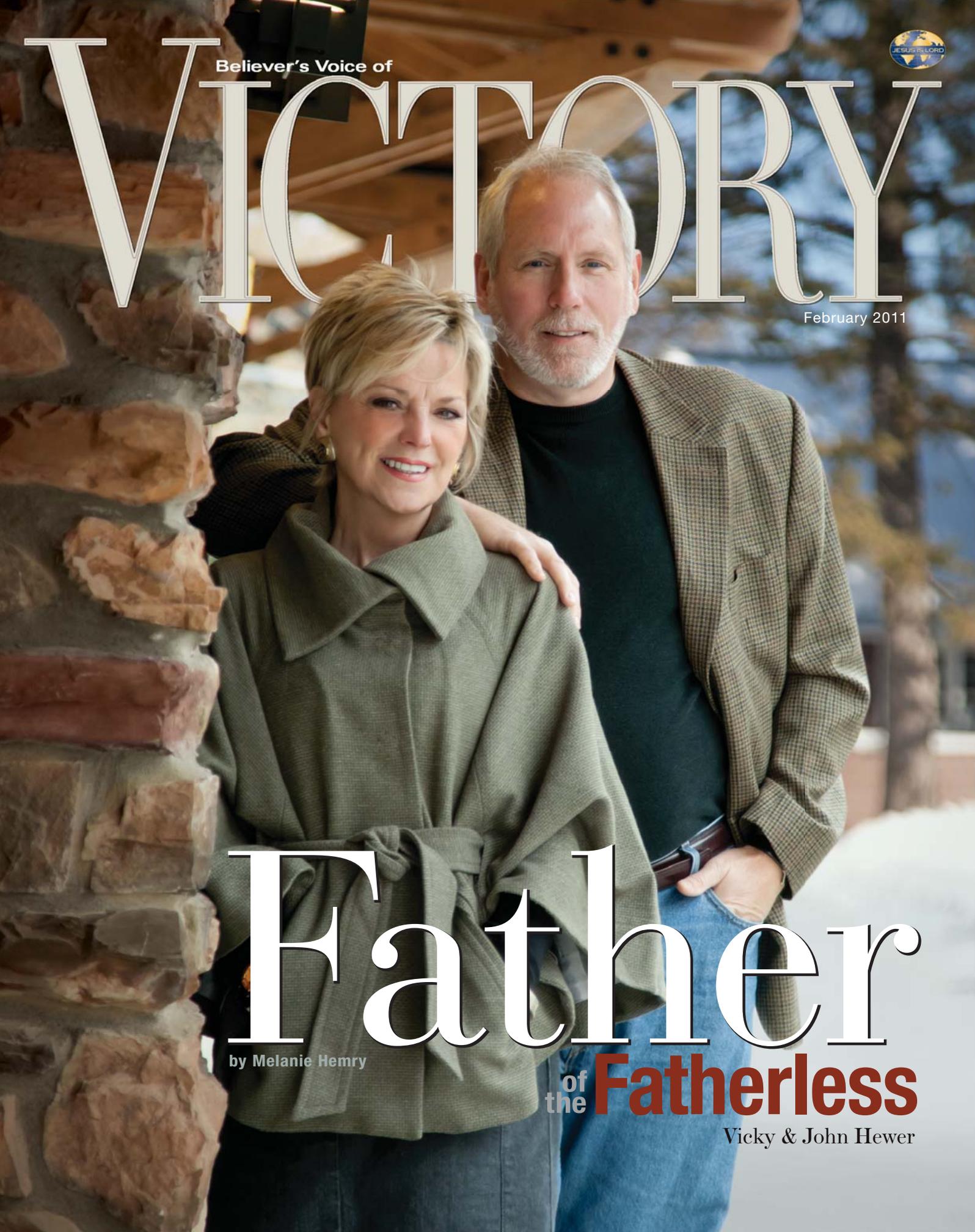




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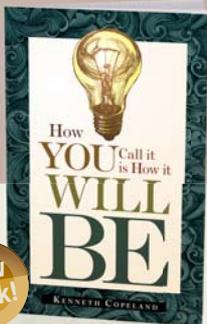
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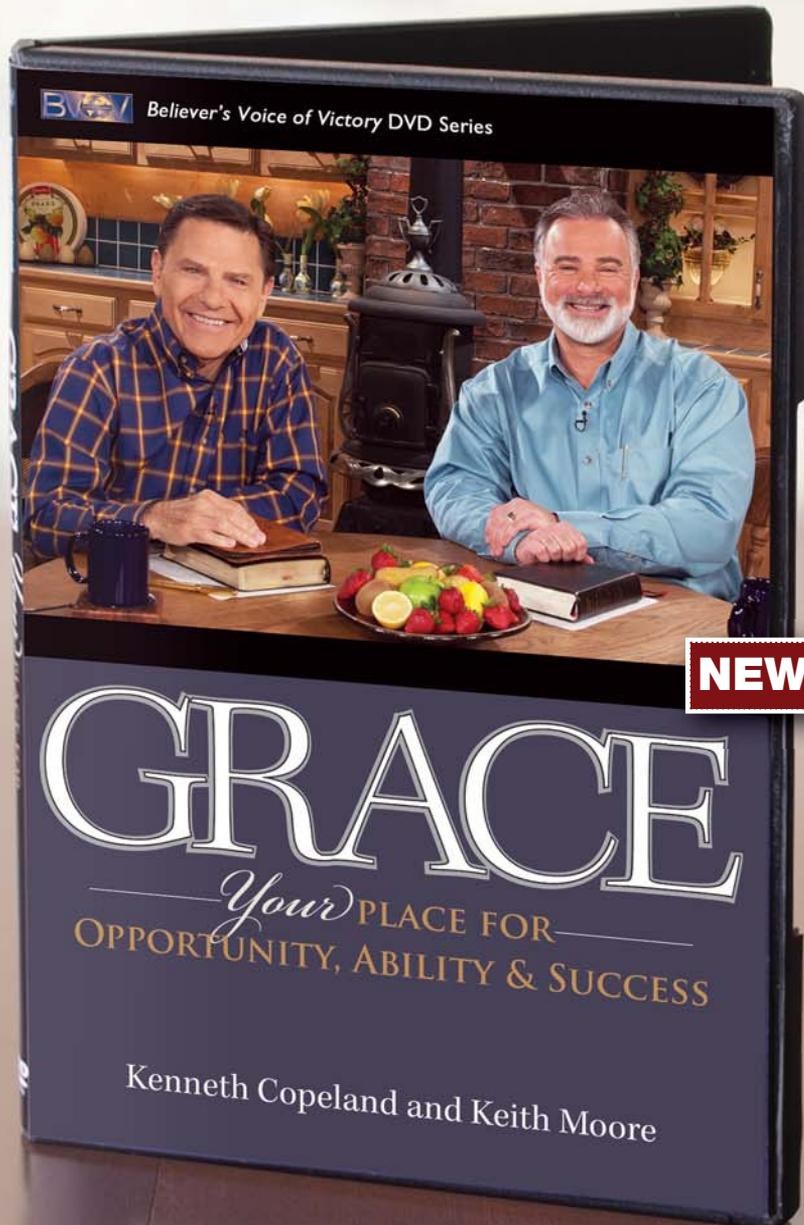
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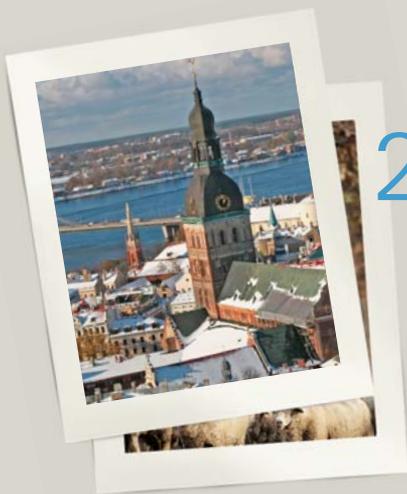


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Spiritually speaking, where you abide is the principal source of your lifestyle.



Where Do You Live?

BY KENNETH COPELAND

WE'VE ALL HAD TIMES when life just doesn't work. We make plans and they go sour. We do something that seems smart and it turns out to be a mistake. We try to fix the mistake and end up making things worse. ∴ It's a miserable place to be. ∴ When we're there, it's tempting to blame circumstances. "This stinking downturn in the economy is the problem," we'd like to say. "These days no one can get ahead." ∴ That argument sounds logical—especially right now. We even have statistics to back it up. And almost everyone agrees—from TV commentators to do-nothings at the coffee shop.



Recession, depression, whatever... you can keep on bearing fruit and blessing everyone around you.

Jesus, however, gave a different reason for the problem. He said, "...without me ye can do nothing."

As believers, we sometimes forget about that statement. We assume it doesn't apply to us because, after all, we're Christians! We're born again. When we received Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He came to live in our hearts.

But here's the thing: It's possible to have Jesus in our hearts and a mess in our lives at the same time. Multiplied thousands of believers have proven it to be true. They get saved, start going to church several times a week, and yet their relationship with the Lord doesn't leave much of a mark on them. They struggle along and fail year after year, doing the same things and getting the same results the rest of the world gets. Obviously, it's not enough just to have Jesus living in us. If we want His power operating through us in a way that makes things work, we must be living in Him.

So let me ask you today: *Where do you live?*

I'm not talking about your physical address—your city, street and house number. I'm not talking about where you sleep at night. I'm referring to what The Bible calls your abiding place.

Spiritually speaking, where you abide is the principal source of your lifestyle. It's what you continually return to in your heart and mind, the embodiment of everything that's precious and everything you trust, the source of your every decision and the way you conduct your life. It's what Jesus was referring to when He said in John 15:4-5: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

Living With Divine Purpose

Believers who abide in Jesus look to Him and His Word as their Source for everything. They don't have the idea that they can do a few things on their own. They understand that by themselves they can do *no* thing. Zip. Nada. So in every situation that arises,

their first impulse is to seek the direction of the Lord. Their first thought is, *What does The Word have to say about this?*

Abiders don't adjust the way they operate just because the economy hits a slump. They keep on living by faith. They keep on doing what they've always done—depending on the wisdom of The Word and the leading of the Lord. It doesn't matter whether they're surrounded by economic up times, down times, fast times or slow times, people who live in Jesus are like Him—the same yesterday, today and forever.

"Well, I don't see how that can possibly work," someone might say. "It seems to me we have to change to fit the times."

No, if the Source of our life is Jesus and The Word, the times must change to fit us because God is with us and He alters the circumstances around us in answer to our prayers. Jesus said it this way: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:7-8).

Talk about a life that works! It doesn't matter what shape the economy is in when God is on your side doing whatever you ask Him to do. Recession, depression, whatever...you can keep on bearing fruit and blessing everyone around you. You can be a walking economic recovery plan everywhere you go.

But you can't live that way by accident. You have to do it on purpose, yet many believers these days are living without any sense of divine purpose at all.

They've moved so far out of the abiding place that they have no idea where they are or why they do what they do. They crawl out of bed on Monday morning without even thinking about what motivates them. If someone stopped them between the bathroom and the kitchen some morning and said, "Hey! What are you doing?" they'd be speechless. The question would leave them totally bewildered.

"What do you mean?" they'd ask. "I'm getting ready for work. Anyone can see that."

"Yeah, but why?"

“Why do I go to work?”

“Yes, why do you get up every morning and go to work?”

“Because I have bills to pay. I’ve got to put food on the table. The baby needs new shoes. Someone around here has to make a living.”

That’s the way many Christians answer such questions. They don’t mention Jesus at all. They say the very same shallow things non-Christians say. They as much as admit their life is centered on making the money to buy food and clothes, and make the house payment.

In the process, they answer the question, *Where do*

you live? They make it obvious they’re not living in Jesus. They’re not abiding in Him.

Breakfast Is Included

I’m not saying those people aren’t saved. They are. Most of them are faithful church members and claim to love the Lord. But their preoccupation with financial needs is evidence that they’re not dwelling in His Word because He said: “Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:31-33).

“Brother Copeland, be realistic,” someone might say. “I’m the provider in my household!”

That’s the problem. You’re trying to do God’s job. You’re planning your whole life around things Jesus told you not to think about. You’re living in the wrong place doing the wrong things for all the wrong reasons. No wonder life isn’t working for you!

Has it ever dawned on you that everyone needs food? Every amoeba, every bug, every dog and cat on the planet has to eat—and God knows it. Don’t you think He took that into consideration when He designed His plan for your life? Jesus went to Calvary; He died and suffered in hell to pay the price for you. Don’t you think that price included your breakfast?

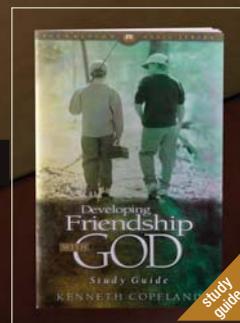
God’s plan for you includes every good thing you’ll ever desire: breakfast, lunch, dinner, shelter,



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clothes and more. It's not cheap hand-me-down stuff, either. According to The Bible, God "giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17).

But this is what we must understand: We don't get those things by going after them. We get them by seeking first God's kingdom and His righteousness (or His way of doing things). Jesus paid the price for us to be BLESSED above anything we could ask or think, and we step into those BLESSINGS when we abide in Him.

Don't Head for Egypt!

So, let me ask you again: *Where do you live? Why do you do what you do?*

Are you abiding in Jesus and living to please Him? Is His Word the primary source of your lifestyle? Or are you just scrambling around trying to make ends meet?

I can tell you, both from experience and from The Word, when your primary focus is on making a living you're going to make wrong decisions. You'll do something that seems to be smart and it will turn out to be the dumbest thing you ever did. You'll pack up your stuff, move across the country because you think you can make more money there, and end up on the short end of the financial stick.

That's what Isaac almost did. When famine hit the land of Canaan, he stopped thinking about the Promised Land and his covenant with God, and started thinking about groceries instead. After a few nights lying awake in his tent trying to figure out what to do, he came up with a plan: *head for Egypt*. That's what his daddy did when times got hard. So he reasoned it was the right thing for him to do, too.

God, however, had another plan. He appeared to Isaac and said: "Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath [of BLESSING] which I sware unto Abraham thy father" (Genesis 26:2-3).

Notice that God said if Isaac would get with His plan, He would *perform*.... We should pay attention to that because trying to get God to perform is what 99 percent of our Christian gatherings are about these days. We're always trying to get God to do something. We don't have much success, however, because we've been making our plans and then trying to get Him to perform them.

He's not going to do that!

If He performed our plans, we'd be in trouble. Our goofy ideas are what got us in a mess in the first place. What we need to do is find out what His plan is and cooperate with it. When we do that, we can be assured of God's blessings because His plan is already BLESSED.

Isaac proved that beyond any doubt. Instead of moving to greener pastures, he obeyed God's Word. He stayed in famine-stricken Canaan and started opening up his father's old wells. He dug the first one and the Philistines came and took it away from him. He went across the valley, dug another, and they took that one too.

But do you know what's interesting? You don't see him griping and complaining about it. He understood his job. He wasn't just working to meet his own needs. His assignment was to be a BLESSING to all the families of the earth. God was using THE BLESSING that was on him to stop the famine. By digging wells, he was providing water for the whole country.

According to Jewish history, Isaac actually tapped into an underground river that supplied enough water to make everything around him flourish. In the process, of course, he became a rich man. The Hebrew Bible says, "He became wealthy and he went forward and became extremely wealthy indeed" (Genesis 26:13).

Abimelech got jealous, figured the famine was over and drove Isaac out of the country. But when he left, the Chumash says the wells dried up and the fruit trees stopped producing. The famine was still there—THE BLESSING on Isaac had just overwhelmed it.

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Days of Heaven on Earth

This is a big deal, my friend: One man BLESSED under the Old Covenant saved a nation! What could happen if God had a hundred such men? What could He do with a thousand Isaacs?

“But Brother Copeland, Isaac was special. He was Abraham’s heir.”

So are you if you’re saved. The Bible says, “If ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:29). You and I, as born-again believers, are just as much heirs of Abraham as Isaac was—and even more so because our covenant of BLESSING isn’t based on the blood of a sacrificial animal but on the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Himself.

We are BLESSED with the same BLESSING Isaac had. We have the same oath—the same promise. If God will perform the BLESSING for him, He will perform it just as mightily for us.

Can you see now why God is saying to us, “Hey! Don’t mess with the world’s plan! Don’t abide in their way of doing things. Get on My plan so you can take My BLESSING to the world. Abide in Me and My Word so you can preach the gospel to every creature, lay hands on the sick and see them recover, and overwhelm the famine that’s trying to get a stranglehold on this planet!”

Without Jesus, we can’t do that. Without Him, we can’t even make our own lives work much less take THE BLESSING to anyone else. But, thank God, we’re not without Him!

We have His Word. We have His Spirit. If we seek first His kingdom and His plan, we can walk with Him every day of our lives. We can live in what The Bible calls, “days of heaven upon the earth” (Deuteronomy 11:21) right in the middle of the biggest economic squeeze this generation has ever seen.

“Why, Brother Copeland, I can’t imagine such a thing!”

I know. It’s more than our natural minds can dream up. “But as it is written, 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” (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

God’s plan for us is so marvelous we could never figure it out on our own. The only way we can enter into it is by revelation. But if we’re faithful to seek Him, He’ll be faithful to reveal it. He’ll take us out of the place where we can do nothing and lead us into the place where we can do all things through Christ which strengthens us.

Now that’s what I call a great place to live! **vICTORY**

GOD’S SUCCESS formula

May I ask
you a very
direct question?
How much do
you want to
succeed in life?

I’ve been
amazed over
the years at
the people
who have
come across
the formula

for success, only to leave
it lying on the table while
they stay broke, sick and
defeated.

Such people initially think
success is easy for those
who are gifted with great
abilities. When they run
into the truth, however,
it stops them cold. The
reality of it is this: *Real
supernatural success is no
picnic for anyone. It takes
courage. It takes faith.
And it is not dependent on
natural ability.*

If Joshua were around
today, he could tell you
just how true that is. When
God called him to lead
Israel after Moses’ death,
he faced an overwhelming
task. As Moses’ succes-
sor, Joshua had some big
shoes to fill. Several mil-
lion people were under his
command, and he knew
if they didn’t stay in line
with God, His blessing
would not be on them.
Without God’s blessing,
they would never be able
to take the Promised Land.

Joshua had to succeed.

“But Gloria, you don’t know
me! I’ve tried and failed

**“There shall not any man be able
to stand before thee all the days
of thy life: as I was with Moses,
so I will be with thee: I will not
fail thee, nor forsake thee.”**
Joshua 1:5

with every formula in the
book. I just don’t have
what it takes to succeed.”

If that’s what you’re think-
ing, you haven’t tried the
formula in God’s Book.
Read again what He said
in Joshua 1:5. God said the
same thing to Moses in
Exodus 3:12, “Certainly I
will be with thee.” In other
words, “It doesn’t matter
who you are, Moses. It
matters who I am. For I
am with you!”

That’s the great thing
about God’s success
formula. It’s not based on
our abilities, it’s based on
His abilities. We may be
inadequate in a dozen dif-
ferent ways, but the One
who is with us is more
than enough. **vICTORY**

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Father OF THE FATHERLESS

Moonlight flickered across the linoleum floor where 23-year-old Vicky Hewer crouched beside the refrigerator. Afraid to move, she clenched her jaw to keep from screaming. The rush of blood pounding in her ears drowned out the hum of the refrigerator. *This is it*, she thought. *I'm going to die*. Forcing her eyes open, she lifted her gaze to the telephone. A few steps and she could reach it. Her heart beat double time at the thought. If she moved, she'd be killed. Of that she was certain.

Besides, who could she call? The police? They couldn't protect her. No one could.

The ominous *tick...tick...tick* of the wall clock counted down the last seconds of her life. Memories floated to the surface of her mind. She had been 4 years old—beautiful and precocious for her age—when her mother left Vicky, her brother and sister at a children's home. "I'll be back to get you," she said.

She never returned.

Her baby sister disappeared, whisked off by an adoptive family. Vicky spent sleepless nights weeping for her mother and sister. Why had this happened? Had she done something wrong? Later her foster mother explained the situation.

"God took you away from your mother and gave you to me."

God was bad.

At church whenever a baby died everyone said, "God needed another little angel in heaven."

God kills babies.

When a man committed suicide, Vicky sat on the pew with her little legs dangling off the floor. The pastor explained that God had taken the man.

God makes people kill themselves.

Now, He was out to get her.

Sunlight glinted through the kitchen window where Vicky still crouched in fear. She heard the sound of her children stirring. Her husband, John, walked into the room and looked at her with frustration. Turning away, he left for work slamming the door behind him.

Stalked by Fear

"For lack of a better term I call my condition agoraphobia," Vicky explains, "but that really doesn't describe it. Agoraphobia is the fear of leaving home and being in crowds, in public places or open areas. I was as frightened inside my house as I was outside of it. I was afraid to walk from one room to another. I thought that if I moved, God would notice and kill me. I was afraid to eat and drink. I would suffer panic attacks at the grocery store and leave whole carts of food in the aisle. If you can imagine constant terror, that's how I lived day and night.

"Back in 1976, I didn't know anyone who thought God was good. On the TV show *Maude*, her signature line was, 'God is going to get you for that!' Another common phrase was, 'Only the good die young.' I internalized those things and stayed constantly afraid of God. A good description of my life is found in Deuteronomy 28:66-67, 'So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life. In the morning you shall say, "Would that it were evening!" And at evening you shall say, "Would that



Holidays were a nightmare for her. Walking through malls among crowds of people was torture.

it were morning!” because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you will see” (*New American Standard Bible*).

Vicky likened her life to living in a never-ending episode of *The Twilight Zone*.

“The devil tormented me constantly. *God hates you!* he mocked. *He’s going to kill you!* I couldn’t sleep and started taking over-the-counter sleeping pills. When those didn’t work I tried a mild tranquilizer. Finally, I drank half a beer to calm my nerves. Soon I was drinking a six-pack every night with no relief.”

Finding a Family

For years, Vicky had dreamed of being reunited with her family, although she knew nothing about them other than their names. When she was 20, she lived in an upstairs duplex above a lady with a live-in nanny. The nanny looked at her in such an odd way, Vicky felt uneasy. One day the woman finally said, “I know who you are! You’re Richard Good’s daughter!”

Vicky gasped. “How do you know that?”

“You look just like him. I’m your aunt.”

“My aunt called my father, who was living in Arizona. He gave her my mother’s married name and said she was living in Utah,” Vicky recalls. “Within weeks my mother had sent me an airline ticket and I flew to meet her.”

At their first meeting, Vicky learned what really happened, and why she and her siblings had been abandoned.

A Mormon, Vicky’s mother had been raised in foster homes and had married at 15. By the time she was 18, she had three children.

“When her life became overwhelming, she took us to a children’s home,” Vicky explains.

If Vicky had hoped that finding her family would end her torment, her hope was misplaced. It seemed nothing could stop the freight train of fear that had been gaining steam for years. Although she’d always suffered a degree of fear, one day within three years of meeting her parents, fear took her captive. Positive that she was dying, Vicky went to the hospital only to be sent home.

For the next seven years she lived in constant terror.

“Even though I was afraid of God, I turned to Him for help,” Vicky remembers. “I attended church and often went to the altar for prayer. The most common thing Christians said to me was, ‘Snap out of it!’ I was broken and no one knew how to search the Scriptures to get me free.”

No Hope

Not only were people baffled about how to help Vicky, they had limited revelation on how to get her free. Her behavior frustrated her husband and repelled most Christians. She felt hemmed in, trapped like a wild animal with no escape.

Holidays were a nightmare for her. Walking through malls among crowds of people was torture. Trying to find and purchase gifts people would want seemed an impossible task. Her hands shook so hard that wrapping a gift was an ordeal. The constant adrenalin rushes, lack of sleep and fear of eating took a toll on Vicky’s health. After years of feeling like a hunted animal being stalked by a killer, she decided death would be preferable. Gathering all her strength, she plunged a knife into her own chest.

The blade bent and did no harm. Once again, she had no reprieve.

Not long afterward, John insisted they meet friends at the theater. Vicky was afraid to go, but more afraid of being left at home alone. The evening was filled with torment.

“You may as well give up on God,” John said. “God has never helped you and He never will.”

“I can’t give up on Him, He’s all I’ve got!” Vicky wailed.

The next day at church one of her friends urged Vicky to go to the altar. “I’ve been to the altar hundreds of times,” Vicky said, but agreed to go again.

“It was years before I found out what happened,” Vicky says. “Four or five of my friends had gathered to pray for my deliverance based on Matthew 18:19: ‘Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be



I recall going to the altar. The next thing I remember was waking up on the floor with no fear. I felt an incredible sense of peace.

done for them by My Father in heaven” (*New King James Version*).

The Goodness of God

“I recall going to the altar. The next thing I remember was waking up on the floor with no fear. I felt an incredible sense of peace. A woman said, ‘You don’t know me, but I want you to pray in tongues for an hour every day and listen to these tapes.’ That night, for the first time in seven years, I enjoyed a full night’s sleep. The next morning I woke early to pray in tongues and listen to the tapes. She’d given me several tape series by Kenneth Copeland and among them was a series titled *Freedom From Fear*, which contained ‘Faith vs. Fear’ and ‘Laws of Reciprocals.’

“I’d been in church my whole life and those messages were the first time I’d ever heard anything good about God. That woman had a whole dresser filled with tapes by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, Jerry Savelle, Kenneth Hagin, and Marilyn Hickey. And I devoured them all! God told me not to speak at all until I could speak His Word. I spent so much time in the Word, John took a picture of me reading the Bible and showed it to the kids saying, ‘This is what your mother looks like.’

“I’ll never forget learning Isaiah 41:10, ‘Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My [victorious] right hand of rightness and justice” (*The Amplified Bible*).

During that time, the Lord revealed something to Vicky.

“God told me I had to learn to walk in love,” she recalls. “I had no idea what that meant. My husband and I were both so wounded when we married, we’d never been good to one another. I didn’t *like* my husband, much less love him. I discovered walking in love is a decision you make every second of every day. Seven years after I started walking in love, John looked at me with tears pooling in his eyes and said, ‘I haven’t been good to you!’

“I know,” I said, “but I love you and we’ll be all right.”

Free at Last

As a result of what she was learning about overcoming fear, Vicky soon realized that if she wanted to stay free, she’d have to fill the void with the Word of God.

Today, those attacks are part of Vicky’s past. For 27 years, she has had many opportunities to be afraid, and she has refused them all.

“I have been a Partner with Kenneth Copeland Ministries for 27 years,” Vicky says. “They taught me and trained me. Sometimes I’ll be sitting in a KCM meeting and one of them will look my way. When that happens I always think, *Don’t you know me? I’m your daughter!*”

Today, Vicky Hewer is in full-time ministry and helps people receive from the Lord the same freedom from fear she now enjoys. Before her birth mother died, Vicky had the honor of leading her to the Lord. Today, she and John delight in one another and in their three children and six grandchildren.

The fear that took root in Vicky Hewer’s heart grew from having been abandoned by her family. However, the Father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—the Father of the fatherless—rallied His family to undergird her in faith. Today, not only is Vicky surrounded by family, she has become a mother in the faith. What she has been given, she freely gives. **VICTORY**



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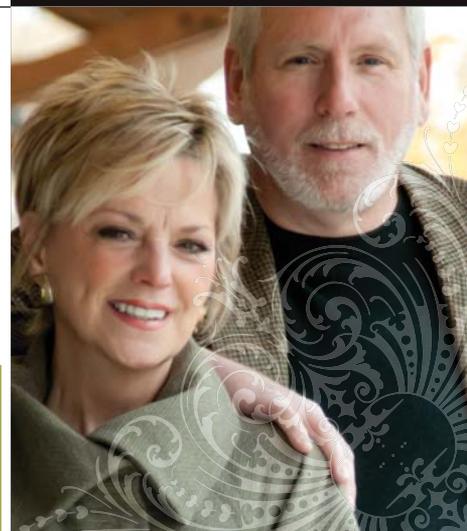
as a young wife and mother bound by a tormenting fear that God was out to get her. Her family suffered right along with her because of the lies she believed about her heavenly Father. When Vicky finally had an encounter with the God of peace, she was also introduced to the teachings of Kenneth Copeland Ministries—teachings that brought her revelation of God’s love and goodness, and changed her life! She was freed from fear, and as a result, her family was too!

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We Are Not SUBJECT to the TIMES

We are not subject to the times. >> This was a strong word from the Lord that came to me recently as I was preparing a series of teachings on prosperity for our church. >> God was very emphatic in His words—the truth that we do not live under the dominion, rule, control or influence of whichever way the economy and the world’s system are going. >> He went on to tell me the times are subject to us—the Church! >> The times we are in are subject to the authority of God’s Word, the blood and the Name of Jesus that we activate through our faith. Why? Because we are subject to and governed by another economy and another system—the kingdom of God.



BY PASTOR GEORGE PEARSONS

You and I live in the secret place spoken of in Psalm 91:1: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Psalm 27:5 tells us, "In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion...." And in Psalm 32:7, the psalmist declares God is a "hiding place."

We must believe and stand firmly upon Psalm 31:15 which says, "My times are in thy hand...."

Separated From the World's Failing System

We are to thrive and not just survive.

To survive means to barely get along and merely exist. That is not us!

Thrive means "to flourish, succeed, advance and prosper no matter what the times are like."

John 17 establishes the fact that we may be *in* this world, but we certainly are not *of* this world. We are separated from the world's failing system. In verse 14, Jesus prayed to His Father, saying: "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." This truth is so important it's repeated again in verse 16.

In verse 15, Jesus prayed that the Father would separate us from the evil that is in the world. Evil in the world includes fear, poverty and disease. Look at these scriptures:

Matthew 6:13 says, "...deliver us from evil."

Galatians 1:4 says, "...deliver us from this present evil world."

First John 5:18 tells us, "...that wicked one toucheth him not."

Jesus then asks the Father in John 17:17 to "sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." The word *sanctify* means "to separate or cut out away from." Through this prayer, we have been cut out away from the world's failing economic system. "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free [has separated us] from the law of sin and

death" (Romans 8:2).

We are not subject to the economy. We thrive and flourish in spite of what is happening around us.

The Wall of Redemption

The Old Testament is a type and shadow of the New Testament. In Exodus, for instance, we find a picture of how we are to live today.

God told Moses to go to Pharaoh and tell him, "Let my people go." If Pharaoh refused, there were serious consequences. We find them described in Exodus 8:21-22:

If thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth.

Take special note of what God said in verse 23: "And I will put a division between my people and thy people: tomorrow shall this sign be."

The word *division* in the Hebrew is the same as the word *redemption*. God actually built a "wall of redemption" between the Egyptians and the children of Israel. And as a result, the plagues that came against Egypt did not touch God's children. Their cattle did not die, hail didn't touch them, and there was light in the land of Goshen when it was pitch black among the Egyptians.

How does this apply to us now?

Look at Galatians 3:13-14: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the

Every Thing Is Going to Be ALL-Right

Have no fear of this world. *I've overcome it, saith the Lord. I left nothing—absolutely nothing—that faith won't overcome. I left it no power. I left it no strength. It has nothing over you. So hear this about 2011: What will it be like? I'll tell you exactly what it'll be like, saith the Lord. Whatever you compromise to keep, you will lose. So be bold in My Word. Be strong and stand up for something. Stand up for the word of faith. Stand up for the fact that God loves you and will take care of you and will continue to take care of you. And I can tell you this: I've said it before and I'll say it again and again and again and again, time and time again, I will say it for 2011. Every Thing is going to be ALL-Right. A new day is coming! It's here now. Every Thing is going to be ALL-Right. Oh. Hallelujah. I said, Every Thing is going to be ALL-Right. Glory to God! For all of you who'll take My Word and stand on it, saith the Lord, the kingdom is for you. The angels are for you. All of heaven's reserves are at your call. Rise up and be counted among those who carry faith, live by faith, walk in love and declare that God so loved the world that He gave. And relax and rest and rejoice because Every Thing is going to be ALL-Right....*

2011—straight from heaven... a wealthy place, a good place.

THE BLESSING is the place to be. 2011—you'll see it come to pass and it'll be said of that year—among those who count themselves in the household of God and the word of faith and those who have stood up and believed My Word and have walked in it all these years—it's going to be the easiest year you've ever had in your life. Things are going to flow and things are going to just move and flow along, and it'll seem like you've been caught up in a wave of glory and it'll just go and go and go. And you'll begin to learn how to just say things and they come to pass, and you'll walk in the goodness and in the grace and in the mercy of God. And all that you should be will be, and all that you knew could be will be, and all that shouldn't be won't be, because God is alive and well and so are you.

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Because of Him, we are not subject to the times!

Same Conditions—Different Results

We just found in Exodus, there is a principle that resonates throughout Scripture. Even though the children of Israel were living in the same vicinity as the Egyptians, the wall of redemption separated them from the plagues. I call it, “Same conditions—different results.”

Jeremiah 17:5-8, *New Living Translation*, is a great example from the Old Testament. It says, “Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord. They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land.”

Now, here comes the wall of redemption: “But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.”

Do you see that? Same conditions, different results.

In the *King James Version* of verse 8, this was a time called, “the year of drought.” The person who “maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord” did not produce anything. The person who trusted in the Lord did not “cease from yielding fruit.” When it says his leaf was *green*, that word in Hebrew means, “to enter into a state of prosperity and become extremely successful.” One man failed, the other succeeded. Again, the conditions were the same but the results were different.

Luke 6:47-48 is a great example from the New Testament: “Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock” (*New King James Version*).

Once again, here comes the wall of redemption in verse 49: “But the one who hears [the Word] and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a

foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great" (*English Standard Version*).

It was the same storm. The storm was in the same neighborhood, yet the results were quite different.

Everything Is Going to Be ALL Right!

The Lord gave a very powerful word through Brother Kenneth Copeland during the Homecoming 2010 Convention. In part, He said, *The world is in serious trouble. Some very hard things are coming in different places around the world. They are that way now, but they will not get better. They will continue to get worse and worse and worse. It is on a downhill run that the world cannot stop. But, for the household of faith, everything is going to be all right. Everything is going to be all right.*

He told us how we are to separate ourselves from these times: *Cling to the Word, take your stand, fight the good fight of faith, don't feed on fear and trouble but feed on the Word.* Then, the Lord said repeatedly:

Praise and worship and preach the Word. For as I have said, and will continue to say until it becomes solid and strong in your spirit—your time has come. It is your time to excel. It is your time to do exceeding, extraordinary things in the financial world, in the medical world, in all of the areas where the world is in such dire trouble and so confused that they are confused beyond their ability to understand how confused they really are. And they are hurting because of it. They are crying out because of it. But, for the household of faith, everything is going to be all right.

Stand on this word, and stand on THE Word.

You and I are not subject to the times. We are separated from the world's system and live in the prosperity of God's kingdom of heaven right here on earth.

The ultimate purpose of our prosperity is to reach out to others. We are protected in the household of faith in order to help those who want to come over and join us. We need to be ready to receive them and assist them in building their new lives in Christ.

We must let them know that they are not subject to the times.

We can teach them how to come up to a new level of walking in God's supernatural prosperity and provision. We can give them the good news that in Christ, "Everything is going to be ALL right in the household of faith!" **VICTORY**

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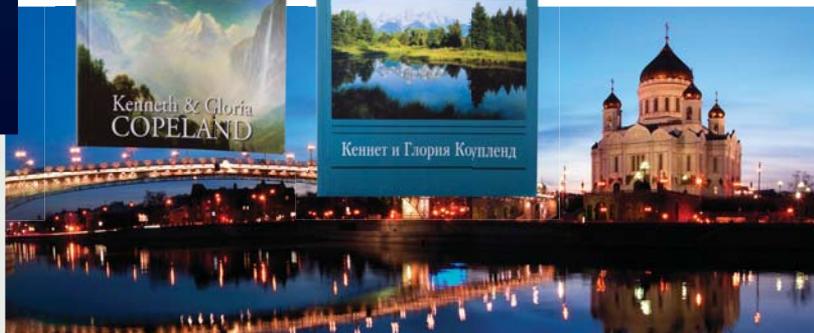
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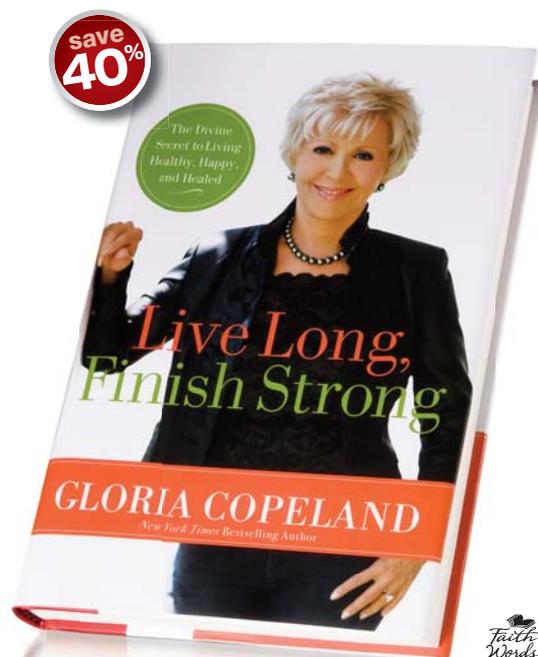
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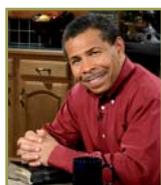
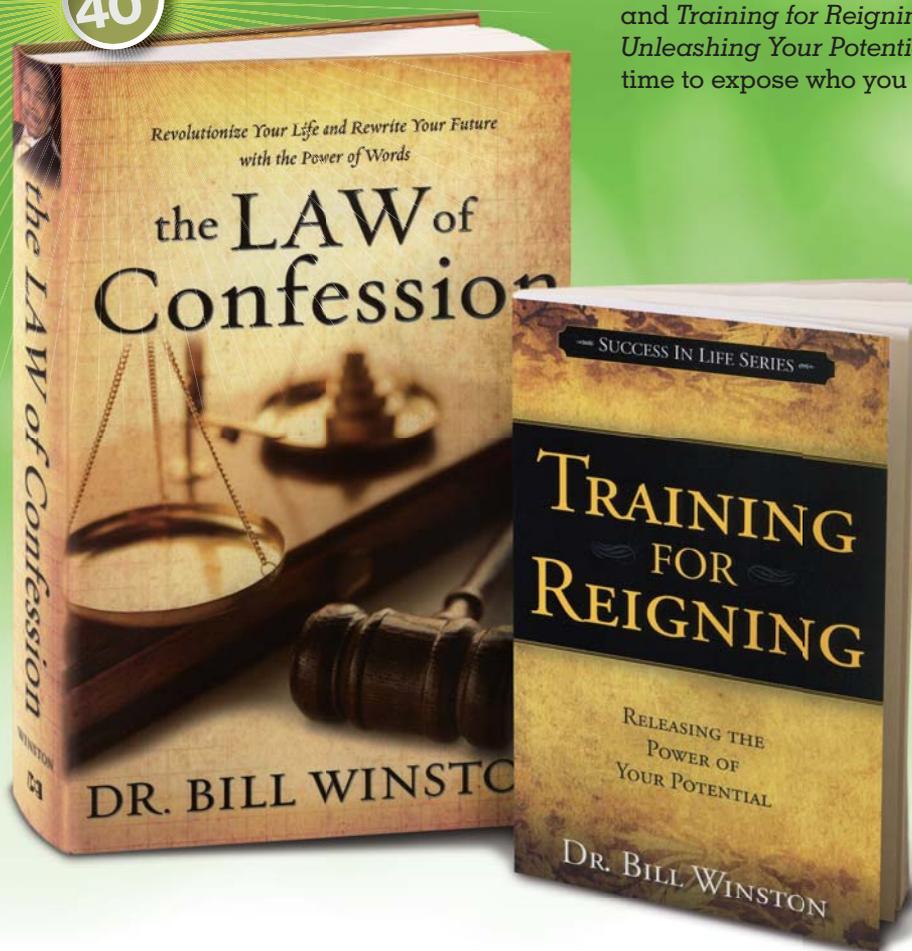
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“But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph....” (2 Corinthians 2:14, *The Amplified Bible*)

“I Am Healthy, Strong and Powerful”

God is good and He is faithful! I was in bed in severe pain watching the first week of the *BVOV* broadcast with Steve and Kellie. As I watched, every scripture spoke to my heart and when Kellie said, “That’s for somebody right now,” I knew it was for me. I repeated the words, “I am strong, I am healthy, I am powerful....” The conviction rose up inside me and I was healed.

I give my wonderful Jesus all the praise and the glory and I thank KCM for powerful preachers and obedience to God’s Word through the broadcasts.

A.G.. :: Australia

A Living Miracle

In March 2007, I suffered a brain hemorrhage in the middle of the night. I awoke and ran into the wall, thinking I was just sleepy. In the morning I felt sick and “strange.” I ended up sleeping day and night for nearly a week, not realizing what was wrong. When the doctors found out what happened, they said I could have died going to sleep like that.

They said I was stable and to wait six weeks for the blood to clear out before they could determine the cause. I have been a Partner with KCM since 1993 and had received a healing package by Gloria, so I went to the Word, took hold of the scriptures and received my healing. I remembered Gloria saying we needed to “take our healing medicine every day,” so I declared and confessed all the healing scriptures in *You Are Healed* by Kenneth, two to three times daily. I meditated on them constantly during that six weeks.

In May, I went in for the cerebral angiogram that would expose the problem. I was at the UCLA Medical Center and asked the doctor if there was any possibility it was nothing or that the problem was already corrected. He said, “No, absolutely not, not with that much bleeding. There is a problem and we are just going in so we can determine how to deal with it.” I meditated on the scriptures and thanked the Lord for my healing one last time before going into the operating room.

In post operative my doctor came in and said, “You are the luckiest person I know. We can’t find anything wrong.” All praise to Jesus! He protected my life and healed me completely. I am so grateful to Him and to the partnership of the Copelands in my life!

Tod Barstad :: Georgia

Strongholds Broken

Two years ago I was drinking daily. My wife moved from Oklahoma to Texas, started going to a women’s Bible study and found God. I continued on in sin. I worked in the oil field and didn’t think about my spiritual future.

I went to work for a different oil-field company and got involved in a church by accident. In the last two years I’ve been delivered from alcohol, my mouth and temper. During the SWBC I was delivered from a 19-year tobacco addiction. This is something I’ve been trying to kick for years and all at once it’s gone. I thank God for everything!

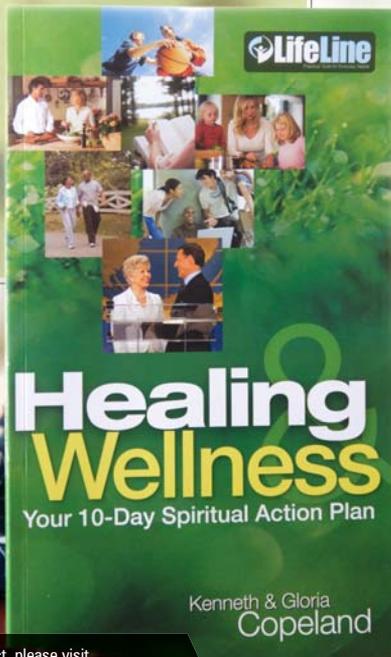
Chris Young :: Clinton, Okla.

Relationship, Not Religion

I grew up in the bondage of religion. I was raised in a church where speaking in tongues was said to be of the devil. Then I met my husband who showed me the power of healing, the anointing and the power of the Holy Spirit. I came across KCM and it’s because of Kenneth and Gloria that my spirit has grown and the bonds of religion are broken.

Today I speak in tongues and speak in the power and authority of Jesus, which was given to me freely. I love the Lord! Thank you, KCM, for showing me how to release my power. Now I am teaching THE BLESSING to my family—praise the Lord!

Alesha Harvey :: New Mexico



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Healed and Made Whole

God brought forth a miracle healing and resurrection in my father. He became very ill while in the care of a family member, was admitted to the hospital and was diagnosed with bone cancer that had spread throughout his body. They also discovered other illnesses (enlarged lymph nodes, diabetes, etc.) which he never suffered from until now. The enemy attacked his body viciously.

When he became ill, I wasn't moved or bothered because the heavenly Father had healed him other times. The doctor told my sister and brother to begin making funeral arrangements for him, because they didn't expect him to live. I called your prayer ministry team to receive prayer for his healing. During this time I also fasted, took Communion and stayed in prayer.

The family met to begin making funeral arrangements because at this time my father had gone into a coma and was on life support. The following day it was my family's decision to take him off life support. I heard the voice of the Lord say to me, *He will not die, but live.* After the meeting we all went to the hospital, basically to give our last good-byes, but I knew the Lord would not allow him to die. I walk by faith and not by sight!

Later, I received a call from my sister telling me the hospital had called her and my father miraculously came back to life and they wanted to do some tests on him. I just screamed and ran around my house giving thanks to God! Hallelujah!

Y.M. :: Illinois

I've Been Restored

I am a Partner with KCM and I am very grateful to you all for standing with me in prayer. Last year I had health problems, but thank God He restored my health! I have also received my European citizenship and started a new job.

M.C. :: Switzerland

God Saved My Father

I sent a prayer request for my father, who had been an alcoholic for over 38 years and requested that God intervene—what happened was miraculous.

He came home from his drinking den, carried home by his friends. He was helpless and dying. My mom, who is a strong Christian, prayed and gave him a cup of milk, but he was unconscious. She took him to a nearby health clinic where he was in a coma for almost a day.

My father is now well and testified that while he was in the coma he went through a dark tunnel. Suddenly, a strong light like the sun appeared and Jesus was in it. He told him to go back because the work He had given him was not finished. He has left alcohol and is now praising God! We give God all the glory!

G.P. :: Denmark

Thanksgiving and Praise

I called to ask for prayer. I had found a lump on my neck where my thyroid is and came into agreement with your prayer team. Awhile later I was praising

the Lord and discovered the lump was gone. Hallelujah—I am healed!

D.H. :: Canada



Complete and Total Healing

Eight years ago I found out I was a carrier of hepatitis C. Doctors said that after the acute condition of the disease I would not live more than five years.

I went to the Kenneth Copeland Ministries website and watched the broadcasts on healing. When Kenneth was praying I "saw" my liver and arteries in a "violet glow." After that Kenneth said to take Communion, so I did it. I decided to have the tests again and when I received the results, I thanked God. There was no hepatitis in my blood.

I received complete healing in my body. God is my healer and He wants me well!

S.L. :: Ukraine

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God Is so Good

I just wanted to send a praise report for all the good things God has done in our lives. This time last year I was unemployed, could not even drive and was far away from God. My son also had multiple food allergies.

God has just been so awesome. I not only have the perfect job now, but I receive a good salary and it keeps getting better.

Our son has been healed of over 80 percent of his allergies, I have a nice car to drive and my husband got a job in less than two weeks. Thank you for your prayers and support—God is so good to us!

A.R. :: New Zealand



Walking in Favor

Someone from your staff called me on your behalf and prayed blessings over me. I was beyond words, delighted and thrilled. Since that call, blessings have truly flowed upon me. I've been blessed with more hours of work, my boss standing up for me when someone made a false complaint against me, and my checking account stretching beyond belief. My needs are met and I have favor everywhere I go. Thank you so much. You have no idea how much you thinking of me means. I count on your prayers and I love you.

M.M. :: Missouri

Thanksgiving and praise involves more than just speaking lovely words to God. Praise is ordained by God for a definite reason. This month, learn what actually happens as we enter...

BY KENNETH COPELAND

Into His Courts with Praise!



For verily I say unto you,

That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:23-24).

This very familiar scripture has to do with praying in faith, or praying to get results. The most important thing for you to remember about praying accurately is to go to The Word of God, find out what The Word says about the problem, and then pray according to that Word.

First John 5:14-15 says when we ask anything according to His will, we know He hears us and we know we have the petitions we desired of Him. When you pray according to God's Word, which is His will, then you know that your prayer is answered. Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23). When you use the Name of Jesus in prayer, you get the ear of God. Peter wrote that the eyes of God are over the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers. You don't have to pray until you get God's attention. He is listening for your prayer. You have His attention all the time.

When you pray according to Mark 11:23-24, you believe you receive when you pray. This opens the door for thanksgiving and praise. Philippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with

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thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Thanksgiving and praise is an integral part of the prayer. When you believe you receive, then you begin to praise Him for the answer. You thank God that it is done for you.

Thanksgiving and praise involves more than just speaking lovely words to God. There is power in the praise of God. Praise was ordained by God for a definite reason. It serves a purpose.

Psalms 8 and 9 point out some things about praise that every believer should know. Psalm 8:1-2 says, "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger." Jesus quoted the Psalm in Matthew 21:16: "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise." He equates praise with strength.

From these scriptures, we see that God brought praise into existence. He ordained it. Why? "Because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger." Praise stops Satan right in his tracks. It is a weapon we are to use in calling a halt to Satan's maneuvers. Psalm 9 says: "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right" (verses 1-4).

When your enemies are turned back...not *if*. There is no question about it. Remember: We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against Satan's forces. When you praise God, your enemies have to turn back. They will fall and perish at your presence. You can see why praise is so important in the life of a believer. It's a vital weapon in your warfare against Satan and his forces.

Usher In His Presence

One thing you must realize is that praise is not governed by emotions. God is worthy of your praise whether you feel like praising Him or not. Hebrews 13:15 says, "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." Under the old covenant, when the people had problems, they went to the priest and he would offer a sacrifice to God. That would bring God on the scene.

Today, under the new covenant, we are to do the same. We are priests under God (Revelation 5:10). As we offer up the sacrifices of praise before our most High Priest, Jesus, our communication with God is great. Psalm 22:3 says God inhabits the praises of His people. Praise brings God on the scene personally. At times of high praise, the Shekinah glory of God will fill the whole place with His sweet presence.

When Solomon finished building the house of the Lord, the trumpeters and singers lifted their voices as one; and with trumpets, cymbals and instruments of music, they praised the Lord saying, "For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever." The glory of God filled the house so that the priests could not even minister because of the cloud (2 Chronicles 5:13-14). God Himself inhabited the praises of His people.

Jehoshaphat appointed singers unto the Lord to go before the army and say, "Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever."

When the Israelites began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushments against their enemies, and their enemies destroyed themselves (2 Chronicles 20:21-23).

The weapon of praise! Singers going before an army? It happened just that way. Israel didn't have to unsheathe a weapon of war—only to sing "Praise the Lord! For His mercy endureth for ever."

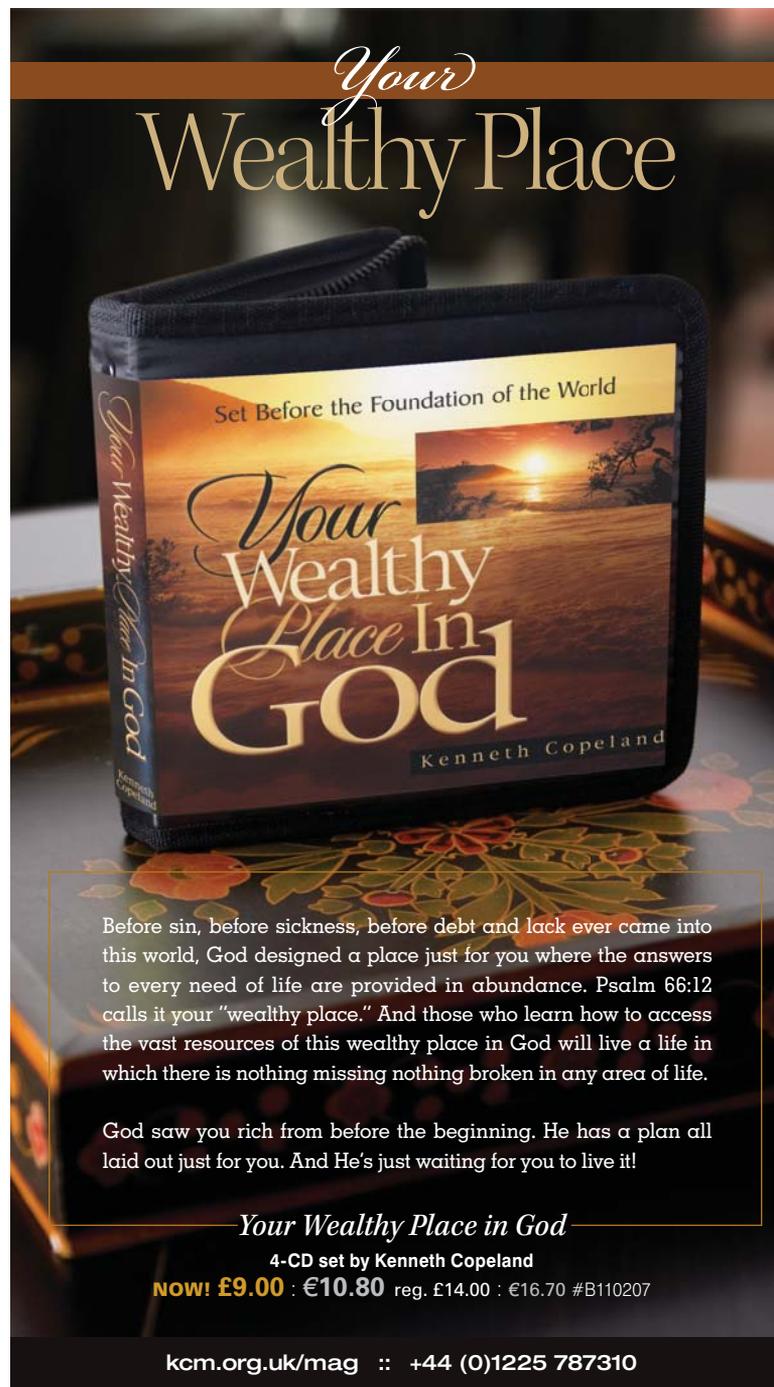
David was a man after God's own heart. He knew how to praise his God. Until you have The Word dwelling in you richly so that you can speak psalms and praises out of your own spirit, use the praises of David to magnify God. Speak them or sing them out loud to the Father.

In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust;
I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Every day they
wrest my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.
They gather themselves together, they hide themselves,
they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.... I cry
unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know;
for God is for me. In God will I praise his word: in the

Lord will I praise his word. In God have I put my
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Keep the Door Open

Abraham “grew strong and was empowered by faith *as he gave* praise and glory to God” (Romans 4:20, *The Amplified Bible*). As you praise God and speak of His marvelous works, your faith rises on the inside of you to receive the blessings of God.

Honor God with the words of your mouth. Allow your words to agree with God’s words where He is concerned. Look in His Word for *good things* to proclaim about Him. Publish the Lord’s mercy and compassion to those around you. Tell others of the great things He has done in your life.

Notice that David said, “I *will* praise...I *will* show forth all thy marvellous works.... I *will* be glad and rejoice...I *will* sing praise...” (Psalm 9:1-2). It is a matter of your will. You do not just praise God because you feel like it. You praise God because you *will* to praise Him. Say with David, “I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.” Then watch The Word go to work in your behalf!

One incident during Jesus’ earthly ministry clearly shows the definite importance praise can have. Luke 17:12-19 describes the cleansing of 10 lepers. All 10 were cleansed, but only one turned back to Jesus and glorified God. To that one man, Jesus said, “Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.” The others were *cleansed*. He was *made whole*.

As I was meditating on these scriptures, the Lord showed me a vision. I saw the man come running up to Jesus. He was cleansed—all the disease was gone from his body—but the bottom of his ear was missing. The disease had eaten it away. As he shouted and praised God, the ear was restored. He was *made whole*. Praise made the difference.

If you do not know very much about praising God then I encourage you to spend time meditating in The Word concerning praise. It will revolutionize your life! I guarantee it! David said, “I will show forth all [Your] marvellous works.” If you don’t know how to praise God, just find some of the things God has already done throughout the Bible and begin to praise Him for doing them. When I first

began in these things, I would open my Bible and praise God by reading the Psalms out loud. From there I let the Holy Spirit lead me into praising God for things He had done in my life, and to say things that would bless God.

One important thing I have learned is to praise God in the spirit. The real strength comes when we praise the Lord in the spirit, in other tongues. First Corinthians 14:4 says we are edified or charged up when we speak in tongues. First Corinthians 14:17 says giving thanks in tongues is giving thanks well. Praising God in this way enables us to praise Him beyond our own intellects. We allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into unlimited praise and thanksgiving. This is surely perfected praise (Matthew 21:16).

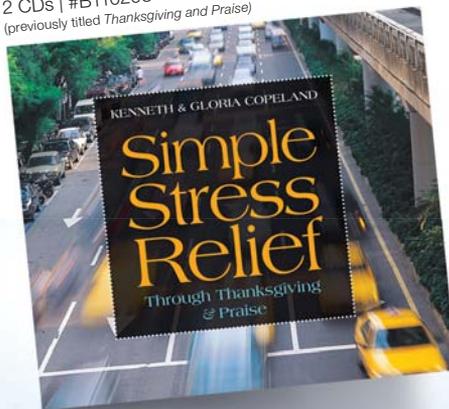
Let’s say you are faced with a problem. You know what The Word says about it, so you go directly to prayer. You put your faith into action against the mountain—whatever it may be. You pray and believe God for the answer. By believing God in that situation, and acting on The Word, you are applying faith power to the mountain. It begins to move. Then Satan gets involved. The only way he can stop you is by injecting unbelief so that you will stop applying pressure

to the mountain. He can’t stop the mountain from being moved, but he can try to stop you from applying the pressure of your faith to it. The mountain will never move until you apply the faith force necessary to move it. This is where praise comes in.

While you are standing in faith—while you are applying The Word of God to the situation—it is important to keep the praise of God on your lips. Continue to praise God for the answer. Praise Him that the mountain is moved. Don’t be moved by the circumstances. Just keep your eyes on God’s Word. The Word of God and prayer open the doors for God’s power to work. Praise keeps them open. Praise will bring manifestations of the Holy Spirit and His great power.

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Although that’s true, that is not what I’m saying. God does have a church home for you. He has a place in His family that is tailor-made for your individual gifts and callings. But I am speaking about something much simpler and more natural than that. I am telling you I believe that God has a specific spot on this physical earth that He has prepared especially for you.



That may surprise you. Like many people, you may believe God is so heavenly minded, He doesn't care about your natural surroundings. You may have thought He is too high and mighty to give consideration to something as small as the home where you live. He *is* high and mighty, but He also cares about every area in your life—natural as well as spiritual. I believe, in His providence, God has provided every son and daughter of His a blessed and peaceful place that is theirs to inhabit and enjoy!

Read the Bible and you will see that land has always been important to God. He created it and it belongs to Him. Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof....”

Even though He owns it, He does not need it for Himself. He created it for His family and He wants each member to have his part of it. That truth can be seen throughout the Bible.

In the book of Genesis we see that God gave the Garden of Eden to Adam and Eve so they would have a place to enjoy their life and fellowship with Him in a peaceful habitation. He wanted a place where He could gather with them in the cool of the day and visit. Of course, the entrance of sin into the earth created a different environment, but it did not change God’s desire and heart. He wanted Adam and Eve to have a good place to live, and He wants us to have a good place to live.

I believe He wants it to be a beautiful place too, because I see in Genesis 2:9 that in the Garden of Eden “the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight or to be desired—good (suitable, pleasant) for food...” (*The Amplified Bible*).

That tells me God cares about beauty as well as practicality. God loves beauty. You can tell that just by looking at the earth. Even now, in its imperfect state, if you take a ride through the mountains, you will see breathtakingly beautiful sights. Consider what He created—rivers, lakes, seas, mountains, waterfalls, colorful canyons, lush forests, flowers—and you can understand how much God appreciates beauty.

I think God wants us to have surroundings that are beautiful and pleasant to us because that kind of environment encourages fellowship with Him. Think about it. When you go out into the woods or sit beside a lovely stream, if you know the Lord, it won't be two minutes before you begin to think about and talk to Him. Places like that are just conducive to communicating with Him. God made Adam and Eve for a garden environment—a peaceable habitation.

A Garden Just for You

“Well, I don't know,” you might say, “God made Adam and Eve leave the Garden of Eden. How do you know

He still cares about us having a good place?” I know it because throughout the Bible, He continues to promise His people good places to live. Even today, places remain very important to God.

Look at Psalm 23: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever” (verses 1-2, 6).

One of the first things God talked to Abraham about was a place. In Genesis 12:1, He said to him, “Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will show thee.”

When the Jews were taken captive and forced out of the land of Israel, the Lord promised to bring them back to that place and let them live there forever. He even promised them that when they returned “the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly...” (Isaiah 35:1-2). We are seeing that in our day. We have seen the Jewish people return to Israel and transform it from a barren wasteland into one of the most fertile, productive nations in the world. God has worked with them, blessed the work of their hands and turned deserts into gardens in that land.

Even when God’s people weren’t living in the Promised Land of Israel, when they were in captivity in Babylon, He wanted to provide them with good places to live. He said to them, “Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them” (Jeremiah 29:28).

Imagine that! Even in captivity, God wanted His people to have gardens. There is something about the natural beauty of gardens that blesses people’s souls. God made us that way. That’s why He did not put Adam on a freeway in a concrete jungle. He put him in a garden with rivers and trees. God likes putting His people in peaceful environments. In reading the Scriptures, I notice God talks to His people about gardens. In Jeremiah 31:12, He looks forward to the time when the souls of His people “shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.”

Genesis and Jeremiah aren't the only places in the Bible where God talks to His people about good places. There are many such scriptures. In Deuteronomy 8:12, for example, He promises His people they will build “goodly houses” and dwell in them. He also says He will give them “great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not, and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not,

vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not” (Deuteronomy 6:10-11).

Some of God’s children like to build their own homes. Others would prefer to find one already built just like they want it. Either way you like it, God has a place for you!

Psalm 25:12-13 says, “Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth” (*New King James Version*). One translation of that verse says that the man who fears the

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Lord shall “lodge in goodness.” That’s wonderful—to live in a place that’s a manifestation of the goodness of the Lord!

I can tell you from personal experience just how wonderful it is. From the beginning of my faith walk, I began believing for the right place to live. Since the reality of God’s Word came into our lives, God has always given us good homes to live in. Our homes were not always big or fancy, but each one was a blessing to us. The first one was just a little house but every time we moved, the Lord increased us.

Because I enjoy beautiful surroundings, through the years I cut out pictures and made notes of things I wanted in my dream home, which I believed we would someday build. I drew plans of my idea of the ideal house, changing them as I went along until, after many years, I had a clear idea of what I wanted. I can honestly say I was under no pressure even though the manifestation of it did not come for a long time. I still believed it would and I was in peace.

I prayed for about five years over whether to build or not because I knew time was short, and I did not want to waste time and effort building if Jesus were coming before I occupied it! I also prayed about the wisdom of God for this project. I prayed and listened for direction.

One day I went into a new home that was for sale. It was totally furnished and beautiful. I thought, *I could just move in here!* I got acquainted with the builder and began to work on plans to build a new home. This took a couple of years while still praying about when to start, and believing for the money to build and furnish it.

The plans were finished and it was time to act. Ken and I took some time off to pray and be sure this was the will of God for us at that time. (Timing is everything. The Bible says, “Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house” (Proverbs 24:27). Psalm 127:1 says, “Except the Lord

build the house, they labour in vain that build it...” I did not want to go through all that effort in vain!) I enjoyed the home I had and I would have been content to stay there, if that’s what He had wanted me to do.

But the Lord let us know that it pleased Him to give it to us. So, we selected a site and began to build.

I don’t mind telling you, that house is such a demonstration to me of God’s goodness that almost every time I walk into it, I feel like shouting and dancing a little! It seems almost too good to be true. One day just as the construction was being finished, I walked around it and thought, *This is so wonderful, I feel like I’m in a dream.* Suddenly, I realized that was scriptural. Psalm 126 says: “When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad” (verses 1-3).

God wanted the Israelites to walk in their dreams. He wants me to walk in my dreams and He wants you to walk in yours.

Maybe your finances are in such a state right now that you don’t think you will ever have a place that fulfills your dream. But I want to assure you, God does have a good place for you. The first place He gives you might not be the place of your dreams. It may not be the place you ultimately live. Ken and I have walked with the Lord many years, and we just recently moved into the place in which we plan to live out the rest of our lives. Like us, you may graduate from one place to another while your faith continues to increase. But each one will be good and a blessing to you.

As you obey God and follow His plan for your life, “the Lord shall increase you more and more” (Psalm 115:14). Each day, as you learn to walk in the wisdom of God, everything you need in life will come to you. As Proverbs 24:3-4 says, “Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is

Salvation Prayer

If you do not know

Jesus

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

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

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

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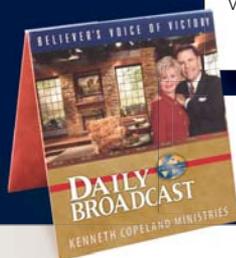
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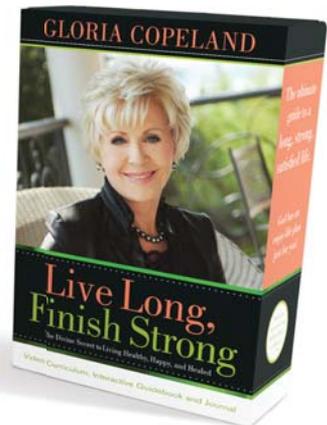
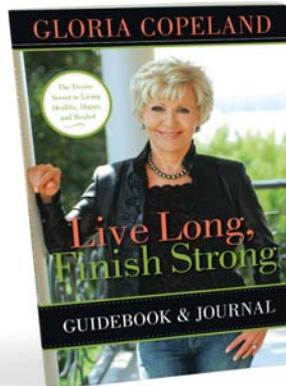
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