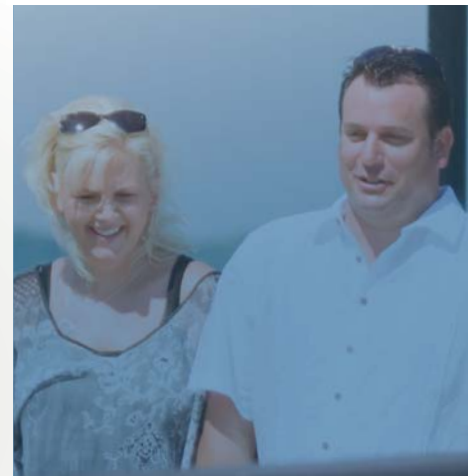
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Keith and Sarah Hogden have learned through their partnership with Kenneth Copeland Ministries that all things are possible to anyone who believes God and operates in His system. Every area of their lives has prospered, and they have been delivered from seemingly impossible situations because their faith has stayed on the Word of God!

Get in on all the possibilities God has planned for your life through partnership with KCM. Ask the Lord if now is the time for you to become a Partner with KCM—it just might be part of His plan for you!



banker and the stranger at the door.

“Don’t worry,” Keith said, “God is delivering us today.”

Keith and Sarah had told no one about their financial situation—but God did. That same day someone from their church phoned and said, “God told me to pay your mortgage payment this month. How much is due?”

Sarah raced to the bank and stopped the foreclosure. Then she called Keith, “I just paid our mortgage! Do a dance wherever you are!”

Keith danced before the Lord in Arizona while Sarah danced before Him in Texas.

The following Wednesday night, Sarah was getting the baby out of his car seat when someone parked beside her in the church parking lot. She recognized the driver as the man who’d offered to buy their house. Tempted to hide her face, she heard her Father’s voice: *Get out of the car and hold your head up, He said. I’ve delivered you.* Since that day, Sarah has never seen that man again.

The Good Life

In His faithfulness, God separated Keith and Sarah from the world’s system before it began to crash. Today, the high-end art and antiques installation company they were partners in is struggling to stay open on a full-time basis. During the company’s downsizing, Keith and Sarah had already been called out and were learning to live by faith on God’s system. As a result, their success is not dependent on the world’s economic status.

“We kept giving and giving and giving,” Keith recalls, “and God brought more and more and more contracts. We learned to lay our hands on each contract and pray over it. We paid off all our debts, including three cars. Our next step is to pay off our mortgage.”

In the process of walking out of debt, Keith and Sarah sowed vehicles to missionaries in Mexico. As a result, they now own three nice vehicles which were given to them miraculously and debt free!

“We learned that a credit report is no more than a reflection of how much debt you can manage,” Sarah explains. “In 2 Kings 20, King Hezekiah unwisely showed the emissaries from the king of Babylon everything in his kingdom, then God sent the prophet Isaiah to tell him that his sons would be slaves in Babylon. Now, our new covenant is based on better promises, but debt still makes you a slave. To get a loan, you have to disclose all your assets. And you want to leave your children an inheritance—a blessing—not debt.”

Once they got out of the world’s system and into God’s covenant plan, the Hogdens found they were living better on less and were prospering with peace. They discovered the difference between having a big paycheck and being prosperous.

Today, Keith and Sarah are back in business for themselves—providing project management and consulting services for various development projects around the country. They have made the Southwest Believers’ Convention a regular part of their lives. While preparing to attend one of the meetings, 5-year-old J.D. said, “Dad, don’t forget to bring my man suit. Brother Copeland just might ask me to preach.”

Like his parents, J.D. has set his faith sights high. In five years he’s already learned one of the most important messages in the Bible. It’s a message his parents have taught him well. *Nothing is impossible with God.* **VICTORY**

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“Blessings are upon the head of the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright, in right standing with God)....” (Proverbs 10:6, *The Amplified Bible*)

Our Constant Provider

Sometimes just saying thank you is not adequate to express what is in my heart and I'm not sure I can find the words. Your gift to us at Behind the Mission Weekend in Scottsdale, Ariz., was so much appreciated and just what we needed in many ways.

I have a praise report for you. We are retired and depend on the income of a duplex that we own. One side had been empty for six months—unheard of before the economy problems. Well, praise God, before we even made it home from the Partner weekend it was rented! Besides that, I have had revelation after revelation. Things I had only heard about are just now coming alive fast and furious—praise God!

L.H. :: Arizona

VISION RESTORED

God healed me of glaucoma. I no longer have to put eyedrops in my eyes. Also, the place in my left eye that had been bleeding, the doctors can no longer find it. My doctor brought in two other doctors and it was confirmed. I am healed!

E.C. :: Virginia

A HERITAGE FROM THE LORD

We want to thank you for the *BVOV* magazines sent to our home to bless us. We'd been believing the Lord for the blessing of children and encountered several challenges, including miscarriages and other fertility problems.

In 2003, my sister introduced me to the magazine and we decided to become Partners. One of the first testimonies I read about believing for a child and trusting the Lord ministered to me tremendously. Over the years we kept believing and receiving your magazines and were always excited to read the testimonies of God's awesome work.

In 2007, after fighting several battles, I was able to conceive in spite of the doctor's diagnoses and report. My husband and I stood on the Word and chose to believe in His report. In 2008, our son, Isaac, was delivered whole and healthy. Today he is a toddler running around playing. We serve an awesome God! Surely, children are a heritage from the Lord and we are truly blessed.

A.A. :: England

GOD MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you for caring and praying for us. I wrote to you concerning several bad situations in my family. I want you to know that God has answered our prayers! He did the greatest miracle of all: God saved my son and his wife and they got baptized!

They have three precious children who were caught in constant fighting. She was getting ready to file for divorce, then God stepped in. My prayer partners and brothers and sisters in Christ cared enough to pray. God took out a heart of stone and put in a heart of flesh. They are going to church now and they are all so happy. The Holy Spirit really came in and “cleaned house.” Gone are all those spirits of strife, anger, cruelty, selfishness and jealousy. God has made such a difference!

R.V. :: Tennessee

HEAVENLY PROTECTION

I want to thank Jesus for protecting my daughter and grandson. Someone tried to break into their house while they were sleeping, but my grandson heard him. He forced himself against the door and it locked again. They turned on the outside lights and the intruder ran away. Glory to God! Thank you so much for your prayers.

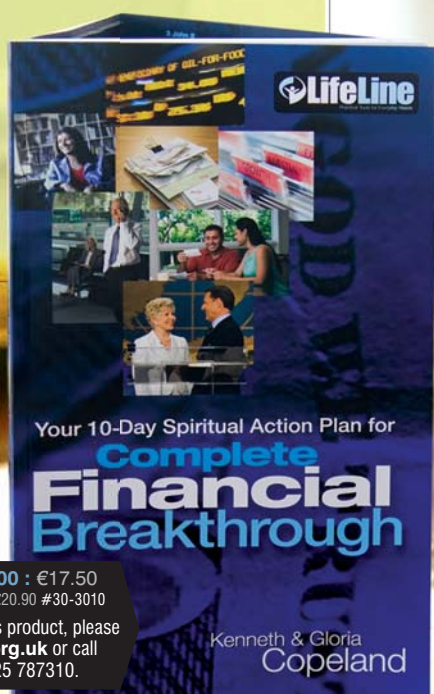
C.R. :: North Carolina

My Life Is Full of Favor

Since I committed to seriously support KCM, God is doing amazing things in my life! I got a monthly raise, I have favor in my private health contract work and my family is being blessed. I praise God for KCM, its integrity and seriousness with God's Word. Praise God for making me part of this precious family.

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Thank you so much, KCM. The devil is defeated and Jesus is Lord! We love you!

C.C. :: Canada

THANKFUL FOR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

My sister recently asked Jesus to be her Lord and Savior! Thank you so much for your prayers and support! May God continue to bless your ministry—abundantly!

U.D. :: Texas

PRAYER SUPPORT—DAY AND NIGHT

Thank you so much for being faithful ministers unto the Lord and increasing the faith through KCM. I am so glad for the prerecorded prayers and the access we now have after-hours when we need it. I prayed the freedom from fear, healing and wellness, and Partner prayers, but it was especially good to hear them. The Partner prayer came alive for me just by hearing Kenneth and Gloria speak the words.

A.B. :: Canada



THE TRUTH SET ME FREE

I would like to let you know what a blessing you have been in my life and in the lives of my entire family. In 2001, my life had fallen apart. Although I was a born-again Christian, my life seemed to be a disaster and I was left wondering how I would ever attain the victorious life the Word of God mentioned. I had recently gotten divorced and Satan was in the process of stealing all the precious things in my life.

One day a home-church leader gave me a few *BVOV* magazines. It was a turning point in my life. As I read the magazines I knew everything I read was the truth and it was exactly what I needed in my life. I knew I had to become a Partner with your ministry and share in the great blessing of becoming free from the deceiver, liar, thief, murderer and destroyer.

My life has now been restored to me. In 2002, I remarried my husband and we both began applying the Word to our lives and living correctly as the Lord intended. My family has been healed, delivered and set free. Thank you, Kenneth, Gloria and all the faithful staff at KCM, for serving Jesus, sharing THE BLESSING and empowering us to live the abundant life. You may never fully know (in this life) how much you really do and how much the Lord Jesus really uses you to achieve His purposes in this earth.

H.H. :: Czech Republic

Title Deed Granted

About nine years ago I bought a piece of property—20 acres in Kenya. However, the owner who sold it to me died before I could get the title deed of the property, and relatives made it impossible to release the title deed to me. I had even given up on this property, because it had been such a struggle.

I just received a message from the landlord's wife saying, "The lawyer brought the title deed to me, therefore you may collect it whenever possible." This is a miracle and I thank God for working on my behalf.

F.O. :: United Kingdom

Bountiful Blessings

My wife and I were giving regularly to KCM. However, due to financial hardship and discouragement we felt we had to put a hold on this. Late last year the Lord began reminding me that when I had previously given, we were extremely blessed in every area of our lives. I sensed the Lord telling me to step out in faith and commit to monthly partnership again.

I set up a regular amount and immediately miracles started happening. My wife's family blessed us financially.

My father, who had never been generous at all, decided to give us money toward a new car that we needed. Since then we have had several more financial miracles. The best thing has been sitting under the pure, undiluted teaching of the Word of God from KCM. I have regained a genuine hunger and thirst for the Word and as I continue to sow, God will cause us to continue reaping great harvest. Thank you, Kenneth and Gloria, for your faithfulness and steadfastness.

D.C. :: United Kingdom

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Healing From Heaven

To God be the glory! I sent in a prayer request for you to stand and believe with me—I have been delivered from bad dreams and insomnia. Also, one of my grandsons who used to stay on the streets is now home

permanently. He is healed, restored and delivered. My other grandson who was mentally disturbed is now normal. God is good and abounding in love and His mercies endure forever!

K.E. :: South Africa





THE BLESSING IS ENABLEMENT. IT
ENABLES US TO SEE AND HEAR. HE HAS
ALREADY GIVEN US EYES TO SEE, EARS TO
HEAR AND HEARTS TO UNDERSTAND.

eyes to see, EARS TO HEAR

You have the mind of Christ. >> Let that sink in for a moment. That's what God's Word declares in 1 Corinthians 2:16 about every born-again believer. >> But what does that mean and what does it enable the believer to do? It enables us all to see, hear and discern like Christ. First Corinthians 2:9-10 declares: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit."

BY KEITH MOORE



The Holy Spirit of the living God dwells in every believer. Because the Creator Himself has taken up residence in us, we have the very mind of Christ, the Anointed One, so we can *know* the things that are freely given to us by the Father.

Things the natural eye cannot and has not seen, we can see. Things the natural ear cannot and has not heard, we can hear. The natural man cannot understand things the believer can discern and understand because we have the mind of the Anointed One. We can walk and live in the reality of these things.

Think of the magnitude of what we have been given! Natural men, through their most brilliant minds, greatest education and the broadest spectrum of human intelligence cannot perceive nor understand the things *already given* to us by the Father. The deep wisdom and intimate knowledge of the Creator can't be learned or received through human effort. They seem foolish to the natural mind because, according to the Word of God, they are spiritually discerned.

First Corinthians 2:15 (*New King James Version*) says, "But he who is spiritual judges...." The word *judge* in this verse is the same word translated *discern*. Not the natural man, but "he who is spiritual *discerns* all things, yet he himself is rightly judged [or discerned] by no one." The word *discern* means "to see, to distinguish." The believer has been given, by the Spirit, the ability to see, distinguish or discern between good and evil—to *know*.

When Jesus was asked by the disciples,

Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered, Because it is given unto you to *know* the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For this people's heart is waxed gross [thick and unfeeling; insensitive], 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. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear (Matthew 13:10-11, 15-16).

Notice, He said, "lest at any time." It was there

all the time. The Pharisees just didn't see it.

Enabled to See

We've been so ably taught by Brother Copeland and ministered to on THE BLESSING, we know it belongs to believers. But did you know THE BLESSING is *enablement*? It enables you to see. The believer's eyes are blessed and enabled to see because of THE BLESSING of Abraham. It is the anointing and power to increase, to make greater, to cause to succeed.

Eyes made to see. Ears made to hear—but not just in one direction. By the Holy Spirit, we can also see inwardly, drawing from the mind of Christ within us. To walk in these things, we must believe and confess we have them. Declare: "My eyes are blessed—I can see. My ears are blessed—I can hear. I perceive and understand what the Spirit of God is saying to me. I have the mind of Christ. I have been made His righteousness. I have an unction from the Holy One and I know everything I need to know. Revelation flows in me and through me. Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world, and I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." We need to understand what we have.

The Master has already paid the price for our healing, financial prosperity and deliverance from all the power of the enemy. How quickly these blessings can manifest once we finally see and hear what belongs to us and let our hearts turn and change! I've seen it over and over again, especially in the area of healing.

For many years, I ministered at Kenneth E. Hagin's Healing School at Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Okla. One morning as I was teaching from Proverbs 4:22, that God's Word is medicine—life to those who find it and health to all their flesh—a woman raised her hand and asked, "Are you saying you just believe you receive, and you say, 'I have it'?"

"Well, no. I didn't say it. Jesus did," I replied.

At the end of the session, she came up and said, "Look!"

"Great," I said, happy for her, but not knowing exactly what had happened.

"You don't understand," she said. "I had a stroke. I was paralyzed on this whole side of my body. I haven't been able to use this hand and



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arm for months, and I couldn't talk very well. Look at my face!"

"It looks perfect to me," I told her. She had been healed just that easily. It had already belonged to her, but suddenly, she had eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart to understand.

Another time in Healing School, there was a man who was so sick he couldn't even straighten up. He sat in the chair, bent over and breathing so loudly you could hear him all over the room. It was very distracting. With each breath, you'd think, *Is he going to get that next breath?* You could tell at one time he had been a great big, robust man. But now, he was just skin and bones.

Again, I was teaching from Proverbs 4—that God's Word is medicine, and "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their [deaths and] destructions" (Psalm 107:20). At one point, I noticed the man had straightened up in his chair, and his eyes now looked at me. Moments later, he lifted his head a little more, and in another few minutes, he was sitting straight and no longer breathing heavily. As soon as the service was over, I made my way back to him and said, "Brother, God's done something for you."

He said, "I feel something all inside me."

I replied, "That's the life of God! That's the power."

His little wife was sitting beside him, tears running down her face. He looked at her and said, "I'm hungry!" They'd been feeding him through a tube for months. He was supposed to have been dead a few weeks before. But now, he stood straight. He said, "Where can I eat around here?" I found out later he immediately went out and ate a big, hearty meal.

Glory to God! No one laid hands on him. He just received what Jesus had already done. He saw. He heard. His heart turned and he was healed—just like that.

Seeing and Knowing

Let's open our eyes and see what's in front of us.

He has *already* given us eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to understand. He's given us His own mind. We can come boldly to the throne of grace and get what we need. He said, "Ask, and ye shall receive" (John 16:24).

Our future is to see more and more like He sees, and to perceive and know like He knows. The mind is the connector. It is part of the soul and is connected to the flesh. It's also simultaneously connected to the spirit

on the inside, but we haven't been paying attention.

We are to look not only at those things that are seen, but at those things which are not seen. How do you look at things not seen? The same way you look at things that are seen, just in the other direction—on the inside. There are things the Father is trying to show us every day of our lives. We don't have to try to hear voices or to feel cold flashes, hot flashes or goose bumps.

There are situations where you don't know what to do—you can't figure it out. You ask everyone you know, get 90 different answers and end up more confused than when you started.

Look to the inside. There's Someone inside you who already knew what to do before you ever discovered you had a problem! Get quiet and look inward to the One living inside you and pray. Another word for "looking inward" is *meditation*. In this busy, noisy world there are voices everywhere and they all have something to say. Their main purpose is to distract you. But *the Lord* says, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Get absolutely still. Pray in the spirit and then get quiet. Don't say anything. Don't do anything. You will begin to hear and see yourself with the solution to the problem.

I'm not talking about trances or hearing voices. What I'm talking about belongs to every child of God.

If your finances are in a mess and you don't know what to do, quit asking other people. Get quiet and the Lord will show you. He may say: *Sow that seed over there. Claim that. Go over there and talk to that person about this.*

You might not see it the first hour or the first day, but keep believing and looking for it. He said, "Seek, and you will find" (Matthew 7:7, *NKJV*). It'll come up in you. You'll hear yourself say it. You'll see yourself do it. And when you act in faith, that's when the power of God is released. That's when miracles happen.

The mind of Christ belongs to every child of God every day. Seeing, knowing and perceiving is our heritage in Him.

Aren't you glad you know the truth? **VICTORY**

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During construction of the headquarters building, many miracles were manifest—not the least of which was building the facility totally debt free, without a single bank loan.



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Also, while you're in town, we'd like to invite you to Eagle Mountain International Church located right on the ministry property. Join us for Sunday services at either 8:30 or 11 a.m. Directions to KCM and EMIC can be found by going online to emic.org and clicking on Map/Directions.

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Abiding POWER

BY TERRI COPELAND PEARSONS

The resurrection

of Jesus was the greatest demonstration ever of the power of God. Not only was He raised up spirit, soul and body, but all of humanity was raised up with Him. His resurrection was so powerful that all anyone has to do to experience this regenerating power is to accept Jesus and His resurrection as their own. Instantly their spirits will be raised from death to life, just like His was, with the promise that their bodies will one day be raised also—just like His. Wow! What a God!

For this level of *power* to be released from God there had to be an equal level of faith from a man. Jesus was that man. But how could He release faith for His own resurrection? There are incidents throughout His ministry, such as the raising of Jairus' daughter and the widow of Nain's son, that allowed Him the opportunity to exercise such faith. But it was at Lazarus' tomb where Jesus came to such a fullness of faith that He not only believed for resurrection but could boldly declare, "I *am* the resurrection" (John 11:25).

How did He arrive at that kind of revelation about Himself? And what is its significance to us? What lessons can we apply to our own walk with the Lord?

LESSON #1: Take hold of the situation by faith and declare the end result that will glorify God.

Let's look into John 11 and watch Jesus skillfully take the force of faith and master the spirit of death.

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was (verses 1-6).

Notice in verse 4 that Jesus said, "This sickness is not unto death." That sure was news to the devil! Clearly his plan was certain death for Lazarus which would cause doubt and division among Jesus' friends and followers. But when Jesus spoke those faith words He stopped the devices of the devil cold. Then He said, "This sickness is...for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." So He not only stopped the natural course of sickness in Lazarus, He redirected it to a different outcome with a different purpose.

LESSON #2: Get understanding of God's purpose from Scripture and by the Spirit. Then follow love until that purpose is fulfilled.

Verse 3 describes Mary and Martha's image of Jesus'

love for Lazarus. They said, "he whom thou lovest." Lost to us in English are the different meanings of love revealed by the Greek words *phileo* and *agape*. *Phileo*, the Greek word for love used in this verse means, "to be fond of or have affection for—finding something appealing or meaningful about the person loved."

But verse 5 reports that Jesus had *agape* for Lazarus. This is love on a totally different level. It is on God's level because God is love. God *is* agape! This love is purpose driven, not attraction driven. God has a purpose for mankind—to be His family. So when Adam's sin separated him from God, God focused on the purpose for which He created man. And out of His agape love sent Jesus.

If God had been operating in *phileo* love when Adam could no longer fellowship with Him, He would have abandoned Adam and all his offspring. But agape never loses sight of purpose, and the highest purpose is to glorify God. God could only be glorified if His family was.

Jesus knew how to glorify God. He knew that He must be resurrected from the dead in order for all men to be raised. And Jesus understood that demonstrating His faith to raise Lazarus was necessary to the whole plan. Love for God and His purpose, as well as God's love and purpose for Lazarus, were driving forces in every action that followed. No plan of God can be fulfilled without love.

LESSON #3: Seek to know Jesus and the power of His love. Seek to be rooted in knowing who you are in Him.

Verse 6 has perplexed people for generations. Why did Jesus intentionally stay where He was and let Lazarus die? Before we come to the same hasty conclusion most everyone in Bethany came to, we'd better take a closer look.

"[Jesus] abode." *Abide* means "to remain in a given place, state, relation or expectancy." If we look back to Chapter 10 we'll see why this particular place was important.

The confrontation between Jesus and the Jewish leaders in John 10:24-39 is one of the most contentious recorded. They challenged whether or not He was the Messiah. When Jesus declared, "I and my Father are one," they became so enraged that they took up stones to kill Him. His response to their hatred and violence diffused their anger so that rather than stone Him, they decided to arrest Him. But it wasn't yet time for that, so He slipped away. (No doubt that was miracle protection.)

You Have HOPE!

You may be in the deepest hole of your life. But if The Word says you have hope, then, glory to God, you have hope! >> You may think your circumstances are tearing you apart, but I have news for you. Your circumstances are not the problem! All circumstances, I don't care what they are, must bow their knees and submit to the Name of Jesus and The Word of God when faith, hope and love are brought to bear on them.

When circumstances are very bad, get your Bible and some teaching tapes and go off by yourself until you stop negative thoughts from bombarding your mind. Gloria and I have done that many, many times. Years ago, we did that where our children were concerned. It was obvious from the circumstances that the devil was after them and the pressure was getting worse and worse.

Finally, we decided to deal with the situation head-on. We spent time piled up in the middle of the bed with our Bibles and our notebooks, looking up every scripture we could find about children. We wrote them all down, prayed over them and made an irrevocable declaration.

We said, "On the basis of the promises of God and by the blood of Jesus, our children are not going to hell. The Word of God says our children are taught of the Lord and great is their peace, and that settles it forever."

Then, no matter what happened, we stood our ground in the Name of Jesus. To keep from wavering, we had to cast down imaginations and every

high thing that exalted itself against The Word God had given us about our children. We had to bring *all* our thoughts into captivity and into obedience to that Word. *All* our thoughts!

"Well, I try to do that, but sometimes I just can't help what I think."

You most certainly can. God's Word says you can (Philippians 4:8). God's Word tells you to choose what you think, and cast down what you shouldn't think. When you do that, hope will have a place to work. In fact, if you'll guard your mind, there will come a moment when hope suddenly rises up. Add to that, faith and the love of God, and complete the transaction in the realm of the spirit. Suddenly, that hole you are in won't be deep at all. You can walk right out.

When that happens, you'll suddenly know that what you're hoping for is yours. It's yours and all the demons of hell can't keep you from receiving it. You'll find yourself saying, "It's done! It's mine, glory to God!"

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That encounter must have been exhausting as well as deeply disturbing. The leaders who should have recognized and welcomed Jesus were challenging Him with the same ferocity Satan had on the Temple Mount. And what was that challenge? Are You *really* the Son of God? Are You really who You believe You are? It's interesting to note that the Scripture makes a point of telling us what Jesus did next. He went back across Jordan where John had baptized. Why there? Look at Luke 3:21-22. "It came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended..."

You see, Jesus returned to the very place God had openly and miraculously confirmed to Him and everyone around that He was indeed His Son. Jesus remained in that *place* where He had prayed and heard. He remained in that *relation* remembering, meditating on and enjoying His sonship. He was purposely abiding in a state of "being"—being the Son of the Most High. And lastly He remained in expectancy. At the end of that abiding time which included the two days after hearing of Lazarus' death, He was so rooted, so certain and full of who He was in God, no one could move Him. Martha couldn't. The mourners couldn't. The same Jews who had tried to kill Him just days before couldn't. Lazarus' dead decaying body couldn't. It was impossible to shake Him. He knew His Father and knew His place in Him.

LESSON #4: Begin to abide in your time alone with God and His Word.

Then go from that prayer place, depending upon who you are in Him, not who you are in yourself.

Faith brought Lazarus out of his tomb. And that same faith brought Jesus out of His, along with you and me. We were raised up with Him and seated with Him in the Spirit. We are the righteousness of God, more than conquerors and can do all things through Him (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:37; Philippians 4:13). But we must do as He did and take time to abide. Abide in Him in your prayer place until who you are cannot be shaken from you. Then face whatever challenges await you and watch what the Greater One will do in and through you. **VICTORY**

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Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law...that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus....

Galatians 3:13-14 (New King James Version)

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Today we are more blessed than we could have ever imagined 43 years ago when God sent us out to fulfill His plan for our lives and ministry. Back in the early days, the more I heard about the things of God, the more I liked it! The more I heard about healing, the more I knew I could live in health. The more I heard about prosperity, the more I saw us walking in the abundant life. And the more I hear about the blessing in Christ Jesus, the more I open myself to receive all the blessing has provided!



God always had a plan

to get the blessing
back to mankind.
That plan has
always been in
Jesus, and it has
always included
you and me!

The blessing in Christ Jesus is for every member of Christ's Body—for us as individuals, for families, for our churches and for our workplaces. Life in His plan is a truly great adventure in every area. And, He has called us all to get in on His plan to bless all mankind. Because God loves us so much, He made the way for us to take hold of the blessed life Jesus provides—including deliverance from every sin, sorrow and sickness! Glory to God!

We know blessing was God's original plan for mankind because Genesis 1:28 tells us, "God blessed them." He gave Adam and Eve everything He had created to bless them. When He was finished with all His work of creation and blessing, He saw that everything was *very good* and He handed it over to them.

Now, you know what happened with God's blessing. His No. 1 man, Adam, who walked and talked with God and to whom God had given *everything*, disobeyed His one and only "thou shalt not." Everything God intended to be blessed became cursed...not just to Adam but to all mankind because of Adam's sin of disobedience.

The curse of sin and death, poverty and debt, bondage and every kind of disease came on every man. But, God always had a plan to get the blessing back to mankind. That plan has always been in Jesus, and it has always included you and me!

The Plan Unfolds

Between Adam and Jesus, God unfolded His plan for man's complete healing and deliverance from the curse through the lives of men and women whom He found faithful to hear and obey Him through the generations. As I have read about and studied people in the pages of the Old Testament, I have seen how their stories contain a key to the plan—all pointing to Jesus. Two major players in God's great plan to return His creation back to its state of blessing were Abraham and Moses.

Let's look at how Abraham (then Abram) started out his life of faith. Genesis 12:1-3 tells us that God said to Abram, *Follow Me to a land where you and your descendants will be blessed and you will be a blessing to all people! I will bless them that bless you and curse them that curse you.*

Abram took God at His word—he heard God and obeyed Him—and his life of faith started. God changed his name to Abraham and, as God had promised, he became the father of a great multitude of blessed people who have blessed the earth!

Abraham is called the Father of Faith. He simply believed God and obeyed Him. He got in on God's plan and never let up on what God had spoken to him. And that is exactly what it takes for anyone to receive it in their lives today. Just believe, obey and never let up on God's Word.

God entered into a covenant with Abraham, whom He declared *righteous* based purely on Abraham's belief in God's promises (Romans 4:3). Through Abraham the blessing of God was restored to His people.

Throughout Genesis we follow the story of how Abraham's blessed descendants eventually worked themselves and their blessed life into a life of bondage in Egypt. And even in the midst of their much-less-than-blessed life, God was preparing their deliverance back to the place of blessing.

God chose and called Moses to deliver His people. We can read the story of their deliverance in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. All but two of a whole generation of His people died off in the wilderness because they rejected, complained and murmured against Him and His plan. And God brought the remnant and the next generation of them to a place of potential blessing—the place where they could choose to be blessed or cursed—the place called the Promised Land.

Blessing and Health or Cursing and Disease?

In the book of Deuteronomy, we see the steps in the plan God gave Moses in final preparation for the people to go back to the land He had promised their forefathers.

In Deuteronomy 28:1-14, *NKJV*, we read the details of the blessing God promises to His people if they “diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today.” Simply “hear and obey” the Lord...the same option Adam and Abraham had in their relationship with God. But, now, the people had to obey the entire Law God had given to Moses...Law that had never been required of Adam, Abraham, Isaac or Jacob.

We see, starting in Deuteronomy 28:2, the blessings that would come and overtake every area of life when God’s people heard His voice and obeyed Him. They cover dwelling, production, livelihood, work, travel, victory, resources, reputation, position, business transactions and more.

Then, beginning with Deuteronomy 28:15 we see the curse that would come if God’s people chose *not* to hear His voice and obey His Law. The complexity of the curse is the direct opposite of the simplicity of the blessing. And in His explanation of the curse, God goes into detail of all the difficulty it will bring—including sickness and disease.

Besides those sicknesses and diseases listed, verses 60-61 clearly state the curse includes every disease they ever feared while slaves in Egypt, as well as every sickness and plague not specifically written in the book of the Law. In other words, every disease known to mankind is included in the curse of the Law.

Think about it—if people are sick, then nothing else in life has much of a chance of success. All of God’s blessings in Deuteronomy 28:1-14 are impossible if sickness and disease become the focus of

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by His being with them. Jesus dealt with every kind of sickness and disease issue in people's lives, and He healed them and changed their lives!

But God's plan covered more than Jesus' earthly walk and the people He touched while on the earth. It covered us all.

God had shown the prophet Isaiah how Jesus would change the world, 700 years before He was born—telling how healing for all mankind would come into the earth. Isaiah reported it this way:

He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:3-5, *NKJV*).

Jesus took all the sin, sorrow, sickness—everything that was included in the curse of the Law—upon Himself. He took it all on: arthritis, heart disease, blood disease, mental disease, AIDS, cancer, influenza, allergies. No disease was too much for Him to take on Himself. Remember Deuteronomy 28:60-61—all diseases are part of the curse.

That was God's love in action through Jesus! God knew no man—not you, not me, not anyone—would ever be able to live free of the curse of the Law to live in fullness of the blessing...unless He intervened Himself. And He did!

Through Christ Jesus, God fulfilled all the details of the Law, but He didn't do it for Himself. He did it for every man who would ever live.

He Did It All for Us

When we read and meditate on the story of Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension, we must realize *His* story is *our* story. God's whole intention in giving Jesus to all mankind was that He

would get mankind back on track with Himself.

Mankind had been separated from God, alienated and living under the influence of sin and Satan since Adam's disobedience. The influence of sickness and disease dominated the earth. But Jesus brought us back to our heavenly Father...the place of healing! Glory to God!

Jesus made the way, redeeming us from the curse of the Law and taking us all the way back to the blessing of Abraham. That's the place of being blessed and being a blessing—the place of hearing and obeying God's Word spoken to us. It's the place of faith!

Paul reminds us of the whole work of Jesus in Galatians 3:10-15 (*NKJV*):

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.

Jesus redeemed all mankind from the curse of the Law! Because He obeyed God even to the point of a cursed death on the Cross, we walk free!

God's plan is that we be free to live in righteousness, free to live healed—free of every curse that is in this earth because of sin and disobedience! He desires for us to be free to hear and obey His voice, to take hold of His promises and to declare that what He has to say about every situation in our lives is the

Salvation Prayer

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Jesus

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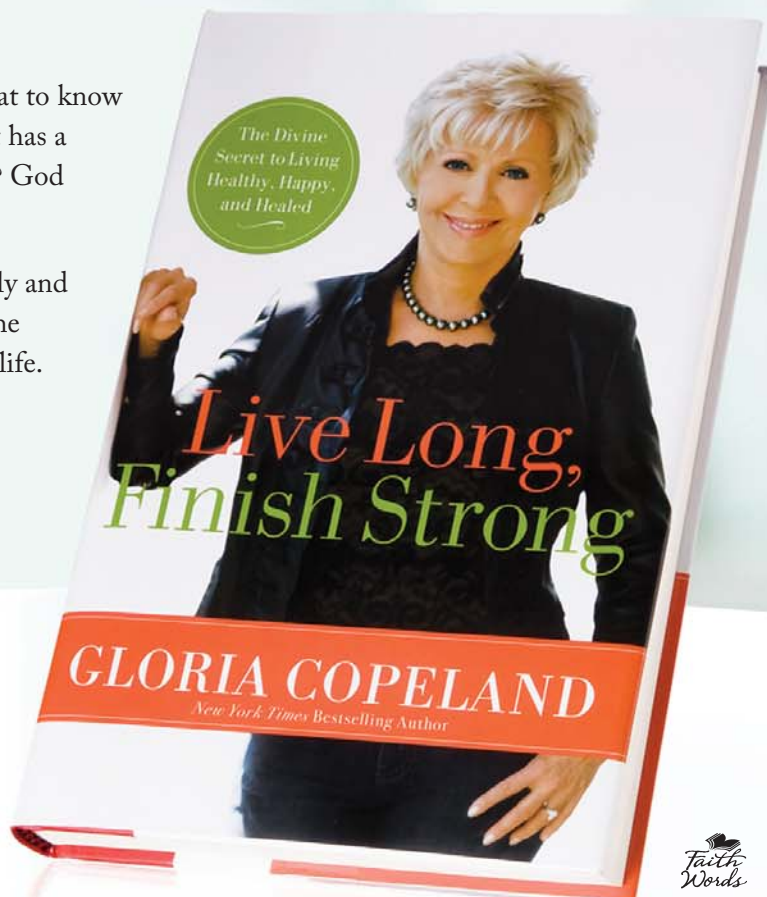
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