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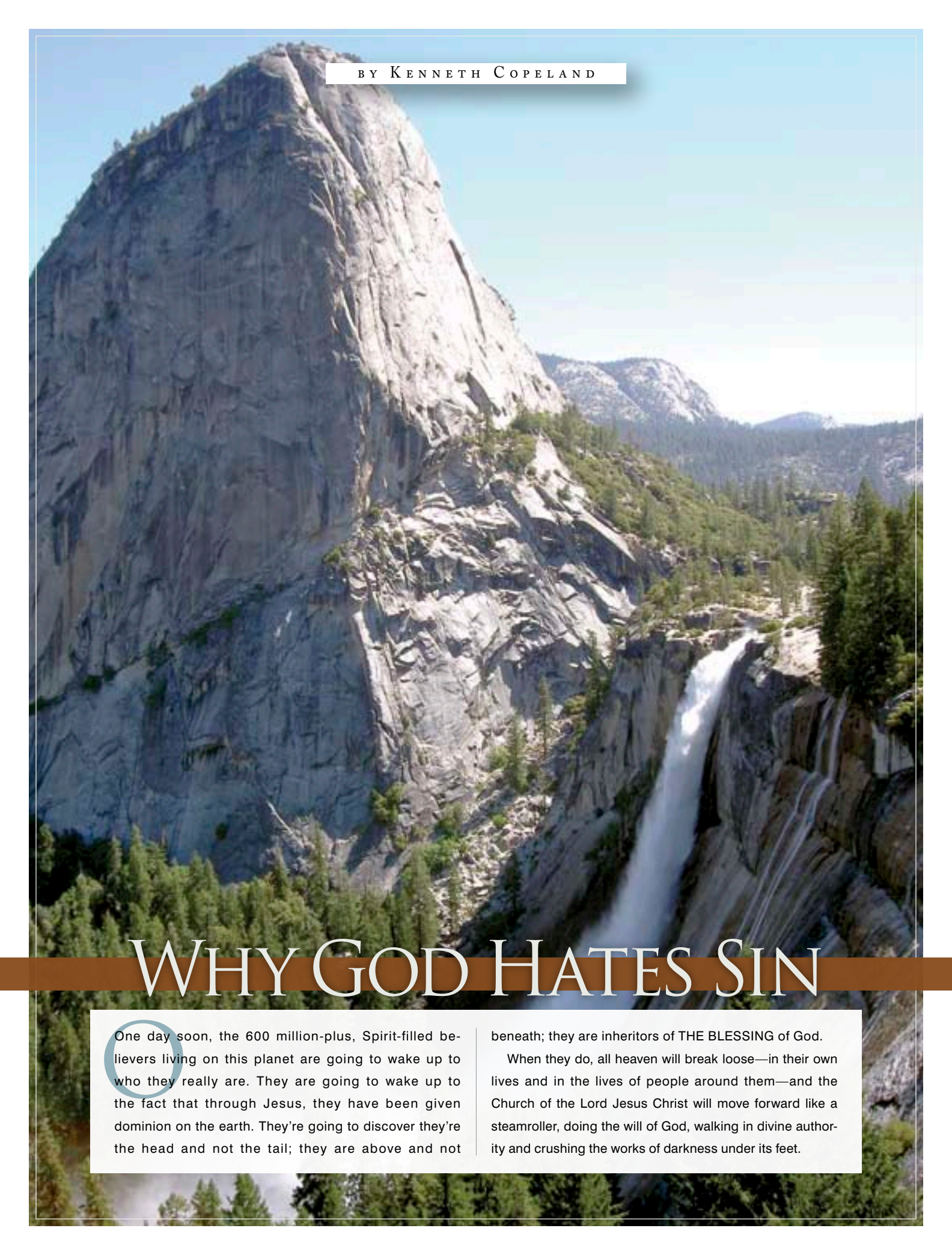
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WHY GOD HATES SIN

One day soon, the 600 million-plus, Spirit-filled believers living on this planet are going to wake up to who they really are. They are going to wake up to the fact that through Jesus, they have been given dominion on the earth. They're going to discover they're the head and not the tail; they are above and not

beneath; they are inheritors of THE BLESSING of God.

When they do, all heaven will break loose—in their own lives and in the lives of people around them—and the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will move forward like a steamroller, doing the will of God, walking in divine authority and crushing the works of darkness under its feet.

From day one God created and commissioned Adam to be a king.
He blessed him and gave him authority to turn this whole planet into
a Garden of Eden.

Before we're raptured out of here, it's going to happen.
How can I be so sure?

Because God finishes what He starts. The Bible says no purpose of His can be restrained; and from the very beginning, that was God's purpose for His people.

It wasn't just part of His purpose, either. It wasn't just an afterthought that came to Him sometime in the days following man's creation. Blessing and dominion are what God had in mind for mankind from the start. That's why the words He spoke when He created Adam were these: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26).

According to Genesis 2:7, when God said those words, Adam became *a living soul*, or as one Hebrew commentary describes it, "a living, speaking spirit like God."

What a stunning creation Adam must have been!

He had the same creative power to speak that God has. He had the ability to arrange things and bring them into order with the words of his mouth. He was crowned with the very glory and honor of God Himself (Psalm 8:5).

Most folks don't realize that God poured everything He had into man. He poured all His compassion into him. Created in the image of God, Adam was filled in every way with the very life of God. Once God had put every aspect of Himself into Adam, He blessed him and said, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion" (Genesis 1:28).

In other words, from day one God created and commissioned Adam to be a king. He blessed him and gave him authority to turn this whole planet into a Garden of Eden.

How was Adam supposed to accomplish that task?

He was to take dominion—not through external force or manipulation but by speaking words of faith, and releasing divine love, light and life everywhere he went. He was to multiply God's blessing until the earth was covered with it. And he was to have children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren—all of them brimming with God's love and glory—until the planet was filled with God's fabulous family.

That's the way God designed things to be before the foundation of the world.

Then the devil got involved.

Why God Hates Sin

We all know what happened. Adam and his wife sinned, fell from the glory of God, and took the rest of mankind with them. Because of sin, THE BLESSING that was on them was lost and the whole earth has suffered ever since.

That's why God hates sin so much. It stops THE BLESSING from functioning. Adam and Eve proved that. THE BLESSING quit working for them the moment they listened to the devil and disobeyed God.

Sin has that effect on THE BLESSING every time. It always has...and it always will. That's the reason God, throughout the ages, has given His people commandments and statutes to help them steer clear of sin. God gave the Ten Commandments, for example, because He wanted us to realize we weren't created to do things like murder, lie, steal, covet or commit adultery. Our spiritual system isn't designed to handle that kind of darkness. When we engage in it, our system shuts down and it stops THE BLESSING.

That's what happened to Adam and Eve. Their spiritual system shut down the day they sinned. They died spiritually. And since they were the parents of the human race, that was passed on through them to all mankind.

Most of us understand that quite well. What we haven't realized is this: Despite it all, God never abandoned His original plan. He didn't discard THE BLESSING He first spoke over Adam and come up with Plan B—a second-rate, partial blessing to replace it.

Instead, He made a way for that first blessing to be reinstated. He sent Jesus to earth to take on the form of man, become *the last Adam* (1 Corinthians 15:45), and regain what the first Adam lost. God sent His own Son to put His original plan back in place.

That was Jesus' mission on earth and He accomplished it totally and completely. By the time He was raised from the dead, hell had taken such a whipping that Satan and his whole demonic system had been defeated. Jesus had triumphed over him and opened the way for us to be born again out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of God's dear Son.

Because Jesus succeeded where Adam failed, when we make Jesus our Lord, what happened at Creation in the Garden of Eden, happens again in us. The same words God originally spoke over His family come alive in us.

The Holy Spirit hovers over us and brings them to pass in our spirit.

When we are born again, we're re-created in the image of God just as surely as Adam was created in His image in the beginning. We are made to be as much like God as Jesus Himself is. Think of it! When we got saved, Compassion Himself—the God who is love and light and life—reproduced Himself in us. He poured Himself into us and set our spirits ablaze with His own glory. Then He sent the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into all the truth about what God has done in us.

"If that's the case, then why do I still struggle with defeat in so many areas of my life?" someone might ask. "Why is my life so *un*-glorious?"

Because you haven't fully awakened to who you really are, as a reborn-new-creation-in-Christ believer! You're looking on the outside—at your body or at your soul (your mind, will and emotions)—to determine your identity. But those things aren't the real you. The real you is what the New Testament calls *the hidden man of the heart*, or *the spirit*.

If you want to live in victory, you must always remember that you *are* a spirit; you *have* a soul; and you *live in* a body. You must be continually aware that your spirit—the real you—was re-created when you were born again. The hidden man of the heart within you was transformed into the image of God and set free from the power of sin.

When you gave your life to Jesus, God didn't just forgive you and leave you the same. He made you a new creature! Your old, death-infested, sin-enslaved nature passed away. Everything in your spirit became new. He who knew no sin was made to be sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21.)

Live Like a King

"But Brother Copeland, what good does it do for me to be all glorious and made in God's image in my inner man, when on the outside I'm still a mess?"

It doesn't do much good at all.

That's why the Apostle Paul wrote to believers and said: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

God never intended just to redeem one part of us. He didn't plan just to save our spirit. He re-created us so we could become image-of-God men and image-of-God women—wholly, in every part of our being—spirit, soul and body. He planned for us to keep renewing our minds with His Word, and bringing our

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God sent His own Son to put His **original plan** back in place.

bodies into subjection to our spirit until we are totally transformed, and become on the outside what He has made us on the inside: glorious, victorious sons and daughters of the living God.

Most people find it hard to even imagine such a thing. We've spent so many years living like beggars on the earth instead of kings we find it difficult to envision ourselves living any other way. We've gotten so familiar with being the tail instead of the head, being under the circumstances instead of over them, we have no idea what that kingly life of blessing and dominion would look like.

How do we find out?

By opening the New Testament and studying the life of Jesus. His earthly life provided us with a living demonstration of THE BLESSING of God. Jesus exercised dominion everywhere He went. He lived every moment by faith in that blessing and expected it to function in every situation.

When someone with sickness reached out to Him, He healed them. When someone oppressed by demonic spirits looked to Him for help, He took dominion over those spirits and set the person free. When the elements of the earth—the wind and the waves—got unruly and tried to hinder Him, He used His authority and commanded them to be still. When Lazarus died, He brought him to life again.

All of that was THE BLESSING in operation—and as joint heirs of that blessing, you and I have the capacity to function in it the same way.

Too Ordinary to Be Blessed?

"How can that be?" you might ask. "I'm nobody special. I'm just an ordinary person."

Believe it or not, some people asked the same question about Jesus during His earthly ministry. When He told the people of Nazareth that the Spirit of the Lord was on Him and that He'd been anointed to bless them, they said, "How can that be? We've known you all our lives! You're nobody special. You're just Jesus, Joseph's son. We know your kinfolk."

Those people wouldn't believe that someone they were so familiar with—someone so human—could be anointed with THE BLESSING of God. As a result, that blessing couldn't operate among them. Their unbelief stopped it from working and Jesus "could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them" (Mark 6:5).

When Jesus went to places like Capernaum, however,

just the opposite happened. People there had such faith in THE BLESSING of God that operated through Him, they followed Him around for days. Sometimes they wouldn't even leave His meetings to go eat because they wanted to hear more of what He had to say. As a result, those people got healed and delivered and blessed in multitudes!

"Yeah, but I don't see how that relates to us as believers today. We can't follow Jesus around the countryside and receive THE BLESSING from Him. He isn't here anymore."

Oh, yes, He is! He is not only with us, He is in us. He said He'd never leave us nor forsake us. He said He'd be with us even to the end of the age.

If Jesus is with us and in us, that means THE BLESSING is with us and in us. It means we can not only live in THE BLESSING ourselves but extend it to others just like He did. In fact, that's what Jesus has commissioned us to do (John 20:21).

Up to now, most of us haven't really believed we're capable of blessing people like Jesus did. But, praise God, we're starting to get it. We're beginning to develop our faith not just in Jesus Himself as the resurrected King of kings and Lord of lords; we're learning to believe in Jesus who lives on the inside of us. We're learning to believe in the One who made us kings and priests like Himself, the Jesus who releases THE BLESSING of God through our bodies and our lives just like He released that blessing through His body and His life when He walked the earth.

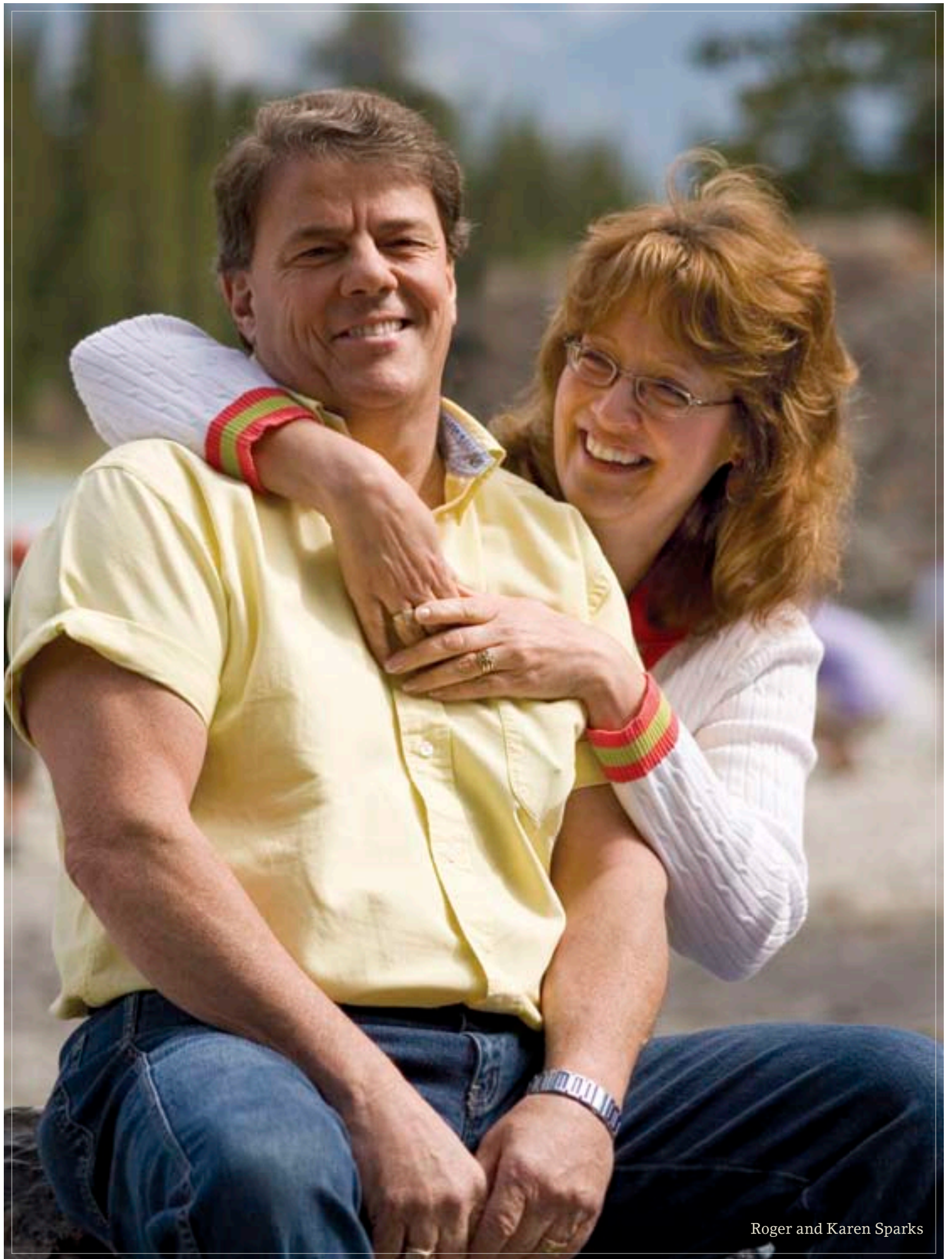
Instead of saying, "I'm just an old sinner saved by grace," we're starting to say, "I'm the blessed! The same blessing that was on Adam and given to Abraham is mine! THE BLESSING is flowing through my body and everywhere I go, I am a blessing to people!"

As we keep meditating on those things, as we keep saying them and developing our faith, THE BLESSING will manifest in us and through us more and more. It will empower us to speak words of life, to release divine love and light everywhere we go, and bring others into God's fabulous family by tens, hundreds, thousands and even millions.

When we fully wake up to the fact that we are THE BLESSED, we will rock the world with God's power. We will put Satan under our feet where he belongs, and bring heaven into manifestation on earth just like Jesus did.

It's already beginning to happen.

Look out, devil. Here we come! **VICTORY**



Roger and Karen Sparks



Recipe for Success

Roger Sparks sat on the side of the examination table, wheezing as he struggled to breathe. The muscles in his shoulders, back and neck were taut, his lips blue, his face haggard and his eyes weary with exhaustion. | “The clinic is out of one of the drugs you need,” the doctor said, folding his stethoscope after listening to Roger’s lungs. Turning to Roger’s wife, Karen, he said, “The fastest way to get the medication would be for you to take this prescription to the pharmacy and have it filled.” | Leaving Roger at the clinic, Karen hurried to the pharmacy with the prescription. Twenty minutes later, still waiting, Karen looked up in surprise when a friend slipped an arm around her shoulders.

BY MELANIE HENRY

“What brings you here?” Karen asked.

“I was at home when the Lord told me to go to the clinic,” the woman explained. “When I arrived I saw Roger being rushed by ambulance from the clinic to the hospital. We’d better go.”

Hours later, Karen was finally allowed into Roger’s room in the intensive care unit. She gasped at the sight before her. He lay unconscious, a tube in his throat connected to a ventilator that forced air into his lungs. A heart monitor beeped as a spiked pattern marched across the screen. Tubes and wires snaked from Roger’s body, making all his life functions appear automated.

“This machine is working so hard to make him breathe that we have another one on standby,” the doctor explained. “Because he fought the respirator so hard, we had to administer drugs to paralyze him.”

Karen felt numb as she listened to the doctor’s dire prognosis. *Dear Lord, how did this happen?* she thought, still shocked by her husband’s condition.

Roger had been strong and healthy his whole life, until he turned 40. Then, for no apparent reason, he began to suffer from adult-onset asthma, a condition that squeezed his airways closed, blocking the very oxygen he needed to live. Nothing about his illness made sense, even to the doctors. He didn’t have any of the normal allergies that triggered asthma. There were none of the common allergens in his environment; they didn’t even have a cat.

Yet, the disease continued its death march until Roger fought for every breath. Unable to work, his life had become a revolving door in and out of hospitals. They hired an employee to do his work and Karen tried to keep their business afloat—scheduling appointments, making payroll and handling customers. Days had turned into weeks, weeks into months and months into years as Roger’s health spiraled downward, dragging their finances with it.

Karen shivered, remembering the rocky start Roger had gotten in life. As a small child he’d witnessed his mother’s murder. After the trauma of that event, he suffered another shock when he was removed from his family. By God’s great

grace, he’d been adopted by a Christian family—his new father a minister of the gospel. Roger had thrived in that environment, basking in the love of his adoptive parents and covered by their prayers.

Karen tried to rub some warmth into Roger’s cold hand. Bending over to kiss his forehead, in a flash of understanding, she remembered the scripture the Lord had given her only days before. Now it made sense. The Lord had impressed upon her Acts 2:27, “You will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay” (*New International Version*). While Karen knew that verse referred to Jesus, she also knew the Lord was promising her Roger would not die of this disease.

She had to cling to that promise, because the circumstances screamed a different message.

Going to Battle

“Roger survived that hospitalization,” Karen recalls, “but even when he got home he wasn’t well. Walking up the stairs left him gasping for air. One week he was hospitalized three different times. One time the symptoms returned with a vengeance within three to four hours of him coming home.

“One morning I was flipping through television channels when I happened onto the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* broadcast. Keith Moore was teaching on the power of our words. I was shocked. I didn’t know that what we said affected our lives. Roger and I began watching the broadcast on a regular basis. As a result, we changed what we’d been saying. We also learned about sowing seed by giving into the kingdom of God, and the importance of standing on God’s



“The city walked in, did an appraisal and offered us a ton of money,” Roger recalled. “We saw the hand of God all over it.”



"Either Your Word is true or it's a lie. If it's the truth and You still heal today...please show me what to do!"

Word. To help us learn, I ordered two teaching series, *Healing—It Is Always God's Will* and *Living in Prosperity*."

Even so, Roger's condition continued to deteriorate. One night Karen woke to the familiar sound of wheezing. Roger sat on the side of the bed fighting for air. Each time he got a breath he said, "Thank You, Jesus, for healing me!"

Karen felt her heart lurch. He was fighting so hard—both physically and spiritually. Going to prayer, Karen told the Lord, "Either Your Word is true or it's a lie. If it's the truth and You still heal today...please show me what to do!"

The voice of the Lord echoed through every fiber of her being.

Put on the armor of God and go to battle for your husband!

Digging into the Word of God, Karen found healing promises and scriptures dealing with spiritual warfare. Writing each of them in a journal for her own use, she also wrote each verse on a recipe card for Roger to read and confess. Together, they pressed hard into God and His Word.

"By His stripes I was healed," Roger said, gasping over a recipe card imprinted with 1 Peter 2:24.

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. But Jesus came that Roger may have life, and that he may have it more abundantly," Karen confessed.

Improvement did not come in leaps, but in tiny, almost imperceptible steps.

The Root of the Problem

In spite of their progress, eight months later, just after Christmas, Roger experienced such a severe bout of asthma that he was readmitted to intensive care. Shortly after, Karen got a call from the prayer leader at her church. During the conversation, Karen told her the story of Roger witnessing his mother's murder.

"Oh, Karen!" the prayer leader said, "Roger has a spirit of death assigned to him!"

That night, Karen walked into the ICU and realized something was wrong. A foul, uncommon odor assaulted her—fog so thick it almost filled Roger's room. Medical staff hustled and moved busily around his bed.

"What's happening?" Karen asked.

"Your husband has to go back on a respirator," one of the

nurses explained. "We'll be taking him to surgery soon so he can be intubated."

Fury welled up in Karen. As the nurses left to schedule surgery, she called an intercessor and asked for prayer.

"We've got to get rid of that spirit of death," Karen explained to Roger.

He's got to agree! the Lord said.

A gasping Roger agreed.

"In the Name of Jesus, I take authority over the spirit of death assigned to Roger and I cancel its assignment!" Karen declared. Within 15 minutes the smell and the fog were gone. Roger took deep breaths and his color improved. A nurse stepped into the room and asked, "What's going on here?"

"I've been praying," Karen replied.

The medical staff returned to examine Roger. The surgery was canceled. Roger improved and was soon discharged from the hospital. This time there were no more setbacks, no more downward spirals. Roger Sparks was dramatically improved and on the mend. Slowly, he was weaned off most medications and he was never hospitalized for asthma again. After 10 long years, the battle for his life was over.

Now, they faced a different kind of foe.

The Word of the Lord

"After 10 years of drugs, hospitalizations and Roger not being able to work, we were drowning in debt," Karen explains. "The mountain of debt was so high it appeared impossible to overcome."

"One morning I was praying when the Lord gave me Lamentations 3:37, 'Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it?' (*New King James Version*). I held the word in my heart and wondered what it meant."

The next morning, Roger and Karen received seizure notices. They owned their home as well as 18 acres of raw land on the outskirts of town. Both were in mortgage foreclosure. They were being taken away due to unpaid back taxes.

Karen read and reread the letter. Then, holding it up to the Lord, she said, "Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it?"

Unsure what God would have them do about the situation, Roger and Karen agreed to seek the Lord separately until each had heard a clear direction. The Lord gave Karen Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God." He also instructed her to meditate on Exodus 14:13, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever" (*New King James Version*).

Karen believed the Lord was telling them to be still and do nothing. He would fight their battle, and when it was over they would never see their debt again. Holding her peace, she waited to hear what the Lord told Roger.

"Karen, I know what God wants us to do," Roger said. "We're to be still and wait on the Lord."

Wait on the Lord. The instruction sounded simple, but following it turned out to be anything but easy.

One Word From God

"It was so hard to be still!" Karen admits. "The only way we had to pay off our debts was to sell the 18 acres, and we had tried to do that. Three years earlier when we saw our finances spinning out of control, we attempted to sell the land. Every realtor we talked to said there would be no problem selling it. But it never sold. We wanted to try selling it again, but we both heard the Lord instruct us to be still.

"I thought the Lord was going to do a quick work, so I was stunned when a year passed with no change in our situation...then a second year. By December 2004, things were so bad, we were notified that our bank account was frozen. But just before Christmas, Roger went to see if he could withdraw some money and found the bank had no notice of our account being frozen!

"Every day we thanked God for delivering us. We reminded the Lord that as Partners with KCM, the same supernatural anointing for debt reduction and increase on Kenneth and Gloria's lives is on ours as well."

As part of their stand, the Sparks confessed scriptural promises from Charles and Annette Capps' book, *God's Creative Power for Finances*. Daily they declared, "I bind every force of evil that sets itself against my financial prosperity."

One day as Karen made her declaration, the Lord asked her a question.

What is the force?

Karen blinked. She had no idea what the force was that had set itself against their financial prosperity. But she did realize God hadn't asked that question because *He* needed to know.

In order to find the answer, Roger and Karen fasted for a day. After their fast, the answer dropped into Karen's heart.

The spiritual force of evil is called sabotage.

Together Roger and Karen used their authority to cancel the assignment of this spiritual force called sabotage.

One week later, they received a letter from the city of Calgary. The city needed to buy their land—the entire 18 acres—for a planned road extension.

"The city walked in, did an appraisal and offered us a ton of money," Roger recalled. "We saw the hand of God all over it."

The money they received for the land was more than enough to pay off all their debts, including three mortgages, back taxes and personal loans that together amounted to almost \$750,000.

"We paid our debts, we paid what we owed God, and today

we are 100 percent debt free," Roger said, "and we have no doubt we're about to go to another level."

Today, Roger and Karen Sparks still stand firm on God's Word, and in the truth that He is able—no matter what the situation. **VICTORY**

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the History of Halloween

“Mum, can I dress up like Casper this year?” | “Dad, can we carve a jack-o’-lantern and put it on the porch?” | Halloween...costume-clad children happily skipping from door to door shouting “trick or treat!” expecting to fill their bags with candy, gum and other goodies...houses decorated with jack-o’-lanterns, pumpkins, witches with broomsticks and black cats. These are the most-common sights of the celebration of Halloween. They are all make-believe and harmless...or are they?

Each year during Halloween, parents are faced with the dilemma of letting their children participate in what the world calls “harmless fun” and their own concerns about the spiritual significance of this holiday. While we all have to hear God for ourselves concerning these decisions, we thought the following history of Halloween might be helpful to you and your family.

Halloween, which directly stems from Irish, Scottish and British folk customs, was celebrated as the Druids’ autumn festival. The Druids were an order of priests who worshiped nature. This holiday was originally celebrated to honor Samhain, lord of the dead, on October 31 (the end of the summer). The Druids believed that on this date, Samhain called all the wicked souls which had been condemned within the last year to live in animal bodies. He was believed to have released them in the form of spirits, ghosts, fairies, witches and elves.

According to druidic tradition, these souls of the dead roamed the city on Halloween night and returned to haunt the homes where they once lived. The only way the current occupants of the house could free themselves from being haunted was to lay out food and give shelter to the spirit during the night. If they did not, the spirit would cast a spell on them. That is where the phrase “trick or treat!” comes from: They would be *tricked* if they did not lay out a *treat*.

The jack-o’-lantern was also a part of this belief system. The carved pumpkin symbolized a damned soul named Jack. According to the tale, Jack was not allowed into heaven or hell. So he wandered around in the darkness with his lantern until Judgment Day. Fearful people hollowed out turnips (and later pumpkins in the United States), carved an evil face on them, and a lit candle inside to scare him and other evil spirits away.

The Druids had other outlandish beliefs which have since turned into tradition. For example, they were afraid of black cats because they believed that when a person committed evil, he would be turned into a cat. Cats were thus considered to be evil. To scare them away, the Druids decorated their homes with witches, ghosts and the like. They also decorated with cornstalks, pumpkins and other goods in offering of thanks and praise to their false gods.

In addition to being Halloween, October 31 was also the New Year’s Eve of the Celts and Anglo-Saxons. To celebrate, they built huge bonfires on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits, and often offered their crops and animals to the evil ones as a sacrifice—sometimes they even offered themselves.

Some people believe that the only significance of Halloween was as All Hallows’ Eve, the evening before All Saints’ Day. But All Saints’ Day was originally celebrated by the Catholic Church in May. About A.D. 43 the Romans conquered the Celts and changed All Saints’ Day to November 1. The celebration remained the same with minor additions. The Roman Harvest Festival was then held in honor of Pomona, the goddess of fruit and trees (the practice of bobbing for apples is derived from this). And the Romans also wanted to honor the newly overpowered descendants of the Druids in Germany and Scandinavia, so All Saints’ Day and Halloween became unified with the same focus of reverencing the dead.

The combination of these customs has developed into the traditional celebration we call Halloween. **VICTORY**

Information for this article was taken from several sources.... all easily found at your local library. Most encyclopedias have information on the origin and history of Halloween.



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I believe one of the most important things God has called us to do is to meet together. Back in 1968, God told me, *I want you to conduct meetings where people can totally immerse in the Word of God.* He showed me exactly how to conduct them and that there were believers out there—believers like you—who had a strong hunger to lock in to His Word.

Today, as you join in the corporate anointing at these meetings, the intense exposure to the Word of God will renew your mind so you will become prosperous-minded, healed and well. —Kenneth Copeland



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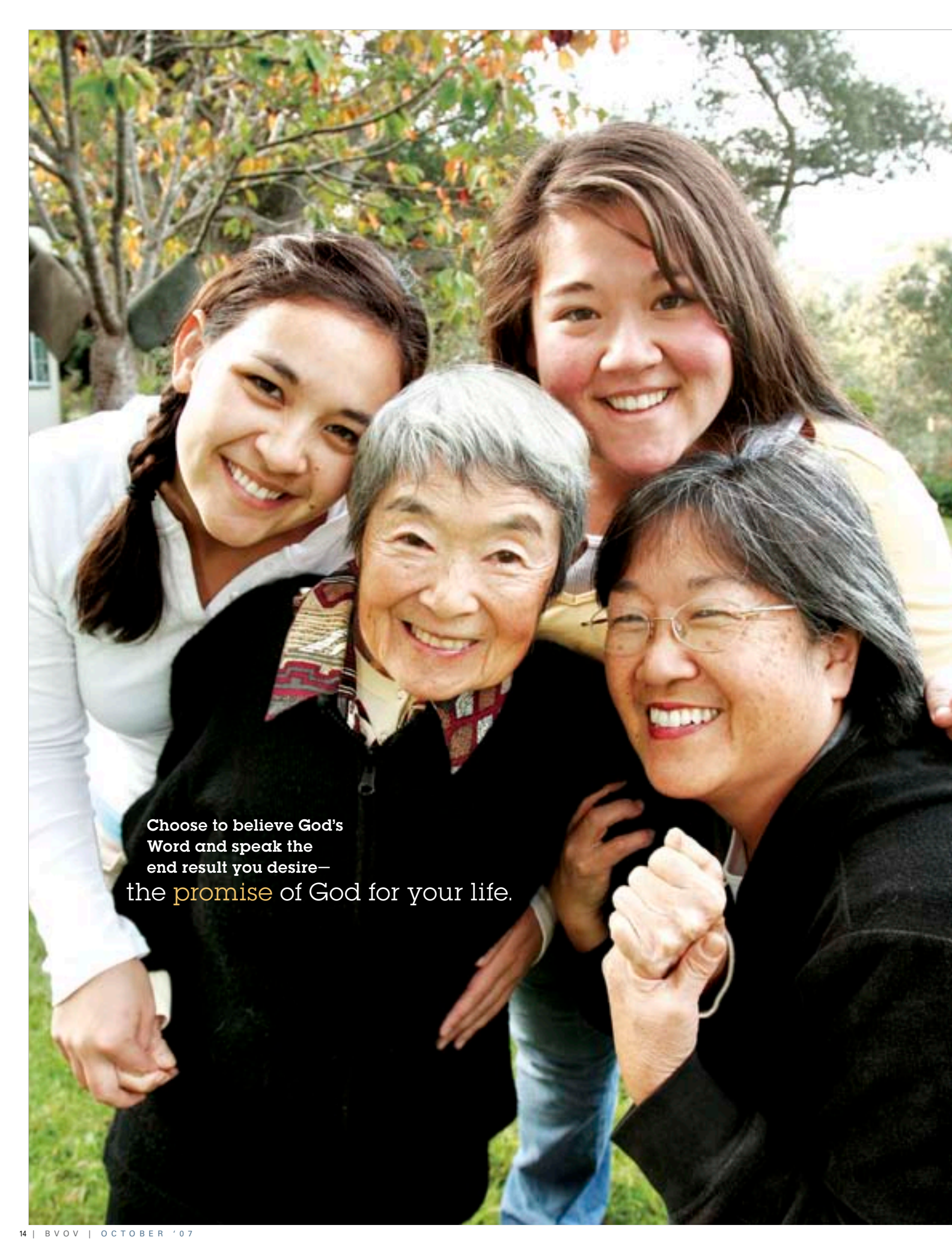
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A photograph of four women of different ages, from young adults to an elderly woman, all smiling and posing closely together outdoors. The background shows trees with some autumn-colored leaves. The text is overlaid on the lower-left portion of the image.

Choose to believe God's
Word and speak the
end result you desire—
the **promise** of God for your life.

Praying the Promises

“Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed.” (Romans 4:16)

BY GLORIA COPELAND

Whether you need healing, protection, prosperity or any other blessing God has promised, it takes faith to receive it. It takes making God's Word final authority in your life. *The Amplified Bible* says, “Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith...” (Romans 4:16). As you release your faith, it allows grace—God's unmerited favor—to flow to you.

But if you don't put the Word first, if you instead hold on to traditions of men, you won't be in a position to receive from God. The Bible says traditions make the Word of God of no effect (Matthew 15:6). They shut off the grace of God because there's no faith in them.

One tradition that has robbed the Body of Christ for years is praying, “If it be Thy will.” That may sound humble, but it's simply unbelief. It means you don't know God's will in that situation. It ties God's hands in your life because there is no faith.

Faith begins where the will of God is known. The Word of God is the will of God. Faith comes by hearing God's Word. You can have faith for whatever the Bible says is God's will.

God's Will Is Good

You can see God's will in the Garden of Eden, in heaven and in Jesus' ministry. The Garden was a little copy of heaven. It was a beautiful place where all of Adam and Eve's needs were met and everything was good (Genesis 2). There was no sickness, disease or lack until man sinned. There is none in heaven either because God's will is done there.

From the very beginning, God's will has been to bless man with good. That has never changed. In Malachi 3:6, He says, “For I am the Lord, I change not.”

To see the perfect will of God in manifestation on the earth, look at Jesus' ministry. He said, “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” (John 6:38). His prayer was, “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10).

Salvation Prayer

If you do not know
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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Jesus proclaimed, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19).

And according to 1 John 3:8, “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

Jesus came proclaiming God's Word to the people. Those who received that Word, and who received Him as sent of God, also received what God had for them—salvation, healing, deliverance, whatever they needed. God hasn't changed His method. Jesus operated in the earth by the Word. He defeated the works of the devil with “It is written.” We are to do the same.

Base Your Faith on the Word

If you try to receive from God without planting the seed of the Word (Luke 8:11), it's difficult. You're like the farmer who sits on the porch and says, “I believe in crops, but I'm not going to plant any seed this year. I'll just believe, and if it's God's will, my crop will come up.” That farmer will never see his crop.

Faith is a seed. If you don't plant it, it won't grow. And praying, “If it be Thy will” won't produce a harvest in areas

where the Word of God tells you what His will is.

"If it be Thy will" is a prayer of dedication. It is for situations in which you don't know God's will. When something is not written in the Word, then you can pray a prayer like, "Lord, if it's Your will, I'll go to Africa." But it is not a prayer that will change things.

Faith is what changes things in the physical realm. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." It takes faith to get substance.

According to Romans 10:17, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Faith comes from believing the promise of God.

If you don't know what God said about something, you don't have any basis for faith. It's your responsibility

to go to the Word and find out what He said. Proverbs 4:20-22 says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Standing on the Word makes God's power available to you.

Agree With God's Word

God has given us His Word to teach us about Himself, to teach us how He thinks and what His will is, so we can learn to agree with Him. We will have success in whatever areas we learn to agree with God, both in our words and our actions. He told Joshua, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;

but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

Once you find the will of God in a situation, you then know how to pray. Romans 10:8 says, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith." If you need a mountain moved out of your life, it requires believing God with your heart and speaking it out your mouth. The spirit of faith says what the Word says (2 Corinthians 4:13).

Faith makes a choice. Then it stands on that decision, based on the Word, until the manifestation comes. But when you say, "If it's Your will," you have made no choice.

Choose to believe God's Word and speak the end result you desire—the promise of God for your life. When you find out God's will and get in agreement with it, you can pray in faith. Faith will reach out and grab hold of the anointing of God to change whatever needs to be changed in your life. **VICTORY**



Tribute to a HERITAGE OF FAITH

Dear Kenneth and Gloria,

What a joy and privilege to honor you both for 40 years of ministry; and to honor you, Kenneth, on your 70th birthday!

The Scripture says to pay tribute to whom tribute is due and honor to whom honor is due. Therefore, it is with love, honor and respect that Jeanne and I salute you. Your lives and ministry have impacted millions around the world and have changed our lives. We could not have become who we are in Christ, nor accomplished our assignment without your love, teachings, wisdom, understanding, friendship and generosity. You are heroic givers.

We owe much of the revelation and understanding we have of the Word to you both.

We are blessed, healthy and full of joy because of your impartation into our lives. Your practical, yet in-depth presentation of the Scriptures through radio and television has changed the spiritual atmosphere of this world. Your uncompromising stance in the Word of God is a benchmark for generations to come.

Your marriage, your ministry and your family continue to be a witness to us all. Our friendship for over 30 years is a covenant relationship to us and we pray for God's continued strength and power on your lives forever.

Happy and Jeanne Caldwell
Agape Church
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Kenneth and Gloria,

Our first teaching tapes came from your ministry. Through your messages, our eyes were opened to the power of the Word, the goodness of God and His victorious will for all believers. Looking back, it was at that point that we began to hear and have enough faith to answer God's call on our lives.

It was also through your ministry that we became acquainted with Kenneth Hagin Ministries,

where we were able to train and serve.

Some years later we were blessed to have become personally acquainted with you. Your graciousness, hospitality and selfless giving never cease to amaze us.

Keith and Phyllis Moore
Faith Life Church/Moore Life Ministries
Branson, Mo.



Wouldn't it be great if you woke up every day with the sun shining and the birds singing? The reality is, some days it rains. Some days it even pours! There are situations that will try to challenge your walk with God and your love toward others. So what do you do when you feel rejected, when your heart hurts, when you feel lost or when you are tempted?

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GoodNewsGazette

Teaching Helps Save Marriage

Being Partners with KCM has been a tremendous blessing to me and my family. I was most impacted in the area of my marriage as we had been having some problems earlier on, and I definitely wanted out. However, the Lord had been dealing with me to look at myself and not my husband.

When I heard Brother Kenneth's teaching on the love of God and how real love was a choice and not a feeling, I decided to honor God and stay in the marriage. The Lord revealed that when I married my husband I not only made a commitment to him but also to God. My love for the Lord was the motivation to love my husband.

It was not an easy road and my resolve was immediately tested, but I can truly say God has been faithful and our marriage is sweeter now than it has ever been. We recently celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary! To God be the glory. Thanks, Kenneth and Gloria, for being wonderful examples of what marriage and family can be in Christ Jesus.

L.N. | Decatur, Ga.

Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him]...so shall your plans be established and succeed.

(PROVERBS 16:3, *THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE*)

Jesus Did His Part

Five and a half years ago I was diagnosed with stage four ovarian cancer and given no hope of survival. We are so thankful for the teaching we had received through KCM and our own pastor.

As soon as surgery was over and we returned home, I ordered Gloria's video *Healing School*, and Dodie Osteen's *Healed of Cancer* book. Due to heavy chemo treatments, I was unable to attend church. KCM became a major ministry to us. We watched it daily. We acted on the Word we heard—we refused to speak words of death and dying.

I've been in and out of treatment over the past five years, and the surgeon says, "You're the greatest miracle I've ever seen in my years of practice." The oncologist doesn't even know what to do anymore; I've gone way beyond his wildest expectations. I now lead two women's Bible studies and co-lead a couples' Bible study with my husband. Probably the most significant thing that happened to me to lift my faith and cause me not to doubt was when I heard Kenneth say, "Jesus already did His part. It is up to us to appropriate what Jesus already did." It even changed my prayer life. I went from *asking* God to heal me, to *thanking* God for what *was* done at Calvary.

L.R. | Gaudville, Mich.

Inmates Blessed by Books, Tapes

First of all, I want to say "God bless you" for the last order you sent to Liberty Hall. I wish you could see how hungry these women inmates are for the Lord and spiritual food. I am a case manager who is born again and spirit filled. I have been a Christian for 20 years and have worked in the prison system for 10 years. I have never seen such a loving ministry as KCM.

I was overwhelmed at the last prison I was at when I first asked Ken and Gloria for books and tapes. The prisoners were blessed, blessed, blessed! I could not believe the response we got. We had women filled with the spirit, saw one lady healed of a tumor on her throat, another delivered from drug addiction and family relationships restored. God is so good! *Thank you!*

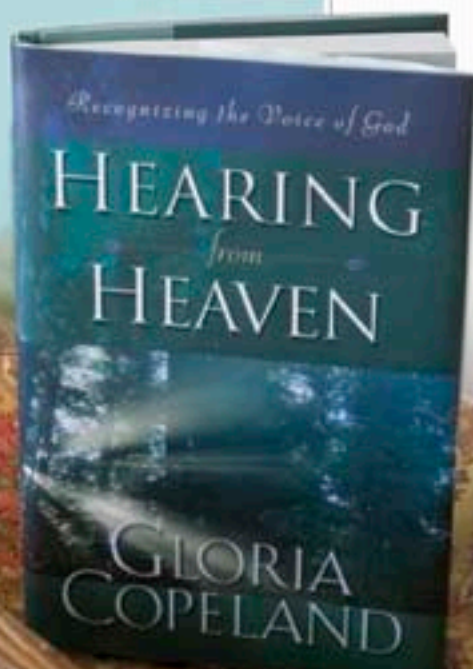
D.G. | Indiana

Set Free From Bondage of Smoking

I wanted to share some hope with our Partners. Shortly after returning from the Branson Victory Campaign, I believe the Lord knew I was ready to go further in my faith walk. He led me to Deuteronomy 28:61 and I began to confess that the name of smoking was under the curse and I am free from the curse—my Lord Jesus having become a curse for me, I have been set free from smoking and I am free indeed!

I didn't change my habits, except making a decision not to smoke when I drove, that's all. I did this less than a month and, by the grace of God, I woke up Easter morning a non-smoker. I didn't even realize it at first—the desire was just gone—after 32 years. Just like that! What an awesome God we serve!

Bill Thaw | Smyrna, Tenn.



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Give It All to Him

The Lord specifically spoke to my heart to write you this letter, Kellie, to say thank you. Your two-week teaching about God's rest on the January broadcast really ministered to my spirit.

I'm very active in what God wants me to do and it sometimes gets a bit overwhelming when I try to do it my way. So, your preaching reminded me to give it all up to God, and I did. Now, I have experienced a renewal, a refreshing and a rebirth. Praise God!

One week while I was listening to the broadcast, my daughter came down with the stomach flu. Usually I would get upset and feel helpless that I couldn't do anything for her. But this time, I cleaved to God's peace and deliberately rested in Jesus' arms. I handed her over to Him because He can do what I can't. I also spoke healing to her body and commanded sickness to release her in Jesus' Name! She woke up today and is completely healed! As for me, my whole mentality has changed! I feel so alive and rested! Thank you so much for stepping out in obedience and faith and teaching as the Holy Spirit prompted you to. It was a blessing.

K.S. | Chula Vista, Calif.

Live, and Not Die

I had a hysterectomy in 2004. The surgery appeared to go well, however, I was bleeding internally. My husband was in India on a mission trip and my mom was with me at the hospital. We knew something was terribly wrong. My abdomen was swelling, my blood pressure dropped to 50/23 and I could barely breathe. I told my mom to turn on a Christian TV program so I could have something to hold on to. Shortly thereafter, I heard Kenneth Copeland's voice say, "The anointing to live is within you." It was the spark I needed. I said loud and strong, "I will live and not die and declare the works of the Lord," and I have!

D.B. | Crosby, Texas

I have experienced a **renewal**, a **refreshing** and a **rebirth**.



Reconciled Through Prayer

I was suddenly reconciled to my mum after seven years of estrangement. Our relationship is as if the seven years never existed. These are all requests that I made to KCM for agreement in prayer and in my faith stand. Suddenly, this great harvest of manifestations of these prayers is being answered. The blessings are suddenly overtaking me. Thank you for your prayers. I think I've come out of the other end of a long tunnel and my wilderness has become a fertile plain. Thank you.

M.E. | United Kingdom

Faith Stand Leads to Healing

A year and a half ago, I was healed of a chronic pancreatic condition, which was so severe I spent 22 years in chronic pain. Your ministry taught me to speak healing scriptures over my body, so I built up my faith and the attacks stopped. I got off narcotics and was pain free. Ten days ago, I woke up in intense pain, so I went to the emergency room and was admitted to the hospital. I

was first put on morphine, but was later switched to another drug that caused a bad reaction and I stopped breathing.

A team pulled me through, but then my blood pressure went through the roof. I am now home on blood-pressure medication and doing well. I'm telling you all this to say that I had finally agreed to obey God's leading to go into a healing ministry and I believe Satan hit me hard. But greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world.

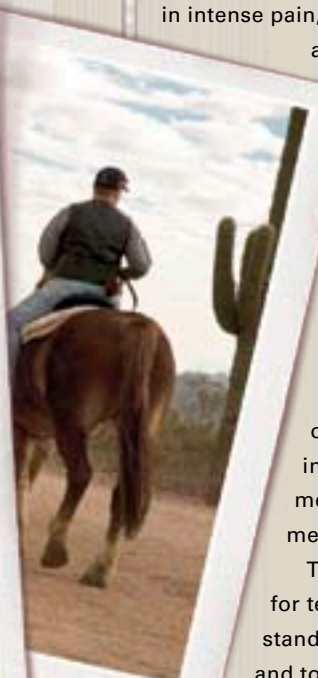
Thank you, KCM, for teaching me to stand on God's Word and to speak things that are not as though

they are. I have come through poverty to

being debt free and saving. I have learned to tithe and sow my seed into the kingdom of God. I am healed and delivered from unforgiveness and strife. When Jesus sets you free, you are free indeed.

L.A. | Canada

I am healed
and **delivered**



A photograph of a middle-aged Black man with a mustache, wearing a blue button-down shirt, smiling broadly. He has his right hand on the shoulder of a young Black child with curly hair, who is also smiling. They are outdoors with trees in the background.

God's **Best**, God's **Way** & Your **Choice**

BY JERRY SABELLE

We base our faith on
what the Word of God
says—not on what our
circumstances are.

When I met Kenneth Copeland in 1969, I was living my life the best way I knew how—the way that seemed right to me. | I provided for my family through hard work as a paint and body man. I treated my wife pretty well. I raised my two daughters as well as anyone I knew. We were getting along...barely getting along. | Then Brother Copeland came to town and into my life. The first time Carolyn dragged me to hear him, I just knew I was in for another boring sermon. Little did I know God was setting me up for a better way of life—His way!

You Can Live by the Bible?

I had always considered the Bible a storybook. My parents took me to church—I can't remember a time in my childhood when I didn't believe Jesus is the Son of God; that He died on the cross; was raised from the dead; and that He is coming back. I believed all those things.

But, I had no idea a person could live by what is in the Bible. I thought it was just something people carried to church on Sunday. The pastor gave you a little lesson, and then you put it back on the shelf or on the coffee table until the next Sunday. No one ever told me you lived by it.

Consequently, I didn't know any other way to live than the world's way—the way I had been taught by my parents. That's the only way they knew and they were good people. They were wonderful, loving people who took good care of us—but they didn't know God's way. And neither did I.

When I heard Brother Copeland preach the Word of God that night, I heard things I'd never heard before. All of a sudden, God was not just a storybook character. Jesus was not (as I heard Kenneth Copeland say that night) in the same class as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. All of a sudden, he made it sound like I could actually live by what's in that book.

I remember him holding up his Bible and saying, "This is God's Word. It is God's bond. Whatever God says about me, I can do, I can be and I can have." I suddenly realized that God's Word would work in my life and enable me to be the winner God wanted me to be.

The next day, down at the paint and body shop, I dug out the Bible Carolyn had given me from the back of the drawer in my desk, and I locked the shop doors. I found those scriptures that Kenneth Copeland had talked about the night before. I sat there all day and read them and cried like a baby. At the end of the day, I said, "God, if this is true, I'm going for it. I am not going halfway. I'm not going to be an average Christian. I'm going for this with everything I've got."

The Perfect Way

From the beginning, having God's best has been very important to me. I desire God's best and to have His best, I know I must do things God's way.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." If you will pursue God's way of doing things, make it your No. 1 pursuit, and apply what you discover about God's way, then things will start being added to you. Doing that puts you in the place of increase all the days of your life.

Why is that? Well, Psalm 18:30 tells us: "As for God,

All of a sudden, God was not just a storybook character.

Jesus was not (as I heard Kenneth Copeland say that night) in the same class as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny.

His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven" (*New King James Version*). That's a powerful statement! We don't have many perfect things in this world. But even in the midst of this imperfect world, the Bible says we can have something perfect—God's way.

The dictionary tells us that *perfect* means "having everything that is required to carry out something to the end." So, if we find out God's way regarding anything in our lives, and apply His way and stick with it, we will get His perfect results every time.

Every time! No excuses.

Someone might say, "Well, I'm doing it God's way and it's not working." That's not true. It couldn't possibly be true. If you're doing it God's way and God's way is perfect, then you could never say, "I tried it and it didn't work." We base our faith on what the Word of God says—not on what our circumstances are. If we're missing it, it's us—not God! His way is perfect and His Word is proven!

Proven means it has stood the tests of time and adversity. No matter what kind of pressure is put on it, it works.

If you don't settle this, you'll struggle with your faith for the rest of your life. So, settle it right now—say this: "Regardless of my experiences, regardless of experiences that I've heard about other people, and regardless of the times that have looked like it's not working, from this moment forward I am decreeing by faith that God's Word is perfect, His way is perfect. His Word is proven. That settles it and I will not accept anything less."

Teach Me Your Ways

Now you've settled that God's way is perfect. The next thing that needs to come out of your mouth is Psalm 27:11: "Teach me your way, O Lord" (*New King James Version*). He will do it—"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go" (Psalm 32:8, *New King James Version*). God is all for us knowing, learning and living His way.

There are only two ways to go. There is the way that *seems* right, and there is the way that *is* right...God's way. That's where your choice comes in: When we get revelation of God's way in our lives, we are headed for God's best. If we continue to do what *seems* right, we're headed for trouble.

I know that's true—I lived my life by the way that *seemed* best all the way up until 1969. I just didn't know God's way. For many years the way I thought seemed right didn't turn out right. I thank God for that day

when I began to ask Him to teach me His ways and got on the road to His best for me and my family.

God's Way Is Increase

When I began to understand God's best—His way—He began to show me His way is always the way of increase. When I found Psalm 115:12 and 14, I took hold of it as God's way and never looked back: "The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us.... The Lord shall

increase you more and more, you and your children."

Increase has been God's way since He spoke the first words ever heard by man. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...over every living thing.... I have given you every herb that yields seed...whose fruit yields seed" (Genesis 1:28-29, *New King James Version*).

God was talking to the first man in terms of His way of doing things—His best.

God had basically said to His first man, *Here's how you make it. You speak words of authority and you plant seed.* If we know how to exercise our God-given authority and how to sow seed, we will make it! With those two basic instructions, He taught Adam His way to live a life of increase.

If you want to make it on this planet—if you want God's best in your life—then follow God's instructions: Speak words of authority over everything that is trying to keep you from having God's best and sow seed toward it, and you'll have it. That's it!

If you are not experiencing the kind of increase in your life God desires you to have, then it is time to speak words of authority over the spirit of lack, then sow seed toward your breakthrough. Don't do one without the other...they work together. Exercise your authority first...then sow!

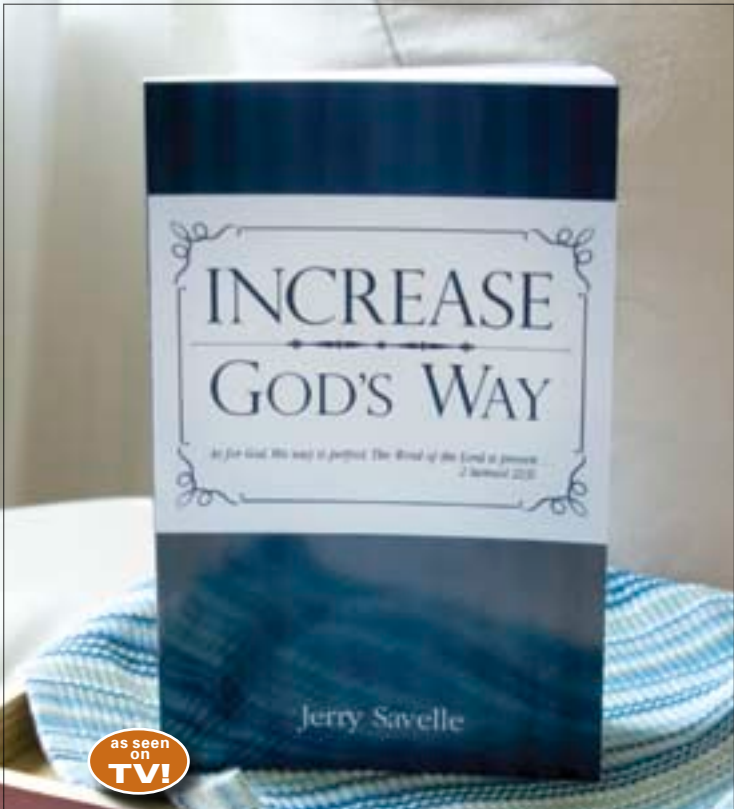
Jesus firmly established you and me in God's way when He appeared to the disciples after He had redeemed mankind through His death, burial and resurrection. He commanded them to go in His Name and use His authority (Matthew 28:18-19). I believe He was saying, *I'm putting back into motion what God intended for Adam to live on and what He intended for the rest of mankind to live on. I'm now bringing it back into order, and if you know you have authority and you understand the law of seedtime and harvest, no devil will ever be able to keep you from having God's best—God's way!*

You can choose God's best, God's way, today. Realize He gave His Word for you to live by. He gave you authority over this earth and the great law of seedtime and harvest to make sure everything in your life worked out the way He planned.

I remember well the day I made the choice to go God's way—the decision to place myself and my family in position to always receive His best in life. And, I'm telling you...it has been a great life! **VICTORY**



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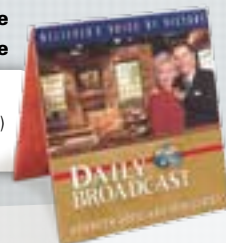
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the Road to excellence

Recently, God has been raising up ever-growing numbers of people who are hungry. Hungry to know their Lord in a deeper way. Hungry to be all He planned for them to be. Hungry to serve Him—in pulpits, on mission fields, in homes, in office buildings and anywhere else He might choose to send them.

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BY KENNETH COPELAND



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Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Jesus said it this way: “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

If you’re truly going to put the Word first, you’re going to have to do more than casually read the Scriptures a few minutes a day. You’re going to have to feed on them night and day. You’re going to have to get rid of all that other rubbish that you’ve been feeding into your consciousness by reprogramming your mind with the Word of God.

“Oh, Brother Copeland,” you may say, “that’s unreasonable!”

Yes, it is. But consider this. A music major in college practices for hours every day. Olympic skaters spend six to eight hours a day training for their routines. They do it because they’re unreasonably committed to their goals.

The same is true for you. If you’re going to achieve the kind of spiritual excellence you’re hungry for, you’re going to have to be unreasonably committed to the Word of God, especially during the beginning years of training!

You need to permeate your mind with the Word by listening to tapes of the New Testament and good, solid, Bible-based sermons.

That may well mean that you’ll have to carry a tape recorder around with you everywhere you go. It may mean that you’ll have your razor in one hand and your tape recorder in the other, or a tape recorder in one hand and a fork in the other. You may have a tape recorder in the car, in the lunch basket, and on the nightstand. You might even use a tape recorder for an alarm clock!

Do whatever it takes to totally saturate yourself with the Word of God.

I know it won’t be easy, but if you’ve made a definitive decision to amount to something in the ministry of Jesus Christ and you are determined to take the Great Commission seriously, then you must be diligent. Satan is going to oppose you, and you must be prepared to do battle.

I would speak to you no differently if I were your commanding officer about to send you into combat against the best-trained, elite troops of a savage enemy. If you ever find yourself untrained, untaught and suddenly thrust into battle against Satan’s storm troops, you’ll understand the gravity of the situation.

You are God’s front-line assault force. You have an enemy who is

Kenneth Copeland
Ministries Headquarters is
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“The entire project at Eagle Mountain is very special to my heart,” said Brother Copeland in 1979 when construction began. “It is one that will not only affect the spiritual complexion of the world, but will in some way touch you and every member of your family.” And with the gospel going out from this property on every available voice, those prophetic words have most certainly come to pass. **VICTORY**

doing his dead-level best to destroy you. You will be fired upon. In this crucial, all-out, no-holds-barred offensive, Satan has dispatched hell's choicest personnel to bring you down. He's going to do everything he can to make sure you fail.

So, fully arm yourself with the Word of God. Be prepared to win and you will!

I praise God for you and for all the other excellent soldiers He has hand-picked to serve Him in these last climactic days. And I urge you to put yourself in training. Use every available moment to read, study, listen to and meditate on the Word of God.

Be unreasonably committed! Put the Word first and there will surely be glorious victories ahead. **VICTORY**

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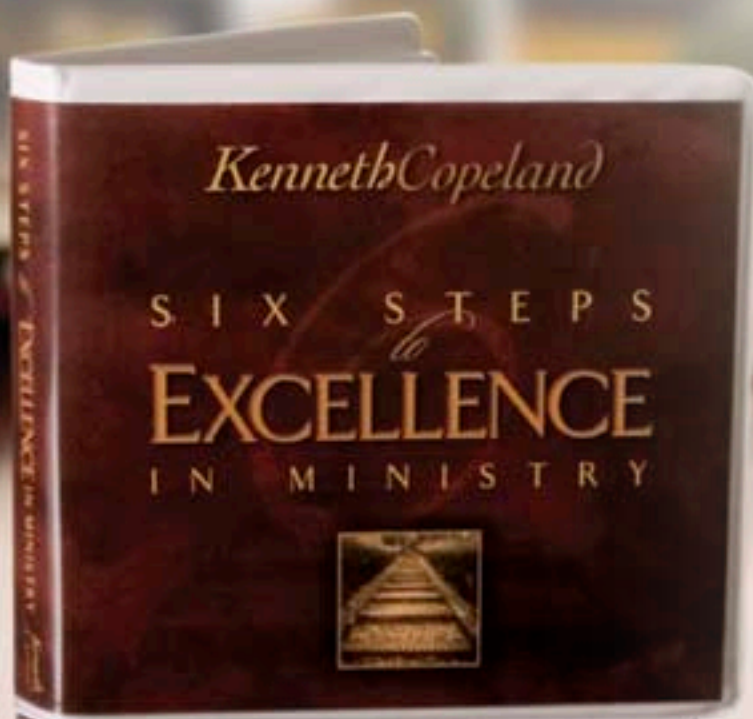
3. Follow the Leadership of the Holy Spirit—"God's principal method of guiding His people is through the ministry of the Holy Spirit...not by prophecies, dreams, visions or 'supernatural' phenomena." You must let *Him* lead you.

4. Strip Away the Things of the World—Now is the time to rid our lives of sin, "spiritual junk food," man-made schemes, and the cares of this world. Now is the time "to separate unto" Him.

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I'm Standing in My Dream!

In their 40 years of ministry, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have never asked anyone for a place to preach. They made that promise to the Lord in the beginning and have been faithful to it ever since. | But throughout the years, Kenneth, who is himself part Cherokee, has always held the desire in his heart to someday preach to his people. His heart has been with them since he was a boy. He often said, "Whenever it is my time, I'll go. I don't care what already may be arranged. I don't care where I am or what I'm doing. When that invitation comes from my people, I'll go."



That day finally came in 1999, when Kenneth received an envelope in the mail with the great seal of the Cherokee Nation in the top, left-hand corner. He didn't even open the letter—he just stood there and cried. In his heart he knew, *This is it. Glory be to God!*

Five months later, May 15, 1999, Kenneth and Gloria took the platform on a beautiful evening in Tahlequah, Okla., the government seat of the Cherokee Nation. Kenneth declared, "I'm standing in my dream!"

Joe Bird, then chief of the Cherokee Nation, welcomed Kenneth and Gloria. He said, "We wrote the letter. Within four days he responded. Mr. Copeland said that it was his lifelong dream to come and fellowship with the people." He went on to say, "When you have faith and you have so many people working together for a common cause, then everything is possible."

Kenneth was eager to start the evening, and prayed for the people of the Cherokee Nation:

Father, You have honored me by being my Lord and my Savior. You have honored Gloria and me by answering every prayer that we have prayed over the years. And tonight, You honor us by our being able to stand in this place. And we honor You. We uplift Your Name.... Tonight, in the Name of Jesus, for the first time, I'm able to publicly pray on this holy ground for the Cherokee Nation and its

strength and its leadership and its place in God's plan for the redemption of mankind; and its influence and its strength and its power to influence people all over the world. And we give You the praise and the honor for it. And we pray for the Native American nations throughout this land, and in the Name of Jesus we boldly confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

The night was filled with music as the choir sang hymns and led songs of praise. Kenneth preached about the covenant of blood God made with all the people of the earth through Jesus Christ, a message readily received by a people whose history is so deeply rooted in covenant. Nineteen people made Jesus Lord of their lives that evening, 32 prayed to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many left refreshed and changed forever by the message they had heard.

Kenneth stood before his people and declared in prayer over the families, the chief, the council and the elders of the nation that *the wisdom of God and the knowledge of God and all spiritual understanding would lead and guide the nation into its finest hour.*

As the evening of his dreams drew to a close, Kenneth's final words summed up the day. "I'm leaving here better than I came. More blessed than I've ever been. To the glory of God, the Father! Shout amen, somebody!" **VICTORY**





BY GLORIA COPELAND

[God's dream]

MAN'S DOMINION

God has cherished a dream in His heart ever since the foundation of the world. For thousands of years that dream remained a mystery to everyone but Him. But Ephesians tells us that plan is no longer a secret. The mystery has finally been revealed.

What is the deepest yearning in the heart of the Father? What is His dream? His plan? God's greatest longing is, and always has been, to have a people who are like Himself, made of the same substance of which He is made. His desire is to have a family that is of one mind and one spirit with Him.

That was His plan when He made the first man. When God breathed the breath of life into Adam,

He transmitted His very self into him. God imparted the same spiritual substance of which He is made into Adam's being. Thus God said, "Let us make man in our image...and let them have dominion...over all the earth...and subdue it" (Genesis 1:26-28). Dominion is that inherent power God has in which man was destined to walk.

But, Adam chose to separate himself from God. Through

disobedience (Genesis 2:17), Adam lost his union with God. Sin cut him off from the flow of divine life. Man therefore lost the dominion that was his nature to exert.

Death Passed Down to All Men

Romans 5:12 tells us that through Adam's disobedience, spiritual separation from God was passed down to all men. "For if by one man's offence death [meaning spiritual separation from God] 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" (Romans 5:17). Through Jesus Christ, God bought back for man everything Adam lost.

When you were born again, you were translated out of the power of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Colossians 1:13). Your new birth restored you to God's original purpose for your life. You received back into yourself everything Adam lost through the Fall. You are now destined to exercise the dominion God gave man over sin, sickness, demons and fear.

Walk in Newness of Life

Now that you are born again, Romans 6:4 tells you what you are to do with the new life you have received. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

How was Christ raised up from the dead? By the glory of the Father. We are to walk in newness of life by the glory of the Father. The Scripture reveals to us that the Spirit of God and the glory of God are one and the same (Romans 8:11; 6:4). Therefore, we walk in newness of life by walking in the spirit. The spirit is that part of us which has been made to be like God.

If you will allow the "newness of life" that has been imparted to your spirit by the new birth to govern your words and actions, you can manifest the dominion you were born to manifest. God's deepest longing is that so much of Himself be manifest through you that the things of this world bow down before the light of God that is in you.

Be Responsive to God...

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:6-11).

What does it mean to be dead to sin? It means sin does not get your attention. You are not responsive to that realm. You have been born *out* of that kingdom and translated *into* the kingdom of light.

If you are alive unto God, you are responsive to Him. You are sensitive to the Spirit of God. You give your attention to your inward man to hear the voice of the Spirit of God. You hear the thoughts and the intents of the heart of God coming to you in your spirit.

...As a Servant of Righteousness

Being then made free from sin [by the new birth], ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness (Romans 6:18-20).

Who makes the decision whether you yield to sin or to righteousness? *You* do. The Spirit of God does not do it for you. He is your *Helper*. He reinforces and strengthens you once you make the decision. The Holy Spirit works out in you the power and the desire to will and to work for God's good pleasure, satisfaction and delight (see Philippians 2:13, *The Amplified Bible*). God did not intend for you to make it on your own strength or on the strength of your own born-again spirit. God wants to be one spirit with



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you so that He can be your Strengtheners, Standbys, Helpers, Teachers, Comforters, Intercessors and Advocates. All of the elements to walk free from sin and in victory over Satan are in you by the new birth and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

A New Heart

God wants us to walk in His ways so much that He gave us a heart to do it and put Himself in us to empower us. Ezekiel 36:26-27 says:

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

God said He would cause us to walk in His judgments and do them. To walk in newness of life, we need

to change our thoughts to agree with God's thoughts. We can do this by renewing our minds to the Word. When we seek to know God and His ways, He teaches us how to conduct ourselves as He conducts Himself, how to think like He thinks and how to act like He acts.

One preacher said, "The one thing that we are responsible for is our union with God." If we keep our union and fellowship with Him, everything else will be taken care of. We need to set our minds on Him because that is where our help comes.

You need to maintain your fellowship with the Lord particularly when the storms of life come. The storm may be a sickness in your body. The temptation will be to settle your attention and your mind on that problem. You won't want to think about anything else but that sickness. But that is no way to get rid of it. That's the way to keep it. The storms of life can't defeat you! What you do when the storms come determines whether you will walk in victory or defeat. You can keep your union with the Lord Jesus Christ intact when you get in trouble, and God will bring you out of trouble.

How do you do that? By

Question & Answer by Kenneth Copeland

Q: I grew up in a church that taught you could never really be certain of your salvation. So I'm in constant anxiety. One day I feel saved...the next day I feel like I've lost my salvation. And sometimes I wonder if I've ever really been saved at all. Is there any way I can be sure of where I stand with God?

A: Yes! You can be sure, beyond any doubt, that you've been born again. The Bible is very clear about that. In Romans 10:9-10 it says, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Read that verse again. It says *thou shalt be saved*. It doesn't say you might be saved or you might not be saved. It says you *shall* be!

It's that Word, that promise from God, that guarantees your salvation. Your feelings have nothing to do with it.

Let me show you what I mean. Suppose someone said to you, "I went to the bank this morning and deposited \$1,000 in your bank account." How do you know they actually did what they said? You probably won't feel \$1,000 richer. But your feelings have nothing to do with it. If that person's word is good, you will believe him.

That's how it is with your salvation. You know you have it because you have

God's Word on it, and He doesn't lie. He means what He says. If He said it, then you can believe it. At times, His Word may be the only evidence you have that you are saved, but that is all the evidence you need! Feelings come and go, but God's Word never changes.

If you cannot remember a specific time in your life when you followed the instructions in Romans 10:9-10, confessing Jesus as your Lord and believing on Him with your heart, take that step right now so you'll never doubt your standing with God again. Say:

"Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, I present myself to You.

"I pray and ask Jesus to be Lord over my life. I believe in my heart and say with my mouth that He is the Son of God, that He came to earth in a human body, was crucified for my sins, was raised from the dead, and is now seated at Your right hand.

"This moment I declare Him to be Lord over my life.

"Jesus, come into my heart. I believe this moment that I am saved. I say it now: I am reborn. I am saved. I am a child of Almighty God! Amen."

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setting your affection on things above rather than on things of this earth. If you live your life to please the Lord, you will not live in fear or defeat. You *will* have confidence toward God.

As long as we live in this world and there is a devil, there will be times of testing and trials. But when a problem arises, we tend to set our minds on that problem instead of setting our affection on things above. The trials come in order to distract us from the one thing God wants us to do, and that is to keep up our union and fellowship with Him.

If we start thinking about the problem and the sickness or disease, then we will forget that we have been raised up to sit with Him in heavenly places. When we set our minds on the problem, we become discouraged and lose sight of the victory that we have in Christ Jesus. And faith won't work in a fearful and discouraged heart.

Spiritual Maturity

A sign of spiritual maturity is when the storms of life come and the believer stays on the Word of God. He maintains his union with God. He keeps his fellowship with God intact even though trouble is trying to distract him. This is walking by faith.

When faith is flowing out of a man, his very presence will repel every form of darkness and disease. The emanation of the Spirit of God from your spirit will repel the works of the devil. That agrees with Proverbs 4:23, doesn't it? "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are [or flow] the issues [forces] of life." As you keep your mind fixed on the Lord, those forces rise out of your spirit and repel sickness and disease. They repel the devil, discouragement and fear.

This is why you must reckon yourself dead to sin. Sin produces fear and fear causes the spirit of man to lose its sense of dominion. Fear causes the mind to become subjective and subservient to Satan. When Christ ceases to reign and the consciousness of dominion diminishes, a man's whole attitude toward life changes. Discouragement sets in and he listens more and more to the lies of the devil and suppresses the life of God that is in him. But Christ coming into a man's life by the Spirit exalts his nature into divine dominion.

Rivers of Living Water

When I was in the Philippines, I was teaching about how the issues of life flow out of the believer. As I was preparing to minister, I looked out the window and saw a large fountain. The water was shooting up out of this fountain with great force. As I watched that fountain, I could imagine that as long as the water gushed out, the

pressure would drive out anything that would try to force its way into the opening. And the greater the flow, the less likely it would be for a foreign object to enter the opening.

As I watched the water gush with such force, I remembered that Jesus said, "Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). And the Bible says He spoke of the Spirit when He said that. I realized that as long as there is a flow of the Spirit from out of us, and we live in an attitude of resistance to the devil, his force is repelled.

The Bible says we are to protect our hearts with all diligence, for out of it flow the issues, or forces, of life. I knew that those forces—the rivers of living water—were the fruit or the produce of the spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance (see Galatians 5:22-23). These forces repel the things of the devil. Joy repulses discouragement. Faith drives away fear. As you walk with your heart in tune and in union with God, the rivers of living water from out of your belly will drive out the things of the devil.

Your responsibility is to keep your union with God alive. How? Romans 7:6 in *The Amplified Bible* says now that you have been born again, you are not to walk after the old code of written regulations but under obedience to the promptings of the Spirit in newness of life. In other words, your union with God takes the place of the written regulations of the Old Covenant. Reckon yourself alive unto God and dead to sin. Walking in newness of life is walking after the promptings of the Spirit. It is making adjustment after adjustment in your life. As the Lord reveals something to you, you change accordingly.

One Spirit With the Lord

First Corinthians 6:17 says he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. He is in union with us so that He can talk to us heart-to-heart. He speaks to our spirits and then our spirits transmit His thoughts to our minds. God wants us in union and in harmony with Him so that His thoughts become our actions. He wants us to walk so closely with Him that we never lack power to overcome the evil of this world.

The Holy Spirit is in you to teach you to walk after the resurrection life that is within you. As you do, you will manifest the presence of God to heal, deliver and bless the world around you. It is the life of God that overcomes death.

Make a fresh commitment today to walk in the newness of life that has been imparted to you through the new birth. Give your attention to the Lord in your inner man, to be dominated by the Holy Spirit and not by the world or the flesh. Allow the power of the resurrected Christ to flow through you to raise you to new heights of spiritual growth and awareness. **VICTORY**



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