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Editor's Letter

Peace, Be Still

Living in Texas, I've become used to the threats of tornadoes and hurricanes, and their potential to cause destruction and death. What is unfamiliar to me, though, is hearing a meteorologist describe a hurricane as "unsurvivable." Just the sound of that word might strike fear—even in the hearts of people with strong faith in God.

To say "unsurvivable" suggests impending doom. Death. No way out. That no matter what defense one puts up, the reality is that there is no way of escape. There's nowhere to run to, nowhere to hide!

Those were my thoughts back in August as meteorologists were saying Hurricane Laura, a potentially devastating storm barreling toward the coasts of Texas and Louisiana, would bring with it an "unsurvivable storm surge." Watching the weather reports, I thought about Jesus in a boat with His disciples. With a fierce storm raging around them, these men feared for their lives. They woke Jesus from His nap and asked, "Don't You care that we're going to drown?" Turning to the storm, Jesus spoke only three words: "Peace, be still." Immediately, the Bible says, "The wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:39). Then Jesus asked His disciples a couple of questions: "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

For nearly a year now, around the world we've had our peace interrupted—disturbed by an unprecedented coronavirus pandemic. Here in the U.S. we've also struggled with racial unrest, rioting, economic hardship and division spurred by a contentious political election.

Unsurvivable? No, I don't believe so. Not in Texas, or anywhere else in the U.S. or around the world, for that matter. Not when Jesus has said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." And especially not when we, by faith in God's Word, can boldly speak to the storms that threaten our lives and say, "In the Name of Jesus, peace, be still!" Don't be afraid; be encouraged. We will survive!

Ronald C. Jordan Managing Editor



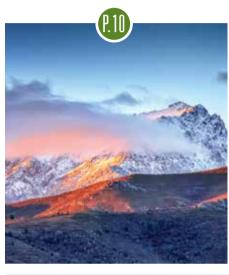






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The Anointing Exchange



physics, people understand that there are certain laws that govern how things work. If you cooperate with them, they will work for your benefit. If you ignore them, they won't.

Take, for example, the laws that govern the flow of electricity. When they're obeyed, they turn electricity into a real blessing. They make it possible for you to use it to cook your toast in the morning and light up your house at night, and to do so safely and predictably.

You don't have to wonder every time you flip the light switch or fire up the toaster what's going to happen. You know; because electricity is governed by natural laws, and those laws always work.

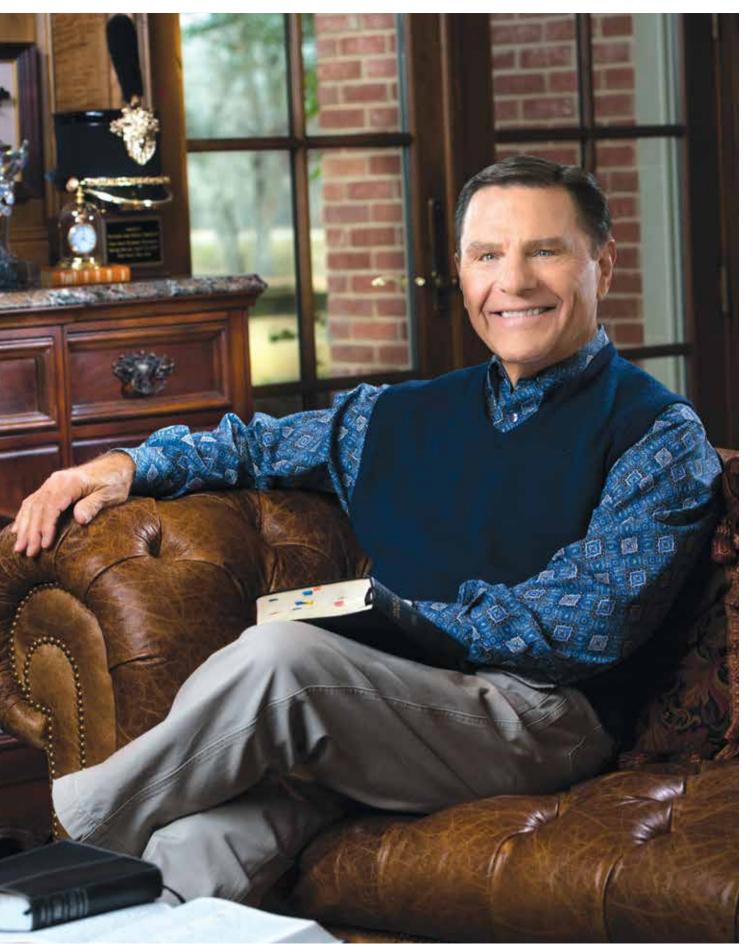
The same is true in the realm of the spirit. It doesn't operate just willy-nilly so that you never know what's going to happen. The spirit realm is governed by definite and identifiable laws that are just as predictable as natural laws.

Romans 3:27 cites "the law of faith" for example. It's the fundamental law of God's kingdom. The first spiritual law I ever learned, The LORD began teaching me about it back in 1967 and it's revolutionized my life.

Another law The LORD introduced me to around the same time has also proven to be revolutionary. I began learning about it in the very beginning days of this ministry, and to a great extent, the success I've experienced in life and ministry is due to the insight into it The LORD has given me.

What is this powerful law? I call it the anointing exchange.

Found all through the Bible, not surprisingly, the first place it appears is in Genesis, the book of



Beginnings. There in chapter 12, where God made covenant with Abraham, He said: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (verses 1-2).

Notice, in those verses God did more than just BLESS Abraham. He commissioned him to be a BLESSING. He called him into THE BLESSING ministry and told him to take it worldwide. Clearly, to fulfill that calling Abraham would need some BLESSERS to come alongside and help him. So God said, "Those that help you BLESS, the same BLESSING that's on you will come on them."

In other words, rather than having to individually BLESS each BLESSER, God established a law of exchange. He set it up so that THE BLESSING of Abraham would automatically overflow onto anyone who partnered with him.

That's what happened to Abraham's nephew Lot. He stayed close to Abraham, so even though he wasn't necessarily all that sharp spiritually, he prospered wildly. Abraham's BLESSING came on him, and his estate grew so big that he and his uncle had to part ways because together they were too much for one country to handle.

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, that happened in the Old Testament."

I know. But we see the same principle in the New Testament.

Think about Jesus' ministry, for instance. What happened when His disciples came alongside Him

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and helped Him preach the gospel? They were able to do the same things He did. They were able to heal the sick, cleanse lepers, raise the dead and cast out demons.

Why? Because as Jesus' partners in ministry, THE BLESSING and Anointing that was on Him came on them.

Jesus even told them, before He sent them out, that through their ministry this anointing exchange would become available to others. As He explained it: "He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward" (Matthew 10:40-41).

God's Anointing Distribution System

Not everyone is called to the prophet's ministry—or to the apostle's, pastor's, teacher's or evangelist's ministry. But according to Jesus, that doesn't mean we can't all partake of those anointings. We can! By receiving those who are called to such ministries and helping them get their job done, we can tap into the grace that is on them and receive the reward.

This is God's Anointing distribution system!

"Well," someone might say, "what Jesus said in Matthew 10 just applied to those who worked with Him in ministry and that was a very small group."

No, it wasn't. Jesus had a large team of people that traveled with Him everywhere He went. According to Luke 8, it included not only the 12 disciples but also "certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance" (verses 1-3).

Today we'd call those people Jesus' ministry partners. They helped spread The WORD He was preaching. They testified about the miracles they saw. Plus they contributed to His ministry financially so that He could fulfill His call.

What did they receive in return?



When God BLESSED Abraham and called him to be a BLESSING, He said anyone who helped him fulfill his assignment would partake of his BLESSING. (Gen. 12:3)

Abraham's nephew Lot stayed close to Abraham, and as a result THE BLESSING came on him. (Gen. 13:5-6)

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(Matt. 10:1)

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The Apostle
Paul wrote to
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that they
were not only
his financial
partners in
ministry,
they were
partners in his
anointing.
(Phil. 1:7)

Revelation, for one thing. As we see later in Luke 8, when Jesus preached the parable of the sower, unlike the multitudes who left the meeting wondering what on earth Jesus had been talking about, His partner team got inside information. They asked Him for further light, and He said, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God" (verse 10). Then He explained to them exactly what the parable meant.

His partners were inside the revelation anointing! That's part of the prophet's reward, so it was available to them. It could have been available to others as well, because Jesus said to the whole multitude, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" (verse 8). But the multitude that day didn't receive Him as God's Anointed, so they didn't get in on the anointing exchange.

The people in Nazareth made the same mistake the first time Jesus preached to them. When He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor...heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18), they didn't believe it.

To them he was just a hometown boy. "You're Mary and Joseph's son. You can't be anointed!" they said, and they refused to receive Him as God's Messenger.

As a result, the anointing exchange was short-circuited, and Jesus "could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them" (Mark 6:5).

Partakers of My Grace

The anointing is the burden-removing, yoke-destroying power of God flowing through a human vessel (Isaiah 10:27). It's the Holy Spirit manifesting Himself as "the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD" (Isaiah 11:2).

Those are all anointings. They're all available to us, as believers, and there are two ways we access them. First, through our union with Jesus "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). And second, through our connection with other believers, particularly those who are called to fivefold ministry.

The Apostle Paul wrote about the latter to the



Philippians. Because they were his ministry partners who, as he put it "communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving" (Philippians 4:15), he said to them:

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy...being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is [right] for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace (Philippians 1:3-7).

The phrase partakers of my grace hearkens back to what God said in Genesis 12 about Abraham's BLESSING partners: They partook of his BLESSING. According to Paul, the same principle was working for his ministry partners. That's why he could pray for them with such confidence. He knew that the same anointing that was on him was also on

them, and he wanted them to know it.

For the Philippians this was thrilling news! They had firsthand experience with the power of Paul's anointing. Years earlier, when he and Silas had been arrested and thrown in jail in their city for preaching the gospel, the Philippians' pastor had been the prison warden. He'd seen what happened that night.

At midnight, as Paul and Silas were praying and singing and praising God, an earthquake hit the place. It shook the whole prison, opened every door, and caused all the prisoners' chains to fall off. The quake didn't come from heaven, either. It came from inside Paul and Silas.

Now Paul was telling them they had that same anointing-not only to defend the gospel but to confirm it. How is the gospel confirmed? With signs and wonders. As Jesus said in Mark 16: "In my name shall [believers] cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (verses 17-18).

The Apostle Paul had experience with such supernatural signs. They marked his ministry, so he told his partners they should be expecting them too. "You're partakers of my grace!" he said. "The same miracle-working power that's working in me also belongs to you!"

The Best Deal Ever

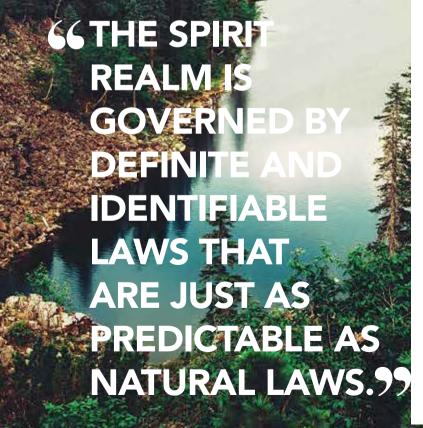
This is the revelation that exploded in me years ago when I was working for Brother Oral Roberts. As his co-pilot and driver of his car, I was with him in his meetings and heard him preach about the power of partnership in the gospel. I saw great miracles take place as he laid hands on people to be healed, and then I watched him lay his hands on a microfiche list of his partners and pray for them while that healing anointing was still on him.

Talk about powerful! I wanted in on that. So, the first time I attended one of his partner meetings, I became a partner with his ministry.

When I got home, I was so thrilled I could hardly wait to tell Gloria. "Gloria," I said, "we're partners with Oral Roberts for \$10 a month!"

She looked at me, crestfallen. We just barely had enough money back then to keep from starving.

"Where will we ever get \$10 a month?" she said. I answered by preaching to her the best I could



what I'd heard from Brother Roberts. "Gloria," I said, "we can have Oral Roberts' anointing for \$10 a month. This is the best deal I ever heard in my life."

Her eyes got big.

"Yeah, let's do it!" she said.

Right away God started doing special \$20 miracles for us. Month after month, in one way and then another, an extra \$20 would show up. We'd tithe \$2, give \$10 to Brother Roberts and keep the

In addition, I began getting the opportunity to help Brother Roberts lay hands on people in his healing meetings. Sure enough, the same anointing that was on him would flow through me. Years later, Brother Roberts' wife, Evelyn, told me the effect of it was visible. "Kenneth, it's the strangest thing," she said. "You don't resemble Oral at all, but at

times, when you were ministering to people in the prayer line, you would actually look like him."

What was she seeing?

Jesus was ministering through me the same way He did through Brother Roberts! Not because I was a co-pilot on the man's airplane, but because as his partner I'd activated the law of the anointing exchange. I'd become a partaker of his grace.

If you're a partner with this ministry, the same is true of you where Gloria and I are concerned. We're in this together. The

anointings that are on us to do the work of God also belong to you.

As our Partner, you get just as much credit as we do for everything this ministry accomplishes. Every person who has received Jesus as LORD, or been healed or built up in their faith through The WORD we preach, has been credited to your account in heaven.

You ARE a partaker of our grace. Believe it. Release your faith for the anointing exchange to work in your life and expect the same miracles, signs and wonders that happen in our ministry to happen at your house.

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19, New King James Version).

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- by Gloria Copeland -

Believe You Receive Your

HEALING

You can make the decision to live in divine health right now, in the same way you made the decision to accept Jesus as Savior. First, you must decide to be well. Then, believe you receive health and healing in your body.

ust as salvation is offered to "whosoever" will accept it (John 3:16), so is healing offered to whosoever will believe it is available to them.

The Greek word sozo, translated saved in Romans 10:9, is the same Greek word translated healed in the Gospels. In Mark 5:23, Jairus said to Jesus, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed [sozo]; and she shall live." To the woman with the issue of blood, Jesus said, "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole [sozo]" (Matthew 9:22).

When Jesus was raised from the dead, He purchased soundness for your spirit, soul *and* body. You have been made whole.

Right now, by faith, confess Jesus as your Healer in the same way that you made Him Lord over your life. Make Jesus Lord over your body according to Romans 10:10 which says, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth

Refuse to be moved by what you see, and be moved only by the Word.



confession is made unto salvation."

Make this your confession: "According to the Word of God, I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord. I confess Him now as my Healer. I make Him Lord over my body. I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead. From this moment, my body is saved, healed, made whole and delivered."

Stand Fast

Now, resist the temptation to be sick just like you resist the temptation to sin. That may sound too simple, but it works because the Word says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

Satan is the source of sickness. When he attempts to put sickness on your body, refuse it in the Name of Jesus because it is against the will of God for you to be sick. As soon as you have the slightest thought Satan is trying to put

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

Proverbs 4:10

sickness on you, turn to 1 Peter 2:24 and read aloud what Jesus has done for you: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Receive it in faith and thank God that by Jesus' stripes you were healed.

The Bible tells us: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Galatians 5:1). With His Name, His Word, His Spirit and Jesus as your Healer, you can enjoy divine health. That's liberty, and that's freedom!

To get results, you must believe that you receive your healing *when you pray*—not after you are well. You are to be like Abraham, who "considered not his own body," but instead considered what God said (Romans 4:19-20).

The symptoms of sickness may continue to linger after you believe you receive. But this is the time you must hold fast to a fearless confession of the Word. "Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward. For you have need of steadfast patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised" (Hebrews 10:35-36, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Do not allow your fearless confidence in God's Word to be snatched away from you by Satan. You're walking by faith and not by sight.

Agree With the Word

E.W. Kenyon teaches that there are three witnesses in receiving healing: the Word, the pain or sickness, and you. You are the deciding factor. If you join your confession with the pain, you are crossing the Word that says you are healed. If you align your confession with God's Word, you will have to cross the pain.

The Bible teaches that by two witnesses a thing is established. You make the choice. Agree with the pain, and sickness will rule. But dare to agree with the Word, and healing will be established. The circumstances will follow your action and confession.

Steadfastly and patiently know that God's

Word *does not fail*. Refuse to be moved by what you see, and be moved only by the Word and by your confession of Jesus as Healer. The Word will change what you see.

Satan will try to tell you that you are not saved. Or his symptoms of pain or sickness will suggest you are not healed. Don't fall for his lies. Instead, stand fast in the knowledge of God's Word, and believe you have received.

Get in Position to Receive

God's mercy goes forth in accordance with His covenant, the Word. Because He has bound Himself by His Word, He can move freely only toward those who put themselves in a *position* to receive. Acting on the Word puts you in this position.

Jesus told the nobleman whose son was at the point of death, "...thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way." The Bible says that the boy *began* to amend *from that hour* (John 4:46-53).

When you believe that you receive healing, you may be healed instantly or you may have to act on the covenant of healing, even though your body does not *feel* healed. One thing you do know: When you believe that you receive, healing begins to take place in your body. God cannot keep His covenant without healing you—*if* you have met the conditions of that covenant.

You are learning to be moved by the Word, instead of by what you see or feel. This is how faith operates. You are becoming the faith man or woman you have yearned to be.

Your faith gets stronger as you use it to act on God's Word.

As you learn to stand against Satan and his symptoms, you will find it continues to become easier. But there is no formula that will work effectively unless you continually exert the force of faith through feeding on the Word.

If you will continually feed on God's Word, you will come to the place where you simply go to 1 Peter 2:24, enforce the Word that you were healed, thank God for His Word of healing and go on about your business. Make the decision to be well. Believe you receive!

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

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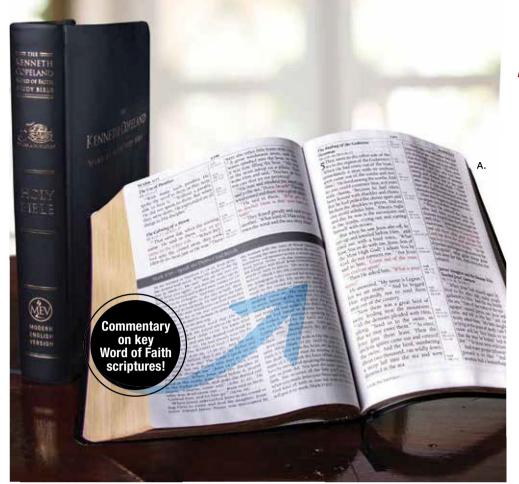
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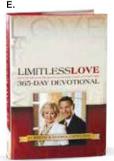
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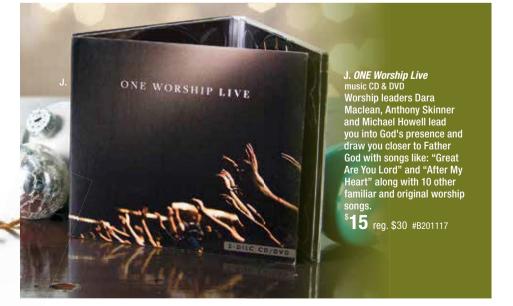
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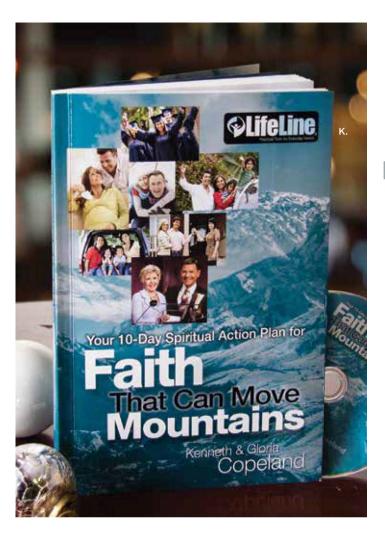
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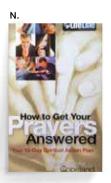
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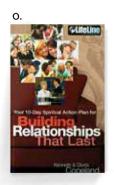
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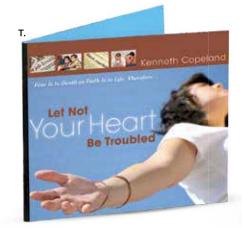
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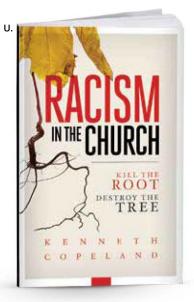
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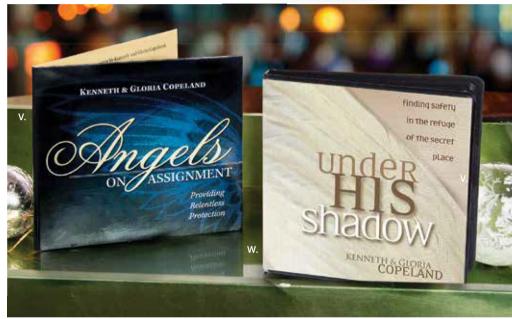
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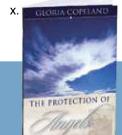
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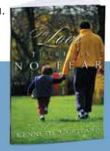
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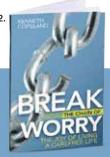


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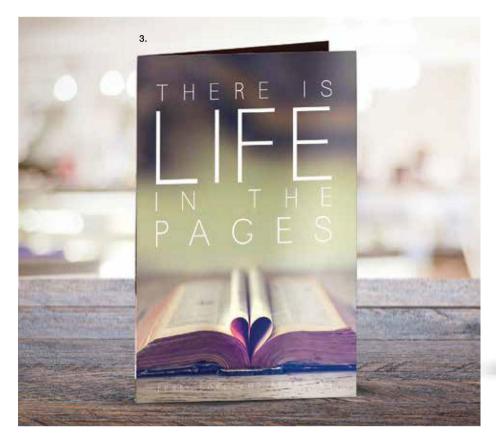


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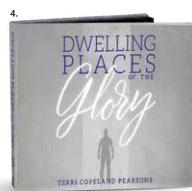
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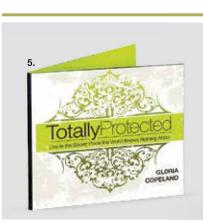
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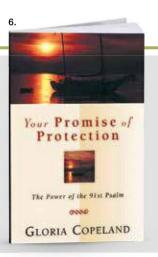


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Commander Keilie's Corner

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But Genesis 6:22 says Noah did everything just as God commanded. I would imagine that all the evil people were making fun and laughing at him instead of listening to him! Second Peter 2:5 says Noah was a preacher of righteousness but they didn't listen. They probably said to each other, "Noah is CRAZY! HA HA HA!" But Noah didn't let that stop him, he just kept building the ark. Then one day the animals began to come, just as God had said. Then God told Noah and his family to go into the ark, and He shut them in. Then came the rain, just as God had said. Noah and his family and all the animals that had come were safe in the ark as the rains flooded the earth. Noah and his family were heroes. God could continue with His plan because this family listened to Him and obeyed His instructions.

ABRAHAM

Abram was living surrounded by his family and friends when God told him to leave his country and family behind. The Lord told him to go to a land that He would show him and He promised to make him a great nation, bless him and protect him. The Bible says, Abram and his wife Sarai (God changed their names later) departed as the Lord had instructed. (See Genesis 12:1-4, New Living Translation.)

Throughout history, God has had His heroes on the earth, ready to do His plan and carry His message, His power and His presence.

NOAH

Before the Flood, people's hearts were full of evil all the time, so God decided to flood the earth and destroy them. Because Noah was faithful to God, God saved Noah and his family. God told Noah to build an ark and he obeyed! Imagine you are Noah: God says, "Build an ark." So many questions! "What's an ark? How do I build it? Why build an ark? Rain? What's rain? Such a BIG ark? Why? Animals? Every animal? That's a lot of animals!" Sure, Noah had questions, and God had answers and details AND MIRACLES!

Abram and Sarai were 75 and 65 years old! Maybe older than your great-grandparents! Can you imagine them just packing up everything, loading it onto their camels and moving without knowing where they were going? That is what they did. God wanted to make a covenant, an

agreement, with Abram that He would take care of Abram and Abram would rely on Him. God promised Abram that he would father many nations, but Abram and Sarai were old and she had never been able to have children! Impossible! Though it was many years later, God kept His promise. He changed their names to Abraham and Sarah, meaning "Father and Mother of many nations," and they had a son named Isaac. It was very important for Abraham to trust God so completely that he was willing to offer his only son as a sacrifice. It took great faith, but Abraham was about to do it when God stopped him and provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice instead. This was a very important day in history! Because Abraham offered his only son to God, God was bound by their covenant to offer HIS only Son as a sacrifice for Abraham and his family (and that includes us!). Though Abraham and Sarah's story happened thousands of years ago, their obedience and covenant with God led to us having a covenant with God through Jesus! They are heroes. God could continue with His plan for people because they listened to Him and followed His instructions.

MORE HEROES

Joseph was faithful to God even though he was betrayed by his brothers and others. God blessed and promoted him to a position that allowed him to help his family during a terrible famine!

Moses turned his back on being the prince of Egypt to become the rescuer of God's people!

David, a shepherd boy, killed Goliath with a slingshot when the entire army had been afraid to fight! David's courageous heart for God gave him boldness and God made him king!

They were heroes! God could continue with His plan because they listened to Him and carried out His instructions, no matter what was going on around them or how hard it was.

There are many Bible heroes, but the One I HAVE to mention is...

JESUS

Jesus came from His Father's presence in heaven and became our sacrifice on the cross. He made it possible for us to become God's family (remember Abraham's offer?). Jesus left what was most important to Him-His Father's presence. To die on the Cross, carrying all the sickness, sorrow and pain of every human being, was horrible! But for Jesus, enduring three days without His Father's presence was even worse. That's what makes hell, hell-no love and no Father. Superkid, our heavenly Father is the One who makes our lives worth living!

God continued with His plan for people because Jesus, the greatest Hero, listened to Him and followed His instructions. Jesus did what His Father asked Him to do and made it possible for us to be God's children. But Jesus wasn't the last of God's heroes!

And that's really the most important part of the story!

Oops, out of space! Stay Tuned!

Commander Kellie

Kellie Copeland is responsible for Covenant Partner Relations at Kenneth Copeland Ministries and is the developer of the Superkid Academy curriculum. Through her ministry and as "Commander Kellie." she fulfills the mission of drawing people of all ages into a personal, growing and powerful relationship with Jesus Christ.

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'Thank You for Your Prayers'

A few months ago, I submitted a prayer request for a job for my daughter. She moved on to a new job this past January. Thank you for your prayers. May God continue to bless this ministry.

M.K. | Kayenta, Ariz.

Timely Help

What a devastating and horrible experience when I felt like I completely backslid and was empty of God. I began to pray and read your monthly magazine. It seemed like its content had a special quickening and opened up to me as never before. I called a prayer warrior at KCM, and God has answered my prayers. I am full of joy and victory. Your help met such a need; thank you, prayer warrior, for being there.

C.A | Florida

VIRTUAL Victory in Africa

I received healing during the VIRTUAL Victory Campaign broadcast from April 23 with Brother Copeland and Jerry Savelle. I was on an extended fast, so I began accepting certain symptoms in my body as due to the fast. But after the teaching, and as we began to "call the things which be not as though they were," pains in my lower back by the kidneys completely left and energy returned to my body. Glory to God!

L.C. | Botswana, Africa

Declaring God's Goodness

I was on my deathbed and was told by doctors to get my affairs in order. I refused to receive their diagnosis. When I was in prison, I received some materials from KCM, including a Bible. Now that I needed help, I grabbed that Bible. The doctors wanted to remove about

7 liters of fluid that was building up in my body. But after a second trip to have this done, my body began to improve. I am doing things I thought I would never do again and cannot say enough about God's goodness.

R.O. | Pahrump, Nev.

Welcome Gift in Prison

I received a gift from KCM today—The Rabbi From Burbank by Isidor Zwirn.
When I read the title, I was like, "Wow!" because I didn't tell you I'm a messianic Jew and have been studying the Hebrew Bible from a messianic point of view. You've brought joy to me. Thank you.

J.B. | Florida

'Best Days Ahead!'

Thank you for your light in this chaotic time. Brother Copeland's teachings are always such a blessing for me and my family, but especially now. Best days ahead!

R.A. | Ohio

Stirred Up!

God has been giving me debt-freedom strategies, and I had paid off almost all my credit cards when I came upon Gloria and Pastor George's teachings. God has used them to stir me up-now I'm believing God to pay off my car and house. Yay, God!

R.M. Silver Spring, Md.

'God Has a Mission for Me'

Two years ago, I was called to a meeting in our school district, and was asked to implement a grant that would run for at least five years. I have been working at it part time since then, earning an additional \$29,000 annually, and I just turned 82! When asked when I plan to retire, I remind people that the Bible patriarchs did not retire. God has a mission for me, and I plan to complete it before I die or Iesus returns! Gloria and George, your studies on prosperity have helped me believe that the more we give into the kingdom of God, the more He causes us to prosper!

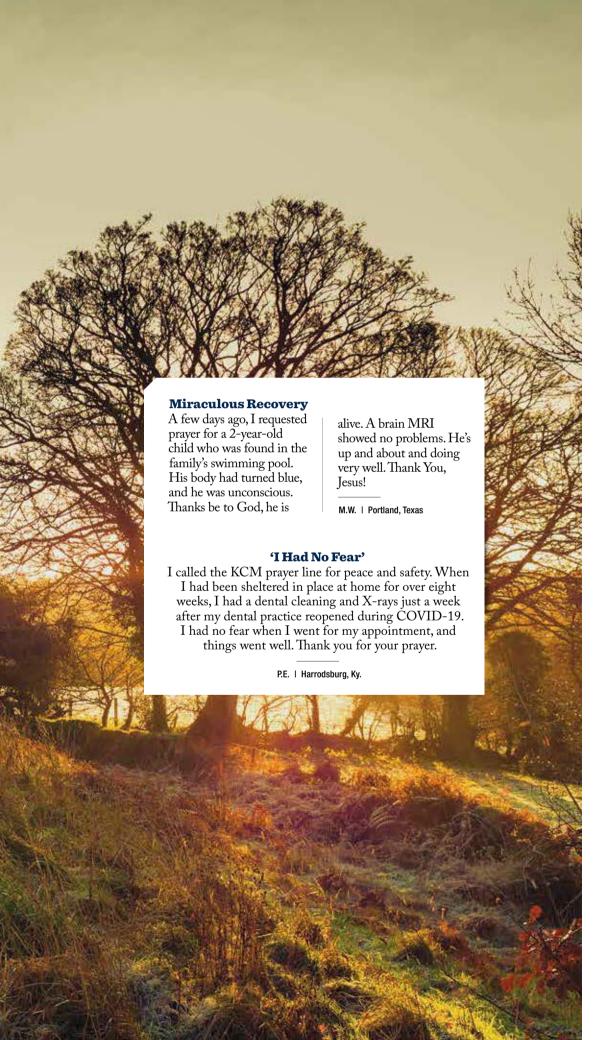
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A Changed Life

Thanks to everyone at $\mathbf{VICTORY} \mathbf{Channel}^{\mathsf{TM}} \mathbf{for}$ changing my life! This was only possible by being consistent in the Word of God with your help. When I started to watch, I was a smoker who had tried everything to quit, but nothing helped. I made a promise to God to never smoke again, and stopped smoking just like that. I never even craved a cigarette.

Also, my son was on daily meds. I decided that he was healed after Kenneth Copeland said one day, "By His stripes we are healed." We held hands and prayed; he was healed at that moment and never had to take any more meds! You taught me I can live my best life regardless of anything.

South Africa



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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If you have just prayed this prayer, please let us know of your decision. We have a Free Gift to help you begin your new life in Jesus!

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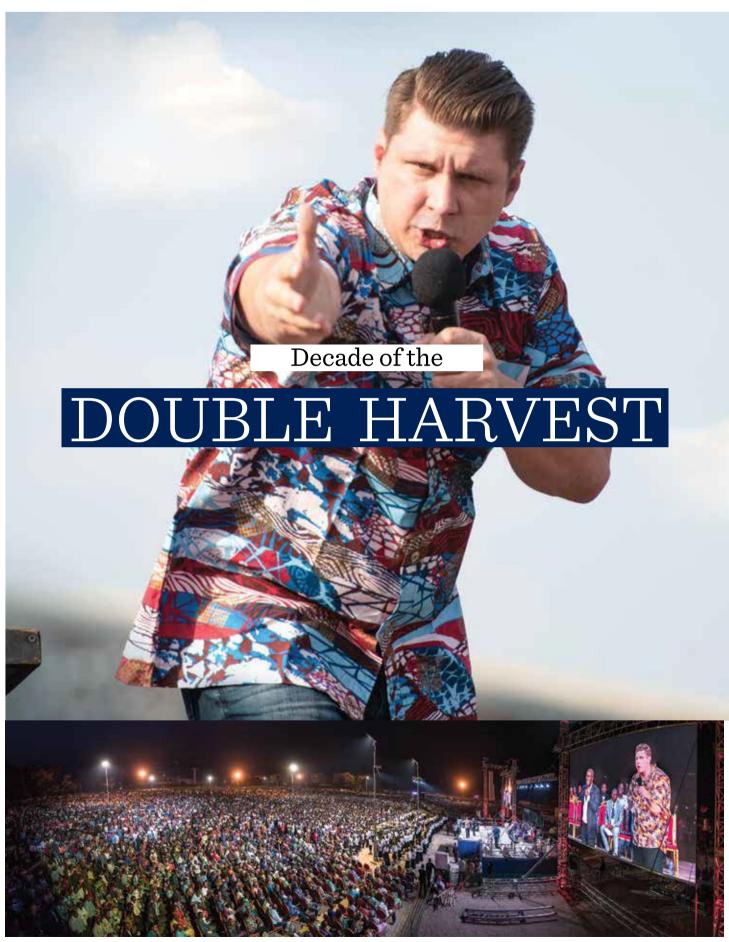
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Nohemi R., prayer minister



Tamale, Ghana, 2017

alm trees blew in the Florida breeze as 16-year-old Daniel Kolenda arrived at Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola. Daniel wasn't the kind to roll his eyes at his parents. But if he were, he would have rolled them when his father decided to bring the family here to attend yet another revival.



As if he didn't get enough of that at home.

Daniel's father was a pastor. So was his grandfather. Going back five generations the men had all been pastors. His mother's father also was a pastor. Daniel pretty much lived at the church. He attended all the services, and attended school there. He was even the janitor.

While some kids dreamed of being firemen or policemen, Daniel had known since he was 8 that he was called to preach the gospel in Africa. He dreamed of preaching in Africa. He loved God, and he wanted to fulfill his destiny. But revivals? They were boring.

"What's happening at Brownsville could be historic," Daniel's father had explained. "If you'd been alive during the time of the Azusa Street revival, you'd wish you had seen it with your own eyes. I

want to make sure that when you're grown you can say

you saw this with yours."

Inside the church, any thought of boredom left Daniel's mind. There were a lot of young people on fire for God. He loved the music. He loved the messages. It felt as though he'd been lit on the inside by the Holy Spirit.

The second time, he went with his youth group. There was a lady there named Suzette Hattingh who was the head intercessor for Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke. She didn't speak. She didn't minister. All she did was pray—and the power of God fell in that place.

When it did, Daniel felt an explosion of power on the inside so great he knew he'd never be the same. He also heard the Holy Spirit: *You're going to work with Reinhard Bonnke*.

That night, Daniel wrote a letter to Reinhard explaining that the Lord said he was to work with him. Letter written, Daniel needed an address. Who

was this guy? He'd never heard his name before that day.

Researching Reinhard, Daniel saw pictures of him ministering to hundreds of thousands of people in Africa. He was the most famous evangelist in the world.

Daniel put the letter in an old shoebox and went to bed.



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Never the Same

"I was never the same after attending the Brownsville revival," Daniel recalls. "I started gathering friends together to pray. We prayed for two hours every morning. We met again and prayed over lunch. That lasted through my teenage years. After graduating, I attended the Brownsville Revival School

of Ministry, which was a two-year program.

We attended classes all day and revival meetings all evening. It was 12 to 15 hours a day, every day for two years. I met Rebekah, the woman I would later marry, while I was there."

During those two years, Reinhard Bonnke was in Florida to film the movie *Full Flame*. Daniel was one of about 20 students from Brownsville selected to be extras in the movie. During one part of the filming the producer instructed the extras as to where they should stand.

"I was standing in my spot when he brought Reinhard Bonnke to stand next to me," Daniel recalls. "I introduced myself and he perked up at my name, Kolenda.

"It hadn't occurred to me the name might be familiar to him, but it made sense. My family had emigrated from Germany before World War I. Later, one of my uncles, John Kolenda, had returned there as a missionary. He helped start the Assemblies

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of God in Germany and Brazil. Today, Brazil has the largest population of Pentecostal churches in the world.

"Reinhard said my uncle had made a tremendous impact on his life. He was very interested in me because of my family connection. I thought that maybe the Lord really had spoken to me when I was 16. Maybe now Reinhard would invite me to travel with him. Except, that's not what happened. He said that it had been nice to meet me and left. He went one way, and I went another. That was the end of that."

A Divine Connection

After graduating from the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry, Daniel attended Southeastern University in Lakeland, Fla., where he majored in business. During that time, he also became the worship leader at a church in the city. Over the next few years, Daniel planted five churches and pastored another. One day, he received a call from Eric Gilmour, a friend he'd met while at Brownsville.

"I'm working for a ministry in Orlando," Eric explained. "They need someone with a business degree, and I wondered if you'd be interested in applying for the job."

Now married with children, Daniel needed to put food on the table.

"Yes, I'd be very interested," he told his friend. "What ministry is it?"

"Christ for all Nations," Eric explained. "It's the ministry of Reinhard Bonnke."

In the years since Daniel had met him, Reinhard had moved his ministry from Frankfurt, Germany, to the U.S., settling in Orlando.

Daniel was hired to develop and run a fulfillment department for the ministry—with no staff.

One day, Reinhard walked into the office and saw Daniel sitting at a desk working. Soon after, a supervisor paid Daniel a visit.

"Reinhard wants to know if you'll travel with him," he said.

Daniel knew in his heart this was what God had spoken to him about when he was 16.

The Power of Partnership

"I traveled with Reinhard as his assistant," Daniel says. "When I wasn't with him on the road, I still



India and

Pakistan.

ran the warehouse. I still pastored my church and oversaw a couple of others. I never told Reinhard any of that. I never told him I could preach or that I was called to Africa. I never told him that I'd been planting churches or that I pastored one. I didn't want him to feel like I was there with any ulterior motive. I wasn't there to become his successor. That thought never crossed my mind. I was just there to serve him."

It was through Reinhard that Daniel met Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

"Kenneth and Reinhard went way back," said Daniel. "Kenneth has been one of the greatest single supporters of the ministry. When Reinhard was just beginning and hadn't shown much fruit, Kenneth prophesied to him that he would see a million people saved in a single service.

"That was in the days when Reinhard's biggest meetings were 20,000 or 30,000 people. The idea that a million people could be saved in one meeting bordered on preposterous. But Reinhard believed that word and spoke it until in 2000 he saw it come to pass. That year, 1.6 million people attended a crusade. Over a million signed decision cards in that meeting.

"Reinhard told me stories about a couple of times, early in his ministry, when they were in real financial trouble. He said, 'If Kenneth Copeland hadn't helped us, we wouldn't be here right now.' Kenneth and Gloria were there helping Reinhard at the beginning. They're still helping us now."

An Unexpected End

During his meetings, Reinhard often announced: "One day someone in this room might inherit my microphone." Unbeknownst to Daniel, Eric was talking to Reinhard one day and said, "I only know one person who could inherit your microphone. That person is Daniel Kolenda." Another time, Eric reminded Reinhard of their conversation about Daniel and gave him a CD of Daniel preaching.

One morning not long after that, while having breakfast, Reinhard looked at Daniel and said, "Daniel, you're called to preach the gospel. You're called to be an evangelist."

"Yes, sir, that's true."

"Well, I think you should go do what you're called to do."

Daniel blinked.

Reinhard had just fired him. But not in a way

that most view firing.

Daniel was being shoved out of the nest—released to start his own ministry and do what God had called him to do.

Daniel started a ministry called Cover the Earth. He received one invitation to preach. Then another. Before long, Daniel was doing what some had told him couldn't be done. He was holding evangelistic crusades in India and Pakistan.

Daniel had no idea he was being watched from a distance by Reinhard, who was receiving reports about his crusades and watching him online and on videos.

A 10-Minute Sermon

In 2006, Reinhard was set to hold a huge crusade in Lagos, Nigeria, that was predicted to be his largest crusade ever. He invited Daniel to come.

Daniel uncomfortable. He wanted to use his 10 minutes as though he was John the Baptist and prepare the people for the man of God.

Stepping up to preach, Daniel looked out over a sea of faces. The massive crowd spread in every direction. Behind him, some of the most famous preachers in the world watched. Focusing his laser-like attention on the crowd, Daniel prepared the way for Reinhard. Afterward, Peter Vandenberg, who'd been with Reinhard for 40 years said, "Daniel, that was the best we've ever heard from any evangelist."

"After that," Daniel recalls, "Reinhard wanted me to travel with him to all of his crusades and preach for 10 minutes each night. I had my own evangelistic crusades, and I still pastored my church. But I also traveled with Reinhard to his crusades and preached for 10 minutes."



Reinhard Bonnke and Daniel Kolenda

"Daniel, I want you to come to Lagos," he told him. "One of the nights before I preach, I want you to preach for 10 minutes. There are two requirements. You can't go over 10 minutes, and you can't give an altar call. That's my job."

Daniel had seen Reinhard do this for years. He would spot up-and-coming young evangelists and give them a boost by letting them preach for 10 minutes at his crusades. Daniel had watched as countless young evangelists used their 10 minutes to try and outshine Reinhard. That always made

The Future in Ministry

After about six months, Reinhard asked to meet with Daniel.

"Daniel, I've been praying about the future of my ministry," Reinhard said. "Other people have told me that when a man dies, his ministry also dies. I don't think I should spend my whole life building a ministry, then when it's at its pinnacle, die and have the whole thing fall apart. Someone else would have to start at ground zero and build it up for another 40 years.

"I think this ministry can go to the next generation. The Lord spoke to me, *The anointed*

must be appointed. I think you're the man that can carry this forward. Would you be interested in coming alongside me to test this out?"

Daniel listened to every word, but it didn't compute. While Reinhard talked, Daniel thought: This is not going to happen. I don't think I'll become Reinhard's successor. Even though the words are coming out of his mouth, we'll get a few months down the road, and he'll admit he made a mistake.

Daniel agreed to try, but the rest of the team remained skeptical. They doubted he could preach

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

		Old Testament	New Testament
Sun	1	Ps. 119: 89-13 Prov. 27:1-22	6;
Mon	2	Ezek. 1-2	Jas. 2
Tue	3	Ezek. 3-4	Jas. 3
Wed	4	Ezek. 5-7	Jas. 4
Thu	5	Ezek. 8-10	Jas. 5
Fri	6	Ezek. 11-12	1 Pet. 1
Sat	7	Ezek. 13-14	
Sun	8	Ps. 119:137-176; Prov. 27: 23-28:14	
Mon	9	Ezek. 15-16	1 Pet. 2
Tue	10	Ezek. 17-18	1 Pet. 3
Wed	11	Ezek. 19-20	1 Pet. 4
Thu	12	Ezek. 21-22	1 Pet. 5
Fri	13	Ezek. 23	2 Pet. 1
Sat	14	Ezek. 24-26	
Sun	15	Ps. 120-126; Prov. 28:15-28	
Mon	16	Ezek. 27-28	2 Pet. 2
Tue	17	Ezek. 29-30	2 Pet. 3
Wed	18	Ezek. 31-32	1 Jn. 1
Thu	19	Ezek. 33	1 Jn. 2
Fri	20	Ezek. 34-35	1 Jn. 3
Sat	21	Ezek. 36	
Sun	22	Ps. 127-132; Prov. 29:1-14	
Mon	23	Ezek. 37-38	1 Jn. 4
Tue	24	Ezek. 39	1 Jn. 5
Wed	25	Ezek. 40	2 Jn.
Thu	26	Ezek. 41-42	3 Jn.
Fri	27	Ezek. 43-44	Jude
Sat	28	Ezek. 45-46	
Sun	29	Ps. 133-136; Prov. 29:15-27	
Mon	30	Ezek. 47-48	Rev. 1

even one of Reinhard's crusades. After all, Daniel was just a kid in his mid-20s. The idea of him succeeding Reinhard was unthinkable.

For months, they traveled together with Daniel preaching one night, and Reinhard preaching four. Then they analyzed the results—looking at the number of salvations and miracles. The results were stunning.

When Daniel preached, there was no dip. He got the same number of salvations. The same number of dramatic miracles. Sometimes, his numbers were higher.

God was moving. The Holy Spirit was blessing.

"OK," Reinhard said, "you preach two meetings and I'll preach three." They did that for a while.

"Now you do three meetings and I'll do two."

"Now you do four, and I'll do one."

Left Alone

A hot African wind blew over the banners announcing Reinhard Bonnke. Daniel's heart thundered like a herd of stampeding elephants as he followed Reinhard to his car, trying to wrap his mind around what he had just said.

"I mean it," Reinhard repeated, "I'm leaving."

It was midday in the middle of a crusade.

"Reinhard, you can't leave! This is your crusade! People need to see you!"

Daniel begged until a cloud of dust was all he saw of Reinhard's vehicle.

How could this be?

"I felt so alone," Daniel remembers. "Somehow, we made it through that crusade. Then in 2007, he just stopped showing up. We were all so scared. The way our crusades worked in Africa was that if God was moving, the crowds grew. When a guy who'd been born blind went home with his sight, everyone in the village would come the next morning. So if the crowds were growing, you knew God was moving. If the crowds didn't grow, you knew something was wrong.

"We started that crusade with 30,000 people. By the end, the crowd had grown to 750,000, which meant that God was blessing it."

In 2008, Reinhard officially turned the ministry over to Daniel as his successor.

Daniel was only 28. Over the next 10 years Reinhard and Daniel ministered together all over the world and Reinhard helped establish Daniel as the new leader of the ministry. By the time Reinhard went home to be with the Lord at the end of 2019, the transition had been complete.

"When Reinhard died, it was like losing my father and best friend at the same time," said Daniel.

Multiplication

"I think what Reinhard did was one of the great examples of a transition from one generation to another. He had the foresight to look ahead of his own lifetime. In fact, he handed his ministry to me when it was at its peak, which is unusual. I think that's one of the reasons it was such a successful transition. It was done well because Reinhard was so humble.

"That doesn't mean it was easy for him. I don't think it was. When he turned things over to me, he still had the same passion in him to preach and win souls."

In 2017, the Lord said, *This coming decade* will be the decade of the double harvest. Daniel did the calculations.

"We had 75 million documented decisions for Christ in 30 years," he explains. "A double harvest would mean we would see 150 million by the end of the decade. I was around for most of those 75 million and know how hard we worked for that. It took Reinhard almost 20 years to see the first million souls won. During the years that I was with him, we pushed with every ounce of energy we had. We worked around the clock, traveled constantly and spent every penny we had. I thought, *Lord, how are we going to double this in 10 years?*

"The Lord said, It will happen through multiplication, not through addition. Your job is to multiply. I believe he called me to this ministry because I have a heart to multiply. During the travel ban caused by the pandemic, we've been training a group of student evangelists. As soon as we can travel, we'll launch them in Africa."

Daniel Kolenda is a tireless minister of the gospel, living up to his family legacy. Far before he proved himself, Reinhard Bonnke saw what was in him. He appointed the anointed.



Stay Strife Free!

"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." James 3:16

An enemy of love you want to watch out for is the enemy the Bible calls *strife*. It's defined as "vigorous or bitter conflict, discord or antagonism." It means "to quarrel, struggle or clash, to be in competition or conflict."

Listed in the Scripture right alongside envy, strife is really Satan's top weapon. It's the tool he uses to separate believers from one another. Since he doesn't have the power to steal God's love out of our hearts, he uses strife to make that love ineffective, so we won't be able to walk in its never-failing power.

You've heard the phrase divide and conquer? That's the primary strategy the devil uses against the Church. He tries to undermine it by getting Christians to fuss and fight with



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each other. He does everything he can to keep us apart because he's terrified we're all going to "come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

The day the Church comes into full unity will be the second-worst day of the devil's existence! (His worst day was the day Jesus defeated him in hell and rose from the dead.) Satan absolutely dreads that day because when we all come together in harmony with one another, he's totally helpless against us.

He can't do anything to stop the advancement of God's kingdom when the Church is operating as a united force. One day, before Jesus returns, we're going to do that. We're going to get so tuned in to the Holy Spirit that we'll all start walking in one accord. When that happens, even denominational differences won't divide us anymore. We'll all be listening to the Lord and following His directions. We'll be in agreement to a degree that hasn't been seen on earth since the days of the early Church.

Acts 2 says that in those days, believers came together with such "singleness of heart" they were absolutely unstoppable. Their numbers grew by leaps and bounds. The gospel spread like wildfire, "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (verse 47, New King James Version).

The devil remembers what that was like! It was terrible for him, and he doesn't want to go through it again. So he constantly tries to get us in disagreement with one another. He knows if he can succeed in doing that, we won't be any threat to him. He'll be able to run right over us because when we're in strife, we're on his territory. We're operating in his lowly, hellish kind of wisdom.

James 3:15-18 says:

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

"But Gloria," someone might say, "I don't really think all strife is devilish. I don't think it's always such a hellish force."

Well, God says it is, and He's always right! Whatever He tells us in the Bible is how things are and, according to these verses, you can't live in strife and enjoy a good, peaceful life at the same time. It's impossible.

Strife Will Keep You Carnal

If the devil can keep you in strife, he can wipe out all the good things that belong to you as a Christian. You may still go to heaven when you die, but you won't have any fun getting there, because strife will keep you walking after the flesh instead of the spirit. It will cause you to remain carnal instead of spiritual.

As we've already seen, that's what happened to the Christians in Corinth. They got into envy and strife and got stuck being carnally minded. As a result, they stopped growing in the Lord. Their spiritual capacity became so limited that the Apostle Paul had to write them and say: "I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).

Think about what a sad situation that was! Those people had the great Apostle Paul right there wanting to impart revelation to them. They had one of the most powerful preachers of all time wanting to feed them the meat of the Word. But they couldn't receive it. They were so busy bickering with one another, all they could handle was a little milk.

It takes the meat of the Word to grow spiritually strong and be blessed. So by continuing to fuss with one another, the Corinthians closed the door to their own spiritual growth. They locked themselves into remaining immature and carnal.

Carnal Christians are a miserable species of being! They're born again, and they know enough about God to keep them from enjoying sin, but they don't know enough to live free of it. They end up in trouble, time and again, because they keep

reacting to things in the flesh.

If someone wrongs them, instead of taking no account of it and walking in love, they get all riled up. They take up for themselves and fight for their own rights. That's always what the flesh does. When it's not under the spirit's dominion, it behaves selfishly and seeks its own. In the process, it steals your peace, hinders your progress and keeps you from prospering in God.

I'll never forget when Ken and I first realized this. We were just beginning to learn how to live by faith in God's Word. We were desperate for a manifestation of His prosperity in our lives. We'd already tried to prosper on our own and failed miserably. So we were searching the Scriptures to find out how to do things God's way.

When we saw what He said about strife in James 3, we both knew right away that if we wanted to live in THE BLESSING of God, we'd have to get along with each other. So that's what we decided to do. We committed to live in harmony and agreement and to stay out of strife.

From that day to this, we've kept that commitment. Although we've had to work at it, we've learned to be quick to resolve whatever disagreements crop up between us. We've learned that it's more important to avoid strife in our home than to appear justified. It's more important to maintain the harmony between us than to win an argument, get our own way or prove we're right. If we slip and say something unloving to each other, we repent right away and forgive one another. We keep the door closed to strife in our home. This keeps the door open for us to live in divine prosperity and peace.

Of course, we've also been diligent to keep strife out of our relationships with other people, but we've remained most watchful at home because many years ago, the Lord said to me:

If you allow Satan to stop you with strife at your front door, you'll be no threat to him anywhere else.

As most everyone knows, the easiest place in the world to give in to selfishness is at home. Unlike out in public where people will judge us or even reject us if we act too ugly, at home there aren't many natural barriers to restrain us. We aren't concerned about what other people think of us there. We're not trying to be nice to maintain our reputation. We know our family has to put up with us, so we

tend to feel a little freer to give in to our flesh and act as though what we do at home doesn't really count.

In reality, however, what we do at home counts a great deal! The people there are the nearest and dearest to us. Our relationships with them make all the difference. If you're married, when you and your spouse are at odds with one another, your whole life is negatively affected. Even though things at work may be going well, you'll be miserable if strife is bringing hell into your relationship with your husband or wife.

If your marriage is harmonious, on the other hand, your life can be heavenly. You can be happy even though in other areas you may be dealing with negative circumstances. Better yet, when you and your spouse are in harmony, you can do something together that will change negative circumstances. You can act on Matthew 18:19 that says, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

That's a powerful way to pray! But you can't successfully pray that way if, right after you



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in strife. For your prayers to be effective, you must cultivate a lifestyle of love and agreement. You must make it your habit to be sweet and lovely to one another. You must make living in harmony and walking together in love the goal of your marriage.

If you'll do that, not only will your prayers be answered, you'll never be bothered with divorce. The subject won't even come up. When husbands and wives are both loving each other with the love of God, they don't want to leave each other; they want to be together! They want to keep enjoying one another's company.

Keeping strife out of your home will also benefit your children because, for better or for worse, you're always setting patterns for them. They naturally tend to reproduce what they see in you so, when they grow up, their home will probably be much like yours.

Even children who don't like the way things are in the home where they're raised, usually wind up following their parents' example. Children who grow up with alcoholic parents, for instance, are likely to have problems with alcohol themselves. Children who grow up with abuse, even though they hate being subjected to it themselves, will often perpetuate that abuse with their own children.

Whether you live for God or you live for the devil, you're leaving an inheritance for your children and grandchildren. So, give them a heritage of love and peace and well-being. Teach them to treat strife as an enemy, and to live in harmony and love at home.

Don't Damage Your Spiritual Reputation

Another very important place strife must be treated as an enemy is in the local church. If Satan manages to stir up strife there, he can rob a whole body of believers of their effectiveness and influence for God on the earth. He can use their conflicts with one another to give Christianity a bad name.

We're to be known in the world for the way we love each other (John 13:35). So when strife erupts among us, it damages our spiritual reputation. It becomes a tool the devil can use to convince people that Christianity is just another religion without any real life or power in it.

Strife is a powerful weapon of Satan! It can stop the Body of Christ because everything we do for God must be done by faith. Since faith works by love, believers can't be in strife and faith at the same time. Therefore, strife can actually paralyze revival in the earth. It can keep individual believers from growing spiritually and being witnesses for Jesus. It can thwart the advancement of the kingdom of God.

"For the whole Law [concerning human relationships] is complied with in the one precept, You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself. But if you bite and devour one another [in partisan strife], be careful that you [and your whole fellowship] are not consumed by one another" (Galatians 5:14-15, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Talk about a dangerous foe! Strife is an enemy that can cause a whole church to be consumed. It can put entire congregations under Satan's thumb. It can cause us to stop walking in the spirit and step over into the realm of the flesh.

However, if we get into harmony and agreement, we will be doing those things. We'll be defeating the devil at every turn because agreement will get us out of the flesh and back in the spirit. It will allow our faith to work so that whatever we ask in prayer will be done for us (Matthew 21:22).

Agreement is God's answer to strife! It turns the tables on the devil and enables us to "overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21). It causes God's presence to manifest in our midst. The more we promote an atmosphere of harmony in the Church, the more of His power He'll pour out through us because He'll be able to trust us to not hurt anyone.

This is why Ken and I are so watchful to keep strife out of our ministry. We've seen what can happen when someone comes in with a strife-prone personality. That person can cause conflict to erupt wherever he or she goes. On occasion, we've had some people here who did that, and we didn't keep them around very long. Even though we loved them, we followed the instructions in Romans 16:17 which says, "Mark them which cause divisions and offences...and avoid them."

We can't afford to have dividers on our staff! For THE BLESSING of God to operate in this ministry in full measure, we have to be in harmony with one another. If there's conflict among us, the anointing won't flow like it should.

Don't expect God to manifest His glory in a strife-filled atmosphere. He absolutely detests it. As Proverbs 6:16-19 says: "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that

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shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

Notice that, according to those verses, strife, like envy, runs with very bad company! It hangs around with things like lying and murder. Gossiping, backbiting, spreading rumors about some bad thing someone did or said is all part of strife. In the sight of God, strife is a very serious offense, and many believers yield to it.

Some do it almost professionally, seemingly on purpose. Others do it without being aware of it. They might see another believer stumble or sin and just assume it's their duty to go and tell everyone about it. It's never a believer's duty to gossip about someone. It's our duty to walk in love, and that's not how love acts!

Love doesn't expose other people's mistakes. It doesn't provoke people in church to point fingers at a believer who's done wrong and perpetuate his or her problem by passing it around. As Proverbs 10:12 says, "Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins."

Love believes the best of every person. Love prays for the person who's fallen into sin and believes God for him or her. Love tries to shield and restore the person. It causes us to do for a fallen brother or sister what we would want them to do for us if we were in their shoes.

Yes, Even If It's the Pastor

"But what if the person who's doing something wrong is very important?" someone might say. "What if it's the pastor?"

That's still no excuse to stir up strife in church. The pastor is not your servant. He's God's servant, and God can take care of him. You're not responsible to be his judge or to go around warning everyone about what you've heard he may have done.

Most likely, you don't know all the facts anyway. Generally, in those situations, we don't. We're just putting together rumors and hearsay without fully understanding the whole story.

That's why, when we hear something unsettling about a minister, it's best just to do what the Bible tells us to do. It says, "Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts" (1 Corinthians 4:5).

In other words, no matter what happens, don't judge your pastor. If he isn't behaving as he should, and you don't feel you can follow him anymore, then leave and find another church where things are right. But don't sow discord as you're leaving. Just quietly withdraw. Then go wherever the Lord leads you and continue to do everything you can to keep from stirring up strife.

Avoiding strife is always the wisest thing to do in any situation! The Bible confirms it time and again.

"But Gloria," someone might say, "I have to deal with people in my life who have really mistreated me. It's hard for me to avoid getting

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into strife with them."

I understand. But strife won't help you deal with those people. Walking in the love of God will. When you respond to them in love and refuse to become angry and contentious, you stay in command of your interactions with them. You're able to maintain your temper and keep things from getting out of hand.

Love keeps you in the light.

The enemies of love drag you into darkness. They open the door to Satan and give him a place in your life. He can only operate in darkness. He can't operate in the light, so when he tempts you to get into strife, say no to him. Slam the door in his face, keep walking in love and stay in the light.

That's the only safe place to be!

