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Our ministry to bikers jump-started back in 1990 by divine appointment. A representative of the Full Gospel Motorcycle Association International asked if they could hold a motorcycle rally on the grounds of Eagle Mountain, at the spacious headquarters of Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Kenneth and Gloria loved the idea and along with Jerry Savelle and Jesse Duplantis, joined in ministering to the hundreds of bikers at the event. The next year, the Wings of Freedom Rally increased dramatically, drawing more than 2300 people.

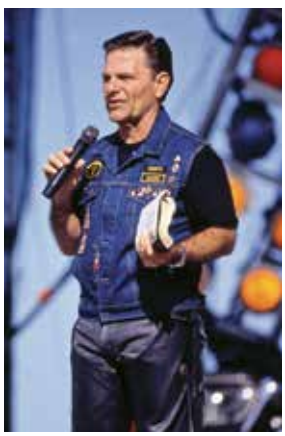
Beginning in 1992, KCM became the sole sponsor of the event and began what would be known as the Eagle Mountain Motorcycle Rally. The event that year attracted more than 4,000 people from 45 states and six nations for a weekend of ministry, fellowship and fun.

By 1994, attendance revved up to 13,000 and in 1995, it was 15,000! As a result of Mike Barber Ministries' involvement and the favor we had with prison authorities, services were broadcast live by satellite to 87 of the 104 Texas state prisons. This gave more than 150,000 men and women the opportunity to hear the uncompromised Word. And at the Rally's Sunday service, 1,106 people waded into Eagle Mountain Lake to be baptized.

In 1996, according to the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department which controlled the bumper-to-bumper traffic, over 40,000 people attended the rally over the course of the weekend.

On April 2, 1998, the Lord instructed Brother Copeland to cancel the rally, which he did immediately.

"On the morning of Thursday, April 2, I was driving to the television studio to minister on the daily broadcast with Dr. Edwin Cole," Brother Copeland would later say in announcing the end of the rally. "On the way in, the word of The LORD came to me and said, 'Cancel the '98 Motorcycle Rally.' At this point in time, I have no direct explanation from God as to why. I believe that sometime in the future He will reveal it to me. However, I do not need to know why in order to obey the Holy Ghost…. This ministry belongs to Jesus, and He is the Boss."



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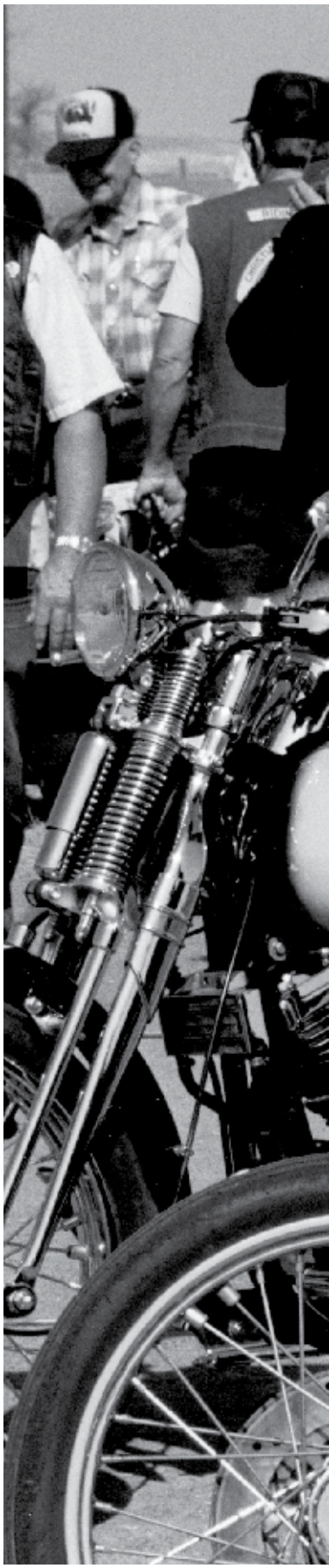

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LIVING IN THE OVER-FLOW

by Kenneth Copeland

***What if** right now you could choose to step up to a whole new level of life in the Spirit? What if you could open the door to God's power so that, instead of flowing at times like a stream, and at times like a river, it rushes through your life like a flood that by its very magnitude affects everything and everyone around you?*

That's a thrilling thought, isn't it? It's the heart's desire of all of us who love The LORD. It's also what He's been talking to us about lately. He's been saying for quite some time now, *The spiritual floodgates are open. The end-time move of My Spirit is on. The season of overflow is here!*

At Eagle Mountain International Church, we've already been experiencing it. We've been seeing a rising tide of healings and miracles for the past several years. They've been on the increase, not only in our services here at home but also when we minister in other places around the world.

It's been wonderful! Yet, what we've experienced thus far is only the beginning. The whole Body of Christ is headed for an overflow the likes of which the world has never seen. For us to get there, though, we have to do more than get excited about it. We have to get a working knowledge of it.

What exactly is a working knowledge? It's like the knowledge pilots have about aviation. They know more than just that airplanes can fly: Everyone knows that! They have a working knowledge of the airplane. They can actually get in the cockpit, fire up the engines and fly the plane.

That's the kind of knowledge Christians need these days about the overflow. We need to know not only what it is and what it does, but how to operate in it. We need to learn to let the power of God continually flow out of us, so it becomes a force field of BLESSING that surrounds us all the time, everywhere we go.

Think, for example, about what happens when a believer learns to operate in God's power for protection. If a tornado heads toward his neighborhood, he can declare by faith that according to Psalm 91, no evil will come nigh his dwelling. He can command the tornado to not touch his house, and it won't.

What else will happen in the process, in many cases? The tornado will also jump over the houses on either side of his, so the people in those homes—even though they might not even be saved—benefit from the force field of BLESSING that's surrounding their believing neighbor. They'll end up being divinely protected by the power of God that's coming out of him.

That's a great example of how the overflow works! It opens the way for God to pour out His goodness both *to* us and *through* us. It gives Him an opportunity to manifest His BLESSING not only in the lives of those of us who are believers, but in the lives of unbelievers out there in the world.

God actually does want to

BLESS unbelievers, you know. He's not hardhearted and insensitive toward them. He doesn't want to punish them for their sins by letting them suffer pain and loss. Our heavenly Father loves everyone! He's reconciled the whole world to Himself in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19) and, even if people haven't yet accepted that reconciliation, He wants to help them. He wants to do good things for them, not because they've earned it or deserve it, but because:

He is a "God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." (Psalm 86:15)

He is "good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works." (Psalm 145:9)

He's "the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort." (2 Corinthians 1:3)

A Cup-Running-Over Revelation

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "why is it necessary for us to live in the overflow for God to help unbelievers? Why doesn't He just go around us and help them directly Himself?"

Because we're His representatives in the earth. We're the ones He has authorized and equipped to do the work of His kingdom. We're born of His Spirit and BLESSED "with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). We're anointed with Jesus' own Anointing to go about doing good, and healing all that are oppressed of the devil (Acts 10:38).

When it comes to BLESSING the world, God doesn't want to work *around* us. His desire is to work *through* us! His plan is for us to feed on His WORD until we become so anointing and BLESSING conscious that we continually say as David did in Psalm 23:5-6: "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

Talk about having some fun. When you develop a mercy-following, cup-running-over mentality, you wind up ministering out of the overflow all the time. You start spilling God's goodness onto people and turning ordinary, everyday events into God adventures!

I remember one time when Gloria and I were out riding motorcycles with some of our preaching buddies up in the mountains. We stopped at this place to eat, and from the moment we walked in, the waitress acted like she was mad we were there. Instead of giving us a friendly greeting, she threw our menus down on the table. And any time we asked her for something, she walked away grumbling about it.

The LORD spoke to me about her, so we prayed and asked Him to do something for her. Then, the next time she came by our table, I called her over. "Come here, darling," I said. "Something is going on with you. You're hurting. We just finished praying for you and we want to know how we can help you."

She sat down with us and just unloaded. We prayed for her and God moved on her. She was so BLESSED and excited about it, she started hugging

all of us and followed us out the door, thanking us the whole way.

Another time, Gloria and I were on a motorcycle trip with the same bunch. We stopped at a store and a boy about 10 years old came running up to us. "You're preachers, right?" he said. "You're the ones on television that pray for people that are sick!"

"Yes, we are," we said.

"Will you pray for my mama?" he asked. "She's got cancer."

We didn't see his mother anywhere around so we just got in a circle around him and started to pray. "No, don't pray for me!" he said. "Pray for her. She's right there in the car."

He led us over to where she was, and we gathered up around the car and attacked that cancer devil in prayer. God's love and power started overflowing and our trip to the store turned into a healing meeting!

"That's great, Brother Copeland," you might say, "but you all are on TV."

I know it, but you don't have to be on television to have those kinds of experiences. You just have to yield to the working of the Holy Spirit. If you'll cooperate with Him and get God-inside minded, He'll draw people to you and overflow through you in all kinds of places and all different ways.

Of course, you have to stay ready if you want Him to do that. You have to prepare yourself by using your faith on a daily basis to live in God's BLESSING in your own life. Otherwise you won't be in much of a position to help others.

You won't be ready to pray in faith for healing in someone else's body, for instance, if you're not believing God where your own body is concerned. You won't boldly lay hands on the sick expecting them to recover if every time you sneeze you say things like, "I believe I'm taking that flu bug that's been going around lately. Everyone I know has been getting it and now it's gotten on me!"

No, if you're going to overflow in the area of healing, you have to practice saying what God says about it. Instead of talking like sickness is following you, you have to talk like healing is following you. You have to believe and declare the Spirit of Him who raised Christ from the dead is quickening your mortal body (Romans 8:11) so that your faith can spill over onto others and their bodies can be quickened too!

The Power of *Spill-Over* Faith

Whenever I think about spill-over faith, I think about what happened to me years ago when I was at our cabin in Arkansas. I was working around our property and I decided I wanted to get rid of a useless old fence post that was sticking up out of the ground. I was tired of looking at it and, since the dirt around it had hollowed away, I figured I should be able to yank it out without much trouble.

I had some high-tension straps handy—straps I use to secure my motorcycle when it's on the trailer—so I wrapped them around the post and tied them to the hitch on the back of my station wagon. I got into the station wagon and pressed the accelerator a little, expecting that post to just pop out of the ground.

The post didn't move on the first try, so I tried again—this time hitting it with enough power to lift up the back end of the car. But still, the post refused to budge.

I was sitting there wondering what on earth could be holding the thing in place when suddenly I realized what I'd done. Not only had I failed to remove the post, I'd just messed up two perfectly good tie-down straps!

Jumping out of the car, I went over to look, and—sure enough—the knots in those straps were pulled so tight it was like they were fused. I got a screwdriver and made a few attempts to pick at them, but they were too flat and slick. The screwdriver just slid off.

Determined not to let those knots defeat me, I asked The LORD for help. "Heavenly Father," I prayed, "forgive me for doing such a dumb thing. I repent and receive my forgiveness. Now I'm believing You to restore my straps and I'm saying by faith, these knots are coming undone!"

I continued to pray for a while in the spirit and at the same time started working again on one of the straps. I didn't appear to be making any headway but, since faith without works is dead, I kept scratching at it. "Thank You, LORD, that these knots are untied and my straps are straightened out," I said. At the same time, according to Mark 11:23, I spoke to the knot that was in my hand and said, "You are loosed."

Half an hour or so went by and the knot began to give a little. A few minutes later it gave a little more…and a little more…and finally it came loose! By that time, I could sense the power of God at work so I danced around the car and

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		Old Testament	Psalms
Sun	1	Isa. 49-51	Ps. 52-53
Mon	2	Isa. 52-53	Ps. 54
Tue	3	Isa. 54-55	Ps. 55
Wed	4	Isa. 56-57	Ps. 56
Thu	5	Isa. 58-59	Ps. 57
Fri	6	Isa. 60-61	Ps. 58
Sat	7	Isa. 62-63	Ps. 59
Sun	8	Isa. 64-66	Ps. 60-61
Mon	9	Jer. 1-2	Ps. 62
Tue	10	Jer. 3-4	Ps. 63
Wed	11	Jer. 5-6	Ps. 64
Thu	12	Jer. 7-8	Ps. 65
Fri	13	Jer. 9-10	Ps. 66
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Sun	15	Jer. 13-15	Ps. 68-69
Mon	16	Jer. 16-17	Ps. 70
Tue	17	Jer. 18-19	Ps. 71
Wed	18	Jer. 20-21	Ps. 72
Thu	19	Jer. 22-23	Ps. 73
Fri	20	Jer. 24-25	Ps. 74
Sat	21	Jer. 26-27	Ps. 75
Sun	22	Jer. 28-30	Ps. 76-77
Mon	23	Jer. 31-32	Ps. 78
Tue	24	Jer. 33-34	Ps. 79
Wed	25	Jer. 35-36	Ps. 80
Thu	26	Jer. 37-38	Ps. 81
Fri	27	Jer. 39-40	Ps. 82
Sat	28	Jer. 41-42	Ps. 83
Sun	29	Jer. 43-45	Ps. 84-85
Mon	30	Jer. 46-47	Ps. 86
Tue	31	Jer. 48-49	Ps. 87

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celebrated. Then I picked up the second strap, intending to go to work on it, and discovered something surprising: The knot in that strap had already come undone!

I hadn't even touched it. While I was working on the first strap, it had just been lying there on the ground beside me. I hadn't even been thinking about it, yet it had been responding to my faith the whole time. It had gotten fixed by the overflow!

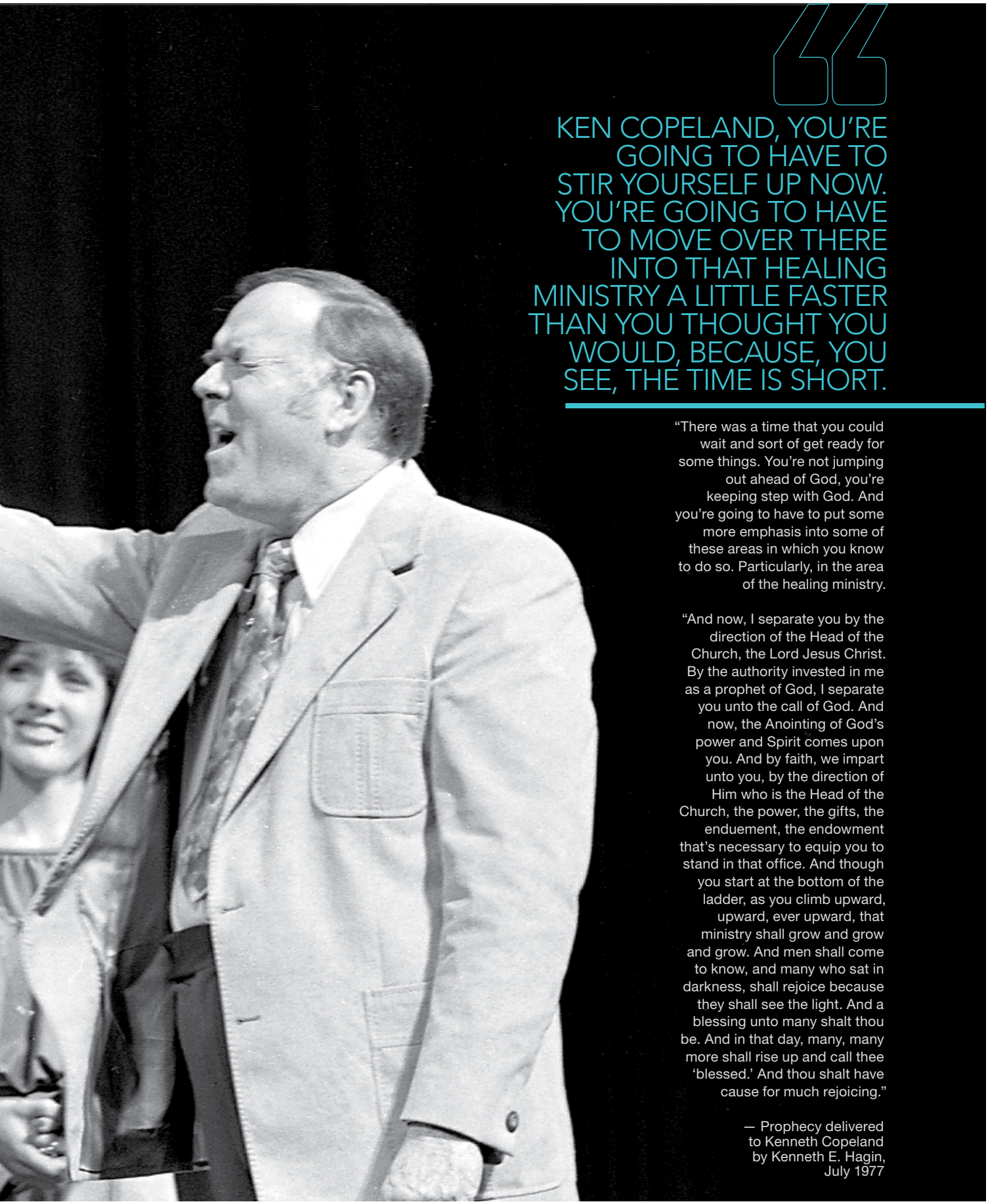
I realize that might seem like a mundane example, but according to the Bible the same principle will work in more eternally significant matters. It will work to undo the knots the devil has tied in people's lives. It will produce for us the same kind of spiritual overflow it produced in the early Church when, as Acts 5 says:

By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people. Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one (verses 12, 15-16).

I want you to see this! I want you to get a greater revelation of how the overflow works and be prepared for it all the time, because the same God, who was in those early apostles and in Peter, is now living inside you. His mercy and goodness are in you. His love and power are in you. His grace and His Anointing are in you.

Purpose right now to give yourself to those divine forces. Practice letting them flow out of you by being kind and good and merciful to people. Declare every morning by faith, "I give myself to the compassion and Anointing of God today. I give myself to healing and to the gifts of the Spirit. I give myself to the Father of mercies and the God of all BLESSING, so He can pour out His mercies and BLESSINGS through me."

Keep building your faith for it. Keep training yourself in it. Keep opening the floodgates wider and wider so you can live more in the overflow every day!



KEN COPELAND, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STIR YOURSELF UP NOW. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE OVER THERE INTO THAT HEALING MINISTRY A LITTLE FASTER THAN YOU THOUGHT YOU WOULD, BECAUSE, YOU SEE, THE TIME IS SHORT.

"There was a time that you could wait and sort of get ready for some things. You're not jumping out ahead of God, you're keeping step with God. And you're going to have to put some more emphasis into some of these areas in which you know to do so. Particularly, in the area of the healing ministry.

"And now, I separate you by the direction of the Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ. By the authority invested in me as a prophet of God, I separate you unto the call of God. And now, the Anointing of God's power and Spirit comes upon you. And by faith, we impart unto you, by the direction of Him who is the Head of the Church, the power, the gifts, the enduement, the endowment that's necessary to equip you to stand in that office. And though you start at the bottom of the ladder, as you climb upward, upward, ever upward, that ministry shall grow and grow and grow. And men shall come to know, and many who sat in darkness, shall rejoice because they shall see the light. And a blessing unto many shalt thou be. And in that day, many, many more shall rise up and call thee 'blessed.' And thou shalt have cause for much rejoicing."

— Prophecy delivered to Kenneth Copeland by Kenneth E. Hagin, July 1977

by Melanie Hemry

MILESTONES AND MIRACLES

SUN GLITTERED

off the light fixtures in the hotel lobby that buzzed with activity, as Deborah Bryan and her daughter-in-law pulled the luggage cart toward the elevators. Chatting about the upcoming conference, Deborah paused, feeling faint.

Moments later, she opened her eyes and found herself on the floor, surrounded by concerned faces.

"I'm OK," she said, struggling to get up.

"What happened?"

"I don't know. I felt faint. That's the last thing I remember."

A while later, Deborah rested in her hotel room as her family hovered, fluffing the pillows behind her back.

"I think I'm just tired," she said. "I haven't been getting enough rest."

That was true. Deborah, a registered nurse, owned her own home health care business, taking care of hospice patients and those with Alzheimer's. Busy with her career, her children and her grandchildren, she didn't spend a lot of time taking care of herself. Still, she was only 56, and she'd never been sick. She wondered if her blood pressure or blood sugar had risen.

What she couldn't handle was the look in her children's eyes as they watched her with wary concern. They'd lost so much already. In 1999, their father, Ron, had complained of a sore throat. When it didn't heal, he'd gone to the doctor and had been diagnosed with throat cancer. Although Ron had never smoked, he'd developed cancer due to secondhand smoke from the workplace. Six months after being diagnosed, he died in Deborah's arms.

Deborah looked around the hotel room with a sigh. So much for memories. She had to get out of bed and dispel the gloom.

"Look," she said, walking across the room, "I'm fine. Let's get going."

A few days later, she drove home without a care in the world.

Life as Usual

"I didn't have any more symptoms and felt great," Deborah recalls. "I went back to work with my usual energy. After having fainted, I pondered how much more we knew about God's Word now than we'd known when Ron got sick. Before he died, we'd started a business. Our mentors were Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries. They had begun teaching us the laws of prosperity and the authority of the believer, but we didn't know enough to stand for Ron's healing.

"After Ron's death, my kids and I dug in to learn more. As adults, each of my children subscribed to the *BVOV* magazine. We also attended the Victory Campaigns at Woodbridge. For nine years, we took people with us.

"About a month after I passed out in the hotel, in late May 2009, I took my 4-year-old grandson, Jordan, to kids' night out at Joe's Crab Shack. It was a beautiful evening. We sat outside on the pretend beach with Beach Boys music playing in the background.

"Jordan and I had a great time. When we left, I was so used to taking patients down the ramp instead of the steps that I took the ramp on the side without thinking. Halfway down the ramp, I lost consciousness."

Unaware of what was happening, Deborah fell facedown on the cement. Opening her eyes, she realized her face was bloody, and Jordan was talking to her.

"You're yucky, Nana. I need to get you a napkin."

"Don't leave," Deborah insisted, remembering that they were close to the interstate. "Stay right here with me." Dusk had turned to dark and there was no one nearby.

"I see your phone!" Jordan said, scurrying to get it.

"Look, Nana, I see Jonathan's picture! I'm going to call him!"

Jonathan, Deborah's youngest son, rushed to the scene. Horrified at the sight of his mother, he insisted that she go to the emergency room. He took Jordan, while Deborah's daughter, Jodi, took her to the hospital.

Jodi Takes a Stand

Deborah waited on the results of the tests, certain that the problem was something simple. A while later, the doctor and a nurse entered the room.

"We just got the results from your MRI," the doctor said. "You've got a brain tumor."

"Excuse me," Jodi said, "would you all mind stepping out?"

After they'd left, Jodi turned to her mother. Her blue eyes snapped with something that looked like lightning during a summer storm.

"I'm not going to lose another parent!"

"I know, honey," Deborah said.

"Satan, get out of this room!" Jodi commanded. "In the Name of Jesus, I claim the victory of a miracle. Thank You, God, for my mother's healing and for the strength to get through this. As a reminder, Satan, you're *not* taking another parent from us!"

Deborah was diagnosed with a meningioma, a tumor that grows from the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Although it wasn't malignant, it could be fatal—destroying the brain as it grew. She was assigned a neurosurgeon who scheduled surgery for June 6.

Meningioma tumors almost always grow back. Therefore, they recommended radiation following surgery. The hair on the back of Deborah's neck rose as she listened to the potential side effects of radiation. She worked with Alzheimer's patients every day. She wasn't interested in living with radiation-induced dementia—or worse.

Friend to Friend

She needed to talk to someone she trusted, so she put in a call to Dr. Ben Carson. The pediatric neurologist had gained worldwide fame as the physician who developed the surgical technique to separate twins conjoined at the head. Deborah had attended the same church as the Carsons for years. She'd been their children's group leader, and had enjoyed potluck dinners at their home, until she and Ron had moved to Fredricksburg, Va.

Christian music played through loudspeakers at a concert when Deborah's mobile phone rang. It was Dr. Carson returning her call. Stepping away from the music, she explained her situation.

"Deb," Dr. Carson said, "this type of tumor does grow back without radiation. You're in a tough situation. Remember, faith without works is dead. In this situation, part of the works is what we've learned about how to help in these situations. Let me make a suggestion. If you decide to take the radiation, I'll recommend the dosage."

"Deal," she said.

In the weeks leading up to surgery, Deborah experienced tremors, nausea and loss of consciousness. Jodi wanted to take her back to the ER, but Deborah vetoed the idea. "No, let's wait."

The day Deborah started having seizures, Jodi bustled her into the car and drove her to the hospital. After a thorough exam, the doctor said, "We're going to have to move up the surgery. Otherwise, we'll lose you."

An eternal optimist, Deborah went into surgery expecting the best.

An Attitude Adjustment

"Surgery went well," the neurosurgeon explained when she woke from anesthesia. "We cut out as much of the tumor as possible without leaving you disabled. The radiation will have to stop the residue from growing."

Deborah was shocked to realize that she'd lost the use of her legs. "Will I walk again?"

"We don't know. Only time will tell."

"The severity of my situation hit me when I was transferred to rehab," Deborah remembers. "I'd been a gymnast when I was young and still had strong upper body strength. But I couldn't go to dinner unless I got myself there in my wheelchair. The dining room was on the other side of the building. I was so weak, at times I despaired of making it.

"During meals, they assigned me to sit with the stroke patients because I couldn't swallow solid food. The ability to swallow solid food was another thing I'd lost during surgery. Like the stroke patients, I was at risk for choking.

"The experience was so depressing that I lay in bed at night staring out the window. I'd never wanted to be

dependent on my children. Now I didn't know if I would ever walk again. Or if I'd ever work again. Jodi was pregnant with my new grandson, and I couldn't be there for the delivery.

"Despair threatened to overtake me. I realized that I had to stop fearing the future and start celebrating all the things God had already done for me. I made a firm decision not to be morose. Instead of spending sleepless nights wondering what would happen to me, I thought about 25 years of wonderful memories being married to Ron. I relived all my years as a gymnast. I thought about how much I loved to swim. I remembered the years I'd spent as a youth leader.

"I replayed my experience as a teenager traveling through eight countries in Europe. I thanked God for all those wonderful experiences. I thanked Him that I'd never been sick in 56 years, until now. I thanked Him that I'd survived the surgery. I know that celebrating the victories in my life during those long nights was an important part of my recovery."

Round Two

By night, Deborah worked on her gratitude. By day, she worked on learning to walk. The day she walked up three steps, the whole place exploded with applause. She celebrated each small step as a milestone and a victory.

Following rehab, Deborah still couldn't live alone. Her children moved her in with Jodi and Dave. Dave's mother moved in to help for the summer. In the fall, when she went home, Deborah's son Jared moved in to help. It was a long, slow recovery.

In the spring of 2010, almost a year after Deborah had lost consciousness the first time, she arrived for her final discharge physical. She was ready to take her life back.

"I feel a lump in your breast," the doctor said.

"My aunt has cysts," Deborah explained. "I'm sure that's all it is."

She was wrong.

"It's breast cancer," the doctor said after the biopsy. "Stage 3. Fast growing."

Once again, Deborah's children circled around her, staking their claim: "We're not going to lose another parent to cancer!"

"I was stunned," Deborah says. "I'd spent 56 years in perfect health. Now in one year, I'd had a brain tumor and breast cancer. I reviewed my life and checked my obedience level. Had I been putting God first, before everything? Had I grown lax about my words?

"I made course corrections and had a lumpectomy. I ordered Gloria's Healing School DVDs and went through them again while taking chemotherapy. My kids wrote healing scriptures and posted them all over the walls. They made another set on 3-by-5 cards for me to keep in my purse. Day by day, my faith grew.

"People often asked if I was in remission. I always said, 'No, I'm not in remission. I'm healed.' That was my final word on the subject."

Following her last chemotherapy treatment, Deborah went back to see the surgeon. "We don't have to take the port out," she said. "A lot of people leave it in place in case they need it again."

"Take it out," Deborah said.

"Why?"

"Because I won't need it again. I'm healed in the Name of Jesus. You'll see me for my six-month checkup and say, 'Hey, *you're doing great!*'"

Six months later, Deborah went back to the surgeon. After the exam, the doctor smiled. "Hey," she said, *"you're doing great!"*

It's been seven years since Deborah Bryan faced a brain tumor and breast cancer in the same year. Since then, she's enjoyed good health.

"I love bonfires, pumpkin patches and ski trips," Deborah says. "I'm getting to enjoy those experiences with my grandchildren. I tremble to think about what would have happened to me if I'd never been exposed to the truth about healing. Because of KCM, three generations of my family know without a doubt that healing belongs to us."

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DELIVERED FROM CIGARETTES

God delivered me from the stronghold of addiction to cigarettes. I'd been praying and using God's Word over that stronghold for quite a while, but I knew if I kept being consistent in prayer and the Word, I would be delivered, and I was! Plus I asked that the smell of cigarettes would be awful to me and it is! I'm making changes in my life, job and healthy living.... I'm thankful to have you in my life.

K.B.
New Baltimore, Mich.

FROM BARREN TO FRUITFUL

I would like to share how much your ministry has impacted my life. In 1995, the Lord Jesus called me into His family. I was 25 and knew about Jesus but had never heard the Word. He placed a Bible in my hand, gave me a Spirit-filled co-worker to help me along, and you to help me understand the Word and the real meaning of faith. I would read the Word and listen to your tapes and read your books day and night. You showed me how to have real, unwavering faith that continues to this day.

Through the faith He has given me, I have seen miracles: my husband coming to the Lord when at one point he had threatened my pastor with death if he continued to minister to me.

My son being born, when for 10 years my husband and I were barren with no child. I was getting bitter and realized I needed to believe that God would give us the desires of our hearts. I held on to that promise but I needed to give Him my bitterness, my hurt, my disappointment. I had to give up trying. I had to accept God's will. One day, I laid it all down and gave Jesus and our Father my future as a parent. I told the Lord, "If You want me to be childless, so be it. I accept this, Lord, because I know You only have the best for me." The next month I became pregnant and now our son is 9 years old! God is so faithful! Praise Jesus!

Today, my husband, my son and I pray together every night, every morning and at every meal. It's miraculous. God is so, so wonderful. Thank you for your ministry.

T.Z. | New York

Debt Free in Nine Months

The very first time George Pearsons preached on getting out of debt was in 2009. My husband and I set that obedience to the Word into our covenant with God to receive it. Nine months later our only debt (mortgage) was paid off...and we remain debt free.

E.T. | Toronto, Ontario

MORTGAGE FREE AT LAST!

Thank you so much for your prayers! Finally, our family is now mortgage free after the Lord enabled us to fully pay off the remaining mortgage balance of $6900.

Praise the Lord that our mortgage was finished in 9.5 years! Again, thank you, KCM.

R. & L.F.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

None of us could live a lifestyle of love on our own. But, thank God, we're not on our own!

—Gloria Copeland

More than 12,000 people attended our Southwest Believers' Convention this year!

A SEED SOWN IN FAITH PRODUCES ABUNDANTLY

I had been believing God for capital to kick-start a business idea I have. After reading *The Laws of Prosperity* book by Kenneth Copeland, my faith grew strong to sow into God's kingdom. I sowed seed of 100,000 Nigerian naira ($300) into God's kingdom (my local church), believing God for a hundredfold harvest. About three months later, I received seed capital of 8 million naira ($25,000) to start my business.... Glory be to God.

C.U.
Abuja, Nigeria

THANK GOD FOR KENNETH & GLORIA

I WANT TO START OFF BY SAYING I THANK GOD THAT KENNETH AND GLORIA CAN HEAR AND LISTEN TO GOD SPEAKING TO THEM. I LOVE YOU GUYS! EVERY DAY I DO MY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH YOU AND IT HAS CHANGED MY LIFE.

Every morning I used to wake up grumpy, not caring about anybody's feelings. I was an alcoholic, drug addict and workaholic. To make a long story short, I have a long way to go, but I've been clean for over three years, cold turkey. My kids enjoy waking up with me. My family [members] are tithers. My oldest kids and I don't fight anymore; my youngest loves school and is getting straight A's. I work part time at my kid's school and I hear God when He wants me to talk about Him. I run a teen group with all different wonderful teens in San Bernardino—it's not easy, but I know God has my back. Now I understand that I had a rough childhood, so I can help my teens and teach them about our Lord and Savior. I love you guys—the whole KCM crew. I'm a Christian and I serve my Lord and Savior!

Sophia B.
Highland, Calif.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

I wanted to praise the Lord and thank you all for your prayers. I had asked for prayer for my sister and nephew. She is now back home from the hospital healing up. My nephew is working again and doing better, and the Word is increasing in their lives! Thank You, Lord Jesus!

Mark B. | Dallas, Texas

SALVATION PRAYER

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

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word 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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WORDS ON FAITH

When faith comes, you know the victory is yours even if the facts haven't changed.
Hebrews 11:1

YOU CAN DEVELOP YOUR FAITH IN ANY AREA OF LIFE BY ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD.
Proverbs 4:20-22

Spiritual truth is eternal; it can change the facts.
John 8:32

YOU CAN BELIEVE ANYTHING GOD SAID IN HIS WORD.

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FAITH AT YOUR *service*

THE DEVIL HAS BEEN LYING TO US AND IT'S TIME TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. HE'S BEEN TELLING US THAT WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE FAITH TO MOVE THE MOUNTAINS IN OUR LIVES. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW, THAT'S JUST NOT SO. :: IN FACT, THE VERY IDEA THAT YOU AND I, BORN-AGAIN CHILDREN OF ALMIGHTY GOD, DON'T HAVE FAITH IS ABSOLUTELY ABSURD.

I can already hear your mind working. "Oh, Brother Copeland, you just don't know me. I can't seem to believe God for anything. I used to try, but it never worked for me, so these days I just don't go in for that 'faith stuff' very much."

If that's what you think, then hold on to your socks because what I'm about to show you from The WORD of God is going to knock them right off you. You see, The WORD says that you not only *have* faith, faith is your hallmark! Faith is what you're famous for.

The reason I can say that with such confidence is that you belong to the household of Jesus Christ—and that's what He's famous for. Hebrews 3:6 says, "Christ [is] a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

by Kenneth Copeland

Ephesians 2:19 backs that up. It says, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God." You are of the household of God. And, according to Galatians 6:10, that household is known as the household of faith: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

You are "Faith House!"

As a 20th-century believer, you probably don't understand what that means. But a couple of hundred years ago you would have. Back then, powerful families were known as "houses" and when you introduced someone as from the "House of So-and-So," people understood that all the power, all the wealth, all the integrity of that family was represented by that name.

Faith Is Our Earmark!

For instance, for centuries the House of Rothschild was famous for riches. Everyone knew that every financial dream they could ever dream was wrapped up in that house. When you said the House of Rothschild, it meant more than you could count.

With that in mind, just think of what it means to be of the House of Faith! Think about that. It means we're known for our faith. It's our earmark. Faith is what we are. Faith is who we are.

When anyone on your block gets sick, they ought to head for your place. They ought to say, "I'm going down there to the faith house and get healed!"

The problem with most of us is that even though we've been born into the household of faith, even though we have within us the same powerful measure of faith that God wrought when He raised Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 1:19-20), we don't know much about using it. In fact, we're downright shy about it.

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Instead of boldly putting faith to work to bring the health and power and prosperity The WORD promises, too many believers get so "humble." "Oh, I don't need much money," they say. "Just enough for me and my little family to get by." Or "I'll just put up with this illness...I'm just suffering for Jesus." Or "Maybe this is the cross I'm supposed to bear."

That's ridiculous! God has honored us by bringing us into the most powerful household ever created. He's made us His sons and daughters. He's made us joint heirs with Jesus. He's given us a servant called faith and He expects us to put that servant to work for us.

That's right! You and I are *not* the servants in the household of faith. Faith is the servant! Jesus told the disciples that in Luke 17. They had asked Him about faith and He said: "Which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not" (verses 7-9).

Do you understand what Jesus was saying? Faith, the very same powerful force in God's WORD in the beginning, that brought all the universe into existence, has been given to you. It has the same life in it, the same power in it that it's always had, and it's at your disposal!

How do you put that faith to work? Jesus answered that question in the same chapter. He said: "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you" (verse 6).

To understand the fullness of what He was saying there, you have to realize He had already taught the disciples that the primary operating principle of everything in the kingdom of God was the principle of seed-plant and harvest. In Mark 4:31-32, He'd said: "[The kingdom of God] is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it."

Your Seed Has to Grow!

Jesus was telling the disciples: Plant your faith and it will grow! If you need a mountain moved, plant your faith under it and it will grow big enough to blow that mountain into the sea (Mark 11:23).

The same thing is true for you. If you'll take that seed of faith you have inside you and plant it with the words of your mouth, if you'll speak it out and say to the mountain, "Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea," if you'll refuse to allow doubt to dig up that seed, it *will* grow. It has to grow. It has no choice.

The law of God says it must and that law cannot be reversed. It is forever true that if you have a healthy seed and you put it in healthy soil and you give it air, light and water, it will grow.

A seed can't argue about that, can it? If you plant a cotton seed, there's no way that seed can say, "Hold it! My daddy was a cotton stalk. My granddaddy was a cotton stalk and my great-granddaddy was a cotton stalk. I'm fed up with cotton stalks. I refuse to be cotton. I am going to be corn. If I can't be corn, I just won't be anything!"

A seed can't say that, can it? Of course not! It's a servant. It has to do what it's made to do. Faith is the same way. It cannot refuse you. It's a servant and it always works the way God designed it to.

You say, "It doesn't work for me!" Yes it does. If it stops working for you, you're the one who stopped it. It's a servant. If you stop it, it will stop. You can plant an acre of cotton seed, then go right out in the morning and dig it up to see if it's growing. Do you know what will happen? Your crop will fail. But it won't be the seed's fault. It will be your own fault! You messed it up. The seed didn't have a chance.

If you had left that seed in the ground where it belonged, it would have grown. It wouldn't have been able to help it. It's

a slave to soil, water, air and light. When it has those things, it has to grow.

In the same way, faith is a slave to words and action based on The WORD of the living God placed in the human heart. It can't say, "No, you're not going to get your healing this time." If you have the faith of God in you, and you do if you've made Jesus LORD of your life, and you put The WORD of God concerning healing inside your spirit and you stay with it, feed and water it with The WORD and prayer, you'll have healing.

Faith cannot refuse you. It can never refuse you. You just stay with it and it will bring you your healing.

"Oh, Brother Copeland, I just don't know if it will work that way for me."

It already has! The day you were saved, the servant of the household of faith came to you and said, "How may I serve you?" You said, "Get me born again." Then you believed in your heart and confessed with your mouth that Jesus is the risen Son of God and LORD of your life. Faith went to work and did its job. It made you a new creation.

All the demons of hell couldn't stop that from happening. All they could do was stand by and watch and wait a few minutes, then lie to you and tell you that you didn't get saved. That's all they could do.

If you'll quit listening to people's traditions, if you'll quit letting people talk you into digging your seed up, faith will work the same way for you today that it did the day you were born again. It won't argue with you. It will just go to work serving you—bringing you everything The WORD of God has promised.

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A Servant Called Faith

Think about it. You have a servant to take care of you! Jesus' own personal servant called faith. If you want a glimpse of how to put that servant to work, just look at Jesus' ministry. He had it working all the time.

You can see an example of it in Luke 17. There we see 10 lepers crying out to Jesus for healing. They didn't come near Him. The Bible says they "stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us" (verses 12-13).

Jesus said to them, "Go show yourselves unto the priests." He didn't go near them. He just sent them off in the other direction to show the priests they'd been healed.

Now they could have said, "We can't go to the priests! We have leprosy. That's the reason we're hollering at You, Jesus!" But they didn't. They just obeyed. They just took those words of faith He'd spoken and headed toward the priests. The Bible says as they went, they were cleansed.

One of those lepers came back to Jesus, fell at His feet, and began praising God. Now notice what Jesus said to him. "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" (verse 17).

Jesus had not seen the other nine lepers. He had not examined them. He could not have seen whether they'd been cleansed or not. Yet He knew good and well they were cleansed.

How did He know that? Because He had some special X-ray vision? No. He knew it because He was and is Faith House. He didn't have to see it. He'd released the faith command and He knew the job was done.

You can see Him do the same thing in Mark 11 when He cursed the fig tree. He just spoke to that tree and said, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever" (verse 14). Then He turned and walked away, never looking at it again. When He later passed by it again, He didn't run over there to see if His faith had worked. He just walked right on by.

If Peter hadn't said something about it, Jesus would never have even mentioned it again. He just took it for *granted* that His faith did its work.

"Oh well, that was *Jesus.* I can't operate like He did."

Yes you can! You're His joint heir in the House of Faith. He's given you that same faith servant that healed the lepers and withered the fig tree. It will work for you today just like it worked for Him. He was and is our example of faith. You don't have to be some kind of spiritual giant, either. You just have to be willing to plant that seed!

Years ago, I heard about a man who threw a $5 bill into the offering container in one of Oral Roberts' meetings. He'd retired from his job and was struggling to get along on a little pension that didn't even make ends meet. On top of that, he had very severe stomach ulcers.

That night, after he heard Brother Roberts preach, he grabbed the offering bucket and said, "Jesus, this $5 is all I have left to get me through to the end of the month. I'm in Your hands now, ulcers and all." Then he just threw that $5 into the bucket and passed it on to the guy next to him.

That fellow's attitude may not have been very pious but he left that meeting totally healed.

A few days later he was in his house vacuuming the carpet when something inside him said, *Go up into the attic.* He ignored it for a while, but he couldn't shake that urging. So, he shut off the sweeper and went up into the attic.

He got to rummaging around up there and found some old plans he had drawn of a clutch for a four-wheel-drive vehicle. He'd presented them to some of the major automobile manufacturers years before and they'd laughed at him, so he'd stuck them up in the attic and forgotten about them.

The Holy Spirit told him where to take those plans. Sure enough, he sold them. That one transaction made him a rich man. One idea from God solved all his financial problems. He became for many years the largest contributor to Oral Roberts University.

Now those plans had been lying up in that attic for years. Why hadn't they done him any good before? He

hadn't chunked his $5 in the bucket yet. He hadn't stirred up the force of faith inside his spirit. He hadn't put his servant to work.

You have that same servant! He's in there when you go to bed at night. He's there when you get up in the morning. You're walking around wringing your hands wondering what to do and your servant is all the while right there inside you. He's saying, "Do you have a mountain you want blown away? If you'll just stop here for a minute and give me a chance, I'll do it."

But most of the time you won't let him. Sickness comes knocking at your door and instead of sending your faith servant to the door to drive it away, you let it in. You say, "Come on in, sickness. I'll put a pair of silk pajamas on you, put you up here in the bed and spend every dollar I have on you. How long are you going to be with me this time?"

All the while your faith servant is there scratching his head, "Boy, doesn't this beat all? Here comes that scrawny sickness again, coming in here and running this household down. Am I in the right place? Yes, it's the household of faith. Jesus sent me here to serve this person, but he doesn't act like he knows I'm here.

"Come on, man, I'm your servant! Get your Bible. Turn me loose on that sickness. Don't keep me standing over here in the corner!"

If you've been treating faith that way, stop! Put it to work and see just how powerful it is. Jesus spoke to that fig tree and faith went right down into the ground and grabbed hold of the roots and said, "No man eat fruit of you again forever."

It will do the same thing to cancer. You release your faith servant on it and it will start eating away at that foul thing. Finally, that cancer will say, "Man, let's get out of here. I don't want to mess with the chief servant over at the Faith House. He'll eat me alive!"

Right now your faith servant is trying to get through to you. He's waiting eagerly to blow away the mountains in your life. Quit putting him off and put him to work. After all, you *are* the House of Faith! It's time you started to act like it!

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PROTECTING YOUR HEART FROM

THE DEVIL'S DEADLY POISON

A SPIRITUAL POISON IS IMMOBILIZING MANY BELIEVERS TODAY. IT WORKS SO SUBTLY MOST OF THEM DON'T EVEN KNOW IT'S HAPPENING. THIS POISON IS MORE THAN DANGEROUS. IT'S DEADLY. IN FACT, IT'S THE PRIMARY WEAPON SATAN USES TO BLOCK THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR LIVES AND MINISTRIES.

It's called disappointment.

by Mac Hammond

The Bible refers to it as "hope deferred." Proverbs 13:12 tells us how it works, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick...." Put that scripture together with Proverbs 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life," and you'll understand why disappointment is so devastating. It strikes at the very center of your being. It pollutes the wellspring from which your life forces flow.

Disappointment Undermines Our Faith

Webster's New World Dictionary defines *disappointment* as "frustrated expectancy." As I've studied and prayed about it, I've come to see that frustrated expectations either produce or perpetuate all the poisons that spoil the quality of life Jesus died to give us. Disappointment will undermine our faith, spoil our vision and block our ability to impart the life of God to anyone else. It will cause us to stagnate right where we are.

Just think about what disappointment can do to relationships and you'll understand what I mean. Relationship poisons such as resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness, jealousy and envy all stem from disappointment.

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to get bitter or resentful toward someone when you've been disappointed deeply in how that person treated you? If you hang on to that disappointment and refuse to let it go, it becomes unforgiveness. And what about envy? Isn't it disappointment that you don't have something someone else has?

The devil uses the insidious force of disappointment to poison our relationships and choke our supply line from God. You see, relationships are the channels God most often uses to bring provision and refreshment to us. Instead of appearing to us on a little, puffy cloud and saying, "Be thou encouraged, My child," God will more often than not send that encouragement through one of our relationships. He'll prompt someone to pat us on the shoulder and give us a word of praise. But when a relationship gets polluted, that particular channel of God's refreshing is shut down.

In 2 Kings 5, you can see just how costly that can be. There, the Word of God tells about a high-ranking Syrian officer named Naaman who came to the prophet Elisha to be healed of leprosy:

Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper (verses 9-11).

Instead of being happy to know he could be healed by simply dipping in the Jordan River, Naaman was wroth. He was angry. He had expected Elisha to come out and lay hands on him. His expectations were frustrated.

Naaman's disappointment almost cost him his healing. If his servants hadn't talked him into following Elisha's instructions, Naaman would have gone home to Syria that day not only with his disappointment and anger, but also with his leprosy.

In the moments before God's greatest victories, disappointment often comes to rob you of what He's about to do. In the moments after those victories, it comes to rob you of your triumph. That's what happened to the prophet Elijah.

He experienced one of the most magnificent victories recorded in the Old Testament. You can read about it in 1 Kings 18. There, the Bible tells how God, in response to Elijah's prayer, sent fire from heaven, proved Himself to be God before the Israelite people, and put to the sword 400 prophets of Baal in a single day. Glory, what a miracle!

Yet the following day, when the queen sent Elijah a letter that said she was going to kill him, what did he do? He ran away, laid down under a juniper tree in depression and said, "God, I want to die." Only one day after God had supernaturally and spectacularly intervened in his life, disappointment convinced Elijah that his ministry was failing.

You see from Elijah's experience just how dangerous the force of disappointment can be. It will paralyze a person in ministry. It will bring about oppression. It will cause you to want to quit.

How should we deal with a force that subtle and that devastating? We can start by looking at what Jesus did. He dealt with a group of the most disappointed people of all time—His disciples. They had watched the hope of their lives hang bleeding and dying on a cross.

Certainly, Jesus had told them He would rise again from the dead, but they hadn't understood Him. They had expected Him to establish His earthly reign during their lifetime. They had staked their whole lives on it. Then suddenly, He was dead...and their dreams were shattered.

In John 20, you can see the effect the poison of disappointment had on them. It chased them into a room where they locked themselves away in fear—fear of man and fear of the future. It completely immobilized their lives. Their ministries were over.

What did Jesus do? Verse 19 tells us. "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

Jesus came to them. In the middle of their deep disappointment, He appeared to them. He spoke to them. He made His resurrection real to them.

Many believers who are suffering from disappointment today need that same kind of experience. Not a literal physical appearance of Jesus, just a fresh authentication of His power and presence in their lives. In other words, they need to spend some time with Him.

There is so much exhortation about protecting our time with the Lord that I almost don't want to mention it. It's so basic yet it is the most powerful antidote for the poison of disappointment. When you leave your prayer closet just as the disciples left that room, empowered by the presence of Jesus and a conviction that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you, disappointment simply won't be able to keep its hold on you.

Overcoming Disappointment

The Apostle Paul reveals another important key to overcoming disappointment. Paul probably had more opportunities to be disappointed than anyone in the New Testament. He was stoned, shipwrecked, betrayed by false brethren, imprisoned, yet he never gave up. In Philippians 3:13-14, he wrote, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

If you dwell on the past you're going to stagnate. It doesn't matter how many disappointments you've had or how many failures you've experienced, you must be willing to forget them. Forget the injuries. Forget the failures. Forget your past successes too. Don't live today against the backdrop of yesterday. Turn the page!

Then press forward. Press—that's the word Paul uses. If anyone ever told you walking with God is easy, they misled you. It takes focus, determination and energy to walk with God. You have to continually press toward the mark of the high calling of God.

How do you do that? You press by renewing your mind with the Word of God. You don't allow yourself to think the way you used to think. Instead, you frame your world with His Word, even when circumstances look contrary. And, no matter what happens, you don't give up. You don't give up because you never are finished. Paul said, "I count not myself to have apprehended." You always have more to learn from the Word, more spiritual insight to gain, more victories to win. No matter how far you've come, you're just getting started.

When disappointment tries to tell you life is over, you've gone as far as you can and things aren't working out, say, "No, praise God, there's more for me to apprehend!" Then keep right on pressing.

God has a dream, a high calling, for your life, my friend. It's just as unique to you as your personality is in the Body of Christ. And the Word says there's a prize in store for you if you'll reach for that dream. I believe the prize is the experience of *Zoe,* the life of God Himself flowing in and through you. What else could be more precious?

Don't let disappointment rob you of that prize. Don't let it poison the abundant life Jesus died to give you. Protect your heart by putting these powerful antidotes to work. Spend time with Jesus. Forget the past. Press on. You'll soon be experiencing the glorious prize and promise of God all over again.

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Dear Kenneth and Gloria,

On behalf of our entire family and the congregation of Living Word, congratulations on 50 years in ministry! What an amazing accomplishment! Your faith, patience and perseverance in pursuing the Lord has truly blessed the Body of Christ. People around the world have had their lives changed as they have learned from your teaching and followed your godly example.

Lynne and I are both truly grateful for your friendship. Your commitment, integrity and honor inspire us regularly. In fact, it is impossible to adequately express our heartfelt gratitude or the significance of your ministry to us, the congregation at Living Word and the Body of Christ.

Your faith and joy have encouraged and strengthened the Body of Christ in ways that we will never fully know. May everything you have seen during 50 years of faithful service serve as inspiration as you continue to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Know that the best is yet to come. You haven't even begun to imagine the future God has in store for you and your ministry. Keep pursuing Him and we know the rewards will be great.

Congratulations again on such a milestone. We remain grateful to God for your lives and ministry.

In Him,
Mac and Lynne

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***Over** the years I've learned that, for me to successfully walk by faith, I have to keep my words lined up with the Word of God. Even when I'm standing against contrary symptoms and negative circumstances, I must keep saying what He says. If I want to make sure I receive what I'm believing for, while I'm waiting for it to manifest I have to resist the temptation to say things like:*

"I wonder why Jesus hasn't healed me yet?"

"I wonder why He hasn't shown up to meet my need?"

"I sure wish He would go ahead and move in this situation!"

While such statements might sound quite innocent (and are even considered "spiritual" in some circles), that's NOT how faith speaks. It doesn't speak as if we're waiting on Jesus to do something for us. It doesn't talk as if He's way out there someplace and we're trying to get Him to show up.

On the contrary! According to the Scripture in Romans 10:6-8, "The righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach."

If you were just to go by how a lot of Christians talk, you wouldn't even know those verses are in the Bible. You'd think that even those of us who are born-again children of God, constantly have to storm the gates of heaven just to get Jesus to move on our behalf.

The truth is, He's already moved!

He came to earth 2,000 years ago, paid the price for our complete redemption, and provided everything we could ever need. He shed His own blood and ratified the New Covenant so that we can receive anything any time we're ready, simply by believing God's Word and acting on it.

As New Testament believers, we're not waiting for Jesus to come do something else. If we're attacked by some sickness, we don't need Him to come lay His hands on us so that we can be healed. If we're in trouble, we don't have to talk Him into coming to deliver us. If we're facing lack, we don't have to beg Him to meet our financial needs.

All we have to do is put the Word in our hearts and in our mouths, and it will do the job!

That's how Ken and I began to prosper back in 1967. After being broke and in debt for years, we found out the Word says that God supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory. We read in the Bible that Jesus was made poor so that we could be made rich.

We were just getting started in the faith life and we really didn't know very much about it, but just by the leading of the Spirit, we put together a list of scriptures about prosperity, read them every day, and spoke them out loud. We put the Word in our hearts and our mouths, and (without really knowing what we were doing) began to operate on the Word of faith.

Sure enough, it worked! Within 11 months we were debt free.

I soon found I could use the same

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1. **Instead of saying things like, "I sure wish God would do this for me," just put the Word in your heart and mouth and it will get the job done.**
   Romans 10:8

2. **You can receive any blessing of God the same way you got born again—by believing and confessing His Word.**
   Romans 10:10

3. **God's Word is alive and contains within it the supernatural ability to bring itself to pass.**
   Hebrews 4:12

4. **When you say what He says, God's Word will work for you just like it works for God.**
   Isaiah 55:11

5. **Believe and speak as if everything you say is going to come to pass.**
   Mark 11:23

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process concerning healing. I could take scriptures about it and feed them into my heart. Then I could believe them and say them with my mouth, and they'd overcome any kind of sickness that tried to come against me.

The Lord showed me very clearly, I could take a verse like 1 Peter 2:24, that says by Jesus' stripes "ye were healed," receive it as God talking directly to me, and it would carry as much authority and power as if Jesus had come into my room personally and said, "Gloria, by My stripes you were healed."

I didn't need to hear some heavenly voice or see some spectacular sign. I could receive healing whenever I needed it the same way I got born again—by believing and confessing God's Word: "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10).

The Advantage of Being "Extreme"

God's Word contains His creative power. It can do anything He can do—and, as you already know if you've read much of the Bible, He can do anything. Even working major miracles is easy for Him!

He didn't have to struggle to open a path through the Red Sea and bring the Israelites out of Egypt. He didn't have to strain to feed them in the wilderness every day for 40 years. He didn't even stress His abilities the day He made the sun stand still so the Israelites could finish defeating their enemies.

The only difficulty God has ever had is getting His people to believe what He says! All throughout history, they've tended to doubt His Word. Even in faith circles sometimes, believers who know the Bible says that God "sent his word, and healed them" (Psalm 107:20), continue to disbelieve it. "Well," they'll say, "God's Word may have healed others, but it hasn't healed me."

Why do Christians say things like that? Why do even people who love the Lord sometimes struggle to fully trust what He says?

For one thing, many have been taught wrong about Him. They've been told that God is sometimes the source of their troubles; that they can never really know what He's going to do. For another thing, they're constantly bombarded by the darkness around them. They're continually having to deal with people who are always looking on the negative and don't believe God can do anything.

That's the way it is for all of us, as believers. We're living in an ungodly, unbelieving world culture. Whether at the coffee shop or on television, we're always encountering someone who's eager to broadcast bad news.

It's gotten to the point now, where there are so many cable networks, you can watch bad news 24 hours a day. You can hear the same negative reports repeated over and over. If there's a downturn in the economy, and you keep listening to the reports about it, you may even start repeating them yourself. You may find yourself saying things like, "I'm afraid I'm going to lose my job because of this recession. My company is going to go under and I'm not going to have enough money to retire."

Those aren't the kinds of words you want in your heart and in your mouth. That's not the word of faith!

"Maybe not, but I can't just stick my head in the sand," someone might argue. "I can't ignore the news altogether."

Why not?

That's what Ken and I did when we first got hold of the Word. We took a crash course in it and for an entire year we didn't pay attention to anything else. We didn't watch television. We didn't read the newspaper. We spent every spare moment reading the Word, listening to it being preached **AND SAYING IT!** We immersed ourselves in the Word completely, and in the process it got into us.

I highly recommend that kind of total immersion, especially for people who are in a desperate situation. But it's not mandatory. You can approach the Word however you choose. You can take it in smaller doses and progress in it slowly

if you want…or you can jump in like we did and become fanatical.

Now, if you choose to be a fanatic, I'll warn you in advance that you're going to catch some flak. You're going to run into people (not just sinners but other believers!) who'll call you "extreme." But that's OK. You can let them call you whatever they want, because if you keep tuning out the chatter of the world and tuning in to the Word, you really are going to be extreme.

Extremely healed, extremely prosperous and extremely BLESSED!

The Word Will Change the Facts

"Gloria, are you saying that when an economic recession hits or some sickness starts making headlines, I should pretend like those things aren't really happening? Are you telling me to deny the facts?"

No, I'm simply saying that to live by faith you must put the Word of God first place and make it your final authority. You must keep what He says in your heart and in your mouth. As you do that, the Word will give you victory over whatever is happening in the world. Since God's Word is eternal and worldly facts are temporal, your faith in the Word will change the facts.

It will prosper you even in the midst of a recession.

It will heal you even when the symptoms in your body are saying you're sick.

It will work miracles and do whatever is necessary to bring God's will to pass in your life.

If you don't feed on a constant diet of the Word, however, the darkness of the world will start dominating your thinking. Its negativity and unbelief will seep into your mind and get into your mouth, and you'll wind up being subject to the world's negative conditions.

That's why God tells us time and again in the Scriptures to continually renew our minds to His way of thinking. He doesn't want us to be dominated by the conditions in the world! He wants us to rise above them by coming up to His way of thinking.

GLORIA'S SCRIPTURES FOR

Believing God for a House

Luke 4:18
1 Corinthians 2:7-10
Amos 9:13-15
Acts 17:26
Deuteronomy 6:10-11
Proverbs 9:1
Proverbs 10:22
Proverbs 12:7
Proverbs 15:6
Proverbs 22:4
Proverbs 24:3-4
Proverbs 24:27
Isaiah 32:17-18
Jeremiah 29:4-7
Jeremiah 31:12-14
Psalm 16:5-6
Psalm 31:19-20
Psalm 66:12
Psalm 68:6, 10, 19
Psalm 107:7-9
Psalm 107:29-32
Psalm 107:35-38
Psalm 107:41-43
Psalm 112
Psalm 118:5, 23

THOU HAST CAUSED MEN TO RIDE OVER OUR HEADS; WE WENT THROUGH FIRE AND THROUGH WATER: BUT THOU BROUGHTEST US OUT INTO A WEALTHY PLACE.
Psalm 66:12

THROUGH WISDOM IS AN HOUSE BUILDED; AND BY UNDERSTANDING IT IS ESTABLISHED: AND BY KNOWLEDGE SHALL THE CHAMBERS BE FILLED WITH ALL PRECIOUS AND PLEASANT RICHES.
Proverbs 24:3-4

BY HUMILITY AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD ARE RICHES, AND HONOUR, AND LIFE.
Proverbs 22:4

THE LORD IS THE PORTION OF MINE INHERITANCE AND OF MY CUP: THOU MAINTAINEST MY LOT. THE LINES ARE FALLEN UNTO ME IN PLEASANT PLACES; YEA, I HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE.
Psalm 16:5-6

MY PEOPLE SHALL DWELL IN A PEACEABLE HABITATION, IN SAFE DWELLINGS, AND IN QUIET RESTING-PLACES.

Isaiah 32:18, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*

DEAR FRIEND,

I consider Partnership a very sacred thing. I am convinced that the principles of Partnership are the **key to victory** in these last days. They relate directly to supernatural increase, maximum effectiveness in the end-time harvest, and the coming together of the Body of Christ in unity and full manifestation of the ministry gifts in the Church.

The Body of Christ will absolutely **explode with power** as believers walk in the resources and power available to them as Partners in ministry.

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God has called each of us to minister together. God has places for us to go and people for us to reach. Our greatest days of ministry lie ahead as we minister alongside one another…in Partnership!

JESUS IS LORD!

Kenneth Copeland

As Isaiah 55:8-11 says:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Notice those verses don't say that God's Word goes forth so it can sit in a book on your nightstand, or so you can carry it to church on Sunday. It says that His Word goes forth to *accomplish* things. **IT GOES FORTH AND RETURNS TO HIM, HAVING DONE WHAT HE SENT IT TO DO.** God's Word is "alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]" (Hebrews 4:12, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).* It actually contains within it the supernatural ability to bring itself to pass. So, when you take it into your heart and return it to Him by speaking it out in faith, it works for you just like it works for God. It releases the same supernatural ability and produces the same result.

After all, even when you're the one speaking it, it is still God's Word. It started with Him, went into you, and you returned it again. So really, it's God talking the whole time!

This is what Jesus was telling us in Mark 11. It's what He was getting at when He said, "Have faith in God…. 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" (verses 22-23).

I'll never forget the first time I really saw what Jesus was saying there! It was back all those years ago when Ken and I were facing that mountain of debt. I was studying those verses and I suddenly realized that to operate in faith like God does, I not only had to have faith in His Word; **I HAD TO HAVE FAITH IN MY WORDS.** I had to believe and speak all the time as if the things I say are going to come to pass.

Ken got the same revelation on the very same day. So, we agreed to act on it together. We committed to God to quit talking about how deep in debt we were, and say only what God said about the situation.

It was a challenge, but we kept helping one another. If one of us got to talking unbelief, the other one would point it out by saying, "That's your confession and I believe every word of it!" or "You shouldn't say that. You don't want it to come to pass."

Over time, as we stuck with it, we got our mouths increasingly in line. We began to consistently speak the Word of God, and one day we looked around and that mountain of debt was gone. It had been cast into the sea of faith!

The same thing will happen for you! So, determine to speak the Word only over the challenges in your life and believe what you say comes to pass. Keep God's Word in your heart and in your mouth, and although it may take a little while, eventually it will produce His results:

The things you've been believing for will manifest.

The mountains that have hindered you will move out of your way.

The darkness of this world will flee before you and the victory will be yours—because this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith!

GROWING HOME

Commander Kellie's Corner

Last month, we looked at how we handle FIRSTS, and I left you with the mention of first base. I told you we would talk about baseball. // I'm no expert, but even without knowing much about the game, most people know you have to reach first base before you go to second. There's no skipping bases! The umpire makes sure of that!

Life is like a baseball game.

To score, you have to make some home runs—you have to make it to first, second and third base. Apply that to the actions, successes, lessons and maturity of life. If you are going to do the BIG things God has for you, you have to do some smaller things first.

We may want to jump ahead of where we are and act bigger, smarter or stronger without taking the time to grow, study or exercise. At your age, when I was told I couldn't do something, I sometimes thought, *I'm old enough to do that! Why won't they let me?* From taking my bicycle training wheels off to wanting to drive a car, I believed I was able to do ANYTHING! The truth is, eventually you *can* reach any goal you and Jesus set for yourself, Superkid. But you cannot go from training wheels to driving a car overnight. Your body has to grow and develop, and you have to study the rules of the road and learn how to operate a car, and then you have to practice driving with a parent or teacher.

You can't start at the top in any sport, class or lesson. You begin on the floor in gymnastics and eventually work up to the high beam. You start with a simple piano book before you play concert piano. So, the rules of baseball apply in life too. The growth process affects every area of life…forever.

It may not sound like a big deal, but shortcut thinking can keep you dissatisfied your whole life—always wanting more, never truly enjoying TODAY! If you stop and think about it, the Lord will show you where you have been impatient, wanting to race ahead of your growth in an area. We've all done it, but I have some good news for you! There is a secret weapon on the inside of you! PATIENCE will help you while you are growing. I have found that sometimes I wanted my FAITH to be ready to receive something huge when I hadn't practiced on something small. Of course, you can have the huge thing you are believing for, but your faith has to develop. James 1:3 *(New Living Translation)* tells us that when our faith is tested, our endurance (patience) has a chance to grow. Verse 4 *(NLT)* says, "So let it grow, for when your [patience] is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."

When we develop patience, we continue to grow, our faith continues to grow, and we WILL come to where we want to be. Living like this, we can enjoy every stage of growth instead of being dissatisfied or unthankful for where we are today.

I like the way Colossians 2:7 *(NLT)* says it, "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him." Superkid, roots take time to grow deep, but if you keep walking by faith, it happens. The rest of that verse says, "Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with THANKFULNESS." And thankfulness leads to God's best. Hebrews 10:36 says, "Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised" *(NLT).*

Even Jesus had to learn this lesson. In Luke 2:41-51, Jesus had gone with His parents to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. A full day into their trip home, Jesus' parents realized He was missing! They returned to Jerusalem and found him in the Temple asking questions and talking with the priests and leaders. He'd been gone for three days!

He must have thought He was old enough to go to the Temple by Himself, but the Bible says His mother scolded Him. Verse 51 tells us that "he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them" *(NLT).* Imagine, the Son of God, yet He knew He needed to grow up. Luke 2:52 *(The Passion Translation)* says, "As Jesus GREW, so did his wisdom and maturity. The favor of men INCREASED upon his life, for he was loved greatly by God."

Superkid, YOU, too, are greatly loved by God, as you are growing up! And, just about the time you think you've arrived, the Lord will lead you into something new and even more exciting. He has bigger plans than you can see, but one thing is certain: He plans for you to keep growing and keep reaching your goals. He plans for you to be like Jesus—growing up in wisdom, maturity and all good things! Jesus will make sure you make it to first base, second, third and into HOME. And, Superkid, I'll be cheering all the way!

LIVING LIKE THIS, WE CAN ENJOY EVERY STAGE OF GROWTH INSTEAD OF BEING DISSATISFIED OR UNTHANKFUL FOR WHERE WE ARE TODAY.

Kellie Copeland

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