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HEARING FROM HEAVEN

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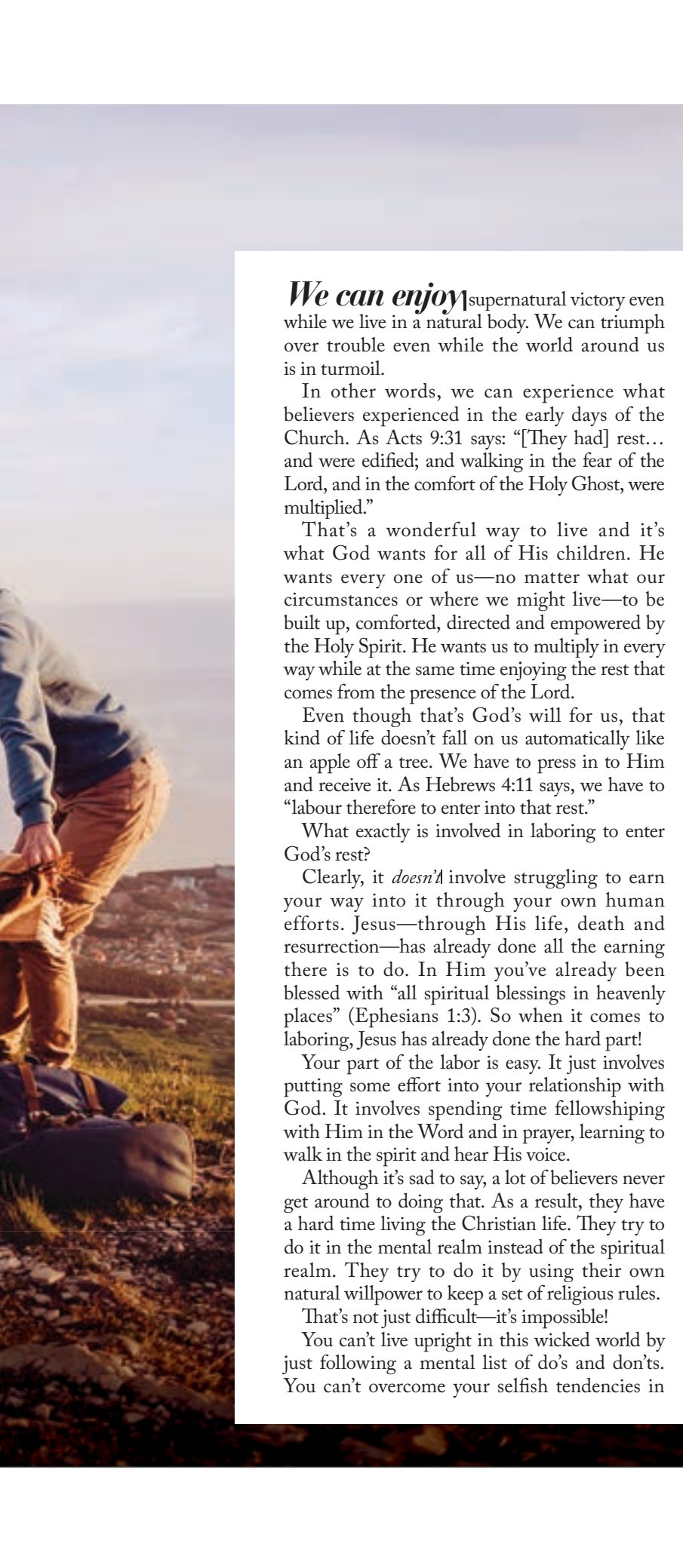
1 By staying in communion with the Lord you can walk every day in His rest and His BLESSING. Acts 9:31

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3 You walk with God not by relying on the strength of your own flesh but by walking in the spirit. Philippians 2:13

4 You're born again to walk and talk with God. John 10:27

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We can enjoy supernatural victory even while we live in a natural body. We can triumph over trouble even while the world around us is in turmoil.

In other words, we can experience what believers experienced in the early days of the Church. As Acts 9:31 says: “[They had] rest... and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.”

That’s a wonderful way to live and it’s what God wants for all of His children. He wants every one of us—no matter what our circumstances or where we might live—to be built up, comforted, directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. He wants us to multiply in every way while at the same time enjoying the rest that comes from the presence of the Lord.

Even though that’s God’s will for us, that kind of life doesn’t fall on us automatically like an apple off a tree. We have to press in to Him and receive it. As Hebrews 4:11 says, we have to “labour therefore to enter into that rest.”

What exactly is involved in laboring to enter God’s rest?

Clearly, it *doesn’t* involve struggling to earn your way into it through your own human efforts. Jesus—through His life, death and resurrection—has already done all the earning there is to do. In Him you’ve already been blessed with “all spiritual blessings in heavenly places” (Ephesians 1:3). So when it comes to laboring, Jesus has already done the hard part!

Your part of the labor is easy. It just involves putting some effort into your relationship with God. It involves spending time fellowshiping with Him in the Word and in prayer, learning to walk in the spirit and hear His voice.

Although it’s sad to say, a lot of believers never get around to doing that. As a result, they have a hard time living the Christian life. They try to do it in the mental realm instead of the spiritual realm. They try to do it by using their own natural willpower to keep a set of religious rules.

That’s not just difficult—it’s impossible!

You can’t live upright in this wicked world by just following a mental list of do’s and don’ts. You can’t overcome your selfish tendencies in

the natural by just relying on the power of your flesh. When the whole world around you is operating with the mentality, *If I don’t take care of me, who will?*, you can’t successfully walk in love in your own human strength.

It doesn’t work. You can’t do it!

The only way you can live like God says in the Bible is by maintaining your union and communion with Him. You have to get into the spiritual realm and let Him energize you. “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

“But Gloria,” someone might say, “I don’t know if even God can do very much with the mess I’ve made! I have problems so big I can’t see any way out of them and I don’t know anything about operating in the spirit at all!”

None of us does when we first get started. In the beginning we’re all like little children just learning to walk. But I can tell you from experience, from the first day you endeavor to hear and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit, your life will begin to improve. The darkness that has clouded your spiritual vision will fade away and you’ll begin to see into the things of God.

Why do you need to see into the things of God?

Because you can’t tell just by looking at things in the natural what’s really going on. All you can perceive is what’s happening in the earthly realm. As long as you’re bound to this physical world in your thinking and in your actions, you can’t tap into the supernatural provision God has made available to you. Even though it’s there in abundance, you can’t take advantage of it.

More on Our Side Than Theirs

Think about what happened to Elisha and his servant in 2 Kings 6 and you’ll see what I mean. They got up one morning and saw that overnight they’d been surrounded by the Syrian army. With enemy troops, horses and chariots all around them, ready to move in for the kill, Elisha’s servant couldn’t see in the natural that there was any way out of the situation. Panicked, he cried out, “Oh, sir, what will we do now?”

“Don’t be afraid!” Elisha told him. “For there are more on our side than on theirs!” Then Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!”



Gloria Copeland and Kellie Copeland discuss how God didn't put us on this earth without a guide. The Bible, the Word of God, is a light to our path showing us the direction we should go.

The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire" (2 Kings 6:15-17, *New Living Translation*).

Notice that even though in the natural it looked like Elisha and his servant were alone, in reality an army of angels and chariots of fire had already been sent by God to do battle. They didn't just appear when the eyes of Elisha's servant were opened. They'd been there all along, in the realm of the spirit, waiting to wipe out that Syrian army or do whatever the man of God told them to do.

While that's an Old Testament story, you as a New Testament believer are in much the same situation:

You have angels with you all the time. (Hebrews 1:14)

You have healing continually available to you. (1 Peter 2:24)

You have rich financial supplies ready and waiting for you. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

If you don't know about those things, however, they won't be much help to you. If you aren't hearing from God about them and seeing things from His perspective, you'll continue to look to this natural world and it doesn't often have much to offer. It can't provide solutions for every problem. It can't bring you out of trouble and into victory. It will let you down time and again.

That's why the devil works so hard to keep you mired down in the things of the natural. It's the reason he's happy when you let your life get so busy and cluttered with worldly stuff that when the Holy Spirit tries to talk to you, what He says goes right past you without you even hearing it.

Satan has to pull you away from your communication with the Lord to make any headway in your life. He has to keep you carnal and stop you from becoming spiritual because, as Romans 8:6 says, "To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Satan has no defense against life and

peace! He can't defeat believers who are spiritually minded because they won't believe his lies and get off into sin doing things they shouldn't do.

When you're walking in the spirit, the devil can't even manipulate you with natural circumstances. He can't push you around with problems and pressures because you're hearing from the Lord through His written Word and by His inward voice. As a result, the spiritual realm is more powerful in you than the natural. The unseen realities of God are bigger to you than what your physical eyes can see so you're able to walk by faith, which means you can overcome every natural challenge.

For, as 1 John 5:4 says, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Someone's Knocking

"But Gloria, what if I don't have the capacity to walk in that kind of fellowship with God?"

You do! As a believer you're born again to walk and talk with God. You have Jesus' own word on it. He said plain as can be in the New Testament:

"The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27, *The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

"It is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor...) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you]. When He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth" (John 16:7, 13, *AMPC*).

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Talk about equipped to hear from the Lord!

According to those verses, not only do you know and hear the voice of Jesus, He's knocking at the door of your spirit all the time, wanting to communicate with you. As if that's not enough, the

Holy Spirit—the One who knows everything!—has come to live in you to teach you how to walk with God in every situation of life and serve as your personal Counselor.

I think one reason pastors these days often have such heavy counseling loads in their churches is because Christians aren't taking the time to fellowship with THE Counselor. They're not tuning in to His voice and following the prescription given in James 5:13. It says, "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray" (*New International Version*).

The Bible doesn't say anywhere that when we're in trouble we should go talk to 45 people about it. It doesn't tell us to go get a lot of human advice. It tells us that when we have problems we should take them to God and find out what He has to say.

I remember many years ago on Christian television I saw an interview with someone from a very large church. She said in their church, when members are having marital problems or whatever, the pastoral staff doesn't bring them in for a counseling appointment. Instead they tell the person to fast and pray for 36 hours. Then if they still want to see a pastor for counseling they can.

Usually after people have spent that much time fellowshiping with the Lord, they don't need any pastoral counseling. They've heard from heaven and they not only know what to do, but they've been energized by God to do it. So, even though this particular church had over a million members, their counseling load remained relatively light!

Obviously, I'm not suggesting you have to fast and pray for 36 hours every time you want to hear from God. Not at all! Normally, if you'll just spend an hour or so a day with Him in the Word and in prayer, you'll be able to hear from Him all the time.

How will you hear from Him?

Not on the outside, but on the inside. Not with the ears on your head but with the ears of your heart. As 1 Corinthians 3:16 (*New King James Version*) says, "You are the temple of God and...the Spirit of God dwells in you." He's constantly communicating with your born-again

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THE BLOOD AND THE GLORY: The Story of the Glory

I'VE HEARD FAITHFUL MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD PROPHECY ABOUT IT FOR YEARS. I'VE READ ABOUT IT IN THE WORD. I'VE SEEN IT BY FAITH WITH THE EYES OF MY SPIRIT EVER SINCE GOD BEGAN TO TEACH ME ABOUT IT NEARLY 20 YEARS AGO. THE CHURCH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST COMES TO RECEIVE UNTO HIMSELF WILL NOT BE A DOWNTRODDEN, BACKSLIDDEN, WEAKENED CHURCH, BUT WILL BE FILLED WITH THE GLORY OF GOD (EPHESIANS 5:27). **by Billye Brim**

spirit—sometimes through words that seem to come from deep within you, and even more often through “promptings” (Romans 7:6, *AMPC*), impressions, or what Romans 8:16 calls the inward “witness” of the Holy Spirit.

I'll never forget when I first began learning to consciously tune in to the inward witness. I was just getting started in ministry. I had some services coming up and I wanted with all my heart to hear from the Lord and do in those services exactly what He wanted. So I prayed, “Lord, teach me how to walk in the spirit. Teach me how to be sensitive and responsive to You.”

The very first night after I prayed that, I was sitting next to my brother Doug in a service where Ken was preaching when I thought of a particular verse of Scripture. The verse didn't really have anything to do with Ken's message, but for some reason I turned to it in my Bible and showed it to Doug.

“Why did you show me that?” he asked.

I didn't know why. I just wanted to do it. It just seemed very natural to me. As it turned out, only a moment earlier the Lord had spoken to Doug about getting up in the service and sharing a word with the congregation. He was reluctant because it wasn't like him to speak from the platform, so he'd asked the Lord for confirmation. Sure enough, the verse I showed him contained the exact confirmation he needed and he got up and gave the word.

I know that sounds simple but God was teaching us that evening how to hear from Him—and He'll teach you too. He'll teach all of us if we just stick with His program. If we keep fellowshiping with Him day by day, He'll help us learn to walk in the supernatural as naturally as a fish swims in water or a bird flies in the air.

Then, no matter what kinds of problems we might face, we can conquer them with heaven's solutions. Like the Church in the book of Acts, we can walk in the fear of the Lord, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and enjoy the rest that comes from the presence of God! 🙏



And now, it is time. The hour has come. World events in Israel and the nations point to the lateness of the hour. It is time for the glory of God to be poured out upon and manifested through the Church.

Amazing manifestations of God's glory are happening now. And we can expect a changing within the Church

from one degree of glory to another until He appears to receive us unto Himself.

It has been prophesied that even the faces of believers will be so changed they will shine with the glory of God. Miracles and healings to surpass anything we've known have been foretold. Do these thoughts surprise you? They shouldn't. The Bible declares from beginning to end that we are destined for just such glory. In fact, I have come to see that the Bible is literally “The Story of the Glory!”

A Supernatural Circle

To truly see the Story of the Glory we need to understand that all glorious Bible truth runs its course in circular »»»



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form. It begins and ends in God.

Jesus Himself illustrated this circular pattern. He said of His ministry, “I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father” (John 16:28). Do you see the circle? His mission started in heaven where all precious things begin. Jesus came from the bosom of the Father. Then He came into the world. He completed the circle by going back to the Father.

Look thoughtfully at Isaiah 55:10-11 to see the circular route God’s Word always follows.

Also to see the Story of the Glory we must go back to the book of beginnings, the book of Genesis.

The Day the Light Went Out

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep...” (Genesis 1:1-2).

Contrary to what one might think from a surface reading of these verses, they do not say that God created the earth without form and void. The Hebrew words *tohu v’bohu* translated “without form and void” mean, according to a Hebrew lexicon, “confusion, chaos, waste....” In other words, a mess, a disaster.

I was teaching this at a Bible school in Germany when one woman helped me out. She said, “We know what *tohu v’bohu* means. We use that saying. We got it from the Jews. It’s like this. You have cleaned your house perfectly. It is spotless. You walk down the hall and open the door to your teenager’s room. Then you yell, “This place is *tohu v’bohu*! Clean it now!”

The Bible tells us specifically in Isaiah 45:18 that God did not create the earth *tohu*. “For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain [*tohu*], he formed it to be inhabited.”

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God did not create earth a chaotic mess. He created it as He always does all His work, perfectly. It was habitable and full of life.

I believe the dinosaurs were part of life on earth in God’s first work of creation. A big question among scientists has always been, “What happened to the dinosaurs?” They’ve come up with theory after theory. But recently many have agreed on one theory—all the dinosaurs died at once, killed in one catastrophic event. I believe they are getting close to the truth.

Something catastrophic happened between the first and second verses of Genesis. Millions, perhaps billions, of years lie between them, I believe. Someone has said, “As many years as true science requires.”

In one great climactic moment, judgment fell on “the world that then was” and, as a result, “the earth *became* [alternate translation] without form, and void.”

In Jeremiah 4:23 the prophet records that moment as God let him look back on it: “I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form, and void [*tohu v’bohu*]; and the heavens, and they had no light.”

God removed earth’s light. Not just the moon and the stars. God removed His light, for “God is light” (1 John 1:5). When God took Himself, the Light of Life, away from the earth, every living creature including the dinosaurs, died in an instant.

Jeremiah 4:26 tells us this judgment which destroyed earth’s cities and life was the result of God’s “fierce anger.”

What caused such wrath? A rebellion so great that it split the angelic forces of heaven. A rebellion against God led by the most beautiful being God had created, the archangel Lucifer. Isaiah 14:12-15 describes the event:

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!... For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the

most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Like all of God's perfect creatures, Lucifer had been given a will. But instead of submitting that will to God, Lucifer was the first being ever to cross wills with the Father. This passage in Isaiah reveals five "I wills" of Lucifer. He led a rebellion against God with the goal of taking over the throne of God.

Jesus tells us what happened to the would-be usurper: "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18).

God was so angry that He removed the Light from the earth where Lucifer's domain had been and it became *tohu v'bohu*—a mess, a disaster, an uninhabitable wasteland without form and void.

"Let Us Make Man..."

In the vast intervening span of time, I wonder what the angels thought about the one dark spot in God's perfect Creation. Did they talk about it? Did they just ignore it? For they definitely were watching when things began to change, when the Holy Spirit began to hover over the dark waters of planet Earth.

They heard God's first words, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3).

Light! He wasn't talking about the sun and moon. They didn't come forth until the fourth day. No, God was talking about the Light of Himself. He was saying, in essence, *I am returning Light and life to earth. I removed Myself from that place, but I am going to work there again. I am going to bring it to My planned purpose. Earth will be filled with My glory as the waters cover the sea!*

And so began God's workweek with the new order of things. He separated the waters. He called forth the plant life out from the earth. He created a new order of animal life. Instead of dinosaurs, He created elephants and giraffes and such. He set the moon, the sun, and the stars, etc. The first day...the second day...the third day...the fourth day...the fifth day....

And then the sixth day! The most thrilling day of all! With all creation watching, God stepped to center stage

and made a declaration which rocked all creation as it reverberated from the regions of glory to the regions of the damned. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26). At such astounding words, one angel stepped forward and voiced a question other angels surely had (Hebrews 2:6 reveals this to be the question of an angel), "What is man?"

Psalms 8 records the angel's questions just after he had observed God at work in Creation. "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (verses 3-4).

In other words, *I've just watched You create the heavens and they are such a work! But I have one question. What is a man? What is man that You, O, great Creator, have him in Your mind?*

And then it is recorded that the angel said, "And the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (verse 4).

Imagine the angelic astonishment at God's relationship with this new creature called man. After all, they'd always had to go to God to present themselves before



“THE FUTURE OF THIS NATION IS NOT IN THE HANDS OF THE POLITICIANS.”

THERE ISN'T A POLITICIAN ANYWHERE WHO IS WISE ENOUGH TO GUIDE THIS COUNTRY SAFELY THROUGH THE CHALLENGES AND THREATS IT IS FACING THESE DAYS.

ONLY GOD CAN DO IT. AND IT IS PRAYER, NOT POLITICS, THAT BRINGS HIS POWER AND WISDOM ON THE SCENE.”

—Kenneth Copeland

His holy throne. But here is a creature God prizes so highly He goes down to earth and visits him every day.

The angel continues his query, “For thou has made him a little lower than [Elohim]...” (verse 5).

The *King James Version* translates the Hebrew word *Elohim* as angels. But the word *Elohim* is the word for God; in fact it is a plural word. It literally shows God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

What is so remarkable to the angel is that the order in creation has changed. For all eternity past, the angels had only known this order: The Triune Godhead, then the archangels, and then the angels. Now there is a new order. Man has been ranked just under the Godhead. The angels didn’t even know the position was open.

But the wonder of all wonders is verbalized in the angelic questioning: “[Thou] hast crowned him...” (verse 5).

God crowned man! God didn’t ask Gabriel or Michael to do it. Amid majesty and pageantry far surpassing any crowning of any earthly monarch, God Himself arose and crowned His man.

Kings wear crowns. In this crowning, God fixed forever the place of man in God’s heart and in God’s plans.

What was the crown made of? Of diamonds? Of gold? No! God paves streets with gold. The crown was made of the most valuable substance in all creation. The angel tells us what it was: “[Thou] hast crowned him with *glory*...” (verse 5).

The crown was made of glory! God’s glory! The glory which may seem so abstract to some is the highest heavenly reality. For the glory of God is God’s

Presence manifested. That glory of God is God Himself.

God’s glory sat upon man as his crown and encircled his being as his covering.

The Mystery of the Ages

Once the crown had been set, however, and God’s Word had gone forth declaring that man would have dominion over the works of God’s hands...fallen Lucifer came to challenge that Word. For he knew that if he could

naked and afraid and hid himself from the presence of God (Genesis 3:10).

Satan thought he’d won. He knew sin could not endure the glory of God’s Presence. He knew God’s glory would consume the sin Adam had become. He thought he had separated God and His man forever.

I saw this scene in the spirit. I saw the predicament. I was made to know that the reaction of a natural father to a fallen son would be to grab him and clasp him to his bosom. Then I was made to know,

If I had clasped Adam to My bosom, I would have consumed him. And with him mankind. Satan would have stopped My plan for man and defeated Me.

I seemed to hear Satan’s whining voice taunt God, over and over, “What-are-ya-gonna-do-now? What-are-ya-gonna-do-now?”

I was made to know that God did not answer Satan’s question. But I knew that God had a plan. A plan which began in heaven before the foundation of the world. A plan which would complete the circle and bring man back into the glory in which he began.

The Bible calls God’s plans *mysteries*. The Greek word means “divine secrets.” This plan, the

mystery of the Church, God did not soon reveal. The Bible says “it was hidden in God.” The Old Testament prophets prophesied about it, yet they wondered of what and of whom they were speaking. Even the Gospel writers did not grasp the meaning of the mystery. It was not until a man named Paul came along that God revealed the mystery of the Church.

We speak wisdom among them that are perfect [or mature]: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we

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ever stop God’s Word from coming to pass, he could defeat God.

Satan’s tactics were simple. He tempted the will of man. Man yielded and turned his will crosswise to the will of God.

When he did, he fell. And oh! The heights from which he fell! Man fell from the glory of God. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

Man clothed in God’s glory, fitted for fellowship with the Creator, had walked in God’s presence every day. With the glorious covering gone, Adam was

speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory (1 Corinthians 2:6-8).


If Satan had known the plan, he never would have lifted that spotless Lamb to the Cross. When he did, God's own blood was shed to cleanse man so that he could once again stand in the presence of God's glory.

Since Jesus arose, any man who believes Jesus died on that cross, who believes that God raised Him from the dead, and who confesses Jesus as Lord, is instantly born again. In one glorious moment he becomes a new creation with Christ, the Anointed One, living within him, his hope of again returning to the fullness of God's glory.

This is the plan, the mystery of the Church: "...the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:26-27).

Glory! That's what you and I are saved to. We are not just saved from sin—we are saved to God and His glory. The Church is destined to stand before God's face forever, crowned in the very fullness of His glory and power, where, as glorified beings, we will operate with God in His plan throughout the ages of eternity!

It is the last of these last days. Very soon now we will walk the streets with our faces shining, and men and women will come to us to accept the Lord Jesus Christ they see within us. Very soon now God's glory will be manifested in His Church.

How will we get there? Through the blood of Jesus! It is the blood that cleanses us and covers us, enabling us to stand in that glory again. So begin now to study about the blood. Ask God to expand your revelation of it. 



TRIBUTE FROM BILLYE BRIM

Dearest Kenneth and Gloria,

My mentors. My colleagues. My friends.

I have been so blessed to witness much of your 50 years of ministry. This letter cannot touch on even the smallest part of what I've seen. These are just a few of the highlights that I recall...

April 1967, Tulsa, Okla.: Kenneth E. Hagin's meeting in his office building

Sister Clara Grace's prophetic word, "Do you know why you are here tonight? You are here because God is raising up His end-time army, and you are some of the chiefs of the clan."

Vast numbers now witness this prophecy's coming to pass in your lives as you have followed Him.

Probably 1969

I was a member of the staff at Kenneth Hagin Ministries. All 13 of us were working around the contraption that wrapped *The Word of Faith* by ZIP code, preparing it for mailing. Fred Hodges said to all of us: "There's a man who is going around preaching Brother Hagin's sermons. Almost word for word. Using the same titles." We expressed our disapproval loudly, and vowed to tell Brother Hagin when he came back from

a ministry trip. Gathering our self-righteous robes around us, we did just that. But when Brother Hagin heard our report, he raised his hands to heaven and began to praise the Lord. "Oh, Lord. Thank You. Thank You that someone is preaching this message besides me. You know how often I've prayed and asked You for someone else, for others to preach these truths to bless the people and bring glory to Your Name."

We quickly changed our tune and began to praise the Lord with him.

Meetings Throughout the Years

Teaching meetings. Holy Ghost meetings. So many of you together: Brother Hagin, Brother [Oral] Roberts, Brother [John] Osteen, Brother Norvel Hayes, T.L. Osborn, Dr. Frederick K.C. Price, Papa and Mama J.R. Goodwin, Phil Halverson, Sister Wilkerson and Clara Grace. Seeing you dance in the Spirit, wildly, even as David danced. And it made the front page of the *Tulsa World*.

Healing School

God tapped a seemingly shy, quiet little girl

and told her to have Healing School! My how that worked out! How many thousands upon thousands are blessed by her teaching and ministry of healing!

Television

I remember when He told you to go on daily television. As I recall, you first shared this at Ed Dufresne's church in Tulsa. A Holy Ghost night! I remember walking into a hotel with you in Kiev in the Ukraine. We looked across the street through the open door of a pub. Quite visible was their big-screen TV. And on it was Kenneth Copeland preaching in the language they understood.

So much! And I haven't even begun to mention how you have blessed me personally. Your teaching faith by precept and example. Opportunities you gave me. Airplanes. Altogether above and beyond....

Love in Him,

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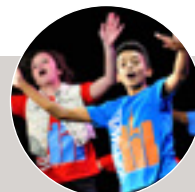


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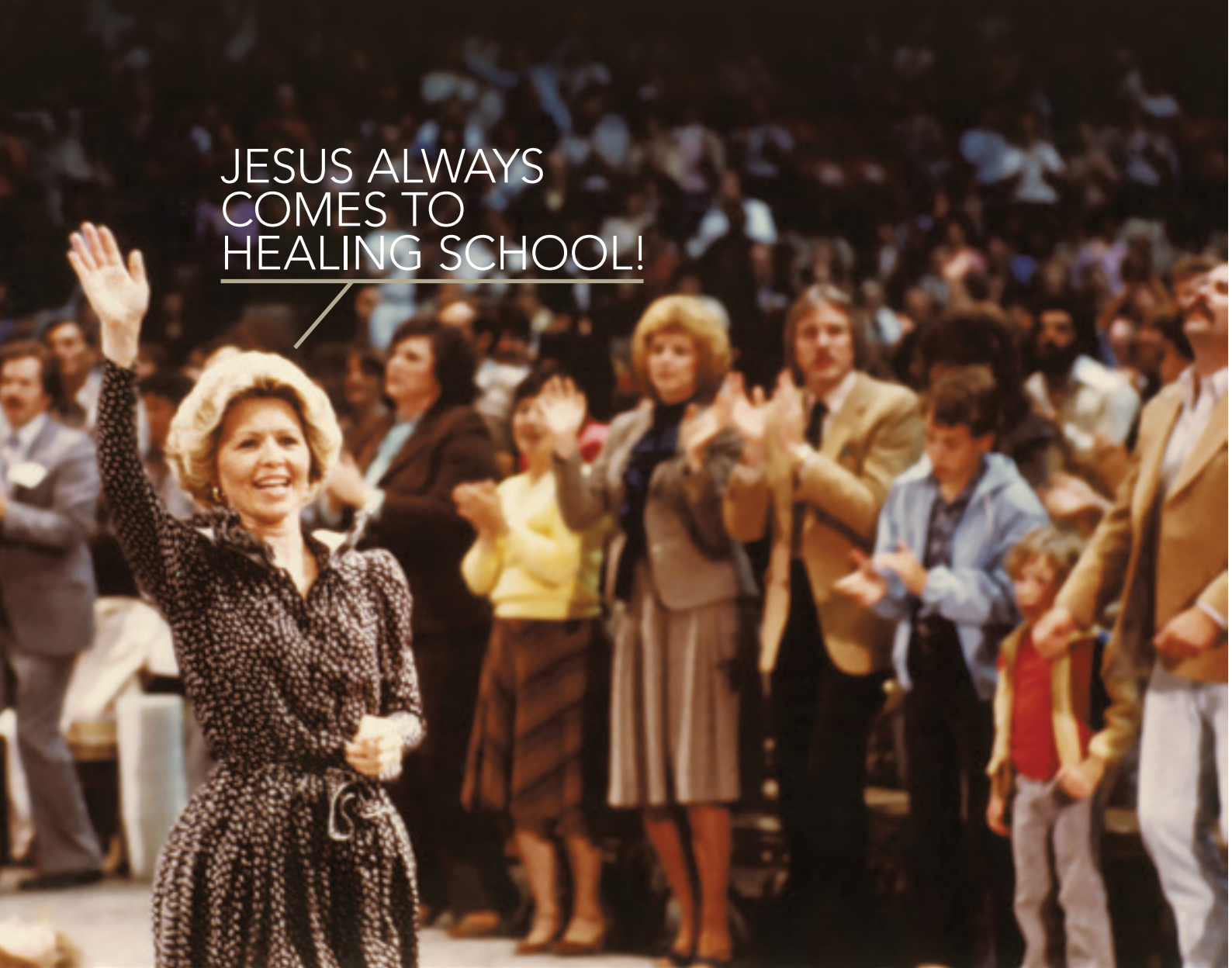
HISTORIC MOMENT

'I WANT YOU TO START TEACHING HEALING'

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.

JESUS ALWAYS COMES TO HEALING SCHOOL!



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.

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.

This year marks the 38th anniversary of Healing School. Since it 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!” In recent years, Kenneth has joined her on the platform as, together, they minister God’s love and healing. And thousands of people have received God’s Word on divine healing, applied it to their lives and seen the results.

To God be the glory! 🍷

Hear and receive My Word and the years of your life will be many!

Proverbs 4:10



If you need healing in your body, look up the following verses and read them aloud daily. Refuse to give in to doubt and unbelief. And remember, God’s Word works!

Ex. 15:26	Joel 3:10	Phil. 4:6-7
Ex. 23:25	Nah. 1:9	2 Tim. 1:7
Deut. 7:14-15	Matt. 8:2-3	Heb. 10:23
Deut. 30:19-20	Matt. 8:16-17	Heb. 10:35-36
1 Kgs. 8:56	Matt. 18:18-19	Heb. 11:11
Ps. 91:9-10, 14-16	Matt. 21:21	Heb. 13:8
Ps. 103:1-5	Mark 11:22-24	Jas. 5:14-16
Ps. 107:19-21	Mark 16:14-18	1 Pet. 2:24
Ps. 118:17	Rom. 4:16-21	1 Jn. 3:21-22
Prov. 4:20-24	Rom. 8:2, 11	1 Jn. 5:14-15
Isa. 41:10	2 Cor. 10:3-5	3 Jn. 2
Isa. 53:4-5	Gal. 3:13-14, 29	Rev. 12:11
Jer. 1:12	Eph. 6:10-17	
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This subject can
no longer be the
elephant in the
room that no one
discusses. Like
those other sins,
when it comes to
the gay lifestyle,
you can't just
deal with the
behavior, you
need to find the
root cause.
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by *Melanie Hemry*

THE elephant IN THE ROOM

The cacophony created by seven children getting ready for church almost shook the windows. “You better stop stealing my clothes!” 13-year-old Janet Boynes shouted at her sister.

“You took mine!”

“I did not!”

The house was bustling with activity as everyone got ready for church that Sunday morning when, suddenly, there came a knock at the door. A woman asked to speak to Janet’s mother, then made a startling announcement: “Your son, Robert, is gay,” she said. “He’s also a cross-dresser. He goes by Robert during the day and Barbara at night.”

“So that’s where our clothes have been going!” Janet realized.

On top of all that, the night before, her stepfather had gotten drunk—again! The house had fallen silent, the kids stifling sobs as he beat their mother. Her screams had faded to whimpers and then to silence.

At 13, Janet knew the cycle. Her stepfather beat her mother. Her mother overdisciplined the kids—and then made them clean until the place shined.

The kids beat on each other.

The rage that ruled their home exploded in classroom brawls, schoolyard fights and neighborhood wars. Janet had lost count of how many times she had



This was me in 1980

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	1	1 Sam. 15-16	1 Cor. 6
Tue	2	1 Sam. 17-18	1 Cor. 7
Wed	3	1 Sam. 19-20	1 Cor. 8
Thu	4	1 Sam. 21-22	1 Cor. 9
Fri	5	1 Sam. 23-24	1 Cor. 10
Sat	6	1 Sam. 25-26	1 Cor. 11
Sun	7	1 Sam. 27-29	1 Cor. 12-13
Mon	8	1 Sam. 30-31	1 Cor. 14
Tue	9	2 Sam. 1-2	1 Cor. 15
Wed	10	2 Sam. 3-4	1 Cor. 16
Thu	11	2 Sam. 5-6	2 Cor. 1
Fri	12	2 Sam. 7-8	2 Cor. 2
Sat	13	2 Sam. 9-10	2 Cor. 3
Sun	14	2 Sam. 11-13	2 Cor. 4-5
Mon	15	2 Sam. 14-15	2 Cor. 6
Tue	16	2 Sam. 16-17	2 Cor. 7
Wed	17	2 Sam. 18-19	2 Cor. 8
Thu	18	2 Sam. 20-21	2 Cor. 9
Fri	19	2 Sam. 22-23	2 Cor. 10
Sat	20	2 Sam. 24;	2 Cor. 11
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Sun	21	1 Kgs. 2-4	2 Cor. 12-13
Mon	22	1 Kgs. 5-6	Gal. 1
Tue	23	1 Kgs. 7-8	Gal. 2
Wed	24	1 Kgs. 9-10	Gal. 3
Thu	25	1 Kgs. 11-12	Gal. 4
Fri	26	1 Kgs. 13-14	Gal. 5
Sat	27	1 Kgs. 15-16	Gal. 6
Sun	28	1 Kgs. 17-19	Eph. 1-2
Mon	29	1 Kgs. 20-21	Eph. 3
Tue	30	1 Kgs. 22;	Eph. 4
		2 Kgs. 1	
Wed	31	2 Kgs. 2-3	Eph. 5

been kicked out of school for beating up other kids.

"Now get dressed for church!" her mother ordered.

Janet liked the quiet beauty of the church. She drank in the peace that filled the place. It was one of the only places she felt safe. She'd never been safe at home. But here, watched over by God and His angels, she sighed with blessed relief.

After the service, Janet headed to the restroom in the basement, not realizing she was being followed. Before she knew what was happening, she was yanked into the boiler room and assaulted.

Not again!

Her older sister's father had already molested her—she was determined not to let it happen again. But it did happen. She was raped.

Crying and gasping for air, Janet watched as the altar boy straightened his clothes and walked out. Shattered, as though a bomb had exploded in her soul, one thing was clear: There was no place on earth where she was safe from the men who stalked the young, weak and helpless. Not even in God's house.

Anger Fueled by Pain

"After that, the rage inside me erupted even more," Janet recalls. "I beat up kids all the time. It wasn't until later that I realized I never attacked girls, only boys. I was one of seven children—the product of four different fathers, and our family was violent and dysfunctional. Men in my life hadn't been trustworthy. Many I encountered were violent abusers and sexual predators.

"The one good thing that happened to me was meeting my eighth-grade English teacher. She took me under her wing and tried to help me. She picked me up on weekends and took me to do things. She was kind to me, but she got a lot of grief about it. All the rest of my teachers and the administration thought I was a lost cause and a waste of her time.

"That didn't stop her from helping me, even after I left her class. She was consistent over the years, staying in touch and spending time with me. I talked to her about my life, but I never told her about being raped. By

the time I was in high school, she was working with me to prepare for college. When she and her husband moved to Minnesota, I was devastated.

"I had so much emotional pain that in high school I started using drugs. Even so, I excelled in basketball and was accepted into college. My drug use, however, took a toll on my ability to study and to play basketball."

A New Start

Realizing she needed help, Janet contacted her former English teacher and explained her situation. Once again, the teacher and her husband offered a helping hand. Dropping out of college, Janet moved to Minneapolis and stayed with the couple for a while before starting college there.

One of Janet's classmates invited her to church, where she prayed the prayer of salvation and gave her heart to Jesus. That Christmas, she returned to Pennsylvania to spend the holiday with her family, urging them all to pray the sinner's prayer.

Back in Minneapolis, Janet attended a Christian college and took Bible classes. There was a discipleship program called Parkhouse that had a stellar reputation but accepted very few participants. It offered a house for both men and women, a block apart, and each one had live-in houseparents.

Janet applied to the program, and was accepted. Dropping out of college, she moved to Parkhouse. In addition to church activities, she attended Bible study once a week, helped to produce church plays and performed discipleship work in the community. The program lasted a year and Janet loved the experience.

She met a wonderful Christian man and they fell in love. He proposed and she accepted. They started marriage counseling with their pastor as they planned their wedding.

Life was wonderful. The only thing Janet wished could be different was that her fiancé raced bikes, which required long trips. He was also a drummer, so he was gone a great deal of the time. In his absence, Janet developed a close friendship with a woman from work.

"Why are you spending so much time

with her?" Janet's fiancé asked.

"Because you're gone all the time. Don't you want me to have friends?"

"Of course I do," he said.

But the look on his face suggested otherwise. He was worried about Janet.

Three months before their wedding, Janet went with her friend to visit the woman's parents. They stayed late and ended up spending the night in the same bed.

The women had a sexual encounter.

God-Sized Void

"I woke the next morning with a huge void in my life," Janet recalls. "The peace I'd enjoyed since becoming a Christian was gone. I knew I'd grieved the Lord, and it felt as though He'd left me. I met with my pastor and told him what I'd done. He advised me to tell my fiancé, call off my wedding and get help.

Janet took that advice.

"I told my fiancé, and called off our wedding," she said. "He was devastated and wanted to work things out. But at that moment, I walked out of life as I'd known it and embraced a lesbian lifestyle."

Janet admits that what drew her to that new lifestyle wasn't sex.

"I wanted a deep emotional connection with someone I could trust," she says. "Deep down, I didn't trust men. I had such a longing to be loved and to belong, but I had never dealt with the rape or the abuse I suffered as a child. They had festered for years.

"Losing that sweet relationship with the Lord was indescribable. I felt a huge void and nothing filled it. Everything that happened to me after that night was awful, but the worst part was having no peace. I did anything to try and fill that void. I used drugs. I sold drugs. I drank. I got into relationships with women. Relationship after relationship fell apart. We fought all the time. It wasn't a happy life. My friends got mad at me for going to bars and talking about God and quoting Scripture all the time. I didn't even realize I was doing it."

Dying to Live

Back home, the room spun like a carnival ride, and Janet felt herself

floating. Had she died? Was she finished with the hell she called her life? From a distance, she heard sirens and realized that, once again, someone had called an ambulance. Although the paramedics tried to convince her to go into treatment, Janet had made up her mind not to go.

The real race was to see which killed her first: bulimia or cocaine. Even in her wasted condition, Janet knew she was on a downward spiral traveling so fast it made her dizzy.

In 1989, after 10 days in the hospital due to her eating disorder, Janet finally called her employer at Ford Motor Company and asked for help.

"I'm a drug addict," she said.

Ford sent her to rehab and then to an aftercare program, where Janet was able to kick her cocaine habit and never used drugs again. But, it was another year before she'd start dealing with her eating disorder.

"I started a cleaning service, cleaning homes and businesses," Janet recalls. "I bought a house in Maple Grove where I lived with my girlfriend. For years, every time I passed Maple Grove Assemblies of God, I felt drawn to it. One day I told my girlfriend, 'Someday, I'm going to attend that church.' I sensed God waiting on me to turn back to Him, but I wasn't ready.

"I cleaned houses during the day and businesses at night. I worked hard and didn't take breaks. But one night in 1998, I felt compelled to leave work at 3 a.m. and go to the grocery store. As I was walking into the store, a woman walked out with a cart full of groceries. I had no idea that encounter would change my life."

Divine Appointment

"Ma'am, that's a lot of groceries!" Janet told the woman. "You could be robbed out here in the middle of the night."

"I know," the woman said, laughing, "our son is attending North Central Bible College and my husband and I are going out of town, but we can't leave before filling up the refrigerator for our four boys."

"I took classes there," Janet explained, "but I'm not walking with the Lord anymore. I live the gay lifestyle."

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“My name’s Tammy,” the woman said, handing her a brochure. “We’ll be gone for two weeks, but would love for you to visit our church when we return.”

It was a brochure from Maple Grove Assemblies of God.

“Two weeks later, I met Tammy at church,” Janet remembers. “She introduced me to everyone and they loved me and accepted me despite how I looked. For 14 years, I’d bought all my clothes in the men’s department at Macy’s. They took me under their collective wings and never judged me. I rededicated my life to the Lord.

“There was a Bible study for 10 women and they had one opening. They invited me to join them and when I arrived, I never felt so out of place in my life. I was dressed in sweats with a scarf on my head because I was going to go clean houses after the meeting. They wore feminine clothes and had their hair and nails done. I looked around the room, took a deep breath and said, ‘My name is Janet and I live a homosexual

life. If you’ll help me, I’ll serve the Lord for the rest of my life.’ They accepted the challenge and loved me.”

Back to the Basics

“Eight months later, one of the women in leadership said that she and her husband felt impressed that the Lord wanted them to invite me to live with them and their three children. I was 40 years old and owned my own home and business, but I knew this was the Lord. I was still living with my girlfriend, although we had stopped being intimate when I rededicated my life. I sold my house and moved in with the family from church.

“Living with that family was my first glimpse of what a real family was like. It was all new to me. There were no drunken brawls. No screaming. No beatings. From the family gathering at breakfast in the morning, to how children acted, to how the husband and wife treated one another—it was all new.

“They gave me the foundation for a

family that I’d never experienced. The mother began the process of teaching me how to dress and fix my hair and be a woman. It was an amazing experience. I didn’t lie to them about still talking on the phone with my ex-girlfriend. After a few months, they sat me down and explained that if I didn’t break all contact with her, I needed to move out.

“As hard as it was, I knew they were right. Like most women, for me the lifestyle wasn’t about sex. It was about finding a deep emotional attachment. So long as I clung to that attachment with my girlfriend, I wasn’t free.

“For me, it was easier to kick cocaine than to cut off those emotional ties and leave that lifestyle. To get free, I ended up giving up my home, my girlfriend, all my friends, my clothes, and most importantly, my identity. With lots of love and support from my church family and supernatural help from God, I did it. After 14 years of living as a lesbian, I walked free.”

One year, Janet traveled home for Christmas and her brother, Robert, pulled her aside.

“I’ve got the virus,” he said.

Janet felt her mouth go dry.

“Does that mean you have AIDS?”

“No, but it means I have the virus that causes it. Don’t tell anyone.”

Janet looked at her brother with pain in her eyes and realized that sin will take you further than you want to go, and keep you longer than you want to stay.

No Watered-Down Gospel

Eight months after Janet joined Maple Grove Assemblies of God, and was living with the Christian family, her mother found Robert in a hospital. He died of full-blown AIDS.

Janet understood that when Satan had come calling with temptation, she hadn’t been rooted and grounded enough in the Word of God. This time, she vowed to eat, breathe and totally immerse herself in the Word. Her church family helped by giving her the love and sense of belonging that she had gotten in the lesbian community, without any condemnation.

They had assured her that her sin had been paid for by Jesus on Calvary.

They assured her that her sin was no worse than theirs, but like all sin, hers also required repentance. No one acted haughty or holier than her. They were transparent, sharing the things they had struggled with in their own lives and how they had overcome them.

"They didn't minimize my sin or preach a watered-down gospel," Janet explains. "It doesn't matter if you're helping someone deal with alcoholism, drug addictions, adultery, broken marriages or pornography, it requires the Word of God which is sharper than a two-edged sword, wielded with love.

"Like those other sins, when it comes to the gay lifestyle, you can't just deal with the behavior, you need to find the root cause. Like me, 85 percent of women in the gay lifestyle have been raped and abused by men. That's usually the real issue that has never been dealt with. The people at Maple Grove Assemblies of God were patient and loving. After a couple of years, I didn't even want to go back to that life."

Growing in God

Eventually, the Lord led Janet to attend Living Word Christian Center in Brooklyn Park, Minn., where Mac and Lynne Hammond are the pastors. "My pastor at Maple Grove blessed me and sent me on my way, but it was hard to leave. The faith message had taught me how powerful the Word of God is. The uncompromised Word of God kept me grounded. The gay lifestyle is about identity confusion as much as anything else, and through that uncompromised teaching, I found my true identity in God. I've continued to surround myself with strong men and women of God to whom I make myself accountable."

Eight years after leaving the lesbian life, Janet started her own ministry, Janet Boynes Ministries, with a focus on helping people who want out of the gay lifestyle. In 2009, she was ordained by Mac Hammond.

In 2012, when Michele Bachmann became a candidate for the Republican nomination in the U.S. presidential primary, Lynne Hammond started a prayer line for Bachmann. She asked

Janet and Pastor Terri Pearsons of Eagle Mountain International Church in Fort Worth, to help.

"Whenever Michele had a prayer need, we got on the phone to pray, which is how I became friends with Terri. Then, in 2013, when the Lord told me to move to Texas, I went to Pastors George and Terri Pearsons and began attending EMIC."

A Voice of Wisdom

It's been 18 years now since Janet Boynes abandoned the lesbian lifestyle and fell into the arms of a loving church family. In 2011, she was featured on the cover of *Charisma* magazine. Since then, she has been interviewed on the *700 Club*, *Life Today* with James Robison and by Joni Lamb. She spent a week with Andrew Wommack, speaking at his ministers' conference.

Janet's is a voice of wisdom and reason amid all the discord generated over the issue of gay rights. She has written two books, *Called Out: A Former Lesbian Discovers Freedom* and *God and Sexuality: Truth and Relevance Without Compromise*, to help Christians and churches navigate through these issues.

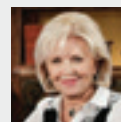
"This lifestyle has crept into our churches," Janet says, "and many parents with great faith for other things, have no faith that God can deliver their children from a gay lifestyle. Don't fall into doubt and unbelief! Nothing is too hard for God! There are many people caught up in this lifestyle who want to get out, but the devil has convinced them that nobody wants them—especially the Church. Many slip into churches hoping to hear answers only to find the subject isn't mentioned. This subject can no longer be the elephant in the room that no one discusses. We must educate ourselves and be prepared to love and minister truth to them. More than anything, we've got to love them enough to never compromise the gospel. God is still in the business of setting the captives free." 📌

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PSALM 91 TO THE RESCUE

I want to thank God for your ministry and thank you for your prayers for myself and my loved ones. Over and over I have heard Gloria say to pray the 91st Psalm and assign angels to watch over our families. In my prayer time every day, I am doing it and I've seen results. Praise God.

On Jan. 10, 2016, at 1 a.m. my grandson had an accident. There were three others with him and nothing happened to them. Doctors checked them and sent them home! Thanks be to God. His cousin was trapped and they had to cut the car to get her out. Nothing missing, nothing broken.

He went back to work one week after the accident. I thank God for this miracle! God answers prayer, and I'm expecting many more. I say it, write it and receive it in Jesus' Name. Amen! Today, my son is saved, born again and water baptized. Praise God, thank You, Jesus. And all that happened last year.

I thank God for our angels that are watching over us, and I thank Him for His mercy and grace. I thank God that I can be a part of the KCM family.

P. S.
Scarborough, Ontario

IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL GOD SAYS IT IS

Thank you all for your prayers and magazines and sermons. A month ago, my mom was in the hospital on life support. A doctor called and said, "Your mom is critically ill. She has a 'do not resuscitate' order. Do you want us to follow that order?"

With no time to think, I said, "No, keep her alive till I get there. I'll be there as soon as I can." I was out of state and began praying and calling all my relatives from my car. When I entered the hospital room, I sensed God's presence. "She isn't going to die," I declared. I called her name, telling her to come back. I kissed

her forehead and spoke healing over her. I felt sad, but I had a lot of faith. She began to move her head at the sound of my voice. She had tubes everywhere.

The doctor said, "She's not able to breathe on her own, what do you want us to do?" I asked him to wait. My cousins came in the room and started talking to her. She responded to the sound, her head twitching and her eyes closed. I told the doctor that her head was moving to the sound of our voices. She was trying to live.

They decreased her sedative and she became more responsive, although

she still couldn't breathe on her own. She was able to move her hand, but her breathing was still poor. I kept praying and listening to healing tapes by Kenneth and Gloria. I didn't feel sad anymore, just a sense of peace that God would heal her. A couple of days later they called to say she was off life support and breathing on her own. They expected her to return to the nursing home in a day or two. Praise God.

God healed her! Never believe it's over until God tells you.

Devra B.
Mountain Top, Pa.

'I'M COMPLETELY HEALED'

I just want to share with you the joy of having my neck healed. A few months ago, I suffered a whiplash-type of injury when my dog suddenly pulled hard on her leash and made me fall. It was sore for a long time. I had been praying and then Kenneth prayed for all of us at the Calgary meeting in May. Just a few days ago, it occurred to me that I'm completely healed! Thank You, Lord!

L.A. | Cochrane, Alberta

VICTORY IN JESUS

There is victory in Jesus. I would like to say, "Thank you." After my third email to you for prayer for me to receive a job, quoting and reading your scriptures, fasting, praying, and reading your emails, prayers, etc., I have been successful in getting a permanent job. When I got the call to say they would like to offer me the post, I couldn't stop praying and thanking God. I would also like to thank you for your prayers.

Maxine B. | Bristol, England

'A QUANTUM LEAP... WITH GOD'

BVOV Network has been a quantum leap for my relationship with God. It's totally the best blessing! What a change from being weak and beggarly, to changing my circumstances by what I speak. Wow, God's Word is ALIVE! It's all good. Thank you for being there for me.

Dina S. | Belvidere, Neb.

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'GOD HAS A WONDERFUL PLAN'

Thank you for all you are teaching me and others! I have learned so much since July 2015, when I discovered BVOVN. I already loved watching Kenneth and Gloria. I love everyone on BVOVN. I love receiving packages from you all! It's like Christmas every month. The more I learn the more I hunger for His truth.

I am currently a disabled widow. My husband went home on May 23 of this year, which sent me into a deep depression until recently. I have struggled with being clinically depressed since I was injured in the Army in 1995. At one point they felt shock treatments were the only thing that might help, but my mother said no. I know now that what I have lived is NOT the plan God had for my life! I fill my days and nights with Kenneth and Gloria's teachings and BVOV. I'm ashamed to say that until recently I didn't have anything positive to fill my mind. I know God has a wonderful plan for my life. Thank you again for all you all do.

P. S. | Florida



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— Gloria Copeland

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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!

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

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

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STEPS TO SUPERNATURAL INCOME



I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU TODAY. THEY ARE QUESTIONS RELATIVELY FEW CHRISTIANS SERIOUSLY CONSIDER, BUT EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER.

WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR INCOME TO BE?



What should you have financially in order to live well, be debt free, have some healthy savings accounts and give generously?

Have you ever sat down and thought about that? Have you ever put a pencil to paper and, with the guidance of The WORD and the Holy Spirit, figured it out?

If not, it's time you did. It's time you stopped just trying to get by on whatever comes in and started getting serious about walking in the fullness of God's financial will for your life.

His will is for you to "prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 1:2, *New King James Version*). His will is to "increase you more and more, you and your children" (Psalm 115:14). His will is for you to

"be willing and obedient...[and] eat the good of the land" (Isaiah 1:19), which means you ought to be driving the good, wearing the good and living in the good.

In short, God wants you to be a walking manifestation of what the Bible says in Psalm 112: "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever."

Talk about a truly prosperous life! When you're delighting greatly in The WORD of God, your children are doing well, you have a house full of wealth and riches, and at the same time your righteousness is intact, you've got it all happening, my friend. Life doesn't get any better than that!

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, when it comes to the amount of money we're going to have I think we're better off leaving it up to God. We ought to just let Him choose how much He wants to give us, don't you agree?"

No, I don't...and more importantly, neither does the Bible. It says very clearly that God has already made His choice in the matter. He's already chosen to cause THE BLESSING of Abraham to come upon us in Christ (Galatians 3:14). He's already said to us all throughout the Scriptures:

"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you." (Genesis 17:4, *NKJV*)

I will BLESS you in the city and in the country. (see Deuteronomy 28:3)

I will BLESS you coming in and going

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1 God's will is for you to be truly prosperous and enjoy good things in every area of life. Isaiah 1:19

2 In Christ all things are yours, but choosing to believe for them is your responsibility. Deuteronomy 30:19

3 To receive supernatural income, start by determining not just what you need but what you want. Psalm 23:1

4 Once you've decided on an amount, ask God for it, believe you receive, and then stand in faith without wavering. James 1:6-7

5 Bind the devil by telling him to get his hands off your money and loose the angels to bring it in. Matthew 18:18

out. (see Deuteronomy 28:6)

I will command THE BLESSING on you in your storehouses and in everything you do, make you plenteous in goods, and prosper you at every turn. (see Deuteronomy 28:8, 11)

I've made My choice to BLESS YOU. Now the choice is yours. I've set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. So choose to be BLESSED! (see Deuteronomy 30:19)

As the Apostle Paul put it in 1 Corinthians 3:21, in Christ "all things are yours"! Everything that you will ever need or want in life beyond your wildest dreams already belongs to you as Jesus' joint heir. But deciding how much of it you choose to receive and enjoy isn't God's responsibility.

It's yours.

You're the one who has to take by faith what His WORD says already belongs to you. You're the one who has to decide what you want and believe for it...and if you neglect to do it you're going to miss out on a lot!

The Exact Amount at Exactly the Right Time

I first began to discover this in the late 1960s when Gloria and I went into the ministry. We didn't know back

then everything we know now about prosperity, but we had learned enough to pay off a seemingly insurmountable mountain of debt. We were also learning to believe for the income to do what God had called us to do.

One time after I'd preached a three-week series of meetings in Louisiana, we found ourselves \$900 short of the budget with only one service left. Nine hundred dollars, with inflation factored in, was like \$6,000 in today's economy and to us that seemed like a fortune. We'd never received anything close to \$900 in one service!

So in the natural, the situation looked impossible.

We'd already agreed before the meetings began, however, on the exact amount we needed to receive. We'd released our faith according to Matthew 18:19 where Jesus said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." So we weren't just hoping the money would come. We saw our agreement like a signed contract with God. We'd done our part by acting on His WORD and we believed He'd do His part by bringing it to pass.

Even so, all day long before that last meeting, while I was preparing to preach, the devil kept hammering at me. "These people have given hardly

anything during this whole series of meetings," he said. "What makes you think they're going to give \$900 tonight?"

"I don't think they are," I answered. "I know they are because I have God's WORD on it!"

Hour after hour, I kept fighting the good fight of faith, resisting the devil's pressure on my mind. When I couldn't stand to stay in that little motel room any longer I went outside and walked around praying in the spirit and confessing The WORD of God. Since it was wintertime, no one was out there to hear me so I just kept saying out loud, "This full amount belongs to me. We believed for it when we started this meeting, and it's coming in, glory to God!"

When the devil contradicted me I'd make my confession again. "Shut up, satan!" I'd say. "You're a liar and the father of lies. I have the words of Jesus on this. They're written in red letters and they can't lie, so we're not coming up short. We have an agreement and it's coming to pass."

After a while, I looked up to see a car pulling into the motel parking lot. When the driver saw me he started honking the horn like something was wrong. Pulling to a stop right alongside me he hollered, "Brother Copeland! I'm glad I caught you. I've been to every service you've preached here but I have an appointment tonight. I'm still going to come to the meeting but I'm going to be late and I didn't want to miss out on the opportunity to give my offering!"

Then he handed me a check for \$500.

We didn't have many \$500 checks coming in back in those days, so that was a marvel in itself. What's more, when the rest of the offering came in that night the total came out to be the exact amount Gloria and I had agreed on and written down three weeks earlier. We didn't miss it by even one penny!

Same Steps, Same Results

"Well, those kinds of things happen to you, Brother Copeland, because you're a preacher."

No, they happen to me because I'm a believer, and if you're a believer they should be happening to you too. Just like

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Gloria and me you should be receiving supernatural income—and you will if you'll follow the same basic steps.

No. 1: Decide on the amount you want. Determine how much it would take not only to meet your needs and supply your necessities, but also to fulfill your desires.

Fellowship with The LORD over such questions as: Where would we like to be financially as a family? Would we enjoy a bigger home than this? How much would we like to have in our storehouse? How much would we like to be able to give when the pastor announces the church is building a new sanctuary? A thousand dollars? Ten thousand? More?

As you pray about those things ask The LORD, "Where do You want me to set my faith right now? What do You want me to plan for and believe for?"

If the answer you come up with stretches you too much, spend extra time meditating on what God said in His WORD about supplying your needs, wants and desires. Get rid of your old poverty mentalities and expand your thinking with verses like these:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1)

"They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." (Psalm 34:10)

"Delight thyself...in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Psalm 37:4)

"The desire of the righteous shall be granted." (Proverbs 10:24)

Once you're ready to take your faith stand and you've decided on the amount you desire, get it fixed in your heart so you know, *This is what we're going to have. We're going to increase this year by 40 percent* (or whatever).

Then settle it before The LORD by acting on Mark 11:24. Ask, believe you receive, and agree with God that it's already yours.

From that time forward, be single-minded about it. Stick to your agreement. When doubts try to come, fight the good fight of faith on the



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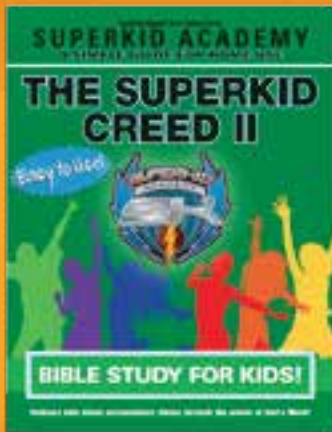
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battlefield of your mind and refuse to waver because, as James 1:6-8 says: "He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Use Your Authority to Bind and Loose

"But what about the devil?" you might ask. "Won't he try to get in and hinder my income flow?"

Yes he will. So don't let him do it. Use the authority that belongs to you as a believer to keep him out of your financial affairs.

Jesus said in Matthew 18:18, "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." So after you've prayed the prayer of faith, bind the demonic spirits in the atmospheric heavens. Address the devil and his cohorts directly and say, "I bind you and I command you right now, take your hands off my money, in Jesus' Name!"

Then go ahead and loose your angels. There are more of them than there are demons operating in the atmospheric heavens and they are "all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14). They've been commissioned by God to respond to His WORD and they're waiting on your command. So put them to work on your behalf.

Don't wait on God to tell your angels what to do. He's turned that job over to you. So speak to them and say, "Ministering spirits, in the Name of Jesus, go forth and cause my money to come. Do whatever is necessary to help bring to pass my faith agreement with my heavenly Father!"

All kinds of amazing things can happen when angels get involved in situations. Take, for example, what happened to a pastor friend of mine. Some years ago, he found himself

in a predicament that could only be solved supernaturally. The bank was demanding immediate payment of \$135,000 on the \$500,000 he owed on his church building. He had no way in the natural to come up with the money so he took the problem to The LORD, stood on The WORD, and believed for the amount he needed.

Shortly thereafter, he was on a ministry trip in a hotel room and as he was getting ready to go preach he heard the door open. Assuming the hotel had mistakenly given someone the key to his room, he turned toward the door and was astonished to find two gigantic angels standing there. "What are you here for?" he asked.

"We're here to help you get the money for your building," they replied. "That's our job."

"Wonderful! What are you waiting on?"

"The command," they answered.

"Go!" he told them, and—whoosh!—they were gone.

Long story short, a few days later he was in the office with his attorney and a man in a jogging suit walked in holding a \$135,000 check. "I don't much like your preaching, pastor" he said, "but I was out running today and I got a strong sense I should give you this."

A few days later the same man showed up again—this time at one of their church services. "I realized I was actually supposed to give you \$500,000," he said. "So here's a check for the balance."

Think about that! Those two big angels finished the whole job. They helped bring in enough money not just to meet the immediate need but to pay off the entire church building.

God wants the same kind of things to happen to you. So start taking the necessary steps. Determine the amount of supernatural income you want to receive, settle it with God and believe you receive. Bind the devil; give command to your angels; and maintain your confession.

Step out by faith into the fullness of God's financial will for your life! 🙌

CALLING ALL TREASURE HUNTERS!

WANT TO KNOW A LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT ME? I AM A TREASURE HUNTER! I ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.

When I was a kid, wherever I was I always looked for hidden treasure. And usually, I would find something amazing, even if I was the only one who thought so! Whether it was in a book, in the forest, on the beach, in an antique store, at a garage sale or in my mom's closet, I was always on the hunt. Eyes open, ears listening and my mind intently focused on the discovery of some item or factoid.

I am still like that today! Last summer, for instance, we went to a beach that is famous for its beautiful seashells. I was in my happy place! I sat on the beach in the middle of thousands of shells and dug and dug—looking for that prized shell. I dove down in the strong current to bring up a find. I walked the beach, head down—just looking. Call me happy!

Treasure Hunter

Superkid, I want to talk to you about being a treasure hunter. Not the kind you see on reality TV shows, but a daily hunter of WISDOM. Proverbs is the place to learn about wisdom, so let's start in Proverbs 1:1-4, *New Living Translation*, with these things in mind:

These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel.

Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise.

Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just and fair.

These proverbs will give insight

to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young.

King Solomon wrote most of Proverbs, and it is particularly addressed to his child. In 1 Kings 3:12, God said, "I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have!" (NLT).

Treasure hunters, listen to what He has to say—especially since He is addressing YOU! God has provided all the wisdom you need, but you have to value it enough to be on the lookout for it and to notice when it comes.

Every treasure hunter has to have the right gear to collect the treasure he or she is looking for. When I was looking for shells, I had to have a shell bag to put them in. But my other gear came included in my physical senses of sight and touch. I had to use my eyes to look; and when digging in the sand, I would use my touch to find the shells that were buried.

Proverbs 2:1-5 tells us what our wisdom hunting tools are. It says, "My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God" (NLT).

Treasure Tools

Listening, choosing to treasure, tuning your ears, concentration, crying out, asking, searching and seeking are your treasure tools. They pretty much engage your five physical senses, and the power of your spirit and soul, too. The good news is, God made us to receive wisdom this way! You've got what it takes already!



There's Gold!

Superkid, like panning for gold in a stream, there are many ways in which God will bring you the wisdom you need. The first thing to know is that ALL wisdom flows from Him, and you can count on Him to faithfully send it your way. In speaking of Jesus, Colossians 2:3 (NLT) says, "In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." With that settled, let's look at one primary stream God planned to teach you wisdom.

Give them a shoutout: "YAY" for PARENTS!

It's not always easy being your instructors of wisdom, especially when you resist or refuse the wisdom they bring. King Solomon, the wise, says in Proverbs 1:8-9, "My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction. What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck" (NLT).

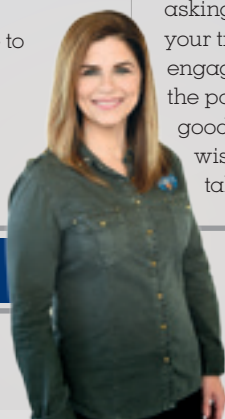
See? There it is! The crown jewels. The golden treasure. And it comes during correction and instruction—just the time some kids may not have treasure hunting on their minds. But not you, Superkid. Just remember when it's happening, wisdom is treasure, wisdom is treasure! And remember your Treasure Tools! The amazing thing is, just like a golden crown or a gold medal hanging around your neck, wisdom becomes clearly visible to others as you value it and walk in it. Others will begin to treasure the treasure they see in you, and Superkid, that's just the way the Father planned it!

Happy treasure hunting, Cadets. More treasure coming your way next month!

Commander Kellie ❤️



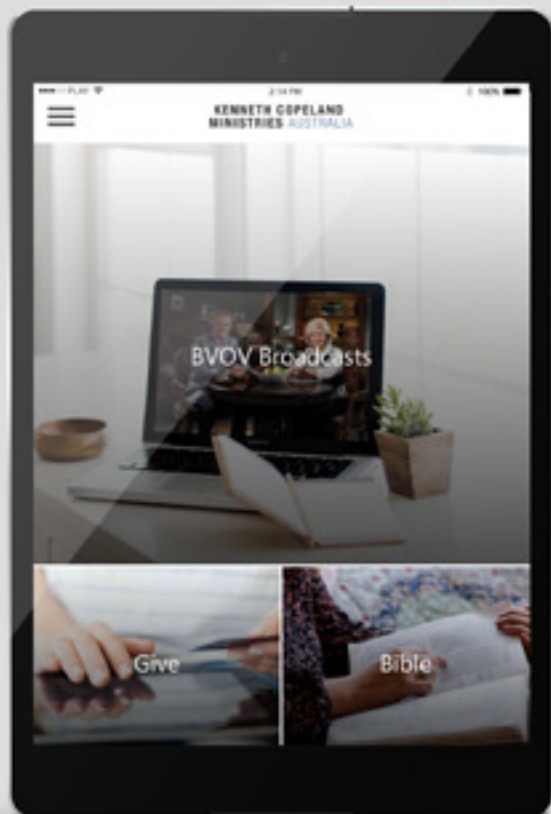
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