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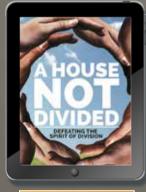
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# Supernatural



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Why don't you stir up your faith and believe God for this to be a turnaround year-a year when everything in your life that's not right gets turned around to be right!

You can have that kind of year, you know. No matter how impossible it might appear to be right now, no matter how massive the problems you're facing might seem, with God all things are possible. He is a big God and He is well able to work miracles in your life this year.

He can restore to you what the devil has stolen. He can bring you out of lack and into prosperity. He can heal your body, minister to your family and solve problems that look totally unsolvable.

That's why He's called "the God of peace."

In Hebrew the word peace is shalom. It means 'whole, undamaged, and intact, with nothing missing and nothing broken." And it describes what God can do for you.

When you put your faith in Him, He will bring His peace, wholeness and BLESSING to every part of your life. When you give Him the opportunity, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet" (Romans 16:20, New Living Translation).

I can confirm this from personal experience because He's done it for me. I remember one year in particular, for instance, when our ministry went through some prolonged financial difficulties. They dragged on for a number of months and showed no signs of letting up.

We knew the devil was behind the situation, so when it continued through one year and threatened to stretch into the next, we took our stand on the Word of God. By faith we started declaring that things were going to change. We started saying that we would see a financial turnaround and it would be a year of financial freedom.



by Kenneth Copeland

# ♀ In what way is the Holy Spirit my helper?

A: Romans 8:26 reads like this: "Likewise the Spirit also *helpeth* our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

John 15:26, in The Amplified Bible, refers to the Holy Spirit as the Comforter, the Counselor, the Helper, the Advocate, Intercessor and Strengthener.

The Holy Spirit comes to our aid. He is our Helper. He will help us overcome any weakness of the mind or body by making intercession for us according to the will of God.

When you don't know how to pray as you ought concerning a situation, allow the Holy Spirit to be your Helper. Let Him take hold together with you and see to it that The

You can build yourself up on your most holy faith by praying in the Holy Ghost (Jude 20). Your faith and the Holy Spirit of God dwelling within you as your Helper will cause you to be victorious in every area of your life.

> WORD of God comes to pass. He will lead and guide you in prayer and you will be confident that The WORD is mightily at work.

> No matter how big Satan makes a mountain look,

the faith of God always works. It merely has to be applied (Mark 11:22-24). As you speak God's WORD in faith, that WORD will remove any size mountain and stop the attack of Satan.

The following is a prayer of commitment to allow the Holy Spirit to be your Helper.

"Father, in Jesus' Name, I see from Your WORD that the Holy Spirit, the Greater One who indwells me, is my Helper. I recognize His vital part in my prayer life and as I intercede, I acknowledge the importance of allowing Him to take hold together with me.

"I am willing to be a vessel unto honor, fit and ready for Your use.

"I will to yield my members as instruments of righteousness, I will to present my body, a living sacrifice to You, Father, that the Holy Spirit can flow through me. He can work to bring the will of God to pass.

"I ask You, Holy Spirit, to take hold together with me in prayer. When I don't know how to pray as I ought, I ask You to be my Helper. Lead and guide me, instruct me as I intercede. The WORD I speak in faith will cause the perfect will of God to come to pass.

"In Jesus' Name. Amen." 🕔

We didn't stop there, either. We also set our faith on having a big year in other ways.

I started calling it a year of fullness, health and a fresh anointing. I declared it would be a year in which Ken and I, and all our ministry Partners, would step into more of what God has called us to do.

Sure enough, those things came to pass. God did exactly what we believed for and confessed, not because we are more special than anyone else but because, according to the Bible:

Whosoever shall say...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. (Mark 11:23)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. (Proverbs 18:21)

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

Those verses will work for anyone who will believe and act on them. They'll work for you just like they work for me. That's why I want to encourage you to put your faith in them and start declaring that this year, 2015, is your turnaround year.

### **BLESSED** in Everything All the Time

"But Gloria," you might say, "can I really be sure God wants to bless me in every area of my life this year?"

Yes, you can. The Word of God leaves no doubt about it. It says to all of us who are born-again believers that "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse...that the blessing of Abraham might come on [us] through Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:13-14).

THE BLESSING of Abraham isn't just *a* blessing. It's not just God looking down at us every once in a while and giving us a temporary break from the curse by occasionally doing something good for us. No, THE BLESSING continually touches



everything in our lives, and it's ours all the time because God has already given it to us.

In Christ, we've already been BLESSED!

I was reminded of this one day when I was reading about THE BLESSING Isaac gave to Jacob in Genesis 27. I began to think about the fact that Isaac actually BLESSED Jacob by mistake. He'd intended to BLESS his older son, Esau. Knowing his father couldn't see very well, Jacob dressed up like Esau and tricked Isaac into BLESSING him instead of his brother.

When Isaac realized what had happened, he was upset because he loved Esau very much. Esau was his favorite son. He had a great rapport with him, and he wanted him to have THE BLESSING because he was the firstborn.

Yet even so, Isaac couldn't reverse what he'd done. "I...have blessed [Jacob]," he said, "yea, and he shall be blessed" (verse 33).

As one Hebrew commentary in *The Stone Edition of The Chumash* explains in Genesis 27, THE BLESSING had been given in the presence of the Lord, and once given, it was irrevocable. It had gone forth and could not be stopped.

### Don't Let the Devil Steal It

If that was true about THE BLESSING given to Jacob by Isaac, it's also true about us. THE BLESSING that's been bestowed on us by God through Christ Jesus is irrevocable. God has given it to us.

I know what you're probably thinking: If it can't be stopped, then why don't I see the results of it in my life more often? Why does it seem like sometimes I'm BLESSED and sometimes I'm not?

Because its fulfillment depends on our actions: what we believe, say and do. And because we have an adversary—Satan is his name.

He's the thief who comes "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10); and if you let him, he'll rob you of the effects of THE BLESSING. He'll tell you it's not God's will to prosper you this year. He'll tell you that you can't be healed right now, that God wants you to stay sick so you can learn something. He'll try to distract you from what the Word of God says by filling your mind and your mouth with doubt and unbelief.

But you don't have to yield to him. You don't have to let him steal your turnaround year.

Instead, you can "resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). You can take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and go to war against the thoughts of financial lack and sickness and defeat the devil brings to your mind. You can reject his lies by "casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Personally, I've already determined that's what I'm going to do. I'm not going to let the devil trick me into living under the curse this year. I've been redeemed from the curse through the blood of Jesus. So I'm declaring right now that 2015 is my turnaround year.

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Everything that's not right in my life will be turned around.

I'm BLESSED with THE BLESSING of Abraham. It's mine now in Christ Jesus and it cannot be stopped: I can't be broke for being blessed! I can't be sick for being healed! I can't be defeated because in every situation THE BLESSING always causes me to triumph!

As a born-again child of God, you can make those same declarations. You can have an absolutely marvelous year this year. THE BLESSING is available. Jesus has already bought and paid for it. He wants you to enjoy it. So go ahead, believe His Word, and have a supernatural turnaround year!



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### "That tent anointing

[healings, miracles, special faith, discerning of spirits]. That's the dinner bell...people come running. When that begins to be manifest...they'll come from all over the world to get in it."

-Kenneth Copeland

Early one summer morning in 1979, Gloria Copeland woke up and slipped out onto the back porch of the family's cabin in southwest Arkansas. While everyone else slept, she took the opportunity to pray.

It was in those quiet moments alone with God that Gloria remembered a prophecy she had recently received. She was told that she was about to hear from the Lord concerning something He wanted her to do. Thinking about that prophecy, she spoke from her heart and said, "Lord, You know I'll do anything You want me to do. Just tell me what it is."

When she finished praying, Gloria went inside to get ready for the day. A few moments later, God spoke to her and said, I want you to start teaching on healing in all the meetings.

In September 1979, three months after that encounter with God, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland obeyed God by adding a Healing School to each of the meetings they had scheduled for the rest of that year—and Gloria began teaching on healing. It was during those meetings that the Lord also instructed her to begin laying hands on the sick and praying for them. So she did.

By the beginning of the next year, with a few meetings behind her, Gloria thought she was finished. She had obeyed God, and thought she could stop now. But then another prophecy came—this time through her husband—that made it clear to Gloria just when God intended for Healing School to end. The Lord said:

I want My people well. I have desired for My people to walk in health. I have desired for My people to know how to walk in health regardless of what ministry is in town. I want My people to know how to take My WORD, and stand on My WORD, and receive My healing power and know that I am The LORD. I want My people to walk with Me in health and life and know the good things that I have prepared for them. I have set a table before you in the presence of your enemies. You shall not be an orphan group. You shall not be hungry. You shall not be in want, for I am the God-Provider. I am The LORD God that heals you.... I will have My people well, saith God. So My instruction to this ministry is: Continue this Healing School...until I return.

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By that, it was clear to Gloria that the Lord not only wanted her to preach healing, but that He wanted her to preach it until Jesus returns.

Since Healing School began in September 1979, every Believers' Convention and Victory Campaign held by Kenneth Copeland Ministries has given our Partners and Friends an opportunity to receive God's Word on divine healing and to apply it to their lives.

Gloria Copeland has taught Healing School around the world to countless numbers of people—boldly declaring that **"Jesus always comes to Healing School!"** And thousands of people have received God's Word on divine healing, applied it to their lives and seen the results.

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# Dancing with Jesus



Jeanette didn't blame them for risking their lives and the lives of their children. So far, as many as 10,000 children had died from a measles epidemic. They were losing a whole generation of children because they had no vaccine. As a nurse practitioner, Jeanette had traveled to Uganda as part of a 20-member team to immunize as many children as possible.

20 miles south of Nepal Jeanette and the others have built and staffed 18 schools Educated 5,000 children 15 students have finished college

more than.

Every day they traveled through the jungle to remote villages, but news of their arrival had spread through the jungle faster than the fever. In one village, 1500 people awaited them. In all, they had given 250,000 vaccinations.

Like the others, this village was primitive. There was no running water, no plumbing and no electricity. The village sported one black pot, one plate and one cup. Everyone in the village tossed something in the pot and that's what they ate. As the leader of the medical group, Jeanette was handed the plate. She was allowed to eat first.

"The chief has asked that you pray for the whole village," the interpreter told Jeanette.

For the first time on their journey, Jeanette froze.

She looked around at the anxious, grief-filled faces of parents who had lost children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. She had no problem dealing with life and death. She could perform CPR, diagnose disease and prescribe medication. And, she knew how to pray. She prayed for her family, her co-workers and her patients every day.

That was one thing. But standing in the jungle praying for a village was another. Jeanette felt inept-unsure what to pray, and not sure how to flow with God's Spirit in that moment. Somehow she mumbled a prayer.

On the flight home she couldn't remember what she'd said.

### A Gift From God

"That experience was a turning point in my life," Jeanette recalls. "I'd been born and raised in Nebraska where I attended a denominational church. I became a nurse practitioner, married my husband, Bart, who was a policeman, and gave birth to four children in four years. Our lives may have rocked along the same way had we not become partners with Oral Roberts.

"When he announced plans to build City of Faith Hospital, he put out a request for Christians to staff it. Bart and I uprooted our lives and moved to Tulsa, Okla. Bart headed the transportation department and I managed the Health Appraisal Clinic.

"Working for City of Faith was the best job of my life. We prayed for our patients daily and witnessed signs, miracles and wonders. Our patients were fascinating, too. We took care of kings, queens, princes, princesses and tribal leaders from all over the world. The staff came from around the globe as well, and we were a very culturally diverse group."

At the City of Faith, Roberts provided free physical examinations for ministers. One day in 1983, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland showed up at the clinic while Jeanette was on duty. She had just finished working with a patient when one of her co-workers pulled her aside.

"I mentioned to Brother Copeland that you are going to Uganda next week to give measles vaccinations and he wants to pray for you," the co-worker said.

"Great!" Jeanette said, following her co-worker into an exam room.

There, Brother Copeland

prayed and blessed Jeanette and Jane. Then, he turned to Jeanette, pinning her with his piercing blue eyes.

"I need to do something else," he said. "I want to give you the healing mantle that Oral Roberts gave to me."

Laying his hands on her, Brother Copeland prayed again-this time imparting that healing mantle to Jeanette.

A week later, Jeanette was back in the jungles of Uganda. But despite what she had experienced at the City of Faith, she found herself still feeling unprepared to pray for a village. She had only been baptized in the Holy Spirit a short while and knew she needed to learn more about moving with the spirit. When she returned home, she enrolled in the Bible school at Victory Christian Center-working during the day and attending evening classes.

### Mantle for a Miracle

The same year of the impartation by Brother Copeland, Jeanette and two others made a mission trip to a remote part of the jungle of Guatemala, where they established a clinic.

"When we arrived, there were already about 500 people gathered around the building where we were setting up the clinic," Jeanette remembers. "I asked to have the crowd moved back to the gate so we could work unhindered."

While her co-workers set up the pharmacy, Jeanette began unpacking the supplies for the examination room.

"I was surprised to find things in the supplies that we didn't normally take on

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# Laying his hands on her, Kenneth Copeland prayed again—this time imparting that healing mantle to Jeanette

these trips," Jeanette said. "Things like a baby bottle, bottles of Pedialyte formula and infant suppositories that were used to bring down a fever. I thought it very odd."

As she continued to unpack the supplies, Jeanette looked up to see a woman rushing into the room carrying a small child about 18-months old, clad in a light blue dress with tiny flowers, socks and black patent-leather shoes. Screaming hysterically, the woman handed the child to Jeanette.

Looking down at the tiny face, Jeanette knew immediately that the child was dead. Her body cold, her complexion gray, it was obvious to Jeanette that the baby had been dead for a while, making CPR out of the question.

In order to document the case, Jeanette laid the baby on a table and grabbed her stethoscope. She listened to the lungs for any wisp of air. There was none.

She listened for the baby's heart, hoping for any sign of life.

There was no heartbeat.

There was no medical intervention that would help this child, Jeanette thought. Her only hope was a miracle.

Laying her hands on the child's cold body, Jeanette said, "I command this child's spirit to return to her body!"

Nothing happened, so Jeanette began to pray in the spirit as the child's mother stood nearby sobbing. Then Jeanette called out to the Lord. She said, "God, You didn't create this baby to die before she has a chance to live."

Within a few minutes, Jeanette noticed one of the child's feet move.

Oh my! Oh my!

She continued to pray in the spirit. Then, the child's tiny pinky finger

### jerked.

"God, give her air!" Jeanette pleaded. "She needs air because she's going to live and not die! She's going to tell the world how wonderful You are!"

Just then the baby gasped a huge gulp of air and screamed.

The child's mother was ecstatic.

### Faith for Miracles

"She came back to life as sick as she'd been when she'd died," Jeanette explains. "Within minutes, her temperature was 104 degrees and she was very dehydrated. When I examined her I realized that she had an acute case of tonsillitis. Her tonsils were swollen so large that they blocked her airway. She had suffocated.

"I started her on antibiotics and then remembered the bottle of Pedialyte and the suppositories to bring down her fever. God had thought of everything! By that afternoon, she was breastfeeding. By the time we left, she was running around laughing and playing. You couldn't tell that she'd even been sick, much less dead."

Hundreds of people waiting for the clinic to open had seen that mother carry a dead baby inside. They had seen a live baby come out. They were no longer interested in medication. Their faith was so stirred that they asked for prayer and received many miraculous healings.

From then on, Jeanette spent her vacation each year traveling to remote parts of the world with the "One to the Other" mission team. On one of their trips to Argentina, the team stopped at a village for food and water. They passed a man on the side of the road who appeared to be about 60 years old. Villagers explained that he'd been blind since birth.

Stopping beside the road, they told the man about Jesus and led him to the Lord. Then they put their hands over his eyes and prayed for his sight. When he opened his eyes he described seeing something like lines going up.

"Let's get 20/20 vision," Jeanette said as they prayed again.

When they removed their hands, the man's vision came into focus and he described every detail of their surroundings. In response, the entire village received Jesus as Savior, Jeanette said. Those who had been sick were healed.

### A New Direction

"I'd been taking short-term missionary trips for years," Jeanette says. "Then in 1992, my husband went home to be with the Lord. Afterward, I spent more time on mission trips. In 1996, I'd been working on a medical ship in the Caribbean and decided to go on staff for Youth With a Mission and spend more time there.

"The Lord interrupted me and said, *I didn't call you to the Caribbean. I've called you to India.* I was stunned. I'd never been to India.

"In 1997, I traveled to India as an independent missionary working with Dr. Alex Phillips. This time, I stayed for five years. There was a huge AIDS epidemic that had left countless children orphaned and living on the streets. Part of our purpose was to get those children off the streets and into a safe environment."

Jeanette spent the first year in southern India learning the culture and language. During the next four years, she settled in Bihar in the northwest corner of the country. She lived in the city of Purnea, which is in the foothills of the Himalayas about 20 miles south of Nepal.

"I rode a bicycle back and forth to the village each day," she explained. "In addition to medical work, I preached every Sunday. We built schools in remote villages and staffed them with full-time teachers. We also built homes where the children lived. I taught the Bible, health and hygiene, and prayer to adults and children. We also started the Children's Prayer Network with 200 kids hungry to pray."

In 2001, local members of their missionary team came across a remote village and had gone there to tell the people about Jesus when they encountered an elderly man who was very sick. One of the missionaries laid hands on the man and prayed that he would live and not die.

The man was healed.

Later, they discovered that he was the chief of the village—and the village was Muslim. In India, Muslims have nothing to do with Christians. However, the chief said, "I want you to come back to my village and teach the women how to pray like you do." In addition to returning to the village at the chief's request, Jeanette and the rest of the team were able to set up a medical clinic there.

### Faith for Revival

In the 14 years that Jeanette and the others have been ministering in India, they have built and staffed 18 schools. More than 5,000 children who had never been in a classroom have been educated. Their first 15 students have now finished college and some are attending Bible school and training to be missionaries. In India, about 55,000 people are receiving Jesus each day.

Today, Jeanette can't help but look back to that day in 1983 as the turning point in her life. Since then, she has seen revival fires, signs, wonders and miracles of all kinds in many places around the world—including the United States and Canada, Wales, Germany, Peru and Africa.

"What an anointing Kenneth Copeland imparted to me!" Jeanette says. "Back then, I had no idea what God had in store for my life or how much I would need it. I've listened to the majority of Kenneth and Gloria's CDs, read their books and magazines, and watched the broadcast. All these years later I'm still being fed by their teachings." What's next for Jeanette?

"There are famines across southern Africa so severe that orphaned children living on the streets are being killed and eaten," she said. "I've been asked to go to Africa and do what we did in India, which is to get those kids off the streets."

Today, Jeanette Wilson has ministered in more than 70 nations. At age 77, she has no plans to retire. The hardest part for her, she says, has been the loneliness in places like India where only the interpreter spoke English. How does she handle it? "Every time I get lonely, Jesus says, *Turn on the radio. Let's dance!*"

That's how Jeanette Wilson lives her life. It's a slow dance with Jesus. Cheek to cheek, they've danced around the world—in jungles, deserts and the most remote parts of the earth. From that intimacy, death has been defeated, people are being healed, souls are being saved and eternity is forever changed!



### Storm, Be Still!

Thank you for teaching me about the blood of Jesus and its power over death and destruction. I live in Cairns, and as you know, we get cyclones here [hurricanes]. When Cyclone Ita swept through Far North Queensland last month, the property that I live on was directly in its path. From the moment I heard we were on cyclone watch. I began to plead the blood of Jesus upon my unit, the building I live in, the property I was based on and the entire area where I live. I stood on the promise that, as Jesus is, so am I in this world. I spoke to the storm, telling it to be still. When it made landfall and came down the coast, even though we were directly in the cyclone's path, we were unharmed. We were told to prepare for king tides, flooding, and power and water outages. None of those things happened. Our power stayed on, our water was not cut off. our roads were not flooded and not even a tree was toppled by the winds. I praise God for His protection, for the power in the blood of Jesus, and for KCM for equipping me with the tools I needed to walk in victory over nature. Thank you and God bless you. Martha S. | Australia

> Samuel M., prayer minister

### YOUR VOICE. YOUR VICTORY. YOUR MINISTRY.

### GoodNewsGazette "For all the promises of God in [Jesus] are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."

2 Corinthians 1:20, *New King James Version* 

### 'No Cancer to Be Found'

I saw a specialist who told me I had cancer in my arm. I wrote to you asking for prayer.

I went to the hospital today for the results of the biopsy. They couldn't understand why it had even been taken—there was no cancer to be found and the muscle was 100 percent normal.

I couldn't say I didn't have cancer

as the specialist said I had, but as Kenneth has taught, I started to state to my arm that the flesh was normal. I spoke in faith and brought into being those things which weren't and praise God He has come through true to His Word. Thanks be to God and your prayer team for another victory over the devil and his evilness. Thanking you again for standing in prayer with me.

Tom N. | United Kingdom

### Cancer—Healed! My wife was healed of melanoma cancer. Thank you

for agreeing with us in prayer. We received the report from the doctor that everything is clear—completely made whole by the blood of Jesus. Greg and Kathy S. I Canada

### In the Eye of the Storm

I would like to share our testimony with you of God's great protection and deliverance that kept our whole family hidden in the secret place of the Most High God, during the night of the tornadoes here in Oklahoma City on May 31, 2013. It is an amazing story of God's faithfulness to His beloved children and the power of the

spoken Word. Truly, God had given His angels charge over us to keep and protect us in all our ways! We knew what to do because of you and Sister Gloria. I was 16 when God crossed my path with your ministry. I knew how to raise up my kids because you taught me. Now, I am raising up my grandchildren as well. I will be 50 this year. You have trained me up all these years

## **Psalm 91 to the Rescue**

I pray Psalm 91 over my children. My son is a big rig, long-haul driver. He fell asleep at the wheel. The truck was totaled but he didn't even have a scratch on him. No one was hurt. veronica M. | Canada



and because of your ministry, we knew how to stand in faith and speak the Word of God when we were caught in the eye of the storm! We love you with our whole hearts! Jennifer M. Oklahoma City, Okla.

### The Truth Set Her Free

Whilst on holiday in 2011, I began having pains in my feet. Within a few days I had difficulty walking and had to sit in the car while the rest of the family went hiking. After resting, my feet recovered, though over the following weeks I continued to have pain in various joints.

I visited the doctor and blood tests revealed inflammation and elevated rheumatoid factor, possibly indicating rheumatoid arthritis. As the weeks passed, my joints became more painful, and I was very stiff in the mornings and when getting up after sitting. I was also losing muscle strength. A rheumatologist told me that I appeared to be suffering from arthritis and recommended a prescription of methotrexate. I was reluctant to take it due to the possible side effects.

Through the prayers of my husband and the team at KCM [and reading and studying the subject] I discovered that my symptoms were due to sensitivity to wheat, gluten and dairy products. Eliminating these from my diet has reduced the inflammation and I no longer experience pain and stiffness in my joints.

I have now been well for over a year and I give thanks for the health which I enjoy. I'm so grateful our heavenly Father sent the Holy Spirit to lead us into the truth regarding the cause of the symptoms I was experiencing. Anita H. | United Kingdom

# KCM opens two offices in Latin America!

As part of our plans for expansion into Latin America, Kenneth Copeland Ministries recently opened local offices in Bogota, Colombia; and San Jose, Costa Rica! These new offices will allow us to reach and serve our Partners and Friends in the Latin American region much more effectively with the Word of God. Serving the people of Latin America has always been a major focus for KCM.

According to CEO John Copeland, there are plans to open additional offices in the area over the next two years.

You can read more about this exciting expansion plan in next month's issue of *Believer's Voice* of Victory. salvation prayer

If you do not know Jesus as your Savior 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 savs. "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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TIMELESS TEACHING

by Gloria Copeland



I have some revolutionary news for you today. God wants you healthy! Every day!

Oh, I know that you may quickly think, I know God will heal me when I get sick.

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?

You've probably heard a lot about God's healing power but there is a difference between divine healing and divine health.

ears 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."



I agree that it is wonderful to get healed when you're sick, but it's more wonderful to live in divine health. And that's what God has always intended for His people.

Even under the Old Covenant, God promised His people immunity from disease. Exodus 23:25 says, "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

That promise is even stronger under the New Covenant. Isaiah, looking forward to what Jesus would accomplish at the cross wrote, "Surely he [Jesus] hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...he was wounded for our transgressions,





he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5).

The Apostle Peter, looking back at that same event wrote, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Were healed! That's past tense. Jesus finished your healing on the cross. He paid the price for you to be whole. He bought righteousness for your spirit, peace for your mind and healing for your body.

As far as Jesus is concerned, you're not the sick trying to get healed. You're the healed and Satan is trying to steal your health. I remember when Ken and I realized that, it changed everything for us. We quit trying to talk God into healing us and began instead to resist sickness and disease the way we resisted sin.

### No Third Story

Once you understand God's will really is for you to live in divine health, you can't help but question why so many believers live sick. It seems puzzling at first. But the answer is very simple. Many of them just aren't willing to do what it takes to be well.

People want to be well. No one wants to be sick. But to be well, you have to make choices. How often have you seen

> someone with a hacking cough still smoking a cigarette? Or an overweight person eating an ice cream cone?

Our fleshly nature likes to take the easy way. And it's much easier to give in to habits than to break them. It's easier to give in to your flesh and watch television every night like the rest of the world, than to spend your time putting God's healing Word into your heart.

I once heard Charles Capps say that some people try to build the third story of a building on a vacant lot. That sounds funny, but spiritually speaking it's true. A lot of people want to enjoy the benefits of healing without building the foundation for it from the Word of God.

It can't be done. If you want a building, you have to start below ground level. If you want a harvest, you're going to have to plant something first.

Everything in the natural world works that way. Ken calls it the law of genesis. This law of planting and reaping works in the spirit realm, too. It governs health, prosperity-in fact, everything in God's kingdom is governed by the law of planting and reaping.

Jesus taught about it in Mark 4:26-29. There, He said: "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

According to the law of sowing and reaping, if you want health, you need to do more than just want it. You even need to do more than believe in healing. You need to plant seed that will eventually grow up and yield a harvest of health.

What kind of seed produces

physical health? Proverbs 4:20-22 tells us: "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."

That word *health* in Hebrew means medicine. God's Word has life in it. It is actually spirit food. As you feed on it, you become strong spiritually and physically.

"Let them not depart from thine eyes .... " Read the Word. Meditate on the Word. That's taking God's medicine. If you will be faithful to take it continually, it eventually will be as hard for you to get sick as it ever was for you to get well.

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 the crop of healing coming up in your life.

What Did You Say?

Isaiah 55:11 says the Word of God prospers (or succeeds) in the thing for which it is sent. That means His Word about healing will produce healing. It may not produce it right away, but the more you let the Word work in you, the greater your results will be. In other words, the size of your harvest will depend on how much seed you plant. How much time and attention you give to the Word of God will determine how much crop you will yield.

You see, your heart is actually your spirit. Its capacity is unlimited. You can plant as much seed in your heart as you have hours in a day.

If you'll build your life around the Word, you can have a full return. Jesus called it a



### You can live in divine health EVERY DAY

It is wonderful to get healed when you're sick, but it's more wonderful to live in divine health.

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hundredfold return (Mark 4:20).

Now some people will argue about that. They'll say, "Well, it didn't work for me! I put God's Word about healing into my heart and I'm still sick!"

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But do you know what? They give themselves away the minute they say such things. Jesus taught, "...of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45). If those people had actually planted God's Word in their hearts in abundance, they'd be talking about healing, not sickness! They would be saying, "By His stripes I am healed!"

The same is true for you. The more you put God's Word in your heart, the stronger you'll become. And eventually that Word inside you will begin to come out of your mouth in power and deliverance.

Don't wait until you have a need to start speaking the Word. Start speaking it now.

I'll never forget the first time I realized the importance of speaking God's Word. It was years ago when Ken had just started preaching and I was staying at home with our children. We were in a desperate situation financially and I was eager for answers.

One day as I was sitting at my typewriter, typing notes and listening to tapes, I read Mark 11:23. "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.'

Suddenly, the truth of that last phrase just jumped out at me. And the Lord spoke to my heart and said, In consistency lies the power.

He was telling me that it's not just the words you speak when you pray that change things. It's the words you speak all the time!

If you want to see your desire come to pass, you need to make your words match your prayers. Don't try to pray in faith and then get up and talk in unbelief. Talk faith all the time!

Romans 4:17 says God "...calleth those things which be not as though they were." So if you want to receive something from God, follow His example. Speak it. That's the way faith works. You speak the Word of God concerning what you want to happen.

If what you're looking for is health, then go to the Word that tells you, "By His stripes you were healed," and put that in your mouth. Don't talk sickness. Talk health. Don't talk the problem. Talk the answer.

### What You Plant Grows

"But Gloria," you say, "all that sounds so simple!"

It is simple! Sometimes I think that's why God chose me to teach it. Because I'm simple. When I read the Word of God, I just believe it is speaking to me personally. I don't worry and fuss and say, "Well, I wish that would work for me, but I don't think it will because of this or that .... " I just expect God to do what He says.

You can do the same thing. You can come to the Word like a little child and say, "Lord, I receive this. I believe Your Word above all and I trust You with my life." If you will, you'll never be disappointed.

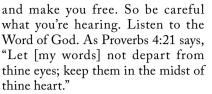
How can you get that kind of simple, childlike faith? By hearing the Word of God.

Romans 10:17 says, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." But you need to know something else: Doubt comes by hearing also. That's why Jesus said, "Be careful what you are hearing ... " (Mark 4:24, The Amplified Bible).

What you're hearing can be a matter of life and death when you're dealing with healing. If you're going to a church, for example, that teaches healing has passed away or that God uses sickness to teach you something-and you keep hearing that Sunday after Sunday-what do you think will grow in your heart? Doubt, not faith.

What you plant inside your heart grows—always. Doubt will grow and keep you bound. Truth will grow

"Read Through the Bible in a Year Plan" written by Marilyn Hickey, and used by permissi



Read the Word every day. Make notecards for yourself using the healing scriptures and tape them to your mirror.

Play CDs. Listen to them in your car. Listen to them while you dress in the morning. If you'll listen to the Word while you're driving back and forth to work every day, you'll be surprised how fruitful that time will become. It will change your life. I challenge you to try it!

#### Don't Let Them Throw You

God's Words have power in them. When you keep them in the midst of your heart, they become life and healing and health. They're medicine. God's medicine.

But beware. People will try to discourage you and keep you from taking that medicine. They'll tell you things like, "If God wants us to live in divine health, why did Sister So-and-So suffer so much sickness? And she was a fine Christian."

Don't let them throw you off track. Instead, just remember this: You don't live in divine health because you're a fine Christian. No one does. You live in divine health because you take the Word of God, and you keep it in front of your eyes. You keep it going into your ears. You keep it in the midst of your heart and you apply it to your life.

You live in divine health because you believe God for it, because you talk about it and because you act on it—day after day after day.

Don't wait until an emergency comes. Don't wait until your body is weak and sick to start feeding on healing scriptures. Start now. Plant God's Word of healing in the good faith soil of your heart daily—and then, get excited. Your harvest of health is on its way!



Superkids, at some point in life everyone has wondered: "Who am I and who am I supposed to be?" Or, "Why am I on this earth? Am I special or ordinary, gifted or average?"

Maybe you've asked yourself, or your parents, or even friends these questions. But is that really where you should be looking for answers?

Of course, parents, grandparents and others of godly character are a great place to start when looking for wisdom! God has placed them in your life to help you—to guide you and to point you to Him.

You've probably seen cartoons or movies where people ask fortunetellers to tell them what's in their future. That kind of thing sounds silly to us, but the truth is, it isn't any sillier than where some people actually get their information! I'm talking about things like TV, the Internet and movies. The sad thing is, they take that information and use it to plan out their whole lives, even though it may not be right!

The truth is, TV, movies or the Internet shouldn't be the source for what you want, who you are or what you should be!

Where should you begin to find out about your future and your destiny? Anytime you are looking for answers, start with God's Word.

In Jeremiah 29, New Living

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Translation, the Lord told Jeremiah in verses 8 and 9 to not listen to fortunetellers and tricksters because, "I have not sent them." Then, in verse 11. He said: "For I know the plans I have for you. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Then He went on to say, "When you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me" (verses 12-13, *NLT*).

And listen to this, Superkid: God told Jeremiah, "I will be found by you" (verse 14, NLT). This is the Lord's heart toward you, too! He is not hiding His plans from you, but revealing them little by little. In fact, the only place they are hiding is deep inside you! Ecclesiastes 3:11, NLT, tells us, "God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

I know it may seem like it would be awesome to know all that God has planned for us from beginning to end, but let me ask you two questions: First, where is the faith in that? If we had all the answers and knew the outcomes, then we would be more like robots just performing the actions because that is what we are supposed to do. Secondly, where is the fun in that?

Isn't it much more exciting to believe God, trust Him and then watch Him do exciting things in our lives? Even things we didn't expect! Because we don't know the future, we get to trust God along the way, knowing that each step and every instruction is leading us to His plan for us! Knowing that ALONG THE WAY we are walking in His plan is much more adventurous!

So, here are the real questions: If God does have a plan for your life, then what exactly is it? And, how do you get the download from God?

Psalm 139 is a wonderful passage of Scripture that tells how God knitted you together before you were ever born. He embroidered you with many different colors and strands. Remember what Ecclesiastes 3:11 says? That destiny is inside you. Just listen to the Lord. Pay attention to what you are drawn to. But most importantly, realize there is no reason to worry or fret. God knows your heart! He made it! He put desires and dreams there. And He has the answers to all your questions.

I encourage you to read Psalm 139 today. Read it out loud. Picture every word as a letter from your heavenly Father to you. He loves you so much, and as you follow Him and know Him, you

will see that doing what He's placed in your heart is the happiest life of all!

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# Taking the Mystery Out of 'Spiritual Warfare'

From time to time, the subject of spiritual warfare becomes a popular, almost faddish focus for the Body of Christ. When this happens, it is taught with such enthusiasm that a newcomer to Christ might assume spiritual warfare is a brand-new revelation, even though it is not.

here have even been many moments in history when this subject has become the rage in the charismatic sector of the Body of Christ. Any person who has been in touch with the national pulse of the Church would quickly agree that at times, the Body of Christ experiences what I have come to call a "spiritualwarfare mania."

This emphasis on spiritual warfare is good in that it causes us to become familiar with our adversary, the devil, and how he operates. Once we understand his mode of operation, we can then foil his attacks against us. This is the very reason Paul told the Corinthians concerning the devil and his mode of operation, "we are not

by Rick Renner

ignorant of [Satan's] devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11).

On the other hand, an overemphasis on spiritual warfare has the potential of having a very bad effect on the Church. If spiritual warfare is not taught properly, it can be devastating, for this subject has a unique way of captivating people's

attention so completely that they eventually think of nothing *but* spiritual warfare. This is a favorite trick of the devil to make believers magnify his power to a greater degree than it deserves. If this trick works, these unbalanced, devil-minded believers begin to imagine that the devil is behind everything that occurs, thus becoming paralyzed and incapable of functioning normally in any capacity of life. In this way, the enemy eliminates them from future usefulness in the kingdom of God. Unfortunately, this has been the outcome in the lives of too many people who have focused on the issue of spiritual warfare in years past.

Don't misunderstand what I am saying: I am not opposed to spiritual warfare. Spiritual warfare is real! We are commanded in Scripture to deal with the unseen, invisible forces that have been marshaled against us. We are commanded to "cast out devils" (Mark 16:17) and to "pull down the strongholds" of the mind (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). This is a part of our Christian responsibility toward the lost, the oppressed and the demonized.

In my own ministry, I have had to deal with demonic manifestations on occasion. For instance, I remember a time years ago when a young teenage Satanist approached me



at the end of one of my meetings in a large church. During the meeting, he realized that Satan's powers had taken his mind captive, so he came forward to receive prayer in the prayer line.

As I continued through the prayer line, praying for first one and then another, I could visibly see from a distance that this particular young man was sending forth spiritual signals of a very strong, evil presence. As I came nearer to him, I sensed that he had been involved in some type of occult activity.

When I finally reached the young man, he looked up through eyes that were tightly squeezed together like little slits in the front of his head. I looked into his eves, and it was as if a demon was looking back at me from behind his face. When I saw this, I knew that this young man was serious about being helped. It had taken a great deal of determination for him to shove aside that manipulating force and forge his way down to the front of the church auditorium.

As I laid my hands on the young man that night, his body began to react violently to the power of God. Trembling under the weight of God's power, he crumpled to the floor, landing in a heap next to my feet. Lying there engulfed in the electrifying power of God that was surging up and down his body, the young man quietly moaned, "Tm afraid to leave them [the satanic group in which he was involved]. They said they would kill me if I left the group!"

I leaned over to pray for him a second time, and as I did, the horrible demonic influence that had held his mind captive immediately released him and fled from the scene. Oh, yes, I *definitely* believe in genuine spiritual warfare!

### **Spiritual Hostages**

There are multitudes of people in the world today who are held hostage by the devil in their minds. First John 3:8 says, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

The word *destroy* is taken from the Greek word *luo*, and it refers to "the act of untying or unloosing something." It is the exact word we would use to picture a person who is untying his shoes. In fact, the word *luo* is used in this exact way in Luke 3:16, when John the Baptist says, "but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy *to unloose.*"

Thus, Jesus Christ came into the world to *untie* and *unloose* Satan's binding powers over us. At the cross, Jesus unraveled Satan's power until His redemptive work was finally complete and our liberty was fully purchased.

Furthermore, Peter told the household of Cornelius, "How God anointed Jesus

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of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38).

We know from both of the above verses that setting people free from Satan's power is a primary concern of Jesus Christ. Since this is His concern, it should be ours as well.

In order to free people from demonic oppression,

we must learn how to recognize the work of the enemy and how to overcome his attacks against the mind, for the mind is the primary area he seeks to attack. Satan's

goal is to plant a stronghold of deception in some area of an individual's mind. If he is successful, he can then begin to control



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and manipulate the person from that lofty position.

The Holy Spirit is obviously speaking a strong message about spiritual warfare to us in these days. Christian leaders and churches all across the nation are awakening to this reality. In light of this, we must give heed to what the Spirit is saying to the Church and proceed with the Word of God as our guide and foundation.

As we seek to engage in spiritual warfare, we must be very careful to walk in balance. For one thing, we need to realize that this subject involves more than just dealing with the devil. Other major elements of spiritual warfare have to do with *taking control of our minds* and *crucifying the flesh*. We must not forget that these latter elements of spiritual warfare are just as vital as the first.

The truth is, the devil's attacks against our lives wouldn't work if our flesh didn't cooperate. If we were truly mortifying the flesh (Colossians 3:5), living lives that were "dead to sin" (Romans 6:2) as we are commanded to do in Scripture, we would not respond to demonic suggestions and to fleshly temptation. Dead men are incapable of responding to *anything*. Thus, we see the power of a crucified life! Living the crucified life is a critical part of spiritual warfare. If I wrote a book on spiritual warfare without mentioning this truth, I would do my faithful readers a great injustice by giving them a very unrealistic view of the subject.

A person can scream at the devil all day long, but if that person has willfully permitted some area of his mind to go unchecked and unguarded—if he is aware of an area of sin but has not been willing to deal with it—he has opened the door for an attack on himself. In that case, all his prayers against the devil will be to no avail because his real enemy is not the devil. Rather, it is his own carnal mind and flesh, which must be submitted to the control of the Holy Spirit in order to eradicate these attacks.

The bottom line is this: If people focus *only* on the devil as they pursue the subject of spiritual warfare and fail to consider other equally important areas, their emphasis on spiritual warfare can and will be very damaging to them. Although spiritual warfare is real and we cannot ignore it, we must be careful to remember that the real battle with Satan was won at the Cross and the Resurrection. Now this same victorious Christ who single-handedly defeated the devil lives in us in the Person of the Holy Spirit! This is why the Apostle John tells us, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

Our view of spiritual warfare must begin with this basic understanding of Jesus' already accomplished victory over Satan. If we don't start out with this as our foundation, eventually we will be led to utterly ridiculous spiritual conclusions. The victory has already been won; there is nothing we can add to the destructive work Jesus did to Satan's domain when He was raised from the dead.

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# Under His

### by Kenneth Copeland

It seems like every time we turn around these days, the media are telling us about some new disease we all need to be afraid of. For a while there, it was Ebola. Because of the prayers of God's people, that disease is disappearing now, but when it first hit, it was headline news morning, noon and night.

When the Ebola epidemic died down, they started in on the flu. They showed pictures of people sitting in emergency rooms and interviewed doctors



who talked about how deadly the latest flu strain is going to be. One day, all I did was open the weather app on my cellphone and up popped a headline that shouted at me in great big letters: THE FLU SEASON IS OPEN!

"It may be," I said, "but I'm not going to partake of it. I'm going to keep right on abiding in the secret place of the Most High and let the flu pass me by. I'm going to keep on living in divine health!"

"Brother Copeland," someone might say, "how can you be so certain?"



When you and I declare our trust in God. Jesus starts speaking and giving us insight into what that trust brings to pass for us.

Because I know what The WORD of God says. It says repeatedly in Psalm 91 that the person who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will be delivered from "pestilence" (verses 3 and 6).

What exactly is pestilence? It refers to virulent diseases, plagues or epidemics that are highly infectious and potentially deadly. Ebola, for example, qualifies as a pestilence. So does the flu and every other disease the devil can come up with.

All those things are pestilences and, according to God's WORD, when we as believers are abiding in His secret place, under His shadow, God will deliver us from every one of them.

One person who demonstrated this in a most remarkable way was John G. Lake. He was a missionary in Africa back in 1910, when a plague swept across the continent. It was so deadly that in a single month one fourth of the population in the affected area died.

Because the disease was highly contagious, the government couldn't find anyone who was willing to go into the area to nurse the sick and bury the dead. They offered \$1,000 (which was a lot of money in those days) to anyone who would do it. But they couldn't find any takers.

John Lake and his ministry associates, however, volunteered to do it at no cost. They went into the houses where people were sick, prayed for them, tended to their needs and buried the people who had already died-and they did it all without one symptom of the plague ever touching them.

Of course, the government

officials and doctors were dumbfounded by this. They couldn't understand it. So they approached Brother Lake and asked him about it. "It is the law of the Spirit of life in Jesus Christ," he said. "I believe that just as long as I keep my soul in contact with the living God, so that His Spirit is flowing into my soul and body, no germ will ever attach itself to me, for the Spirit of God will kill it."

God's Plan Any Nemen

Brother Lake even invited the doctors to do experiments on him. He let them put the foam from the lungs of a dead plague victim on his hand and examine it under a microscope. When they did, they saw that the masses of living germs in the foam died the moment they touched Brother Lake.

It was an amazing thing-and most people think it happened to John G. Lake because he was special. But actually the reverse is true. He was special because that kind of thing happened to him; and the reason it happened to him was because he had the Anointing of God.

That's good news because you and I as believers have that same Anointing; which means we can experience the same kind of deliverance from pestilence that John Lake did, as long as we dwell in the secret place of the Most High.

### Look Who's Talking

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "I'm not really sure how to get into that secret place."

You do it with words of faith. You put your trust in God and make the same declaration as the person in Psalm 91:2: "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."

Then you stick with that confession. You don't say a bunch of unbelieving junk that contradicts it. You don't say stupid stuff like, "Well, everyone at work has the flu, so I suppose I'll be next. There's just no way around it."

No, you say what Psalm 91:2 says and nothing else.

What happens when you do that? Someone else starts talking.

Read Psalm 91 all the way through and you'll see what I mean. It's written in a way that clearly indicates more than one person is speaking. In verse 2, for instance, the believer speaks and says, "The Lord is my refuge, in Him will I trust." But in verse 3 (and throughout the rest of the psalm), someone else takes over and responds to the believer's confession of faith by saying, "Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence."

I'll never forget the first time I noticed that. I thought, Who is talking in those verses? It can't be God because they refer to God as "He." So there's someone else speaking in this psalm.

I asked The LORD about it and He said, *It's Jesus*.

Isn't that amazing? When you and I declare our trust in God, Jesus starts speaking and giving us insight into what that trust brings to pass for us. He steps into His role as our High Priest and declares what God is going to do for us.

In verse 4, for example, He tells us that God "shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust." We've all heard the





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<sup>\$25AUD</sup> 1300 730 433 or +617 3343 7777 / NZ 0800 903 100 expression, "he took me under his wing." There's a whole lot to that: It not only means to cover someone and protect them from outside harm; it refers to providing them with expertise and resources.

When God says He's taking you under His wing, He's talking covenant language. He's saying, "When you come into My house, you're covered. I take care of everything."

That in itself is so thrilling we could be tempted just to set up camp around verse 4 and celebrate. But Jesus doesn't stop there. In verses 5 and 6, He goes on to say, "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

When Jesus says *thou shalt not be afraid*, He's not just trying to comfort us. He's not patting us on the head and saying, "Now, don't worry about this, little darling. You won't be scared." No, He's giving an emphatic command. He's saying to us, "You *shall not* be afraid!"

Keeping the Switch of Faith Turned On

Why is Jesus so adamantly opposed to us being afraid?

Because all the benefits listed in Psalm 91 are faith-dependent; and for us to stand *in* faith, we must stand *against* fear.

The New Testament story about Jairus confirms this. Do you remember what happened to him?

A ruler of the synagogue, he went to Jesus with a desperate situation: His little daughter was so sick, she was about to die. Certain that Jesus could help her, he went to the place where He was preaching, "fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live" (Mark 5:22-23).

At the time, Jesus was surrounded by a huge crowd of people but, moved by Jairus' faith, He responded to his

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plea and started walking with him toward his house.

Before they got there, however, something happened that stopped Jesus in His tracks. A woman with an issue of blood pressed in behind Him and touched His clothes, believing that if she could just touch them she would be healed.

Jesus, sensing the healing power of God had flowed out of Him, turned around to find out who had touched Him. When she identified herself, He ministered to her. He stood there and listened while she told Him how many years she'd been sick and how many doctors she'd seen and how much it had cost her. He listened while she told Him how she had suffered many things of many doctors and she'd gotten no better, but rather grew worse.

As she talked on and on, Jairus did not yield to the pressure and urgency of his own situation. He didn't say a word. He just stayed quiet because he'd already said what he needed to say: "Lord, You come and lay Your hands on my daughter and she will be healed and she will live."

That was his faith confession and he wasn't saying anything else. Period! His faith was sustaining him.

As he was standing there waiting, however, he got some news that threatened to be a game-changer. Someone shoved through the crowd and said to him, "Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?" (verse 35).

Those words must have hit Jairus like a brick. Suddenly he's facing the most serious situation any parent can imagine. His daughter isn't just sick anymore—she's dead.

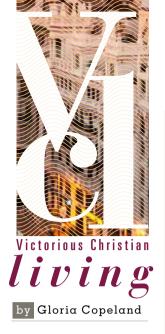
What did he say when he found out about it?

Nothing.

Jesus didn't give him a chance. As soon as He heard what Jairus had been told He said, "Be not afraid, only believe" (verse 36).

Why did He say that?

Because He intended to work a



# Stay Connected to the Spirit

"If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." John 14:15-17

We'll never experience any real success in life without the help of the Holy Spirit. He's the One who communicates to us the will of God for our lives. He's the One who shows us the paths that will lead to our divine destiny. The Amplified Bible calls Him our Comforter, our Counselor, our Helper, our Intercessor, our Advocate, our Strengthener and our Standby. Jesus said He is the One who will teach us all things (John 14:26).

If we encounter α problem, it's the Holy Spirit who gives us wisdom so we know what to do. If we find ourselves ensnared in some kind of trouble, He reveals the truth that will make us free. When we're weak, He strengthens us. When we see what to do but can't do it on our own, He takes hold together with us and helps us.

The more attuned we are to the voice of the Holy Spirit and the more we are led by Him, the more victory we'll experience in our lives.

That's one reason we must so earnestly endeavor to continually walk in love. Love puts us in position to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

In John 14 through 16, where Jesus gave His final instructions to His disciples before He went to the cross, we see the command of love mentioned repeatedly throughout the Lord's teaching on the Holy Spirit. Clearly, there is a connection between the two. Since the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of love, when we step out of love, we are stepping out of His flow. We are interrupting our connection with Him.

When we disobey the command of love, He is hindered in His ministry to us.

We simply can't afford to let that happen. We need the Holy Spirit's help too much. We need Him to help us meet the needs of our families. We need Him to help us plan our schedules and deal wisely with the challenges we face every day. We need Him to constantly guide us so we can avoid the traps and snares of the devil.

That's why we must do what it takes to keep our ears open to His voice, our hearts sensitive to His leadings, and ourselves in position to be controlled by Him. That's why we must be diligent to live the life of love. **(**)



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miracle and raise that little girl from the dead; and for Jairus to receive that miracle he had to maintain his faith connection with Jesus. He had to keep the switch of faith turned on. Fear is the enemy of faith!

### Let Jesus Do the Talking

Much the same thing is true for us: God intends to work miracles for us. He's provided deliverance for us not only from every kind of pestilence but from every other danger the devil can devise, and we receive what He's provided by keeping the switch of faith turned on.

We connect with God's protective power by making our confession of faith according to Psalm 91:2. We say of The LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust," and that's all we say about it. Period!

After that, we follow Jairus' example and let Jesus do our talking for us. No matter what kind of bad report we receive, no matter what's being broadcast on the news, or at the coffee shop, we just say what The LORD says about it. We just keep believing and fear not.

"But Brother Copeland, Jesus was physically standing right next to Jairus. Didn't that give him an edge on us?"

Certainly not. We're the ones who have the edge.

We not only have the Spirit of Jesus with us and among us, we have Him living on the inside of us. We have the written WORD of the living God to meditate on and believe, and the Anointing of the Holy Spirit to empower us.

We're born-again believers living on the victory side of the Cross! We're the people to whom Isaiah 54 says: "In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake" (verses 14-15).

If you read those verses closely, you'll notice they tell us that oppression is tied to fear. They say, "You will be far from oppression *for* you won't fear."

Can you see why it's so vital for us to fear not and believe only? Fear is twisted faith. It activates the devil the way faith activates God. Fear opens you up, both spiritually and physically, to receive the harm the devil is trying to inflict on you.

This is not only scriptural, it's proven scientific fact: The human brain is not wired for fear and unbelief. It's wired for love and faith. Fear-filled, unbelieving thoughts are literally toxic to your body. They damage your brain and wreak havoc with your immune system.

That's why you, as a believer, don't have any business being afraid of anything. Jesus has delivered you from fear. He's given you His WORD, "Terror shall not come near you, and whatever comes against you shall fall for your sake."

Talk about the war on terror: For you and me and every other believer, that war has been won!

Think about that the next time some kind of pestilent epidemic raises its ugly head and you start hearing about the Ebola scare, or the flu scare or any other kind of scare. Refuse to partake of those scares. Instead, put your trust in God, make your faith declaration and then let Jesus do the talking.

He said, "Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling" (Psalm 91:9-10). So fear not; only believe, and say, "Amen!" **V** 



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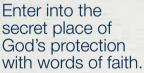
## points to get you there Divine Protection

These days the news media are always talking about the latest "scare." For a while, it was Ebola...then it was the flu... next it will be something else. As a believer, however, you don't have to partake of those scares. You can live in perfect safety, even in the midst of a dangerous world, by dwelling in the secret place of the Most High. Here are some points to get you there.

# Know what God's WORD says about your protection.

Psalm 91:10: "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

### Determine to live every day under the safety of God's wing. Psalm 91:4: "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."



Psalm 91:2: "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."

# When trouble threatens, refuse to fear.

Psalm 91:5: "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day."

### Remember that in Christ the war on terror has been won.

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