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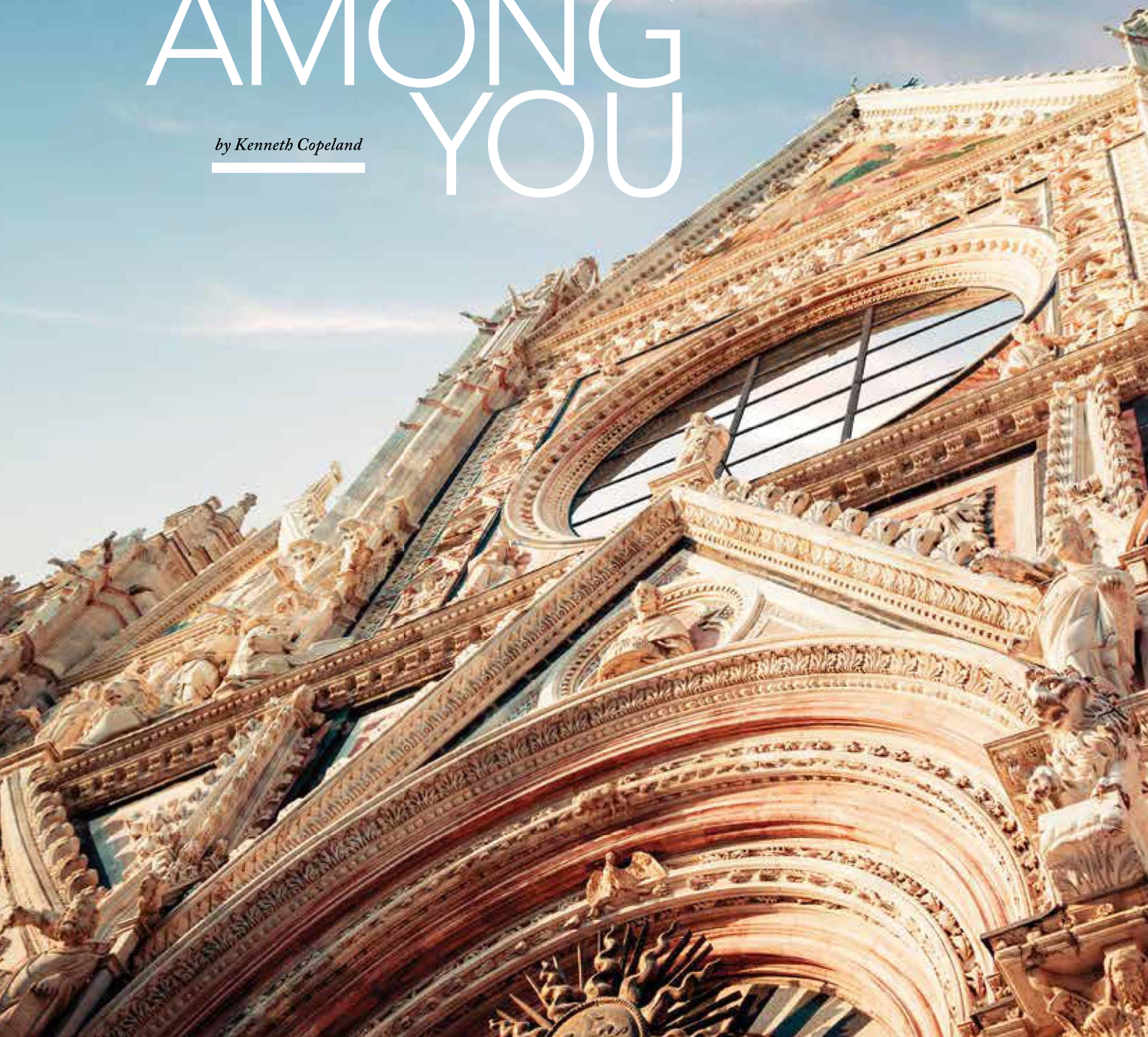
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Imagine

what a BLESSING the Body of Christ could be to the world if every believer were financially prosperous. Think about how freely we could fund the preaching of the gospel; what we could do for our communities; and what a powerful testimony it would be to unbelievers if we all had our financial needs met, an abundance in our bank accounts, and were looking for opportunities to give.

That would be wonderful, wouldn't it?

It would also be the will of God.

According to the Bible, God's will for His people has always been for us to have plenty to enjoy and plenty to give. Even in Old Testament times He told the Israelites, "There should be no poor among you" (Deuteronomy 15:4, *New Living Translation*). The New Testament puts it even more emphatically: "God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]" (2 Corinthians 9:8, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

"Well, Brother Copeland, I know God said that but there must be some catch because a lot of Christians aren't prospering at all. A lot of us have asked God repeatedly for the grace to increase

financially and that grace hasn't yet shown up."

Sure it has! You just didn't recognize it. You were expecting it to manifest in the form of a check in the mail or a promotion at work. But that's not how God's grace to prosper first shows up. It manifests to us today, just like it initially did to the Macedonian believers in the Apostle Paul's day. Have you ever read about them? If anyone ever needed financial help, they did! They weren't just struggling economically. When Paul went to see them they were in deep poverty.

What did God do to change the situation?

He gave them an opportunity to give into an offering that was being received for the church in Jerusalem. He put His grace to work for them by "arousing in them the desire to give" (2 Corinthians 8:1, *AMPC*). As Paul wrote: "Though they have been going through much trouble and hard times, their wonderful joy and deep poverty have overflowed in rich generosity.

***"Jesus didn't become poor until He went to the cross!
That's where He took on Himself the curse of poverty."***

Q&A by Kenneth Copeland

I ask God's forgiveness, but I keep having the same problem with sin in my life. What's the key to victory?

You're not alone. The Apostle Paul once faced the same dilemma! In Romans 7 (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*), he said, "I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh.... For I fail to practice the good deeds I desire to do, but the evil deeds that I do not desire to do are what I am [ever] doing" (verses 18-19).

In verses 24-25 (*AMPC*), Paul asks (and answers) the same question you've been asking. "O unhappy...man that I am! Who will release and deliver me...? O thank God! [He will!] through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One) our Lord!"

Paul found his deliverance in Jesus and so will you!

The key is abiding in Jesus and having His WORD abide in you. In one of the last conversations Jesus had with His disciples before His crucifixion, He spoke to them about that.

He told them that they were cleansed because of The WORD He'd taught them. He promised if they would continue to abide in Him and allow His WORDs to remain in them, they could have whatever they asked. Now, that's victory!

You see, God's WORD has the power within itself to overcome sin. All you have to do is get that WORD inside you so that it will go to work empowering you to overcome sin in *your* life. Jesus said, "If ye continue [meditate and be consistent] in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

Put God's WORD first place in your life. Make the decision to act on The WORD and spend time in it. You'll soon begin to enjoy the freedom and victory you've longed for! 🙏

For...they gave not only what they could afford but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the gracious privilege of sharing in the gift for the Christians in Jerusalem" (verses 2-4, *NLT* 96).

I know Christians who get upset if they hear about something like that going on today. If they find out a minister has allowed some financially strapped believer to give into an offering, they get mad and say, "People in that kind of poverty need to hang on to every penny they've got. They don't have enough as it is. God certainly doesn't require them to give!"

Actually, He does—particularly if they're believing to prosper, He requires them to give, not because He's trying to get something *from* them but because He wants to get something *to* them. He wants them to activate the spiritual law Jesus talked about in Luke 6:38: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..."

Giving starts the receiving cycle. That's why "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). When we give, we're planting financial seed which THE BLESSING of The LORD can multiply into a financial harvest that will break us out of poverty, prosper us and make us a BLESSING to the world!

A Much Better Plan

If you want to see a wonderful picture of how this works, read in Genesis 26 about what happened to Isaac. After Abraham died, Isaac ran head-on into a financial crisis. A famine hit the land of Canaan and he decided he'd have to move his family to Egypt to survive. Before he could implement his plan, however, The LORD appeared to him and told him to change it. "Don't go to Egypt," He said. "Stay here and dwell in this land."

Why did God want Isaac to stay in Canaan?

Because, as He put it, "I will be with thee, and will bless thee...and I will perform the oath which I swore unto

Abraham thy father...and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (verses 3-4).

That was a much better plan! If Isaac stayed put, THE BLESSING of God on him could not only prosper him and his family right there in Canaan, it could break the famine and BLESS everyone in the region. It could bring to pass the will of The LORD that "there should be no poor among you."

Sure enough, Isaac went with that plan. He sowed in that land and received in the same year a hundredfold harvest. He also began digging out his father's old wells and hit water right in the middle of the drought.

Because water was so scarce and precious, however, as soon as he'd get a well flowing the Philistines would come and take it away from him. So rather than fight them, he'd let them have the well and just go dig another one. Ultimately, following the direction of The LORD, he drilled down and hit an underground river.

According to Jewish commentaries, over the process of time, with all that water flowing, the land began to flourish again. Fruit trees blossomed. Crops grew. Things began to look up all over the country. Isaac did especially well. He kept on getting richer until his estate got bigger than the king's.

Things get a little touchy when your house is bigger than the palace, and eventually the king got offended and told Isaac to leave the country. He thought the famine was over and Isaac wasn't needed anymore. But it turned out he was wrong.

The same spiritual mess that had caused the famine in the first place was still there. THE BLESSING of The LORD on Isaac had just been superseding it. So once Isaac was gone, everything crashed. The fruit trees dried up. The crops withered. The famine returned, and conditions went right back to the way they were.

Realizing his mistake, the king took the commander of his army and went to find Isaac. "Could we get you to come



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back, sir?" they said. "We can plainly see that the Lord is with you. So we decided we should have a treaty, a covenant between us" (Genesis 26:28, *NLT*-96).

Isaac agreed, and they had a covenant party. They entered into a peace agreement, and while the ceremony was taking place Isaac's servants came and told him they had dug yet another well. "Boss, it's a gusher!" they said. And with that, God confirmed to everyone there that Isaac was their connection to THE BLESSING. God essentially announced to them, "This is My man and I've BLESSED him again!"

Abraham, Isaac, Jesus and You

"But Brother Copeland, that was Isaac! You can't be saying that what God did for him, He will do for us, as believers!"

Yes, that's exactly what I'm saying because it's what the New Testament says. Galatians 3:29 tells us that because we are Christ's we are "Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Verses 13-14 say that Christ has redeemed us from the curse and that through Him "THE BLESSING of Abraham" has come on us.

THE BLESSING of Abraham is extremely powerful. It started out as THE BLESSING of Adam. It's the creative power and dominion God bestowed on man when He said to him, "Be fruitful, and multiply...and subdue [the earth]" (Genesis 1:28). Adam sinned and blew off that BLESSING, but God reinstated it by giving it to Noah and his sons. From there, it came right on down the line to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph...and eventually to Jesus.

Everything Jesus did in His earthly


ministry, He did as a prophet under the Abrahamic Covenant. He never stepped outside that covenant. Even though He was God manifested in the flesh, He didn't operate in His divinity, He ministered as the Son of Man operating in the power of THE BLESSING. And just as it did for Abraham and Isaac, THE BLESSING made Him rich.

Forget what you've heard about Jesus being poor when He came to earth. He wasn't born in a manger because His family was poor. His father Joseph was a businessman. He'd traveled with Mary to Bethlehem so they could pay their taxes. (Poor people don't pay taxes!) When they arrived, they had to spend the night in a stable, not because they didn't have any money but because all the hotels were full.

What's more, shortly after Jesus' birth, some wealthy men from the East came to honor Him. Having heard that He was the King of the Jews, they brought gifts for Him that were worth a fortune. So, even as a child, Jesus was financially BLESSED!

After He grew up and went into the ministry, His resources increased to the point He needed a treasurer. (A man who's broke doesn't need a treasurer!) He also owned a sizeable house, gave extravagantly to the poor, and financially supported His entire ministry team.

Jesus didn't become poor until He went to the cross! That's where He took on Himself the curse of poverty. On Calvary, He became poor willingly, for our sake, so that we could be set free from that curse and become joint heirs with Him of THE BLESSING: "For ye know the grace of our Lord



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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).

Dump Trucks or Teacups?

Just think, when Paul penned that verse he had the Macedonians in mind! He was thinking about the receiving cycle their giving had set in motion and encouraging other believers to do the same by following their example.

For, as 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 says: “He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully

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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.”

In other words, Paul was telling us, the degree of financial BLESSING we walk in is not left up to God, it’s left up to us! As a joint heir with Jesus of THE BLESSING of Abraham, each one of us can sow whatever we purpose in our heart. We can believe for a hundredfold return and sow a dump-truck load of seed, or we can sow a teacup full of seed and believe for a hundredfold return on that. As Jesus put it, “with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you” (Luke 6:38, *New King James Version*).

“But Brother Copeland, what if in my

heart I want to give dump trucks full of seed, but I don’t even have enough in my bank account to fill a teacup?”

Then start where you are. Plant what you have and believe that God, who “ministereth seed to the sower,” will “multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness” (2 Corinthians 9:10).

I can testify from experience, He’ll do it! I found that out in the early years of this ministry when He told me to give \$50,000 to Brother Kenneth E. Hagin’s ministry. In the natural, I had no way to come up with that much money. So, by faith I just

started by giving the pocket change I had left over every day, because that’s all I had to give. I’d store it all up in a shoebox for a while, add to it any extra money people happened to give me, and when the box would get full I’d put it all together and ship it to Tulsa, Okla.

After some time passed, I called the ministry to see how much progress I was making. I asked Brother Hagin’s son-in-law, Buddy Harrison, to find out how much I’d sowed. He checked the records and told me I’d given over \$50,000.

There was no way that kind of money had come

through my pockets!

Are you kidding me? Fifty thousand-plus dollars in pocket change? No! God had gotten involved in that deal. His BLESSING had gone to work not only to give me a harvest but to multiply my seed sown so that, in addition to being a bigger BLESSING to Brother Hagin, I could reap a greater harvest.

That’s God’s plan for all of us, as believers! So, let’s get with the program! Let’s agree with God that there should be no poor among us. Let’s sow bountifully and give THE BLESSING something to work with, so that as 2 Corinthians 9:11 says, we “being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness” can bring forth thanksgiving to God! 🙏





by
Gloria
Copeland

THE POWER TO LIVE *A New Life*

HOW CAN WE EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF A NEW LIFE FOUND IN OUR EVERYDAY WALK WITH THE LORD? THE ANSWER CAN BE FOUND IN ROMANS 6:4: "THEREFORE WE ARE BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH: THAT LIKE AS CHRIST WAS RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, EVEN SO WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE."

***"There is
no storm
on life's sea
through which
we cannot
safely sail by
proper use of
the rudder
that's in our
mouths."***

—Kenneth
Copeland

I want to draw your attention to the words "even so." They mean the same thing as "just as." Just as Jesus was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, so are we to walk in newness of life by that same glory. That glory is already in us. In spirit, we have already been resurrected to a level high enough to defeat anything the enemy would bring against us. The Father has enabled us, as believers, to live above the dominion of sin and death.

How has He enabled? He gave us a new, reborn spirit and filled us with His Spirit. "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

Until we were born again and filled with His Spirit, we were held by the things of this natural world. We were dead to God and alive to sin. Now, we have been crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20). We have died to sin and have been raised together with Him (Ephesians 2:5-6). The old sinner that we once were has died. We have become a new creation on the inside (2 Corinthians 5:17). And that new creature lives in the

image of Jesus Christ, who is the express image of the Father!

Your spirit man has been resurrected with the same new life with which He made Jesus alive. "But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him..." (Ephesians 2:4-5, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Colossians 2:9-10 (AMPC) tells us that we have the potential to become fully spiritually mature.

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

God has given us Himself, His very own nature, His own substance, His life. We call it eternal life. In order to strike your attention, I want to call it resurrection life. You actually have the same new life God gave Jesus when He raised Him from the dead residing on the inside of you.

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So how do we get that resurrection life to affect our daily walk with the Lord and to affect our circumstances? We

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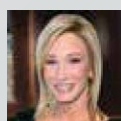
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are to live dead to sin and our relation to it broken and alive to God in union with Him (Romans 6:11). "If then you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1, *AMPC*).

We must change our affection. If you and I keep our attention on natural things, then the power of our new life in Christ will not be manifested in us. We will remain immature Christians.

We find *how* we are to walk in the power of this new life in Romans 7:5-6:

When we were living in the flesh (mere physical lives), the sinful passions that were awakened and aroused up by [what] the Law [makes sin] were constantly operating in our natural powers...so that we bore fruit for death. But now we are discharged from the Law and have terminated all intercourse with it, having died to what once restrained and held us captive. So now we serve not under [obedience to] the old code of written regulations, but [under obedience to the promptings] of the Spirit in newness [of life] (*AMPC*).

We experience the power of this new life by obeying the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our spirits. In order to serve God in this manner, we must give Him our full attention.

If you are not manifesting the power of God in your life, you don't need more of *God*, He needs more of *you*! If you keep Him shut out of your thoughts, then you will live a mere natural life. God wants your undivided attention so that you will learn to hear His voice. When you hear His voice and obey His promptings, you will be sustained daily by the resurrection life that is in you through the Holy Spirit. He is in you to help you, strengthen you, teach you to mortify the deeds of the body and lead you into all truth. He is your perfect Counselor.

Many people hear the Word of Faith and decide that they will change their circumstances by speaking faith-filled words according to Mark 11:23. What many don't realize is that *you* can't fill your words with faith. Union with God through His Word fills your words with faith. Words become faith words by hearing the Word of God. Really, by continually hearing and hearing and

hearing, faith comes and faith remains. If the world is distracting you from the Father, then most likely your "faith confessions" will be empty words. You are not going to experience resurrection power *unless* you set your affection on Him. The promise of Mark 11:23-24 will still be yours, but it's conditional to your heart condition: "And shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe...."

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7-8). If you want to reap the quality of life God has prepared for you, you must sow to the Spirit. It's just that simple.

What does the Scripture say? "...for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (2 Corinthians 3:6). If we will concentrate on maintaining our union with the Father, our words will have authority. God's Spirit will make them alive with His power.

Sin, disobedience, and living a selfish, carnal life will keep that life from flowing out. Romans 6:14 says that "sin shall not have dominion over you." You can't keep giving your attention to the things of this world and expect to get dominion over sin. As you set your affection on God and sow to the Spirit, a growing process will take place in you. You will be "changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18). Then the Holy Spirit does the work in you, and you will begin to look more and more like Jesus. Sin will lose its hold on you. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

Isaiah 3:10 says, "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings." If you do not live after your new nature of righteousness, then you will not eat the fruit of righteousness. Verse 11, "Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him." This goes right along with Galatians 6:7-8, doesn't it?

Now look at Isaiah 59:1-2, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Sin separates you from

"YOU DOMINATE THE FLESH BY WALKING AFTER THE NEW LIFE THAT GOD PUT WITHIN YOU."

the power of God, even though you're born again. Resurrection life will lie dormant in you if you walk in sin.

Until the flesh is brought into obedience by the spirit, there is war waging in you. The flesh wants to dominate you, and the spirit is endeavoring to suppress the flesh. But you can win that war! "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

Overcoming Sin and the Flesh

The way to overcome sin and the flesh is not to try to stop sinning. You dominate the flesh by walking after the new life that God put within you. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). "Mortify therefore your [flesh]..." (verse 5). "And [you] have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him" (verse 10). Walk after that inward man and your outward man will come into subjection to the Spirit. It takes knowledge of God, and knowledge of God comes by spending time in His Word and prayer.

Now, remember that our destination, or goal, is to be like Jesus. Romans tells us that we are predestinated to be conformed to His image (Romans 8:29). How are you going to get there? Romans 8:1-2 tells us that it will be by walking after the quality of life we have received: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

We have enough of the resurrection life of God to walk in glorious liberty while we are still on earth. We don't have to wait until we get to heaven for freedom from the law of sin and death. The life that is in Christ Jesus MAKES you free from that other law! "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That

the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (verses 3-4).

The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us as we walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (verses 5-7).

The Church will never have dominion over death as long as we are carnally minded.

The spiritual mind brings forth life. A spiritual mind marshals itself under the command of God, either by the written Word or by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual mind is open and ready to hear reproofs and corrections from the Spirit of God.

To know and experience the resurrection power of God in our lives, we must constantly conduct ourselves within the sphere of the Spirit. As we do, this constant conduct prompted by the Holy Spirit will make us free from the law of sin and death. If the Spirit of God is directing and controlling us, then there is no condemnation, or judgment, for us. Again, it's conditional.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also [make alive] your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live (verses 11-13).

The Spirit of God is in us to raise us up from dead works. He will quicken our flesh. If we will give ourselves over to Him, resurrection life will dominate and subdue the flesh.


The Holy Ghost subdues and quickens

our mortal flesh. The life of God in us by the Spirit of God permeates outward until the flesh is in subjection to the Spirit.

When Jesus was crucified, our old man was crucified. The Spirit of God is in us to enforce the death of our old man. But the Holy Spirit will not subdue our flesh on His own. He helps us when we consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God. He is in us to teach and train us how to live habitually after this divine life that we have been given.

It starts with our everyday life. We must allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in the everyday affairs of life and lead us into mortifying the deeds of the body.

If you don't know how to be led by the Spirit, make a decision to learn. Draw near to Him, and He will draw near to you. He will teach you. Tell the Lord, "I want to hear Your voice. I want to do what You tell me to do. I want to walk in Your resurrection power. I desire to experience the power to live a new life every day. By a decision of my heart, I put down the dictates of my flesh and mortify the deeds of the body. By the power of God, I receive a Holy Ghost refreshing in my life. In Jesus' Name!"

Then put into your life things that you know are the will of God: time in prayer and in the Word. Then be quick to hear and adhere to the written Word and the promptings of the Spirit within you. 

With enough of the Word in your heart, you can be BLESSED in good times and bad.

Even when the world is going through bad times, God's will for us is good. [Psalm 145:9](#)

Faith to receive the good things God has for you comes through His Word. [Romans 10:17](#)

Invest in the Word by spending time in it and putting it first place in your life. [Proverbs 4:20-21](#)

Don't wait for God to chase you down and speak to you; go after His Word. [James 4:8](#)

There's nothing more beneficial you can do than invest your time in God's Word. [Galatians 6:7-8](#)



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UNEXPECTED CHECK IN THE MAIL

In October 2017, I was doing the EMIC online offering confession for jobs, better jobs, income, checks in the mail, etc. Two weeks later, I was surprised to receive a check in the mail for \$600 from a company I was doing business with. They never told me they were sending me a rebate check. I never requested it or knew it was going to happen. Praise God for the increase!

K.C. | Los Angeles, Calif.

FROM TURMOIL TO TURNAROUND

My life went into complete turmoil in August 2016 as the impact of suffering 20-plus years of domestic violence came to a head. As well as having to give evidence in court, the situation also meant the end of my family unit. My life literally fell apart and I had no future. Out of the blue, a former work colleague contacted me and we met up. He was a Christian and reintroduced me to Jesus. Despite continuing to struggle with my situation, my faith gradually returned. I eventually

turned a corner and life started to improve. Some things remain to be resolved, but I now have a wonderful new family at my local church and a bright future. Thanks are eternally due to KCM for keeping me going through the dark times, keeping my eyes focused on Jesus, and continually providing encouraging and informative material. God is good, Jesus is Lord and my new life is awesome—praise God!

S.K. | England

HUNDREDFOLD RETURN!

Praise the Lord, I am gainfully employed! I had been unemployed and working part-time jobs here and there since I graduated from college in 2009. It was a struggle to get a decent job, and I couldn't understand why. It was depressing. I would spend days in bed. I even wanted to kill myself.

The Lord is so faithful though, because I latched on to Brother Copeland, Sister Gloria and Pastor Pearsons' teachings on faith, bulldog faith, laws of prosperity and so much more! I have been inhaling all of the teachings and have been immersing myself with BVOVN®. WHAT A LIFESAVING BLESSING! The Holy Spirit started showing me areas of my life that needed cleaning up. I also partnered with KCM in 2017. I figured God could do more with the little money I had than I could. I officially became a full-time, full-benefit employee Feb. 1, 2018, with a tech company just starting up in the U.S.! It's a unique job where I get to be creative.

I am so grateful that I have seed for sowing! I reap my harvest in Jesus' Name—Hundredfold Return. This year, 2018, is my year of overflowing abundance! I am expecting overflow because I know God is my source. It hasn't been an easy road, but I believe the Lord is restoring the years the cankerworm has eaten. I will come through without even the smell of smoke! Thank you so much for your teachings. They have and will continue to encourage me and feed my faith! JESUS IS LORD!

Loretta H. | New Jersey

QUICK RETURN ON SEED SOWN // I sowed my \$200 seed, claimed my hundredfold return and within a week, I sold two airplanes I had been trying to sell and made almost \$20k profit! Praise God and thank You, Jesus! Thanks, KCM, for standing with me.

F.I. | Chesterfield, Va.

EL SHADDAI IS MORE THAN ENOUGH

I want to celebrate the Lord for my deliverance. I had started a prayer group at church and after the first day, as I came home, I was afflicted—unstable in my mind and filled with the spirit of fear. While I was seeking God for my deliverance, I turned on BVOV and Kenneth Copeland was preaching in Nigeria. He said, "El Shaddai means 'the God of more than enough.'" Immediately it was like a

revelation and I shouted very loudly in my house, "El Shaddai, the God of more than enough, help me!" It seemed something left me, and I was healed and restored. It is now more than two weeks and I am still healed and moving forward with my assignment. I thank God, and I thank my spiritual coach, Brother Copeland, for the revelation.

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—Kenneth Copeland

FOREST FIRES NO MATCH FOR PRAYER AND THE BLOOD

I'm writing a praise report regarding the forest fires this past summer in the interior of British Columbia. We live just north of Cache Creek and were directly impacted by the backburns that were supposed to put the fires out. Thanks to your teachings and Brother Hagin's, I certainly

learned to pray as I drew a bloodline around the houses in my community and talked to the fire to "keep back" every day I was home until evacuations. To make a long story short, in the end we were evacuated twice. Between evacuations a wonderful prayer servant phoned at exactly the right time,

and prayed with me when I needed support and encouragement.

The top edge of our acreage was burned and I've also learned that by prayer, I can make the devil pay for what he's put me through! Blessings.

C.R. | British Columbia

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***Patience is the force that
keeps you operating in faith,
standing strong until the
manifestation comes.***

— Kenneth Copeland

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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USHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Twenty-one-year-old Candy Dickerson wrapped her hair around large curlers as she hummed the song she would sing later that day at her cousin's wedding. As a music/theater major in college, she had plenty of opportunities to sing. Glancing at the clock, she realized she would miss the audition she'd seen advertised for a gospel opera if she didn't leave soon.





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—Candy”

Candy would have loved to try out for a part if she hadn't had so much going on with her cousin's wedding. Pausing, she looked in the mirror at her furrowed brows. She'd had another dream about Stephen LaFlora. It was odd how he kept popping up in her dreams. After all, they'd only met once when she was 12. Even then, he hadn't really had a conversation with Candy. That was her nickname. He'd known her by her given name Woola, pronounced Oo-la.

Their families had a lot in common. Both lived in Chicago. Both of their fathers, grandfathers and uncles were pastors in the Church of God in Christ denomination. When Candy had been 12 and Stephen 15, both families had taken a chartered bus to a convention in Houston.

Stephen had walked over to talk to Candy when her mother swept down like a hawk.

"Young man, do you have any idea how old my daughter is?"

"No, ma'am!"

"She's 12 years old!"

And that had been that. Stephen not only never spoke to her again, Candy hadn't even seen him since that day. Except in her dreams. They weren't romantic dreams, he just kept making an appearance. Candy believed the dreams represented a prayer burden. Thinking that Stephen must be going through a difficult time, she'd started praying for him.

Go to the audition, the Lord said.

Exasperated, Candy looked at herself in the mirror. She was a mess. Hair in curlers and baggy jeans. Tying a scarf over the rollers, she ran to her car. She'd just go as she was.

Inside the theater, Candy was about to audition when she saw the show's director sitting at the piano, ready to accompany her. When he turned to look at her, she froze.

Stephen LaFlora.

She was a hot mess and he was...well, just about perfect.

Oh God! I've got to get out of here!

Just then, he started playing her piece.

Too late, she realized. *I'll sing, then I'll run.*

Candy sang and then dashed out the door, running faster than she thought possible. Forget a callback. She wanted to pretend this audition had never happened.

"Miss! Hey, Miss!"

He was chasing her!

Candy picked up speed and ran across the parking lot, but he caught her.

"Wait a minute!" Stephen said. "The whole time you were singing, I thought you looked familiar. What's your name?"

"Candy Dickerson."

"No, you have another name. I just know it."

"Woola Dickerson."

"It's *you*!" Stephen said, stunned.

Strongholds Broken

"I got the part," Candy remembers, "and Stephen got my number. That was August. We started dating in September. Stephen's idea of a great date was to come to my house for a Bible study. Another of his favorite things to do on a date was play cassette recordings he'd made of Kenneth Copeland's radio broadcasts.

"I didn't mind, because I knew Stephen would never become a pastor. With so many pastors in my family, I'd ruled that out for me. I'd prayed for God to send me a Christian musician. Stephen met that criteria. He'd earned a degree in music and was a classical pianist. He wrote and composed music. He was such a gifted musician that I knew pastoring a church wasn't in his future."

Stephen LaFlora had been born with such debilitating asthma that he'd been hospitalized for the first time when he was a mere 6 weeks old. Throughout his childhood and college years, he'd spent an average of three times a year in the hospital.

When he heard about Kenneth E. Hagin, who'd been bedridden most of his childhood before being healed, Stephen had been intrigued. He'd been even more intrigued when he learned that Brother Hagin held prayer meetings where many people were being healed. Stephen immersed himself into teachings on faith.

"While in college, I'd been witnessing to a young man and telling him that God still heals," Stephen recalls. "He had agreed to meet me at church on Sunday morning. On Friday, I developed a full-blown asthma attack. I told the Lord I'd had enough. I'd recorded all the healing scriptures onto a cassette tape. I played them all night on Friday night. I was no better Saturday, so I continued listening to them. Sunday morning, I was still wheezing. I got dressed and drove to church by faith. On the way, every symptom left me. That stronghold over my life was broken.

"After college, I started praying for a wife. I was the director of a gospel

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	1	Jer. 7-8	1 Tim. 6
Tue	2	Jer. 9-10	2 Tim. 1
Wed	3	Jer. 11-12	2 Tim. 2
Thu	4	Jer. 13-14	2 Tim. 3
Fri	5	Jer. 15-16	2 Tim. 4
Sat	6	Jer. 17-18	
Sun	7	Ps. 110-114; Prov. 24:23-34	
Mon	8	Jer. 19-20	Titus 1
Tue	9	Jer. 21-22	Titus 2
Wed	10	Jer. 23	Titus 3
Thu	11	Jer. 24-25	Philem.
Fri	12	Jer. 26-27	Heb. 1
Sat	13	Jer. 28-29	
Sun	14	Ps. 115-118; Prov. 25:1-20	
Mon	15	Jer. 30-31	Heb. 2
Tues	16	Jer. 32	Heb. 3
Wed	17	Jer. 33-34	Heb. 4
Thu	18	Jer. 35-36	Heb. 5
Fri	19	Jer. 37-38	Heb. 6
Sat	20	Jer. 39-40	
Sun	21	Ps. 119: 1-48; Prov. 25:21-26:12	
Mon	22	Jer. 41-42	Heb. 7
Tue	23	Jer. 43-44	Heb. 8
Wed	24	Jer. 45-46	Heb. 9
Thu	25	Jer. 47-48	Heb. 10
Fri	26	Jer. 49	Heb. 11
Sat	27	Jer. 50	
Sun	28	Ps. 119:49-88; Prov. 26:13-28	
Mon	29	Jer. 51-52	Heb. 12
Tue	30	Lam. 1-2	Heb. 13
Wed	31	Lam. 3	Jas. 1

opera, but I'd decided to quit because of some things going on in the production. I had a dream and in it the Lord told me not to quit. That audition brought Candy into my life. As soon as we started dating, I introduced her to the Word of Faith. We married in April 1986. As a couple, we became Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries. My dad was pastoring a church, and we led the music ministry and the youth group."

A Word From God?

Candy closed her Bible as Stephen came into the room one morning about a year later.

"The Lord spoke to me about traveling with KCM," she said.

Stephen beamed, nodding his approval.

"I want us to put together a demo for them," Candy continued.

"I love the way you think," Stephen said, giving his wife a hug. They made a VHS tape of a recent concert and sent it to KCM.

They never heard back.

Candy figured she had missed God. Instead, she picked up what would become a lifelong prayer burden for them. Over the years the couple attended the Southwest Believers' Convention, sitting in the nosebleed section. Hungry for the Word, they soaked up the teachings on faith and enjoyed the presence of God. In 1987,

their first daughter, Stephanie, was born.

Changing Direction

A television producer friend contacted Stephen and asked him to compose music for a program on NBC. Stephen declined the offer because of a conflict. But the following month, he accepted an offer to write the music for a children's program scheduled to air on the same network. Stephen composed the music, which won an Emmy® Award.

Meanwhile, Candy was busy filming TV commercials and singing jingles. She also auditioned for *Star Search*, a television talent show hosted by Ed McMahon. She made the cut and was accepted to be on the show, but due to a sudden dramatic shift in their lives, Candy never made an appearance on the show.

In 1988, God directed Stephen and Candy to enroll at Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Okla.

"Rhema introduced us to worship in a new way," Candy explains. "We sat under the teaching of Brother Kenneth E. Hagin, which was wonderful, and Brother Keith Moore taught us how to flow in the Holy Spirit in music. He would get a new song from the Lord, and then call me up to sing with him and have Steve play piano. Patsy Cameneti taught us to flow in prayer by the Spirit as well.

"Both of us graduated in 1990, sold out to God and ready to go anywhere He sent us. We were a little surprised when He sent us back home to Chicago. We had the teaching, the youth, the energy and the passion to do new things. But God wouldn't let us. He planted us right back where we'd been before we left. Ministering in a local church of 150 people. Leading music and being youth pastors."

The Lord's admonition to the couple was clear: *Be still. Be planted. Serve. Stay faithful.*

Breaking Out

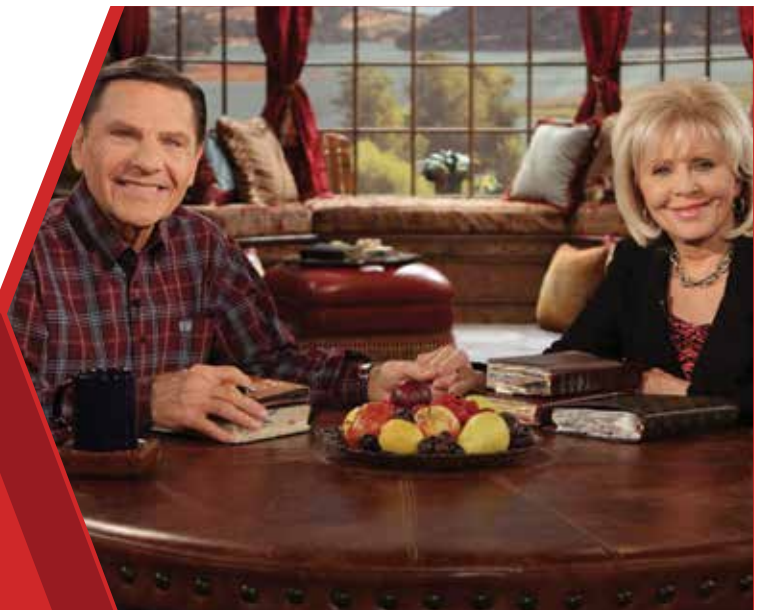
It felt like they'd gone backward to a dry season. However, Brother Moore had warned them that there would be seasons of proving, Candy recalled. During that time, in 1991, Candy gave birth to their second daughter, Jennifer.

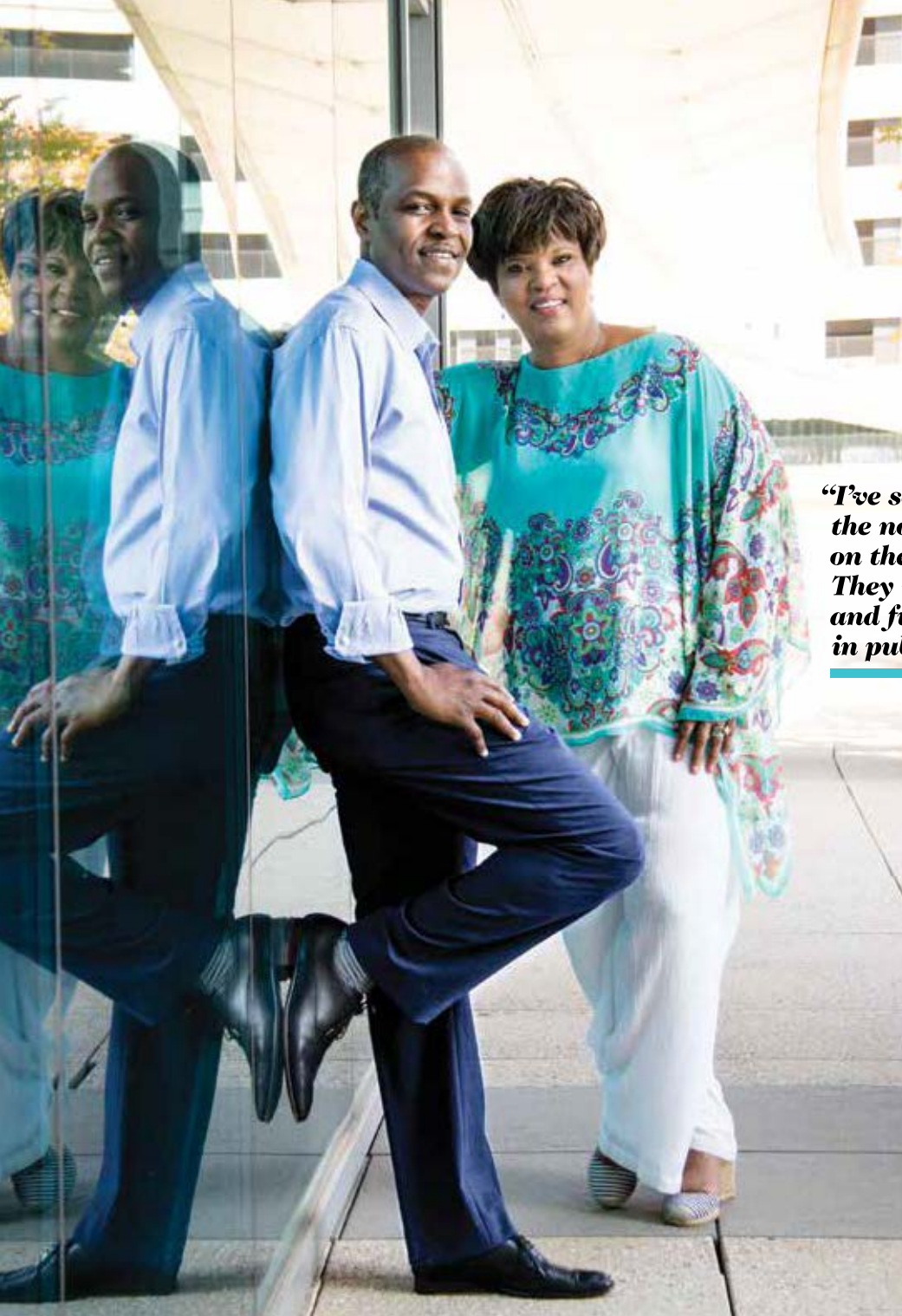
"I learned several important things from Brother Copeland while I was in my 20s that had a major impact on me," Stephen recalls. "He taught on Matthew 26:40 where the Lord asked His disciples if they couldn't pray one hour. I was in college practicing the piano five hours a day. Surely, I could give God an hour of prayer.

"The second thing I learned that changed my life was Brother Copeland's habit of fasting in January. I learned to fast. He also taught me that I didn't have



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give \$10,000, even though we didn't even have \$1,000. As we gave into that pledge, it broke that dry season.

"We got a call from Brother Keith Moore asking us to record with him. We recorded in Brother Copeland's studio. Working with Brother Keith and seeing Brother Copeland release quality music from his own studio opened a whole new world to us."

"I've seen the Copelands on TV, from the nosebleed section of the bleachers, on the stage and behind the stage. They never change. They're seasoned and full of the fruit of the spirit both in public and in private."

From Faith to Faith

When Kenneth E. Hagin began traveling and hosting Holy Ghost meetings, Keith Moore went along to help. He invited Stephen and Candy to minister in music. For almost six years, they traveled, ministering in those life-changing meetings. Between trips, they continued ministering at their church in Chicago. Stephen, who was director of the boy's home, earned a master's degree in human service administration. Over the years, they ministered to nearly 300 boys, most of whom they led to the Lord.

Following their time with Brother Hagin, Stephen and Candy spent the next 11 years traveling and doing music with Joyce Meyer Ministries. Taking the microphone to sing during a ministry trip to India, Candy looked out over a crowd of about a million people. She knew beyond a doubt that if she and Stephen had not been faithful with a few, God would never have released them to minister to so many.

"We were at a meeting at Brother Keith Moore's church in Branson when some people from KCM's worship team asked to speak to us," Candy recalls. "They asked if Stephen and I would be willing to travel and sing with them at Brother Copeland's meetings. It had been 20 years since I thought I heard the Lord say I was to travel with KCM."

to wait until I had large sums of money to give. Brother Copeland explained how he'd decided to give \$50,000 into Brother Hagin's ministry. Although he had no idea how he'd be able to do it, instead of waiting, he started giving what he had and just kept giving until he'd given \$50,000.

"Our church had opened a home for boys who were wards of the state. Most of them had behaviors too extreme for foster care. They ranged in age from seven to 18. We ministered to them and led most of them to the Lord. We were given a building, but we needed \$250,000 to renovate it. Candy and I decided to

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I hadn't even thought about it for years."


After discussing the invitation, they decided to accept. In the years since, Stephen and Candy have played and sung with the KCM worship team at all KCM meetings, including some of Brother Copeland's international meetings.

"I've seen the Copelands on TV, from the nosebleed section of the bleachers, on the stage and behind the stage. They never change. I've seen them get attacked by the enemy. They don't flinch. They're not grumpy. They're seasoned and full of the fruit of the spirit both in public and in private. Partnership with this ministry is about restoring covenant, and it has changed our lives."

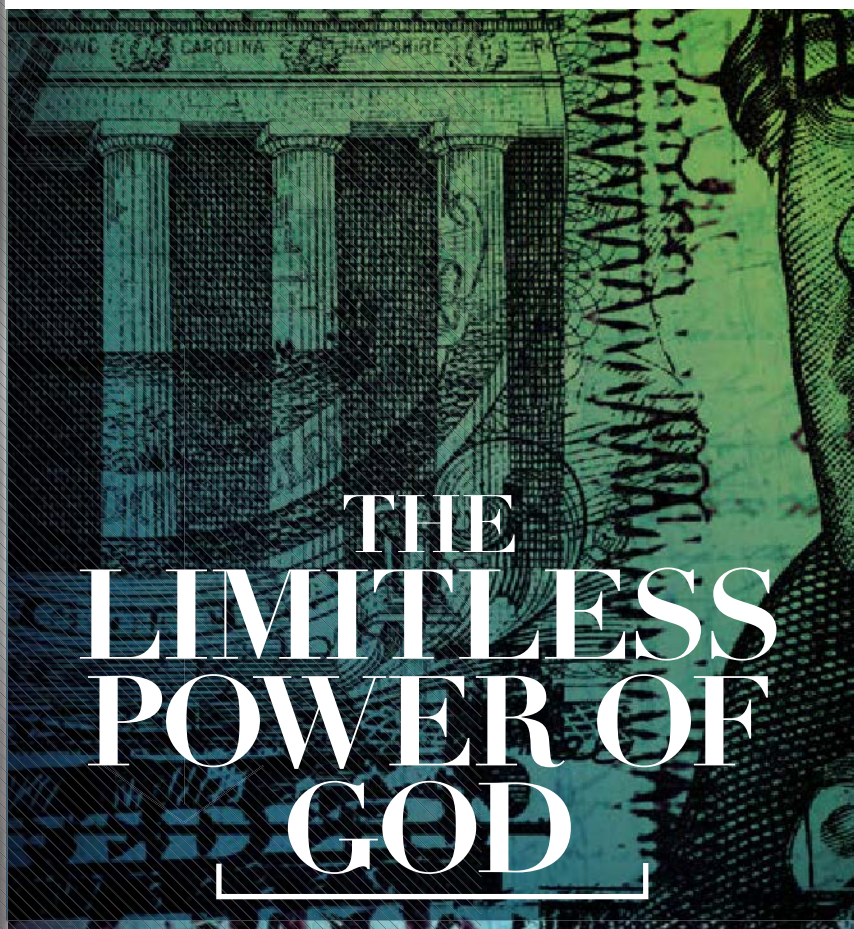
Connecting with KCM isn't the only thing that has changed for Stephen and Candy. Seven years ago, Stephen's father turned the leadership of Maranatha Church over to his son. Candy had married a pastor after all.

On Oct. 26, Candy and Stephen will host a live concert with Grammy® Award-winning saxophonist Kirk Whalum, at Eagle Mountain International Church, on the grounds of KCM. Called "A Night of Refreshing," the concert will feature Candy's band, singers from EMIC and a local recording choir.

"We'll be sowing this concert into the lives of those who need a refreshing by giving away MP3 downloads," Candy said. "I sense a shift in the spirit. We're entering the time that eyes have not seen, nor ears heard. I believe the latter and former rains are merging. It's a new thing that we've never experienced before. Keep your eyes on Jesus."

Over the years, the Lord has taken Stephen and Candy to India, Ireland, England, Australia and South Africa. They're still traveling the world, helping usher people into the presence of God. 

(For more information on Stephen and Candy LaFlora, visit their website at stephenandcandy.com.)



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THOSE FINANCES. HE INTENDS FOR YOU, AS
HIS CHILD, TO BE A BLESSING BY BRINGING
TO THIS LIMITED WORLD THE UNLIMITED
RESOURCES OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

by Kenneth Copeland

Me? you may think. I don't have enough money to fully meet my own needs—much less be a blessing to others!

No doubt the disciples had similar thoughts when a hungry crowd of more than 5,000 people needed to be fed and Jesus turned to them and asked, "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" (John 6:5). I imagine they were stunned by the question. They probably wondered why Jesus would even ask it. After all, He knew they didn't have the kind

of money it would take to buy dinner for such a multitude.

What could He possibly be thinking?

Actually, the Bible tells us exactly what He was thinking. It says, "This he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do" (verse 6).

Jesus already had a plan from God. He didn't ask the disciples where they were going to buy bread to feed the crowd because He

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didn't know what to do. He knew exactly how He was going to feed those 5,000 people.

This was a test to see what the disciples had learned from Jesus. He had been teaching and training them. They'd been watching and listening to Him and knew His basic methods of operation. So, they should have had some idea of what He was going to do.

Who Are You Listening To?

The disciples, however, didn't pass the test. Instead, Philip jumped up and said, "Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little" (verse 7).

Philip's answer proves he never really heard Jesus' question. Jesus didn't ask how much money they had. He didn't say anything about money. He simply asked *where* they would buy bread to feed the crowd.

Philip made the same mistake most of us make. He got caught up in thinking about the problem. He was figuring out how many people there were, how much money was in the treasury and how much bread costs. He was so preoccupied with his own doubts and questions that the problems were speaking to him more loudly than The LORD. As a result, he answered Jesus without really listening to Him.

We all do that at times, don't we? We get so focused on our problems that we're not able to hear the proper questions and answers from The WORD of God. We end up trying to figure out what *we're* going to do instead of looking to God for what He can do!

Thankfully, there was one disciple there that day who did hear Jesus' question. It was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. As he was thinking about where they could buy some bread, he saw a young boy who was working as a vendor selling bread and fish to the people. The little fellow had already sold almost all he had, but Andrew brought him to Jesus anyway and said, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" (verse 9).

Andrew was on the right spiritual track when he did that. He had listened, and responded to Jesus' question. But

he, too, quickly got sidetracked when he started thinking about the limited resources before him instead of his unlimited God. Like Philip, Andrew got caught up in thinking about the problem instead of keeping his attention focused on Jesus.

Interestingly enough, Jesus didn't even reply to Philip and Andrew. He didn't respond to their concerns at all. They hadn't really listened to His question or grasped what He'd been teaching them. So He didn't have anything to say to them.

Get Involved in a Miracle

Remember that the next time God doesn't seem to be answering your questions or addressing your concerns. Maybe it's because you haven't been paying attention to His WORD. Maybe it's because you've been so busy thinking about and reacting to your problems that you've failed to listen to (and act on) what He's already said to you. If that's the case, He doesn't have any grounds on which to communicate with you.

That's the position the disciples were in that day. But Jesus didn't leave them there. Instead He gave them one simple instruction: "Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would" (verses 10-11).

Even though the disciples didn't pass the test, Jesus gave them the privilege to take part in what He was doing. Despite their weaknesses, He was still able to capture their thinking and get them involved in a miracle.

In His hands, Jesus took the little loaves and fish that Andrew brought to Him. He blessed them, gave each disciple a portion and—miracle of miracles—those portions multiplied and fed the entire crowd! What made that possible?

The anointing of increase!

That is the anointing that's in the hands of Jesus! It's in His ministry. It's in His WORD. It's in His Spirit. It's in His Name. It's in His blood and it is in

and on His people! Jesus' disciples had that anointing of increase on them even though they didn't understand it very well.

As a result, they were able to cooperate with Jesus and become a source of blessing to thousands of people that day. They were able to give those folks not just a little something to eat, as Philip thought, but rather as much bread as they desired.

God Can Handle It

That was the plan of God. He didn't intend for those disciples to be at the mercy of the world's resources that day. He intended them to be the source of those resources! Had they realized that, they would have answered Jesus' question correctly when He asked them, "Where will we buy food that these may eat?" They would have answered, "LORD, there's no place on earth that has enough food for this crowd. It's going to have to come from heaven!"

The same thing is true for you today. You don't have enough natural resources to be the kind of blessing to the world God wants you to be. You can't work enough hours to bring in all the money God desires to put in your hands. That means there's another way to get those finances. You'll just have to take the little God has put in your hands, and expect Him to multiply it! Instead of looking to your limited resources in this earth, you'll have to look to the unlimited resources of heaven!


But to do that, you'll have to stop sitting around thinking about your own puny financial ability and what you can or can't do. Stop thinking within yourself and start thinking outside yourself. Start thinking inside The WORD and what God can do. When you get outside of yourself and begin to think inside The WORD of God, you get outside of your limitations and into the limitless power of Almighty God!

And His power truly is limitless! He can handle any financial need this world can come up with. In fact, all of them together don't put any kind of strain on God's resources. You could take all the wealth in the world and put it together in a pile and it wouldn't impress God for five seconds. He created it all!

So stop thinking about what you can't

do and start thinking about what He can do. When there's a pressing financial need and you start to think, *How in the world am I ever going to get enough to...?* Don't even finish that thought!

Instead, start thinking about Jesus. Let His WORD talk to you. Open your mouth and say, "My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory! He is able to make all grace abound toward me, that I, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work!"

Start thinking outside yourself and inside The WORD—and let Jesus bless the world through you! 

"Stop sitting around thinking about your own puny financial ability and what you can or can't do."

GOD CAN DO MORE THAN JUST PROSPER YOU PERSONALLY, HE IS ABLE TO MAKE YOU A FINANCIAL BLESSING TO OTHERS AS WELL.

2 Corinthians 9:8

GOD'S PROSPERING GRACE WORKS FIRST IN YOUR LIFE BY PROMPTING YOU TO GIVE.

2 Corinthians 8:1

IF YOU ONLY HAVE A LITTLE TO GIVE, START THERE, AND BELIEVE GOD TO MULTIPLY THE SEED THAT YOU SOW.

2 Corinthians 9:10

GIVING STARTS THE RECEIVING CYCLE. Luke 6:38



by Gloria Copeland

GOD'S GOT US COVERED

WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, MY GRANDDAD HAD A STORM CELLAR. THE BEST ONE IN THE LITTLE TOWN WHERE WE LIVED, IT WAS A VERY POPULAR PLACE. EVEN THOUGH (AS FAR AS I CAN RECALL) WE NEVER GOT HIT BY ANY LIFE-THREATENING STORMS, MY KINFOLK NEVER TOOK ANY CHANCES.



"THE HEBREW WORD TRANSLATED DWELLETH MEANS "TO LODGE SOMEWHERE.

It refers to a place where you live, remain and stay."

We all headed for Pop's cellar at the first sign of troublesome weather. At the time, I thought it was all pretty exciting. I liked the idea of having a refuge from the storm.

Truth be told, I still do.

These days, however, I want a refuge that protects me from more than just bad weather. I want a shelter from every other kind of danger as well, because these are perilous times we're living in. We're in the last days before Jesus returns. These are the days He was talking about in Matthew 24:7-8, *New Living Translation-96*, when He said: "The nations and kingdoms will proclaim war against each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this will be only the beginning of the horrors to come."

Normally, the word *horrors*, which is used in that translation, isn't one I like very much. But I have to admit, it fits some of what we're seeing right now. There's been a startling increase in evil here in America in just the past 20 years or so. People are behaving in crazy, devilish ways. Parents are killing children; children are killing parents. Young people are committing mass murder. We don't know what will happen next.

Personally, I believe the Church will be raptured out of here before the worst comes. But even so, I don't know how much this world is going to deteriorate before we're gone. Things could really





get bad.

I'm not afraid, though, and you don't have to be either, because God promised to protect us right in the middle of it all. He said He will be our refuge.

God is a far greater refuge than my granddad's storm cellar ever was! He's with us wherever we go. If we'll stay connected to Him, we can drive around in our car, fly on an airplane or walk down any street in any city in the world without ever leaving our shelter.

God's got us covered all the time!

Of course, to benefit from His covering, we have to do our part. We can't just live anyway we want, not pay God much attention, and think, *Well, if I ever get in trouble, I'll pray.* On the contrary! If we want to see God's promises of protection fulfilled in our lives, we have to remember and act on what Psalm 91:1 says: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

The Hebrew word translated *dwelleth* means "to lodge somewhere." It refers to a place where you live, remain and stay. When you're dwelling in God's secret place and abiding in His shadow, you don't come and go in your relationship with Him. You don't live all week trying to see what you can get away with and then show up at church on Sunday. You're in fellowship with the Lord and endeavoring to obey Him every day. You're living in all the light you have and always seeking more light.

I'm not saying you have to be perfect, of course. None of us is perfect. But as an abider, when you do stumble, you quickly repent and get things right again.

Living in a Bubble

In John 15:7, Jesus connected the concept of abiding with the Word of God. He said, "If ye abide in me,

and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

How do you know when the Word is abiding in you? It talks to you! It directs your thoughts as you go about your day. It comes to your mind when challenges arise, and helps you know what to do.

I’ve found in my own life that if I want the Word to abide in me, I have to spend time in it. I can’t just read it casually every now and then. I can’t just listen to sermons and let them go in one ear and out the other. I have to be diligent to read the Word, meditate on it every day and obey it. I must treat it like a priceless treasure.

That’s not hard for me to do because I love the Word of God. It’s precious to me. My deliverance, safety and well-being in life depend on it.

The same is true for you. So stir up your love for the Word by not only reading it, but believing what it says. Make it the most important thing in your life! Renew your mind to the fact that when you’re abiding in the Word, you’re abiding in your supernatural, divine shelter. You’re living, protected from all harm, in the secret place of the Most High.

There’s nothing better than dwelling in the secret place!

It’s a bubble of protection where you’re surrounded with God Himself on every side. It’s a place where you’re concealed from your enemies and hidden from danger.

If you want to see how secure this divine place of protection can be, read in the New Testament about how Jesus walked unharmed right through the middle of a mob of people who wanted to murder Him. They couldn’t touch Him because He was concealed in the secret place.

Or read the Old Testament story about how Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fiery furnace without a hair on their head being singed and without even the smell of smoke on their clothes. The fire couldn’t hurt them because they were in a supernatural bubble, completely encased by the power of God.

You can have that kind of protection, too, when you’re abiding in the secret place. The Bible promises it again and

again in scriptures like these:

“Blessed be the Lord my strength... my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust” (Psalm 144:1-2).

“But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield” (Psalm 5:11-12).

“Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word” (Psalm 119:114).

“The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore” (Psalm 121:5, 7-8).

“Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me” (Psalm 27:3, 5-6).

Notice those verses say that the Lord encompasses us like a fortress with His protection. He encircles us with His power so that when our enemies try to surround us, they find we’ve already been surrounded. They can’t get to us because God already has us covered all the way around!

Activate Your Protection With Words of Faith

“But Gloria,” you might say, “I love the Lord and His Word. I do my best to walk with Him and abide in Him, but I’m still not experiencing the kind of protection you’re talking about. Is there something else I need to do?”

Yes! Look again at Psalm 91 and you’ll see what it is. According to verse 2, to dwell in God’s secret place

we must make this declaration, “I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.”

Why is it so important to say such words?

Because that’s how we receive everything God provides for us. We believe in our hearts what He says in His Word, and confess it with our mouths. We act on what Jesus taught in Mark 11:23: “Whosoever shall say...and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

Isn’t that how you got saved? Didn’t you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth, “Jesus is my Lord and Savior”? Well, you receive protection the same way. You believe what the Bible teaches about it and say of the Lord, in every situation, “He is my refuge and my fortress.”

God’s promises don’t just work for us automatically because they’re in the Bible. They have to be activated by faith-filled words. That’s why over the years, I’ve made God’s promises of protection a daily part of my prayer life.

Every morning I pray for myself and my family members by name, plead the blood of Jesus over us, and declare that God is our refuge. I say things like, “Thank You, Lord, for our divine bubble of protection. Thank You for being our Shelter and our Shield today. You surround us so that no weapon formed against us will succeed, in Jesus’ Name.”

One morning a few years back, I was reminded in a big way just how vital such prayers can be. Not long after I finished praying, the ground under my feet began to shake. Ken and I were in a hotel in Hawaii at the time, on the 13th floor. We realized right away we were in an earthquake!

At times like that, you really find out what’s in you, because before you can even think, it comes out of your mouth. I’m happy to report that what came out of our mouths at that moment was the Word of God. Unlike the lady in the room next to us who ran out into the hall repeating a curse word over and over, Ken and I instantly took authority over the situation in Jesus’ Name. We declared God’s promises

of protection at the top of our lungs. Then, calm as could be, we did what the Lord prompted us to do.

Although the hotel personnel had informed us the airport was closed and no flights would be going out, we felt led to go to the airport anyway. Sure enough, our flight departed as scheduled and, instead of being stuck in a hotel with no electricity and no restaurants (they all closed down) for the next few days, we went back to Texas, safe and sound, and enjoyed the comforts of home.

Bad Day at Black Rock

One thing I particularly remember about that earthquake is this: Ken and I had absolutely no fear when it hit. We didn't have to try not to be afraid. Fear just wasn't there!

That's not to say we're totally immune to fear. On occasion, it does try to rear its ugly head. But whenever it does, we throw a Holy Ghost fit. We run it out of our lives with the Word of God and refuse to entertain it for a second.

Why are we so determined to stay free of fear?

Because it's impossible to trust in the Lord and be afraid at the same time; and trusting in the Lord is essential to keeping God's protective covering intact.

Look again at Psalm 91:2-5 and you'll see what I mean. It says: "[The Lord] is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid...."

You can't be afraid while you're taking the Lord as your refuge. You can't exercise your faith in God as your protection while you're wringing your hands and saying, "I'm afraid of storms. I'm afraid of tornadoes. I'm afraid of airplanes...and earthquakes...and whatever else."

Fear is deadly. It opens the door to the devil. When you let it into your life, you're saying to him, "Come on in!"

So anytime fear tries to come on you in any area of life, rebuke

it. Resist it. Get scriptures that contradict what fear is saying to you and swing them at fear like a sword. Be violent about driving out all fear and seize the promises of protection God has given you. As Jesus said, "The violent take it by force" (Matthew 11:12)!

"But isn't that unrealistic?" you might ask. "Won't there be times in my life when I can't help being afraid?"

No, there won't if you take action on God's Word.

According to Psalm 91:7, even if "a thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand," you shall not be afraid because "it shall not come nigh thee."

I don't know how you would categorize that kind of situation, but I'd call it a bad day at Black Rock. It doesn't get much worse than seeing 11,000 people killed on every side and being the lone survivor. Yet, the Bible says we can go through even that kind of devastation unafraid and unharmed, if we abide in the secret place of the Most High, say of the Lord, "He is my refuge," and trust in Him.

As long as we do those three things, we can live—even in these dangerous times—in a bubble of supernatural protection. We can know that we're safe anywhere we go, no matter what's happening around us, because God's got us covered! ⑦

“Today, you are a picture of what you spoke from your heart in the past.”

—Gloria Copeland



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CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

Did you know that if you're born again you're not a citizen of this world? You're living in it right now, of course. In

the natural, you're operating in the midst of this fallen world's system. But, although you're *in* the world, you're not *of* it.

Your citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20, *New King James Version*)! You're born of God and spiritually you've been translated into His kingdom. At this very moment, while you're walking around on this earth in your physical body, God's kingdom is living in you; you're living in it; and you have access to all its resources, rights and privileges.

You don't have to fret about anything down here in this crazy world!

If you'll simply walk in the power of your heavenly citizenship, you can overcome any challenge the world throws at you. You can rise above difficult circumstances. You can triumph over all the trouble the devil stirs up in this place. You can live as more than a conqueror and walk out your days here in victory and not in defeat.

To do that, though, you can't go around thinking and talking like the world does. You have to maintain a spirit of faith! You must keep your heart full of God's Word so that when bad news comes your way, rather than giving in to fear and discouragement, you can say about the situation what God says.

He's already spoken about every need you

could ever have and every problem you'll ever face. He's already said and recorded in the Bible enough words of BLESSING to enable you to experience "days of heaven upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:21). Every one of those words became law in the spirit realm the moment they were spoken, and even though they've been in the Scriptures for thousands of years they still have God's Spirit and life in them.

Everything God ever said is still true, and any one of us can believe it, say it and act on it, and it will come to pass.

As believers, however, we don't always want to do that. Particularly when we're in a hard place, we sometimes just want to give in to our flesh and talk about the problem. Rather than opening our Bibles and standing on God's Word, we want Him to do *for* us what He told us to do.

We want Him to speak words of faith over our lives by sending someone to prophesy to us that our problem has been solved, that we're healed, or that we'll never have any more financial difficulties. We want Him to rebuke the devil on our behalf. We want Him to command the mountains in our lives to move, while we sit around having a pity party and spouting unbelief.

But that's not how God's kingdom works. It's not set up to manifest on earth simply in response to God's Words. It's designed to respond to our words. According to the New Testament:

The devil flees when we resist him by saying,

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

- 1 God's will is for you to walk in the BLESSINGS of heaven even while you're still living in this world.
Deuteronomy 11:21
- 2 For God's will to manifest in your life, you must speak His Word by faith.
2 Corinthians 4:13
- 3 When you believe and declare God's Word, it comes to pass because it has His creative power in it.
Hebrews 4:12 (AMPC)
- 4 When you complain and speak unbelief like the world does, your words work against you.
1 Corinthians 10:10
- 5 Whatever is in your heart in abundance comes out of your mouth, so keep your heart filled with God's Word.
John 15:7

like Jesus did when He was on earth, “It is written” (James 4:7; Matthew 4:4).

The mountain in our life moves when we “have faith in God” and speak to it ourselves. “For...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” (Mark 11:22-23).

We bring heaven to earth not by

with the same kind of creative power and faith it had when God first spoke it.

Think of it like a cycle. God sends down His Word to us, then we renew our minds with it and learn to think about things the way He does. As we learn to think like Him we begin to talk like Him. We believe and speak His Words, and they produce His results.

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than

by faith and not by sight, continue to say what God said, and act like it’s true, because it is true! If you’ll do that, eventually the natural circumstances will come into line and those symptoms of sickness will leave your body.

“But Gloria, what if I’m struggling with something other than sickness and I don’t know what God’s Word says about it?”

Then find out! Spend time reading your Bible and listening to good, Word-based, faith-building preaching. Seek God in the Word and in prayer until you

know what His will is and what promises He’s made that you can apply to that situation. Then receive them as your own, get them into your heart in abundance, and keep saying them by faith

until they manifest.

This is how God intends for all of us, as believers, to live every day! He intends for us to make His Word our No. 1 priority and spend time in it daily. He intends for us to find out what He has said about every area of our lives and meditate on it continually. For as Jesus said, “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” (John 15:7).

The Word that’s abiding in you is the Word that talks to you. It’s the Word that comes up in you when the world or the devil tries to rob you of your Kingdom privileges.

When the devil attacks your finances, if the first thing that comes up in you to say is, “My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus,” you know that Word is abiding in you because it’s what came out of your mouth. If the first thing that comes up in you is, “We’re not going to be able to pay our bills,” it’s a sign you don’t have what God said about that abiding in you yet.

Be Ready When the Crisis Hits

I remember a letter we received from one of our Partners several years ago about an abiding word that came up in her when she was facing a very dangerous situation. A wildfire was

“THIS IS HOW GOD INTENDS FOR ALL OF US, AS BELIEVERS, TO LIVE EVERY DAY!

HE INTENDS FOR US TO MAKE HIS WORD OUR NO. 1 PRIORITY AND SPEND TIME IN IT DAILY.”

complaining about the things down here that are giving us problems, but by having the “spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak” (2 Corinthians 4:13).

Releasing God’s Creative Power

“Well,” someone might say, “you faith people are just extreme when it comes to that believing and speaking business. You think God will just do whatever you say.”

No, we don’t. We think He’ll do what we say *by faith*; and faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

If God hasn’t said a particular thing is His will, we don’t have any basis for expecting Him to do it. But if He’s said it, we can believe it, speak it and it will come to pass. Why? Because it’s His Word, and “the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power...active, operative, energizing, and effective” (Hebrews 4:12, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

God’s Word contains His creative power! It contained that power when it first came out of His mouth, and if we’ll get it inside us and let it abide in our hearts, it will come out of our mouths

your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:8-11, *AMPC*).

This is how you get rid of sickness when it comes and tries to attach itself to your body. You think about it and talk to it like God does. Rather than just accepting it, you stand on what the Word says about healing and say to that sickness, “Get out of here, in the Name of Jesus! You’re part of the curse of the law, and Jesus has redeemed me from that curse” (Deuteronomy 28:61; Galatians 3:13). “He bore all sickness, so I could be set free from it, and by His stripes I am healed” (Isaiah 53:4-5).

If, after you say those things, the symptoms don’t immediately go away, you just stick with the Word. You walk

about to burn down her house. The blaze had already consumed the woods that bordered her yard, and realizing she needed to get out, she grabbed her prayer journal and her Bible. (That tells you right there what her priorities were.) Then she suddenly had a thought. *I need to take authority over this fire!*

She remembered that the Word says no evil shall befall you, nor any calamity come near your dwelling (Psalm 91:10, *AMPC*), so she commanded that fire to move out. Immediately the wind changed, and the fire went in a different direction. It turned away from her property and left her home untouched.

That's a good illustration of what it looks like to live as a citizen of heaven! It's also a reminder of how important it can be to continually feed on the Word and maintain a spirit of faith. When a wildfire is bearing down on you, you don't have time to go listen to a CD on God's promises of protection. In times of emergency, you don't have time to get your concordance and start hunting for verses in the Bible that will tell you what to do.

No, at those moments, what will come out of you is what you already have in your heart: "for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34).

Your life depends on what you have in your heart! So, keep it filled to overflowing all the time with God's Word. Then, when trouble hits, you'll be ready. You'll be in the habit of talking like God does and you won't be easy prey for the devil.

An outlaw who comes to steal, kill and destroy, the devil knows all about the power of words. He knows, even if a lot of Christians don't, that "death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). So, he's always trying to get us, as believers, to speak words that, instead of working for us, will work against us. He's always endeavoring to get hold of our tongues, so we'll make the mistake the Israelites made the first time they started to go into the Promised Land.

You remember that story. Ten of the spies Moses had sent into the land returned and reported that the giants there were too big to conquer. Two of the spies, Caleb and Joshua, believed God's

LIVING FREE

As believers, we have all been delivered out from under the oppressive regime of the devil and translated into the freedom of the kingdom of God. But to fully enjoy our new freedom we must discover the process by which His kingdom operates. We must learn how to live free. Here are a few points to help you:

EVERY TIME YOU READ THE BIBLE, EXPECT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD'S METHODS OF OPERATION.

Luke 8:10

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH GOD'S VOICE BY PUTTING HIS WRITTEN WORD FIRST PLACE IN YOUR LIFE.

Hebrews 4:1

TRUST GOD TO PROTECT YOU BY ALERTING YOU IF YOU MISUNDERSTAND SOMETHING HE SAID.

John 10:5

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE YOU'VE HEARD THE SPIRIT CORRECTLY, ASK GOD TO CONFIRM IT WITH HIS WRITTEN WORD.

1 John 5:7



PRAY EVERY DAY AND PRACTICE LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S VOICE IN YOUR SPIRIT.

John 14:17

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Word and said the giants were no problem. “Let’s go up at once! We can conquer them!” they said.

The Israelites, rather than listening to the faith spies, got scared and sided in with the naysayers who said the giants would crush them like grasshoppers...“And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured...Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey?” (Numbers 14:1-3).

The Israelites didn’t say those things directly to God, of course. They mostly just murmured in their tents (Deuteronomy 1:27). But God was listening to them nonetheless, and He responded by saying to Moses:

I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me. Say to them, “As I live,” says the Lord, “just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in” (Numbers 14:27-30, *NKJV*).

Talk about serious repercussions! The unbelieving words those Israelites spoke in their tents cost them the Promised Land!

As believers, we don’t want that to happen to us. We don’t want to let the devil get hold of our tongues and trick us into talking doubt and unbelief. We don’t want to speak faith-filled words when our Christian friends are listening and then say, when we’re lying in bed at night with our husband or wife talking about the problem, “What are we going to do? This situation is hopeless. There’s no way out.”

God hears those words! He doesn’t just hear what we say in prayer, or the faith confessions we make in church. He’s listening all the time and He’s obligated to take our words seriously because it’s spiritual law. It’s written in the Bible: What we say determines the course of our lives (James 3:4-5).

Let’s make that law work *for* us and not *against* us. Let’s live as God’s dearly beloved children and walk in the fullness of His BLESSINGS by taking our words as seriously as He does. Let’s get the words of the world out of our mouths, talk like citizens of God’s kingdom and experience days of heaven on earth! 🙌

LET'S GO!



GET READY, SUPERKIDS! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE SAVIOR WHO IS IN YOU...THE ONE WHO MAKES YOU A **SUPERKID!**

LAST TIME WE MET, WE TALKED ABOUT THE JESUS IN YOU. YOU ARE MORE THAN A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, YOU ARE **FILLED WITH JESUS**. HE IS THE **SUPER PART OF SUPERKID!**

This month, He wants to load you up with more understanding of The SUPER SAVIOR in you. So, let's start with SUPER. The word *super* means "extreme, more than the norm, higher levels of a particular quality or substance." So, who is that particular substance? You know it by now, so say His Name out loud (just for fun and because it freaks the devil out and makes him run)! JESUS!

Superkid, you are in fact a Super-JESUS-filled-kid. This

is huge. This is a game changer. Change the game how? To win, every time! OK. We were excited and then I lost some of you, didn't I? So, let's talk about that. First John 3:8, *New Living Translation*, says, "The Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil." We all know this is true, so why does it seem like we don't win the fight every time?

I'm glad you asked! It's really pretty simple: You have a part to play in the victory too, but it may not be the part you've been trying to play. Many times, we can take on the pressure of **PERFORMING** the miracle, making our prayer happen, or destroying sin in our lives by working hard. Breathe deeply and let out a BIG sigh of relief, Superkid. This is NOT our job! It sounds funny, but too often, we act like this is OUR job, but it isn't! The biggest problem when we try to do Jesus' job, is that we cannot do ours!

I told you it was simple, and it is.

Our job is just ONE THING...TO BELIEVE IN HIM—Him, the healer; Him, the miracle worker. Look what Jesus said to the crowds who looked for Him in John 6:26-28, (NLT): "Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I feed you, not because

you understood the miraculous signs. But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.' They replied, 'We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?'"

They wanted all kinds of things FROM Jesus, but they weren't looking to BE WITH Him. They got up that morning and thought, *Jesus fed us yesterday! We're hungry! We'll get Him to feed us again!* Then as soon as they found Him, they decided they wanted more than breakfast. "Oh, Jesus, doing miracles looks fun! Wouldn't people be impressed with me if I could do miracles too!"

Now they want to do the miracles themselves! It sounds terrible to admit this out loud but when we try to do Jesus' part, it's like saying, "Thanks anyway, Jesus, if You'll just show me how You did that miracle, I'll take it from here. I don't need You anymore."

Superkid, I know that you don't feel that way, but that is the lie the enemy wants to plant in our hearts.

Here is the truth: Jesus IS our Savior. He heals, keeps, feeds, leads and provides for us. All we have to do is one thing. BELIEVE. I love His response to them that day. "Jesus told them, 'This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent'" (verse 29, NLT).

They didn't get it. He tried to tell them HE WAS the bread, and to look to Him for everything. All they could think of was, "Oh yeah, we are hungry! Give us that bread every day."

To that, "Jesus replied, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me. However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. **I will raise them up at the last day!**'" (NLT, verses 35-40).

He says that phrase three times in this chapter. Who could He have meant? Who is He going to raise up? He tells them in verses 44-45: "For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. As it is written in the Scriptures, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me" (NLT).

Superkid, Jesus is quoting Isaiah 54:13 and He is talking about YOU! "All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children" (*New King James Version*).

He is raising you up to believe completely in Him! NOW is the day, Superkid! NOW is the time to do your part—time to BELIEVE, time to partner with Jesus. I'll say it in superhero terms: It's time to be the best superhero sidekick ever! Like Batman's Robin or Superman's Lois Lane, only way better. Better because this is not pretend—it's real life with our REAL JESUS. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus tells His sidekicks, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (NLT).

This is how you WIN. Jesus is the Savior and you are His sidekick! Look, when He is telling you to GO, He's really saying, "LET'S GO." He doesn't want to do this mission without you. So Super-Jesus-filled kids, let's go heal. Let's go love. Let's undo the works of the enemy with Jesus! Let's GO, GO, GO! 💖

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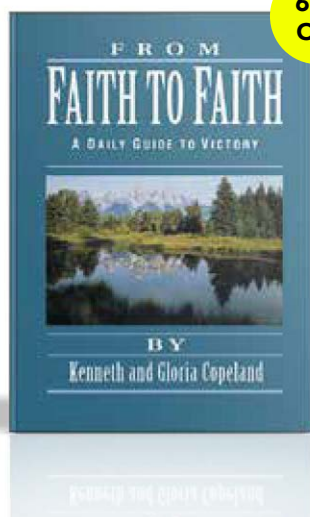
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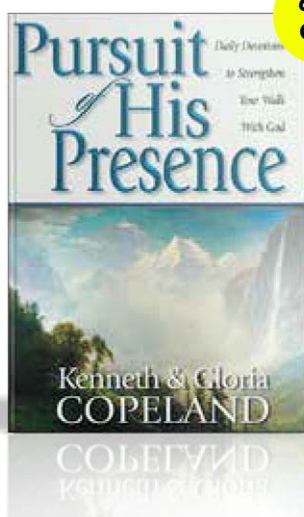
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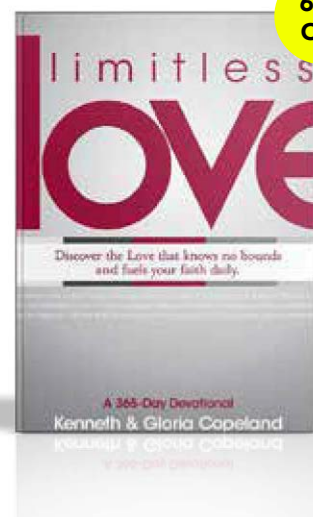
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