



Another Available Voice:

KENNETH COPELAND BIBLE COLLEGE TO OPEN THIS FALL!

When Kenneth Copeland received a commission from the Lord in 1967, he had no idea how far-reaching his ministry would become. Little did he know the recordings of his teaching done in small auditoriums and churches in Texas—the message of victory in Jesus—would eventually spread around the world.

With the introduction of cassette tapes, he began to encourage people to take the tapes home, duplicate them, and hand them out to their family and friends. All he wanted was to get

friends. All he wanted was to get the Word into the hands and

lives of people! But God had a bigger plan that would give people more opportunities to hear the message of faith as He directed Kenneth and Gloria Copeland in each step. expanding communications by utilizing every voice available to them.

In May 1975, Kenneth Copeland Ministries took a major step toward reaching the world with the good news that Jesus is Lord when it launched the *Believer's Voice of Victory* radio broadcast. Throughout the years, the Lord has continued to open doors to enable the ministry to carry out its mission to preach the gospel from the



During a
recent interview
with BVOV magazine,
Erby fielded questions
about KCBC and
what students
can expect.

Dr. Tony Erby KCBC chief academic officer

BVOV: How is KCBC different from other Bible colleges?

DR. ERBY: In some ways, we're similar to other two-year Bible colleges in that some courses are standard. What makes us unique, is the fact that KCBC represents 50 years of heritage-of-faith teaching, so classes are taught through that heritage and not just from a historical perspective. Also, KCM represents a legacy of honor, integrity and excellence—values that are extremely important to instill into KCBC students. We provide that foundation and much more through classroom instruction, as well as practical, hands-on training and impartation, so that students are prepared for ministry or to further their education.



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yet another major step toward fulfilling God's mandate when it launches Kenneth Copeland Bible College TM .

With a mission to serve as a world-class institution of biblical higher education, that provides skillful Word-of-Faith-based instruction with integrity and excellence, KCBC looks to perpetuate the knowledge and understanding of the walk of faith by application of God's Word and His Spirit for the work of the ministry, according to KCBC chief academic officer, Dr. Tony Erby. Its vision is to see students well-trained and skillfully operating in the fullness of God's Word, so they are equipped to teach others to do the same with faith, integrity and excellence.

"The rich heritage of faith that is
Kenneth Copeland Ministries, is the
foundation of Kenneth Copeland Bible
College," said Erby. "Our curriculum
is focused on developing a real-life
faith that will equip every student with
practical tools for ministry and life, as
well as spiritual depth and maturity.
Students will discover what it means to
embody faith, integrity and excellence
in ministry through a curriculum that is
experiential by design, combining both
classroom and learning opportunities
outside the traditional academic setting.

"Small classes, practicums and mentoring will provide students with a strong foundation for ministry or continuing their education," Erby added.

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International, a federally recognized, nonprofit, church educational organization designed specifically for biblical institutions. Serving the Christian education community for over 30 years. Transworld oversees more than 1,000 institutions, including schools, seminaries, universities, colleges, and institutes in the United States and internationally. With an overall purpose to promote academic excellence and accountability. Transworld provides documented evidence of compliance with standards of structure and governance, material resources, policies, faculty, and curriculum. Its philosophy is to demonstrate accountability to the consuming public for education obtained in nontraditional, evangelical educational institutions.

KCBC is receiving applications for the fall semester. Classes begin on Aug. 27, 2018.

BVOV: Why did KCM decide to start a Bible college?

DR. ERBY: This goes back to Brother Copeland's mandate to get the message of faith out using every available voice. We've done that through cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs, radio, TV, the *BVOV* magazine and books. The significance of KCBC as the newest available voice is that we now have 50-plus years of Kenneth Copeland Ministries which is a very significant heritage of faith. KCBC is about imparting our heritage of faith to others—teaching them about things like prosperity and healing, the authority of the believer, and who they are in Christ that can be perpetuated

top of the world to the bottom and all the way around. KCM is now taking the good news of Jesus to every nation through its Believer's Voice of Victory television broadcast, which airs daily and weekly programs, 858 hours each week on 243 networks and stations. Other media include kcm.org on the internet, as well as social media platforms like Facebook™, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, Google+ and YouTube[®]. Most recently, KCM launched Believer's Voice of Victory Network[®], which offers teaching in the Word of Faith seven days a week, 24 hours a day, on Dish Network Channel 265.

The ministry has become a learning center that is available to anyone the Lord connects with us—anyone who desires a deeper understanding and application of the Word of Faith to their lives. We have tapped in to every available resource of communication technology to make God's Word readily accessible. And in August, KCM takes

BVOV: What courses will be taught?

DR. ERBY: Among the core courses being offered are: Faith to Faith, Old Testament and New Testament Survey, The Life of Christ, Christ the Healer, Prayer, The Holy Spirit, The Blessing, The Authority of the Believer, Revival History, and Your Family in Ministry. Electives include Budget and Finance, Bible Study Methods, Personal Evangelism, Business and Marketplace Leadership, Biblical Counseling, Worship Ministry, Mission and Outreach, Media in Ministry, Aviation in Ministry, and Crisis Response and The Church.



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BVOV: Are there age restrictions or a designated demographic? DR. ERBY: KCBC applicants represent every generation and are demographically diverse. Registration is open to anyone age 18 and older with a high school diploma or GED.

BVOV: What type of curriculum is offered?

DR. ERBY: KCBC offers an Associate of Biblical Studies degree, which is a two-year program that embodies the foundational teachings of KCM. with electives offered to further students' development in their ministry callings. The 60-credit-hour program includes practical application along with a strong, biblical education that will prepare students who plan to pursue ministry or formal education in any field of study. In addition to classroom teaching, part of the students' training will include immersion and impartation, which will involve handson teaching and training through experiential learning opportunities and Ministry Practicum.

BVOV: What is Ministry Practicum? DR. ERBY: The Ministry Practicum is both a required survey course of

practical ministry and an individualized student placement requirement. During the first year, in addition to regular classroom work, students will be required to serve 30 hours per semester working in various areas of KCM/ Eagle Mountain International Church. Students are evaluated and assigned to designated areas of service, where they receive training, coaching, mentoring

and ongoing evaluation. During the second year, students are required to complete 60 hours per semester in an area of ministry specialization by training with the ministries. departments and leadership of KCM/ EMIC. Satisfactory completion of the Ministry Practicum is a requirement for graduation.

BVOV: Where will KCBC be located, and are classes available online? DR. ERBY: Classes are offered exclusively on the property of Kenneth Copeland Ministries in Newark, Texas.

BVOV: Why are classes not available online?

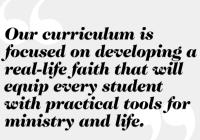
DR. ERBY: Flexibility, convenience and sometimes lower costs are just some of the reasons that online education continues to be a rapidly growing trend in higher education. However, at KCBC, we have chosen not to make online courses available because we believe doing so would preclude students benefiting from the immersion and impartation design of our curriculum, which we see as vital. Some facets of ministry are better caught than taught.

BVOV: What will be the average class size?

DR. ERBY: While some lecture classes could have 100 or more students, the average class size is expected to be about 30 students.

BVOV: Who are the instructors? DR. ERBY: In addition to KCBC founders Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, instructors will include staff members from EMIC, including Pastors George and Terri Pearsons, plus well-known guest ministers like Jerry Savelle,

"If you're in His kingdom, He's already got a plan for you. That plan is where your church is. It's where your protection is. It's where your prosperity is. It's THE BLESSING plan." -Kenneth Copeland



Jesse Duplantis, Keith Moore, Bill Winston, Happy Caldwell, Kate McVeigh, Charles Green and others.

BVOV: What are the expectations of opening a Bible college?

DR. ERBY: We believe KCBC will become a voice of influence and significance to spread the message of Jesus Christ, for the end-time harvest. Soon we will have 500 or 1,000 graduates at a time leaving here and going into 500 or 1,000 different places throughout the U.S. and other countries to minister the message that Jesus is Lord! Our goal is to prepare our KCBC students to take our heritage of faith to every generation worldwide for the glory of God.

BVOV: Is enrollment based on semesters, and what is the deadline for submitting applications?

DR. ERBY: Applications are accepted only for a full, one-year commitment, divided into fall and spring semesters. Applications are currently being received for the fall and spring semesters, which begin Aug. 27, 2018, and end May 3, 2019. The deadline for applications is June 30.

For more information, or to apply to attend KCBC, go online to **kcbiblecollege.org.**



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by Kenneth Copeland
If you are a born-again child of
God, your heavenly Father has
a financial plan for you that
is based on the wealth that
belongs to you in Jesus and
the economy of heaven.

Soaring to New Heights

by Melanie Hemry
Thirty-five years ago, Duane
Flanagain was hired to work
in the mailroom at KCM. Ten
years later, having worked in
a variety of positions, he felt
unfulfilled and wondered what
God wanted him to do. At his
wife, Lisa's, prompting, Duane
pursued his heart's desire and
took flying lessons. That step
of faith led to the fulfillment
of his lifelong dream—to be a
pilot for Kenneth Copeland.

23 Get Out of the Ditch

by Mark Barclay If you are in a ditch of any kind, it's time to change your mindset and allow God to completely restore your soul.

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by Gloria Copeland
The Word of God is a medicine
you can take all the time.
Taken continuously, it will keep
the power of God flowing out of
your spirit and into your mind
and body so you're able to live
continually in divine health.

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A PROSPEROUS Kenneth Copeland BELIEVER

IF YOU'RE A BORN-AGAIN CHILD OF GOD, YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS A FINANCIAL PLAN FOR YOU. IT'S BETTER THAN ANYTHING YOU COULD EVER DREAM UP ON YOUR OWN BECAUSE IT'S NOT BASED ON YOUR CURRENT BANK BALANCE, OR ON THE ECONOMY OF THIS WORLD. IT'S BASED ON THE WEALTH THAT BELONGS TO YOU IN JESUS AND THE ECONOMY OF HEAVEN.

A supernatural plan, it's designed according to the will of Almighty God to make you divinely, BLESSEDLY rich.

That's right. I said God's plan is for you to be rich.

Not to be poor. Not to just barely get by. But to be like Abraham who, according to Genesis 13:2, was "very rich." God's plan is for you to be like the believer Psalm 112 describes, with wealth and riches coming into your house and your righteousness enduring forever—to have such an abundance of God's financial grace working in your life, that as 2 Corinthians 9:8 (New King James Version) says, you "always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

Talk about a great financial plan! That's as good as it gets, right there, and it's God's will for every one of us. He wants every believer on earth to have an abundance of material resources: He wants you to have enough not only for you and your family to enjoy, but to give into every good work and to help anyone who needs it. He wants you to prosper so richly and be such a financial BLESSING to others that you become a prosperity agent of the kingdom of God.

"Brother Copeland, you don't understand my situation," someone

Having money and loving it are two very different things.

There are people so poor they don't have two cents to rub together, who are so in love with money they'll literally kill to get it.

might say. "I don't have enough money to pay my own bills, much less someone else's. I'm so far from being rich right now, I can't see how I'd ever get there from here."

I understand. I've been there.

When Gloria and I went into the ministry back in 1967, we didn't have anything! I was a 30-year-old freshman at Oral Roberts University, making about \$100 a month and dragging around \$24,000 worth of debt. Equivalent to about \$200,000 in today's dollars, that debt had dogged me for years, and no matter how hard I'd worked to pay it off I hadn't been able to put a dent in it. I'd done everything from selling insurance to flying airplanes for a living, but we just kept falling further behind.

Going into the ministry looked like it would make things even worse. But we did it anyway. We obeyed God and, having learned a little about living by faith, we took Communion on our first day in ministry and promised Him three things: We'd never ask anyone for a place to preach; we'd never preach anywhere based on a financial arrangement; and we'd never ask anyone to meet our needs.

Several months later, we saw in the Bible it wasn't God's will for us to go into any more debt so we made that No. 4 on the list. We stood by faith on Philippians 4:19, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," made a quality decision to look only to God as our Source, and we never again borrowed money to meet our needs.

We also made another vital change in our lives. We started tithing and giving. We had learned from the Scriptures that's part of God's financial plan and we eagerly got with the program. Even though we were still financially broke, we believed and acted on 2 Corinthians 9: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (verses 6-7).

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Genesis 13:2

2 It's always been God's plan for His righteous people to be wealthy.

Psalm 112:2-3

- A truly prosperous believer is a Christian who has all things richly to enjoy and who is always ready to give, not just at church but everywhere, all the time.
- Tithing and sowing financial seed into God's kingdom connects you with His financial plan for abundance.

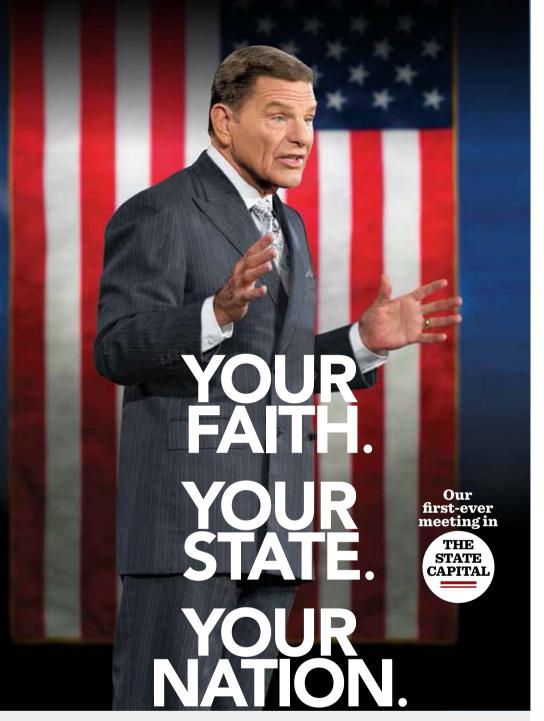
 2 Corinthians 9:6

2 Corinthians 9:8

Jesus bore the curse of poverty on the cross so that all of us, as believers, would be free to prosper.

2 Corinthians 8:9





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Where Are We Going to Get \$10 a Month?

I'll never forget the first time I stepped out by faith on those verses. It was back when I first began working for Brother Oral Roberts. He'd hired me to be the co-pilot on his ministry plane. During the first partner service I attended, he taught seed faith and the power of becoming a financial partner with the ministry.

As I listened to him, the revelation of it hit me, and I found myself wanting to become a partner with Brother Roberts' ministry so badly I could hardly stand it. But I didn't have any money! By the end of the service when offering time came, I was so determined to get in on it I was ready to tear a button off my shirt, just so I'd have something to give.

When the ushers handed out the envelopes, however, they gave us each a stubby little pencil, and I realized I could give the pencil. "LORD," I said, "this is the only seed I have. It represents a \$10 monthly commitment, and as soon as I get \$10 I'll give it into this ministry." Then, I sealed the pencil into the envelope and dropped it into the container.

As soon as the service was over, I headed out in a hurry. I was driving Brother Roberts' car and I didn't want him to have to wait for me. Before I got to the door, though, I heard a lady holler. "Hey, you!"

"Me?" I said.

"Yes, you! The LORD told me to give you \$10."

Heart leaping, I took the money, thanked her, and waved down the usher. He gave me back my envelope, I took out the pencil and replaced it with the \$10. "Praise God!" I said. "I can hardly wait to tell Gloria we've become partners with Oral Roberts for \$10 a month!"

Of course, Gloria hadn't heard the message I'd heard, so she initially just looked at me in astonishment. "Ten dollars a month?" she said. "Where are we ever going to get \$10 a month?"

I responded by preaching to her what Brother Roberts had preached at the meeting. By the time I finished, she was as excited as I was. We prayed together, believed for the extra money we'd

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need to keep our monthly partnership commitment...and, sure enough, God immediately started providing it. The next month an extra \$20 came in—\$2 for the tithe, \$10 for Brother Roberts, and \$8 extra as a harvest on our giving.

From then on, the extra \$20 kept coming—and sometimes arrived in very unusual ways. I remember one time, for example, we were driving to Oklahoma City to preach a meeting. We'd put every dime we had into buying gasoline to get there. We had no idea how we were going to buy lunch. Just as we were coming into Oklahoma City, the kids piped up from the back seat. "Daddy, we're hungry!" they said. "When are we going to eat?"

Answering by faith I said, "Any time now, kids. Any time now."

Moments later, out of the corner of my eye, I saw something blow across the highway.

"Gloria, that was money!" I said. I turned the car around and drove back to the spot where I'd seen it, and there, stuck up against a fence, fluttering in the wind, was a \$20 bill.

Back then, a family could buy a good dinner for \$8. "Kids, where do you want to eat?" I said.

"The Bull!" they shouted. So, we went to the Sizzler® steakhouse (the one with the big statue of a bull sitting out front) and enjoyed a fine meal.

Month after month, those kinds of things happened. God kept working miracles for us so that not only were we able to give, within 11 months the \$24,000 we'd owed was paid off and we were debt free!

We weren't rich yet, at least not in terms of dollars and cents. But, as 1 Timothy 6:6 says, "Godliness with contentment is great gain;" and we'd found our greatest gain in Jesus Himself. We fell head over heels in love with Him and discovered that when you're walking by faith you can be very, very content, even when you don't have much materially, because you know the best is yet to come.

Be Rich...Just Don't Be Covetous

Now, 50 years later, we're enjoying a level of financial BLESSING that's

beyond anything we once could have imagined. What's more, God is still working miracles and we're still increasing.

Am I saying Gloria and I are rich? Yes, I am!

We didn't set out to get rich. We just set our hearts on God, believed and obeyed His WORD, and the riches showed up.

"But Brother Copeland, doesn't the Bible warn us against being rich? Doesn't it say that money is the root of all evil?"

No. The Bible warns us not to be like "the ungodly, who prosper in the world" (Psalm 73:12). It instructs us to be content with what we have and to guard against covetousness. But it does not say money is the root of all evil. It says, "the *love* of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10).

Having money and loving it are two very different things. There are people so poor they don't have two cents to rub together, who are so in love with money they'll literally kill to get it. There are also people who are as rich as can be, and yet they don't love money at all. As believers, we're to be in that second group. We're not to shun being rich. We're to prosper God's way while keeping our affections set on Him. Instead of loving money, we're to love God, love people and live to give!

I like how 1 Timothy 6:17-19 puts this. It says: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come...."

That's what I call the profile of the prosperous believer! It's the picture of Christians who have all things richly to enjoy and who are always ready to give, not just at church but everywhere all the time. Christians who'd give everything they had in a heartbeat if The LORD led them to do so, because their trust is not in money, it's in God!

"Well, Brother Copeland, I just don't



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		Prov. 15:1-15	4
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Tue	12	1 Kgs. 18-19	Acts 28
Wed	13	1 Kgs. 20-21	Rom. 1
Thu	14	1 Kgs. 22	Rom. 2
Fri	15	2 Kgs. 1-3	Rom. 3
Sat	16	2 Kgs. 4-6	
Sun	17	Ps. 73-74;	
oun		Prov. 15:16-33	
Mon	18	2 Kgs. 7-8	Rom. 4
Tue	19	2 Kgs. 9-11	Rom. 5
Wed	20	2 Kgs. 12-13	Rom. 6
Thu	21	2 Kgs. 14-15	Rom. 7
Fri	22	2 Kgs. 16-17	Rom. 8
Sat	23	2 Kgs. 18-19	
Sun	24	Ps. 75-77; Prov. 16:1-17	
Mon	25	2 Kgs. 20-21	Rom. 9
Tue	26	2 Kgs. 22-23	Rom. 10
Wed	27	2 Kgs. 24-25	Rom. 11
Thu	28	1 Chr. 1-2	Rom. 12
Fri	29	1 Chr. 3-4	Rom. 13
Sat	30	1 Chr. 5-6	

think it's God's will for everyone to prosper at that level. Some believers are born into such bad economic situations they just have to put up with being poor. They have to accept it as God's plan for them."

No, they don't. There's not a child of God on this planet who has to put up with living in poverty. According to Deuteronomy 28, poverty is part of the curse of the law, and Jesus redeemed us from that curse (Galatians 3:13). He bore our poverty just as surely as He bore our sins and sicknesses.

Jesus is the only Person ever born who had to accept poverty as God's plan for Him—and even He wasn't poor for very long. During His earthly ministry, He had so much money coming in, He needed a treasurer to keep track of it. It was only when He went to the Cross that the curse of poverty came on Him—and the only reason it did then was so we could be set free from it.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

If you put your faith in Jesus and get with God's program, it doesn't matter what the economic conditions are in the natural, you can rise above them. You can come out of poverty and prosper. I've seen it happen in the most impossible situations.

Take what's happened over the years at White Post Church, for example. It's located on a Navajo Indian reservation that's long been home to one of the poorest tribes in the U.S. The church got started sometime around 1970 when

a pastor painted the words "White Post Church" on a sign and stuck it in a patch of bare ground. At the time, there wasn't a building in sight. It was just empty desert. But he believed God and started going from hogan to hogan winning people to Jesus.

In 1972, when I first went to preach there, the church had grown to about 200 people, all of whom had come from a background of poverty. Explaining the situation to me, the pastor said, "Brother Copeland, when I first started preaching the Word of Faith to these people, none of them owned a car or a truck. They all walked or rode a horse or drove a wagon. After they found out what the Bible says, though, they began to tithe and sow and believe God for increase. Most of them didn't have any money to give, so they'd go out and find colorful stones, polish them until they were beautiful, and bring them to church on Sunday as an offering. Now," he said, "no one is walking anymore. No one is riding a horse or driving a wagon anymore. Every family in the church has either a car or a truck.'

Think of it: Out there in the middle of nowhere, God prospered those people!

I preached there again not long ago, and they're still prospering. Even better, they've become God's prosperity agents, and as a result, the church isn't out in the middle of nowhere anymore. The community has grown up around it and become a town: White Post, Arizona.

Amazing? Yes, it is. Some might even have considered it impossible.





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heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all" (*The Message*).

Decisions based on the world's knowledge are finite at best. But those based on the solid foundation of God and His Word cannot be shaken. Teens who have a passionate and vital relationship with Jesus will never be shaken! A thousand may fall at their side and ten thousand around them, but the evils other teens face

won't touch them (Psalm 91:7). They are called to stand above the rest and conquer!

This year, bring your teens to the Southwest Believers' Convention where they will learn to lay hold of the Kingdom and, by faith, become UNSHAKABLE.

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'GOD HAS HEALED ME'

I thank you and your staff and prayer Partners for praying with me and for me. Last year, I was diagnosed with lung and bone cancer. I am here to say God has healed me and made me whole. I was given up on by a doctor in a well-known cancer treatment center. I started listening to Gloria Copeland's CDs God Wants You Well. That teaching got my attention!

As I started telling that cancer demon it wasn't killing me, and I wasn't going to die before my time, everything took a turn. Every test that was done in the hospital came back normal-the MRIs and lab work. Eventually, I was released to a rehab center to learn how to talk, walk and eat again. I got back home and continued to listen to Gloria's CDs. Creflo Dollar's God's Healing Scriptures and Charles Capps' God's Creative Power for Healing.

On Nov. 8, 2017, the oncologist told me I had no disease in my lungs, and my bones were healing. On Jan. 11, 2018, a mammogram showed no cancer. Praise God, I had gotten down to 119 pounds and now I weigh 159.

I thank God for my family and all the praying people in my church family who kept me in their prayers—people far and near. May God bless your ministry. Praise God!

L.F.T. | Beaumont, Texas

GOD HEALED MY BACK

Brother Copeland, I wanted to let you know that God healed my lower back and I have been free from pain ever since. I sat down at my desk to watch your webcast, and before you started teaching you prayed and spoke that there was healing for spinal stenosis, arthritis and back pain.

I was immediately healed. Since then, I have been delivered from the prescription pain medication that I had been taking for several years. With God's help, I was able to taper off the medication earlier this month. That was a big one for me! Praise God!

James B. | Blue Springs, Mo.

PRAYER PREVAILED

My husband and I were in the final divorce resting period when I called for prayer. A woman from your ministry stood with me in prayer for my marriage. One month later, two days before the divorce was final, we decided to withdraw and are back together with our three kids! Thank you!

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YOU HELPED ME TURN MY LIFE AROUND

NO MORE CANE!

We went to Faith Life Church in Branson, Mo., the last time you were there. I was healed, and no longer need to use a cane. I left the services carrying it, and haven't used it since. Praise God! I'm praising God for your ministry, too. D.W. | Shell Knob, Mo.

'MY HUSBAND'S LIFE WAS SPARED'

Thank you for the wonderful work you are doing around the world for our Lord. Please rejoice with us that my husband's life was spared, and the doctor was able to remove the blood clot safely, as we had prayed, from his leg. The clot went downward instead of upward to his

brain, or he would have died instantly. The doctor only had two minutes to remove the clot from his leg or he would have had to amputate my husband's foot! Thank God, He hears and answers prayer quickly. We appreciate your prayers for a speedy recovery now. Thank you!

C.S. | Napanee, Ontario

KCM and Pastor George, I would like to thank you for helping me turn my life around. I used to be on drugs and had drug dealers and druggies come to my house. But one night after listening to one of Pastor's CDs, God woke me up and said, *Read Proverbs*, so I did. Two days later, an old friend showed up with money, wanting to get high. I quoted Proverbs and he left and I haven't been bothered by him or any other druggie. I am clean and start a new job on Monday, and I know if it wasn't for your help it wouldn't have happened. Thank you and God bless you.

D.I. | Columbus Junction, Iowa









THE SUN HOVERED JUST OVER THE HORIZON, CASTING LONG SHADOWS. AS DUANE AND LISA FLANAGAIN STROLLED AROUND THE CHARMING TOWN SQUARE IN GRANBURY. TEXAS. THEIR WEEKEND GETAWAY HAD BEEN A PLEASANT DIVERSION FROM THEIR BUSY LIVES BACK HOME IN FORT WORTH. THEY'D LAUGHED, TALKED AND RELAXED.

To be more accurate, Lisa had relaxed. Duane felt strung as tight as the strings on the guitar someone strummed nearby. Having time off gave him too much time to think the kind of thoughts that left him frustrated and on edge.

Lisa chatted over dinner as Duane pondered what bothered him. He'd enjoyed a wonderful life. At least, he had since recovering from the soulsearing pain of his mother's death—something a 13-year-old hadn't known how to process. With his three older brothers now grown and gone, Duane and his dad had forged a life on their own.

It had been 10 years since Duane graduated from high school and went to work for Kenneth Copeland Ministries in June 1983. He had been hired to work in the mailroom without going through the personnel department. He was busy running letters through the inserter when someone slapped a stack of papers on

by Melanie Hemry

the machine and said, "You need to sign these." Duane looked up to see Lisa, who worked in personnel. The moment he looked in her eyes, he was smitten. Lisa, not so much. At first, she had refused to go out with him. But eventually Duane won her over. Now they'd been married for nine wonderful years. Not a bad way to start his 10-year journey with KCM, which would take Duane through a plethora of job assignments.

Following his tenure in the mailroom, Duane was assigned to the transportation department. And when things were slow there, he helped out in telecommunications.

In 1986, when KCM moved its offices from Beach Street in south Fort Worth to new headquarters in Newark, north of Fort Worth at Eagle Mountain Lake, Duane had been one of the men assigned to get the phone system up and running. He was also given the opportunity to drive one of the ministry's stunning 18-wheelers to the KCM meetings—a dream come true. At the meetings he helped set up staging, worked the book tables and served as a photographer. In 1991, he became a purchasing agent, buying print materials for the ministry, and then moved to buying computers, electronics, alarm systems and vehicles.

Duane learned much from each job. He enjoyed his work, loved the people, believed the message and the ministry mandate, and honored Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. But while 10 years at KCM had made him a jack-of-all-trades, Duane felt he was master of none.

His frustration stemmed from one burning question: What did God want him to do with his life?

"Something bothering you?" Lisa asked.

"I'm concerned that I'm not doing what God wants me to do with my life."

"What would *you* like to do with your life?"

"I want to be a pilot."

There, he'd said it out loud.

Leaning across the table, Lisa said, "Then that's what you need to do."

She made it sound so simple.

One Step at a Time

"My heart's desire wasn't just to fly, I wanted to fly for the ministry," Duane says. It was a seed that had been planted in him as a child.

"We lived down the street from Fort Worth Spinks Airport," he recalls. "Some of my fondest memories were of sitting in lawn chairs in the backyard, eating watermelon and watching the Thunderbirds fly overhead during air

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shows. Every day planes were always flying over. That's when I fell in love with aviation. After my mother died, my friend Dean's parents took me under their wing. They took me to church with them. They were Partners with KCM and Jerry Savelle Ministries. They listened to teaching tapes and bought me my own, which I listened to on a stereo in my bedroom.

"When we were in middle school, Jerry Savelle started Overcoming Faith Center Christian School. Dean's parents enrolled him, and he asked me to see if my dad would let me go. I didn't think there was much chance of that. My dad was a steelworker. He got up at 3:30 in the morning and went to work at 5:30. Money was tight, and I couldn't imagine him paying for tuition when I could go to public school free. But I was wrong; Dad let me go. The spiritual principles I learned at that school changed my life. I got to know Jerry Savelle's daughters, Jerriann and Terri. I also met John and Kellie Copeland, who attended OFC as well. While visiting in their home, Brother Copeland was always so kind, answering my questions with great patience.

"I still remember one cold winter morning when Dean's dad, who was a pilot and flew on missionary trips, took Dean, his brother and me up in his plane. He had me sit in the co-pilot's seat. After a while he said, 'Duane, why don't you fly for a minute?' The moment I took control of the aircraft, with every molecule of my being I knew I wanted to fly."

The Next Logical Step

Following their trip to Granbury, Duane took the next logical step toward fulfilling his dream. He signed up to take flying lessons, evenings and weekends, as he had the money. It took a while, but he eventually earned his private pilot's license.

Having the license was a good start, but it came with certain restrictions: Duane was only allowed to fly noncommercial and in clear weather. To advance as a pilot, the number of hours logged flying was crucial. Duane had less than 100 hours flying time, which was next to nothing.

By 1997, John Copeland had become

CEO at KCM. Duane made an appointment to see him.

"I wanted you to know that I've earned my private pilot's license," Duane told him. "If you ever have a position open for a pilot in aviation, I'd like to be considered."

John's eyes were pools of kindness, Duane remembers.

In a gentle voice he said, "Duane, you don't have any flight time."

"I know," Duane admitted. "But I have heart."

Closed Doors

Duane had the opportunity to pursue positions in other departments, but he knew in his heart he was supposed to work in aviation. One day, while looking over the job listings to see what was available, Duane saw there was an opening in aviation cleaning airplanes. He didn't care what he did so long as he was around aircraft.

Calling Lisa, he said, "There's an opening in aviation!"

"Doing what?"

"Cleaning the planes."

"Duane, I don't think that's for you," Lisa said. "If God's going to put you in aviation, it'll be a promotion."

That wasn't what he wanted to hear.

"I was so *frustrated*," Duane recalls. "I was almost mad at her, but I wouldn't ignore her advice. So, I didn't apply.

"During that time, I read and meditated on Jerry Savelle's book *Turning Your Dreams Into Reality*. It inspired me to hold on and not give up on my dream. Then strange things started to happen that I couldn't explain. It was as though I could tell things were moving around me in the spirit, but I had no idea what.

"A while later, I decided to take time off from work to pray and fix some things around the house. I'd been home for several days when I left to run an errand at the Home Depot. I was in the back of the store when I heard an announcement over the loud speaker: 'Mr. Duane Flanagain, please come to the customer service desk.' When I arrived, someone handed me a phone. Lisa was on the line. 'John called,' she said. 'He wants you to call him."

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An Open Door of Opportunity

Duane called John and the two arranged to meet on the property at KCM where John was horseback riding.

"Duane, KCM's aviation manager is leaving to run our office in Australia. The manager job is open. If you want a chance at it, you've got it. But I've got to tell you, if it doesn't work out we'll put you back in purchasing."

Duane felt numb.

He knew John wouldn't have given him a chance without Brother Copeland's approval. He knew that, on paper, he wasn't qualified for the position and that every plane in the hangar was above his skill set. But Duane also knew he had the heart. He had learned from the Copelands how to operate in integrity, faithfulness and a spirit of excellence. He was born to do this job.

When he started his new position as KCM's aviation manager, Duane remembers Brother Copeland pulling him aside and reminding him of Zechariah 4:10, "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin" (New Living Translation).

"Duane, don't *ever* feel intimidated," Brother Copeland told him. "We all started at the same place. At zero flying hours. I'll work with you, and I'll teach you."

"Yes, Captain," Duane replied, relieved beyond measure.

"That's exactly what he did," Duane says. "He's an amazing pilot, and a great teacher."

"We were flying over Spinks Airport one day when I pointed out the cockpit window and told him, 'That's the house where I grew up. I used to sit outside and watch the planes fly in and out."

"Duane, during that same time, that's the airport where our first ministry aircraft was based," Brother Copeland said.

Duane realized that Brother Copeland would have had to drive down his street, past his house each time he went to the airport. He also realized that Brother Copeland had been one of the pilots he had watched and admired from his backyard. He felt chills ripple up his neck.



A Double Blessing

Brother Copeland faithfully supported Mike Barber's prison ministry, Duane recalls.

"At that time, Mike was driving to the prisons," he said. "Brother Copeland decided to help Mike by providing him with a Beechcraft Bonanza aircraft and assigned me to fly it. He'd not only blessed Mike, he blessed me because I got all the flight hours I needed and more. Those hours allowed me to train to fly larger aircraft."

In preparation for the Citation X, the new jet aircraft KCM had acquired, Brother Copeland and Duane went through three weeks of intense training together.

"The plane is very fast and agile," says
Duane. "For a while, it was the fastest
civilian jet in production. We
called it the Time Machine.
This ministry tool
provided the ability to go
much greater distances
in far less time.
Brother Copeland
likes to say: higher,

"We were flying back to KCM in the

farther, faster.



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Citation X one night and had a real bumpy ride," Duane recalls. "Captain was flying, and I was co-pilot. The turbulence was so rough that I had trouble grabbing the knob to change the frequency on the radio. I heard the sound announcing that he had turned off the autopilot. Nowadays, most pilots would have kept it on. But he's such an excellent pilot that he handflew that plane through the turbulence and maintained his heading and altitude without any deviations."

Training and flying alongside Brother Copeland not only had its practical benefits for Duane, he also began seeing firsthand how Brother Copeland is quick to apply his faith to everyday situations. On one occasion, Duane recalled, Brother Copeland was preaching a morning service while Duane drove to the airport to prepare the Citation X for departure. He unlocked the cabin door and moved the door latch down to open it, but the door didn't budge. Duane tried everything he knew to get the door open, still it would not move.

Calling Brother Copeland's assistant, Duane asked, "Is he still preaching?"

"Yes, but the service is about to end."

"Take him to the hotel and have him call me."

"What's up?" Brother Copeland asked upon phoning Duane.

"Captain, I can't get the cabin door open," Duane explained. "We've been trying for two hours."

"I'm heading to the airport."

On the way, Brother Copeland phoned Duane again.

"Do you remember that Romans 8:28 says that all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose?" he said.

"Yes, sir."

"That door is a thing," Brother Copeland said. "Do we love God? Are we called according to His purpose?"

"Yes."

"OK, let's pray that way."

As they prayed, Duane walked back to the cabin door. Once again, he unlocked the door, and moved the door latch.

This time, the door opened!

Ministry on His Mind

"Brother Copeland uses every opportunity to teach us how to operate in God's Word," Duane explains. "He could have prayed with the same result, but he

let me be part of the solution. What he does isn't just a job. His mind stays on ministry opportunities.

"Another time," Duane recalls, "we were in Nigeria getting the plane refueled for departure when some of the local airport employees asked if Brother Copeland would pray for them. He was already on board. When I asked, he jumped up and said, 'Of course I will.'

"Outside, we found several men knelt down on both knees. None of them had been to his meeting, but they were hungry for prayer. Another man saw what was happening and joined them. Brother Copeland anointed each man with oil and prayed over each of them.

"The planes are nothing more than a tool to him. They allow him to reach more people. His heart isn't on the tool, his heart is on the people. That's what it's all about for him. He was as happy praying for those few men on the tarmac as he was preaching to a crowd of over 100,000 just an hour earlier. He is the kindest and most giving person I've ever known."

Lisa works in aviation with Duane, where she coordinates the details of every flight, including scheduling the aircraft and pilots. Both she and Duane are always ready to assist the Copelands with their aviation needs 24/7.

On occasion, Brother Copeland will call while he's on vacation.

"Hey, Captain," Duane says, "what's up?" "Oh, I just missed hearing your voice. How are things?"

Protecting the Anointing

The entire aviation crew works closely with Brother Copeland. To plan overseas flights, they work months in advance. There are many things to consider such as permit requirements, language barriers, airport restrictions and safety, especially in certain areas and remote locations. Where aircraft fuel isn't always readily available, they plan for that as well.

Our aviation ground crew plays a vital role in keeping KCM's aircraft in a state of mission readiness. They maintain a high level of integrity and faithfulness to the Copelands and KCM's mission statement. They are an integral part of every flight.

"We make it our goal to always stay in tune with the Holy Spirit," Duane says. "During our pretrip planning sessions, we all work together to ensure we make the

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best decisions regarding every aspect of an upcoming mission.

"My goal is to keep the Copelands and other passengers safe and to provide an environment—both in the hangar and in the air—that supports and protects the anointing. Their physical safety and protecting the anointing are my two highest priorities. Always.

"The addition of the Gulfstream V has been a great asset to the ministry. It's much larger than the Citation X and will carry a lot more people. Due to its size, it's not as fast as the Citation X. Its biggest advantage is that its range is more than 13 hours. In the past, we had to stop to refuel at least once to fly to Europe, twice if we encountered adverse weather conditions en route. With the Gulfstream, we can fly nonstop to

for our international ministry missions. "Back when Brother Copeland was believing for KCM's first jet, the Lord had him stand on Isaiah 58:14, which says, 'Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth.' KCM aviation continues to use this as our foundational scripture.

Europe and many other locations around

the world. It's a much more efficient tool

"Sometimes I wonder where I would be if I hadn't connected with KCM. I don't like to think about it, because I don't think I'd be living my dream. It's doubtful that my family would have learned to live by faith. I might never have met Lisa. Before we went to work in aviation, we learned through the Copelands' teachings, which we listened to all the time. But now we watch the Copelands and learn by example.

"I can tell you one thing: the Copelands are the exact same people in private as they are in the pulpit. And their stamina is amazing. I almost have to run to keep up with the Captain.

"I've been with the ministry for 35 years now. The first 14 were preparation for purpose. I've been flying for him for 21 years, and his preflight prayer has never varied once. Each time he boards a plane, he stops and prays over the aircraft. Then he prays for all his Partners and Friends of the ministry. Then he prays for a safe flight."

Duane and Lisa Flanagain are living their dream.

the Ditch



Poverty is more than a lack of money; it's a demonic mindset.

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Sadly, people die in those ditches every year. Their cars slide into them, get stuck and buried, and the people either suffocate from carbon monoxide or freeze to death.

One winter, my wife, Vickie, and I were heading out for Christmas vacation in my Jeep[®], Pepe the Mule. Yes, I named my Jeep. Pepe doesn't care about snow—and that's why I like him. He just grunts and goes.

As we drove, I saw a car that had driven into the ditch. I could barely see the taillights shining through the accumulating snow. I jumped out, grabbed a shovel from my trunk, and dug as fast as I could. When I finally reached the car, I knocked on the window. Two ladies were inside, and one rolled down the window.

"Are you OK?" I asked.

"We're fine."

"Ma'am, you're not fine," I said. "You might not be hurt, but you're not fine. I'm going to hook up my chain and pull you out."

"No, no. We'll be OK. We're calling someone."

"Ma'am, look at your phone. It says, 'No service."

"But it's going to come back."

"No, it isn't," I assured her. "You're in the wilderness."

She argued with me until I finally said, "Ma'am, I can't leave you here. I'm going to back up my Jeep, hook up the chain and jerk you out of this ditch. So, put it in neutral and hang on."

I hooked up the chain, put Pepe in four-wheel drive and stomped on the gas. Pepe's front tires popped up, and the back tires spun. Then, suddenly that car shot out of the ditch.

To my surprise, the women were put out with me!

I told the driver, "We're going to go to the next stop about five miles ahead. There's a gas station there. As long as you keep your car driving in my tracks, you'll make it. There you can call for help. But I can't leave you here."

Reluctantly, they agreed.

When I got back into my Jeep®, Vickie asked me what had happened.

"Oh, I was just helping out some church members." I said, "They don't

go to our church, but I guarantee they go to church."

How did I know?

Over the years, I've seen many people stuck in ditches—financial, marital, spiritual, health—and every time God directs me to help them, they say, "No, Pastor! We'll be fine!"

It's time to let the Lord help us get out of our ditches—because He wants to restore His people!

Reacting Like Mephibosheth

Even though we know God wants to help and restore us, we often resist. That's not so different from what Saul's grandson, Mephibosheth, did in 2 Samuel 9:1-4:

And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he. And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet. And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

Recently, God said to me, Mark, My people hardly ever ask Me to restore anything anymore.

They just chalk it up as lost and keep marching on.

In those days, a disability meant a life of poverty. Mephibosheth was destined to be a beggar.

Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar, Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said. Mephibosheth, And he answered. Behold thy servant! And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father: and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am? (verses 5-8).

Read that passage again. The king called Mephibosheth and told him four important things. He said:

"Fear not."

"You're going to eat at my table."

"I'm restoring everything to you that belonged to your grandpa." (And that's pretty good when your grandpa was the king!)

"I'm restoring all that to you for your dad's sake and my covenant with him."

But now, read how Mephibosheth responded. He asked, "Why would you do this for a dead dog like me?"

This is a picture of where many in the Body of Christ are today. We're related to royalty and have great favor—not because of who we are, but because we're in Christ. But when God is ready to restore us, we react like Mephibosheth. We say, "Who am I that You'd look on a dead dog like me?"

I've Been That Dead Dog

The first time I read that verse, it hammered me.

I grew up in a small town and my family was really poor! I can tell you there's nothing good about being poor.

Poverty is more than a lack of money; it's a demonic mindset. The devil wants



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you to believe being poor is holy, but that's nonsense. Being poor does nothing but stunt your life and ministry. I've been poor, and I've been rich. Rich is better.

But I understand how hard it is to overcome a lifelong mindset. I grew up calling myself no-good. Even after I got saved and started a ministry, I kept wondering, How will I ever do anything for God? Where will I get the money?

Then God restored me. He taught me how to get rid of that demonic mindset by the blood of Jesus and His Word. Now, I no longer say I'm no-good. I know I'm more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37) and that I can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13).

I changed my mindset and allowed God to restore me.

The Way God Restores

We all need restoration. Over time, the enemy hits us with all sorts of venom. We get damaged by life and people, and that venom can seep into our souls and mess us up. It hurts and disappoints, but all is not lost because our God is a God of restoration.

Psalm 23:1-3, New King James Version, says it so perfectly: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul."

The message of restoration speaks to me on a practical level. I've always loved fixing up old cars. When I restore a car, it's not a mere "remodel" job. I go through everything. By the time I finish, that car becomes just like it was the day the manufacturer made it. It's right back to its original, beautiful, drivable condition. That's how God wants to restore our souls. He is a complete restorer of good things.

Prodigals Are Returning Home

Recently, God said to me, Mark, My people hardly ever ask Me to restore anything anymore. They just chalk it up as lost and keep marching on. Don't they know I get pleasure in the prosperity of My servants? Don't they know I want to grab Satan by the back of the neck and make him march their stuff back to them—that I get pleasure in that?

I said, "Yeah! Psalm 35:27 says that."

Then He said, Well then, why are you all robbing Me of My pleasure? And why is no one asking Me to restore them anymore?

We serve a God who *wants* to restore us. And I have good news: He's restoring right now. He's restoring our government, our finances and the moral base of America. He's restoring the joy of our salvation and health to the sick. He is restoring His people.

Prodigals are coming home. People who have left are coming back to God. Pastors are seeing members who left their churches return in great numbers. Ministers are seeing lost partners again. Parents are finding children, who were seemingly lost forever, coming back home like in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32).

It's not always easy for people to return home. They wonder what to say, if they'll be thrown out or rebuked, or even allowed in the door. For a true prodigal, even more so, especially returning to the same house he or she left. But God has shown me that He has assigned these people to us. He has assigned church members to pastors, partners to ministers and children to parents.

It's time for us to ask God to restore these people.

Let's pray they get healed—spirit, mind and body. If they're truly broken, and they come to themselves, we must take them back and restore them. Like Galatians 6:1 says, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual"—meaning not overtaken—"restore such an one...."

It's Time to Be Restored

No matter where you are in God's restoration process, understand that you still have an important part in it. If you are a pastor, minister, parent, friend or church member, you need to welcome back those who desire to be restored. If they've changed their mindsets and want to come back, they're welcome. God receives them, and we should receive them, too.

If you've found yourself in a ditch of any kind, it's time to come home. It's time to change your mindset and allow God to restore your soul—completely.

God is our restorer—our complete restorer—and if we'll allow Him, He will pull us out of our ditches every time! V

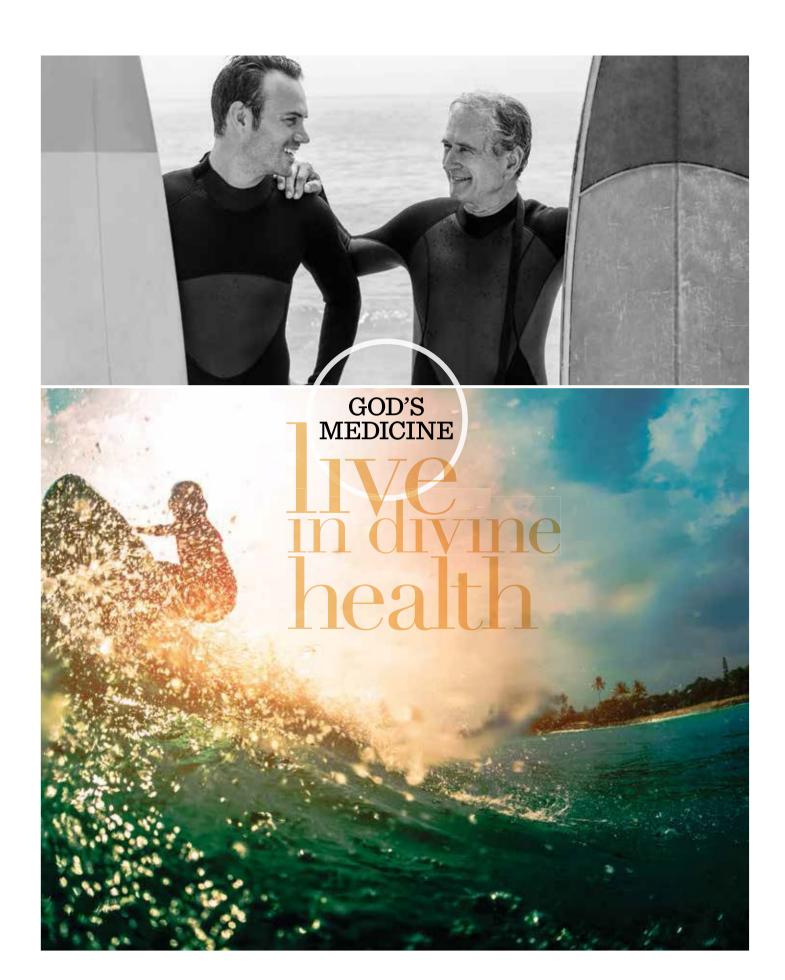


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when they're sick and trying to get well. But I want to talk to you today about a medicine you can take all the time. If you take it when you're sick, it will heal you. If you take it when you're well, it will keep you healthy.

This medicine is so safe you can't overdose on it. (I know because I've tried!) Yet, it's the most powerful medicine that exists.

Taken continuously in sufficient quantities, it will keep the power of God flowing out of your spirit and into your mind and body so that you're able to live continually in divine health.

What exactly is this wonderful medicine?

It's the written Word of Almighty God! It's the medicine Proverbs 4:20-22 is referring to when it says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and *health* [also translated *medicine*] to all their flesh."

That's one of my favorite passages in the Bible! I like to use it when I'm teaching Healing School as a launching pad into the rest of the healing scriptures in the Bible. After reading it to the people—many of whom come with physical problems medical science can't solve, I often tell them they're about to get a big dose of God's medicine.

"It may take a few hours for us to get through all the verses," I'll say, "but if you'll listen and receive the Word like a little child, faith for healing will come into your heart, connect you with the power of God, and heal you from the inside out."

I remember one lady who attended wrote me a letter

afterward and said she almost couldn't take all the medicine I dished out in Healing School. She said that at one point in the service she prayed, "Lord, don't let Gloria give another scripture!" God didn't answer that prayer, of course. He let me go right on preaching the Word—and it's a good thing for her that He did, too, because after I read several more verses she got healed!

I've seen more people than I can count get healed that same way, just sitting in Healing School listening to the Word. Many times, I don't even get a chance to lay hands on them. God's medicine does its work in them before I've finished preaching. By the time I'm ready to pray for them, they're already healed!

That kind of thing doesn't happen just in Healing School, either. Although healing meetings can be great places to receive, God's medicine will work anytime, in any place, for anybody. All you have to do is follow the instructions in Proverbs 4: Keep God's Word in your ears, before your eyes, and get it in your heart in such abundance that it overflows from your mouth.

Many years ago, Brother Charles Capps wrote a wonderful little book titled God's Creative Power for Healing. It was filled with scriptures and included these instructions, worded in prescription form: God's medicine: to be taken by mouth three times a day until faith comes. Then once a day to maintain faith. If circumstances grow worse, double the dose. There are no harmful side effects.

If you want to live in divine health, that's the secret, right there! You keep God's Word—particularly what He says about healing—in your heart and in your mouth. You continually feed on that Word (Romans 10:17) so that your faith for healing stays strong and ready to be used all the time.

God Is a Good, Good God

"But Gloria," you might say, "what should I do about the verses in the Bible that undermine my faith for healing? What about the scriptures that say God sometimes gets glory from sickness, or that He puts sickness on us sometimes to teach us things?"

There are no such scriptures!

Those ideas are nothing but religious traditions. They're sometimes passed along by well-meaning Christians, but they're lies of the devil. He uses them to If we had developed our faith for healing to the point where we were as confident of it as we are of forgiveness of sin, we'd draw near to God as simply as little children, expecting to receive it immediately.



Proverbs 4:20-21

2 Timothy 3:16

undermine the Church's faith and malign God's character.

God doesn't get any glory out of putting sickness on people. He doesn't put cancer on someone to make Himself look good. On the contrary! He reveals His goodness by taking cancer *off* people. He gets glory when people get healed, like they did when they came to Jesus. Matthew 15:31 says when He ministered, people "saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel."

What's more, the very idea of God putting sickness on His children to teach them things is ridiculous! No good parent would do that. Anyone who would give their child a disease to teach them a lesson would be considered a child abuser, and God is not a child abuser. He's a good Father! He never appointed sickness to be the teacher of

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the Church. He gave us the Holy Spirit and His Holy inspired Word to instruct us (John 14:26; 2 Timothy 3:16).

This one revelation by itself will help you a lot when it comes to healing: God is a good, good God! As Psalm 145 says, "The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works" (verses 8-9).

Take a moment to think about those verses. They describe God as *gracious*, which means He is disposed to show favors. They say He is *full of compassion*, which means there's no room in Him for anything else. They tell us that God's mercy is *great* and *tender* and hovers over *all His works*.

The phrase all His works doesn't leave anyone out. It includes everyone—particularly those of us who are believers. According to Ephesians 2:10, we are God's "workmanship," so He's especially merciful toward us. When we come to Him to receive healing, we don't have to worry that He might ignore us or tell us we'll have to stay sick a while longer. He would never do that!

We're God's beloved children. He's always quick to show favor to us. He's always eager to do us good. James 4:8 says when we draw near to Him, He draws near to us. So we can be sure that, the moment we call on Him, He will respond to us immediately—with mercy!

Think about how He responded to each of us when we first received Jesus as our Lord and Savior. He didn't make us wait six weeks to get born again. He didn't even make us wait until the next day. The instant we believed, all our sins were wiped away and God made us new creations—as though sin had never been.

God wants us to receive healing the same way. And we would, if we had been taught about it like we've been taught about the new birth. If we had developed our faith for healing to the point where we were as confident of it as we are of forgiveness of sin, we'd draw near to God as simply as little children, expecting to receive it immediately. We'd be so confident in the goodness of God that we'd have no doubt that right

here, right now, He wants us to be well!

You Don't Have to Choose Just One

"But isn't this perspective on healing something you faith preachers just recently came up with?" someone might ask. "Isn't it relatively new?"

Not at all. Healing has always been God's will for His people—not only under the New Covenant but also under the Old. That's why, in my own personal life and when I'm teaching Healing School, I read verses from every part of the Bible. All the promises of God are YES and AMEN to us in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20), and in the Old Testament there are some very powerful healing scriptures.

Take Psalm 103, for instance. It says: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (verses 2-5).

Talk about some powerful medicine! Those verses can strengthen your faith for healing in a lot of different ways. First, they can help you get free of the religious lie that receiving healing shouldn't really be a big deal to you. Yes, it is a big deal! Those verses can keep your faith from being shaken when people say things like, "We don't emphasize healing in our church. We just teach the new birth because it's more important."

Whenever someone says that to me, I always think about how Psalm 103 says we're to remember ald God's benefits. It doesn't say we have to pick just one—and that's all we can have. It doesn't say that since healing only affects our temporal body, and the new birth affects our eternal spirit, we should just forget about healing and go for the new birth.

God has never had that attitude! He's a God of abundance. He's so generous that He forgives all our sins AND heals all our diseases.

I've seen people healed in Healing School of conditions they had forgotten



Later, when he shared his testimony, I realized God had done for him just what Psalm 103 says: He'd redeemed that man's life from destruction and renewed

his youth like the eagle's!

original height!

God gives us lots of those kinds of healing scriptures in the Old Testament:

he grew several inches-back to his

"I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

"I will take sickness away from the midst of thee" (Exodus 23:25).

"I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds" (Jeremiah 30:17).

The very idea of God putting sickness on His children to teach them things is ridiculous! No good parent would do that. "The Lord will keep you free from every disease" (Deuteronomy 7:15, New International Version).

"With long life I will satisfy [you] and show [you] my salvation" (Psalm 91:16).

"[God] sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" (Psalm 107:20).

"[God] brought them forth also with silver

and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes" (Psalm 105:37).

You can find even more verses like that in the New Testament. In the Gospels, for instance, you can read about healing in the ministry of Jesus, who always did God's perfect will and never refused to heal anyone. Instead...

"Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (Matthew 4:23).

"Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all" (Matthew 12:15).

"Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people" (Matthew 9:35).

"They brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:16-17).

Notice, the last verse in that list ties the Old Testament and the New together. It quotes Isaiah 53 that prophesies about the Messiah bringing healing to His people and declares that Jesus is the fulfillment of that prophecy. In other words, it tells us that healing is no longer a future-tense promise, it's a past-tense fact. As 1 Peter 2:24 says, by Jesus' stripes "ye wera healed."

When Ken and I first got a revelation of that, it changed our lives! We realized that if Jesus had already borne our sicknesses and diseases, we were no longer the sick trying to talk God into healing us; we were the healed and the devil was trying to steal our health!

If you're a born-again child of God, the same is true for you. Healing hasn't just been promised to you, it's already been provided for you. Through what Jesus did on the cross, the price for it has been paid. Healing belongs to you right now, so go ahead and start receiving it.

Take the Proverbs 4 prescription. Get God's medicine on the inside of you in such abundance, it overflows from your mouth. Develop the faith to connect every day with God's healing power...and live healed!



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Where to, Jesus?

As surely as night turns into day, Jesus is calling your name, Superkid. Now what? When someone calls your name, it's usually because they want something. They may want your attention or something you have. They may want you to do something for them or they may want to do something for you. Why is Jesus calling you?

First, let's establish that all of the above are true about Jesus' purpose. He wants your attention and everything you have. He wants you to do something for Him, and He wants to do something—no, everything—for you! He can only do big things in your life if you really belong to Him.

Last month, we discussed an important verse about our connection with Jesus. John 10:3 (New Living Translation) says: "The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

Superkid, you hear Him calling and you recognize His voice and you come, but where is He leading you? The most important thing to understand about your life with Jesus is that He is calling you into His presence, into Himself!

Today, He wants us to get a clearer picture of what that really means. We literally live IN Him. There are many verses about this in His Word. Let's start with Hebrews 4:16: "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most" (NLT).

Jesus absolutely understands you and is there to help you! He wants it to be very clear that you belong with Him, so the Bible says to come boldly to His throne! He has every bit of forgiveness (mercy), ability (grace) and HELP whenever you

need it. Let this sink into your thinking: "I can be bold with Jesus because I belong with Him!"

I had to ask Him for help today. I needed the ability, the grace from Him, to write what He wanted you to hear. I love this next truth that He showed me! It will be with me forever because it changed how I think!

I have always prayed in the Name of Jesus-that is where my authority is, and He is the One who has the power. Today. however, He took me to a new and deeper knowledge of His Name! In Proverbs 18:10, NLT, it says, "The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe." The King James Version says His Name is a strong tower. Can you picture this? His Name is where we run to and are safe! Today, He opened my eyes-I don't pray in the Name of Jesus because He is not right here with me, I pray in His Name because I am right there WITH Him! I live in that strong tower of His Name and in His presence because I came to Him when He called me! This describes you too, Superkid! Stop for a minute and reread that again so it can really get into your thinking. His Name is Himself and it's

That's big! But let me stretch you a bit more. In Acts 17:24-28, Paul was speaking to people in Athens at the foot of a temple to their god. This was to them a "fortress" or "strong tower." He said:

WHERE YOU LIVE!

"God, who
made the world
and everything
in it, since He is
Lord of heaven and
earth, does not dwell
in temples made with hands. Nor is He
worshiped with men's hands, as though
He needed anything, since He gives to
all life, breath, and all things. And He has
made from one blood every nation of men

to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring'" (New King James Version).

I highlighted parts so you can see that Paul was sharing with the Athenians, this same truth. Jesus is not far off in heaven looking down on us. He wants us to realize that IN Him, JESUS, in HIS Name, we actually LIVE, MOVE and we have our very existence—ALL THE TIME, 24/7, SUPERKID!

THIS is His purpose for calling your name! He wants you to be with Him all the time. This is the only way He can truly be your helper, your shepherd, your healer and your friend. Say His Name out loud right now. Say, "JESUS. I live IN You. I move IN You and I stay IN You today. Please help me understand what this means to my life, not just today, but always."

Now, Superkid, when you say this, really think about where you are in it: "IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN."
YOU are IN Jesus and IN His Name! And, AMEN means "finished or done." That is how He sees you, and He wants you to see yourself the same way.

Let the truth of YOUR
presence IN Him become as
real to you as His presence in you
is, and let it be the beginning of a
full-time awareness of just how ONE
you really are with Jesus!

I can hardly wait until next month to see where our journey into Jesus takes us!

Commander Kelie



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