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"I had a great sense of peace. I knew everything was going to be OK. The next morning, Patrick was doing so well that he was discharged from the hospital."

-Shawn Hardesty

You Are Anointed

by Kenneth Copeland When Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit, He was anointed to preach the good news and do the works of God. When you were baptized in the Holy Spirit, you were anointed to do the same. Stir up the anointing that's in you and be the witness for Jesus you are called to be.

Our Son Was Rescued!

by Melanie Hemry A family reunion at a Hawaiian resort took an alarming turn when 4-vear-old Patrick Hardestv drowned. But God had already orchestrated his rescue. Not only did Patrick later report that two giant ladies with wings had pulled him from the bottom of the pool, but a nearby pediatric ICU nurse immediately began performing CPR on Patrick. Meanwhile, a group of intercessors back home began praying in agreement with the family that Patrick would live.

The Nature of **God Is Abundance**

> by Jerry Savelle Some think God's nature is the miraculous, but it's not. Instead, God wants you to receive His nature of abundance-so you won't need a miracle.

Easy to Receive by Gloria Copeland

Many have the idea that getting healed is difficult. But Jesus makes it easy to receive healing. He loves to heal and nothing is impossible for Him. All we have to do is believe and receive.

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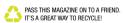
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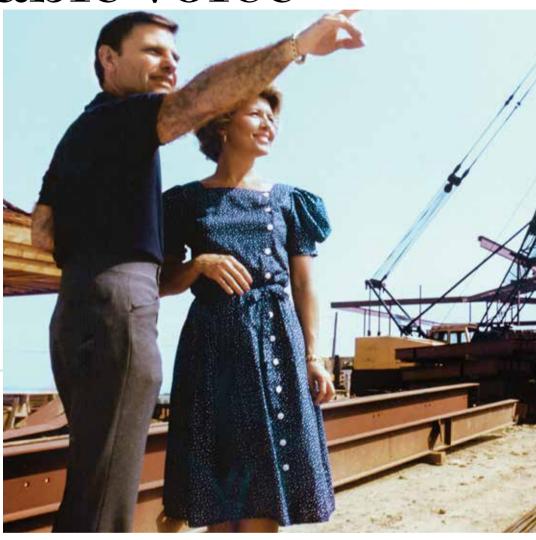


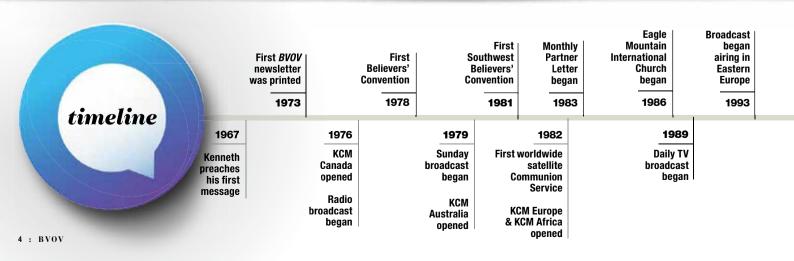


'On Every Available Voice'

For more than half a century, and with the support of hundreds of thousands of Partners and Friends around the world faithfully standing in faith that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God. Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have remained steadfast and committed to obey God's commission: Preach the uncompromised Word from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle, and share the "uncompromised message of faith on every available voice."

Today, 52 years after receiving that commission, Kenneth Copeland Ministries is using every stream of media God makes available—from print to television, from the internet to multiple forms of social media—to reach millions with the saving message that Jesus Is Lord!





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With a staff of 400-plus worldwide, KCM maintains offices in the United States, Canada, Africa, Australia, Europe, Ukraine and Colombia. And Kenneth and Gloria's books, magazines, CDs and DVDs have been translated into at least 22 languages to reach the world with the message of faith and victory.

Humble Beginnings

It began as a journey of faith, when in March 1967 Kenneth stood in the dried-up Arkansas riverbed and received God's call to ministry: "He told me exactly what He was calling me to do," Kenneth would recall years later. "He was calling me to preach the gospel to the nations.... He said nations would be won in a day—some of them even by this ministry."

For Kenneth, preparing to preach to the nations would begin the summer of that year, but not in a pulpit or behind a podium. Kenneth took his first step toward answering God's call by picking up his Bible and walking from the bedroom to the living room of the little house he and Gloria occupied in Tulsa, Okla. With no money, and no meetings scheduled, that was as far as he knew to go. God had given him specific instructions never to ask people for money or a place to preach.

Sitting down to study his Bible, Kenneth announced to God: "LORD, I'm on call."

Not long after that, the calls for Kenneth to minister started coming. And they have been coming ever since. Everywhere they go, Kenneth and Gloria continue to preach the uncompromised Word to the nations—bringing people from the milk to the meat of God's Word and shaping the course of an entire generation of believers.

Growing a Ministry

The 1970s were tremendous years of growth for the newly established Kenneth Copeland Evangelistic Association, later to become Kenneth Copeland Ministries. The first issue of Believer's Voice of Victory, the first of several voices to come, was published in September 1973 as a four-page newsletter distributed to about 3,000 people. Today, 46 years later, the publication has evolved into a 32-page. full-color magazine, distributed free each month to nearly 400,000 subscribers worldwide-in 202 different countries and territories on five different continents.

KCM Africa has printed its own *BVOV* magazine since late 2000. Since 2001, KCM Europe has been translating and printing a German version of the magazine, initially six times a year but monthly since 2007. Australia began printing its own magazine in March 2006. KCM Ukraine began printing a four-page Russian *BVOV* bimonthly in early 2000, that today has become a 16-page monthly publication. A digital version of the *BVOV* magazine goes out in French on a monthly basis.

In February 2012, KCM began mailing the printed version of *La Voz de Victoria del Crevente (BVOV* in Spanish) to subscribers. More than 7,550 households were receiving the magazine in Spanish by 2014. And in January 2016, KCM Latin America began producing and mailing the printed version of the Spanish magazine in Colombia for the entire region.

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"We were on television in Muslim countries.

How can you do that? You can't, but we were.

Faith in God will cross any border. Love will break down anything....

You know why they kept us on the air in Muslim countries? Because we paid our bills on time.

Our money that came from God through you [Partners], kept those stations opened....We paid on time and we paid in cash. It kept the stations opened."

> - Kenneth Copeland



The Arabic script above is a translation of the word TV.

Taking Up the Cause

Over 30 years ago, a new concept in children's ministry at KCM was born with the creation of Commander Kellie and the Superkids. The characters for this cartoon/animation feature first appeared in audiobook adventure format, but after three albums listeners wanted more. By 1992, the first Superkid movie, The Intruder, debuted. That same year Wichita Slim, with Kenneth Copeland as the title character, rode onto the screen in The Gunslinger.

"We set out to do full-length motion pictures, and in those motion pictures, train and teach the power of The WORD of God," Brother Copeland recalls.

Great success, coupled with the delight of both parents and children, resulted in three more Superkid movies: Armor of Light, The Sword and Judgment: The Trial of Commander Kellie, and two additional Wichita Slim movies, Covenant Rider and The Treasure of Eagle Mountain. Then, in April 1993, the first children's activity page appeared in the Believer's Voice of Victory magazine. A year later, in May 1994, Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids magazine debuted, growing from 5,000 subscriptions to over 150,000 when its last issue was distributed in 2006. For more than a decade, Shout! not only won awards, but it also brought the Word of God to tens of thousands of children regularly. When its run was complete, funds for Shout! were funneled to other children's ministry projects.

Superkid Academy is now a mainstay each year at the Southwest Believers' Convention, attracting hundreds of children.

Another New Course, and Voice

KCM launched its radio ministry in May 1975, broadcasting on 10 stations, and a short time later, the Lord told Brother Copeland to put forth the Word "on every available voice." Within a year, the broadcast was being heard on more than 500 stations in the U.S. and Canada.

Television became the next "available voice" for KCM in 1979, as the ministry aired its first one-hour, weekly TV broadcast on May 27. Leading up to that were five tapings of The Word of Faith in 1971, and then 50 tapings of The Prayer Group, which aired on TV between 1972 and 1978. The programs opened with a traditional hymn, but what followed was unexpected and refreshing: "The WORD will energize your faith, and



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By faith.

We meditated The WORD. We confessed our success. We built our faith."

- Kenneth Copeland

faith will energize your prayers," declared a young Kenneth Copeland. Soon, those early programs had grown to become Believer's Voice of Victory, a one-hour Sunday broadcast. taped during Kenneth Copeland Ministries' Victory Campaigns and meetings held across the nation.

But God had greater expectations for KCM and its TV ministry.

In 1988, the Lord reminded Kenneth and Gloria of something He said to them in 1967 that put them on a course toward destiny. Then, He said to them: I told you that Iwas coming so soon that I wanted this uncompromised message of faith on every available voice. I have not changed. I have not released you from that assignment.

God then added a new and seemingly impossible direction, giving them an assignment that would be the biggest step of faith they had ever taken: I want you to

begin airing daily, 30-minute broadcasts through which you will teach believers who they are in Christ Jesus. Bring them from religion to reality.... Use these programs to teach, not preach. They didn't have the money to go on daily television, nor did they have the personnel, the equipment or a studio. What they had, however, was that one word from God. And they had their faith. That was all God needed!

Reaching Around the World!

Those early efforts to get the uncompromised Word of God onto daily television laid a solid foundation for how KCM's television ministry has evolved. Kenneth explains it so well: "So, how did we jump from weekly television to a daily broadcast? By faith. We meditated The WORD. We confessed our success. We built our faith. We called those things that be not as though they were. We did all the same things you'll have to do to reach your next faith goal...we looked to God. As always, God was faithful to His WORD."

Produced by the KCM television department, the BVOV broadcast is often a newcomer's first glimpse into KCM's mission to "preach the uncompromised Word of God through every available voice, from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle." helping believers grow in the things of God by teaching them the Word of Faith. Today, BVOV is broadcast 858 hours per week around the world on over 240 stations,

six days a week. With a potential viewership of over 885 million, it's reaching areas like Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, India/Middle East, South America, Latin America, New Zealand and the U.S.

Through the GOD TV channel. BVOV is being broadcast to viewers in France. Italy. Portugal, Germany, Denmark, Holland, Norway and the United Kingdom. On the continent of Australia, the broadcast reaches 70% of the entire population. And, the BVOV weekly broadcast is being aired in Spanish all across Latin America and the U.S., and Puerto Rico, Spain and Portugal.

One of the biggest additions to the TV ministry came in 2015 when KCM launched the Believer's Voice of Victory Network® (BVOVN). A faith-based TV network, it offers 24/7 programming of the Word of God taught by some of the most trusted Bible teachers, including Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis, Creflo Dollar, George and Terri Pearsons, Mac Hammond, Keith Moore, Bill Winston, Keith Butler, Andrew Wommack, Billye Brim, Kenneth Hagin Jr., David and Nicole Crank, Gary Keesee, and many others. Starting with a potential viewing audience of 14 million on Dish® CHANNEL 265, the network's potential viewing audience of nearly 40 million can watch via streaming, including KCM.org., Roku®, Apple TV® 4th Generation, Android TV, TuneIn, iHeartRadio, YouTube® and Amazon Fire TV. BVOVN is not supported by advertising, but relies solely on the generous offerings of its viewers.

In August of this year, KCM announced it was changing the name of the network to VICTORY.

The internet has also played a major role in the growth of KCM as a voice on the web. In 2001, the ministry established kcm. org, providing global access to features and articles from the BVOV magazine. It also provides live audio and video feeds from Believers' Conventions and Victory Campaigns, and access to its TV broadcasts. The launch of the online Believers' Academy in 2015 is enabling Partners and Friends to strengthen their faith with a learning center they can access at their convenience. Through its social media outlets, KCM has logged over 1 million friends on Facebook in the U.S., registered over 380,600 followers on Twitter, recorded over 24 million video views on YouTube and 1.1 million visits on its official blog, kennethcopelandministries.org.

Worldwide, KCM has nearly 3.5 million friends. The online Partner Community was added in 2015 to provide a place for people to network with others of like-minded faith—to chat, share, pray for and encourage one another.

Going Around the World

Meetings have also played a major part in KCM's call to evangelize the world. In 1979, the first weeklong Believers' Convention was held in Anaheim, Calif., where it continued annually until 2007. KCM recently announced the return of the West Coast Believers' Convention, to be held in Ontario, Calif., starting in 2020. KCM launched its annual Southwest Believers' Convention in Fort Worth in 1981. The Great Lakes Believers' Convention first convened in 2003 and was last held in 2008. The ministry also holds

(Left) Kenneth and Terri Copeland Pearsons on daily TV set. 1991

(Below) Southwest Believers' Convention, 1981



year.

A major component of KCM's Believers' Conventions and Victory Campaigns has been Healing School, which began in 1979 after the Lord instructed Gloria to teach on healing in every meeting. He said: I want you to share what you know about being healed, because I want My people well. In recent years, Kenneth started ministering alongside Gloria at Healing School.

From its headquarters in Fort Worth, KCM oversees its six international offices. It is through these offices that KCM can further extend its outreach with the Word of God. The ministry continues to grow, going wherever the Lord directs, and using every voice He makes available, to deliver the message of hope, promise and faith, and letting the world know that Jesus Is Lord!





You Are Anointed!

Do you know what most people would say if you asked them what Jesus primarily did during His ministry on earth? They'd say that more than anything else He worked miracles. That, as He traveled from town to town, He mostly healed the sick, made cripples whole, cast out devils, and did signs and wonders.

Even a lot of Christians have that idea. They think Jesus' primary focus when He was on earth was doing the miraculous.

But that's not true.

Although Jesus was indeed a miracle-worker, first and foremost He was a preacher! He did more preaching when He was ministering on earth than anything else. In the three years before He went to the Cross, it's the No. 1 thing He was called and anointed to do. He said so Himself in Luke 4. Reading from the book of Isaiah, He announced to the people in Nazareth: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight

to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19, emphasis mine).

Notice those verses say three times that Jesus is anointed to preach. They put the greatest emphasis on that aspect of His ministry. So do other New Testament scriptures. Matthew 9:35, for example, describes Jesus' ministry by saying, He "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."

In other words, Jesus always put preaching and teaching first.

Why?

Because He knew that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17); and faith is what connects people with God's supernatural power. It's what enabled those who heard and believed the message Jesus preached to receive from Him the healings, miracles and deliverance they needed.

Even when Jesus was physically present on earth, He couldn't do the mighty works of God for people who were in unbelief. (He couldn't do much of anything for the skeptics in Nazareth, for example.) So, His first priority in ministry, wherever He went, was to produce faith by preaching The WORD.

"But Brother Copeland, couldn't He do that by working signs and wonders too?"

No. Signs and wonders don't produce faith. They attract people so they'll come and hear the gospel. They serve to confirm The WORD of God that's being preached. But hearing The WORD itself is what causes faith to come.

That's the reason after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, when the disciples picked up His ministry, they followed the same pattern He did. They put The WORD first. "They went forth, and preached every where," as Mark 16:20 says, "the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following."

Look again at the phrase "the Lord working with *them*. The word *them* is italicized there because it was added by the translators. It doesn't appear in the original manuscript. The original text says "the Lord [was] working with and confirming the word."

Do you see the difference?

God wasn't doing miraculous works through the early disciples to confirm them and their ministries. He was confirming the message they were preaching and teaching. He was working with and supernaturally confirming The WORD.

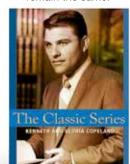
Same Message, Same Power

What WORD was it exactly those first apostles and disciples preached?

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You can see that by reading the message Peter preached to the Gentiles in Acts 10. Remember what happened there? Peter was invited to the house of Cornelius, a Godfearing Roman centurion, because Cornelius had been visited by an angel. He'd been instructed by the angel to send for Peter because he had "words" from God.

Peter, having been told by God in a vision to set aside his religious prejudices against Gentiles, arrived at the house to find an entire group of them gathered there to hear his message. So he opened his mouth and said: "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (verses 36-38).

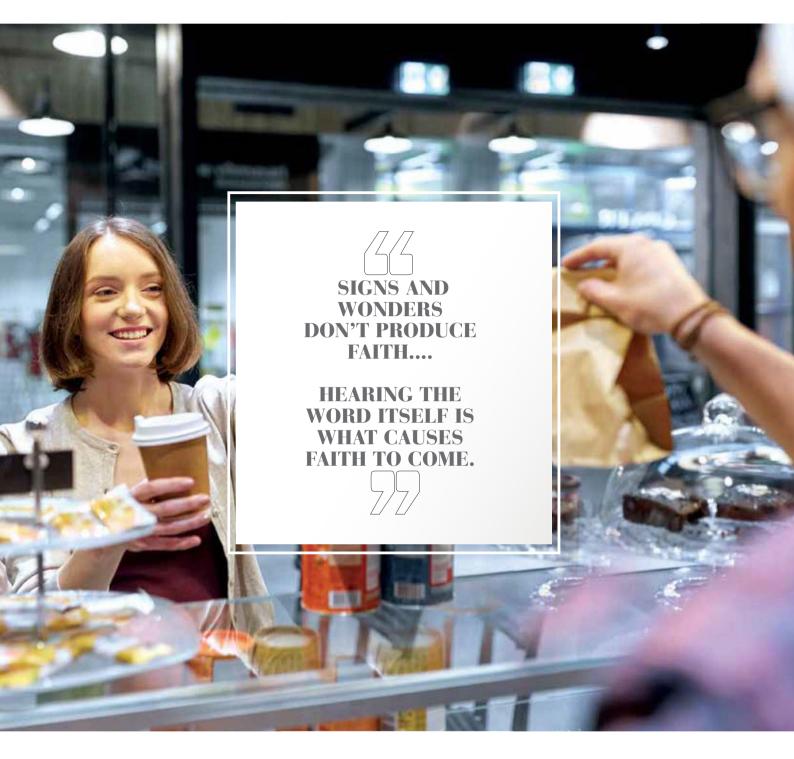
Think for a moment about how Peter began his message there. He basically said, "I'm preaching to you the same WORD of God that was preached by Jesus. I'm preaching 'peace by Jesus Christ."

The word *Christ* translated into English is the word *anointed*. We don't hear it much today, except in the context of the Bible, so we tend to think of it as holy. But really, it's not. It simply means "to pour over, to smear or rub into."

When I was a kid and got a cold, for example, my mother used to anoint me with Vicks* salve. She would smear it all over my chest, then take a little dab and stick it up my nose. When she was done, I was anointed. I wasn't any holier. I wasn't anointed to preach. I was just anointed to smell and not to have a cold.

When the Bible talks about Jesus being Anointed, on the other hand, it is referring to something holy because He's Anointed with the Holy Spirit. After He was baptized by John in the Jordan River, the Person and the power of God's Spirit was poured over Him and came upon Him to empower Him for supernatural ministry.

Of course, that wasn't Jesus' first earthly experience with the Holy Spirit. He'd had God's Spirit living within Him from the moment He was born. But He didn't work



one miracle until He was *baptized* in the Holy Spirit. Only then did He receive the Anointing to preach, heal people and do the mighty works of God.

If you're a Holy Ghost-baptized believer, then you have a similar story. You've had the Holy Spirit living *within* you ever since you got born again. But when God's Spirit came upon you through the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, you were anointed for supernatural ministry. You were anointed to preach the good news about

Jesus and do the Father's works.

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "I'm not a minister."

Yes, you are! You may not be an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher, but you *ara* called and anointed to preach.

You Shall Be Witnesses

How do I know? Because Jesus said so. In Acts 1:8, He said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye



Talk about a marvelous way to live!

When you realize Jesus' own Anointing to preach and minister...to people is... on you, life becomes an adventure.



shall be witnesses unto me...unto the uttermost part of the earth."

As a Spirit-filled Christian, if you're not witnessing to people, you're missing your calling. You're not fully using the anointing you've been given. You ought to be telling someone about Jesus, all the time, everywhere you go.

Don't tell me you never have the opportunity, either. You're not so closed in that you never see anyone. Don't you ever buy fuel for your car? Don't you ever stop at a convenience store? Aren't there people in those places?

Sure, there are. So be a witness to them. Don't sermonize, just walk up to them with a big smile on your face and say, "Isn't Jesus wonderful?" Then tell them a little about Him. You'll be shocked at the results you get.

Most people will respond positively. In all the years I've been telling people how good Jesus is, I've never been insulted. I've never been refused when I asked if I could share something with them that He'd put on my heart.

I remember one time, years ago, in Las Vegas we were having a gospel meeting in a hotel casino. In between meetings as I was walking through the hotel, The LORD drew my attention to a very nicely dressed man and woman who were walking toward me. I want you to speak a word to these people, He said.

"Sure!" I replied.

Walking over to them, I said, "Excuse me, would you mind if I shared with you a word from The LORD?" They told me that would be all right,

and I shared the brief message The LORD had given me. When I finished, they just looked at me, said, "Thank you," and went on their way.

I'd expected more of a response. But I knew I hadn't missed it, so I just turned around and quietly prayed for them for a moment. As I did, I noticed a guy who was clearly drunk, leaning up against the wall, looking at me. "I heard what you told those people," he said. "Will you pray for me?"

"Of course!" I answered.

We were standing near a men's room, so we stepped in there to pray, and within moments, he was stone-cold sober.

"My God!" he said. "I'm a backslidden Pentecostal preacher, and hearing what you said to that couple saved my life!"

Imagine what would have been lost that day if I'd been too timid to be a witness for Jesus. I could have reasoned away The LORD's leading and thought, I don't know these people. They're not going to want me to speak a word to them from The LORD. I might have stayed silent and that Pentecostal preacher might have died in that backslidden condition.

That's why you always want to be ready to speak God's WORD. You never know who's listening. I've had a lot of people eavesdrop when they heard me telling someone about Jesus, and they'll eavesdrop on you too! But only if you give them the opportunity. Only if you go out every day believing and acting on the fact that you are anointed to be a witness.

When Ordinary Days **Become an Adventure**

Talk about a marvelous way to live! When you realize Jesus' own Anointing to preach and minister the power of God to people is in you and on you, life becomes an adventure. Ordinary days become extraordinary and you become a BLESSING wherever you go.

You wind up doing things like I did not long ago when I was walking through the lobby of a hospital. I was passing through the area where people were checking in for surgery and, noticing a woman in a wheelchair with an oxygen tank beside it, I sensed a prompting of The LORD to pray for her.

Standing there with her was a younger woman I supposed was her daughter. I asked them both if it would be all right for me to pray, and they said, "Oh, yes!" The lady filling out the hospital paperwork overheard us, so she bowed her head and started praying too. Then the woman in the booth next to her came over. We all prayed together and had a nice time.

When we finished, the woman in the wheelchair said, "Oh, glory to God! Thank you, Brother Copeland!" (I didn't realize until she said my name that she knew me.) Then she added, "Just this morning the Lord told me to pray for and lay hands on another lady I know that needs healing. I sowed that prayer as a faith seed and I just got my return. Thank you very much!"

I'd had no idea that's what The LORD was doing. Sometimes you won't have any idea what He's up to either. But that's OK. Just obey The LORD, be a witness, and do whatever He tells you. Be constantly expecting Him to minister to people through you simply because you've been baptized in the Holy Spirit and you're a member of the Body of Christ.

The Body of Christ is the Body of the Anointed One and His Anointing! As part of that Body, you have the same anointing on you that's on Jesus. It was poured over you when you were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

You're anointed to speak Jesus' words and preach His message. You're anointed to go about doing good, and healing those who are oppressed of the devil. To carry on Jesus' ministry and proclaim the good news about "peace through Jesus Christ" so that people around you can hear, believe and experience

for themselves the fulfillment of Isaiah 10:27.

"It shall come to pass in that day, that [the devil's] burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."

Jesus didn't just break the devil's voke, He destroyed it. The Anointing of God on Him is so powerful it demolished the devil's yoke beyond repair, to the point where it's not fit for the devil's use anymore.

Now that anointing is in and upon you. So, stir it up. Be ready to preach and minister to anyone, anywhere, anytime...and live the adventure!

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Healed!

I was healed Feb. 17, 2019, of horrible back pain. It happened when Pastor George Pearsons was praying for the sick. The power of God came through the TV screen. Thank you! I never miss Sunday service.

Patsy G. | Clinton, Ark.

Setting Captives Free

Thank you so much for my gift of the Kenneth Copeland Word of Faith Study Bible. I cannot tell you how much I treasure it! I am honored to be called your Partner. And I value my partnership with you as well-I have shared some of my story over the years as my family went through hard stuff. And yet, learning to stand on the Word—take it, believe it, live it—has been the key all the way. And I do indeed see myself in a different light: once as the woman reaching for Jesus' robe to now being one He works through to bring healing and deliverance and to set captives free!

What a glorious life we have with our heavenly Father! And with you as well. Thank you for all that you continue to pour into me. The Word works, and my heart is grateful to all of you.

Rebekah R. | Mansfield, Ohio

'You touched my heart'

Thank you for praying for me as I mourn the passing of my spouse of 48 years. Your response was personal and sincere, and it touched my heart in a special way. I received a phone call and a written response. I continue to reread your written response as I get stronger.

A.F. | Anniston, Ala.

'Not Alone'

I have found comfort in the Father's voice knowing that Jesus is with me— I am not alone.

Betty P. | Cullman, Ala.

DEBT FREEDOM

We have listened to George and Gloria for years, and recently we listened to the financial seminar with Gary Keesee. So far this year we have paid off over \$6,000 in debts. We are on our way to complete debt freedom. Thank you and God bless you. J. & B.B. I Holland, Mich.

'I found a wonderful church'

I just want to thank you for the listing of local churches that you post on your website. I have been asking the Lord to lead me to a Spirit-filled, spirit-led church that is not regimented and boring. I found a wonderful church home where the Holy Spirit leads. It is such a loving atmosphere. I really look forward to being there every service. Thank you, again!

L.G. | Clawson, Mich.



Miracle Baby / Enclosed is a photo of our daughter Jessica holding our granddaughter who weighed 1 pound 4 oz. when she was born Dec. 10, 2017. This photo was taken on her first birthday. I called for prayer for her several times and I want to thank all of you who prayed for our family.

We truly appreciate every one of you!

Nancy P. | Vintondale, Pa.

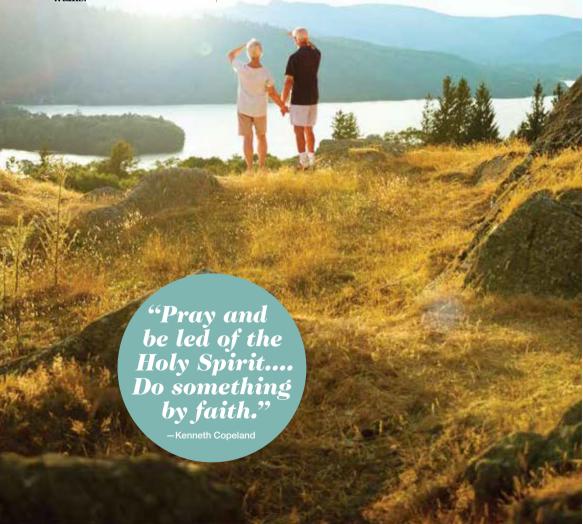
WALKING WITHOUT PAIN

My husband and I
were watching the live
stream of the Branson
Victory Campaign healing
service on Saturday, 6 April.
After Kenneth encouraged
the audience to receive
new hearts and lungs, he
encouraged us to take our
healing for whatever we
needed.

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During the service I claimed my healing for my foot. My husband stood in agreement with me, and placed his hand on my foot while we were thanking Jesus for my healing. My foot felt warm for the rest of the day. The next morning, I could walk without any pain. This afternoon, we went for a 7 km walk (4.3 miles), and praise God, I had no trouble walking. God is so awesome and so faithful. Thank you for your teachings, you are such a blessing to us.

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Shawn and Therese Hardesty

"Let's swim!" one of them begged.

"Yeah, I wanna swim!" another chimed in.

"Me too!" Patrick agreed, jumping up and down.

Settling into their rooms, Therese opened a bag and pulled out the bathing suits she'd packed that morning before their flight from Sacramento, Calif. Patrick wiggled as his mom worked to get him squeezed into his bathing suit. Pausing, Therese decided to put Patrick's little blue shirt on him as well.

The five wiggly, small people in her life filled Therese's heart to bursting, which is why each morning she and Shawn prayed protection through the blood of Jesus over them. Each night, when they prayed with the children, they always thanked God for the angels encamped around them.

Grateful to be there, Therese felt like dancing a little jig herself. This wasn't just a vacation, it was a family reunion. Her parents, Bill and Cindy Krause, were pastors of Family Community Church in Sacramento. Each of their five children, had married, producing 22 grandchildren. Now scattered across four states, they didn't get to see one another as often as they'd liked. Each year at Christmas, they each bought gifts for all 34 members of the family. However, for Christmas 2015, they had decided to forgo gifts. Instead, they saved their money to meet here for a reunion.

Outside, the place swarmed with family members. Each of the Hardesty kids teamed with cousins, aunts and uncles. Except Patrick, who Therese kept close in his life vest. As he played in the water, Therese sat next to her sister-in-law and visited.

Shawn joined other family members in the restaurant. Some of the 34 went scuba diving.

2 p.m.: On the Beach

Bill Krause, patriarch of the clan, was nowhere to be seen. The Lord had instructed him to get away by himself and pray in the spirit. Although he wanted to see all his kids and grandchildren, he wouldn't disobey the Lord.

3 p.m.: In the Hot Tub

A pediatric ICU nurse from Houston looked at her watch. She had two hours before they needed to leave and catch their flight home. Consulting with her two children, they settled into the hot tub.

When Patrick needed to go to the bathroom, Therese removed his life vest. Turning to one of the older cousins, she said, "Would you mind taking Patrick to the bathroom?"

"No problem! Come on, buddy!"

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Approximately 3:20 p.m.: Kiddie Pool

When they returned, Patrick wanted to play in the kiddie pool, which was no more than 12 inches deep. He didn't need his life vest there. When no one was looking, he wandered away.

A while later, the nurse in the hot tub closed her eyes to enjoy the sun and warm water. Her daughter stood and pointed at the lazy river. "Mom, I think that little boy needs you!"

Approximately 3:40 p.m.

Two of Therese's nieces stopped and said, "A little boy drowned in the lazy river."

"What?"



"Yeah, he looked a lot like Patrick, but his hair was a different color."

"Where is Patrick?" she asked, scanning the kiddie pool.

He wasn't there.

Therese hurried to Shawn. "Have you seen Patrick?"

"No," Shawn said, rising.

Together, they looked for their son.

Noticing their concern, an employee stopped them.

"Is there a problem?"

"We're looking for our son."

"How old is he and what's he wearing?"

"He's 4," Therese explained, describing what Patrick was wearing.

The employee spoke into a radio, and a female employee hurried toward them.

She held a child's shirt that had been cut with scissors.

A blue shirt.

Patrick's shirt.

Death Makes a Move

"That's my son's shirt!"

"Come with us."

"Is he OK?"

"There's been an incident. They've taken him in an ambulance to the hospital."

Shawn didn't miss a beat. He continued walking, following them as he spoke God's Word

"Patrick will live and not die," he said. "He will declare the works of the Lord. We are tithers. The devourer is rebuked in our lives."

Weeping, Therese tried calling her father, Bill Krause, who pastored Family Community Church in Sacramento.

His phone was dead.

Shawn continued speaking God's Word. He never stumbled, stuttered or stopped.

Therese thought of a song, "Till the Wheels Fall Off."

"Lord," she prayed, "I want to settle this right now. I will always love You and serve You."

She dialed her father's number again. This time, he answered.

"Dad, Patrick has drowned."

4 p.m. Hawaii Time / 7 p.m. California Time

Choir members gathered at Family Community Church in Sacramento to practice. Bill Krause had put out a call for prayer. They prayed and interceded for Patrick for two hours.

The Longest Walk

"Oh look," the person leading Shawn and Therese said, "the ambulance hasn't left yet."

Looking ahead, Shawn saw the ambulance. He continued speaking God's Word. The distance to the ambulance seemed to lengthen. Would they ever reach it?

Approaching the ambulance, they heard something that almost brought them to their knees.

Crying.

Patrick was crying.

He was alive!

"We reached the ambulance and heard Patrick crying," Therese remembers. "It was the most glorious sound we'd ever heard. They'd just put an IV in him. His eyes were glazed and he didn't respond to us. He didn't seem to know we were there.

"The medics were taking him to the nearest hospital, but it didn't have a pediatrician on staff and didn't treat children. It was closest, and they wanted to get him treated and stable before moving him to Children's Hospital. Only one of us could ride in the ambulance, so I went. I had to ride in the front, so I couldn't see Patrick. I could hear him and knew he could hear me. I talked to him, telling him that Jesus and I were there and he would be OK. Shawn and Dad followed in a taxi provided by the resort."

In the taxi, Bill Krause turned to Shawn.

"Son, what happened?"

Shawn told him what he knew.

For the rest of the drive, they prayed in tongues.

In the trauma room at the hospital, Patrick's eyes were open, but dazed. He still didn't speak or respond to verbal instructions.

"Can you tell me your name?" the doctor asked. "What's your name?"

Nothing.

When Shawn and Bill arrived, Therese knew they would only allow two people in the trauma room. "I'm going to step out," she told the doctor. "My husband and dad are here. Shawn is the head of our family. My dad is also our pastor. He needs to be in here."

As she stepped out, Shawn and Bill laid

hands on Patrick and prayed.

The medical staff wanted to know if Patrick was coherent. Did he know who he was?

It didn't appear that he did.

The doctor left the room.

Bill noticed Patrick tugging on the neck brace.

"Patrick," he said, "if you want that brace off your neck, you have to say your name."

"My name is Patrick Ryan Hardesty!"

"That's great," Bill said stroking his grandson's hair. "But you have to say it again when the doctor gets back."

Medical professionals checked Patrick's oxygen levels and listened to the crackling sound of water in his lungs.

Ten minutes later, the doctor returned. At his grandpa's prompting Patrick said, "My name is *Patrick Ryan Hardesty!*"

The neck brace was removed.

Approximately 8 p.m.

After three hours, Patrick was stable enough to be transferred to Children's Hospital. Shawn went with him. Therese returned to the hotel to take care of their four daughters, none of whom knew what had happened to their brother.

"At Children's Hospital, I was told that they needed to keep Patrick under observation for 24 hours," Shawn explains. "They wanted to watch him for breathing problems and symptoms of what's called dry drowning. It's a situation where a child's vocal cords could spasm and close due to water in the lungs.

"The medical team said they were surprised that Patrick didn't have any broken ribs or bruising caused by CPR, which is common when children are resuscitated. Whoever resuscitated him must have known what they were doing.

"I climbed in bed with Patrick and wrapped my arms around him. I had a great sense of peace. I knew everything was going to be OK. We slept for several hours. The next morning, not even 24 hours later, Patrick was doing so well that he was discharged from the hospital. Every symptom of his drowning had vanished. They told us to relax and enjoy the rest of our vacation."

When questioned about what happened, Patrick remembered being face down on the

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Tue	1	Jer. 7-8	1 Tim. 6
Wed	2	Jer. 9-10	2 Tim. 1
Thu	3	Jer. 11-12	2 Tim. 2
Fri	4	Jer. 13-14	2 Tim. 3
Sat	5	Jer. 15-16	

Sun	6	Ps. 110-114; Prov. 24:23-34	
Mon	7	Jer. 17-18	2 Tim. 4
Tue	8	Jer. 19-20	Titus 1
Wed	9	Jer. 21-22	Titus 2
Thu	10	Jer. 23	Titus 3
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Sat	12	Jer. 26-27	

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Mon	14	Jer. 28-29	Heb. 1
Tue	15	Jer. 30-31	Heb. 2
Wed	16	Jer. 32	Heb. 3
Thu	17	Jer. 33-34	Heb. 4
Fri	18	Jer. 35-36	Heb. 5
Sat	19	Jer. 37-38	

Sun	20	Ps. 119:1-48; Prov. 25:21-26:	12
Mon	21	Jer. 39-40	Heb. 6
Tue	22	Jer. 41-42	Heb. 7
Wed	23	Jer. 43-44	Heb. 8
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Fri	25	Jer. 47-48	Heb. 10
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Tue	29	Jer. 51-52	Heb. 12	
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Thu	31	Lam. 3	Jas. 1	

Shawn and Therese Hardesty

bottom of the pool, unable to breathe. He told his parents that two giant ladies had picked him up off the bottom of the pool. They flipped him over with his face up and put him on top of the water. "Oh," he said, "and they had wings."

Putting the Pieces Together

That same morning, Therese received a phone message from a woman she didn't know. She asked that Therese call and give her a report on Patrick.

What was that about?

When Therese returned the call, she discovered the woman was a pediatric ICU nurse in Houston. She'd been in the hot tub when her daughter saw Patrick floating on top of the water. Pointing toward Patrick, the daughter said: "Mom, I think that little boy needs you!"

Rushing to Patrick's side, the woman immediately began to perform CPR.

No wonder there was no bruising or broken ribs. A pediatric ICU nurse was the most qualified person on earth to resuscitate a child.

Shawn and Therese pieced the timeline together. An hour before Patrick drowned, God had directed Bill Krause to get alone and pray in the Holy Spirit. After he drowned in the pool, two huge ladies with wings lifted Patrick's lifeless body off the bottom of the pool and placed him face up on top of the water. Then a little girl sent her mother, a pediatric ICU nurse, to the rescue. The choir "just happened" to be practicing at the church and, upon receiving a call from their pastor, wound up praying and interceding for Patrick.

Every detail of Patrick's rescue and resuscitation had been orchestrated by God. With thankful hearts, the entire family had praised God and celebrated together under the warm Hawaiian sun.

Say Goodbye to Torment

"When we got home, I knew better than to voice my fears, but I was being tormented by fear,"Therese says. "I checked on him all the time. I got up in the middle of the night to make sure he was breathing. I just couldn't seem to shake it.

"Then on Feb. 25, Jesse Duplantis came to minister at our church. Before service, he sat in the office talking to my parents. They told him what had happened to Patrick. During the service, Jesse called Shawn and me up front. He got close to me and said, 'You'll never face anything like that with this boy again. You have nothing to fear.'

"Then he asked to see Patrick. While praying

over him, Jesse said, 'The anointing that is on me is now on him. That boy is going to do something.' He went on to say that the Lord had shown him that Patrick had come back because he used his own authority. He'd said, 'I want my Mommy!' His authority as a believer shut down death."

The week before Easter, Patrick sat in a circle as his teacher taught about Jesus and showed a picture depicting Him.

"Oh, I know Him!" Patrick exclaimed. "When I died and went to heaven, He showed me the holes in His hands. You could see light through them! He said everything was going to be OK."

His teacher called Therese.

"You didn't tell me that Patrick went to heaven and saw Jesus!"

"What are you talking about?"

That evening, Shawn and Therese talked it over and decided to ask Patrick about heaven.

"Son, why didn't you tell us you went to heaven?"

"I don't know."

"No, that's something I don't want to talk about."

Months passed, and every now and then Patrick would mention his visit to heaven. His family decided to never pressure him to talk about it.

Bill and Cindy Krause still love getting together with all their children and grandchildren. When they do, there's always a breath of prayer, a note of praise and a sigh of thanksgiving that Patrick is among them.

"We grew up learning the Word of God through KCM," Therese remembers. "The Word is the foundation of our lives, and a lot of it is due to our partnership with KCM. Now our children are learning the same thing. The first week we had BVOVN® (now VICTORY™), our third child, Julia, was baptized in the Holy Spirit and started speaking in tongues."

Today, Patrick Ryan Hardesty is 6, blond, blueeyed, fair and a thinker. What the enemy meant for evil, God turned for great good.

He is a young boy who is destined to do something.

But he isn't the only one. All 34 members of the family, and the entire family of Family Community Church, are shaking the gates of hell with even more faith and more fervor. They're setting the captives free—and hell is trembling!



You can read Bill & Cindy Krause's story in our Feb. 2015 issue.

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HOW TO USE THEIR FAITH.



A number of years ago, I was preaching

in Lake Charles, La., when I had a day off between meetings. A pastor friend asked if I would like to go to lunch and see the city. We had lunch at a well-known Cajun restaurant and had a great time. In fact, we were having such a great time that I started wishing my wife, Carolyn, was there to enjoy it with me.

After eating, my friend said, "Is there anything else you'd like to do?"

I answered, "Could you take me to a jewelry store? I'd like to buy a gift for my wife."

When we walked into the jewelry store, I said to the lady behind the counter, "I'd like

to find something for my wife."

"Is it her birthday?" she asked.

"No."

"Anniversary?"

"No, ma'am."

Then she said, "Well, it's July—maybe it's an early Christmas present?"

"No," I answered.

"Well, may I ask why you're buying jewelry for your wife if it's not a special occasion?"

"Because I love her," I told the woman.

Almost instantly she started crying and ran to the back room. Moments later she returned with another lady, tears still streaming down her face and said to me, "Tell her why you're buying this for your wife. Tell her it's not for her birthday, anniversary or Christmas."

I said, "I'm buying it because I love her." Now they both cried.

God's Nature Is to Give

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he *gave....*"

When we love, we want to give. First John 4:8 tells us, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." And that's what love does. It gives. It could have just as well said, "He that giveth not knoweth not God; for God is a *giver*." People who love are givers. It just comes naturally. It's the very nature of God to give, and He's our Daddy.

To be a giver you must have resources. You may desire to give, but if you don't have anything to give, you can't be a giver. The Bible also tells us God told Abraham He would bless him and make him a blessing. That means the prosperity God would give Abraham wasn't for him only, but he was to be a "distribution center."

Psalm 84:11 says, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." The psalmist understood that God is a giver by nature and He withholds no good thing from them that walk uprightly.

How many times have you heard your pastor mention a new project or outreach that you desired to contribute to but couldn't because you had nothing to give. You sat there thinking, *I wish I could put some money into that.* That is the nature of God in you wanting to express love for the work of God. Now you may not have had resources at that moment, but there is something you can do to increase your resources.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). If you will begin to seek God with your whole heart, He will add increase to your life.

When I first heard Kenneth Copeland back in 1969, I got hungry for God! I wanted to know God like Brother Copeland knew Him. My heart was bursting with a desire to sow into his ministry. The only problem was I didn't have a dime. I prayed about it and God told me to write Brother Copeland and tell him the only seed I had right then was prayer time, but that I would dedicate the first hour each morning to praying for his ministry.

I wrote and told him I desired to sow \$1,000 into his ministry, but all I could do at the moment was pray for his ministry one hour each morning. And I did.

I'll never forget when I walked up to Brother Copeland and handed him that first \$1,000. It didn't happen overnight, but it happened. I was pursuing God, and increase was pursuing me. I was getting to know God, and abundance was being added to me.

God's Nature Is Abundance

Some people think the nature of God is the miraculous, but it's not. The nature of God is abundance. Miracles only happen when there is lack.

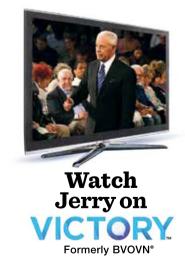
Think about that. God's best is not for you to live on miracles. His best is for you to live in abundance—then you don't need a miracle. Would you rather have a financial miracle every six months or live continually in divine prosperity? Would you rather have a miraculous healing every few years, or walk in divine health?

Religion has perverted our concept of God. The Scripture clearly states in John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

God and poverty cannot be linked together. Poverty is under the curse, and abundance is the blessing of God. Jesus prayed in Matthew 6:10, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Have you ever heard of anyone being sad, depressed or oppressed in heaven? Have you ever heard it said that there is lack in heaven? God wants us to live down here like we're already enjoying heaven. First Timothy 6:17 says, "...God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." For the first part of my life, I didn't know that God was interested in what brought joy to me. I thought if it was joyful, it was sinful, but the Bible doesn't teach that at all.

Hot-Rod Heaven

My daddy was a hot-rodder. He raced



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automobiles and rode motorcycles. He represented everything I wanted to be. I had a need for speed and my daddy saw to it I got it—from the fastest bicycles and go-carts to the meanest motorcycles and hot rods—all my life! I grew up on a racetrack, and that was my world. I loved the noise, the smell, the dirt and clay flying—man, that was living!

Carolyn, on the other hand, hated it. She thought it was of the devil. Her whole life centered on God and church, and if I wanted to date her, I had to go to church. I hated that! The first time I took her to a racetrack, my dad saw her up in the stands with her hands over her ears, and he said to me, "Son, your racing days are over. I can tell by the look on Carolyn's face, she's going to pray all this out of you."

When I came to the Lord, I wanted to show God He was No. 1 in my life. At the time I had two '36 Ford coupes, a '39 Chevy pickup, and a '69 Triumph Bonneville. I gave them all up. God didn't make me. It was my choice.

About 10 years later a man came to me and said his family had been so blessed by our ministry he prayed and asked God how he could bless me personally. He said God told him to buy me a motorcycle.

I told him I appreciated it, but no thanks, that wasn't part of my life anymore.

He said, "Well, I guess I can hear God as good as you can."

I said, "Excuse me. I'll be right back."

I walked away and asked the Lord about it. He said, I told him to buy you a motorcycle because I know I can trust you with it now and it won't come between you and Me. I also know it will bring you joy; and if it brings you joy, it will bring Me joy. Thirdly, I want you to turn your former passion into a tool for evangelism.

I told the man, "You have heard from God. Bring me my motorcycle."

That bike did bring me great joy, and it was used mightily as an evangelistic tool. I later established Chariots of Light motorcycle club and we have chapters all over the world, and we've won thousands to Christ every year through this powerful tool.

It's the result of God's nature of giving! His nature is abundance! He's not the God who takes away; He's the God who *gives*.

Proverbs 10:22 says, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich..." One of the major characteristics of the blessing of God on a



"God's best is not for you to live on miracles. His best is for you to live in abundance."



"Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were all prosperous in land and cattle.

David took millions from his own personal treasury to build the Temple.

Job was the richest man in the East." person's life is increase. In Psalm 23 David said, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.... My cup runneth over." That's overflow!

Remember when Jesus fed the 5,000? The Bible tells us after they were full, there were 12 baskets left over. That's abundance!

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were all prosperous in land and cattle. David took millions from his own personal treasury to build the Temple. Job was the richest man in the East. The book of Acts tells us the Apostle Paul traveled around the known world three times. This is the same man who wrote in Philippians 4:12, "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound."

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Psalm 65:11 says, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness." In Hebrew the word *fatness* is translated *abundance*. That's God's nature. Deuteronomy 28:11 says, "And the Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity..." (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition). That's one of the blessings of Abraham.

Surplus means "more than enough, overflowing and abundance." It means you've got so much left over that you can now help meet the needs of others!

Expect to be blessed! We are blessed to be a blessing. We are distribution centers for God. We don't consume all the blessing upon ourselves. We distribute and keep it flowing. We're givers. That's who we are. That's what we do. It's our nature.



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Easy to Receive

Years ago, the Lord gave me a message to preach at Healing School that turned out to be what you might call a spiritual game changer. Simple and straight from the Word, in one sense it wasn't anything new. Yet the results it produced in our healing services were nothing short of amazing. In the first six months I preached it, more people got their healing than ever before. More miracles happened in the services. More blind eyes were opened than I'd seen in 20 years of ministry.

One blind man who got his sight was 90 years old! He'd been specifically led of the Lord to attend Healing School that year, and he'd come with a great sense of expectancy. After listening intently to the message, he came forward for prayer and on the way back to his seat he began to see.

In another meeting, a woman showed up who in addition to being blind, had a burning desire to go into ministry. She heard me preach the same message, came forward to have hands laid on her, got healed and went away shouting, "Hallelujah! I'm going to work for the Lord!"

What message was it that enabled people to lay hold of such miracles? Simply this: Jesus is Anointed to heal, and He's easy to receive from!

That's a very basic message, but it's one we all need to hear, time and again. Every time I preach it, it strengthens my faith. It counters the lie the devil continually peddles, that sometimes getting healed is hard. It reminds me that the Anointing of Jesus is still as strong as ever, and that He can heal me of anything, anytime, anywhere, just as easily as He healed people in the Gospels, where multitudes "sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him,

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and healed them all" (Luke 6:19).

"But Gloria," someone might say, "things are different these days than they were in the Gospels. Back then, Jesus was here on earth ministering to people personally. Now He's ascended back to heaven."

I know. But His Ascension didn't change who He is and what He does. Acts 1:11 makes that clear. It says, "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way..." (New International Version).

This same Jesus! Those are the words the Lord quickened to me all those years ago when He first gave me this message—and they are good news! They assure us that the Jesus we see in the Gospels is the same Jesus who's coming back for the Church, which means He is the same Jesus today.

He hasn't changed one iota. If it was easy for people to receive healing from Him when He was on earth in a natural body, it's easy for us to receive healing from Him now. He is "the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, *New King James Version*).

That's why I love reading the accounts of Jesus' healings in the Scriptures. He never told anyone, like religious tradition does today, that it might not be God's will to heal them. He never complicated matters by suggesting they might have to stay sick awhile for reasons they might not understand.

No! Jesus always responded to those who came to Him for healing the same way He responded to the leper in Matthew 8. When the leper said to Him, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean," Jesus answered very simply: "I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed" (verses 2-3).

Speak the Word Only

When the Roman centurion came to Jesus seeking healing for his servant and said, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented," Jesus gave him the same kind of simple answer he had given the leper. Without a moment's hesitation, "Jesus said to him, 'I will come and heal him" (verses 6-7, NKJV).

That's always the way Jesus is. If you call on Him for healing, He'll come to your house anytime of the day or night. He won't even stop to ask you what church you attend. All He'll ask you to do is believe that He is Anointed of God to heal you and that He will do it.

The centurion believed that! He had so much faith in Jesus' Anointing and authority that he told Jesus not to bother even coming to his house. He said, "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed" (verse 8).

How did Jesus respond?

He did exactly what the centurion requested. He said, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour" (verse 13).

See how pliable and easy Jesus is? When people put their faith in Him for healing, He does whatever they say.

We see Him doing it again after He healed the centurion's servant, when He went to Peter's house. There, He found Peter's mother-in-law "sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her" (Luke 4:38-39, *NKJV*).

Jesus didn't stop after healing her, either. Later that evening, when the multitudes showed up, bringing with them all those that were sick with various diseases and many who were demon possessed, Jesus healed them with the same easy willingness. "He cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by [Isaiah] the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:16-17).

There were thousands of people in that crowd! If receiving healing from Jesus was ever hard, surely some of those folks would have gone back home as sick as they were when they came. But that's not what happened. Every single person there got from Jesus what they needed. He healed *all* the sick who came to Him that day...which is good news for us, because He is exactly the same Jesus today.

"Yeah, but I don't know if there was anyone in that crowd like me," someone might say. "I've messed up so much in my life and

"HE NEVER COMPLICATED MATTERS BY SUGGESTING THEY MIGHT HAVE TO STAY SICK AWHILE FOR REASONS THEY MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND."

wrecked my body by making so many sinful choices, I'm too far gone now to be helped."

No, you're not! No one has ever been too far gone for Jesus—even that wild, demonpossessed fellow from Gadara. Have you ever read in the Bible about that man?

He was so taken over by the devil that he didn't even wear clothes. He lived naked, in the cemetery. He cried out night and day, cut himself with stones, and was so violent that when the townspeople tried to restrain him with chains, he broke the chains apart!

Talk about messed up! That man looked like a lost cause. Yet when he came to Jesus, Jesus didn't back away from him. He didn't say, "Sorry, old boy, you're just too messed up. I can't do anything for you." No, Jesus



ministered to him. He delivered that man and left him "sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind" (Mark 5:15).

The sin and the devils in that man's life didn't scare Jesus and your sin won't either. He has what it takes to straighten you out. He can make your mind sound and your body well.

I've seen Him do it for people time and again. I've seen Him heal people whose brains had been ruined by drugs. I've seen people who'd committed murder, people who for years had been as mean as rattlesnakes, give their lives to Jesus and become the sweetest people you'll ever meet.

Jesus is so loving and merciful He never turns anyone away! He never tells anyone



When it comes to healing, Jesus has always been an easy touch. Luke 6:19 2

Jesus may not be ministering in a natural body on earth anymore, but He's still the same Jesus He was in the Gospels.

Acts 1:11



He's still saying, "I will," to all who come to Him for healing. Matt. 8:2-3 4

All Jesus asks is that you put your faith in Him and believe what He said. Luke 4:18-19 ţ

Even if you've sinned, if you come to Him, Jesus will forgive you and heal you. Jas. 5:15



healing scriptures

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

Ex. 15:26 Ex. 23:25 Deut. 7:14-15 Deut. 30:19-20 1 Kgs. 8:56 Ps. 91:9-10, 14-16 Ps. 103:1-5 Ps. 107:19-21 Ps. 118:17 Prov. 4:10, 20-24 Isa. 41:10 Isa. 53:4-5 Jer. 1:12 Jer. 30:17 Joel 3:10 Nah. 1:9 Matt. 8:2-3, 16-17 Matt. 18:18-19 Matt. 21:21 Mark 11:22-24 Mark 16:14-18 Rom. 4:16-21 Rom. 8:2, 11 2 Cor. 10:3-5 Gal. 3:13-14, 29 Eph. 6:10-17 Phil. 2:13 Phil. 4:6-7 2 Tim. 1:7 Heb. 10:23, 35-36

Heb. 11:11 Heb. 13:8

Jas. 5:14-16

1 John 3:21-22

1 John 5:14-15

1 Pet. 2:24

3 John 2

Rev. 12:11

they don't qualify to be healed because they've ruined their lives with sin. On the contrary! Jesus tells us what the Bible says: that "the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:15).

One time when I read that verse in Healing School, a girl was there who had stolen a book off our book table the day before. She needed healing very badly because she was paralyzed on one side of her body. Although she came in feeling guilty, when she heard Jesus would forgive her, she believed it and was healed that very day.

You Ought to Be Loosed!

"But Gloria," you might say, "I've lived for God the best I know how, and I've been struggling with sickness for years. I've gone to church Sunday after Sunday, but there's been no change in my health. Can receiving healing from Jesus be easy even for someone like me?"

Absolutely. Just look at what He did for the woman in Luke 13. She was a faithful Old (or first) Covenant believer. She attended her local synagogue and had an infirmity that left her bent over, unable to straighten up, for 18 years.

In all that time the leaders of the synagogue hadn't been able to heal her. Then one day, she came to church and Jesus was there. He preached the good news that He was Anointed of God to deliver and to heal, and when He saw her, "he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her:





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Trinity Broadcasting Network (Weekdays only) and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God" (verses 12-13).

Instead of rejoicing, the ruler of the synagogue reacted with indignation. He got mad because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, and said to the people, "There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day" (verse 14).

What an absurd thing to say! There was no work involved in that woman getting healed. She didn't have to work to get it and Jesus didn't consider it work to minister it to her. All she had to do was receive by faith, and all He had to do was let the Father within Him do the work (see John 14:10).

Jesus would have had to disobey the Father not to heal that woman. She had a covenant with God and that infirmity was violating one of the promises of that covenant. Jesus responded, "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" (Luke 13:16).

If you're a believer and you're struggling with sickness, Jesus is saying the same thing about you today. He's saying you ought to be loosed! After all, in Christ Jesus, you too are the seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:29). You too have a covenant with God, and it's even better than the First Covenant.

You don't have to put up with any kind of infirmity in your body. It doesn't matter how incurable the doctors might say it is, or how long it's been hanging around. You have a right to say, "I ought to be loosed from this sickness and I believe Jesus is the One to do it. He is Anointed to heal me, and I believe that Anointing is here right now to make me well."

I've seen astonishing things happen for people when they come to Jesus with that kind of childlike faith. I've seen people get healed of physical problems that have plagued them their entire lives.

I remember one lady, for example, who attended our meetings in Bournemouth, England, some years ago, who was born without a chin. She came up to receive prayer for something else that was wrong with her and decided that since it's easy to receive healing from Jesus, she'd also believe for a chin. She looked around at other people's chins, decided which kind she wanted, and when I laid hands on her, she released her faith. Her face began to tingle, and she got a fully formed chin!

She didn't let anyone's religious traditions stop her. She didn't buy the devil's lie that the day of miracles has passed away or that receiving her healing would be hard. She just expected Jesus to do what she asked, and He did!

Brother Oral Roberts used to tell about a little crippled boy he encountered who had the same attitude. The boy had come to one of Brother Roberts' healing meetings but for some reason had missed out on being in the prayer line. So, when the meeting was over, he refused to leave. He just kept sitting there waiting, with his crutches propped up next to him.

As Brother Roberts was leaving the auditorium, he saw the boy and asked him why he was still there. "I'm supposed to be healed today," the boy answered.

Brother Roberts told him he'd laid hands on thousands of people and he was too exhausted to pray for even one more person. "I don't know anything about that," the boy said. "I just know I'm supposed to be healed today."

Brother Roberts smiled. "OK, son," he said, "when I lay my hands on you, you let your faith go." The boy did, and his body was instantly made whole. I saw him years later when he was a grown man, still strong and healthy, and still telling the good news:

It's easy to receive healing from Jesus!

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Lord, my strengths and my weaknesses, I give to You now.

With Jesus, when you give Him yours, He'll give you His. As you make your gift to Him today, He will give you His strength in return. Superkid, your strength is not enough. Psalm 33:17 in The Passion Translation says, "Human strength and the weapons of man are false hopes for victory; they may seem mighty but they will always disappoint."

When you don't give Jesus your strength, you have to rely on your own. That may not be enough when you're faced with a challenge, a test, a problem to be solved or a job that must be done.

Jesus taught His disciples to rely on the Father. He corrected Peter for relying on his own strength and challenged him to live differently. Let's look at Jesus' last moments with His disciples and His capture in the Garden of Gethsemane before going to the cross.

When Jesus told the disciples He was going to die, Peter argued with Him. Preparing them for what was coming, Jesus told them that they would all desert Him (Matthew 26:31-35). Peter burst out with confidence in his own strength, "Even if all the rest lose their faith and fall away, I will still be beside you, Jesus!"

"'Are you sure, Peter?' Jesus said, 'In fact, before the rooster crows a few hours from now, you will have denied me three times."

Jesus knew Peter would deny Him. But Peter continued to argue with Him. "I absolutely

will never deny you, even if I have to die with you!"

Jesus reminded them of how He had taken. care of them when He sent them out. Instead of trusting Him as they had then, now they were glad they had two swords! Their swords made them feel strong and ready for battle. Jesus wanted them to do battle a different way. He asked them to pray with Him. "He told the apostles, 'Keep praying for strength to be spared from the severe test of your faith that is about to come" (Luke 22:35-40).

What if Peter had done that?

Jesus told them to pray for strength so they'd be spared from the test of their faith that was coming. Peter fell asleep. He thought he was stronger than the rest and besides, he had a sword! This is how our strength can fool us into not leaning on the Lord.

They were shocked when their friend Judas led the guards to arrest Jesus. Peter reacted and used his sword to cut off the ear of the high priest's servant Malchus. Jesus said, "No more!" Then he touched Malchus' ear and healed it. Then Jesus went with the guards. (See verses 50-54.)

Peter was shocked! Then he followed at a distance to the high priest's home, and joined some people around a nearby fire so he could watch. When people began to recognize

> him as being with Jesus, instead of being strong as he had planned, he denied Jesus three times iust like Jesus said he would.

Imagine how Peter felt when at the very moment of his third denial, Jesus turned and looked at him. Every word of Jesus' warning came rushing back. Peter left the courtyard weeping.

By trusting in his own strength,

Peter chose to ignore Jesus' attempts to help him be strong. Jesus knew it would happen, but He also knew Peter would learn better. In Luke 22:32 Jesus prayed for him: "But I have prayed for you, Peter, that you would stay faithful to me no matter what comes. Remember this: after you have turned back to me and have been restored, make it your life mission to strengthen the faith of your brothers."

Jesus' prayer for Peter came true!

He strengthens our faith to trust Jesus even today when we read the Bible. Paul also wrote a lot about being strong in weakness. You and I can learn from them both.

Jesus knows that if we trust in our own strength, we will not always be strong enough to overcome the challenges that come.

What about when we fail? Psalm 73:26 says, "Lord, so many times I fail; I fall into disgrace. But when I trust in you, I have a strong and glorious presence protecting and anointing me. Forever you're all I need!"

We must give Jesus our weaknesses.

We sing, "We are weak, but He is strong," yet in our weakness it is easy to forget to lean into Him. Instead, we struggle, feel frustrated or look to other things (like Peter's sword) for strength. Psalm 33:18-20 says, "The eyes of the Lord are upon even the weakest worshipers who love him-those who wait in hope and expectation for the strong, steady love of God. God will deliver them from death.... The Lord alone is our radiant hope and we trust in him with all our hearts. His wrap-around presence will strengthen us."

Superkids, let's invite His all-around Presence to take our strengths and weaknesses. Let's RECEIVE Jesus' words to Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9 as ours, "My grace is always more than enough for you, and my power finds its full expression through vour weakness."

Paul says when he is weak, he really gets to know the power and strength of Jesus, so weakness doesn't bother him. He becomes stronger every time he takes Jesus' strength as his! "For my weakness becomes a portal to God's power" (verse 10).

Our lives can be a doorway for the Lord to show His power and glory to others. So let's be LOUD AND BOLD with the emphasis on NOW:

This is my gift to You, Jesus. I give You ME! My life, my thoughts, 24/7, every beat of my heart, my skill, my talent, my good and my bad, my STRENGTHS and my WEAKNESSES, I give to You NOW!

I'm all in with you, Commander Kellie



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