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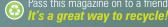
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No matter how insignificant you might feel at times, God has declared plainly in the Bible that He set you in the Body of Christ as it pleased Him (1 Corinthians 12:18). He created you and called you with a specific plan in mind: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord...I know the thoughts that I think toward you... thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Jeremiah 29:11, New Internation Version and King James Version).

"Oh Brother Copeland, I'd like to believe that," you might say, "but my circumstances have boxed me in on every side. Right now I can't see how I could accomplish any mission for God—big or small!"

Then get your eyes off your circumstances and look at Jesus. He'll show you how. He had a mission when He was on earth just like you do, and circumstances tried to box Him in too. But He fulfilled His assignment regardless of everything that came against Him.

He didn't do it by using the special power that belonged to Him as a member of the Godhead, either. During His earthly ministry He "stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity]" (Philippians 2:7, *The Amplified Bible*). He set aside His advantages as Deity. He operated as a man anointed by God and lived by faith.

Jesus thought, said and did everything by faith because faith is what pleases God. And if we study His life, listen to His words and watch Him in action, we can follow in His footsteps. We can uncover the secrets of His success.

Some of the most powerful of those secrets can be found in the book of Mark. I call them secrets not because Jesus

Believe to hear in your spirit what God is saying to you. Stay prepared to hear His voice all the time.

tried to hide them—His life was an open book and we have the Book—but because religion has blinded people to them. In Mark 11:11-26, in a single 24-hour period of his life, Jesus provided us with a blueprint of faith that can help us all carry out God's plan for our lives.

Oddly enough, it starts with a verse that seems almost insignificant. It says simply that Jesus went to the temple in Jerusalem, "looked round about upon all things, and [when] the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve" (verse 11).

You might be tempted to wonder why that verse is included in the Bible. What's so noteworthy about Jesus spending an uneventful day in the temple? All He did was watch what was going on. He didn't do or say anything.

That's exactly the point.

That temple was being run like a casino! Money-changers were swindling people. Merchants were carting stuff back and forth while people were trying to worship. It was an ungodly mess! Yet Jesus didn't get mad about it. He didn't make a single move to correct the situation. He just watched.

What was going on?

He was listening to God. He knew God had a plan and He was not going to speak or act until He knew what that plan was. He only did and said what He saw and heard from His Father. (See John 5:19, 30, 8:28.) So He waited for God to tell Him what to do.

Christians today should do the same. But all too often, when they run

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into trouble, they just start mouthing off. They call everyone they know. "We've got to pray!" they say. "The doctor said Mama is sick! Mama might die! Oh God help us!" They don't even know what's wrong with Mama yet, but they're going wild.

It's time we stopped that silliness and realized the first thing we need to do in every situation is get quiet and ask God for wisdom. "Wisdom is the principal thing" (Proverbs 4:7). Not a principal thing. The principal thing.

"But God doesn't ever talk to me!" you might say.

Yes, He does. He's not an absentee Father. He hasn't left you on your own. You're His child. He's responsible for everything that happens to you 24 hours a day for the rest of your life. Your spiritual ears may have been too plugged up with unbelief to hear Him, but He's speaking to you all the time.

The Bible makes that clear. It says:

The Holy Spirit will teach you all things and guide you into all truth. He will take the wisdom of the Father and all that is in Christ Jesus and declare it to you. (John 14:26, 15:15-16)

We can believe we have WHATSOEVER we say

then get on with our assignment.

If you ask for wisdom with no doubting, God will give it to you liberally without upbraiding. (James 1:5)

Jesus speaks to you and you know His voice. (John 10:3-5)

So open up your ears by choosing to put faith in The WORD. Believe to hear in your spirit what God is saying to you. Stay prepared to hear His voice all the time.

peak Words of Faith to the Obstacles

After Jesus spent the day in the temple getting the plan of God, He went back to Bethany for the night. Then, the next morning He headed back to Jerusalem to fulfill His assignment. On the way, He got hungry. "And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet" (Mark 11:13).

At one time or another we all run into this situation. We step out to obey God and find ourselves facing a circumstance that refuses to cooperate. That's what happened to Jesus. The fig tree told Him, "I don't care if You are on a mission for God; You're not getting anything to eat off me!"

How did Jesus respond? With words of faith.

He answered the tree and said to it, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it" (verse 14).

Notice, Jesus said only nine words

to that tree. He said only what God told Him to say. Then He walked away believing His words would come to pass. He didn't stand there staring at the tree and praying to make sure it died. He didn't dig around the roots to see if His words of faith were working.

No, from that moment on, as far as Jesus was concerned the fig tree didn't exist anymore. It was history. So He turned His back on it and continued His mission.

As believers, we can do that too. When something tries to oppose the success of our God-given mission, we can deal with it by saying to it whatever God directs (nothing more and nothing less). We can believe we have whatsoever we say (Mark 11:23) then get on with our assignment.

On that particular day, Jesus' assignment was back at the temple so, once He dealt with the fig tree, that's where He went. When He got there:

[He] began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. And when even was come, he went out of the city (verses 15-19).

The Power of the Plan Will Change the Circumstances

When we read about Jesus toppling tables and getting rid of money-changers, we might think

His mission that day was to clean house. But it really wasn't. His mission

was to teach The WORD. The ungodly ruckus in the temple would have prevented Him from doing it effectively, so He got rid of it. He changed the circumstances so that they aligned with the will of God.

It's a miracle He was able to do it. There were more than enough money-changers and religious leaders on hand to stop Him. But they couldn't and here's why: God always backs His plans with His power.

That's not just true in Jesus' case, it's true for you too. Once you know God's plan and start acting on it by faith, the power of that plan will change the circumstances around you so you can carry out what God has called you to do.

I've seen it proven throughout my life and ministry again and again. I've watched God work major and minor miracles to open the way for me to get my job done. One I especially enjoyed might not seem very big to some people. But it sure did bless me.

It happened a couple of years ago on a Saturday in Columbia, S.C. I'd been preaching some meetings there and I'd just finished up the last service. I was tired, and my mission was to get home. So I got in the car and headed straight for the airport.

On the way, I found out there was a problem. The airplane door was stuck. Nobody could get it open. So I called our chief pilot, Duane Flanagain. "What's the matter with the door?" I asked.

"Brother Kenneth, I don't know. The key worked fine but the door won't budge. It won't even loosen up enough for me to get my fingers in behind it. I called the factory and they said they could get a team over here in a few hours, drill some holes in a couple of places and try to fix it."

I wasn't interested in anyone drilling holes in our airplane, so I told Duane just to wait for me at the airport. Then I leaned my head back against the seat of the car and asked for wisdom. "LORD Jesus, I'm inquiring of You, Sir, for words to speak to that airplane door."

Right away I heard this in my spirit. Say this: Door, open now. So, that's what I said.

As soon as I got it out of my mouth, The LORD spoke to me again.

Do you remember the scripture in My WORD that says, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"?

"Yes, Sir," I said. I'd never thought of applying that verse to this kind of problem. But when The LORD brought it to my attention I realized I could. With my mind's eye I saw all the parts inside that door working together to open it. So I declared the verse out loud by faith.

A few minutes later Duane called. "Brother Kenneth, after we talked, I thought, I'm going to try that door one more time. I did and it opened up just as slick as can be. So come on to the airport. We're going home."

Why did that happen?

Because I'm on a mission for Jesus and I followed His example. I asked God for wisdom and spoke by faith to the circumstances that opposed me. Then the power of God changed those circumstances so I could get on with what He's called me to do.

Actually, what God did for me that night in South Carolina was a small example of what He did in a big way for the Apostle Paul on his boat ride to Rome. Paul had a lot more to deal with on that trip than a stuck door. The ship he was on sailed into a hurricane called a Euroclydon and went around in circles for two weeks. Everyone was throwing up and they all thought they were going to die, even Paul. He said, "When neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away" (Acts 27:20).

But God had a plan—and it did not include His apostle drowning at sea.

So He sent an angel to remind Paul of his mission. "You can't die!" he said. "You have an assignment to fulfill! God has called you to testify about Jesus in front of Caesar."

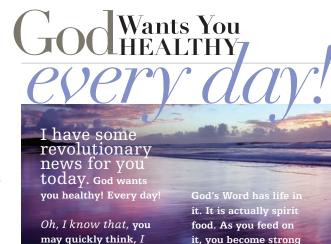
Suddenly, Paul's attitude changed. He went up on deck in the middle of that storm and said to the crew, "Cheer up, boys! We're going to be all right! We're on a mission for God. He has a plan and we're going to fulfill it."

Sure enough, everyone on that ship survived. Paul got his mind back on his mission and it got bigger than the storm! The power of the mission ordered the circumstances and got Paul to Rome where he completed his assignment.

If you'll focus on God's plan for your life, the same will happen to you. His plan will get bigger than sickness. It will get bigger than money. It will get bigger than any contrary circumstance the devil can throw in your way.

So get your eyes off the problems and onto the plan. Get your heart set on the day you'll stand before Jesus and be able to say:

"Mission accomplished, Sir!"



Yes, that's true. He will. But that's not what I'm saying. I'm telling you God's perfect will is for you to live continually in divine health. His will is for you to walk so fully in the power of His Word that sickness and disease are literally pushed away from you. Isn't that good news?

know God will heal me

when I get sick.

You've probably heard a lot about God's healing power, but there is a difference between divine healing and divine health. Years ago, the powerful preacher John G. Lake put it this way, "Divine healing is the removal by the power of God of the disease that has come upon the body. But divine health is to live day by day, hour by hour in touch with God so that the life of God flows into the body just as the life of God flows into the mind or flows into the spirit."

Proverbs 4:20-22 tells us God's Word is life to us and health to our bodies. That word health in Hebrew means "medicine."

When you read the Word and meditate on it, you are actually taking God's medicine. If you will be faithful to take it continually, eventually it will be as hard for you to get

sick as it was for

you to get well.

spiritually and

physically.

But it's a process. You can't just read the healing scriptures once and then go on about your business. You must continually feed on the Word of God to keep healing in your life. When you do that, you'll be walking healed every day! You'll be walking in divine health. VICTORY





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Kenneth Copeland Ministries continues to point children to Jesus. We cling to the truth that they are important to the kingdom of God because we understand that they are the future of the Body of Christ. And we take the mission of training them—to take their rightful place in Jesus, to understand their covenant rights and to hold closely to the Word of God—very seriously.

"By arming young people with the Word and by helping to strengthen their spirits, it helps them make right decisions and live anointed lives," says Kellie Copeland Swisher, leader of KCM's children's ministry.

In 2010, KCM released the Superkid Academy Children's Church Curriculum. For the first time, churches around the world had the opportunity to replicate Superkid Academy in their own congregations, providing the same excellent ministry that children have received over the past 15 years through the original Superkid Academy at Eagle Mountain International Church and at KCM's annual Believers' Conventions. The first five volumes of the curriculum include: My Father Loves Me!; The Fruit of the Spirit in

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With her extensive experience as a children's pastor, Kellie knows the challenges that churches face in finding a quality, kid-friendly curriculum that teaches the integrity of God's Word. "[The Superkid Academy Curriculum] has faith and healing and all the things you want your children to know, and yet, you [the churches] don't have to write it. You can hand the pieces off to your volunteers and staff, and you can put preparation, practice and prayer into what you're doing, instead of having to create these things [from scratch]; we've done that for you."

Spiritual Growth

Currently, 1350 churches worldwide have implemented the life-changing children's church

curriculum with exciting results. For Pastors Raul and Elizabeth de la Matta, of Maranatha

Worldwide Ministries in Elgin, Ill., the effect has been profound.

"Superkid Academy has turned around our whole children's ministry," Elizabeth said. "This is one of the first curriculums I've seen that was really saturated in teaching the kids about the Trinity, speaking in tongues and prayer—all the things we teach. This curriculum motivates the children to become the next leaders."

Elizabeth and her teachers were especially excited when the opportunity arose to implement the *Superkid Academy Children's Church Curriculum* in an after-school program for 60 first- through eighth-graders at a nearby public school

during the end of this past school year.

"The verses the curriculum uses and the way it explains them enables children to understand and open their hearts and receive what is being said," Elizabeth said. And in the 10 years she has been pastoring, she admits, "It's been one of the greatest decisions I've made."

Elizabeth and her staff have witnessed a spiritual maturity and growth in their kids. "They are stepping up to pray more, they are bringing their Bibles and they



bringing Superkid Academy home

Parents worldwide can now bring the Superkid Academy experience home! The 2012 Southwest Believers' Convention marked the release of the newly revised Superkid Academy Home Bible Study for Kids: The Heart of a Superkid. And, a revised version of Sweet Life Home Bible Study was released in September 2012.

The new version is even friendlier for parents, home-schooling families and small group leaders to implement. Its flexible five-day plan offers 13 weeks of lessons, with very little planning required. Each week provides a Bible Lesson, Giving Lesson, Game and Activity Page, as well as two additional lessons like Read-Aloud Stories, Object Lessons and profiles of historic figures who demonstrated godly characteristics. Lesson variations offer added flexibility for families of different sizes and ages, and hands-on activities make the lessons even more memorable for active kids.

Home-schooling families, especially, will love the chance to integrate this character-based Bible curriculum with other academic areas, like writing, history and geography. And, in addition to the lesson book, families will receive a praise and worship CD that includes karaoke tracks so kids can lead their own worship services at home.

It's just one more way KCM is replicating Superkid Academy around the world. Whether in a large children's church auditorium or a small, family living room, Superkids are being trained for service in the kingdom of God. Saved, set free, anointed and trained—they are ready to do God's work and reveal His love to a desperate



want to take part in some area of ministry," she said. "The kids are responding."

Kids Reaching Kids

The Superkid Academy Children's Church Curriculum is just one more opportunity for KCM to fulfill its mission to "build an army of mature believers, bringing them from milk to meat, from religion to reality."

Cesar and Rita Minera, senior pastors of Ministerio Palabra de Vida (Word of Life Ministry) in Reno, Nev., have seen definite spiritual growth in their church's young people.

"The purpose of the curriculum is to make our kids into ministers, and that's what we are experiencing right now," Rita said. "The kids who are 12 and 13 years old are teaching the toddlers. The older kids are helping us teach the little ones the same curriculum."

The Mineras were so excited about the curriculum they decided to take it to the airways. As administrators of the bilingual radio station Life Radio, KXPO 1550 AM, they launched the children's radio program, "Superkids on the Air," in August 2011. The one-hour program, which features older kids, teachers and characters, airs each Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. At the end of the program, listeners are invited to call in to answer that week's Super Question for a prize. The show, which began with an audience of just 25 children, almost tripled in size in less than a vear.

"The curriculum teaches the kids who they are, what they have and what they can do in Christ," Rita said. "That's what the Superkid Creed says and what they have become. That's the most important thing for

me—their growth in the Word."

Rita was so excited about the curriculum that she and her husband implemented it in another church in South Lake Tahoe and even sent a Spanish version of the curriculum to churches in Mexico. In fact, there are now Superkid Academies around the world, including Australia, Canada and South Africa.

What the Future Holds

"It's powerful for your kids to learn the truth about who they are in Christ, about being ordinary kids doing extraordinary things through the power of God's Word," said Kellie.

KCM continues to receive testimonies of the Holy Spirit moving in the lives of children through the curriculum. Salvations, healings, baptisms in the Holy Spirit and spiritual maturity in the lives of children—those are the results that churches are witnessing. And we're not finished. Even now, KCM is preparing to release the next volume of the Superkid Academy Children's Church Curriculum in January 2013.

Having seen the fruit of Superkid Academy over the past 15 years, Kellie is eager to see where God takes this ministry in the future. "I'm excited about the Superkid Academies and the Superkids who are being trained up," she said. "We get results, and Superkids are going to be all over the world."

And as those children grow and mature in the Word of God, we're confident they will have a tremendous impact. They are the future of the Body of Christ, of course—Spirit-led believers who know who they are in Jesus. How can the world be anything *but* changed? VICTORY

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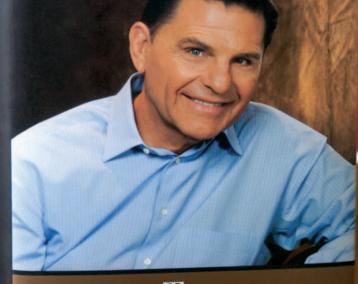


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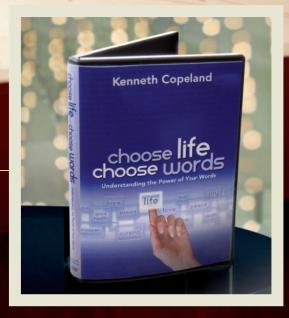
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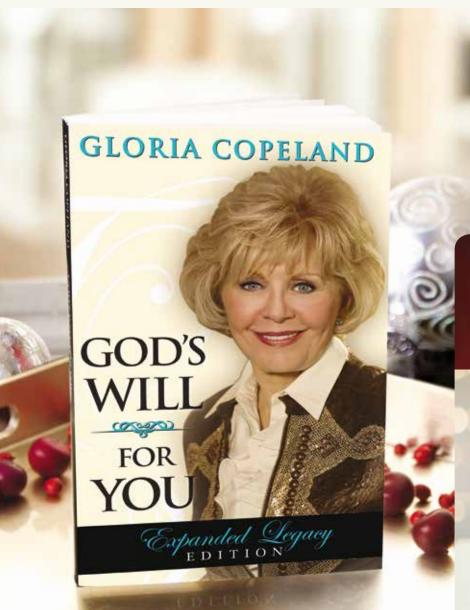
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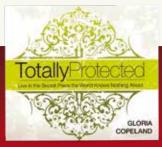
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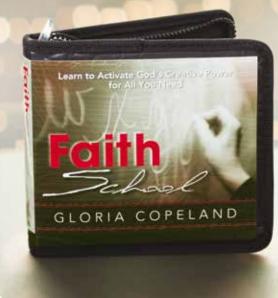
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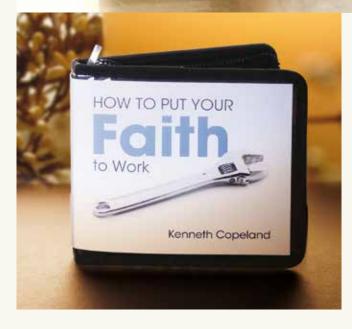
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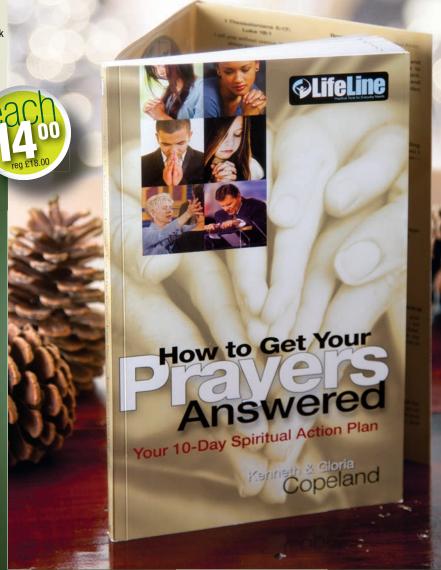
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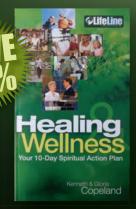
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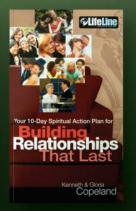


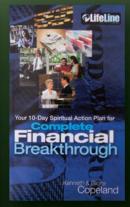
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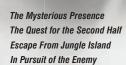
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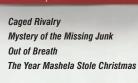
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Healed by the Power of God

I watched Pastors George and Terri teach on healing at the beginning of this year. When Pastor George prayed, I felt the power of God go into my body and I claimed healing for my ankles. The pain and swelling are gone. I am still confessing total healing every day!

C.T. Carrollton, Texas

Delivered From a Six-Year Smoking Habit!

I want to tell you how I was delivered from the habit of smoking. In one of the broadcasts Kenneth told about making a decision. I did exactly as he told. I took a

cigarette, some grape juice and some bread. Then I prayed and asked the Lord to deliver me from this addiction. I made Communion and threw the cigarette away. Since that time I am completely free. I had been smoking for six years and I had tried to give it up before without success. It is amazing how wonderful our Lord is! I feel like I have never smoked before. V.K.: Ussuriysk, Russia

Supernatural Christmas Blessings

I called in for prayer for my family's Christmas, and I can give God glory that He delivered in every way possible. Every gift my children asked for, they got and they knew it was from the Lord...it was supernatural! God supplied the finances. We got a perfect Christmas tree by faith. Even my 5-year-old asked God for a blue laptop and every time he mentioned, "Is God

going to bring my laptop?" I said, "Just thank Him for it." I was nervous that God wouldn't deliver, so I even tried to make him change his mind and ask God for an iPod instead, so I could buy it with the money God provided for us. But on Christmas morning he unwrapped a blue, kid's laptop. To God be the glory-every need met. Thank You, Jesus! Thanks, KCM, for your prayers and for teaching the Word.

Michelle S. Ontario, Canada

"Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God."

(Philippians 4:6, Contemporary English Version)

Son Walks Away From Twisted Wreckage With Only Minor Bruises

A word of encouragement, I thank God for KCM and all you have taught me. I pray for you every day, I also do the prayer scriptures every morning. On Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, I said to the Lord a number of times during the day, I thank You, Daddy Father, that Your mercy hovers over my four sons—especially my youngest.

That very night the devil tried to take his life—he was in a car wreck. The only thing left intact was the driver's seat, yet all he got was a few minor bruises. Thank God for His protection, the ministering angels! His mercy endures forever.

I keep praying Isaiah 54:13-17 for my children knowing that God watches over His Word to perform it, and that the angels of God are listening for the voice of God's Word. May God bless you with greater revelation.

J.P. :: New Brunswick, Canada

Supreme Court Victory

I'm a widow who was being sued by a *major* credit-card company because of my deceased husband's debt. I countersued in a battle that lasted seven years, but two days ago the Supreme Court ruled in my favor and I was awarded damages. The win came just in time because my house was going into foreclosure! I am grateful for all I've learned from KCM and give God the glory for my miracle victory.

J.M. :: Tyler, Texas



Prayer Brings Peace and Healing

I'm an American opera singer living in Berlin. I've been experiencing hardship for the past three months due to symptoms of severe bronchitis. I had constant, severe coughing fits and ended up completely losing my voice. Because of this, I was unable to go out on auditions.

However, last night I called the KCM prayer line, and a wonderful lady prayed for me. She ministered the Word to me, then prayed a prophetic prayer and spoke prophetic words over me which were exactly things I've been going through! Almost instantly my throat cleared up and then my coughing ceased.

Today the coughing fits are completely gone and I feel my voice returning. Praise God!

Thank you, KCM, for being there in my time of need. I love you tremendously and bless you in Jesus' Name!

T.H. :: Berlin, Germany

A Better Job

I prayed the prayer of agreement with one of your staff in the prayer department regarding a better job. I went for a job interview and was employed at a better job. I thank God for His faithfulness and give Him all the glory!

R.M. :: Kenya

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LifeLine Kits Led to Her Healing

I used the *Healing & Wellness* and *How to Get Your Prayers* Answered LifeLine Kits. The result was *no* more kidney problems, *no* more blood clots!

Blanche A. :: Pennsylvania

Surgery Not Required!

I called in for prayer a few weeks ago—doctors were saying I had a tumor on my pituitary optic nerve and I would need surgery. I am very happy to say that today I do not need the surgery. Praise God!

G.M. :: Saskatchewan, Canada

Supernatural Debt Relief » I just want to give God

glory for supernaturally bringing us out of a huge debt of close to 6 million pesos [around \$150,000 U.S.]. As pastors, we had no way to pay off the debt with our small salary, but God did it! A company that owed my husband money 28 years ago, long before my husband became a pastor, finally paid us!

Our partnership with you is one of many reasons for the breakthrough. Glory to God! Thank you, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. God bless you and your ministry!

Vicky M. :: Philippines

India

Daughter-in-Law's Test Results Negative!

I sent an email on Jan. 27, 2012, requesting prayer for my daughter-in-law who had been suffering from a growth in the thyroid gland. She has undergone tests and the results

proved negative. I would like to thank and praise God for the healing she has received from our Lord. I am grateful for you and your team of prayer warriors, and for all your prayer support.

S.E. :: India

I Called Money in, and It Came!

I greet you in the precious Name of Jesus. I have a victory report. I watched the prosperity program with Gloria Copeland and Pastor George Pearsons. I began to apply the teachings and scriptures that were provided from these broadcasts.

I began to speak to money and call it in to my cheque account. This was over a period of time, then 10 April 2012, I received a call from one of the trustees at Liberty Life. She told me she had lots of money for me from the surplus pension funds of Liberty Life. I asked her how much and she told me

R652,468 [almost \$79,000 U.S.]. Glory to God!

I told her, "I think it is a mistake as I never contributed to the fund."

She told me as an ex-member I was due a share of the surplus pension fund. Is our God not awesome? The trustee told me this is a one-time payout, it will never happen again, and I didn't contribute to the fund. She then added, "Do you know where this comes from?"

And I said, "Our God is awesome."

L.B. :: Africa

Faithfulness

I thank God for your ministry and give Him all the praise for having you in my life. Twenty-two years ago, I was led to tune in to your broadcast and I have rejoiced in your ministry ever since. Your teaching has helped me through sickness and trials in business, supported my family, and encouraged me through every problem. I am truly blessed in the Lord. Thank you for your faithfulness.

R.D. :: Victoria, Australia

60 Years Old, and He Found a Job!

After three years of believing, praying and standing on God's Word, my husband has a job! He is over 60, and in the 3 percent "they" say likely won't find one. Ha! Ha! God's Word is true—never quit and never

lose hope! Thank you for standing with us. We love you!

M.B. :: Ontario, Canada

Free From Fear and Torment I am very grateful for 7

I am very grateful for THE BLESSING of The LORD book—it's the best book I've ever read. I was plagued with fear until I learned from Brother Copeland about putting your feet on the devil's neck and being aggressive against the spirit of fear. Since then, I've been free from fear and its torment.

Bryan R. :: Iowa



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by Melanie Hemry

Overcome of the second of the

Perspiration beaded on John Ward's upper lip from the effort it took not to scream in pain. Wrapping the sheet around his fist, he clenched his teeth—struggling hard to resist the excruciating pain in his body while fighting frustration, guilt and fear as he witnessed the effect his illness was having on his family.

John, his wife, Mary Ann, and their daughters, Katie and Jackie, had been accustomed to being an active family—spending time with such activities as camping, hiking, boating and swimming. But as John was slowed by the progression of his disease, so was his family. Their support and love meant the world to him, but he was supposed to be the provider, the comforter—the strong one. His "religious" upbringing had left him feeling unworthy, especially now, as he questioned: Why me? What have I done to deserve this?

As he contemplated the future, it looked very bleak.

John swallowed two more pain pills and threw the empty prescription bottle into the trash. Doctors couldn't help. Pain meds didn't help.

Nothing helped.

Falling back onto his sweat-soaked pillow, John closed his eyes. He couldn't swing his legs over the side of the bed, stand or even walk to the shower. He couldn't trudge through the Pennsylvania snow to his truck, use his foot to press the accelerator and drive to work. If he couldn't work, he'd lose his job. If he couldn't pay the mortgage, they'd lose their home.

He felt like roaring his frustration.

Five years earlier, John's knees and ankles had suddenly swollen, throbbing as though there were shards of glass in his joints. Doctors



had diagnosed the malady as ankylosing spondylitis, a chronic inflammation of the spine and joints that often causes them to fuse.

"Pick the position you want to be in," the doctor had advised, "because you will freeze in that position and you will die in that position."

As the doctor's words hung in the air, Mary Ann saw John receive them as the truth—the final verdict.

"John, just believe God and He'll heal you!"

The thought of Mary Ann's voice warbling on about divine healing caused him significant internal conflict, mainly because it went against his own mindset about God. He had served in the church since he was a young boy. He knew some things about God.

Or did he?

Calling It Quits

John was in such constant pain that he couldn't even walk.

He'd never imagined that uric acid could destroy his spine and joints the way it had. He'd

"As the economy declined, my profitability was high. I received bonuses and a raise.... Somehow, against all odds, we were making it."

Katie, John, Mary Ann, Jackie A



never dreamed that being two hours late taking his medication could throw him into symptoms so severe he might be bedridden for two weeks. Then, in 2001, the doctors told him he had been misdiagnosed. He didn't have ankylosing spondylitis after all—he had gout. John had always pictured gout being the lot of a portly older man with a swollen toe.

"I was always a difficult man to live with," John admits. "I had a hyperactive sense of responsibility, and my identity was wrapped up in being a good provider. The pain I endured when my joints flared up exacerbated everything because it made it difficult for me to work. My greatest fear was losing my job and not being able to provide for my family.

"Spring 2003, I missed a lot of work, but I learned to handle the illness and my medication. By 2006, I'd been promoted to operations manager for the company. I liked my work, and the company prosper

home had intensified.

the company prospered."

By December 2008, problems at

The family had gone bowling and afterward, the sole of Mary Ann's foot itched. Then, a rash appeared. By the end of the month, it covered her foot. It inched up her legs, abdomen, arms and hands.

Mary Ann stared at her red, swollen hands and watched as pieces of skin fell off. The doctor took one look, jumped back and said, "What's that? I've never seen anything like it!"

The itching became unbearable, and none of the medication the doctor prescribed helped. Standing on the Word of God, Mary Ann believed that she received her healing, even as the rash continued its relentless march.

Might it be from stress?

Mary Ann loved her husband, but she wasn't sure how much more of his unbelief and negativity she could endure. Calling Katie and Jackie to the bedroom, she said, "Girls, I can't do this anymore. I think it's time for me to consider leaving Dad."

"Do it, Mom! We're with you!"

Holding hands, the three of them prayed. They would need all the help they could get.

An industrial engineer, Mary Ann had opted to stay home and raise her children. She'd been out of the workforce so long, she didn't know where to start looking for a job. She glanced at her red, raw hands where pieces of flesh had fallen off. Would anyone hire her with this condition?

Mary Ann realized that she'd never felt so far from God in her life. She and her daughters were in agreement. But was it the wrong kind of agreement?

The Greatest Fear

A week later, John left work early to drive Mary Ann to a specialist in "Yes."

"Well, it's simple. I want more money. I'll have it if I don't pay you."

Stunned, John packed up his office.

Unemployed

Mary Ann, Katie and Jackie agreed that divorce was now out of the question. The family had to pull together. Although Jackie was only 14, 17-year-old Katie intended to pull her own weight. Getting a part-time job after school, she brought home what she earned.

"Since I considered myself to be the family provider, losing my job shook me to my core," John remembers. "I wanted more than just a job. I wanted to change. So I started reading the Bible every morning before searching for a job. I prayed. I consumed Mary Ann's collection of DVDs, books and magazines. And, I started watching the Believer's Voice of

in Maryland.

"Absolutely not," John told him. He was not going to live where he didn't want to live. End of discussion.

"Meanwhile, the joint pain was constant, and at times I could hardly walk. Mary Ann was sick and her flesh was falling off. It seemed like Satan was attacking us on every front. We'd lost our health, our money and our family wasn't whole."

Making a Move

That July, Mary Ann watched John Copeland and Jesse Duplantis on the *BVOV* broadcast. Teaching on Psalm 23, Jesse said, "This verse says, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death....' But some of you aren't going through. You've set up house and camped in the valley."

At that moment, Mary Ann realized what was happening to her family. They had put down roots in that house, and

it was home. But God wanted them out of it.

"God, get us out of here!" she prayed.

Soon after, recruiters for the company in Maryland called John. The job was in

a different field, but it was in the one place he did not want to live. But John had been out of work for eight months, and they were beyond desperate. And this was the only job offer he'd received. Heart heavy, he accepted the position.

One month after Mary Ann's prayer, the family moved to Maryland.

New Challenges

"Even with my salary, there was no way we could pay our bills," John says. "In addition to the rent on the apartment, we still had to pay our mortgage in Pennsylvania, utilities on both places, and without health insurance, the medical bills we had accrued were staggering...we got collection letters in the mail daily.

"The new company I worked

"We didn't lose our house and we never had to declare

Delaware. The rash now covered 30 percent of her body. Frustrated because the doctor had no idea what it was, John pulled to a stop at an intersection as his cell phone rang.

"John?" the owner of his company said, "I just called to tell you that you're fired." "What?"

They met for breakfast the next morning. "Tell me what I did wrong," John said.

"Nothing! I'm very happy with your work. You've done a great job."

"Then why are you firing me?"

"You know how I always said I'm a Christian businessman who loves money more than God?"

Dankruptcy. Victory broadcast. I also watched Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis and Creflo Dollar."

Desperate for a job, and willing to work almost anywhere, he applied for as many as 15 or 16 jobs a day. The only stipulation John placed on employment was that he refused to live in the Maryland-D.C. area.

He'd do anything else, move anywhere else.

Days turned into weeks and weeks into months as John applied for more than 500 jobs in eight states. He knocked every interview out of the ballpark, yet not a single offer came his way.

When a recruiter finally called, excited about a job he wanted John to apply for, it was a government job

for was doing business the old way in a very competitive and changing business environment. They didn't like my changes, but I ran my team in a way that was respectful and accountable. Soon, people were asking to work with me. As the economy declined, my profitability was high. I received bonuses and a raise. Unexpected checks came in the mail. Somehow, against all odds, we were making it."

After moving to Maryland, a physician's assistant took one look at Mary Ann's rash and said, "I know exactly what that is. Put this cream on it and it will go away."

The cream worked, and soon, Mary Ann's skin glowed with health.

A Step of Faith

In November 2009, the family attended Kenneth Copeland Ministries' Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign. It took a long time for John to hobble up the steps to find seats in the balcony for Gloria's Healing School. He was still suffering with gout and was in constant pain.

When Gloria announced that she would pray for those who came to the altar, Mary Ann knew John wouldn't go. He was too conservative to stand in front of all those people for prayer. Besides, the service would be over and the building empty by the time he made it back down the steps.

"Mom! Dad's gone!"

Mary Ann looked up in time to see her husband hopping stiff-legged down the stairs as fast as he could go. She and the girls raced to catch up to John just as Gloria touched him and began to pray.

John felt a wave of something wash over him. Then, he became dizzy and disoriented. When that passed, he didn't feel any different.

More than a month later, Dec. 19, 2009, John and Mary Ann bounded

up the stairs to their second-floor apartment when John stopped and gasped.

"I forgot to take my medication!"

"Oh, John! When did you take it last?"

John thought for a moment. Then, eyes wide, he said, "Before Gloria's Healing School!"

They stared at one another for a long moment.

"John, you're healed!"

From that day to this, John Ward has never suffered another swollen joint. An X-ray revealed that the previous damage to his knees was gone.

No Fear

"In addition to having our health restored, we didn't lose our house and we never had to declare bankruptcy," John explains. "A year after I was fired, the owner died and that company has faded away. Last year, my new company started going through a rough time. Out of a staff of 90, we lost 39 people.

"I never once feared that I would be one of them. I now know I'm not my family's provider: God is. I don't work for a living. I'm here in Maryland because God put me here so I could be blessed. I work for the Lord, and there is no recession in His economy!"

Health and finances weren't the only thing God healed in John Ward's family. In the summer of 2010, John, Mary Ann, Katie and Jackie took a vacation to the beach. With their names inside a heart drawn in the sand, John and Mary Ann renewed their vows.

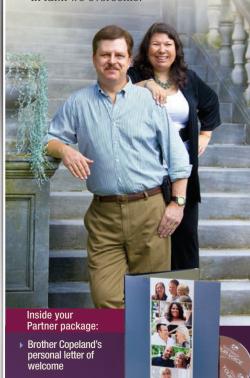
What would John and Mary Ann say to others facing unemployment, marital stress and health problems? "You can have faith to overcome," Mary Ann says. "Jesus is Lord. Everything is going to be all right."

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Overcoming Together!

John and Mary Ann Ward faced tremendous challenges together. Through their faith, and with the encouragement and teaching of Kenneth Copeland Ministries, God brought them through to victory and they overcame unemployment, marriage stress and debilitating health issues.

KCM stands ready to encourage and teach you and help you come through to victory in every area of life. Ask the Lord if now is the time for you to join us in covenant partnership—together in faith we overcome!

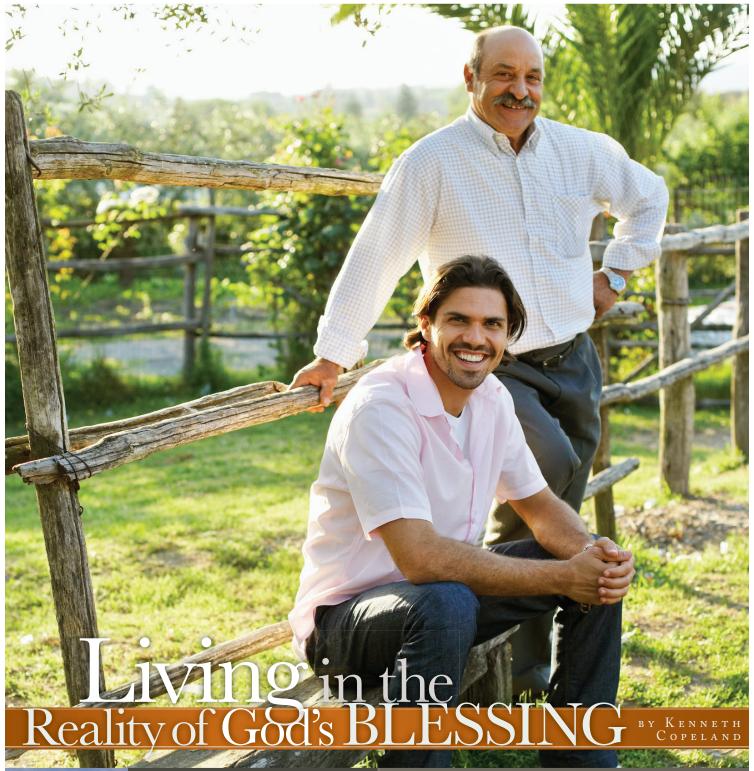


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Have you ever read a promise in the Bible and wondered how it could ever come to pass in your life?

Have you ever read, "by [His] stripes ye were healed" when your body was wracked with sickness and pain? Or heard someone preach that God will meet "all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" when your bank balance was zero and your unpaid bills were piled high?

Healed sounds great, you thought. Needs met sounds great. But I don't know how to

get there from here. It looks impossible!

Everyone who has ever lived by faith has felt like that at one time or another.

Everyone.

Even Abraham, who was one of the greatest God-believing, impossible-promise-receiving, scriptural heroes who ever lived. The first time he heard God's promises to him, he had no idea how they would ever come to pass.

He'd grown up in a totally heathen culture—surrounded all his life by people who worshipped the moon. So when God said, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2), Abraham had no clue how to connect with that blessing and cooperate in its fulfillment.

He must have been especially puzzled about how God was going to make of him a "great nation." After all, Abraham's wife was-and always had been-barren. What's more, they'd both grown too old for baby-making.

How do you get from being a childless old man with a barren old wife to being a great nation? he must have wondered. It's impossible!

Live the Life of Faith

Over the years, God answered that question for Abraham. He taught him how to think in a way that would connect him with THE BLESSING. He taught him how to talk and live the life of faith so well the Scriptures call him the faith father of us all.

Granted, Abraham's faith made him look, sound and act differently than everyone else. But it sure produced results.

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BLESSING to do the same thing in his life it was originally designed to do for Adam and Eve when God spoke it over them. It empowered him to "be fruitful, and multiply... and have dominion" (Genesis 1:28). As Abraham's faith connected with THE BLESSING, that blessing produced such supernatural abundance in his life it created around him a kind of Garden of Eden wherever he went.

That's how THE BLESSING works. It worked that way for Adam and Eve until they cut themselves off from it by yielding to sin. It worked that way for Abraham when God passed it down to him. It worked that way for Jesus during His earthly ministry, and it will work that way

According to the Bible, as bornagain believers we have inherited THE BLESSING of Abraham through Jesus. God didn't give it to us as just an afterthought. He had us in mind from the start. When He blessed Abraham, He did it so that through the plan of redemption, we could receive that blessing too. Galatians 3:8-9 says it this way: "The scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."

Praise God, the former heathens

described in those verses are believers like you and me! We are the people who have been made righteous by the blood of Jesus and blessed with faithful Abraham.

That means if we can find out what Abraham did, if we can learn what God taught him about how to connect with THE BLESSING, we can enjoy the benefits of it as surely as he did.

You Are Whatever God Calls You

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

The last phrase of that passage leaves no doubt about it: We receive THE BLESSING, which is the promise of the Spirit, the same way Abraham did—through faith.

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "I don't know what Abraham knew about faith. God hasn't taught me the things He taught him."

Sure He has. He put them down for you in black and white. Right there in your Bible, He recorded every faith lesson Abraham ever learned. Read Romans 4 and you'll

We aren't going to become overcomers one of these days. We already are because God said so.

see those lessons for yourself. You'll find out exactly how to "walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham" (verse 12).

You'll see, for example, that God called Abraham "a father of many nations," and He didn't start calling him that *after* Isaac was born. God called Abraham the father of many nations when there were no sons in sight.

When God calls you something, that's what you are. You may not look like it, you may not feel like it, but God's Word is the truth no matter what you can see or how you feel.

That's how it was in Abraham's life and that's how it is in ours. If God calls us overcomers (and He does in 1 John 5:4) that's what we are. We aren't going to become overcomers one of these days. We already are because God said so. If we've made Jesus The LORD of our lives we are born of God, and He said, "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world."

Abraham understood that principle. That's why Romans 4:17 says when God called him a father of many nations, Abraham stood "before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." Abraham not only stood before God and believed Him, he acted *like God* by calling those things which are not as though they were.

Since Abraham is the father of our faith, we should do the same thing. After all, the Bible says we have been born again in God's image (Colossians 3:10). It tells us to "be imitators of God as dear children" (Ephesians 5:1, New King James Version).

God always operates that way. He speaks things into being. So He taught Abraham to do it, too. He showed him how to connect with THE BLESSING by calling himself blessed.

If we want to follow in his footsteps and enjoy THE BLESSING like he did, that's the first thing we must do.

Are You Into Mind Control?

The second thing we're to do is study and meditate on God's WORD until it takes over our mind and nothing can shake our confidence in it. We'll learn to think like Abraham: "Being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (Romans 4:19-21).

Abraham didn't focus on his negative circumstances. He didn't meditate on his 100-year-old body or his very old and barren wife. He fixed his mind on God's promises. He meditated on THE BLESSING until THE BLESSING controlled his mind.

Abraham's thinking was so dominated by and saturated with

THE BLESSING that when God told him to sacrifice Isaac, he didn't even flinch. He was able to march up Mount Moriah with confidence because he figured after he obeyed God's command and sacrificed that boy, God would raise him right back up.

We know that's what Abraham was thinking because Hebrews 11:17-19 says: "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure."

When you think about it, Abraham's attitude was amazing because he didn't know what we know about God. He'd never seen or heard of God raising anyone from the dead. Yet he was so fully persuaded that God would keep His promise to make him a father of many nations through Issac that he expected the impossible to happen.

If Abraham could be that fully persuaded, how much more should we be? We have inherited the same BLESSING, and ours has been guaranteed not just by the blood of animals like Abraham's was, but by the precious blood of Jesus, God's own Son!

What's more, we don't have to believe God with our own, natural mind like Abraham did. As bornagain believers, we can think supernaturally because "we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). We have the mind of the Anointed One.

Talk about having an advantage! That same kind of divine mind is available to us, but we have to take it by faith. If we want to follow







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the faith of Abraham, we must begin to call things that be not as though they were. We must speak God's WORD over our minds and say, "I thank God my mind is as anointed as the mind of Jesus. THE BLESSING is working in me now and an anointed mind is part of my blessing. Praise God, I have a brilliant mind!" Then act on 2 Corinthians 10:3-6.

This Is the Victory

Once you start saying things like that, scriptural promises such as those in Deuteronomy 28 will come alive as you read them. That chapter spells out in detail the things that are included in THE BLESSING of Abraham. It says:

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee....

"Do you really believe God will do those kinds of things for us?" you might ask.

Yes, I do because THE BLESSING of Deuteronomy 28 is our blessing! It has "come upon us" through Jesus. If we'll connect with it like Abraham did, it will do for us what it's always done. If we'll fill our anointed minds with it by meditating those verses and speaking them over ourselves until we are fully persuaded, no matter how impossible our circumstances might appear to be, that blessing belongs to us. It will do for us the same thing it once did for Adam and Eve... and Abraham...and Jesus. It will empower us to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion in every area of life.

Some folks think that's too good to be true. They claim we can never enjoy that kind of blessing on this earth. But I know we can, not only because the Bible says so but because I've proven it in my own life again and again.

When I was diagnosed with degenerative joint disease a few years ago, for example, I knew I had to connect with THE BLESSING to turn that condition around. So I did exactly what Abraham did. I considered not my body that was screaming in pain. I focused on THE BLESSING of God instead. I fixed my mind and my mouth on the fact that I was healed by the stripes of Jesus (1 Peter 2:24).

I called things that be not as though they were. I said, "I'm healed," and I said it not just once or twice but countless times month after month.

I won't kid you, it wasn't easy. Sometimes I hurt so bad I thought I'd have to stuff a rag in my mouth to keep myself from talking about it. I'd sit on my back porch with heating pads wrapped around my legs and turn the heat up as high as it would go, hoping the heat would hurt bad enough to distract me from the pain in my joints.

It took effort to speak words of faith during that time. I was tempted to say things like, "Dear God, how long must I be in pain like this? How long before my healing comes?"

But I didn't do that. I stuck with the truth. I locked on to THE BLESSING and refused to let go. I connected with that blessing by speaking, believing and acting on The WORD of God and, sure enough, the impossible happened. I have MRIs to prove it. One shows my body with degenerative joint disease and ruptured disks in my back. The other, done some time later, shows all the disease is gone and all the disks healed, regenerated and standing tall!

That's the kind of thing that happens when we make the faith connection. We open the door to THE BLESSING of God and His goodness pours into our lives. Sickness becomes health. Poverty becomes wealth. We start living like the overcomers God made us to be.

We discover for ourselves the lesson Abraham learned some 4,000 years ago: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." VICTORY





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We can't do it by reading a scripture once or twice, saying a prayer and then forgetting about it. We must continue to put the scripture in front of our eyes and in our ears.



We must saturate our minds with it so that whenever we think about our situation, we remember the Word we stood on when we prayed about it.

happen to us? What can we do to keep ourselves hanging in there until the manifestation comes?

We can follow the instructions in Hebrews 12:1. We can "run with patience the race that is set before us."

Patience is a fruit of the spirit we all received when we were born again (Galatians 5:22). It's the spiritual force that keeps us in the race until we cross the finish line. Ken calls faith and patience "the power twins" because faith takes what God has promised us in His Word and patience keeps it. Patience empowers us to hold on to what we've believed for no matter how long it takes to come to pass. It keeps us standing in faith until we are "perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:4, New King James Version).

ven Jesus Had to Wait
I don't mean to say that
we have to wait a long
time for every answer to
prayer. Some things do
come instantly. Take the new birth,
for example. It's the greatest miracle
any of us will ever experience and we
received it the moment we made Jesus
the Lord of our lives.

Healings can come instantly too. Even financial miracles sometimes happen almost overnight. With God all things are possible! So when we see immediate results from our prayers, we rejoice. But when it takes a while, we stand awhile. We don't quit. We don't wimp out.

We stay in the Word and keep our faith strong and active. We keep running with patience, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

I'm so glad we can look to Jesus, aren't you? I'm so grateful we're not just trying to believe God all by ourselves! Jesus is with us every step of the way. He started this faith race and He's the finisher of it. From the moment we believe we receive, until everything is done and the answer is manifest, all is well, and Jesus is Lord!

"But how can He understand what I'm going through?" someone might ask. "His faith always worked instantly when He was on earth. He never had to wait."

That's not true. According to the Bible, He was made like us in every respect. He faced all the same tests and temptations we do. (See Hebrews 2:17-18.) That means He sometimes had to wait to see the results of His faith.

Think about the story of the fig tree in Mark 11, for instance. Jesus walked up to that tree to get something to eat and found no fruit on it. So He spoke to it by faith. He said, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever."

Do you know what happened when He said those words?

From all appearances, absolutely nothing. The tree just stood there,

looking as green and leafy as ever.

But Jesus wasn't moved. He'd released His faith and He knew it would produce results. He turned His back on the tree and went on His way knowing that what He said would come to pass.

And, it did. The next day when Jesus and His disciples passed by on the way to the Temple, "they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots" (verse 20).

Look again at that last phrase. It says the fig tree dried up *from the roots*. That means Jesus' faith went to work right away. But its effects were not visible because they were hidden under the soil for a while.

The same is often true with faith projects in our lives. God's power goes to work on them the moment we believe and speak the Word. But we can't immediately see what's happening. The results are "underground" in the realm of the spirit.

Because that realm is invisible, our natural eyes can't tell us whether or not heaven has moved on our prayers. So we must stand on the Word. We must "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7), and believe God is already acting to bring His Word to pass.

In other words, we must follow the instructions Jesus gave His disciples

in Mark 11:22-24. When they marveled at what happened to the fig tree, He assured them they could use their faith just like He did. He said: "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

n Consistency Lies the Power
Notice Jesus said in those verses
that the person who gets results is
the one who does "not doubt in his
heart." That's the part of faith that
takes some work. It's easy to just wait around
hoping God will move on our situation.
But waiting in patience without doubting
requires more effort.

We can't do it by reading a scripture once or twice, saying a prayer and then forgetting about it. We must continue to put the scripture in front of our eyes and in our ears. We must saturate our minds with it so that whenever we think about our situation, we remember the Word we stood on when we prayed about it. We must keep that Word in our hearts and in our mouths every day and refuse to let it go.

I'll never forget when I first learned how to do that. Ken was a 30-year-old freshman at Oral Roberts University. I was staying at home with our two small children listening to tapes about faith by Kenneth E. Hagin. One day I was typing some notes I'd written about the power of faith-filled words, and I heard the Spirit of the Lord say this to me:

In consistency lies the power.

That one phrase changed my life!

It helped me realize I can't move mountains by just saying faith words now and then. It's what I say with patient consistency—all the time, over time—that brings results. That meant all negative, doubt-filled, unbelieving words would have to go! So I went to work right away getting those words out of my vocabulary. Ken was doing the same thing.

First, we focused on getting poverty out of our mouths. We began to speak words of faith (and only faith) to the mountain of debt we were facing. We started calling those bills paid. We didn't see instant results but we stuck with it. We remained patient, week after week and month after month.

In 11 months the debt that had seemed so staggering a year earlier was completely paid off!

We needed a car at that time, too, so we did the same thing where that was concerned. We released our faith in God's promise to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Then we prayed and said, "We believe we receive a car."

Once again, we saw no immediate result. We didn't find a new automobile sitting in our driveway the next morning. But we just kept speaking faith. We talked with such confidence that even our son John, who was just a toddler at the time, got caught up in the excitement. One day when Ken was praising God for our new car, John said, "Come on, Daddy! Let's go get it!"

A few months later, we did!

Over time, we learned to receive everything that way. When Satan would try to make us sick, we'd go to the healing scriptures and say, "Thank You, Lord, for our healing! We take it now." Then we stood in faith until every symptom was gone. It took patience sometimes but we always ended up well.

Really, everything we've ever done in ministry—radio, television, building our ministry headquarters, paying the salaries of our 400-plus member staff—has been done the same way: by faith and patience. We've always gone to the Word of God, believed we received what He promised us and refused to let go until it manifested.

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o Stroll Through the Park

People looking at us today might think things happened faster and easier for us than they do for most Christians.

But that's not so. (One man said it seemed like our ministry sprung up overnight. We told him if that was the case it was the longest night we had ever seen!) We've had to run this faith-and-patience race one step at a time just like everyone else.

And it wasn't always a stroll through the park.

If you do not know JESUS as your Saviour and Lord, simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

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

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

But that's OK. We're in good company. The New Testament is full of believers who had to go through tough times. In fact, the very people who first received the instructions, "run with patience," were dealing with more trouble than most of us will ever see. Their homes were being plundered just because they were Christians. That's rough stuff! But here's what God told them to do about it in Hebrews 10: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Now the just shall live by faith" (verses 35-36, 38).

As long as we're on this earth, the devil will use circumstances to challenge our confidence in God's Word. He'll pressure us to cast away our faith just like he pressured the Christians in the book of Hebrews. So we're never going to have the luxury of taking a spiritual vacation. If we want to receive the fulfillment of God's promises, we must live every day in faith and patience.

We must be willing to hang on to the Word until it manifests in our lives.

"But Gloria, that sounds hard!" you might say.

It doesn't have to be. Especially if we follow the example of the man in Akron, Ohio, that Brother Hagin used to tell about.

The man was a soldier in the 1930s when the U.S. government was experimenting with dirigibles (airships). He was assigned along with 200 other soldiers to help move one that had landed in Akron. (Imagine moving a giant zeppelin like the Hindenburg and you'll get the picture.) At first, the job seemed simple enough. All they had to do was tie the dirigible with ropes to a steel tower so that it wouldn't float away.

As the soldiers were holding the ropes, however, something unexpected happened.

The dirigible started going up.

Some of the men had the presence of mind to let go of the ropes. But others didn't. They kept holding on as the aircraft ascended. For a while, they dangled in the sky, clinging to the ropes for dear life. But eventually, as bystanders watched in horror, they began to lose their grip.

People screamed, children cried, as one by one the men fell to the ground. Some sustained serious injuries, others died.

Eventually all eyes turned toward one last man. He was hanging so high in the air he looked like a toy soldier. People stared, holding their breath, expecting him to fall. But he didn't.

Time passed.

He just can't keep holding on! they thought.

More time passed.

Any minute now he will fall!

But still, he held on.

Finally, the man was rescued. Certain he'd need medical care after his harrowing ordeal, officials brought in an ambulance and rushed to meet him with a stretcher. He just waved it away. "I'm all right," he told them.

"But you're bound to be exhausted!" they said.

"No. When I saw I was too far away from earth to let go, I held on with one hand, threw about 4 feet of the rope around me, and tied it," he explained. "I didn't hold the rope. It held me."

As Brother Hagin used to say, "That's the way we live the faith life!" That's how we hang in there with patience until we receive what we're believing for. Instead of holding on to God's promises with our own, human strength, we let the divine power within them hold us. We wrap ourselves in the Word and we swing free! VICTORY



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