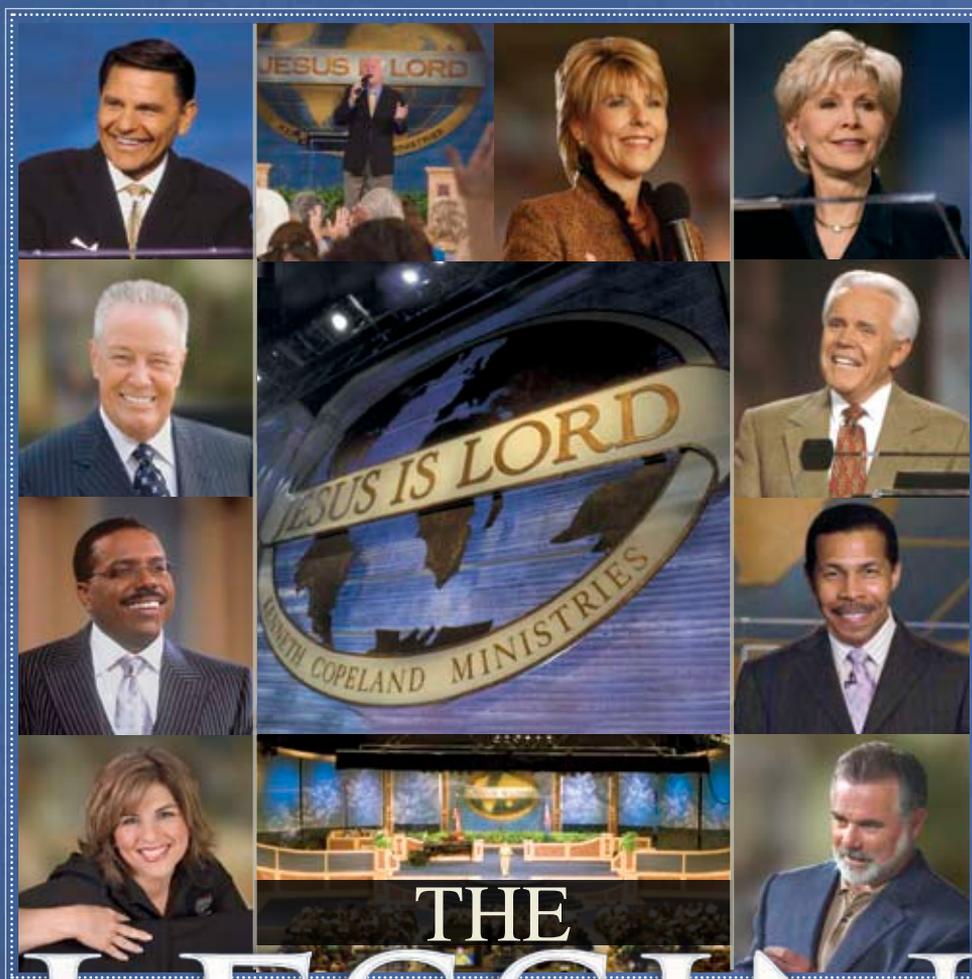


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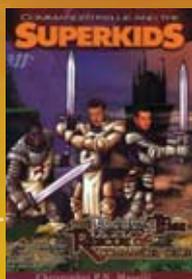
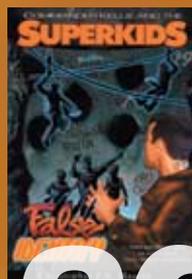
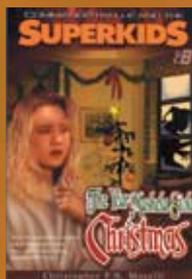
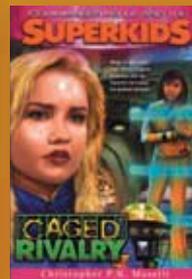


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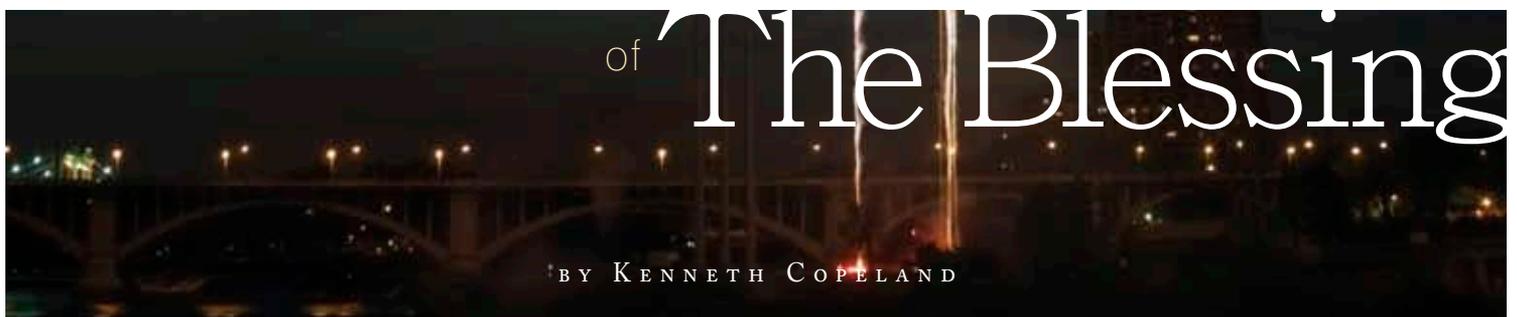
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THE DEVIL WILL DO EVERYTHING HE CAN TO STOP IT. THAT'S WHY THE FIRST MURDER EVER COMMITTED ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH WAS COMMITTED OVER THE TITHE.

I realize that statement would shock many good Christians, but it's true. The New Testament repeatedly tells us that as born-again believers we are already blessed beyond our wildest dreams. It says the instant we made Jesus our Lord, the same blessing God originally spoke over Adam when He told him to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over the earth...the same blessing that made Abraham "heir of the world"...the same blessing that rests upon Jesus Himself...came upon us (Genesis 1:28; Romans 4:13; Galatians 3:14).

For us to plead with God for blessings is much like a man swimming underwater, begging to get wet. There's just one difference. That man gets wet from the outside in. We receive our blessing from the inside out. So, what we actually need is not more blessings on the outside but more revelation on the inside. We need to be transformed, as Romans 12:2 says, by the renewing of our minds.

Walking in the Footsteps of Abraham

Exactly how do we renew our minds to THE BLESSING of God?

We do it by following the example of Abraham, who is the spiritual father of all who believe. We do it by walking in his footsteps (Romans 4:11-12).

Amazingly enough, Abraham managed to fully renew his mind to God's blessing. He transformed his thinking to the point where he totally believed God's promise. He not only became convinced that he and his barren, old wife would have a baby, he was completely persuaded that God had quite literally given him the world.

Even Abraham, however, didn't start out as a faith giant. When God first declared THE BLESSING over him, he struggled to believe it. But God kept working with him. Time and again, He spoke to Abraham, igniting revelation within him until he finally got it.

God will do the same thing for us. But first we have to follow in Abraham's footsteps. Spiritually, we have to stand where he stood, for example, in Genesis 14. There, we find Abraham returning from an important battle. He had just defeated three kings who attacked the city of Sodom and kidnapped some of his kin. On the way home from the fight, something profoundly significant happened to Abraham—something that radically affected his perspective.

"Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the

most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all" (verses 18-20).

Possessor of What?

Abraham had never heard those words before! He'd never before heard himself referred to as the possessor of heaven and earth. His mind must have been reeling. *Who, me? Is God actually referring to me?*

Abraham would surely have been tempted to doubt that declaration except for one thing. Melchizedek backed it up with the covenant elements of bread and wine. That was serious business and Abraham knew it. Those elements signified the unbreakable oath of a blood covenant.

"But, Brother Copeland," someone might argue, "that verse doesn't say Abraham is the possessor of heaven and earth, it says God is."

No, it doesn't. It says Abraham *of* God, possessor of heaven and earth. That's covenant talk for what's Mine is yours. The New Testament verifies it. In Romans 4:13, it refers to Abraham as the *heir of the world*.

There's no way around it, God had given the man the entire planet.

Granted, Abraham already knew that God had blessed him. God told him years earlier that He had made Abraham a great nation, that He'd bless those who blessed him and curse those who cursed him (Genesis 12:2-3). But Melchizedek's words took that revelation to an entirely new level...and when he confirmed those words by serving Abraham a covenant meal, there was no doubt God meant what He said. By covenant with God, Abraham was the most powerful man alive.

Abraham could have just taken off like a rocket at that point, jumping...and celebrating...and shouting the victory. (That's what most people today would do.) But he didn't and here's why. An exchange was taking place and the transaction wasn't finished. So something else happened.

Abraham demonstrated his faith in THE BLESSING God had bestowed on him. He responded with a covenant action that's been practiced among God's people since time began.

Abraham gave Melchizedek a tithe of all.

When he did it, the words of THE BLESSING were thundering in his ears. The power in those words was exploding in his consciousness like a fireworks display. He wasn't tithing because it was some kind of religious ritual. He was tithing because it was a sign that he was in covenant with Almighty God.

At that moment, Abraham was a changed man. He

proved it almost immediately when the king of Sodom came to him and offered him all the spoils of the battle he'd just won.

Do you know what Abraham's response was? He said, "I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich..." (Genesis 14:22-23).

Abraham flat turned down a fortune! He told the

king of Sodom he wouldn't take a dime from him—not even a shoestring.

What gave him the guts to say that? The revelation of THE BLESSING that was roaring through his spirit! He'd just finished a covenant exchange with God Himself. He was thinking, *I'm richer now than I've ever been. The whole earth somehow or other is mine. Why would I get involved in some financial monkey business with a wicked king? I'm Abraham of God, possessor of heaven and earth!*

Abraham had just had his mind renewed to THE BLESSING.

Murdered Over the Tithe

How did that renewal take place? It didn't happen while Abraham was out somewhere riding his camel. It didn't hit him while he was herding his flocks. It happened while he was taking communion over the Word of God and tithing.

That's no coincidence. Tithing is a vital part of the covenant exchange. It's more than just taking 10 percent of your paycheck and putting it in the bucket at church. There's so much power involved in tithing, the devil will do everything he can to stop it. That's why the first murder ever committed on the face of the earth was committed over the tithe.

Cain killed his brother Abel because God honored Abel's tithe and rejected Cain's. Over the years there's been great debate about why God did that. Some people have said it was because Cain brought God some of his crops, while Abel brought God a lamb. But Cain was a farmer. God doesn't require you to bring a lamb when you don't raise lambs.

The problem with Cain's offering was that it didn't represent his best. The original Hebrew language indicates it came from the last remnants of the harvest. Have you ever eaten beans or okra picked at the end of the season? It's like trying to eat sticks. That's the kind of stuff you feed the hogs.

Cain wasn't giving God any more honor than he'd give a hog! He was bringing Him the leftovers, instead of the first fruits. There was no respect or faith in what Cain gave to God, so He refused to accept it.

That wasn't the last time somebody treated God that way, either. The Israelite priests in Malachi's day did the same thing. Instead of bringing God the best of their flocks, they tried to push blind, sick and lame animals off on Him. When they did, He responded to them the same way He responded to Cain (Malachi 1:6-14).

He told them He wouldn't accept their dishonorable tithes. Then He told them how to correct the situation: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be [honorable] meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there

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shall not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10).

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When God talked about pouring out a blessing in that verse, He wasn’t just referring to blessings in general. He was talking about THE BLESSING—the one He spoke over mankind in the very beginning. The one that empowers His people to be fruitful and multiply and have dominion in the earth. The one that makes them, like Abraham, heirs of the world. He was talking about the uncontainable blessing of the Garden of Eden.

What does tithing have to do with that blessing? It opens the door for the revelation of it to explode in us!

“But Brother Copeland, I’ve always heard that tithing was an Old Testament law and doesn’t apply to us today.”

Certainly it was referred to in Old Testament law. The Bible says the Law had to be given because of transgressions. Before Jesus came, the hearts of God’s people got so hardened by sin they often couldn’t tell the difference between right and wrong. So God had to spell it out for them. He had to make tithing a part of the law.

But tenderhearted, covenant-minded men of God tithed long before the Law was instituted...and kept tithing long after it was done away with. Read the book of Hebrews and you’ll see that tithing is still one of the greatest joys of Christianity. It says that:

God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise [*What promise? The promise of THE BLESSING!*]...confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace. And here men that die receive tithes; but there [Jesus] receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth [forever] (6:17-7:2, 8).

Don’t Stand There...Say Something!

As awesome as Abraham’s experience with Melchizedek was, it was just a type and shadow of what we have today. We have the fulfillment! Our souls are not just

anchored in a covenant meal of bread and wine served by an Old Testament priest. Our faith is anchored in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Through His crucifixion and resurrection, He became our covenant sacrifice.

Acting as our High Priest, He walked into the heavenly holy of holies, into the presence of Almighty God and presented His own blood on our behalf. When He did, God accepted it! He called Jesus *God*, and gave Him the Name that is above all names.

Today Jesus does for us what Melchizedek did for Abraham. He ministers His own body and blood to us as a sign of our divine covenant. Then He receives our tithes and lets us know that God has accepted us by exploding within us the revelation that we are blessed!

“Well, I’ve been tithing for years,” someone might say, “and I’ve never gotten that revelation.”

That’s because you never learned how to do it the way the Bible teaches. You probably just wrote a check for 10 percent and left it at that. But that’s not all there is to it. We’re supposed to say something by faith over our tithe when we bring it.

Why? Because Jesus is the “High Priest of our confession” (Hebrews 3:1, *New King James Version*). As such, He not only receives our tithes, He is anointed to see to it that His Word in our mouths comes to pass in our lives.

Even under the Old Covenant, God instructed the Israelites to say specific things when they brought their tithes to Him (Deuteronomy 26:1-11). He taught them to declare how God had delivered and blessed them as a nation. As a result, tithing was a powerful event even back then.

How much more powerful it must be today when we, as New Covenant saints, partake of the Communion elements and bring our tithes to the Lord Jesus Christ, our High Priest, saying things like: “Lord, we bring this tithe to You in love, joy and honor. Thank You, for all You’ve done to deliver us, provide for us and minister to us. We receive by faith the blessing of Abraham that is ours through You. We declare we are joint heirs with You, Jesus, and we receive Your blessing.” That is tithing the tithe. Releasing faith, bringing the Lord God what belongs to Him and receiving from Him what belongs to you.

That kind of interaction with God will change you, my friend. I know it from experience. It will anchor you firmly in the knowledge of THE BLESSING. It will open the door for the revelation of it to explode within you like fireworks.

Instead of begging God for blessing, you’ll end up celebrating the fact He’s already given it to you. You’ll realize as never before that as a born-again child of the living God you are, like Jesus in Romans 9:5, always and forever blessed. **VICTORY**

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Not just sometimes, but always.

BY MAC HAMMOND

If we aren't in one accord, I don't believe we will be included in the end-time things that God wants us to be a part of.

Throughout history whenever there has been a mighty move of God, there has first been unity. When the time comes and the Glory arrives on the scene, only those who are in one accord will be participants in that great and final outpouring. I don't want to miss it—do you? To be ready, we'd better understand the definition of unity and the devices the devil uses to divide the Body of Christ.

A Pattern of Unity

I'm a student of the Bible, and during one of my study times, the Lord took me on a Word journey through the New Testament, directing my attention to instances where there was an absolute explosion of the supernatural. As I followed the growth of the New Testament Church and the miraculous events that took place, the Lord showed me something so clearly. Every time there was a massive move of God, unity was always present. Not just occasionally. Not just sometimes, but always.

Let's look at some examples. Acts 1:14 says, "With *one accord* in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." This unity in prayer happened prior to that all-important day—the Day of Pentecost. If you continue reading, Acts 2:1 says: "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were [still] all with *one accord* in one place."

In Acts 2:46-47, we see it again. After Peter preached, approximately 3,000 were saved. "And they, continuing daily with *one accord* in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and *singleness of heart*, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Unity, singleness of heart, or whatever you want to call it, obviously plays an important part in every single move of God—past, present and future. There have been many books and numerous seminars held on how to grow your church. But the truth is, when there is a singleness of heart within the church, it will grow. The greatest way for God to add to the Body of Christ—both

in our local churches and globally—is for us to understand this principle and promote it within our circles and beyond.

Unity Brings Boldness

Unity not only creates the perfect setting for the Glory of God to show up, but it makes you more effective in the kingdom of God. Acts 4:31 says, "When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

I don't think we'd have this testimony if they hadn't been assembled together in one accord. Unity was a prerequisite for the supernatural events that followed, and the boldness that rose up within them to speak the Word of God.

Acts 4:33 continues, "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

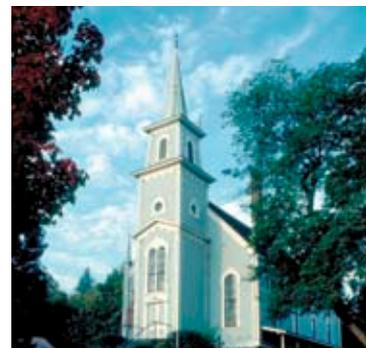
You see, having that "one accord" mind-set made them more effective witnesses of the gospel back then, and it will do the same for us today. Clearly, the power of unity created an atmosphere for the unhindered flow of the anointing of God in those instances. It will create that same atmosphere in our lives, if we'll just practice it.

Are You Eligible?

The Greek word for "one accord" is *homouthmos*. It comes from two words—*homou* and *thumos*. *Homos* means "one" and *thumos* means "mind," so *one accord* means "one mind."

Being in one accord makes us eligible for the move of God. In other words, it sets us up to be participants in God's supernatural and magnificent manifestations. If we aren't in one accord, I don't believe we will be included in the end-time things that God wants us to be a part of.

No wonder Paul urged us in 1 Corinthians 1:10 to "...speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be



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perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” Paul knew the importance and power of one-accord status, but many in the Body of Christ haven’t yet had that revelation.

Now, I’ve pastored a church for more than 25 years and I know the challenge of having everyone in the church to be of “one mind.” In the past, I would read 1 Corinthians 1:10 and think, *Is this even possible, Lord?* I heard a resounding *Yes* in my spirit, and this is what the Lord shared with me. It’s simple, really. We have control over what we think. So, if

we can control what our minds think, we can control whether or not we are in one accord with the brethren.

Of course, this doesn’t mean we’ll always have the same opinion or perspective as everyone else, because we come from different backgrounds and have varied experiences in life. We’re individual beings, not little Christian clones walking around. It does mean, however, that we have chosen to put our minds on the things we have in common. It means we’ve chosen to focus on the things we agree about and turn our attention away from the things that would divide and separate. When we do that, we can effectively strive together for the faith of the gospel.

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The Believer’s Voice of Victory broadcast has helped millions of believers move from the milk of the Word to the meat. In fact, it currently spans an audience of 605,945,999 people around the world. Its reach is far, and you’ll be blessed to hear the scope the broadcast has had over the years. Here are just a few highlights...

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“We’ve received reports that there is a huge revival occurring in the countries where Spanish is the primary language,” said John Copeland, chief executive officer at KCM. “Thousands of people are being swept into the kingdom of God. It is in our hearts to have the resources to help these new believers become grounded in the Word of God and learn to lead victorious lives. To meet this need, we are taking steps to duplicate everything we do in English into Spanish.”

KCM’s goal is to preach the gospel from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around. The versatility and success of the BVOV broadcast helps us do just that...and with your faithful partnership, we’re reaching out farther than ever before! **VICTORY**

Say No to Strife, Wrangling

Romans 16:17-18 says, “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to *the doctrine* which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”

The doctrine mentioned in these verses is the doctrine of one accord—the doctrine of unity. We are to avoid those people who divide. You see, the devil’s strategy for destroying the corporate anointing is to divide the congregation. He knows we won’t be effective if we stand divided. You’ve heard the old expression, “United we stand, divided we fall.” I’m here to tell you that is absolutely true.

So, we have to be smarter than the enemy and avoid his pitfalls that lead to strife and division in the Church. One of the most common pitfalls that will cause division quicker than you can say “theology” is wrangling over the Word of God.

Let’s be honest. Everyone’s flesh wants to be right, and the flesh becomes defensive when it’s challenged. Theologians love to fight over complex theologies, but it profits nothing. It’s much better to just stick to the basics and remain in unity and avoid the particularly controversial topics, unless we have a mandate from God to discuss them.

There are those who are called to preach

a controversial message in order to take the Body of Christ to another level. Brother Kenneth Hagin is a good example. He was mandated by God to preach faith at a time when it was very unpopular. Brother Kenneth Copeland is another good example. He was given a mandate from God to preach prosperity.

Without a mandate from the Lord, preaching something that is potentially controversial is just opening the door for wrangling, and ultimately division in the Body of Christ.

Do you want the glory of God to fall on your church? Do you want the power of God to operate in your life? Do you want to be part of the move of God in these last days? Then be smart enough to discern the devil's operation when it comes. Say no to strife and wrangling and yes to unity and the love of God.

Who Appointed You Guardian?

So believers, we shouldn't preach, teach or discuss controversial things just for the sake of stirring the pot. But there is more we need to do to regain that "one accord" status in the Body of Christ today.

If you've appointed yourself "Guardian of the Doctrine," it might be time to give up that title. Nowhere in the Bible will you find a ministry called, "Guardian of the Doctrine." When you hear something you think might not be sound doctrine, there are three things you should do.

First, pray.

Second, if the person is a friend, call that person and say in love, "Hey, maybe I heard you wrong, but I think what you said today was incorrect."

And, third, walk in love. Don't talk about that person or debate the point with "Guardian of the Doctrine" groupies. Let it go, and let God take it from there.

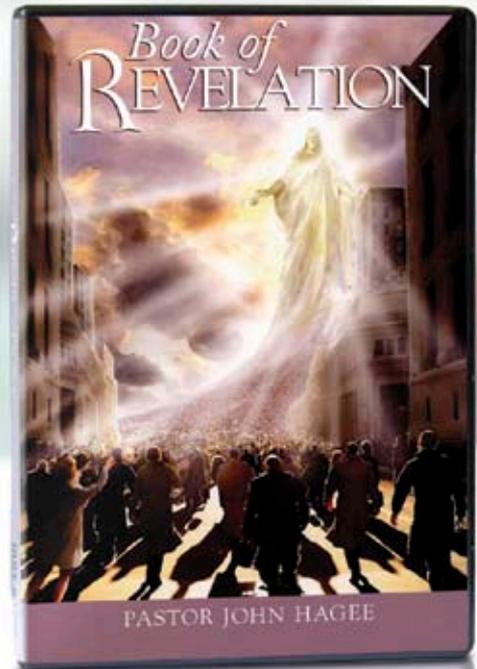
I teach a leadership series on conflict resolution and one important statistic I've uncovered is that 90 percent of a perceived conflict is rooted in misunderstanding. That's a lot! When are we going to wise up?

Let's give each other the benefit of the doubt. Let's love one another. First Corinthians 13 tells us that love doesn't keep a record of wrongs. Instead, it chooses to believe the best. Let's believe the best about one another—no matter our denomination, our economic status, our race or our current situation.

Let's do whatever it takes to make sure we consistently walk in harmony with our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus so we can be participants in this final outpouring of the Glory.

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BY KENNETH COPELAND

“FOR IF BY ONE MAN’S OFFENCE DEATH REIGNED BY ONE; MUCH MORE THEY WHICH RECEIVE ABUNDANCE OF GRACE AND OF THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL REIGN IN LIFE BY ONE, JESUS CHRIST.... FOR AS BY ONE MAN’S DISOBEDIENCE MANY WERE MADE SINNERS, SO BY THE OBEDIENCE OF ONE SHALL MANY BE MADE RIGHTEOUS” (ROMANS 5:17, 19).

the gift of Righteousness

We have often heard it preached that “there is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10). But you cannot read part of this book without reading all of it. In the first three chapters of Romans, the Apostle Paul wrote a serious indictment against man in his natural state. He said that there is none righteous, which is the absolute truth! But Paul then proceeds to explain that our righteousness does not come through the Law or through our conduct. It comes only through faith

in Jesus Christ and is “...unto all and upon all them that believe” (Romans 3:22).

Romans 5:17 says that because of one man’s offence (Adam’s treason) death reigned in the world. Satan became the lord over mankind and everything man did was in response to the fear of death, accident and failure. Do you know of anyone who **has lived** two or three hundred years because there wasn’t enough death to go around? Of course not! There is an abundance of death in the world. But this scripture goes on to say,



Awake to righteousness...become righteousness-minded!

YOU HAVE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN BORN OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

God has been reproduced on the inside of you!

“Much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.” Praise God! Jesus bought a free gift of righteousness which was much more alive, much more real, and much more abundant than death. The fear of death is dispelled by life in Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul said, “O death, where is thy sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:55). The force of righteousness completely overcomes the power of sin and death like a bonfire overcomes a drop of water. We have more power over our lives as the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ than Satan had over us while we were in sin.

The Amplified Bible says, “Much more surely will those who receive [God’s] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness...reign as kings in life through the one Man, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)” (Romans 5:17). When you make Jesus the Lord of your life, you receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness to enable you to reign in life as a king! You will be in a position of authority over your life and circumstances, the same as a king reigns over his kingdom.

DEPEND ON THE GIFT

The believer must learn to depend on his free gift of righteousness. He must learn to lean on it. This is one of the first things I found out from the Word of God. Satan told me that I didn’t have any right to be healed. He said I didn’t have any right to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and that I certainly didn’t have the right to minister to the needs of other people. Well, if I happened to feel a little sinful at the time, I would agree with him. Actually, I didn’t realize Satan was telling me all those things; I thought they were my own ideas. Then I saw in the Word that I had a right to these things, simply because Jesus gave me the right.

Do you realize what “being made the righteousness of God” really means? You have to think about it in order to see the full reality. The heir of a king has the same rights as the king himself because he is part of the king. He is born of the king and, consequently, has the same legal rights and privileges. As the Apostle Paul wrote, even though the heir may be just a child and is still being tutored, he is nevertheless king of the land. He has the necessary authority to rule.

When you were born again, the Bible says you became bone of His bone. You have rights and privileges because you have been born of the Spirit of God. God has been reproduced on the inside of you! These rights are yours because Jesus of Nazareth paid the price for the sin problem, and caused you to be reborn.

BECOME RIGHTEOUSNESS-MINDED

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:34, “Awake to righteousness, and sin not....” Awake to righteousness. Become aware that you have been made the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ, that you have been placed in right-standing with God through the sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary. When you do, the sin in your life will stop. As long as Satan can convince you that you don’t have any right to the things of God, he can keep you under his thumb and sin will control your life. But when you awake to righteousness, you will realize that Satan is a defeated foe. The struggle will be over.

Awake to righteousness...become righteousness-minded! You have been thoroughly equipped to handle every situation which comes your way. You are to reign in life as a king by Jesus Christ. You are to live in conformity with the Father. Almighty God, Creator of the universe, chose to come down on your level in the form of Jesus Christ to dwell in your heart by the Holy Spirit and to give you His righteousness, His ability, and His strength. “...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4). Praise God!

Ephesians 3:20 says He is “...able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” When I fully understood the significance of this scripture, I began to have some confidence in the ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life. In fact, the Lord spoke to my heart one day and said, *How much confidence are you placing in the God within you?* At that time I had no confidence in Him whatsoever! I was praying and hoping God would do something, obviously with no results! Then I grasped the reality of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God. Jesus said that when the Spirit of Truth had come, He would take the things of God and reveal them to us. The Holy Spirit began to reveal to my heart the deep truths of the new birth, of the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ. He revealed the power of the Holy Spirit

(God's muscle, God's mind, God's everything) and He showed how this part of the Godhead was living inside every born-again, Spirit-filled believer! Then these truths became deeply rooted in my spirit and I began to become righteousness-minded.

How do you become righteousness-minded? Romans 8:5 says, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh..." We have occupied ourselves much of the time with the fleshly things. Proverbs 4:20 instructs us to attend to the Word of God. In the past we have not done this. We have thought sickness instead of healing...weakness instead of strength...trouble instead of victory...poverty instead of prosperity...sin instead of righteousness. We have attended to these other things, almost completely ignoring the power of the Word of God to deliver us from the flesh.

I can speak from experience here, because I was overweight and hooked on cigarettes. For several years, I fought against my body with little success; but when I grew in the Word of God and began to walk in the spirit, I no longer fulfilled the lusts of the flesh. When I learned that I could control my physical body, my weight came down to normal and the smoking habit was broken!

A person who thinks "righteousness" instead of "sin" is valuable to God, to himself and to the people around him. God will always be there when you need Him. This is not true of the sin-minded, defeat-minded Christian. There is a very deceitful area here which most people have fallen into at some time in their lives without realizing it. I have heard the following many times and have been guilty of saying it myself: "Well, we're praying about this situation, and if the doors are open, then it's God's will for us to go; but if they're not, then it must not be God's will." If the "open door" is evidence of the will of God, then the Apostle Paul was never in God's will! He had obstacles and barriers throughout his entire ministry, but he took

the Word of God and knocked the doors open in order to get the job done! Even when he was thrown in prison, he prayed his way out. He did his job, despite the obstacles.

Sin-consciousness will look for a way out of a situation: "We might not have enough money to go...I might not be able to take off work." However, righteousness-consciousness always finds a way in.

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

When I was preaching in Jamaica, there was a man who had quit a good job in order to attend our meetings and hear the Word. He would walk six miles, twice each day, just to be in these meetings. When I questioned him about it, he said, "Brother Copeland, I fasted and prayed for a year that God would send someone to teach us the Word and I'm not going to miss out on any of it! With what I'm learning about faith from the Word, I can get a better job!" You see, this man was looking for a way in! He wanted more of the things of God. He knew that Jesus had said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

There is another area in which many people have been deceived, and this is in "putting out a fleece." The person who uses a fleece is depending on a physical sign of God's will in a situation, and if he's not careful, he'll get fleeced!

Gideon used a fleece. But let's analyze his situation for a moment. In the first place, Gideon was not a reborn man; consequently, he was forced to rely on physical evidence. He had no knowledge of God whatsoever because his entire family were followers of Baal. Secondly, there was no prophet in the land to give him the Word of God, and the prophet was the only source of revelation knowledge in those days. Thirdly, Gideon was dealing with an angel, which was completely foreign to him. Therefore, in his position, he had no choice except to put out a fleece, to get a

Salvation Prayer

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Jesus
as your
Saviour & Lord,

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

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

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

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Tribute to a HERITAGE OF FAITH

Dear Brother and Sister Copeland,

Greetings in the matchless Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! What a joy and privilege it is to join with other pastors, ministers and believers in congratulating you on your fortieth year anniversary in ministry, and Brother Copeland's seventieth birthday.



For more than two decades, we have feasted on the gospel message through your teachings, and have grown in faith, in vision and in fruitfulness over the years. Your bold and unapologetic stance for the truth has inspired us to step out courageously upon this same Word of God, knowing that the gospel will produce for anyone who will apply their faith to it.

Your generosity and integrity have set a high standard for men and women of God, and we are eternally grateful for your example. As our modern-day Abraham, we have witnessed your walk of faith; and those very footsteps have traveled the globe, and have set the pace for individuals and ministries alike. Your hospitality, both personally and throughout Kenneth Copeland Ministries, has made us feel like family.

We are honored to plant our seed of faith into your lives, and look forward to greater manifestations of God's glory, wisdom and favor in the time to come.

Bill and
Veronica Winston
Living Word
Christian Center
Bill Winston Ministries
Oak Park, Ill.

Dear Ken and Gloria,

We are so excited to honor you for 40 incredible years of ministry and to also wish Ken a very happy seventieth birthday!

You have been such an inspiration not only to our ministry, but also to us personally. You have always been so willing to share your life experiences and knowledge with us. Your ministry has served as a pattern for many, and for that, we thank you.

It is a privilege to know you and be co-laborers with Christ. We are grateful that you answered "yes" to God's call. We commend you for your unwavering dedication and determination. May God's richest blessings chase you down and overtake you.

Dave and Joyce Meyer
Joyce Meyer Ministries
Fenton, Mo.



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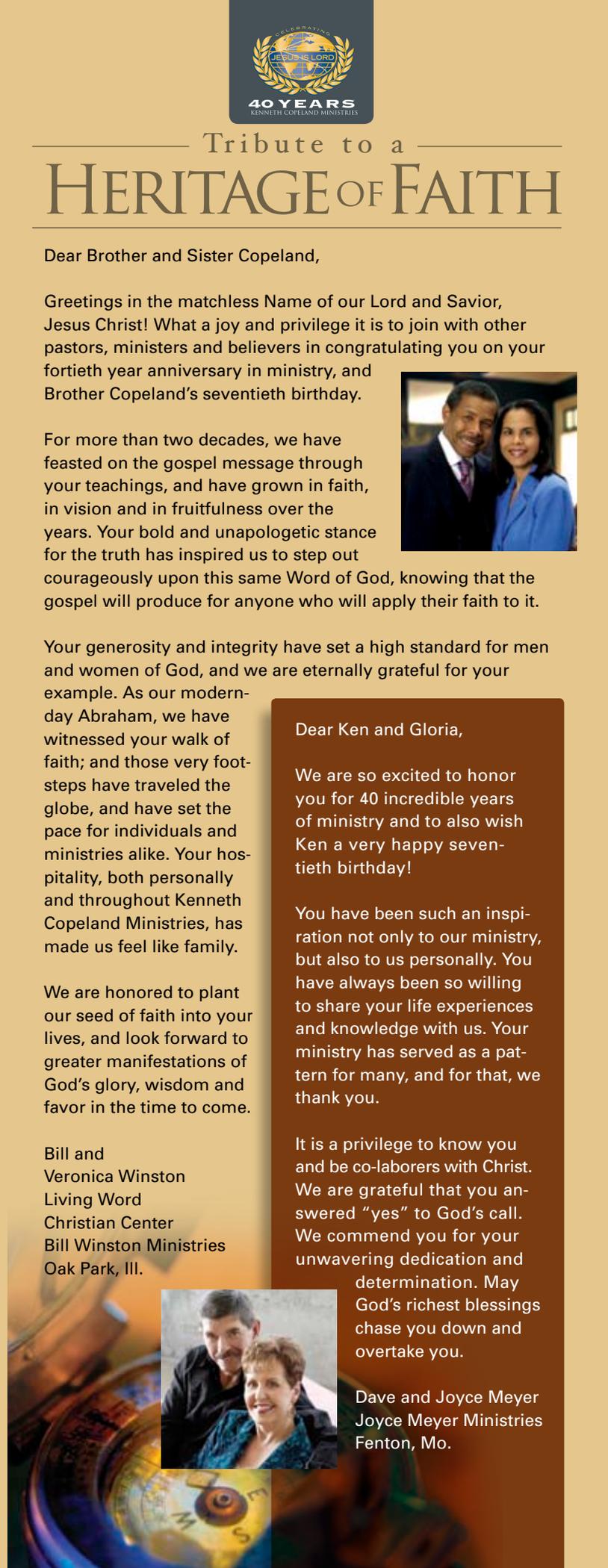
But, as believers, you and I are not in Gideon's position. We have been born again and are led by the Spirit of God. We have access to the Holy Spirit, and we have the written

Word of God to use as a guide in finding God's will for our lives. If you don't know what to do in a particular situation, go to the Word of God. Spend some time in prayer and meditate in the Word. The Lord will begin to lead you. He said, "My sheep hear my voice" (John 10:27). You will know what to do by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We don't have to depend on a sign from the natural, physical world to lead us. We are not blind. We have spiritual eyes and we are to use them. Also, when you put out a fleece in the natural world, you are giving Satan a chance to foul up the operation, since the physical world is his field of operation.

Here is a three-step formula which, when used seriously, will cause success in every area of your life. Nothing can stop it. Every Christian endeavor, no matter what it is, will succeed when it is backed with this kind of prayer and dedication, because God is behind it.

1. Find the will of God in your situation by prayer and meditation in the Word.
2. Once you have found the will of God, confer no longer with flesh and blood. Don't ask other people what to do. I may discuss a situation with my wife or my staff, but once we have prayed and I know the will of God, then it doesn't matter what they think or say about it.
3. Get your job done at all costs. Don't allow anything or anyone to stand in the way of God's will.

In order for a believer to live this kind of successful life, he must come to the realization that he has complete and total access to the ministry of Jesus. He said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:5) and, "Believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light" (John 12:36). As a new creation in Christ, you have the Name of Jesus, the Word of God, and the Spirit of God to enable you to stand and minister in the place of Jesus. The fear of death is dispelled by life in Jesus Christ. Carry the conscious thought every day that, in Christ, you are the righteousness of God! **VICTORY**



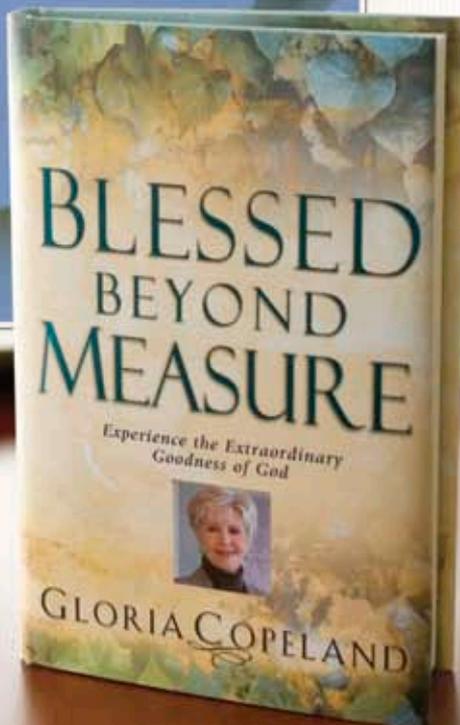
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God Is Faithful!

I just got a job after being out of work for 21 months. God has delivered me! On those CDs you sent me from the Prosperity Convention last year, a minister said, "Put down what you want as the ideal job. Expect God to give that to you and don't take any less." So I did. When I got this job, I pulled out that card. Everything I wanted was in the job I got.

People had scoffed at me (even my own God-fearing family!). And I won't say it was easy. I was under a lot of pressure! But I had gotten some verses out of the Bible and I read them out loud every day. I always felt better after that. I struggled to keep my mind on the Lord, and not on the problem.

But what you told me, what you kept saying every day on TV, was to do it this way and God will be faithful and deliver you. He was! Thank you so much. I love you! J.J. | Florida



And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing....

(2 CORINTHIANS 9:10, *THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE*)

Debt Free and Instant Millionaire

In the spring of 2005, I put my house in Illinois on the market and sold it privately for \$1,525,000—I had purchased it in 1986 for \$250,000. Now that is increase! I had just signed the contract the day before I went to the Prosperity Convention in Milwaukee, Wis. I went to that convention praising God, because He had already fulfilled His promise to me. I went from being \$500,000 in debt to becoming a millionaire in one day! Praise God! All your teaching on the goodness of God and His desire to prosper us has now been manifest in my life.



I have been blessed abundantly over and above what I could ever ask or think. I continue to lay hold of my harvest and look forward to being able to sow greater seed into your ministry. I have been a Partner with Kenneth Copeland Ministries for about 20 years. I never could have done it without the faithful teaching and encouragement of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

Louise Neathery-Wollin | Florida

Abundant Harvest Time!

I just wanted to tell you that your teachings have transformed our lives in the area of finances. We applied principles that you've taught us, and have seen an awesome move of God. I can't tell you all of it here—it is too much. But we went from living from week to week to living debt free, and now we are building a brand new home. When we finish it, it will be debt free. We just purchased a 2006 Navigator and paid cash, and a new Ford truck for my husband for work, and paid cash. This happened in a very short time.

We took your teachings about planting and speaking what we wanted and not what we had. We have planted like that for about 14 years and now God is pouring out a blessing that we cannot contain. When our harvest started coming in, it started like a flood. Also, we live in the area hard hit by Hurricane Katrina. You had called and prayed on my answering machine for us. We had no damage and right in the middle of what looked like a war zone, our house was fine. And my husband's business started prospering more than it ever had. It was a mighty move of God. Thank you for your teachings. God is moving. This year has truly been a year of overflow in our lives.

P.J. | Alabama

I Learned How to Speak the Word

I just wanted to say how KCM has been a great help in building my faith and relationship with God. I watch *BVOV* every week-day and Sunday night. The first time I watched I was depressed and having anxiety attacks. I didn't feel like eating. All I did was worry and want to sleep. But then I heard Gloria talking about the 91st Psalm. Listening to her say how you have to speak the Word really turned my life around.

I didn't know about watching what I said and speaking the Word of God. And I certainly didn't know all my fear and worry came from the devil trying to attack my mind. I have started going back to my local church after being away for about six years. I received the gift of speaking in tongues and my life has been turned around. Thank you so much, KCM.

R.L. | Texas

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No More Condemnation

I was born again and got into the Word strongly for about 3½ years. Things were going well, but I backslid for 15 years. Soon, I was back where I was before becoming a Christian—smoking, drinking, drug abuse and fornication.

I was unemployed with no income. My mother, who is financially well-to-do, would support me, pay my bills, and I naturally was able to make up expenses to get money for my habits.

I was living in total fear. I would not answer my door if someone were to knock for fear that it was the law, the IRS or some other agency there to arrest me or collect money that I did not have.

I finally asked God what I needed to do to get out of the mess. I got enough money to buy some of your teaching CDs and placed an order. I honestly don't remember being so anxious to receive something in my entire life. The CDs arrived and I listened morning, noon and night. I went to sleep with them playing. The hope that had faded to nothingness began to have light once again.

Today, I no longer drink, smoke or use drugs. I am a sub-contracted salesman with a great company. I am so eternally thankful to God for not quitting on me. I owe Him everything. I want to thank you, Kenneth and Gloria, for your commitment and dedication to God's work, for without your teachings I am not sure where I would be.

D.K. | Kansas

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Prayer Results in New Job

Back in July 2006, I asked KCM and a few others to pray in agreement that I would be offered a job in the NICU at a hospital near my home, where I would have more time and more money. Hallelujah, I was offered the job in August, started working in October and I am where I'm supposed to be. It feels as if I have more time, and the money is on its way. For with success in Christ prosperity follows. Thank you, KCM.
P.W. | California

Anointed Music Brings Peace

Last year my mother-in-law died. As I was driving one day, I was listening to Brother Kenneth's music. It was wonderful. A peace came over me and grief did not attach itself to me. Praise God! Thank you, Kenneth.

D.K. | Canada

BVOV Magazine Brings Encouragement

A year ago, I wrote you a letter. My son started using drugs, gave up studying and lived with a prostitute. We couldn't find common language with my husband. I suffered of it even more because I offended Jesus with my behavior and unforgiveness. I asked you to pray for the situation in our family, and started reading the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine.

Today, I want to tell you my testimony of victory over all evil in my life. My son gave up using drugs and now he is undergoing a course of treatment. Our relationship with my husband got much better. And I was promoted at my work.

L.S. | Ukraine

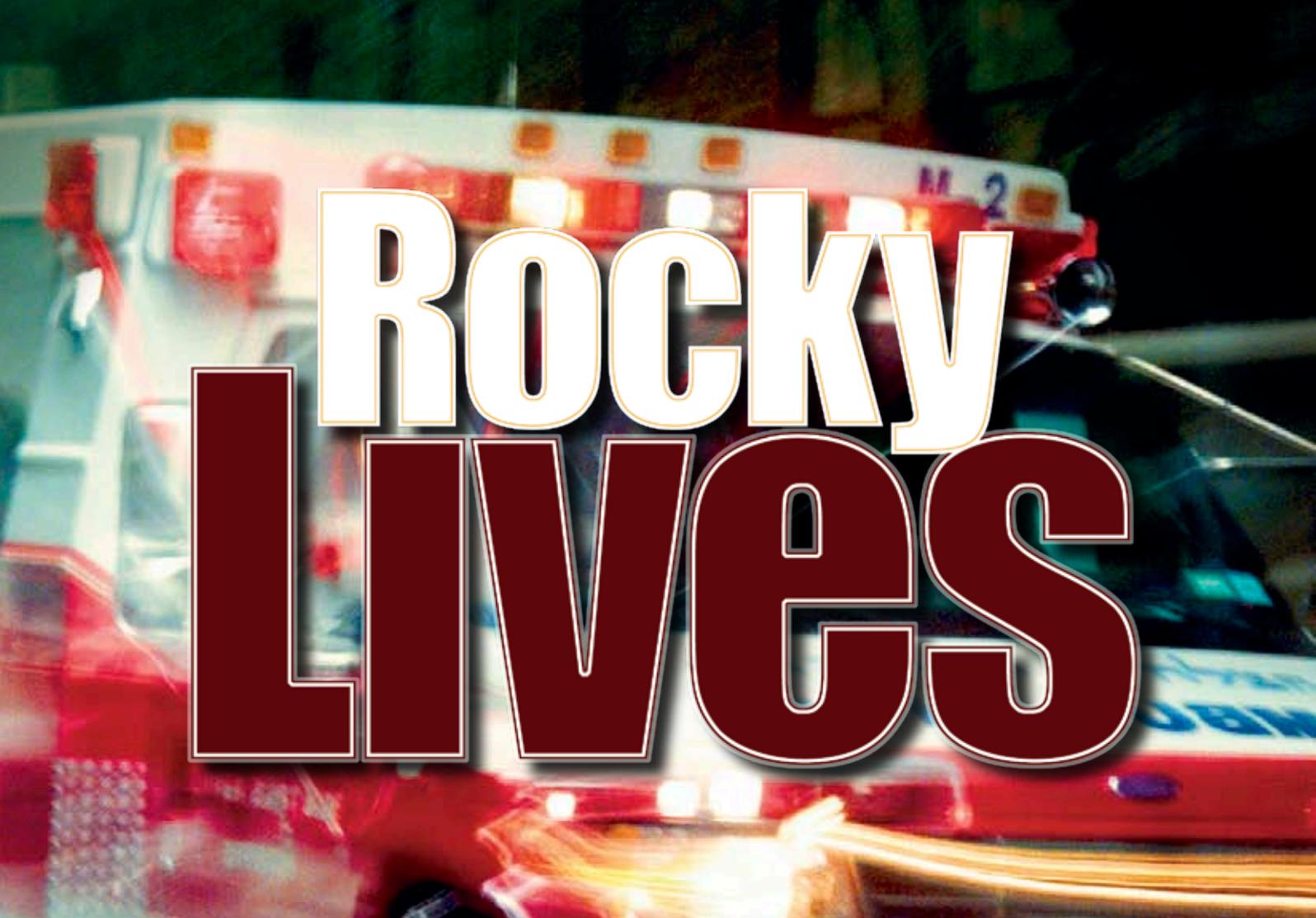
Son Changed by the Power of God

A year ago, I wrote to you about my son. He was with God since he was 13 years old, but when he was 18 he went away to the world. He started smoking, made company with boys who drank alcohol and smoked drugs. You sent me a prayer and I prayed it for my son, proclaiming his return to God.

In March of this year, my son returned to Jesus being renewed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Since July he has been praising the Lord in our church with gifts the Lord gave him—he sings and plays the piano. Thank you for the support in prayer.

L.D. | Ukraine





Rocky LIVES



Storm clouds gathered

over Casa Benalié Orphanage near Guatemala City, casting a shadow over the lush green vegetation. Rocky McCord stood on the roof of a two-story building and wiped the sweat off his face.

Back home in Laingsburg, Mich., Rocky had learned the art of bricklaying and stonemasonry from his father. At 21, he was used to hard work. He wasn't used to the humidity in Guatemala, but that hadn't stopped him from enjoying every moment of this mission trip. He had enjoyed the hard labor as the team toiled to construct a new building for the orphanage.

Rocky looked down and saw giggling kids

waving up at him. He must look like a giant standing tall and muscular on the precipice of the building. Grinning, he waved at the children. *It must be a 20-foot drop*, he thought as the children scurried away. Rocky turned back to the task at hand and worked steadily as fat raindrops splattered his back and neck. Determined to get as much done as possible on this last day of the trip, he continued to work in the rain.

Rocky had multiple fractures of his back which were pressing on his spinal cord. At any moment, razor-sharp bone shards could sever his spinal cord leaving him paralyzed.

Late afternoon, the clouds loosed a torrent that sheeted down Rocky's face, making it hard to see and even harder to work. Eventually he realized he was the only one left working on the building—everyone else had already taken cover. Walking to the edge of the roof, he assessed the scene. There was no ladder, only a simple scaffold that was quite a drop from the roof.

Rocky sat down directly above the scaffold, his legs hanging off the rooftop. *I'll slide down from here and drop to the scaffold, he thought. Then I'll climb to the ground from there.*

The instant his foot hit the plywood that rested atop the scaffold, Rocky felt the scaffold give way beneath him. It groaned a warning. Then with a crack like a gunshot it splintered in half, heaving Rocky headfirst to the unforgiving ground below.

Within seconds, blood had pooled silently around Rocky's body. He had stopped moving. He had stopped breathing. Only the rain continued as before, splashing in red puddles around him and splattering a dance of death.

Allan Davisson, a contractor from Rocky's church, was still working down below. Already soaked to the skin, Allan looked up from his work when he heard Rocky's body hit the ground. Immediately he ran toward the sound to investigate.

When he reached the scaffolding, he shuddered, chilled at the sight of Rocky's twisted, broken body. Rocky's head had split open like a ripe watermelon. Kneeling beside him, Allan searched desperately for any signs of life. He found none.

Another man who had been working and fellowshiping with Rocky was walking up the hill to take shelter when the Holy Spirit stopped him in his tracks with one word: *Rocky!* He turned around and ran back down the hill to the site, where he helped and prayed for him.

He's dead! Allan thought, ready to run for help, but the Holy Spirit prompted him. *Pray!*

Allan poured all of his spiritual authority into the prayer. Rain pounding him, he refused to quit praying, although the situation appeared hopeless.

Seconds crept by like hours, minutes like days. Then Rocky's eyes fluttered open.

Oh, thank God! "You're going to be OK, Rocky," Allan said, forcing calm into his voice. "I'm right here with you."

Orphans, alerted to the situation, erected a makeshift shelter to protect Rocky from the rain. The children ran to find a board sturdy enough to carry him. The entire mission team prayed.

Rain had turned the dirt road into a mud pit. Volunteers loaded Rocky onto the back of a pickup which ground its way up the muddy hill where a waiting ambulance screamed its precious cargo to the nearest hospital.

Inside the ambulance, medics hovered anxiously over Rocky hoping for the best. They had no way of knowing the young man they attended had lived a life that exuded kindness and gentleness. They had no idea how passionate he was about his faith in Jesus Christ or how powerfully the Holy Spirit had filled him. They didn't even know this mission trip with Pray America had been a gift from Rocky's parents for his 21st birthday. They just knew that, apart from a miracle, this young American might not survive.

Sure enough, the miracle happened. Rocky McCord arrived at the hospital alive.



"When I woke at the scene of the accident," Rocky recalls, "I had the strangest sensation that I would have died if someone hadn't been there with me."

A Fragile Hold

"When I woke at the scene of the accident," Rocky recalls, "I had the strangest sensation that I would have died if someone hadn't been there with me. I could easily have

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given up the ghost; my hold on life was that fragile. The pain was so great I felt like giving up.”

After examining him, doctors expressed a concern that Rocky had a concussion with severe brain damage and internal bleeding. A prayer alert went out. The children in the orphanage prayed four straight hours, until they heard the internal bleeding had stopped. Back home, Rocky’s family and church were also praying.

The following day, the rest of the mission team boarded their flights home. Two men—one from Rocky’s church and one from Pray America—stayed behind with Rocky. That morning, the doctors were amazed to discover that Rocky did not have a concussion or brain damage. That was good news, but the rest of their report was grim.

Rocky had multiple fractures of his back which were pressing on his spinal cord. At any moment, razor-sharp bone shards could sever his spinal cord leaving him paralyzed. He already suffered numbness from his waist to his armpit on his left side and his breathing was impaired. Doctors recommended Rocky be transported to the United States for surgery within 48 hours.

“Rocky’s accident occurred on March 14, 2003,” his mother, Sherri McCord, remembers. “Our country was about to go to war and our borders would close. If Rocky couldn’t get home in time and his surgery was delayed, he would be in grave danger of paralysis.”

Fighting Back

“As Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries, we knew we had to pray in faith and guard our words. We couldn’t let our minds run rampant playing ‘what if.’ We called KCM and told them of Rocky’s situation and asked them to pray. Partnering with KCM meant that we reaped the spiritual rewards they won, and it also meant that strong men and women of faith stood with us when we needed them.

“Meanwhile, we had to find a surgeon and hospital here. The hospital we wanted was full because of a flu epidemic. Rocky had to be transported on a medical

flight, but the jet had problems and needed repairs. It was five days before Rocky could be flown out of Guatemala. He flew into U.S. airspace an hour before the borders closed.”

Rocky arrived at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich., just before midnight March 19, 2003. Alert and conscious, he was stabilized in a metal brace. An MRI revealed multiple fractures from the ninth to the 11th vertebrae. Shards of broken bone pressed into his spinal cord.

The surgery was expected to take four or five hours. Sherri, her husband, Sandy, and family paced the floor and prayed for six and a half hours before a weary surgeon came to talk to them.

It’s a Miracle

“It’s a miracle Rocky wasn’t paralyzed,” the doctor told them. “People with that amount of damage usually are. I found more fractures than what showed up on the X-rays.”

Some of the nerves had ripped from Rocky’s spine, and spinal fluid was leaking from tears in the membrane of his spinal cord, the doctor said. Bone had to be grafted from Rocky’s hip to aid in repairing his back. “I had to put a lot more hardware in his back to hold it together than I’d expected,” the doctor said. “In a year we’ll go back to surgery and remove it.”

“What about the numbness?” Rocky’s grandmother asked.

“He’ll learn to live with it, probably for the rest of his life,” the doctor explained.

“But it *can* heal...right?” Rocky’s mom asked.

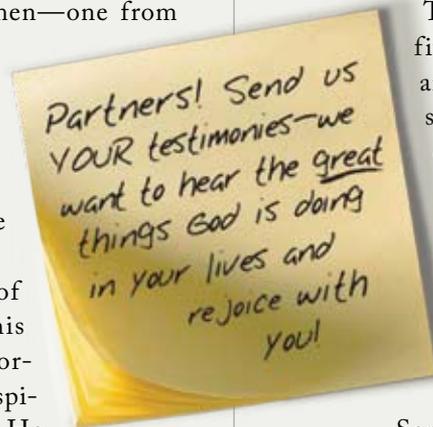
“It’s *possible*,” the surgeon said, making it clear that it wasn’t too probable.

“It *will* heal, because we’ve been praying.”

“Just keep praying,” he advised.

Within one week of the surgery all the numbness disappeared and Rocky regained feeling in his back. And although he regained feeling, perhaps the first supernatural aspect to his recovery was the lack of pain. Once home from the hospital he rarely took pain medication and never refilled his prescription.

The doctor sent him home in a back brace, which he was expected to wear for up to five months. Rocky was out of the brace in three months.



The Final Round

While Rocky's body was on the fast track to a full recovery, his finances were in critical condition. A student at the time of his mission trip, unbeknownst to Rocky and his parents, his medical insurance had lapsed.

Rocky was saddled with \$121,726.02 in medical bills. The hospital bill and jet from Guatemala alone totaled almost \$30,000. Denied Medicaid, there was no hope in sight. Rocky got a job and began making payments that did little to whittle down the bill. Once again, he, his family, church and friends went to prayer.

"When my pastor found out how much my medical bills were, he asked the church to help," Rocky explains. "Allan Davisson, the man who found me, is a building contractor and he came up with an idea of the church using volunteers to build a house. When it sold, the profit would go toward my medical bills. The church agreed to do it. Every workday, volunteers showed up to work. Some men who weren't Christians heard what they were doing and came to help. They called it Rocky's House.

"The orphans sent \$805 in Guatemalan currency, which translated to \$125 in U.S. money. The local high school held fundraisers. While the house was being built, the hospital and doctors forgave \$114,993.02 of the debt! The house sold for full asking price and made a profit of \$50,000. That money paid off the remainder of my medical bills with enough set aside for the expense of going back to surgery to remove the hardware."

God not only healed Rocky's body, He stopped the hemorrhage of money.

Rocky McCord is a living, breathing parable of seedtime and harvest. He planted friendship and 122 people visited him in the hospital. He planted kindness and reaped a bountiful harvest of the same. He planted time and money and he reaped them both. Rocky helped build a house for Guatemalan orphans and reaped a house called by his own name.

Rocky's life is a reminder that you don't have to be old to live by faith. Long before the devil tried to take him out, Rocky developed a relationship with God. He planted the Word of God in his heart. So when Satan stepped into the ring and delivered a killing blow, he was ready. Knocked down but not out, Rocky gathered his spiritual strength, pulled himself up off the mat, and finished the fight.

No doubt, it was with great pleasure that God raised his arm and announced the winner of that contest.

"Rocky!"

To the victor goes the spoil. **VICTORY**

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Sandy and Sherri McCord

Every Minute, Every Day

BY JEREMY PEARSONS

Ticktock, ticktock... Where has the time gone? If you are near a clock with a second hand, or wearing a watch with one, take a 10-second break from reading this article and just watch as time marches on.

One-one thousand, two-one thousand, three... Do you know what fascinates me about this? Each of those 10 seconds is a moment in time that never existed before, and will never again be repeated. It lasts as long as the blink of an eye, yet this very second, now gone, is precious—perhaps even priceless. Anything this rare and undiscovered must be worth more than we realize.

“What is your five-year plan? Your 10- or 20-year plan?” Maybe you’ve been asked this question before. I have recently asked it of myself. But in light of our discovery of the ever-moving second hand, let me ask a different question: What is your 10-minute plan?

Each of us, whether rich or poor, young or old, will share the same 1440 minutes today. What if every minute of every day were treated as a precious, priceless and rare opportunity to live solely for the glory of God? Yes, I realize this is a big idea. And when I say *big* you are probably thinking *impossible*.

But listen to the heart of David in Psalm 63: “God, You are my God; *Early* will I seek You.... When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches” (verses 1, 6, *New King James Version*). To me, the word *early* means only one thing: early. Early is when you get up for school. Early is when work starts. Early is catching a flight that leaves before anyone else is awake.

But for David, early is the time he seeks the face of God. Later, we find him remembering God upon his bed.

I picture him lying there, unable to fall asleep because his thoughts of the splendor and goodness of God are far too real to be contained in dreams. From the beginning of his day to the end, and every moment in between, his life is filled with the awareness of the presence of God. When he was in a time of great need, he said in Psalm 55:17, “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.” His relationship with God was an all-day thing.

Again, I know this sounds difficult at best, but does that mean we shouldn’t give our lives to this idea? A rabbi once asked if a man, witnessing the sea wash precious gems ashore would refrain from gathering them because it would be too difficult to gather them all. Of course not! He would give all he had to gathering all he could.

The same should apply to us. Give all you have to living for God in the morning. If at the end of the morning you find you have made a mistake or slipped up, don’t be discouraged. Just turn, repent, and give all you have in the afternoon. Start by giving God the next few minutes of your day. When you are done with those minutes, give Him the ones right after that. If you will do this simple thing over and over today, and in the days to follow, soon you will find that you are living every minute, every day, all for the glory of God. **VICTORY**



Jeremy Pearsons, the son of Pastors George and Terri Pearsons and Kenneth Copeland’s eldest grandson, is the pastor of 14forty Student Ministries at Eagle Mountain International Church and Kenneth Copeland Ministries. From a rich legacy, Jeremy delivers the message of faith and love to a new generation of believers with power, creativity and relevance.



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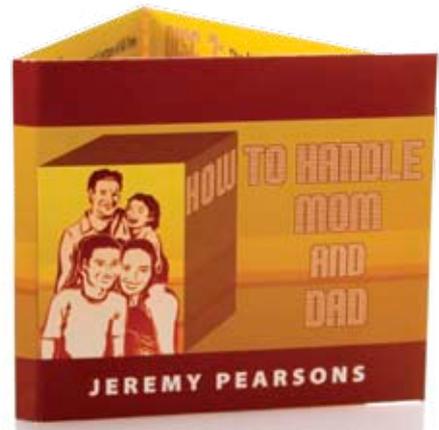
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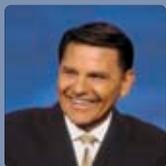
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—Kenneth Copeland



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Then one weekend, on the way home to Fort Worth from a trip to Arkansas, they stopped for breakfast. They ordered their food, prayed, then as they ate began discussing going on television. Suddenly something changed.

God’s *plan* for the television ministry dropped into Kenneth’s heart, and snapped in place like a piece to a jigsaw puzzle. He looked at Gloria and knew from the look on her face she had heard the same “snap.” He said, “Gloria, tomorrow is Monday. Let’s go home and get on TV.”

Gloria said, “OK.”

And they knew Jesus was saying, *OK, let’s do it!*

In May 1979, the voice of Kenneth Copeland preaching God’s uncompromised Word began to air weekly on television. Then, almost 10 years later, the Lord spoke again to Kenneth and Gloria, giving them an assignment that would be the biggest step of faith they had ever taken. He said, *I want you to add a daily broadcast to your ministry. I want you to be on television, not one day a week, but six days a week.*

Kenneth flat-out told the Lord, “I don’t want to do that. I’m already busy.”

The Lord spoke right back to him, *I didn’t ask you what you wanted to do. I want you to get on daily television. And don’t preach. Teach. Bring My people to a place of strength in this earth—because the glory is coming.*

They didn’t have the money to go on daily television. They didn’t have the personnel, the equipment or a studio. But they did have faith.

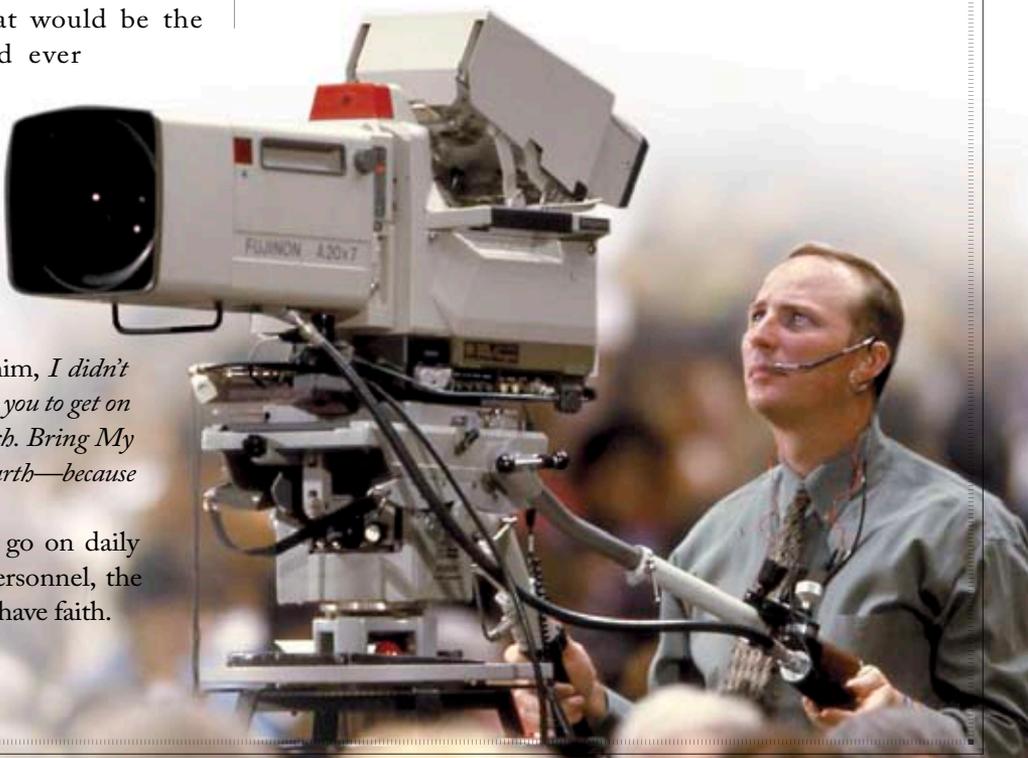
And that was all God needed.

Kenneth explains it so well: “So how did we jump from weekly television to a daily broadcast? By faith. We meditated the Word. We confessed our success. We built our faith. We called those things that be not as though they were. We did all the same things you’ll have to do to reach your next faith goal...we looked to God. As always, God was faithful to His Word.”

Since January 1989, the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* television broadcast has aired six days each week and currently broadcasts 1,999 hours per week worldwide.

God has displayed His glory through the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* television ministry. And Kenneth and Gloria, by their faith and the faith of their Partners and Friends, continue to preach and teach, bringing God’s people to their place of strength in this earth—from the top to the bottom and all the way around!

VICTORY



July

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7pm (8pm CET)

God Channel

9pm (10pm CET)

TBN Europe

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<p><i>Faith—Your Fearless Confidence</i></p> <p>This week, take a refresher course in faith with Gloria Copeland... and get yourself to the place where you <i>continually</i> believe God.</p>				
9	10	11	12	13
<p><i>The Lifestyle of Faith</i></p> <p>Gloria Copeland continues her teaching on faith this week, showing you how to integrate it into every part of your thinking and every part of your life...for great results!</p>				
16	17	18	19	20
<p><i>God's Way of Increase</i></p> <p>Increase is what God's covenant is all about! This week, join Kenneth Copeland and Jerry Savelle as they teach how to believe for your increase...and how to keep it from slipping through your fingers.</p>				
23	24	25	26	27
<p><i>Living a Life of Increase</i></p> <p>Kenneth Copeland and Jerry Savelle continue their teaching, revealing how to make increase a permanent part of your life and not just a one-time blessing.</p>				
30	31	1	2	3
<p><i>The Open Door to Your Authority</i></p> <p>Gloria Copeland and Billye Brim start a new series this week, diving into the riches of Ephesians for a look at the authority you have in Jesus.</p>				

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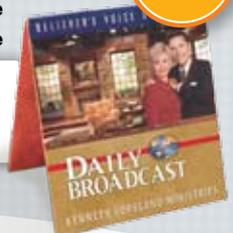


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HEALING

DOUBLED-OVER AND WEAK FROM A LOSS OF BLOOD, THE WOMAN PROBABLY PRAYED NO ONE WOULD NOTICE HER AS SHE INCHED FORWARD THROUGH THE CROWD. SHE WAS FOCUSED ON ONE OBJECTIVE: REACHING THE MAN MAKING HIS WAY AHEAD OF HER.

He was “the One” people were talking so much about. She knew it without being told. As she trudged along, she recalled all the good things she’d heard about Him, and for the first time in a long time, hope sprang up in her heart.

Because of His touch, blind people could now see; deaf people could hear; lame people could walk. As she turned these things over and over again in her mind, she actually began to expect something good would happen for her. She’d heard this man healed people free of charge,

and He was healing *everyone* who came to Him. That was a good thing, because after 12 years of seeking cures for the terminal illness that racked her frail body, she was penniless.

Really, a miracle was her only hope—*He* was her only hope.

“If I can just get close enough to touch Him,” she muttered under her breath, “I will be healed.” Each time she said it, her determination became stronger. She fought her way through the swarm of people until *finally*, she reached Him.

The instant she touched Jesus’ clothes, healing



it's God's idea

BY GLORIA COPELAND

God's best is *not* for us to get sick and then get healed. What really belongs to us is divine health—we can and should stay continually well.

power flowed into her body. She felt it. She didn't even talk to Him—just touching Him in faith was enough to receive the miracle she so desperately needed.

It also was enough to cause Jesus to stop in His tracks and ask, "Who touched My clothes?" The men with Him were perplexed. "Look at this crowd pressing hard around You from all sides," they said. "How can You ask such a question?"

But a demand had been placed on the power of God and Jesus knew it. He had something to say to that person and kept searching for her. Overcome with emotion, frightened and trembling, the woman fell down at His feet and told Him the whole truth. What Jesus had to say was great. "Daughter, your faith has restored you to health. Go in peace and be continually healed and freed from your disease."

Yes. The reports she had heard about Him certainly were true!

SAY WHAT YOU BELIEVE

One reason I like to read this familiar story about the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34, *The Amplified Bible*) is because it is a good illustration of how our faith works, and how the Lord desires for us to be *continually healed and free from disease*.

The fact is, we can place a demand on the healing power of God at any time. His healing power is always present everywhere. God just needs us to use our faith and our words to decree a thing to come to pass in our lives.

This destitute woman reached out in faith to touch the hem of Jesus' garment, and her faith brought the power of God into her body. Notice how she *said* what she believed. "For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (verse 28).

We are no different than she. We will have what we say. We can't get on our knees, pray and tell God we believe Him for something and then get up and say, "I don't have it," and expect results. By faith, we decree how and what we receive from God. Had this woman said, "Well, I wish I could receive healing, but I probably won't," she would not have gotten one thing. However, she *kept saying*, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." When she touched Him, she released her faith and received her healing—just like she said.

When I teach Healing School, often people are healed while coming into the service. I know that because after the meeting many of them testify and say, "I knew if I just came to this meeting, I would be healed." Like the woman with the issue of blood, they had declared their faith and how they would receive their healing...and they did!

The woman with the issue of blood called it. She named it. She brought healing power into her body by *saying* words. And, the moment she touched Jesus, the power of God went into her and delivered her. She believed what she had been saying to be true. The instant she acted on it—it was done.

Who called the shots in this situation?

Jesus didn't call the shots. That woman did. Her faith did.

It's still the same way today. That's the way faith works. The healing power of God is always present everywhere. You call it into your life. You call it into the bodies of your children. You're the one who decides. Your words and your faith decree a thing in your life.

In other words, if you're not happy with your life today, then guess who has to change in order for things in your life to change? You change your words. Start saying what you want to come to pass instead of what you have. The scripture tells us if we believe we receive when we pray, we will have whatsoever we say (Mark 11:24).

This woman with the issue of blood believed the reports she'd heard about Jesus. Apparently she believed in His goodness. She believed He could and would heal her. For us to obtain healing, we



If you're not happy with your life today, then guess who has to change in order for things in your life to change? You.

must know and believe what God's Word says about healing because "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

JUST OPEN THE DOOR

The truth is, healing is not man's idea. Healing originated in the heart of God.

From the beginning, God has desired the very best for His people, including divine health. In Exodus 15:26 God told the children of Israel, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." With those words, He declared Himself to be our healer too. If He *was* the Lord who heals, He *still is* the Lord who heals, because God never changes (James 1:17; Malachi 3:6).

He desires for all His people to be well. Why? Because God loves us, and He is *gracious* (Psalm 145:8) which means He is "disposed to show favors." That's His natural disposition—to do us good. That's why He has always been the healer. This psalm also tells us the Lord is "*full of compassion...abounding in mercy and loving-kindness*" (verse 8, *The Amplified Bible*). Now, if He is *full of* and *abounding* in those things, that means there isn't room for anything else. He is "good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works."

Our God desires for us to be healed and whole even more than we desire it! We don't have to twist His arm to get Him to heal us. We just have to give Him an opening into our lives.

We do that by trusting Him and believing His Word.

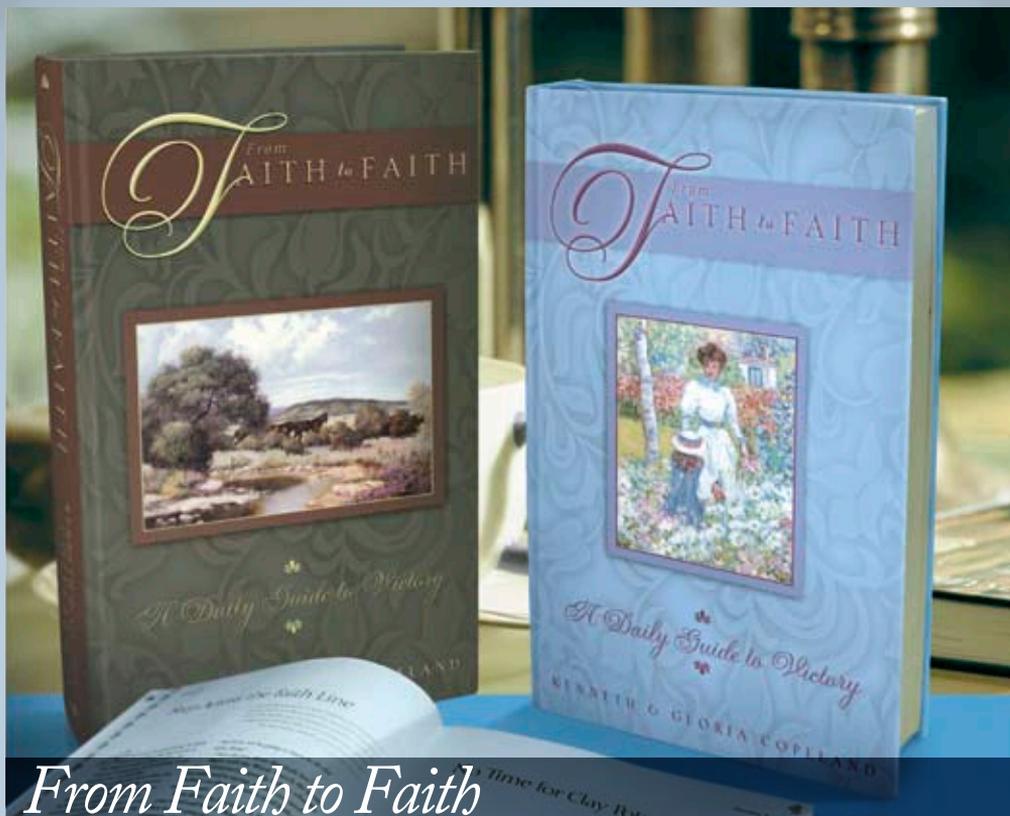
If you need healing, believe you are healed because of what you read in His Word. Believe in His goodness and willingness to heal you. That's how your faith opens the door for God to move in this natural realm and produce healing for your body.

Faith is that force that comes out of your heart and causes the power of God to come into your circumstances.

Psalm 107:20 says this of God, "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." God wants us to live healed and free! He has given us His Word to teach us His ways. If we walk in His ways, we can be whole and complete. That's why the Bible tells us to be *doers* of His Word (James 1:22).

The following words reveal the very heart of God toward us...

"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" (Deuteronomy 5:29).



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YOU MUST CHOOSE

Receiving His will is not automatic, however.

God told the children of Israel what would bring the blessing and what would bring the curse in their lives. Then He told them to "choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19). They had to choose to obey His Word in order to walk in the blessings He desired to give them. So do we.

We see from Scripture that the covenant of healing God gave Israel was immunity from disease. He said, "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee" (Exodus 23:25). Moses said if you obey, "The Lord will keep you free from every disease..." (Deuteronomy 7:15, *New International Version*).

God gave man statutes that would do them good and preserve them. Moses said, "And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive..." (Deuteronomy 6:24).

God is sending you His Word today. He desires for all your needs to be met and everything in your life to be intact, including your health. The words of God "are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (Proverbs 4:22). One translation says His words are "medicine" to your flesh.

So read His Word with childlike faith. Simply believe and receive it.

LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!

As you read through the Gospels, you'll find that Jesus took our sin, sickness and disease, and on the third day, He came up out of that grave victorious! He overcame hell and death, totally destroying Satan's power. Colossians 2:15 says, "having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

All power was given unto Jesus in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18-19).

Satan has no authority over us after we are born again unless we give it to him. When we resist the devil, he will flee (James 4:7). We must *resist* sickness and disease with the same tenacity we resist sin. It's our right to stay healthy. In fact, it's my job and yours to take authority over the enemy in every area of our lives. We must not give him an inch!

Jesus didn't. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, *that he might destroy the works of the devil*" (1 John 3:8).

Jesus also plainly tells us, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they

might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus showed us that anything that steals, kills or destroys is from the devil. But good things, things that give life—such as healing—come from God. In His ministry, Jesus healed everyone who would receive Him.

The Bible says Jesus *came doing the will of the Father* (John 6:38). We can know healing is the will of God simply by looking at the ministry of Jesus. And, Jesus healed them *all* when He walked the earth, and that's still His ministry today. Jesus has always been against sickness and disease. In the Bible, you never see Him telling anyone, "You have to keep that sickness because God wants to teach you something."

No. Jesus never hesitated to pray for anyone who wanted to receive healing. But if they didn't receive Him, they didn't receive the healing anointing. Today, Jesus hasn't changed His mind or His ministry. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). So we have every scriptural right to believe for healing for *every* person *today* who receives Jesus.

Matthew 9:35 says, "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." When Jesus was on earth He went about *teaching, preaching and healing*. That's what we are to do—in His Name.

When Jesus walked the earth, He was God's vehicle on the earth. He was God's way to man and man's way to God. Today, the Church is that vehicle.

Jesus came doing the will of God. He healed all the people who would receive Him. Then He sent out the disciples and gave them authority to do the same. Matthew 10:1 says, "He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease."

Jesus commissioned the Church to do the will of God. He told His disciples to go in His Name and do the things He had been doing: Cast out the devil. Lay hands on the sick, and they will recover (Mark 16:15-18). The Spirit of God is still at work today, just as He was in Jesus' ministry. The power has not waned. But we must do our part.

The fact is, God's best is *not* for us to get sick and then get healed. What really belongs to us is divine health—we can and should stay continually well. "By whose stripes, ye *were* healed" (1 Peter 2:24). That's the position we should take. We can stay healed and whole as we continually take in God's medicine—His Word. That's the way God planned it. We don't have to talk Him into healing us...

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