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## THE DIVINE ORDER OF FAITH

BY CREFLO DOLLAR

Len Mink

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story

had always dreamed of traveling and singing before millions around the world. What he didn't know, was that God was about to fulfill that dream, and cause him to bring his gift of song before nations, through a divine connection with KCM.

# A LOVE SONG

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Who  
SAID  
That?

Dear Partner

Let's begin by looking at <sup>(COPY)</sup> 14:21  
On Monday of the last week of Nov  
last year I noticed symptoms of  
cold/like flu like symptoms  
coming on my body. I immediately  
began confessing ~~THE~~ Healing  
words and taking my stand against  
it. I listened to Healing school.  
I listened to other preaching-teaching  
meetings before bed each night and  
the symptoms went down, almost  
away then came back some every  
day that week but by fri afternoon

It's timely, it's real  
and it's personal...  
because as far as  
Brother Copeland is  
concerned, he's writing  
to his closest friends.

Kenneth Copeland  
learned the importance  
of letter writing from  
his spiritual father,  
Oral Roberts, who,  
after explaining the  
importance of writing  
letters to his partners,  
told Kenneth:

"I want you to commit  
to God that every 30  
days, for the rest of  
your life, you will pray  
in the Holy Ghost until  
you have something  
anointed to write to  
your Partners, just the  
way Paul wrote to his."

"From that time until  
now," says Kenneth,  
"I've written a letter  
every month to my  
friends who are in  
partnership with me.  
They aren't money-  
raising letters. I don't  
write them for that  
reason. God is my  
source, and He meets  
all my needs. I write  
the letters because  
I want to bless my  
Partners. Since they  
are partakers of my  
grace (Philippians 1:7),  
I want to share with  
them the revelations  
God has given me."

"I agonize over those  
letters. I pray, and pray,  
and pray and pray."

## KENNETH COPELAND'S PARTNER LETTER

IN A WORLD FILLED WITH COUNTERFEITS,  
THE PARTNERS OF KENNETH COPELAND  
MINISTRIES HAVE HAD SOMETHING  
GENUINE TO COUNT ON MONTH  
AFTER MONTH, YEAR IN AND YEAR  
OUT FOR THE PAST 31 YEARS: KENNETH  
COPELAND'S PARTNER LETTER.



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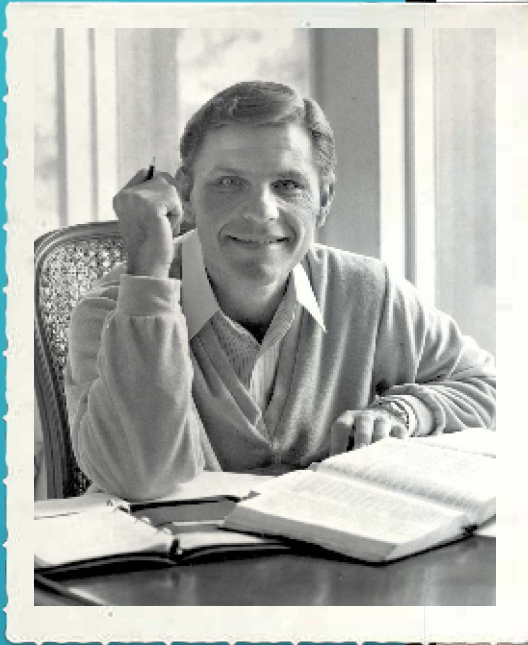
THE LORD HAS BLESSED ME WITH MANY GOOD FRIENDS OVER THE YEARS, BUT THE BEST FRIENDS I HAVE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PARTNERED WITH ME IN THIS MINISTRY. THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE I WRITE LETTERS TO EVERY MONTH.

”

Then I go back to prayer until I hear what's on God's heart.

“Sometimes it comes to me in the middle of the night. But one thing's for sure—I wait until I hear from heaven. I don't just sit down and put something on paper. As a result, those letters have changed lives—my Partners' and mine. Thanks to God, and to the Holy Spirit working through the Apostle Paul and Brother Roberts, we have all been blessed!”

Today, the Partner Letter is one of the most important ministry tools extending from Kenneth Copeland Ministries. It travels the world, providing strength and resulting in thousands of testimonies of salvation, healing, deliverance, restoration and increase. ❶



## HISTORIC MOMENT

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Dear Partner,

Recently The LORD has given me a new and deeper calling to minister directly to you, my Covenant Partner, through my letters to you. In the light of God's WORD, I've seen those letters in a new and powerful way. And no matter how much of my time and prayer it takes, I'm going to do my very best to get an anointed, faith-filled letter to you each month to help you live that month in greater victory. This is my commitment to you.

Ever since the Church began, letters have been a powerful tool in God's hand. He entrusted His precious gospel to be communicated by letters. These letters by Paul, John, Luke and others carried The WORD of His Power to His people. They still do.

In Paul's letters, he referred to the times he spent in prayer for the people and then wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. That means the letters of Paul and the others God inspired to write are the Holy Scriptures. The letters you will receive from me will always be based on and subject to those inspired letters of God's eternal WORD. As I intercede in prayer for you, I expect the Holy Spirit to anoint me with an anointing that is greater than your needs. Out of that anointing will come my letters to you.

So pay close attention to them. Treat them with great respect, for the anointing will be on them. After they have ministered to you, don't just forget about them. Continue to think on them. Give God the opportunity to continue to use them in your life as seeds of my faith for your prosperity.

You have my word, that everything I say I will do for you in these letters, I will actually do! You know I'll keep my word.

I'm working on your next letter now. I am charged with God's power. Be expecting it. I can hardly wait for you to read it. I believe it will be almost like talking face to face. Until then, remember that Gloria and I love you—and Jesus is LORD!

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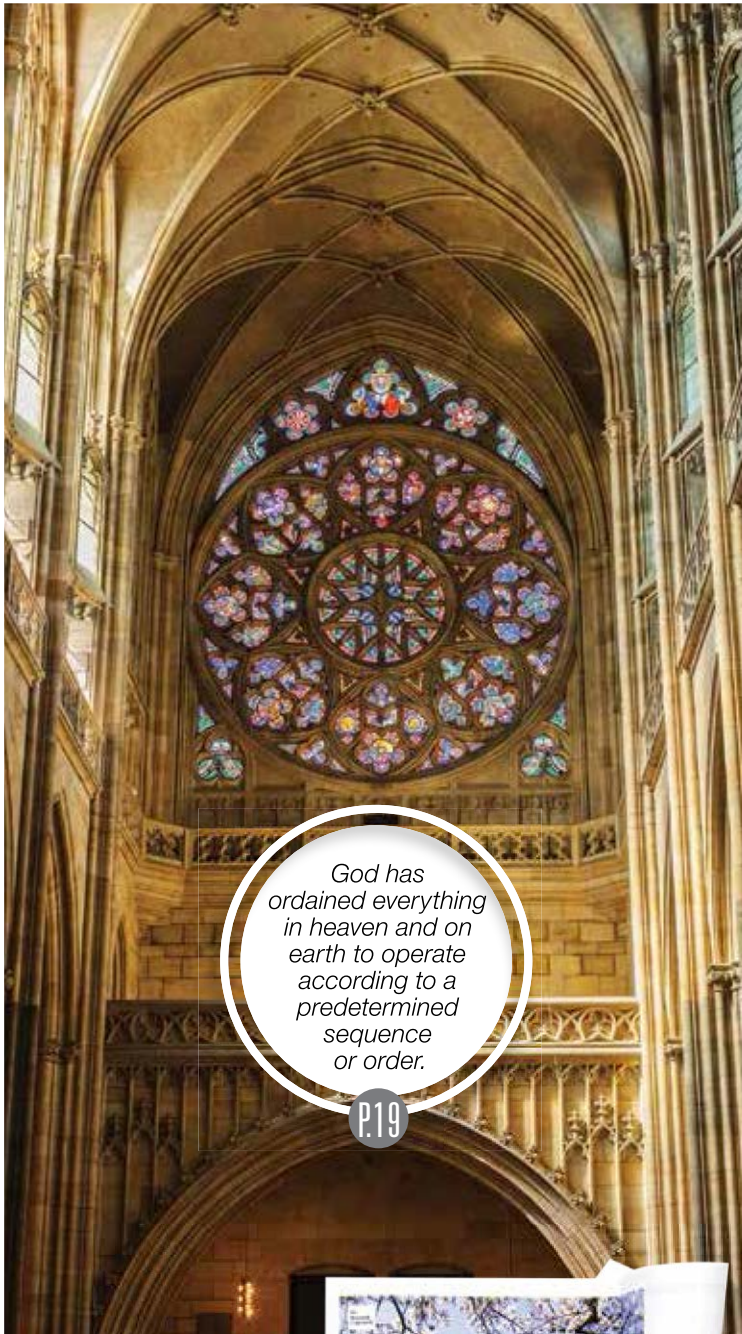


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ordained everything  
in heaven and on  
earth to operate  
according to a  
predetermined  
sequence  
or order.

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FORGET WHAT  
YOU'VE HEARD  
ABOUT MONEY  
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DEVIL'S  
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# It's Your Inheritance Enjoy It!

RIGHT NOW YOU, AS A BORN-AGAIN  
CHILD OF GOD, ARE RICH BEYOND  
YOUR WILDEST IMAGINATIONS. I DON'T  
MEAN JUST SPIRITUALLY.

I MEAN FINANCIALLY AND MATERIALLY.





## No matter what your circumstances,

no matter how big or small your bank balance, everything you could ever need or want is already yours. It's not up in heaven waiting to be sent down to you one of these days. It's already been released into the earth. It's here right now; and it will respond to faith in God. It will respond to your believing, speaking and acting on His WORD because that's what it was originally created to do.

Ever since the beginning, this earth and all of its abundance has been on assignment to serve and prosper mankind. Everything on this planet was created for our benefit. God didn't make this earth and fill it with everything good just for His own sake. He made it with His children in mind.

You can see that's true in the first chapter of the Bible. The first thing God did there after creating the earth was turn around and give it to Adam. As soon as He breathed life into him, God BLESSED him and said: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and...have dominion" (Genesis 1:28).

Just think! Those were the first words any human being ever heard and they settled forever the question of whether or not we're supposed to prosper. The answer will always be, "Yes!"

God never had the idea that we should go without any of our needs or wants being met. It was never His plan for us to just barely scrape by.

His plan has always been for us to "be fruitful and multiply" on the earth, and to do so by the power of the same force that created it—THE BLESSING of The LORD.

"But Brother Copeland, you have to remember, in the Garden of Eden Adam bowed his knee to the devil. So now everything on earth belongs to him."

No, it doesn't. Nothing has ever belonged to him. He's been a thief from the start. Everything he's ever gotten his hands on was stolen from God and man.

The Bible confirms this time and again. God not only created everything on this planet, He still owns it. As He said in Psalm 50: "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof" (verses 10-12).

God is pretty blunt in those verses. He basically says, "If I decide I want to use some of the earth's resources, I don't have to come begging to you for them. If I'm hungry and I want to dine there, I'll eat whatever I want. I own it all!"

First Corinthians 10 says this again, not just once but twice: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof" (verses 26, 28)!

One thing in particular that's included in this fullness is all the money on earth. God says very specifically in Haggai 2:8, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine."

You can forget what you've heard about money being the devil's "filthy lucre." All the wealth in the whole world belongs to God, and His intention is for us to exercise dominion over it. His will is for us to prosper and experience the fulfillment of what the Bible says in Psalm 115:14-16: "The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ye are blessed of the

## POINTS TO GET YOU THERE

As a joint heir with Jesus, everything you could ever need or want on this earth is already yours. Here are some points to get you there:

1 God's plan has always been for His children to prosper on the earth.

Genesis 1:28

2 God owns all the earth's resources, including all the world's wealth.

Haggai 2:8

3 The devil stole those resources through sin but Jesus got them back again.

Hebrews 1:2

4 As a joint heir with Jesus, you too have inherited all things.

Romans 8:16-17

5 God doesn't just give you things to meet your needs, He gives you things to enjoy.

1 Timothy 6:17

Lord which made heaven and earth. The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men."

#### Joint Heirs With the Last Adam

"Wait a minute," someone might say, "if the devil stole the earth from man through sin, how is it possible for us to really walk in the fulfillment of those verses?"

Remember what Genesis 1 reveals about how in the beginning God created the earth for Adam? Well, Jesus is "the last Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:45)! He's the first Man ever to be born again from spiritual death to life. As the firstborn Son of the Father, God has appointed Him "heir of all things" (Hebrews 1:2), and all of us who have been born again by faith in Him have been appointed to be

financially?"

Because we've been religiously brainwashed. We've been wrongly taught by well-meaning but biblically ignorant people to think and say things like, "Oh, we're unworthy..." and "You just never know what God is going to do."

Out in West Texas we have a word that applies well to that kind of thinking: "*Bull!*"

God told us in His Book exactly what He will do and we can expect Him to do everything He said. In fact, we *should* expect Him to do it. We should expect Him to increase us more and more, us and our children—and if it disturbs someone's religious sensitivities, too bad!

We shouldn't pull back on believing God's WORD just because it shocks a few people. We ought to believe everything He said about wealth, no matter how high voltage it might be.

Take 1 Timothy 6:17, for example: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." That verse could be considered shocking not only because of *what* it says but because of what it *doesn't* say. It doesn't say, "Charge the rich in this world to go sell everything they have and give it away." It doesn't tell us to get rid of all our material possessions and shun this old world's goods because they're really bad and God doesn't want us to have them.

No, as we've already seen, the goods on this planet don't belong to the world. They belong to the Body of Christ and we should be in control of them. We ought to be so financially BLESSED that the world is coming to us for help and we're sharing with them. That way we can show them the love of God by

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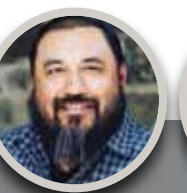
It's possible because of Jesus! It's possible because He came to earth as a Man and reversed what happened through the Fall.

Through His death and resurrection Jesus got back everything the devil stole in the Garden. He not only restored THE BLESSING of God and opened the way for mankind to be born again, He reclaimed all of creation because it rightfully belongs to Him: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Colossians 1:16).

heirs right along with Him! Romans 8 says it as plain as day: "The Spirit [Himself] beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (verses 16-17).

I realize I've already said this but I'm going to say it again: As a believer you are rich right now beyond your wildest imaginations! You've inherited everything you will ever need or want—everything beyond what you can ask or think—and all of it will respond to faith in God and His WORD.

"But Brother Copeland, if that's true, why do so many Christians struggle



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giving to them of our goods.

Notice again that last word. It's *goods*, not *bads*. Have you ever heard of a *Dry Bads Store* or a supermarket that stocked *bads* instead of *goods*? No you haven't, because the material things on this earth that make life easier or more pleasant aren't bad, they're good.

Even the world is smart enough to know that—and so is God. That's why He gives us "richly all things," not just to use but "to enjoy!"

I'll never forget how The LORD drove this point home to me. I was fellowshiping with Him one day and He said, "Kenneth, do I give you things to meet your needs?"

"Yes, LORD," I answered, quoting Philippians 4:19, "You supply all of our needs according to Your riches in glory."

I thought for sure that was right, but He corrected me. "No, I don't give you things to supply your needs," He said. "I give you things to enjoy and they supply your needs."

Although that might sound like a small adjustment, it brought me one step closer to the way God thinks; and I've learned this from experience: The more we think and talk like He does, the more we get His results.

### Missing Out by Getting Sloppy

It isn't a challenge to our faith to receive things from God when we see them as part of our covenant. It isn't hard to believe for material prosperity when we see that God actually delights in giving us good things to enjoy. But much of the Body of Christ doesn't yet see things that way.

On the contrary! Many believers still think God frowns on material prosperity. They still think they should

avoid it because of scriptures like these:

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:10)

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." (1 John 2:15-16)

All too often, people misread those passages and come away with the impression that money and the things in this world are evil. But that's not what those verses say. They don't tell us money is evil; they tell us that *the love of it* is evil. They don't say we shouldn't *have* things; they say we shouldn't *love* them.

"Yeah," someone might say, "but how do we really know what we love?"

That's a good question...and we're sometimes unclear about the answer to it because we've been so sloppy with how we use the word *love*. One minute we might say, "I love God!" Then a few minutes later, without even realizing it, we might see a good-looking new automobile and say, "Wow! I love that car!"

Beware of that kind of talk. By using the word *love* too loosely you can demean it to the point where it has very little honor. You get to the place where your thinking is muddled because you put God, cars and pizza all together in the same category, and talk as if you love them all the same.

That kind of confusion weakens your faith. So if you've fallen prey to it, go back

into training. Watch your words and if you catch yourself saying you love your new car, correct yourself. Say, "No, I don't love my new car—but I do enjoy it!"

As you bring your mouth into line and begin to say what you really mean, your faith will grow stronger. You'll find it easier to believe God's WORD. You'll also find it easier to believe your own words—and in exercising your dominion on earth that's vitally important.

Why? Because this planet is designed to respond to the faith of people who have faith not only in what God says, but in what they say.

In Mark 11, Jesus made this crystal clear. 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. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses (verses 22-25).

That's the way you lay hold of your inheritance! You have faith in God and talk like Jesus' joint heir!

Are you ready to do it? Then go ahead, declare it boldly. Say, "I'm a believer, I'm not a doubter. I am a faith person. I walk and live by faith. I believe in my heart and say with my mouth that as a believer I am rich! God has already released into the earth all the things I could possibly need or want and they're included in my inheritance. They have my name on them and I'm calling them into my presence

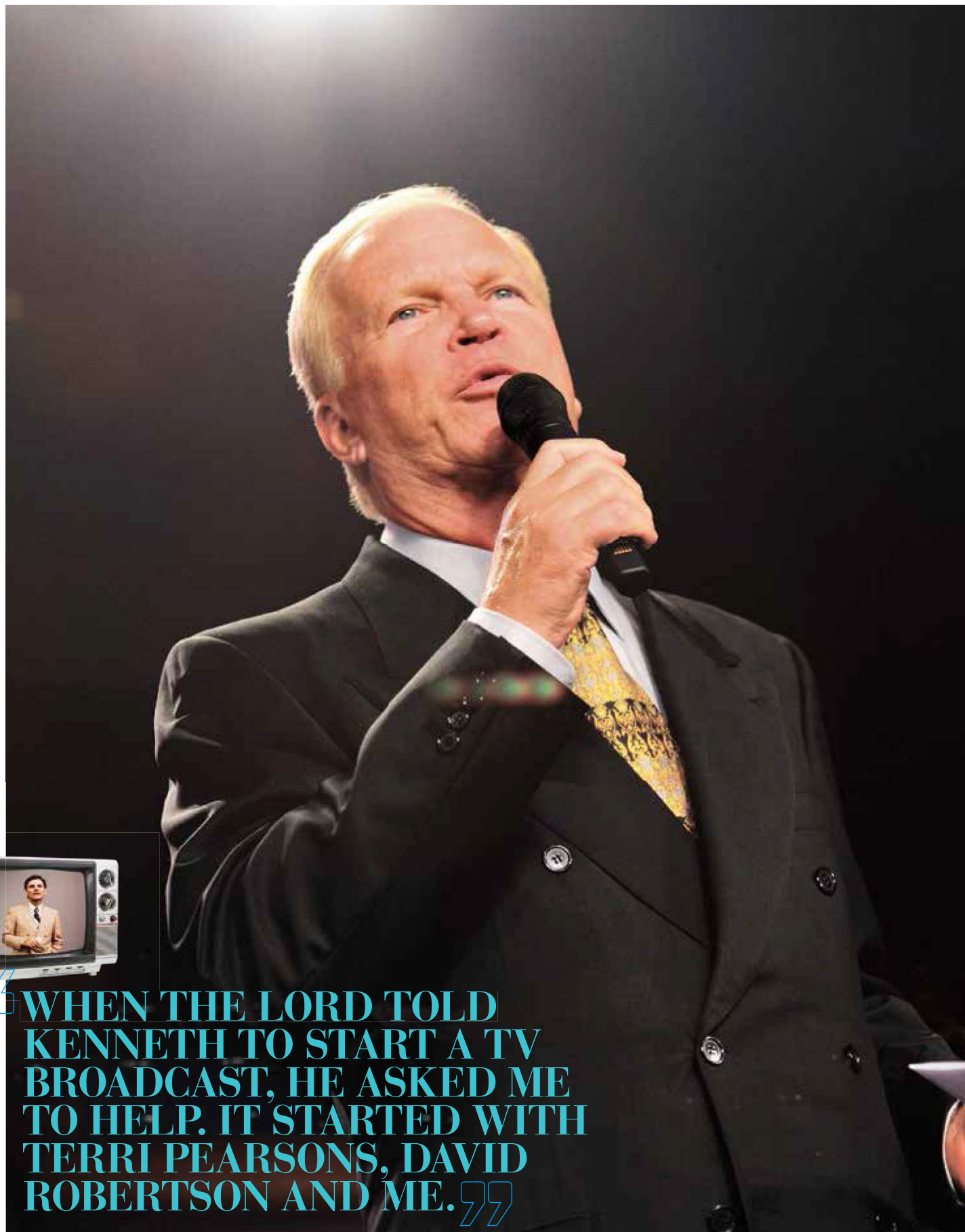
now: Come, prosperity! Come, healing! Come, BLESSING! Come, promotion! Come, money!

"Father, I believe I receive. I thank You for it, and I forgive anyone who has wronged me. I'm not a condemner, I'm a forgiver and a lover. I am BLESSED! I thank You and praise You, for it, LORD. In Jesus' Name, Amen!" 🙏



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“WHEN THE LORD TOLD  
KENNETH TO START A TV  
BROADCAST, HE ASKED ME  
TO HELP. IT STARTED WITH  
TERRI PEARSONS, DAVID  
ROBERTSON AND ME.”



# LEN MINK'S SONG

by  
Melanie  
Henry

AS OLD AS THE CROSS

**LEN MINK'S HAND  
FELT DAMP HOLDING  
THE MICROPHONE AS  
HE WALKED ONTO  
THE STAGE OF *THE  
TONIGHT SHOW*. FOR ONE  
SILENT MOMENT, ALL  
ACROSS THE NATION,  
THOUSANDS—NO,  
MILLIONS—OF EYES  
WATCHED AND WAITED  
FOR HIM TO PERFORM.**

**THEN, THE  
MUSIC BEGAN.**

As the first haunting strains of Billie Holiday's song, "God Bless the Child," rose from the orchestra, the crowd and the cameras seemed to recede. Len forgot his jittery nerves and sang with such joyous ease it almost seemed he was back at home in Virginia, his song echoing off the Appalachian Mountains.

As the music faded, the audience erupted into applause, shouting and cheering their approval. Then they leapt to their feet, granting Len Mink the highest praise an audience can give a singer—a standing ovation.

Len smiled and bowed as the crowd continued to roar. It seemed like he'd been dreaming of this moment all his life.

Len's dreams had always been big for a boy raised in Marion, Va. As a youngster, his hunger for the world had been so great, he'd read the encyclopedia from Aardvark through Zywiec while in grade school. He'd poured over every issue of *National Geographic*. "That boy's got wanderlust," his mama used to say.

For as long as he could remember, Len Mink had wanted to travel and sing. Sometimes he sang for pocket change. Often, he sang for free; anytime, night or day. It was that willingness that had landed him his first big break—an early morning appearance on a telethon in 1968, two years before his appearance on *The Tonight Show*. When Len found out none of the singers slated to sing for the telethon was interested in the 3 a.m. slot, he grabbed it as if it were the opportunity of a lifetime.

Sure enough, that's exactly what it had turned out to be. At 3 o'clock that morning, a television executive, unable to sleep, had flipped on the television set in his hotel room. He heard Len sing, and offered him a job at a television station in Cincinnati six months later.

Although Len started out at the station as little more than an errand boy, he learned the business fast—so fast that within six months, 21-year-old Len Mink was offered his own television show.



*The Len Mink Show*, which hit the air in December 1968, was an overnight success. A musical variety show, it soon became the hottest, most popular program in Cincinnati. Len interviewed guests, but mostly he sang—show tunes, Beatles hits, mood songs and folk music. Before long the show had

been syndicated nationwide, and Len had expanded his popularity by serving as co-host of *The Nick Clooney Show* and appearing on *The Merv Griffin Show*, *The Mike Douglas Show* and *The Steve Allen Show*.

Now, he was getting a standing ovation from Johnny Carson's audience. Johnny joined the crowd in their applause and invited Len back in two weeks.

### Emptiness Unfilled

That night, Len celebrated his success with friends in New York City. The next morning he sat on the bed in his hotel room, thinking. *Where is the fulfillment success is supposed to bring?*

Fame had only made the emptiness in his soul more profound.

Hoping a relationship would fill the awful void in his life, Len started dating a young model and co-worker, Cathy Gravitt. Like Len, Cathy had found success early in life. She'd begun modeling in high school and college, winning contests that took her to London. While there, she'd been paired with 19-year-old Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to attend the theater. The two young men went on to compose such hits as *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Cats*, *Evita* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

Cathy won "Cincinnati Model of the Year" and traveled to New York where she shared a room at the Waldorf Hotel with Cybill Shepherd. At 21, after earning a degree in education from Ohio State, she moved to New York City where she worked as a model. Two blocks from where she lived in Greenwich Village, Len Mink sang at a nightclub called the Bitter End. They didn't meet, however, until they were both back in Cincinnati.

"We met when my mother insisted I take her to be in the audience of *The Len Mink Show*," Cathy recalls. "Len asked for my number and then lost it. The second time we met, I was modeling in a fashion show where Len and Johnny Bench were the emcees. That time he didn't lose my number and we started dating. But we were both too empty to offer much to each other."

One morning, Len's producer, Ken Bagwell, walked into the studio

radiating a peace and joy Len had never seen before.

"What *happened* to you?" Len asked.

"I gave my life to Jesus," Ken said. "I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

Ken's conversion to Christianity affected the station. As program director, he selected the guests Len would interview. Suddenly, instead of movie stars and public figures, Ken began booking well-known Christians.

"I found myself interviewing Arthur Blessitt," Len remembers. "The man walked across the country carrying a cross and telling everyone about Jesus!"

Following the interview, a pale, shaken Len Mink walked over to Cathy's desk. "He *prayed* for me!" Len gasped, "out loud!"

### No Hope

Weeks later, the emptiness in Len's soul felt like a cavern. Having his own television show hadn't filled it. Screaming fans hadn't filled it. A standing ovation from Johnny Carson's audience hadn't filled it. Money hadn't filled it.

At home, he parked his car and walked inside like a zombie. That's what he felt like—a walking dead person. He found his double-barreled shotgun and loaded both barrels. Sitting on the side of his bed, he positioned the gun barrels under his chin, pointing them toward his brain.

He put his finger on the trigger. The sweat on his hands made it slippery. Slowly, he removed the safety.

Ready to die, he whispered three words. "God, help me."

The explosion that erupted inside Len Mink had nothing to do with a gunshot.

It wasn't a bullet.

It was peace. A peace that exploded around him. Peace that warmed him and held him. Peace he had never known.

In the holy stillness that followed, Len Mink whispered his second prayer. "You're really there, aren't You, God?"

Len put the gun aside and threw himself across the bed, sobbing. "I won't leave this bedroom until I hear from You."

### Amazing Grace

"Thirty minutes later, I heard a knock on the door," Len recalls. "It was Cathy.

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Wed	1	Num. 7:79-89, 8:1-26	John 1
Thu	2	Num. 9-10	John 2
Fri	3	Num. 11-12	John 3
Sat	4	Num. 13-14	John 4
Sun	5	Num. 15-17	John 5-6
Mon	6	Num. 18-19	John 7
Tue	7	Num. 20-21	John 8
Wed	8	Num. 22-23	John 9
Thu	9	Num. 24-25	John 10
Fri	10	Num. 26	John 11
Sat	11	Num. 27-28	John 12
Sun	12	Num. 29-31: 1-24	John 13-14
Mon	13	Num. 31:25-54, 32:1-42	John 15
Tue	14	Num. 33	John 16
Wed	15	Num. 34-35	John 17
Thu	16	Num. 36; Deut. 1	John 18
Fri	17	Deut. 2-3	John 19
Sat	18	Deut. 4-5	John 20
Sun	19	Deut. 6-8	John 21; Acts 1
Mon	20	Deut. 9-10	Acts 2
Tue	21	Deut. 11-12	Acts 3
Wed	22	Deut. 13-14	Acts 4
Thu	23	Deut. 15-16	Acts 5
Fri	24	Deut. 17-18	Acts 6
Sat	25	Deut. 19-20	Acts 7
Sun	26	Deut. 21-23	Acts 8-9
Mon	27	Deut. 24-25	Acts 10
Tue	28	Deut. 26-27	Acts 11
Wed	29	Deut. 28-29	Acts 12
Thu	30	Deut. 30-31	Acts 13
Fri	31	Deut. 32-33	Acts 14

I could tell something had happened as soon as I saw her. She had tears in her eyes, but her face was glowing. Her countenance was totally different."

"I found what we've been looking for," Cathy announced. "*Jesus!*"

"Where did you find Jesus?"

"At Barney's Hamburger Stand," Cathy said, grinning.

The following week, Len dreamed that he was back in the Appalachians. A man, dirty, filthy and dressed in rags, sat on the porch of one of the mountain homes. Looking at Len, he lifted a violin to his shoulder and played "Amazing Grace."

Len woke from the dream crying, the haunting strains echoing in his heart.

"That morning," Len says, "Cathy called and asked me to go with her to a bookstore. It was a *Christian* bookstore. While Cathy browsed, the owner introduced me to Father Tom Turnbull, a charismatic Episcopal priest. The dream was still bothering me and for some reason, I told him about it."

"I can tell you the interpretation to your dream," Father Tom said. "The man on the porch was Jesus. The rags and filth He wore were *your* sin that He took on Himself. He played 'Amazing Grace' to show you the depth of His love."

On Oct. 16, 1971, in the back room of a bookstore, Len Mink died, but not from a gunshot. He was pierced through the heart with the love of God.

He gave his life to Jesus.

Jesus took it and filled the emptiness in it with Himself. He gave Len Mink a new life to live and a new song to sing.

"I walked out of that bookstore and saw a drunk lying in the street," Len recalls. "I never thought twice, I just knelt down and told him about the amazing grace of Jesus' love."

At work, Len and Cathy became known as the God Squad. They told everyone about Jesus. After work, with Len still in stage makeup, they rushed to jails and halfway houses to spread the good news. Hundreds of people accepted Jesus. Churches of every denomination invited them to share their story.

#### The Devil Orders a Hit

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Three months after Len Mink gave

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his life to Jesus, he was stricken with a terminal disease. “The doctors called it acquired auto-immune hemolytic anemia,” Len says. “I was so angry. I asked God why He would save me and then kill me.”

“While I was still in the hospital, a couple of my fans brought me a book to read. It was *I Believe in Miracles* by Kathryn Kuhlman. After I was discharged from the hospital, I read it. I’d never heard that God healed, so when a scripture was listed, I looked it up in the Bible.

“It was revelation to me. I read about Jesus healing the woman with the issue of blood, the lame and the lepers.”

*If only Jesus were the same today,* Len thought. *Then I could be healed just like those people were.* Sighing, Len flipped through the Bible still searching for some kind of help...some reason to hope. Suddenly, he found himself reading Hebrews 13:8. He stared in joy and wonder at the words he saw there, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.”

Two words seemed to leap off the page. *Same...today...same...today...same...today.*

As it dawned on him that if Jesus was the *same*, he could be healed *today*, Len’s joy erupted into song. He leapt to his feet, singing, dancing and praising the Lord. Then the power of God knocked him to the floor.

“I was conscious, but couldn’t move for 30 minutes,” Len remembers. “Hot and cold raced through my body. I felt God cleanse every artery, vein and capillary. When the Lord let me move, I knew I’d been healed. The next morning, I went back to the doctor’s office and asked him to repeat all the tests.”

Four days later, the doctor phoned with the results. “I’m perplexed,” he said. “We can’t find any trace of the disease in

your body. We...don’t read about things like this in textbooks.”

“Let me tell you where you can read about it...” Len said.

“Soon after that,” Len recalls, “Cathy and I discovered some books by Kenneth Hagin. There was no doubt in our minds that the faith message was true. We read every book and listened to every tape we could find on the subject.”

A few months later, Len and Cathy married. That summer they traveled to Tulsa, Okla., for Kenneth Hagin’s first campmeeting. News of Len’s conversion

begin full-time ministry.

“I sang at all of Brother Hagin’s campmeetings after that,” Len explains.

“Kenneth Copeland and I met for the first time when we were both interviewed by Demos Shakarian on his television show. In 1977, Kenneth called and asked me to lead worship at his major meetings. I had to pray about it because I’d always been a soloist. I’d never led worship and didn’t know if I could. When I prayed the Lord said, *This is the door through which your blessing will come.*

“Cathy and I lived in Cincinnati and flew to all of Kenneth and Gloria’s major meetings. When Kenneth decided to start his radio program, he asked me to fly to Fort Worth once a month to be the announcer and record the programs. We cut up Kenneth’s messages to make them fit the 14-minute-32-second time slot. We recorded Kenneth opening the programs and I closed them.

“When the Lord told Kenneth to start a TV broadcast, he asked me to help. It started with

Terri Pearsons, David Robertson and me. We painted our set and had one old camera. I worked on the broadcast for seven and a half years, three years overlapping with radio.

“During this time, Cathy was hosting a radio program called *Faith for Today*. In addition to working with radio and television, I also led worship at Kenneth and Gloria’s meetings worldwide. We did several worldwide tours and spent six weeks in Australia doing meetings.”

### A Promise Fulfilled

In 1995, the Lord spoke to Len and said, *Take everything and move to Tulsa to be with your camp during these last days.* At the time, their daughter, Carrie, was a student at Rhema Bible Training

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had reached Brother Hagin, and he asked Len to sing. Len didn’t have his guitar. He didn’t have any backup tapes with him. Worse, he didn’t know any gospel songs—except one.

Len’s hands were damp when he stepped before the hushed crowd. Without any accompaniment, he lifted his voice a cappella and sang, not to the audience, but to Jesus. *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me...*

The power of God swept through the building.

### Faith for the Future

Two years later, Len and Cathy walked away from both *The Len Mink Show* and *The Nick Clooney Show* to



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College and their son, Lenny, was a senior in high school. Len and Cathy packed up and moved within weeks of getting that word from God.

"You know what this means don't you?" Len asked Cathy.

"What?"

"You've always dreamed of attending Rhema. Now you can live your dream."

"I was wild with joy," Cathy recalls. "We'd been personal friends with Brother Hagin for years, but sitting under his teaching five days a week for two years was like living heaven on earth."

"About 15 years ago, David Ingles, who owned Oasis Radio Network, asked if Len and I would host *The Roadshow* once a month. We agreed and are still hosting it today. Brother Hagin didn't like radio interviews and had only done one at the time, but I wrote a letter and asked him to be on *The Roadshow* and he agreed. The program with him was wonderful. We've also interviewed Kenneth, Gloria, Charles Capps, Jesse

Duplantis and Jerry Savelle along with many others."

Len and Cathy's family has grown to include six grandchildren and their ministry is still growing. When Len isn't ushering the nations into the throne room of God through song, he's ministering in local churches across the country. Often, he'll invite the children to join him—talking and singing to them in the quacky voice of "Gospel Duck," a hand puppet Len has used to lead tens of thousands of children to the Lord through his children's ministry.

But there was one promise from God that still hadn't come to pass. Years earlier, when the Lord asked Len to give up his television show, He'd said, *You'll be back on TV for Me in your 50s.*

Len was 59 years old when Garth and Tina Coonce, friends from Cincinnati who had started Total Christian Television, offered to produce a program for Len and Cathy once a month. In 2007, the *Len & Cathy* show went on


the air, teaching the Word of God and presenting the plan of salvation. After a few months, Garth put the show on five days a week.

"We just filmed episode 600," Len says. "The program is in 173 countries and is watched by millions of people. We reach more people in one half-hour program than we've reached in over 30 years of traveling to spread the gospel."

These days, Len Mink no longer desires ovations like the one he received on *The Tonight Show* a lifetime ago. He sings to a different crowd now. He has an audience with Almighty God, with Jesus, our soon-coming King, with cherubim and seraphim, and with a great and glorious cloud of witnesses.

Before he gave up his life to Jesus, Len Mink simply sang songs. Now, his life has become a song.

*It's a love song as old as the Cross, echoing its chorus through time.*

*It's man lifting his voice to Jesus, and God singing back, "You're Mine!"* 



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## 'KENNETH COPELAND MINISTRIES HAS TOUCHED MY LIFE'

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I have never been a reader, but I made the decision that I was going to read the Bible—Old and New Testament. I learned so much in 2015! My personal relationship with Jesus developed more and more. When I finished that CD series, I ordered one right after the next. I began to fill my spirit more and more with the Word.

Eight months ago my husband and I switched satellite carriers from Direct TV to Dish Network. It was one of the best decisions we ever made! Pure faith TV 24/7. I have so enjoyed listening to all the faith preachers every day. It's really the only channel I ever watch now. Kenneth Copeland Ministries has touched my life. I pray the ministry continues to be blessed beyond all measure!

Brandy J.  
North Carolina

## 'MY SPIRIT MAN HAS GROWN!'

I just wanted to let you know what a blessing BVOVN is to me. I have it on most of the time. Since watching, my spirit man has grown more than I can say! Thank you for BVOVN. I hope it stays on until the Rapture! Jesus is Lord and He's coming back soon!

Jackie S. | Ohio

## 'BLESSED WITH A NEW JOB'

I sent for prayer in 2015 as my husband needed to make a major decision regarding his work. Praise God, he is now blessed with a new job, much better pay and better working conditions. Thank you so much for your prayers. Also your magazine is such a blessing to us, even my 16-year-old daughter waits for it. Thank you and God bless you all.

A.K.S. | Sri Lanka

## 'SHE WILL LIVE' AND SHE DID

Feb. 16, 2016, my daughter, 26 weeks pregnant, went into labour. I phoned the KCM prayer line to stop the labour process and the birth. But Amy was born—only 730 grams [1 pound, 10 ounces]. So very small. We were told don't get attached, she will not live. I remembered the things I read on your website

and started quoting scriptures, refusing death, sending out prayer requests to anybody who would pray. Prayer groups in South Africa, America, New Zealand, Namibia, Israel...the fight for Amy's survival was on! People told me God "showed" them that He was fetching a little rose. I refused to accept it. Each time the doctor told my daughter to say goodbye, she'd ask me, "What do

you say, Mom?"

I said, "She will live." Later on my daughter stopped asking me, and just started speaking life. She also refused to let go. Amy is now 5 months, 4 kilograms [8 pounds, 13 ounces], and a beautiful little angel. God is so good. We dedicated her to God this month. I am so proud of my God.

M. | South Africa

## WHEN I CALL KCM, THE MIRACULOUS HAPPENS

Hi, KCM! It seems every time I have called the prayer line, the miraculous happens and quickly. Well, I called over the weekend when I found that every time I bent over at all, or laid on my back or left side, the room would spin at a very fast rate and I could not focus. This had never happened and I had peace but could not continue like this. The prayer minister who answered prayed in agreement with me for the root of the problem to be revealed. I waited and the left side of my neck began to hurt. So I put an ice pack on it and did some neck stretches. My neck popped and the spinning was completely gone! God is so awesome! Thank you, KCM, for being available by phone.

Penny T. | Indianola, Okla.

## 'THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE!'



This is the first time I've given on offering day and I am filled with such joy! I've just recently found BVOVN and it has been God's tool to strengthen and encourage me. If I can't sleep during the night, I just turn on BVOVN. I used to worry but now I let God fill my heart with His Word. From the depth of my heart, thank you for being there!

Becky B. | Illinois

## 'THE LADY WITH NO PAIN'

I was scheduled to have quadruple bypass surgery this year. There was a cancellation so I had it sooner than expected. It went well. I had been believing for no pain. During surgery no pain; after my stay at hospital, I had just a little bit of discomfort, but did not have to take any strong medication. I praise God for my quick recovery! At the hospital they called me the lady with no pain.

B.S.  
Bowmanville, Ontario





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

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

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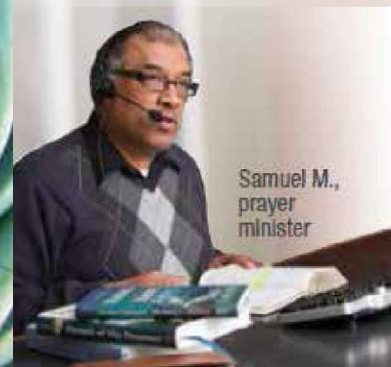
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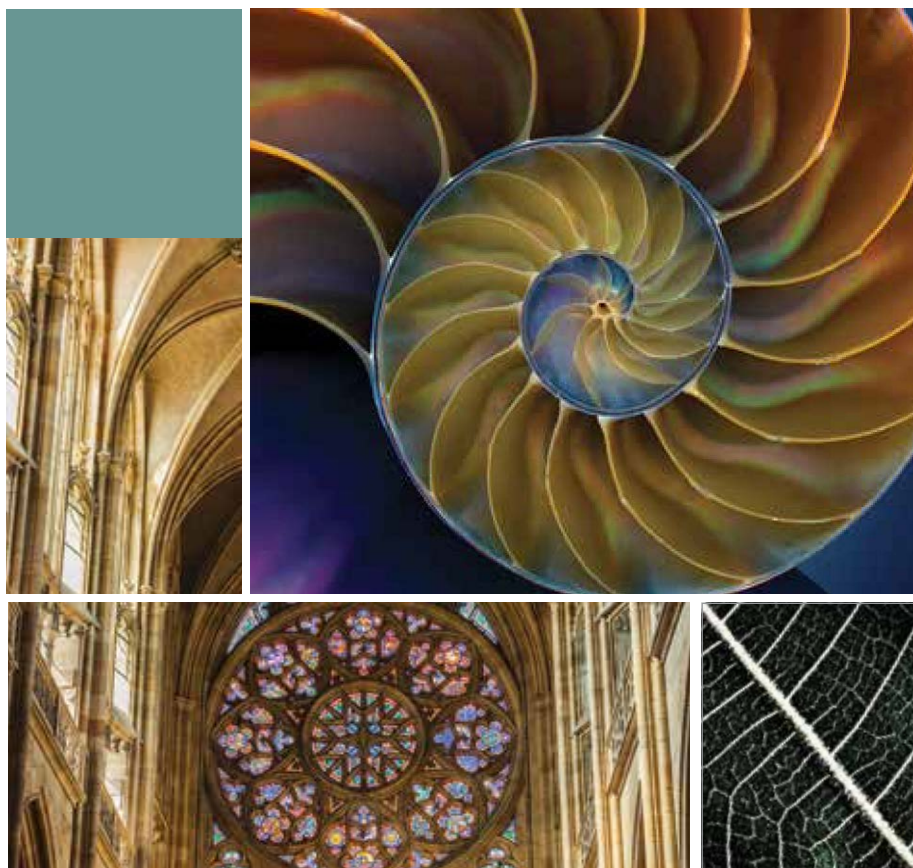
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Matthew 8:25-26

# THE DIVINE ORDER OF FAITH

FRUSTRATION. I SEE IT ON THE FACES OF MANY BELIEVERS WHO TELL ME THEY JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET THIS "FAITH STUFF" TO WORK FOR THEM. I CAN SYMPATHIZE. EARLY IN MY CHRISTIAN LIFE I TOO SPENT A LOT OF TIME SCRATCHING MY HEAD AND WONDERING WHY I WASN'T SEEING THE MIRACLES I NEEDED SO DESPERATELY.

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**N**OW I KNOW. The key to seeing miracle-working power operate consistently in your lives lies *in understanding the divine order of faith.*

When I talk about "divine order," I'm referring to the fact that God has ordained everything in heaven and on earth to operate according to a predetermined sequence or order.

This is especially true where spiritual things are concerned. God's heavenly kingdom is a place of order.

For example, under the Old Covenant system, the high priest followed

a very strict, very detailed sequence of actions before he dared enter the holy of holies.

He didn't go waltzing into the most holy place any time he pleased. I assure you he would have only done so once. Such a cavalier attitude toward God's prescribed order would have cost him his life.

No. There was a process that had to take place before the high priest could operate in certain aspects of his calling. The same is true for you and me where faith is concerned.

You'll never see the miracles and promises of God that will move you from the problem to the solution until you come to understand the divine order of faith.

## Follow the Procedure

Even in everyday life, there is an established order to follow in much of what we do. And as the pastor of a large and growing congregation, I frequently see people who fail to follow the set order.

From time to time, for example, an irate church member will come up to me and say, "Pastor, I've been trying to get in to see you for five months!"

Then I ask them *how* they've gone about trying to see me.

"Well, I've dropped by your office several times and you're either gone, busy or have someone in your office."

Immediately the problem is evident. There is a simple and well-established procedure in our church for getting in to see the pastor. It is spelled out clearly in our new member orientation.

Anyone who wants to see me, merely needs to call my secretary, get an appointment, and show up on the day and time set. That's all there is to it. If you don't follow the order, you probably won't get in to see me.

The same is true in the kingdom of God. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order." Follow that set order and you'll get the desired results. Ignore



it and you'll end up frustrated and defeated.

What *is* God's established order when it comes to overcoming problems? The Scripture gives us 10 simple steps to moving from any problem—be it sickness, debt, lack, family strife or anything else—to the solution.

These 10 steps will work for anyone at any time, regardless of how overwhelming the circumstances you face. These steps represent God's divine order of faith.

### **Step 1: Identify the Problem**

Before you do anything else, you must clearly define and understand the nature of the problem you're facing.

Is it spiritual? Physical? Emotional? Financial? Whatever it is, the first step in conquering it, is facing it head-on and identifying what it truly is.

That may seem to be a pretty obvious place to start, but you'd be surprised how many believers launch out in search of a solution to a problem they haven't really pinpointed.

### **Step 2: Make a Quality Decision**

Once you have a handle on what the problem is, the next step is to make a quality decision to overcome it.

In other words, choose. Deuteronomy 30:19 says, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

Are you going to choose to continue to live with that problem and let it defeat you, or are you going to make a firm, unwavering decision to overcome it? This is an essential step in the divine order of faith, and it's precisely where many people miss it.

They're halfhearted or wishy-washy in their commitment to win. This wimpy sort of resolve will never move you to the place of victory.

You've got to say, "I'm coming out of this situation. I'm coming out by the power of God and I'm coming out by the Word. I've made my decision and from this point forward, nothing is going to change my mind."

When you've made that kind of

quality decision, then, and only then, are you ready to move on to the next step in God's divine order.

### **Step 3: Find Your Title Deed**

Once you've determined that you're going to overcome by the Word of God, the next step is to go to God's Word and find a promise that speaks to your particular situation. That promise is your "title deed" to the power and provision of Almighty God.

If you need healing, locate one or

I see people all the time who are struggling to get free from their problems while they're listening to everyone and everything *but* God's Word.

They'll say, "I'm believing God for a job, but I heard on the news that no one is hiring and my neighbor told me we're in a recession..." and on and on they go.

Listening to all that unbelieving garbage the world puts out will never produce miracle-working faith. You must hear the Word of God, and not just any Word, but that part of the Word

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more scriptures that tell you healing belongs to you, such as Isaiah 53:5.

If you're new to the Bible and don't know how to find specific promises, get a good concordance. It will give you a list of scriptures for every subject you can imagine.

No matter what you're facing today, there is a promise in God's Word that addresses your need. A promise you can stake your very life on.

### **Step 4: Hear the Word**

Once you've found the title deed to your miracle, you need to bring faith onto the scene by hearing what that deed has to say. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

that pertains to your present problem. You must hear the Word concerning your victory.

If you're battling financial problems, you need to hear the Word concerning prosperity. If your marriage is falling apart, you need to hear what God's Word says concerning the husband-wife relationship.

Shut your ears to the world and open them to the Word. Then you'll be ready to take the next step.

### **Step 5: Meditate the Word**

When you call and order a pizza, it is delivered to your door. But having a pizza delivered doesn't get it into your stomach where it can nourish you.

The same can be said of the faith that comes by hearing. Yes, hearing the Word of God does deliver faith. There's no doubt about it. But to get that Word into your heart where it can do some good requires more than just listening—it requires meditation.

In Joshua 1:8, God says, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt *meditate* therein day and night...for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Meditating on God's Word is an essential key to success and prosperity. Psalm 1 says that a man who meditates on God's Word day and night is like a tree planted by the river. In everything he does he prospers.

Note how this goes against the grain of human nature, especially in our society. We want quick, "microwave" solutions and instant answers. But meditation—the kind that plants the Word deep into your heart—takes time.

You might ask, "How do I know when I've meditated on the Word long enough to have faith deposited in my heart?"

That's simple. When you can "see" it. When the inner image of what you're believing God for becomes more real to you than what you see with your natural eyes.

When the inner picture of your answer is so real that it propels you to act, you know you're there.

#### **Step 6: Harness the Power of Confession**

The sixth step in God's infallible formula for getting you from the problem to the solution is confession.

You may be thinking, "Oh, I know all about that confession stuff. It doesn't work for me." If you think so, you're not alone. People who have heard and received good faith teaching, get hung up and frustrated in this area more than any other. The reason is simple.

You simply cannot scramble God's divine order of faith in



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any way you please and expect to get results. Nor can you pick and choose among these 10 steps as if you were in a cafeteria line.

This is doubly true when it comes to confession. So many believers have grabbed on to one little piece of something they heard someone say regarding confessing what they desire without hearing the whole teaching. Then they run out and start saying, "I have a new car" 400 times a day and get irritated when nothing seems to happen after a week. Is confession a powerful tool? Yes! Can it bring you tremendous, supernatural results? Absolutely! But only when preceded and followed by the proper steps in God's order.

Finding a promise in God's Word, hearing it and meditating on it until it becomes real to you, is somewhat like taking a bullet and loading it into a gun. It still takes another action—pulling the trigger—to release its power.

You pull the trigger of faith when you confess God's Word from a heart overflowing with faith. "For of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45).

Before you can say, "That's my car!" you'd better make sure you've loaded your heart with faith and a clear inner image that it belongs to you. If you have, your words will release the creative power to produce what the Word has promised.

Beware, though. You may not see it manifested right away. That's why the next step is so important.

#### **Step 7: Act on the Word**

Once you've released God's power through faith-filled words, it's important to keep the pressure applied in the spirit realm by acting on what you have spoken.

If you truly believed you received when you prayed, then act like it. James tells us that faith without corresponding action is dead (James 2:17).

Don't get these steps out of order. Don't go and throw your medicine away if you haven't taken all the steps up to



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this point.

The source of many of the so-called faith failures you've heard about is people jumping to step seven before they've done the first six.

#### **Step 8: Apply the Pressure of Patience**

Hebrews 6:12 tells us to not be "slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Faith gets your miracle moving, but it is patience that brings it home. Faith and patience go hand in hand.

Patience says, "I'm not changing. I'm on the Word of God and nothing is going to move me."

#### **Step 9: Wait for God's Timing**

One of the most important truths you can ever grasp in your Christian life is this: With God, there is an appointed time and a due season for everything. That's the theme of this beautiful passage of Scripture from one of the wisest men who ever lived: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

This is a concept you must keep in mind as you begin to pray and believe for certain things in your life. Often, the things for which you're asking will directly and indirectly affect other believers as well. Our lives are linked in a complex interconnected web. Your heavenly Father sits above it all, working all things together for your good (Romans 8:28).

You may be wondering about some things today. You may be saying, "Lord, when is my business going to take off?" There is a due season. "Where is the anointing and power to minister I've been praying for?" There is a due season. "Where is the husband I desire so greatly?" Child of God, there is a due season. Your time is surely coming.

The key to avoiding frustration, fear and the temptation to quit when standing in faith on God's Word,

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is understanding there is a time and due season for everything. “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Galatians 6:9).

#### Step 10: Expect the Answer

We’ve now come to the final step in God’s established order for getting from any challenge or crisis to a miraculous solution. It is the icing on the cake... the last nail in the devil’s coffin. This important 10th step involves cultivating expectation.

Expectation is a very powerful thing. For better or for worse, it colors your outlook, shapes your attitudes and influences your actions. And learning to harness its power can make a huge difference in your quality of life.

When you expect something, you begin to position yourself to receive it. Let me illustrate.

When a woman is with child, we say she is...what? Expecting. What is she expecting? A baby! And that expectation triggers a lot of preparation.

Furniture is purchased. A nursery is decorated. A hospital is chosen and financial arrangements are made. Every part of that household begins to realign itself in anticipation of the expected arrival.

What would you think if you asked a woman who was going to deliver twins in a month if she was getting ready for the arrival of the babies, and she said, “No, we’re not making any preparations.” You’d be dumbfounded. Why? Because expectation implies preparation.

This is especially true of spiritual expectation. If you are truly expecting God to do some things in your life, you will do some realigning and preparing.


I liken it to the exchange between a

pitcher and a catcher in baseball. You’ll never see a good catcher nonchalantly standing behind the plate waiting for the next pitch. No, when he’s ready to receive, he’ll crouch down, get a wide, stable base with his legs, hold up his catcher’s mitt and look right at the pitcher in intense anticipation of the next pitch. That is how the pitcher knows the catcher is ready to receive. He has put himself in the receiving posture. That pitcher is not about to throw the ball until he sees that posture.

The same is true of God. His heartfelt desire is to throw blessings to you. He’s ready to wind up and let healing, prosperity and deliverance fly, but He can’t until you get into a receiving posture—the posture of expectation.

There is something about expectation that places you before the face of God. God blesses expectant people. So cultivate expectancy in every area of your life. Don’t just throw your tithe into the plate and forget about it. Spend the rest of the week in earnest expectation of the windows of heaven opening up and pouring out a blessing.

Expect to receive a hundredfold return on all your giving. Expect to walk in health. Expect to be promoted. Expect to have a good marriage. Expect ALL the blessings of God to be yours in fullness, here and now. That’s the final step in God’s divine order of faith.

So there you have them—10 simple steps. Follow them and your “faith failures” will become a thing of the past. You’ll never again have to feel the frustration of not being able to get faith to work for you as it does for others. Instead, you’ll be able to step from victory to victory and from glory to glory as you follow God’s divine order of faith. 



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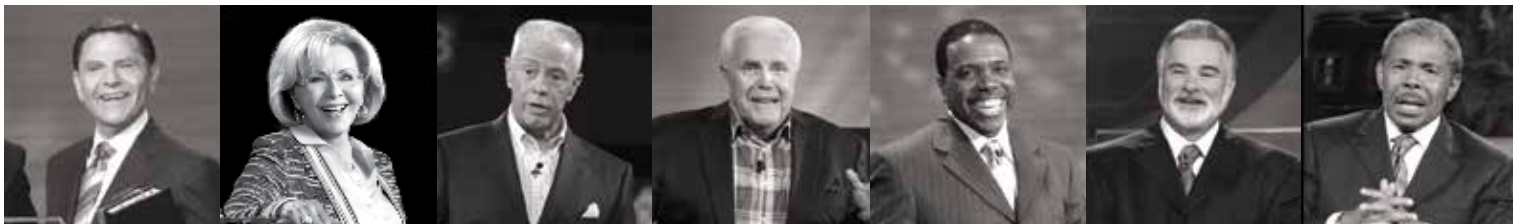
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# OUR COVENANT OF PROTECTION

There is a place in Christ Jesus where we abide in the secret place of God's protection. The world knows nothing about this secret place, nor can they live there.... It is a place revealed by the Holy Spirit. It is for the obedient. Our life is hid with Christ in God.

That's a word the Lord gave me several years ago and I'm so thankful we can abide in that secret place of God's protection. We can go to a place most people know nothing about!





# YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT YOU, YOUR FUTURE AND WHAT YOU ARE TO DO.

I'm sure I don't  
need to tell you  
we are living  
in dangerous  
days.

Televisions blare the news of wars, terrorist attacks, record-breaking disasters and drug-related crime. There is more violence now than there has ever

been in my lifetime, and it continues to escalate. It's a sobering day.

*But believers have nothing to fear!*

When we look at things in the natural realm, it may seem like a scary time to live. But in the supernatural realm, it's the most powerful time to live. We have a place of protection in God that will keep us completely safe, regardless of what is happening in the world around us.

It's *Him* we must depend upon. And to have confidence—to have faith—in His ability to keep us, we must know what His Word says about our safety and protection well enough to act on it.

I believe these are the last days and Jesus could come at anytime. Until then, we can abide “under the shadow of the Almighty” (Psalm 91:1). Instead of caving in to fear, we can stand confidently on the Word and walk boldly in our covenant of protection.

## End-Time Instructions

In Matthew 24, Jesus told His disciples what to expect just before the end. The signs He spoke of—wars, famine,

earthquakes, unbridled sin—are echoed in today's headlines. When the disciples asked Jesus what would signal His return and the end of the world, He said:

Don't let anyone mislead you. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will lead many astray. And wars will break out near and far, but don't panic. Yes, these things must come, but the end won't follow immediately. The nations and kingdoms will proclaim war against each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this will be only the beginning of the horrors to come.... Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. But those who endure to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then, finally, the end will come (verses 4-14, *New Living Translation-96*).

Don't panic because of these things, Jesus said! And don't join people who are flocking toward sin either. Second Timothy 3:13 says that “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse.” That accurately describes this generation. The closer we get to the catching away of the Church, the worse it becomes in the natural realm.

Thank God, He warned us about

these things. And thank God He assured us, “The Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world.” That's being done now on a scale never before seen! God desires for “all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). It is never His will for anyone to be left outside His blessing and protection. That's why He sent Jesus.

Galatians 3:13-14 says, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ.”

To walk in the blessing and protection of God, we first must *choose* Jesus as Savior. But He won't force us to make that decision. The Lord won't force us to get under His protective shadow either. We *choose* the blessing over the curse. The first step to the blessing is to receive Jesus as Lord over our lives. This decision translates you out of darkness into light—from one kingdom into another. “[The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love” (Colossians 1:13, *The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Now, I want to take a moment and say this: If you haven't yet given your heart to Jesus, you can make that decision right now. Say, “Jesus, I make



# GOD IS ALWAYS TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO COME TO A PLACE OF SAFETY.

You Lord of my life. Take my life and do something with it. Teach me how to live and how to be free.”

Once you make Jesus your Savior and Lord, you are redeemed from the curse (Galatians 3:13). You’ve been made free from every evil thing. Jesus bore it for you. When you receive *salvation* you receive “deliverance, preservation, material and temporal deliverance from danger and apprehension, pardon, protection, liberty, health, restoration, soundness and wholeness.” Protection belongs to you if you are born again. *In Christ Jesus, you have a covenant of divine protection with God.* But it’s not automatic. Any covenant has two sides, so, *you* have a part to play.

## Our Secret Refuge

God’s Word reveals your part and His part. Psalm 91:1-2 begins with your part: “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High *shall abide* under the shadow of the Almighty. *I will say of the Lord*, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.”

Verses 3-4 reveal God’s part: “Surely he shall deliver thee.... He shall cover thee....”

God will protect you when you make Jesus Lord of your life, follow Him, walk in the light you have, *and take Him as your refuge*. You receive the Lord as your refuge the same way you receive Jesus as Savior, and that is, you release your faith for Him to protect you and say it. Speak words in agreement with God’s Word. If you abide under the shadow of the Almighty and speak words of faith, it gives Him place in your life. It positions you for His protection.

It’s true no one knows what could happen next in this world. But believers don’t need to be afraid. In Christ Jesus, we can abide “in the secret place of the Most High... Whose power no foe can withstand” (Psalm 91:1, *AMPC*). We must *get in* and

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*stay in* that place *through faith*.

We can’t expect God to move heaven and earth to protect us if we’re full of fear. If we’re full of fear, we’re not full of faith—and we’ve stepped out of our place of refuge. According to the Bible, the thing we fear will come upon us (Job 3:25).

Over and over the Bible commands us to “Fear not!” It is the opposite of faith. Fear opens the door to the devil. But faith shuts the door to the devil and everything bad that’s under the curse. Wickedness and danger are in the earth, but they don’t have to affect us. Believers have a safe place in God, *but we must lay hold of, and believe for it.*

If you are living in fear—get delivered! Refuse to let fear dominate your thoughts, your heart or your mouth. Rebuke fear in the Name of Jesus. Read and meditate the scriptures that promise God’s protection continually until there is no fear. God has given you the power to overcome fear by His Word.

## Go After the Word, Not the World

Continue a steady diet of God’s promises of protection. Joshua 1:8 says to think about God’s Word day and night. That’s the way you renew your mind (Romans 12:2). God’s promises will become more real to you. Then you will be able to stand in faith on God’s promises of protection for your life. You’ll be able to speak the Word boldly and fear will have no place—you’ll have absolute confidence in the fact that God is taking care of you.

That’s important because the devil’s mission is to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). Every day he is working hard to get a foothold in our lives. Every day we have to work to keep him out. The Bible word for this is RESIST. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

Our protection depends on our choices, too. Believers must *choose* not to think or act

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, taken from a high vantage point. The image shows a dense cluster of skyscrapers and buildings, with the sun setting or rising behind them, creating a warm, golden glow. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and orange. The water of a river or bay is visible in the foreground, reflecting the city lights and the sky. The overall mood is serene and inspiring.

## *How to have a prosperous soul*

like the crazy, mixed-up world.

You can't say, "I didn't know what the Word said about that, so I'm not responsible." Not true. You're responsible to find out what the Bible says about you, your future and what you are to do.

It's up to each of us to spend time in the Word every day. If you think you're too busy, then you probably are. Consider watching less television. Get up earlier or stay up later. Do whatever it takes to keep your faith strong. These are dangerous days. But not for you and me if we live *every* day with the Word of God—and we choose to abide there.

### **Attach Yourself to God**

Here's something else you need to know: You can't just believe God for protection, then disregard what He tells you about other things in your life. If you're not obeying Him, you're not abiding in Him. When you abide, you *keep* yourself in the Word of God, you *keep* yourself obedient, and you *keep* your words in line with God's words. Obeying is abiding—dwelling under the shadow of Almighty God. That's what keeps you safe.

That's how you'll be able to hear the Lord in a dangerous situation. If you're accustomed to hearing and obeying Him, you'll be able to hear His direction clearly. But if you are not in the habit of listening, you probably wouldn't hear Him, and even if you did—you probably wouldn't do what He said.

The truth is, if you don't hear God in the little things, you won't hear Him in the big things. So be listening and be quick to change. If you get an uneasy, scratchy feeling in your spirit letting you know something is not right, yield to that. Listening to God and following Him is part of your protection.

Listening to God in the written Word and obeying it is a *major* part of protection.

The Word will always be correcting us. I don't know anyone so perfect that they're not corrected when they spend time in the Word. So, when we read the Word, we must make

**SET ASIDE TIME  
DAILY TO SEEK GOD  
THROUGH HIS WORD.**

PROVERBS 2:1-2

**LET THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKE  
THAT WORD ALIVE TO YOU  
AND TEACH YOU WHAT YOU  
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JOHN 16:13

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EPHESIANS 4:11-12

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ROMANS 12:2

**EVEN IF IT TAKES TIME  
TO SEE RESULTS, PERSEVERE  
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JAMES 1:25



Gloria Copeland equips you with powerful promises from Psalm 91—God’s plan for your protection.

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a decision to obey what we read. For instance, when we read 1 Corinthians 13 and are reminded to walk in love, we must make an effort to do just that!

Cultivating a lifestyle of listening and obeying God is the major part of our protection.

God is always trying to get people to come to a place of safety. In the Bible we read how He has always wanted to bless and protect His people. He instructed the children of Israel to live in such a way that He could do that. But often, they chose to go a different direction.

We hear His heart in scriptures like Matthew 23:37 (*NLT-96*): “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! *How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.*”

That is God saying, “I wanted to do you good and protect you, but you wouldn’t let Me.” The result of their disobedience is told in verse 38: “And now look, your house is left to you, empty and desolate” (*NLT-96*).

In Deuteronomy 28, God was explicit about what brings blessing. He was also explicit about what happens to those who don’t do what He says. The Bible tells us what happened when the children of Israel didn’t keep His Word. When they didn’t follow Him, they were out from under His protection—out from under His wings—and they were *exposed to the curse*.

The same thing is true today: The disobedient and the ignorant aren’t under God’s protection. But when you attach yourself to God—when you abide in Him—you’re in the safest place on earth.

Get on the things of God and stay there. Don’t let any thing, any situation, any condition talk you out of it. Cling to Him, attach yourself to Him, “for He is your life and the length of your days,” as Deuteronomy 30 says:

I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live and may love the Lord your God, obey His voice, and cling to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers... (verses 19-20, *AMPC*).

Who chooses how we live? We do. We make that choice when we decide if we are going to obey the Lord.

If things aren’t going well in your life, it’s not God’s fault. There could be something you just don’t know. And that’s called ignorance. The answer for that condition is to find out the will of God from His Word and obey it.


Or maybe you know what you should do, but you aren’t doing it. That was true of the children of Israel and the result was never good. They knew what to do, but they decided not to obey God. That’s called disobedience.

Either way, you have a choice. Will you live according to the will of God and do what He says? Or will you live like the world?

*Your protection depends on the choices you make.*

So open up your heart and say, “Lord, if I’m missing it somewhere, please correct me. Teach me. Show me what I need to know.” You may not enjoy finding out that you’ve been missing it, but you will enjoy the results. I am so grateful every time God corrects me.

God is always trying to get protection to you and me. He’s trying to help us stay in a safe place, so we can get our job done before Jesus comes.

So stand on your covenant of protection. Be quick to hear and quick to repent. Your obedience will keep you in that secret place mentioned in Psalm 91...safe under God’s wing! 

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# BESTIE FOR LIFE



Superkid, last month I offered you the opportunity to know Jesus (and the Father) in a deeper way. I believe I heard you shout, "YES!" So, this month I want to open that door a little wider.

We learned last month to look differently at correction, and now we see that Jesus is calling us into a whole new relationship! He desires to know YOU as a friend!

The book of Revelation may seem difficult to understand, and maybe you think it's just grown-up stuff, but there is an overall, important theme people sometimes miss. In the first several chapters, the Lord is telling the different churches what He doesn't like about them. At least that's what it sounds like to people who don't understand correction like we do. If we remember that correction comes from love, and we read these chapters through the eyes of a loving Savior, it sounds more like this: "You are amazing! I recognize all the great things about you! There are, however, a few things we need to fix, and I can help!"

He says in Revelation 3:19-20 (*New Living Translation*), "I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your *indifference* (CK definition: "ignoring my correction"). Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as *friends*."

**Think about that: He WANTS to be YOUR friend!**

The enemy would love for you to think Jesus and

the Father are mad at you or disappointed with you in some way, but the truth is, they are knocking at the door of your life. It's not a one-time knocking at your door, wanting you to get saved. While that is true if you don't know Jesus yet, this is talking about knocking at the door of your EVERYDAY life.

This morning I heard, *I love Your Presence*, and immediately knew it was for you! Loving His Presence is not just a phrase to be sung or spoken in church, but an everyday attitude of sitting at the table with Him as a friend, aware that He'll be with you all day! Whether or not our days are busy, we use up all our time. Time is like money, like loose change that's easy to spend on unimportant stuff. But when you add it all up, you could have bought something more valuable. What about your "loose time"? How great it would be to answer His knock with a "Come in, Jesus, let's talk." It's not hard to begin, it's just a matter of taking that loose time and becoming aware of Him.

Here are some "LOOSE-TIME MOMENTS" I thought of to help you get started:

When you wake up in the morning, say, "Hello, Jesus. Hello, Father. Hello, Holy Spirit." Talk for a few minutes, then listen for twice that amount of time. Just get quiet. Even if you aren't sure what He is saying at first, your spirit will hear. Your head will get better with practice.

Do you pray over your food? And at school, too? Don't just throw words into the air, your Friend is at the table with you—talk to Him!

When school is over, is your first thought to watch TV, play video games, get on the computer or the phone? Give some of that time to the Lord!

What's the last thing you think about before you go to sleep, or who's the last person you talk to? Hey, there's no one better than your Best Friend!

The enemy wants you to think this new friendship will require huge changes in your life, or that it's too hard or impossible to achieve, but those are lies. Jesus wants to be your Friend even more than you want it! He will help you, and those little moments will add up to a GREAT day and an EVEN GREATER LIFE!

**So what about today, Superkid? Will you hear His voice and stop to listen to your Friend?** Will you give Him the first moments of your day, or even say hello? What does He think about how your day went? Did you ask Him?

I can't wait to hear all about what happens to you, Superkid! I always say we have the best adventures, but you truly are about to begin the ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!

This time, I'LL STAY TUNED!

Commander Kellie



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