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Editor's Letter



A Future Plan!

Almost everyone has heard the saying "caught between a rock and a hard place." But not everyone knows exactly what it means. They both sound the same. A *rock*, for instance, is hard. But then, so it seems, would be a hard place.

Google describes the phrase as "an adage used to refer to a dilemma, more specifically...a situation offering at least two possibilities, neither of which is acceptable." In other words, it describes people who find themselves in the difficult situation of having to make a choice between two unsatisfactory options. Either way, they come out on the losing end.

I believe that description only applies if you're looking at things from a negative, worldly standpoint. The problem with that is, if you look at things the way the world views them, then you can expect to get the same results as the world. But when you look at your situation in light of God's Word—when you apply faith to the situation—you can approach it with the expectation that it's only temporary and that you won't be there long. Eventually, everything is going to be all right.

That's how I've chosen to approach this new year.

Sure, the pandemic is still with us and continues to be a major threat. And if we believe the reports from the experts, things are not expected to improve anytime soon.

But there's another report we can choose to believe.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." That's pretty easy to understand, but read what *The Message* says: "I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."

God has my life, and yours, "all planned out." And because He does, it can never be altered. He will never change His mind about you or me, and what He wants to do for us.

The year 2020 may have had us all feeling like we were caught between a rock and a hard place. It was a year filled with heartbreak, disappointment and uncertainty with no way out. Will this new year be any different?

The answer is yes. Because God has a plan, we can have hope.

We can believe the report of the Lord.

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—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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Redeemed From the Curse





DO YOU KNOW

what we, as believers, were redeemed from when we were born again?

Most Christians would say we were redeemed from sin.

But while victory over sin is certainly included, according to the Bible, we're redeemed from something even bigger.

Something more all-inclusive. Something the whole world has been groaning under and crying out for deliverance from, for 6,000 years.

We're redeemed from the curse.

As Galatians 3:13-14 says: *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on [us] through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."*

Those two verses perfectly sum up the gospel. They talk about the curse, THE BLESSING and the promise. I don't know if you realize it, but those three things are what the Bible is all about. From Genesis to Revelation, it's about God's BLESSING: It's the message of how He gave that BLESSING to mankind, how we lost it



POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:

1

Jesus redeemed you from the curse when He went to the cross.

(Gal. 3:13)

2

THE BLESSING has been God's will for mankind ever since the Garden of Eden.

(Gen. 1:28)

3

The curse was not God's idea; satan produced it by convincing Adam and Eve to sin.

(Gen. 3:1)

4

All human heartache and destruction is satan's work, and Jesus came to destroy it.

(Acts 10:38)

5

Through His life, death and resurrection, Jesus defeated the devil, overcame the curse and restored everything Adam lost in the Fall.

(John 10:10)

“ GOD NEVER MADE ANYONE SICK. ”



and opened the door to the curse, and how God restored it so that we can walk in it and receive everything the Holy Spirit has promised.

Talk about good news! That message is as good as it gets. If the lost world really understood it, there wouldn't be room enough in our churches to fit all the people wanting to get saved.

Most people, however, have never heard that message. Instead they've heard that God is the

one who cursed mankind. That He's the one who set the curse in motion and He's the one who continues to enforce it. Even believers have been taught those kinds of things. They've been told in church that we'll be free from the curse after we get to heaven, but here on earth it's part of God's will.

"Brother Copeland, isn't that true?"

No, it's not.

The curse was never God's will, and it's not His doing. All human heartache, every disaster, every storm, all poverty, sickness and destruction began after Adam's Fall, and it's the work of the devil who comes "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10).

God never made anyone sick. He never made anyone poor. He's not the creator *of* problems. He's the Deliverer *from* problems. He's not the author of the curse. He's the author of THE BLESSING.

Just read Genesis 1! The very first chapter of The Book clearly reveals that from the beginning God created everything so that man could be BLESSED. He spoke His words of faith into the darkness and said, "Light be!" and light was. He said, "Land be...plants be...animals be..." and so on; they came into existence; and Genesis 1:25 says, God saw it all "that it was good."

Did you catch that?

God didn't create anything bad. Everything He created was good because He's good, and He never changes! He's "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). There is "no variableness, neither shadow of turning" in Him (James 1:17).

One version of the Bible that was translated into English by Jewish scholars says this about Creation: "In the beginning the Blessed One created...." In other words, from verse 1 on, what we see in Genesis is THE BLESSING creating. It's God being who He is and who He will always be.

The Perfect Will of God Forever

Some years ago, as I was studying about THE BLESSING and reading the account of Creation, I had a vision. God opened the eyes of my spirit and I saw God making man; forming him of the dust of the ground and breathing into his nostrils the breath of life (Genesis 2:7).

The scene wasn't anything like it's often portrayed. The dust didn't just swirl around and suddenly become a living man. In the vision, I saw God form the man's body out of the ground

and hold it up in front of Him. He had it by the shoulders and it was finished, but it was just hanging there, grayish and lifeless. Then I saw Him breathe His life into that body and say: *Man be in our image and after our likeness*: “and... have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (Genesis 1:26).

The instant those words were spoken, the body came alive. Suddenly, there stood a living, breathing man made in the perfect image of Jesus. The man hadn't heard the words that had been used to create him. He hadn't heard anything yet. So God spoke again and said: “[Be BLESSED!] Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth” (verse 28, *New King James Version*).

With that, I received the revelation: The first sound that ever struck a human eardrum was God's BLESSING! The first thing man ever heard was God saying, “Be BLESSED!” Why? Because THE BLESSING is the perfect will of God forever for all mankind.

God didn't say anything at Creation about the curse. There's no mention of it at all in those verses because it wasn't His idea. He didn't create it and it was not part of His plan.

The curse came on this earth through sin, and what empowered it was Adam's authority. When Adam surrendered that authority to the devil, the devil did with it what he always does. He perverted what God created, and the curse was the result.

It happened because of Adam's choice though, not God's. God told him not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but Adam chose to disobey. He knew exactly what was going on when that serpent showed up in the Garden of Eden and started lying to his wife. Unlike her, he wasn't deceived.

What's more, he was standing right there the whole time and could have intervened. He could have said, “No, sweetheart, don't eat that! God told us not to, and we want to obey Him.” He could have used his God-given authority, instead of surrendering it, and said, “Devil, get out of my garden!”

Even after he sinned, Adam could have changed the outcome of the situation. He could have repented and received God's mercy. God gave him the opportunity. (He always does. That's His way.) But rather than falling on his face, taking



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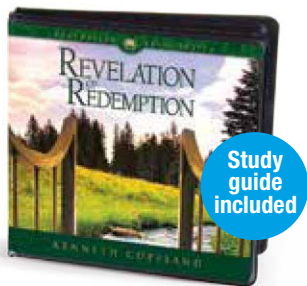
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responsibility and asking for forgiveness, when God asked him what he'd done, Adam blamed his wife.

The Law of Seedtime and Harvest

"But Brother Copeland, even if the curse wasn't originally God's will, isn't it true that after Adam fell God set the curse in motion as a judgment against sin?"

No. What judges sin is the law of seedtime and harvest. That law causes every seed to produce after its own kind. It dictates that what you sow is what you reap. Designed to work for good, the law was set in motion by God at Creation before sin ever came into the picture. And all judgment in this earth is a result of that law.

When used as God intends, it causes good seeds sown in faith and obedience to God's WORD to multiply and produce a harvest of BLESSING. When used as the devil intends, it causes bad seeds of unbelief and disobedience to God to produce the weeds of the curse.

This is the message of Deuteronomy 28. In the first part of the chapter God describes to the Israelites the benefits of THE BLESSING and tells them how to walk in it. In the second part of the chapter, He explains what will happen if they don't. He says:

It shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.... But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee (verses 1-2, 15).

Neither of those passages say that God is doing these things. They don't say God puts BLESSINGS and curses on people. What's said is that according to the choices people make, either THE BLESSINGS or the curses "come

upon...and overtake" them.

God doesn't have to come to your house every morning, and say, "BLESS! BLESS! BLESS!" for THE BLESSING to come on you. He's already released that BLESSING by His WORD. It's out there, ready for you to step into it by believing and doing what God says.

Likewise, God doesn't have to come and knock someone in the head every time they do something wrong for the curse to come on them. The curse is already out there, and the devil who's behind it will see to its operation.

"But aren't there some verses in Deuteronomy 28 that actually say The LORD will smite people with the curse?" you might ask.

Yes, and when read by themselves they can seem confusing. The confusion is cleared up, however, when they're read in the light of scriptures like Exodus 12, for instance. There, when Moses was telling the Israelites how God had instructed them to apply the blood of a lamb to their doorposts to protect themselves from the plague that was about to hit Egypt, he said, "For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you" (verse 23).

Notice that although the first part of that verse makes it sound like The LORD Himself is executing this plague, the last part reveals it's "the destroyer." Who is the destroyer? It's satan.

He isn't mentioned by name very often in the Old Testament. Because people back then weren't born again, they tended to worship any spirit being they knew anything about, so God rarely spoke of him. But all through the Bible wherever we see cursing and destruction, he's always there.

In the Garden of Eden, he was the serpent stealing Adam's BLESSING.

In the book of Job, he was the accuser who orchestrated Job's troubles.

In Malachi 3:11, he's the devourer God refers to when He says to His tithers, "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground."

In the New Testament, he's the tempter in the wilderness showing Jesus all the kingdoms



Give Yourself a Spiritual Audit

of the earth and saying, “All this power will I give thee, and the glory...for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it” (Luke 4:6).

Some people claim the devil couldn’t have given that power and glory to Jesus, that it wasn’t his to give. But it was, otherwise it would not have been a temptation. He’d gotten it from Adam through the Fall.

Jesus however didn’t take Satan’s bait. He said no to the devil’s temptation where Adam had said yes. Then, anointed by God with the Holy Ghost and with power, He “went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him” (Acts 10:38).

When Jesus started His ministry on earth, about the only thing God’s people had ever heard preached was the curse. But Jesus preached and ministered THE BLESSING. When He encountered the woman in the synagogue who’d been bowed over for 18 years, He didn’t say God had cursed her. He talked about THE BLESSING of Abraham and said, “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). Then He healed her.

That’s what Jesus always did. Throughout His earthly ministry He exposed the devil as the destroyer and undid his works—and He didn’t stop there. He went to the Cross and through His death and Resurrection He stripped the devil of his power.

He took back everything Adam lost in the Garden of Eden, redeemed us from the curse and became a curse for us, so THE BLESSING can come on us and we can receive by faith every promise given by the Holy Spirit.

It’s no wonder the night Jesus was born the angels just went absolutely wild out there in front of those shepherds. They knew what was really happening. They knew Jesus was the sinless son of God. That He is THE BLESSED One incarnate.

When they were shouting, “Unto you a Savior has been born in Bethlehem,” what those angels were saying was, “THE BLESSING is back! God’s good will is returned to men!”

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND THINKING ABOUT MONEY?

Probably more than you care to admit. This may surprise you, but it’s also probably more than God wants you to think about it. God wants us to use money as a tool to bless others—all the while keeping it at the bottom of our list of things we care about.

For many of us, this takes a mind shift. Jesus knew that was the case, and that’s why He told a parable to show us the purpose of money—and the priority it *shouldn’t* have in our lives.

That parable is found in Luke 16: “And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward” (verses 1-2).

This steward had obviously not been doing a good job when it came to watching over the goods and money of his rich employer, and he was given a good, old-fashioned audit. Read verses 3-8:

Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he called every one of his lord’s debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take



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thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely.

The employer commended his steward for understanding that he could use his position to prepare for his future. Verse 9 reveals the takeaway: “Here’s the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home” (*New Living Translation*).

In other words, on earth you’re to use your money to be a blessing to others and to interrupt their misfortunes. If you do, when you get to heaven, there will be people coming to you, grateful for what you did.

Money: No Big Deal

But the lesson didn’t end there. In verse 10, Jesus added, “He that is faithful in *that which is least* is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in *the least* is unjust also in much” (*emphasis mine*).

Did you catch that? Jesus called money “that which is least.” When you use your faith in the area of money, you are using your faith in the smallest area of the kingdom of God. Money is *not* a big deal.

You might say, “You could have fooled me!” ...but that’s the point, isn’t it? You’re taking something that’s small to the Lord and you’re making it bigger than what it is. This is important because Jesus says if you can’t be trusted with the least—with money—then you won’t be “faithful also in much.”

Where Jesus headed next brings everything together.

“If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man’s, who shall give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (verses 11-13).

Either you’re going to serve God or you’re going to serve mammon. There’s no middle ground.

But why didn’t Jesus say, “You can’t serve God and *money*?” Because He’s talking about more than money—*so much more*. He’s talking about

the demonic spirit of mammon that has been in hiding under the radar for centuries. It’s a spirit that hides behind the norms and values of society.

Mammon is an Aramaic word that means “riches.” It was the name of the Syrian god of riches and money. At the very heart of the word is an attitude that says, “You don’t need God. Don’t trust God. Be self-sufficient.”

Mammon is responsible for divorce and the spirit of division. It was responsible for slavery in this country. It’s responsible for inequality and racism.

Mammon wants to rule your life. It will promise you security, significance, identity, independence, power and freedom—but in the end, it can’t deliver. Only God can provide those things.

The Influence of Mammon

The spirit of mammon is in direct contrast to the Spirit of God.

God says sow and reap. Mammon says buy and keep.

God says give and receive. Mammon says cheat and steal.

God is generous. Mammon is selfish.

While money by itself is neither good nor bad; what matters is what spirit is influencing the *use* of the money—the spirit of mammon or the Spirit of God.

Like the steward in Jesus’ parable, it’s time to give yourself a spiritual audit. Ask yourself: *What’s influencing the use of my money? Is it God, or is it the spirit of mammon?*

If you think that money can solve your problems instead of God, then the spirit of mammon is influencing you.

I’ve seen preachers hold revival meetings not because God told them to have them, but because they needed the money. Mammon drove their decision.

I’ve known people who were willing to exploit their friends if the price was right. If you seek out friendships only because you believe they’ll lead to better business opportunities or affluent networking, that’s a motive straight from the spirit of mammon.

I’ve even known people who married solely for the security provided by money. Like Tina Turner, they ask, “What’s love got to do with it?” But if Jane only marries Harry because he brings home the bacon, when the mammon leaves her, she’s going to find herself in a ditch.

That’s what happened to the prodigal son. He was driven by the spirit of mammon and ended up working in pig slop.



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Mammon is not committed to you like God is. And when mammon leaves you, only then will you come to yourself and think, *What in the world have I done? How did I get here?*

Be Motivated by the Spirit

God wants us motivated by His Spirit, rather than by mammon.

Years ago, when we were building our church, we ran out of money. The dome wasn't finished yet and God had told me to build it debt free.

We still needed more than \$2 million.

I was left asking the Lord, "What are we supposed to do? Fry fish? There ain't that much fish in the world!"

The Lord replied, *Find someone who's building a church and find out what's going on there. Take what you have in the bank and give it all to them.*

Now if you're being governed by the spirit of mammon, that ain't happening.

But we had already made the decision to be led by the Spirit of God. We stood on Proverbs 3:9 and were determined to "honor the LORD" with our "wealth and with the best part of everything" we produced (*NLT*). So we found a growing church and emptied our account into it. Ten days later, we had more than we needed. Our building was not just *prayed for*, but also *paid for*! We were determined to trust Him, and He provided.

Dealing With Doctrine

You might say, "I know the Bible says He'll supply our needs, but I need the money *now*!"

God knows that.

What you don't want to do is allow mammon to govern your steps. God wants you to see things differently than the world does. Peter learned that the hard way. When Jesus told Peter about His upcoming death and resurrection, Peter didn't want to hear it—and was immediately rebuked by the Lord. Jesus said to him, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's" (Matthew 16:23, *NLT*).

When money gets tight, give yourself a spiritual audit. Ask yourself: *How am I looking at my money? Is it from a human point of view or from God's point of view?*

Remember, the day you got born again, you were no longer just human. You became a supernatural being. There's something about you that's so awesome and so powerful, that when you speak to a mountain, it *has* to move.

HAS MONEY TAKEN A FRONT SEAT IN YOUR LIFE, OR IS IT THE LEAST OF WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT?

There are certain things you don't have to tolerate. If the flu hits you, remember that you're supernatural. You can rise above what the natural says. If the bank says your account is empty, focus on what God has told you. Speak the Word. Stand on His promises. Don't give in to the spirit of mammon, thinking you need to be completely self-sufficient, trusting only in what you can do.

This is what it comes down to: The spirit of mammon isn't just about dealing with your money. It's about dealing with your *doctrine*. It wants you to turn away from the gospel and what you believe. It wants you to trust in yourself and your abilities alone. It wants to get you back to operating like a mere human being, like the person you were before you got saved.

But you are not that person anymore!

Put God in the Cockpit

It's time to give yourself a spiritual audit.

How are you using your worldly resources? Are you trusting God and being led by Him, or trusting in your bank account or your own abilities? Is the Spirit of God leading you, or the spirit of mammon? Has money taken a front seat in your life, or is it the least of what you think about?

If there is any area in your life where God is not in the cockpit, make some changes *right now*. There's about to be a grace explosion all over this world, and you don't want to have the wrong person driving. You want to be fully submitted to God as the supernatural being He's created you to be.

God has bigger things for you than you can imagine. It's time to trust Him for them. 📌



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If you were a part of this exciting event, we want to express our sincere gratitude to you for helping us fulfill the calling God has on the network and this ministry. We can't stop thanking God for your generosity!

Read what some are saying

I am enjoying VICTORYTHON 2020 already, and I am so thankful for this network. It is not only a place to stay totally immersed, but it truly is also a lifeline to people like me who live alone and have very little family to speak of.

My husband and I gave \$50 during VICTORYTHON. That same week, I received a raise in pay, and the company I work for decided to contribute 2% of profit-sharing to my 401(k). Praise the Lord!

—J.E., North Carolina

I felt led to give a \$250 donation during VICTORYTHON, and a week later I received a \$25,000 insurance check for damages to a barn during a tropical storm. Praise the Lord for His provision.

—D.M., Delaware

I tweaked my back last week and had intense sciatic nerve pain that kept me from sleeping and made work difficult. I turned on VICTORY Channel to get my faith stirred up and VICTORYTHON was on! I listened as Billy Burke and Billy Brim preached the Word...and



I believed for total healing and realignment of my spine. That night, I slept better than I had in a week and I woke up to no pain! It's been a few days now and I still have no pain. Everything feels like it's back in line. Hallelujah! Thank you, VICTORY!

—A.D.

While watching the recent VICTORYTHON 2020, I received a revelation from God. I had started a website and suddenly could not find the time to finish it. I kept telling my husband how desperately I needed time to start my blog and work my business because we have a lot of debt and we've been believing for debt freedom. While watching VICTORYTHON, God revealed to me that my purpose was not to run it as a business but as a nonprofit. I am not to sell anything or charge at all. I agreed, sowed my seed, and for the first time, today I had over an hour to work on my blog! With three children who are home-schooled, and a 2-year-old, that's A LOT OF TIME. I thank God for His guidance and I am standing in faith for my family's debt freedom.

—R.L., Texas

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How To

REAP YOUR HARVEST



by Pastor George Pearsons



It was a word I was not expecting.

The date was Sept. 28, 1999, and Brother Keith Moore was our guest speaker at church. He stepped up to the podium and began to declare a word from The LORD for our congregation.

At first, I was stunned.

Through Brother Keith, The LORD let us know He was blessed by our giving, but He was grieved and bothered that we weren't reaping.

Ouch!

Through Brother Keith, The LORD informed us that some were disillusioned and aggravated with Him, and asking, "How much more can I give?"

But here was the clincher. The LORD said, *You think you are waiting on Me. You think reaping is automatic. You think that once you put the money in, it's all up to Me. That is ignorance and confusion. I challenge you to hear the word of The LORD and make up your mind and say, "I am not just a good giver. I am a good reaper. And I am going to get real good at reaping!"*

That night, I took His challenge seriously.

I determined that we were going to get "real good" at reaping.

The first thing I did was to order a teaching series by Brother Moore, titled *Rules of Reaping*. I listened to those messages over and over. I took copious

notes and looked up every scripture. Within one month, I taught a three-day seminar based on his messages.

From that moment on, my life and the life of our church began to change. This word revolutionized our thinking. Reaping our harvest was the missing link—a major key that unlocked the door to increase. Every time we received the offering, we would call in our harvest. We were determined to get "real good" at reaping.

Reaping Is Not Automatic

Consider the farmer who invests time and money planting a crop. Then, at harvest time, he simply sits on the porch and watches it rot in the field. Our response would be, "That's crazy!" Unfortunately, that is the way some Christians think. Too many are sleeping through their harvest. Proverbs 10:5, *New Living Translation*, says, "A wise youth harvests in the summer, but one who sleeps during harvest is a disgrace." Many sow their seed and then just wait



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for God to reap the harvest. That is not the way it works. A natural harvest doesn't just jump from the field into the barn. Someone must go out and reap it. And that someone is us!

Mark 4:26-29 confirms that reaping is our responsibility. Jesus said, "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

I know you weren't expecting it, but here's a pop quiz on what you just read. And so you'll pass with flying colors, I'm giving you the answers.

1. Who did the sowing? (Man)
2. Who did the growing? (God)
3. Who reaped the harvest? (Man)

In the July 9 installment of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland's daily devotional *From Faith to Faith*, Brother Copeland writes, "Jesus compared the kingdom of God with the planting of seed and reaping the harvest. It's a simple concept. One all of us understand. Why, then, aren't all of us producing bumper crops every season? Because we are sitting around waiting for God to do all the work."

We Were Created To Reap

Several years ago, Gloria Copeland and I spent two weeks on the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast teaching on the topic *How to Reap Your Harvest*. During the taping, Gloria and I were discussing the fact that God created Adam to harvest. Genesis 2:15 says, "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." That definitely included sowing and reaping. We read Genesis 8:22 and determined that sowing and reaping have not passed away. "While the earth remaineth, *seedtime and harvest*, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

Then, Gloria said something I had never heard before.

She declared, "We *still* have a 'harvest gene.' It's in our DNA."

God created us to harvest. That is what THE BLESSING has empowered us to do. We still

have what it takes to reap the harvest from every good seed we sow.

Here is another example. Look at Matthew 6:26: "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

While meditating on this scripture, I asked The LORD why we were better than birds. Without hesitation, He answered. *Because you were created to sow and reap and they weren't.* Think of it! You and I were created by God to sow our seed, reap our harvest and gather it into barns. But, don't ever forget our purpose for reaping: Our motivation for accumulation is distribution.

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How To Reap Your Harvest

I once heard about a preacher who was struggling financially. Physically, he was well and strong. He experienced powerful demonstrations of the Spirit in his meetings, and his ministry was growing rapidly. The only area of trouble was in the financial realm. Even though he was a tither and a sower, he was not seeing the financial results he desired and needed. He decided to fast and pray. He sought The LORD to find out why he was having such financial difficulty. As a result of his time of separation, The LORD told him he had to receive his finances the same way he received his healing—by faith. In other words, He told him to "call in the harvest."

How do we do that? We call in the harvest with



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by Gloria Copeland

our words of faith.

Isaiah 41:15 says, “I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth.” The word *teeth* in the Hebrew is the word *mouths*. Our mouths are designed by God to be mighty combines—huge threshing machines that go into the field and bring in the harvest.

Gloria said something else during the broadcast concerning the difference between a natural harvest and a spiritual harvest. She said that a natural harvest is seasonal. It all depends on the weather cycle. A spiritual harvest, on the other hand, is continual. A spiritual harvest does not depend on the weather or the economy. It’s year-round!

The kingdom of God is always on the increase in spite of contrary conditions. Read Jeremiah 17:7-8: “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, *neither shall cease from yielding fruit.*”

We can actually come to a place in our lives where we are reaping all the time. “‘The time will come,’ says the LORD, ‘when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested’” (Amos 9:13, *New Living Translation*).

Think Harvest!

Consider what Brother Copeland said several years ago in an article he wrote, titled “Get Your Mind on the Harvest.” He said, “If you haven’t thought of yourself as a harvester before now, start thinking of yourself that way. Renew your mind to the truth of God’s WORD. Dare to believe The LORD of the Harvest is calling you—yes, *you*—to help Him bring in His end-time crops. He’s speaking to you and saying, *Until now, you’ve known Me as The LORD over your seed. You’ve known Me as your bread provider. But, I want you to know Me now as LORD and Minister of the Harvest.*”

Harvester, don’t wait one more minute. Open your mouth—your spiritual combine—and call in your harvest. As Joel 3:13 says, “Swing the sickle—the harvest is ready” (*The Message*).

Praise God! We are not just good givers. We are good reapers. And, together, we are getting *real good* at reaping! 🍷

A Supernatural Turnaround Year



What are you expecting this new year to be like?

Did you, like many others, make New Year’s resolutions with every intention of seeing great change in your life? Or are you still trying to decide what kind of year you want this to be?

If so, I have a suggestion for you: Why don’t you stir up your faith and believe God for this to be a turnaround year—a year when everything in your life that’s not right gets turned around to be right!

You can have that kind of year, you know. No matter how impossible it might appear to be right now, no matter how massive the problems you’re facing might seem, with God all things are possible. He is a big God and He is well able to work miracles in your life this year.

He can restore to you what the devil has stolen. He can bring you out of lack and into prosperity. He can heal your body, minister to your family and solve problems that look totally unsolvable.

That's why He's called "the God of peace."

In Hebrew the word *peace* is *shalom*. It means "whole, undamaged, and intact, with nothing missing and nothing broken." And it describes what God can do for you. When you put your faith in Him, He will bring His peace, wholeness and BLESSING to every part of your life. When you give Him the opportunity, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet" (Romans 16:20, *New Living Translation*).

I can confirm this from personal experience because He's done it for me. I remember one year

in particular, for instance, when our ministry went through some prolonged financial difficulties. They dragged on for a number of months and showed no signs of letting up.

We knew the devil was behind the situation, so when it continued through one year and threatened to stretch into the next, we took our stand on the Word of God. By faith we started declaring that things were going to change. We started saying that we would see a financial turnaround and it would be a year of financial freedom.

We didn't stop there, either. We also set our faith on having a big year in other ways.

I started calling it a year of fullness, health and a fresh anointing. I declared it would be a year in which Ken and I, and all our ministry Partners, would step into more of what God has called us to do.

Sure enough, those things came to pass. God did exactly what we believed for and confessed, not because we are more special than anyone else but because, according to the Bible:

"Whosoever shall say...and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." (Mark 11:23)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (Proverbs 18:21)

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

Those verses will work for anyone who will believe and act on them. They'll work for you just like they work for me. That's why I want to encourage you to put your faith in them and start declaring that this year is your turnaround year.

BLESSED in Everything All the Time

"But Gloria," you might say, "can I really be sure God wants to bless me in every area of my life this year?"

Yes, you can. The Word of God leaves no doubt about it. It says to all of us who are born-again believers that "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse...that the blessing of Abraham might come on [us] through Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:13-14).

THE BLESSING of Abraham isn't just a blessing. It's not just God looking down at us every once in a while and giving us a temporary break from the curse by occasionally doing something good for us. No, THE BLESSING continually



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touches everything in our lives, and it's ours all the time because God has already given it to us.

In Christ, we've already been BLESSED!

I was reminded of this one day when I was reading about THE BLESSING Isaac gave to Jacob in Genesis 27. I began to think about the fact that Isaac actually BLESSED Jacob by mistake. He'd intended to BLESS his older son, Esau. Knowing his father couldn't see very well, Jacob dressed up like Esau and tricked Isaac into BLESSING him instead of his brother.

When Isaac realized what had happened, he was upset because he loved Esau very much. Esau was his favorite son. He had a great rapport with him, and he wanted him to have THE BLESSING because he was the firstborn.

Yet even so, Isaac couldn't reverse what he'd done. "I...have blessed [Jacob]," he said, "yea, and he shall be blessed" (verse 33).

As one Hebrew commentary in *The Stone Edition of The Chumash* explains in Genesis 27, THE BLESSING had been given in the presence of the Lord, and once given, it was irrevocable. It had gone forth and could not be stopped.

Don't Let the Devil Steal It

If that was true about THE BLESSING given to Jacob by Isaac, it's also true about us. THE BLESSING that's been bestowed on us by God through Christ Jesus is irrevocable. God has given it to us.

I know what you're probably thinking: *If it can't be stopped, then why don't I see the results of it in my life more often? Why does it seem like sometimes I'm BLESSED and sometimes I'm not?*

Because its fulfillment depends on our actions: what we believe, say and do. And because we have an adversary—Satan is his name.

He's the thief who comes "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10); and if you let him, he'll rob you of the effects of THE BLESSING. He'll tell you it's not God's will to prosper you this year. He'll tell you that you can't be healed right now, that God wants you to stay sick so you can learn something. He'll try to distract you from what the Word of God says by filling your mind and your mouth with doubt and unbelief.


But you don't have to yield to him. You don't have to let him steal your turnaround year.

Instead, you can "resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). You can take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and go to war against the thoughts of financial lack, sickness and defeat the devil brings to your mind. You can reject his lies by "casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity

every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Personally, I've already determined that's what I'm going to do. I'm not going to let the devil trick me into living under the curse this year. I've been redeemed from the curse through the blood of Jesus. So I'm declaring right now that this is my turnaround year. Everything that's not right in my life will be turned around.

I'm BLESSED with THE BLESSING of Abraham. It's mine now in Christ Jesus and it cannot be stopped: I can't be broke for being BLESSED! I can't be sick for being healed! I can't be defeated because in every situation THE BLESSING always causes me to triumph!

As a born-again child of God, you can make those same declarations. You can have an absolutely marvelous year this year. THE BLESSING is available. Jesus has already bought and paid for it. He wants you to enjoy it. So go ahead, believe His Word, and have a supernatural turnaround year! 

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by Christi Le Fevre

R E S P E C T

The very idea made me furious. Never mind the fact that it came from a male member of my own family. How dare he suggest that if I want to be married I should learn how to cook? If he thought that, as a woman, I was born to work in the kitchen, do laundry and clean house, he'd better think again.

Fuming, I made my feelings clear. "If a man only wants me because I can cook for him," I declared defiantly, "I don't want that man!"

It was one of the most heated arguments I've ever had—and for good reason. I'd worked tirelessly from a young age to excel in life. I never wanted to be favored because of my femininity or because others might have thought I was attractive. I deeply desired to be known and respected for my intelligence.

In college, I studied long hours to be accepted into several honor societies. I graduated summa cum laude and was voted by department professors as the top graduate out of thousands of students in my department. After graduation, when I got my first job, I became one of my company's top performers while I was still in my early 20s. Those accolades, however, hadn't given me the confidence I thought they would. I still believed I had to fight to earn respect.

What caused me to remain so defensive? Why was I always ready in a moment to contend, especially with men in authority? I lacked this key revelation: "A gracious woman gains respect" Proverbs 11:16, (*New Living Translation*).

During the tumultuous journey of the past 20 years, the Lord has patiently taught me this truth. He's shown me, after many unhappy years of being angry and frustrated, that there's no need for me to obsess over and fight for the respect I desire. When I choose to surrender my will and be the gracious woman He has called me to be, *respect is guaranteed*.

This is totally contrary to the world's way of thinking. The secular culture of today teaches people to demand respect merely on the basis of their external traits. "I demand respect because I'm a woman," one person says.



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“I demand respect because of my ancestry or ethnicity,” says another. God says, however, we are *only* to give “respect to whom respect is due, and honor to whom honor is due” (Romans 13:7, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

In other words, true respect must be earned. It's based on *internal* qualities such as integrity, loyalty and faithfulness. External, natural characteristics don't qualify us for it. To claim we must be respected simply because we're women is as foolish as saying, “I demand respect because I have blond hair.”

I cannot overemphasize this: When true respect is earned, the importance of external traits diminishes. We finally achieve true equality and there is no bias between gender or race.

Narrow Path

The secular world tells women that if they don't demand respect because *I Am Woman!* they won't ever get it. But that's a lie. Although millions of women in our Western culture have believed it, it's the broad path that only leads to destruction.

The teaching you will read in this book is the narrow path. It may not be popular or politically correct. (The truth often isn't.) But it leads to life. It doesn't take women backward, although at first it might sound to you like it would. It won't cause us, as women, to lose the ground we've gained where equality is concerned. No, following this path and these principles will take us forward because they're based on God's Word, and as John 17:17 says, God's “Word is truth” (*New Life Version*).

I often hear people these days use phrases like *own your truth, my truth* and *your truth*. But really, there's only *one truth*, and it's not relative. It doesn't

change according to our culture, past, wealth, accomplishments or position. The truth that created the world we live in, the truth that formed and fashioned us, will never change. It is the same “yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8).

The absolute truth is the Word of God. And His truth is the only way that leads to the abundant life in Christ Jesus. It's the only truth that genuinely makes you free.

Free From Deception

Please let me be clear: I am vehemently opposed to women being restricted by what *tradition* dictates a woman should be. I believe women are designed by God to be brilliant leaders and team players—not hiding in the shadows behind men but standing by their side. Yet in recent years, what society has celebrated as a strong woman has alarmed me.

I've seen women being deceived by popular media, formal education and government institutions into believing their rage against the system will set them free. I've seen them fall prey to the original sin that the first woman, Eve, committed when Satan came to her in Genesis 3:1 (*NLT*) and said, “Did God really say?” Satan is not only a liar, he's the father of lies (John 8:44). Yet Eve made the choice to side with him against God, and the devil was able to deceive her.

She didn't know she was deceived, of course. That's the nature of deception. It's the result of believing a lie. The lie Eve believed was that disregarding what God said would give her more freedom. When she acted on that deception, the curse of sin and death entered the world.

It's a spiritual law as predictable as the law of gravity: When we go against God's Word, it will always cost us. That's why we need Jesus. He came to restore what the devil has stolen and liberate us from deception so we can go *with* God instead of *against* Him. For the law of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

The only way for us as women to be liberated from the darkness of deception is to know the truth. So, my purpose here is to shine into our lives the light of God's Word. When the truth is revealed and we choose to believe what God says to us and about us, we will truly be free!

Be Transformed

“But Christ,” you might say, “I grew up in church. I've heard the Word all my life.”



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Me too. But I still have to guard against allowing secular mindsets to influence my thinking and my heart. We all do. If we want to be the gracious women God has called us to be, we must continually obey the instructions in Romans 12:2. It says, "Be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind [in Christ Jesus]." Or, as the *New Living Translation* says it, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

No matter how good our spiritual upbringing might have been, we must always keep renewing our minds with the Word. If we don't, we'll slip into a worldly mentality. We'll start thinking like those who don't believe God and allowing our choices to be influenced by the world's point of view. We'll drift away from God's truth and His perfect will for our lives.

If we stay attentive to His Word, on the other hand, and continue to compare every thought to it, it will keep changing the way we think. We'll see life from God's point of view. We'll enjoy the glorious reward of being increasingly transformed into women who not only know, but walk in their divine destiny!

Tell It Like It Is

It isn't easy for women to walk in their destiny these days. The cultural tide is against us. In our Western world, we're inundated by the media with obnoxious ungodly images meant to define for us what a strong woman should be. We're led to believe that a loud, sharp, sarcastic tongue that "tells it like it is" is courageous, when Romans 4:17 teaches the exact opposite. It says that for us to be like Jesus, which is our destiny (Romans 8:29), we're to "speak the things that are not as though they were."

We're also taught through the media that being a strong woman means taking over in every situation, especially if it means we conquer a man's position of authority. In the majority of shows on television, movies and in magazine stories, men are emasculated, while women who are considered raw and in-your-face are elevated and celebrated.

I understand this to a degree. Growing up in Texas, where the saying *Don't mess with Texas* is truly a belief system I applaud (I am a Texan, after all!), I became very familiar with the *good ol' boy*

mentality of domineering men. In school, society and media, I observed not a mutual respect and honor for a woman's role and purpose, but a lack of it. Now I know the disrespect I saw was the result of a lack of understanding of God's Word. But back then I just knew it was wrong.

So early in life I made a decision: *I will have a voice. I will not be intimidated. I will speak up.*

I Will Have a Voice

When Mylon and I were dating I told him in no uncertain terms, "I am not a traditional woman. I will not be silent. If we marry, I will speak up. I believe that we are called to be a team. I will not be your slave at home, cooking and cleaning. I want to be involved in decisions that affect our future."

In all honesty, I wouldn't have married him if he'd shown any resistance to what I immaturely perceived as my rights. But he didn't. Mylon is a wise man. He wants me to have a voice. He's always been in complete support of us honoring each other's God-ordained role. From the beginning of our marriage he's assured me that his aim is to make sure I have a safe, warm environment, so I can develop into the woman God wants me to be. He's my biggest cheerleader, and he's always encouraged me to walk in the fullness of my calling.

The devil hates women! He resents us because it was through a woman that God sent His Son to earth to overthrow Satan's dominion. It was through Mary, a woman chosen by God, that the Savior Jesus Christ came to the earth to destroy the devil's works (1 John 3:8). The devil is a dominator. His tactics always end in bondage. But Jesus is the Liberator. He came to set us free! When women aren't free to be valued and to stand in their God-given place, the world misses out. It's robbed of the fullness of God's beautiful design.

Jesus died for male and female alike. He treasures both and loves us all with the same boundless love. Therefore, when we value or celebrate one more than the other, we step out of line with the Word.

We don't want to do that. So, let's stop allowing society to define for us what a strong woman is and allow God to define it for us. Let's focus on what He said in His Word about how much He values women and how time and again women—from Eve to Esther to Ruth to Mary—have been given important positions of authority that changed the course of history. 🙏



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Free at Last

A gentle breeze rustled through the leaves of the pecan tree as Christy Ennis relaxed in her Adirondack chair, sipping iced tea. She loved feeling the warmth of the late afternoon sun on her face as she watched her two sons, 5-year-old Garrett and 2-year-old Jacob, play in the shade.

Inside, 12-year-old Brittany listened to music in her room. From time to time, she dashed outside to show her mother her latest project.

Christy closed her eyes and listened to the glorious sounds. The sound of her sons' chortling laughter. Music playing from Brittany's room.

They were the sounds of a now happy family who had moved on after the divorce.

No longer were there threats from a shotgun.

No longer was there the possibility the kids would find needles or narcotics lying around.

No more abuse or addiction.

Now, they were safe in the little cottage in Oklahoma City that Christy's dad had helped her buy out of foreclosure.

Tom (not his real name), Christy's ex-husband, had once been a wealthy stockbroker. Now out of work, and addicted to narcotics, he was living with his parents. They watched closely over their son—making

sure he didn't drive unless he was sober. They provided a safe place for the children to visit their father.

The door slammed as Brittany ran outside.

"Mommy, Natasha invited me to spend the weekend with her at her grandmother's lake house! Can I go? *Please?*"

"I'm sorry, Baby, I can't let you go. This is your dad's weekend, and he'll be here any minute."

An hour later, when Tom had not arrived, Christy gave in.

"All right, you can go."

Brittany left in a rush of joyful goodbyes.

When Tom finally arrived, Christy noted that he was sober.

She kissed Garrett and turned to help Jacob buckle up.

"I do it Mommy! I big boy!"

He clicked the strap in place with a wide, toothy grin.

"You are a big boy!" Christy said as she kissed Jacob and double-checked that he was





John and Christy Johnson

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securely fastened. She waved until they were out of sight.

It was the weekend of her 20th high school reunion.

Christy spent Friday evening visiting old friends. On Saturday, she attended a class picnic. Returning home that afternoon, Christy noticed the message light flashing on her answering machine. A chill rippled up her spine when she saw that she'd missed five calls. Four had been from Children's Hospital and one from an ambulance service.

Listening, there was a message for her to call a doctor.

Christy trembled as she dialed the number.

"I'm afraid that I have some bad news," the doctor said. "There has been an accident involving your ex-husband and two sons. Garrett is in critical condition at Children's Hospital. Unfortunately, Jacob didn't make it."

A New Reality

"I can't explain the depth of my pain," Christy recalls. "It was paralyzing. In a moment, life as I knew it was over. Seeing Jake's sippy cup sitting on his highchair undid me. When I got to the hospital, Garrett didn't even look like himself.

"They wouldn't let me see Jake. The police told me their dad had crossed the centerline and hit a truck head-on. Witnesses said they saw him climb out of the wreckage, strip off all his clothing except his underwear, and sit on the sidewalk.

"He didn't even try to help his children," they said.

Toxicology reports confirmed that Tom had been driving under the influence of four narcotics: Xanax, Demerol, Valium and methadone, Christy said. He had also taken Benadryl, an over-the-counter medication known to cause drowsiness.

"I *loathed* Tom for what he'd done," Christy said. "Because of his choices, I would never hold my baby again. As far as I was concerned, he should have been the one in the morgue, not my 2-year-old son. I'd done everything I could to keep my children safe, but it hadn't been enough.

"Garrett recovered and came home from the hospital. I felt weak with relief that Brittany hadn't been in that car.

A Different Kind of Addiction

In fairness, Tom wasn't the only one who had battled addiction, Christy admits.

"While I'd never been addicted to drugs or

alcohol, my habit had been getting hooked on unhealthy relationships. Of my parents' four children, I was the only girl. My dad wasn't an affectionate man. He never said he loved me. He cursed a lot, and once told one of my brothers he was so stupid he would wind up in jail.

"I tried to fly under the radar in hopes of avoiding the verbal abuse. Dad was impatient with me. He'd say, 'Hurry up, Christy, get to the point. You talk too much.' He never said, 'You're unworthy. You're insignificant. Nobody wants to hear what you have to say.' But that's the message I internalized.

"We were Catholic and went to church every Sunday. When I was 15, one of my friends invited me to attend church camp where I got born again. I read my Bible every day, and although my spirit was renewed, my soul was a mess."

As she grew older, Christy's life became even more of a mess.

"All the approval and affirmation I never got from my dad, I tried to find in other men," she explained. "I believed that when I met the right man, he would fix me. I had no doubt about that. As an adult, I spent every weekend hunting for a man who would give me approval, affection and adoration. I didn't consider myself promiscuous, but I traded sex for that affirmation."

In college, Christy had excelled, earning a bachelor's degree in finance and a Master of Business Administration. She met Tom at a gym. At 27, he'd already kicked a drug habit and lost 100 pounds. Christy was impressed with his intelligence and fell in love with his potential.

They married in 1985, and after Brittany was born the next year, they moved to Kansas City, Mo. Christy went to work for the Federal Reserve Bank, while Tom trained to become a stockbroker. He was brilliant, eventually becoming the most successful new broker in the 100-year history of the firm where he worked.

Cracks in the Foundation

"Tom's success was huge, but he hadn't developed the character to support it," Christy explains. "Each time he made a lot of money, he sat around afterward doing nothing except feeding his addiction to pornography and calling a sex hotline. I caught him in one lie after another. I became a very angry, bitter person. I decided I needed a man who treated me better.

"I went out of town on a business trip, met a handsome man in a bar and had my first affair. The next morning, I looked in the mirror and smiled. The affair anesthetized my anger, and I

felt euphoric. After it wore off, the next one was a lot easier.”

Christy says she had no remorse about her affairs.

In her mind, Tom’s behavior excused hers.

For a while, the couple attempted marriage counseling with their pastor. But most of the time Tom didn’t show up.

During one session, Christy decided to come clean.

“I’m having an affair,” she confessed.

She didn’t feel the need to repent.

She confessed, she said, so her pastor would understand how miserable her marriage had become.

“If you’ll fix Tom, I’ll be all right,” Christy told the pastor.

“You’ll never find freedom unless you repent and confess your affairs,” her pastor said.

“That’s the worst stinking advice I’ve ever heard!”

Christy had no way of knowing that Tom already suspected. Now, the truth was out.

Tom’s response? He fell back into his drug addiction and was fired from his job.

Learning to Forgive

“After my affairs became known, and Tom lost his job, he checked into a rehab program, but demanded to be released after two days. That’s when we moved back to Oklahoma City,” Christy explains. And the verbal abuse, manipulation and deceit worsened.

“I’d gotten filled with the Holy Spirit and started attending a Bible study where the discussion was about the fruit of the spirit. Gloria Copeland had written the foreword for a book by a local author, Greg Zoschak. We read his book and watched videos of Gloria doing in-depth teachings on the fruit of the spirit.”

Christy knew she didn’t have the fruit of the spirit as outlined in the Bible: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and goodness. But she wanted them. After finishing the book, she read another one on the subject by Gloria. What she learned changed everything.

“Instead of turning to another man for comfort, I learned to forgive, day in and day out,” she says. “Over and over I forgave. I learned the importance of walking in love. I learned that the only person I had the power to change was me.

“When Tom threatened me with a shotgun, I filed a victim’s protection order against him and we separated for a year. Right after I did that, I had a vision. I saw myself standing at the top of a mountain with Jesus. Winding around the mountain and far off in the distance was a single line of women. I said, ‘Lord, what are those ladies doing?’ He said,



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Those are broken women that you’re going to help.

“Looking back, I realize that He called me to my purpose in life in the middle of my brokenness. I didn’t tell anyone about that vision for well over a decade.”

Free From Shame

Still puzzled by her own brokenness, Christy asked God, “Why am I like this?”

You never felt like you were worthy of love. You didn’t think you were worthy of having a great relationship, so you settled for less. Because you didn’t know your identity, you sucked affirmation, approval and affection from the men you met. Christy, there’s nothing you can do that’s so terrible that I will love you less. My love for you will never change. And there’s nothing so amazing that you’ll ever do to make Me love you more.

“Wait, You’ll love me no matter what? I don’t have to earn it? And if You love me so much that I don’t have to hide my past from You...I don’t have to hide it from anyone!”

Even as Christy said those words, something miraculous happened. She shed shame like an old skin. She found her identity in Christ and became free at last.

Was she free of a drug-addicted husband? No. But basking in the forgiveness and grace God had given her, she was able to love and forgive him. His wrong attitudes and actions could no longer keep her bound.

“Paul learned to be content whatever state he



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was in,” Christy says. “So did I. I knew I had an addiction the Lord was dealing with in me. I was in the process of getting healed. If I’d divorced Tom then, I knew I would have been right back in an unhealthy relationship.

The Greatest Offense

“Tom never used street drugs. He faked sickness to get strong narcotics from doctors. Once, while he was in the hospital, I was struggling to learn what I should and shouldn’t say. I didn’t tell the doctors that he was an addict.”

One day his doctor pulled me aside.

“Is your husband a drug addict?”

“Why do you ask?”

“Because we’ve given him enough morphine to kill 10 men, but he’s watching the clock for his next dose. His tolerance is too high. We’re ordering a psychiatric evaluation and a chemical dependency evaluation.”

Tom refused both evaluations and every offer of help.

Christy was sitting in the hospital waiting room when she heard the Lord speak: *You’ve done all you can. I release you.*

Jake had been 9 months old when Christy filed for divorce.

Two years later, he was dead.

“The morning after Jake died, I woke up with supernatural joy,” Christy remembers. “I knew that the only way I could keep that joy was to give it away. I couldn’t go back to being an angry, bitter woman. I had learned to live free and I wasn’t willing to give it up. All that practice forgiving Tom day after day had led to this moment when I had to choose to forgive the greatest offense ever: Even though he was responsible for the death of our son, I chose to forgive.

Difficult Days

“Following the divorce, I was prideful about my ability to spot red flags and recognize character instead of charm. I thought I could date anyone and just guard my heart. That was a big mistake, because I met the devil in blue jeans and was addicted to him from the start. He was everything I thought I wanted in a man, but nothing that I needed.

“I’d also been asked out by John Johnson, who was a wonderful, Christian man. When the devil in blue jeans called to ask me out, I was honest with John. I told him about my journey to freedom and said I needed to see if I could get free. John was kind, understanding...and he prayed for me.

“One evening John and I prayed together. During that prayer, God knit my heart with

John’s. I felt love like I’d never known. I sensed that I had to protect this love and not take advantage of it. I broke up with the devil in blue jeans and never saw him again.

“That doesn’t mean it was easy. When I was tempted and struggling with memories, I told John and he prayed with me. God taught me how to put up good boundaries and avoid traps. He taught me that there were things I didn’t ever need to remember—I had to retrain my brain. I had to learn to take my thoughts captive. If a song came on the radio that I danced to with someone in the past, I changed the station.

“I think shame is contagious. If I’d still been ashamed about my past when I talked about it with John, it might not have gone so well. But I don’t wear shame. I was the woman at the well. We were both what I call “love junkies.” But when we encountered Jesus, everything changed.

“The teachings I learned from KCM helped me get free and stay free. Too often the Word of God gets watered down, but Kenneth and Gloria taught the whole truth and nothing but the truth—and it set me free. I also found that the Copelands’ faith was contagious. I remember when they first began believing for a million Partners. That seemed so big, and it helped me stretch what I was believing God to do in my life.”

A Healthy Marriage

In 1999, John and Christy were married. The first two years of their marriage, they read Kenneth and Gloria’s devotional book *Pursuit of His Presence* every day and discussed it. They devoured the *BVOV* magazine each month.

John had so much compassion for Tom that he helped him as much as possible. For many years, before Tom died in 2018, John would invite him to their home for the holidays to be with his children. Although Christy and John never stopped praying for him, Tom never kicked his drug habit.

John and Christy Johnson have enjoyed a glorious marriage now for 21 years. During that time, the vision Christy saw more than 30 years ago has come to pass. Today, she is a life coach, helping countless women get out of despair and live soul-healthy lives. In addition, she has written two books: *Love Junkies* and *Free Looks Good on You*.

Finally, Christy is fulfilling the call of God on her life and setting the captives free. 🙏

Editor’s Note: To learn more about Christy’s story, go to christyjohnson.org.

KCBC ALUMNI

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This past August, Kenneth Copeland Bible College (KCBC) graduated its first class at the 40th annual Southwest Believers' Convention! It was a memorable event, where students and their families gathered from all over the country to celebrate this momentous occasion. Now equipped to fulfill their individual callings by faith, Kenneth Copeland Bible College grads were ready and eager to begin the work of the ministry.

So, where are they now?

Some of our graduates have gone on to plant churches, sowing the DNA of KCBC—faith, integrity and excellence—into their local communities. Others have pursued callings to minister full time. A good number of alumni are serving on staff at Kenneth Copeland Ministries and Eagle Mountain International Church. A few are even continuing their education to further equip them for their specific God-given purpose.

Although it's only been a short time since graduation, and despite a worldwide pandemic, KCBC alumni are already using their faith and the knowledge they gained at KCBC to impact the world for Jesus. That's what it's all about!



David and Dorothy Broussard planted a church in Lake Charles, La.



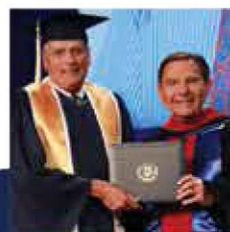
David and Sally Jonsten planted a church in Albuquerque, N.M.



Steve and Erin Zahner are planting a church in South Carolina.



David and Lilliana Simmons are working in full-time ministry in Amarillo, Texas.



Mark Manley is continuing his education at Oral Roberts University.



Marita East is continuing her education at University of Texas at Arlington.



Many KCBC alumni are now part of the staff at Eagle Mountain International Church. Some are pictured here (from left to right): Rebecca Stambaugh, Susan Mitzel, Judy Ann Copenhaver, Jason Houghton, Rebecca Davis, Alec Loomis, Adrienne Cordry, Dan Koch, Bethany Greiner, Jamie Byers and Amber Bailey.



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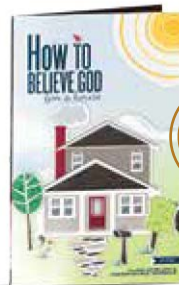
Completely Restored!

At the beginning of the Miracles on the Mountain meetings, I submitted a prayer request online for healing of my knees. I watched online, believing I received my healing. My left knee had a Baker's cyst behind it and lots of swelling. The cyst and swelling are completely gone; I am back to exercising and enjoying a pain-free life!

R.C. | Los Angeles, Calif.

Dreams Fulfilled in God

Thank you for your ministry and all the free study materials which have brought me greater understanding and relationship with my heavenly Father. I wanted a new, debt-free house, so I studied *How to Believe God for a House*. Within 24 hours of selling and moving out of my home, I was offered land to build on (no charge) and signed papers for my new home! I moved in Oct. 8, 2019, and paid it off Nov. 21, 2019.



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I grew up poor in the inner city and was raised in foster care, and here I am traveling to Israel (debt free), building new homes (debt free), and now setting up an account to support the gospel and eradicate poverty! We love you and thank God for you!

P.M. | Ohio

Beautiful Harvest

I receive my Social Security every month and tithe, but I felt impressed to make my check out for more: a \$25 love gift and \$25 for the ministry. I now live in a beautiful home and have my own room. C.M. | Oregon

'God Is in Control'

I have been watching Brother Copeland every day on Daystar, especially during COVID-19. I became a born-again Christian through his ministry and thank God every day. Remembering that God is in control, we must read and believe God's Word every day, and put on the whole armor of God during this situation. May God bless KCM and all who partner with this ministry. M.T. | Trenton, N.J.

Thankful for God's Favor

I sent in a prayer request for God's favor over my son and a job interview he had scheduled. Praise God, he was hired on the spot!

M.P. | Ilion, N.Y.

POWER IN UNITED PRAYER

I called for prayer that the pressure in my eyes would be normal when I went for my exam and there would be no concerns about glaucoma. My eye pressure was down just like we prayed!

C.B. | Lakeside, Calif.

Prospering in God's Ways

We had very little money in the bank, and overdue bills. BUT we meditated God's Word, tuning in to Pastor George, Gloria, Kenneth, Jerry, Jesse and others to feed our faith. We tithed and sought opportunities to sow seed into good ground. I got a new job that paid much more than I had been making. We were able to eliminate our debt of \$44,000. Today, our only debt is our home. We have enough

money to cover six months of expenses and have never felt so free! God was ALWAYS faithful to meet our needs and has blessed us so we can be a blessing!

Thanks for teaching us how to exercise our faith, and for praying and believing with us when we submitted prayer requests. We are forever grateful!

B. H. | Omaha, Neb.

God in the Midst of Disaster

Due to tornadoes, your Relief Team visited us in March. We are so grateful for God's protection and His Word in our hearts and mouths, which we learned from this ministry. Brother Copeland taught on "first words," and the moment the tornado hit, I repeated, "In the Name of Jesus," even while the house was on its side. The Name of Jesus placed our house back upright and our family was able to walk away. Then your team showed up with so much love and concern. Their presence was enough, but then to be blessed financially was overwhelming. God's love in this ministry was truly put into action.

K.K. | Tennessee

'Busy Doing His Will'

I am 83. This is my fourth year as co-coordinator for a substance abuse prevention grant, and my 18th year as coordinator of a nonprofit that manages an on-campus family center and supports homeless students.

People are astonished that someone my age is still active and productive, and I give my heavenly Father all the glory. Brother Kenneth, I have seen that you are not scaling back, but increasing your level of influence as time goes on. I am looking forward to a mighty move of God's Spirit, and want to be busy doing His will until He returns.

Thank you for enriching my life and challenging me to believe God for His best.

D.S. | Washington

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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At one point in my life I was in unbearable pain on the inside, like a two-edged, jagged knife turning day and night. I was tormented out of my mind for six months, and nothing could fix it.

I thought about suicide and my mother insisted on taking me to a church conference with the Copelands.

As we walked across the parking lot, I just wanted to give up. I remember

trying to tell the devil he won, but no sound would come out of my mouth. As I stepped in the door, I heard Gloria say, "We come against tormenting spirits," and Kenneth and those on the stage started praying against them. Instantly, that spirit of torment left me! Then the pain of torment ended when I went to church. The world needs Jesus, and the Church doors are open!

S.H. | California

A photograph of a young couple with dark skin and curly hair, both wearing sunglasses and smiling. They are outdoors on a beach, with a white sandy shore and blue water in the background. The woman is wearing a pink hoodie, and the man is wearing a light blue shirt. They are holding hands. In the foreground, there is a black bag with a white strap and a blue bag with a brown strap.

Does Your Heart Agree With Heaven?

Time is running out. All you have to do is read your Bible to know it. We've moved into the final days of this age—days so difficult and dangerous that Jesus Himself talked about them during His earthly ministry and told us how to handle them. [\[Link\]](#)



by Kenneth Copeland



must do to live safely and victoriously in these last days.

He said, “See that ye be not troubled.”

Then He went on and warned us in detail of the trouble ahead. He talked about nation rising against nation. He talked about murder and betrayal. He talked about false prophets arising and the love of many waxing cold. In other words, He talked about the very things we are seeing in the world today.

Jesus warned us about these things so they wouldn’t take us by surprise—so we would know there would be trouble. But He also commanded us to see to it that we don’t let that trouble trouble us!

Upheld by The WORD of His Power

How can we possibly obey that command? How can we possibly live in the middle of a world filled with danger and distress without it troubling us?

Those are fair questions and Jesus answered them in that very passage. He said: “Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (verses 34-35).

Thank God, no matter what is happening around us, The WORD of God remains the same. It is the unchangeable force that upholds us in every time of trouble. It is the solid rock, the foundation that, if we build our lives upon it, will bring us safely through every storm (Matthew 7:24-25).

The WORD of God is far more real, far more permanent than anything in this natural world. It is, in fact, the very power by which this world and everything in it exists. The Bible tells us that Jesus upholds all things—that’s right, *all*

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass (Matthew 24:3-6).

Notice that right in the middle of His description of these perilous times, Jesus gave us a direct and powerful command. He told us in six simple words what we

“You are living today in what you said yesterday. And tomorrow is waiting to hear what you say today.”

things!—“by the word of his power” (Hebrews 1:3).

I used to wonder why God said it that way. Why didn't He say that He upholds all things by the *power of His WORD*? Then it dawned on me. If we were just depending on the power of God's WORD to see us through, we might find we needed Him to say something He hadn't said yet. And if He hadn't said it, the power of it wouldn't be available to us yet.

But glory to God, He has already said everything that needs to be said! We're not waiting on Him to



Those are the words God has spoken about you as His child and they are settled forever in heaven. They are never going to change.

But here's what you have to remember. You're not living in heaven yet. You're living on earth and to activate those words here, you must make sure that your heart agrees with God's WORD. Why? Because Jesus said it will be unto you according to your faith (Matthew 9:29)!

Heaven has already spoken. Now the earth is waiting to hear what you say.

Are you going to speak The WORD of God? Or talk about the trouble around you? Are you going to agree with the heavenly decree? Or agree with the earthly circumstances?

“HEAVEN HAS ALREADY SPOKEN. NOW THE EARTH IS WAITING TO HEAR WHAT YOU SAY.”

say something. He's already spoken and all things are being upheld by His words! Everything in the earth, every natural and spiritual force on this planet, is under the influence of what God has already said.

What Do You Say?

Psalms 119 confirms that fact. It says: “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants” (verses 89-91).

What does that mean to you in these troublesome times? It means a great deal!

It means that in the midst of danger it's already been settled in heaven that “there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling” (Psalm 91:10). It means that in these times of financial failure it's already been settled that you “shall not want any good thing” (Psalm 34:10). It means that when the rest of the world is failing around you, it is already settled that you will “triumph in Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Don't Push the Envelope

You are living today in what you said yesterday. And tomorrow is waiting to hear what you say today. Your eternal destiny is being shaped and formed by your agreement with The WORD of God that is upholding all things.

That's always been true...but now that truth is becoming more crucial than ever before. The reason is simple. We're running out of time. In years past, if we got our hearts and mouths out of line with God's WORD, we had some time to get ourselves straightened out before we ran into the consequences of that disagreement. God, in His grace, would just keep dealing with us until we repented and got back into a place of faith.

Although God is still as gracious and merciful as He ever was, time is short. We've hit the end of the age and, frankly, many Christians are pushing the envelope. They're letting the world fill their mouths and getting their hearts out of agreement with heaven, thinking one of these days they'll change. One of these days (when circumstances get easier) they'll start confessing The WORD again.

But friend, we've hit the end times. Circumstances aren't going to get easier. They're going to get harder and we're running out of days. We're about to step into that time when we are permanently stuck with the consequences of our confession!



These Amazing Days

This is not the time to ignore Jesus' words by saying things like, "I'm just so sick. I'm so worried." When you say things like that, you're not agreeing with heaven—you're agreeing with torment and trouble. You're opening the door for those things to manifest in your life.

Jesus specifically told us not to do that. He said, "See that you be not troubled." That wasn't just some kind of Sunday school suggestion! It was a command from the Son of the living God instructing His disciples who would live in the last days. It was Jesus Himself speaking personally and emphatically to us!

Take Your Heritage

Now more than ever before, we must pay attention to His instructions. We must obey that command, take hold of The WORD of God and refuse to let go of it. We must be like the writer of Psalm 119 who said: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.... The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart" (verses 105-106, 110-111).

It's not enough for us to just lie back and say, "Well, if it's God's will for me to have victory, I guess He'll just give it to me. If it's His will for me to be healed, He'll just heal me."

No! It is His will. He did give it to you. By His stripes you *were* healed. Now you must take God's WORD as your heritage. You have to aggressively pursue it and get it in your heart and mouth. You have to fight off every unbelieving devil and every troublesome circumstance that comes to steal that WORD and say, "Bless God, I have taken God's promise as my heritage. It's my future. It's my life. I refuse to be troubled by the temporary troubles of this world. They'll pass away, but God's WORD will never pass away. God upholds all things by The WORD of His power and that WORD will come to pass in my life!"

Then just stay with The WORD all the way to the end. No matter what happens around you, don't turn back. Don't change.

Fear not. Only believe. And you will see your way through these troubled times in triumph as the end-time overcomer God destined you to be. ①



The days we live in are amazing!

These days are not unlike the days of John the Baptist.

His were days of anxiety because of political unrest, but they were also days of expectation because of Israel's hope of deliverance. Little did the people realize that their hope was on the brink of fulfillment when John the Baptist showed up.

We are introduced to John the Baptist, and God's plan for him, in Luke 1:14-17, when the angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias, John's father, and made the following announcement:

And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.... He will also go before Him (referring to Jesus) in the spirit and power of Elijah, "to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children," and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (*New King James Version*).

Ready on the Inside

When John's ministry began, the nation was in a dark place, living under the consequences of weak leadership and the rule of another nation. Israel was in need of her Savior—the Savior they

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***I began my pursuit
of the things of God,
and He guided me
every step of the way!***
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had been anticipating for centuries. God anointed John to “make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” John’s God-ordained job was to turn the nation’s attention back to the Lord and get them ready to realize their hope.

To make ready. That’s an inner thing. John’s task was to make the people ready on the inside, to turn their hearts, so they would be prepared for what was about to take place on the outside. He prepared them to receive the Lord Jesus!

Scripture says John’s anointing was the same anointing as Elijah, whose anointing caused people to sit up and take notice of the work of the Lord. Elijah’s anointing caused people to repent of their wicked ways and turn back to God. His anointing gave people hope for their future and caused them to see that their righteous God was working on their behalf. It made them ready on the inside to receive change on the outside.

Just like in the days of Elijah and John the Baptist, while we’re in the greatest times history has ever known, we’re facing some of the darkest times we’ve ever seen, heard of or imagined. In every walk of life, the enemy is at work trying to convince people that the way forward is the way of wickedness and darkness. But, thank God, there are people of God who walk righteously and are making the light and life of Christ evident wherever they may be.

In our day, these amazing days, people the world over need to take notice of God’s work. They need to repent and change their opinions of Him. People need to have their hope renewed and realize that God is working for them, even now. They need to be made ready and prepared for the Lord!

Today, God’s people carry an anointing similar to that of Elijah and John the Baptist. God has empowered His Body to be the force in the earth to make people ready and prepare them for the Lord. What a glorious mission this is! In every nation around the world, the Spirit of God is breathing something very fresh and powerful into the Body of Christ, and into those He has set in positions of leadership in His Body. Once again, in the history

of the Church, God has placed His people on the crest of the wave in making people ready to receive the Lord!

It’s Nothing New

I say *once again* because throughout history, as we have seen in the days of Elijah and in the time of John, in every nation, in both the Church and in the world, humanity has gone through periods of darkness. People have experienced times of hopelessness and despair. But God knows people. He knows how they respond to circumstances. Ecclesiastes 1:9 tells us there is nothing new under the sun. God has always been faithful to anoint people to make those existing in darkness and despair ready on the inside to receive Him and the deliverance He has prepared for them.

When I compare the times we’re living in today with those of my early years, I see many similarities. The ‘60s and ‘70s were crazy times! The war in Vietnam was dragging on, and lives were being destroyed—both on the battlefield and at home. Lives were lost during the early days of the U.S. Apollo space program. And, as a nation, we were still recovering from the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert and Martin Luther King Jr. In the wake of these tragic events, America experienced dark days for many years.

And there were some personal challenges for me as well.

Growing up in Southern California, in my early teens I experienced firsthand the violence and horrific unrest that took place in the streets of Los Angeles and Watts in the midst of racial violence. I was introduced to marijuana at age 11, and when I was 13 my life was all but shattered when my father took his own life. Then, my life was about as crazy as it could get. It was a life of hopelessness, darkness and despair. But the truth is, I was not alone. I was just one of hundreds of thousands around the world who was walking blindly into destruction—living under the influence of darkness, not even seeking the light.

Those were desperate times!

Something New

The good news, though, is that God was never oblivious to any of the things that our country, nor I, personally, was going through. He was not surprised by any of those things. He’s always on the scene—ready to raise up His people in



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messed-up America, and around the whole messed-up world, to make them ready to meet their Lord! For years, I was lost! I was a confused kid with no direction. But God was out to save me and get me on His path of life!

In 1967, something new was going on in America that I knew nothing about. It was called the Jesus Movement. Their way of living, and the message they carried of God's love, prepared people for the Lord. Even I was being influenced by the Jesus people who were on a mission to give people hope for their lives and for the world.

Like so many others, I was confused about my own life and the world around me. I had no clue that my answers could be found in the Lord. I certainly wasn't looking for answers in the Church. I was living the life my father had warned me about when I was 12: that if I started using pot at a young age, it would lead to other things, possibly even heroin. In 1971, I found myself exactly where my dad had "prophesied" I would be—waking up from a heroin-induced stupor. When my first thought that morning was, *I want to do that again, right now*, I remembered his words and at that moment I realized I needed help. I realized I needed Jesus in my life!

I began my pursuit of the things of God, and He guided me every step of the way! And guess where He took me? He took me to church! He connected me with a church deacon who took me under his wing. This man and the people of that church welcomed me and made me ready to meet the Lord. They helped me to know my heavenly Father and my Savior, Jesus Christ. And they led me to be filled with God's Holy Spirit.


And here's the great part, I wasn't the only long-haired, drugged-out, spaced-out person they welcomed into their church. That Spirit-led church family became a loving, accepting, forgiving family to Vikki as well—before we were married. They gave us hope for our future. They gave us the light of Jesus. They helped make us ready for a right relationship with the Lord. When God brought me to the church and I met Jesus, everything changed and my life has never been the same!


These days we are living in mirror the days when I was young and headed down a path of destruction. Young people are craving answers. Our nation and our churches are craving real leadership. Voices are coming at people from all directions as we live under the influence of social media and biased news media.

The truth is, each of us has a part in God's

Anointing to make people ready for the Lord. Every day He brings people across our paths who are searching for answers and a way out of darkness and confusion, much like we all were at one time. I thank God that His plan is for all His people—that's you and me—to be His voice to our generation.

God has placed an awesome calling on the Church and her leaders. We are experiencing a new and fresh presence of the Holy Spirit. I believe God is asking us to pick up the spirit of Elijah and John—the spirit that readies people for the Lord. He is entrusting us to minister to their needs—then ready them for the Lord.

As we rely on the Holy Spirit of our God and the love of Jesus to do the work, we can depend upon a fresh authority and a fresh anointing from God, enabling us to stand out, step up and declare together to all people, "Get ready! Your most amazing days are yet to come!" 



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by Jerry Savelle

God Is Not Going To Let You Fail

God is not going to let you fail!

Do you believe that? The Word states it clearly. Just look at these verses about God's faithfulness:

"I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 89:1

"Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations." Deuteronomy 7:9

"God is forever faithful and can be trusted...." 1 Corinthians 1:9 (*The Passion Translation*)

You see it throughout the Bible: God is faithful. That's good news because even though we're believers, we're not exempt from difficulties, trials, tests or adversity. Everybody faces trouble, but that

"Everybody faces trouble, but that doesn't mean God isn't faithful."

doesn't mean God isn't faithful. Quite the contrary! God is faithful even in the midst of difficulties, trials, tests and adversity.

Years ago, I was ministering with Oral Roberts in Tulsa, Okla. When the time came, I preached my sermon and invited people to come forward for prayer. A number of people lined up. I walked up to one man and asked him what he needed me to pray for.

"I want you to pray that I will never have another test, another trial or any more adversity," he said.

I laid my hands on him. "Lord, let this man die."

"I don't want to die!" he exclaimed.

"Well, sir, that's the only way you can avoid adversity. You have to die and leave the planet. As long as you're here, you'll face adversity."

Jesus warned us about this in John 16:33 when He said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation." But it didn't end there. He followed that by saying, "But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Yes, we'll face





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tests and trials as long as we're on this planet, but we don't have to give in to them or be defeated by them. God is not going to let us fail.

Trust in Jesus

We've recently faced a difficult season in the world. A lot of people are hurting right now. They're suffering and going without. Many have lost their jobs and used all their hard-earned savings merely to survive. Even with all that, though, God won't allow His people to fail. For proof of that, just look to His Word.

Psalm 34:7-8 says, "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

Did you catch that? Those who keep their trust in the Lord receive a blessing. And this passage continues with even more promises:

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.... The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all (verses 9-10, 17-19).

No matter what kind of adversity we experience, we can rest in knowing that we'll be delivered out of it—if we trust the Word of God and depend on His faithfulness. No matter what comes our way, God has promised that He will deliver us from trouble.

Psalm 34:19 in *The Passion Translation* says, "Even when bad things happen to the good and godly ones, the Lord will save them and not let them be defeated by what they face." I've said this many times, and I'll keep saying it: It's never over until *God* says it's over, and God will *never* say it's over until we win.

Supernatural Increase

This became very clear to me in September 2019 while I was flying to the Gold Coast of Australia with Kenneth Copeland. We had a wonderful time catching up with each other and remembering all we'd experienced in the 50 years we'd been preaching together.

At one point in our trip, Brother Copeland went to the back of the plane to take a nap, and I opened a book. I hadn't thought much about the coming year at that time. Usually, I start praying about the upcoming year in October, asking the Lord to give me His agenda, but I hadn't at that point.

Suddenly I heard the Spirit of God say, *In 2020, I will open a new door and bring about supernatural increase beyond anything you've ever experienced before.*

I wrote that down. Then I asked the Lord a couple of questions: "Lord, is this word for me, or for the entire Body of Christ? And why did You say "door" instead of "doors"?"

The Lord confirmed that it was indeed for the entire Body. In response to the second question, He simply said, *All it takes is one.*

I quickly understood that all it takes is one door for God to bring about supernatural increase beyond anything you've ever experienced before. I started studying and preaching about that word on my trip. I ended up preaching it all over the world until March 2020 when everything shut down.

That word changed my life. Since then, I've experienced supernatural increase beyond anything I've ever experienced before. I've known supernatural increase in my life and ministry in the 50 years that I've been in the ministry, but not like what I've experienced after that word from the Lord.

The Lord told me that He'd open a door, but I've since learned that when one door opens, others follow. It's a domino effect.

I want to encourage you today; don't give up on God. Don't turn back. It's not over yet. God can turn your situation around and cause you to experience supernatural increase beyond *anything* you've



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ever experienced before.

Even when bad things happen to good and godly people, the Lord will save them and keep them from being defeated. God promises that He won't let us fail, but He expects us to trust Him, to stand in faith on His Word, and to determine to persevere no matter what...even when adversity strikes.

Promises During Adversity

Just look at these scriptures about how God responds when His people experience adversity:

In Exodus 3:7, God says, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people." He continues in verse 17, saying, "I have said, I will bring you up out of [this] affliction." And in Deuteronomy 26:7-8, God's people state, "The LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and...oppression: And the LORD brought us forth...with a mighty hand...and with signs, and with wonders."

Notice the affliction—the adversity—was followed by signs and wonders.

Don't limit your signs and wonders to miracles of healings and deliverance. Signs and wonders can take place in your finances as well.

Verse 9 in that same chapter says, "And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey."

What is "a land that floweth with milk and honey"? It's supernatural increase! It's a metaphor for God's blessing and a place of plenty where *there is no lack*.

Read those verses again...and again...and again. Don't limit God. Don't allow the news media to convince you that your future is over, that the adversity you're facing right now will last forever or that you'll never recover. As long as God is on the throne, Jesus is Lord, and the Word is forever settled in heaven.

Philippians 1:6, *The Message*, says, "There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears."

That's where you and I are headed—to a flourishing finish. There is still time for God to turn things around on your behalf; never doubt that. In fact, raise your hand right where you are and make this declaration: "God is turning things around in my behalf, and I am going to have a flourishing finish!"

Without a doubt, it's true: God is not going to let you fail! 📌

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by Gloria Copeland

FAITH IN MOTION

Everything supernatural

that God has ever done
for you has been the result
of faith being released.

It might have been your
faith, or it could have been
some unknown intercessor
who was praying for you.
But either way, every time
you've ever experienced
divine intervention,
someone somewhere
was believing God.

How do I know?

From reading the Bible. It teaches us from beginning to end that faith is the fundamental law of God's kingdom. Everything He does, He does by faith.

In Genesis 1, He created the world by faith. He brought light into this dark planet by saying, in faith, "Let there be light," and light was.

In Genesis 3, He used His faith to set in motion the plan of Redemption. After Adam and Eve sinned, He said to the devil that one day the woman's Seed would crush his head, then all through the Old Testament He repeated it to the prophets. He told them for thousands of years that Jesus was coming; they declared it by faith; and eventually their words came to pass. Jesus was born and became our Redeemer just as God promised, by dying for our sins and being raised from the dead.

In the New Testament, God teaches us that it's by faith we receive what Jesus provided for us. He calls the gospel, "the Word of faith" and says: "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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto

salvation" (Romans 10:9-10).

Notice, those verses don't just say that it's by believing and confessing the Word of faith that we're born again. They say that's how we receive *salvation*.

What exactly is *salvation*?

According to the definition of the Greek





word from which it's translated, *salvation* refers to deliverance from every kind of evil, both temporal and eternal. It includes not only the new birth, but everything we need to live free from the curse of sin and walk in THE BLESSING of God, spirit, soul and body.

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In other words, all the elements of the abundant life that have been provided for us through Jesus are included in the word *salvation*—and every one of them is received by faith. Romans 5:1-2 confirms this. It says we are “justified through faith” (or made righteous in our spirit) AND “also we have access by faith into this grace (state of God’s favor)” (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Faith causes us to be favored by God! It enables us to lay hold of all the good things He has stored up for us. It opens a door for Him to move supernaturally in our lives.

God is not a dictator. Unlike the devil, He won’t come in and try to force His will on us. That’s not His way of doing things. He lays out His will and His promises for us in the Bible, and then He gives us a choice. He says, “If you want what I’ve made available to you, believe what I said, and you’ll receive it.”

He even did that with His Old Covenant people.

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He told the Israelites how good their lives would be if they believed and obeyed Him, and how bad their lives would be if they didn’t. Then He said, “I call heaven and earth to

record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live” (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Although they ultimately didn’t, God desired for the Israelites to choose life, and He desires the same for us today, but He won’t make the choice for us. While He has “pleasure in the prosperity of his servant” (Psalm 35:27), He won’t force us to prosper. While He wants us to be in health (3 John 2), He won’t make us get healed.

He just gives us His Word. What we do with it is up to us. We can either believe it in our hearts, confess it with our mouths, and receive what He promised...or not.

Supernaturally Preserved and Protected

I know this sounds simple, and really, faith is just choosing to believe the Word of God more than we believe anything else. It’s making Him

our final authority and honoring His Word as the absolute truth.

That's what the faith heroes did all through the Bible. Think about Noah, for example. He received a word from God about a coming flood and he chose to believe that word and act on it. He didn't have to. He could have said, "That's too wild. It's too far-out!" and ignored what God said. But he didn't, otherwise none of us would be here.

Instead, as Hebrews 11:7 says, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house." He went to work on a boat, with no one to help him but his family, that some scholars estimate took him close to 100 years to build. What's more, the whole time, he kept telling people what God had said and preaching righteousness to them (2 Peter 2:5).

Can you even imagine how people must have mocked him? No one at that time had ever seen rain. The earth had always been watered from the ground up. Yet, here Noah was building this huge monstrosity and looking to all the world like a fool. "Crazy old Noah," they must have said.

But he persevered. He believed the promise of God, confessed it with his mouth, and acted on it. As a result, he and his family were supernaturally preserved and protected. Rather than being in the dark when the flood hit, they were in the ark!

That's where we all want to be when trouble hits. We want to be in the ark of God's supernatural protection. We want to be walking by faith in Him because He's our only shelter in this crazy mixed-up world.

I wouldn't even want to live on this earth without God. If I didn't have the security that comes from faith in Him and His Word, I'd just want to get out of this place. I remember what it was like when Ken and I had no one but ourselves to depend on to put food on our table and meet our needs—and I didn't like it. I don't ever want to live like that again. Do you?

"No," you might say, "I want to live by faith. But I

don't know if I can do it."

Sure, you can! If you've been born again, God has already equipped you with everything it takes. He's put His very own faith in you as a part of your new nature. He's provided you with the written Word to read and meditate on. And via the internet and TV, He's made it possible for you to hear good Word of Faith preaching not only when you go to church but anytime you want.

Talk about BLESSED! As Christians in this day and age, when it comes to living by faith in God's Word, we have more going for us than any other generation. So, take full advantage of it, and as you do, remember these three vital truths:

Truth No. 1: Faith comes!

How does it come? Exactly the way Romans 10:17 says: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Notice that verse doesn't say faith sometimes comes by hearing the Word. It says when you hear the Word *faith comes*. Period. Every time, if you believe it.

That's good news! It means you're in the driver's seat. You don't have to settle for being a faith weakling, always depending on someone else to believe God on your behalf. You don't have to sit around just hoping and waiting for God to pick you out of the crowd, and say, "I think I'll give that person some faith."

No! You can increase in faith anytime you choose. All you have to do is attend to what God says in the Bible, because faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

Truth No. 2: Faith is mouth and motion.

This is where a lot of Christians miss it. They think faith is just mentally agreeing with the Scriptures; that it's simply holding the general belief that the Bible is true. But real faith is much more than that. It's putting God's Word in your mouth and saying what He says about you and your situation. It's acting in every circumstance as if what God said about it is



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1

All the BLESSINGS of salvation, not only the new birth but things like prosperity and healing, are received by faith.

(Rom. 5:1-2)

2

God equipped you to live by faith by putting His own faith inside you when you were born again, as a part of your new nature.

(Eph. 2:8)

3

You can increase in faith anytime you choose simply by attending to what God said in the Bible.

(Rom. 10:17)

4

Faith isn't just mentally agreeing with the Scriptures, it's talking and acting on the truth of God's Word.

(Heb. 11:7)

5

For your faith to produce results, you must be sure to walk in love and forgiveness.

(Mark 11:25)

true.

We do this in the natural all the time. When someone says they'll do something wonderful for us, if we know they're trustworthy and have the means to do what they promised, we take them at their word. We act like that wonderful thing is as good as done.

Say, for example, I told Ken I'd bought him a new motorcycle. He'd immediately get excited. He'd say, "Thank you, Gloria!" and even if it was on order and wasn't going to arrive right away, he'd take possession of it by faith.

He'd call someone he knows would rejoice with him over it (most likely Jerry Savelle). Then he'd start making plans like that motorcycle was already his. He'd start thinking about all the things he wanted to add to it and calling motorcycle shops about pinstriping and chrome and accessories. He'd start mapping out routes to ride.

That's how we, as believers, are to act when we see God's promises in the Bible. **We're to take possession of them by faith and count them as done.** If it's healing (which is actually a Bible fact and not just a promise), we're to feed on healing scriptures until we have them in our hearts in abundance. Then we're to say, "I believe I receive my healing," thank God for it, and then speak and behave like we have it.

Every time we think about it, every time we feel symptoms in our bodies, we're to declare, "I'm healed!" and refuse to speak or behave otherwise.

When we do that we're following in the footsteps of Abraham. He's referred to in Romans 4 as the *father of our faith* because he believed it when God said to him, "I have made you the father of many nations."

Even though, at the time, Abraham and his wife were both far too old to have children. Even though Sarah had always been barren. Abraham took God's word for it that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands of the sea. He began talking, acting like and even calling himself, "Father of Many Nations."

He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deadened] womb. No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was

empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God, fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised (Romans 4:19-21, *AMPC*).

Most likely, people in Abraham's day laughed at him just like they laughed at Noah in his day. When he told them his new name, they probably said, "Yeah, right! Have you checked out your old, dried-up wife recently, Abraham? Have you looked in the mirror at your wrinkly, old self?"

But their mockery couldn't discourage Abraham. He'd heard from God and he believed what God said. He didn't just mentally assent to it. **His faith**

was mouth and motion, and as a result he and Sarah saw God's promise supernaturally fulfilled in their lives.

*We want
to be in the
ark of God's
supernatural
protection.*

Truth No. 3: "Faith... worketh by love."

Galatians 5:6 says, "Faith [is] activated and energized and expressed...through love" (*AMPC*). So, faith and love are inseparable.

No matter how much we read the Bible or how much we declare it, if we're in strife with someone or we're holding a grudge, our faith won't produce the proper results. It will just fall flat.

That's why Jesus told us in Mark 11, in teaching us about the prayer of faith, "When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any" (verse 25). Faith won't work in an unforgiving heart! To successfully believe for and receive THE BLESSINGS of God, we must forgive others as God has forgiven us (Ephesians 4:32) and walk in love.

As 1 Corinthians 13 says, "Love endures long and is patient and kind...it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not...insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]" (verses 4-5, *AMPC*).

Love is our New Covenant law! It's not just an option. It's a New Testament commandment, and because we have God's love within us, we have the power to obey it. So, make sure you do. If you miss it (and everyone does sometimes), just repent.

Then get back in the love lane, keep feeding on the Word, keep faith in your mouth and in motion. Keep the door open for God to do the supernatural for you! 🙏

Happy What?



Commander
Kellie's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR,
SUPERKIDS!
LET'S STOP ON
THAT WORD

Happy!

Last year was full of surprises and not all of them were good. You probably had some happy *and* some hard times in 2020. That was definitely my story, but the Lord made it a great year to remember. In every hard place, He was there with me making me better and more joyful! He's amazing and so faithful! How does He make great things out of hard places?

OK, let's talk about that.

Romans 5:18 (*The Passion Translation*) says, "through one righteous act of Jesus' sacrifice, the perfect righteousness that makes us right with God and leads us to a victorious life is now available to all."

And Psalm 2:7 says, "I will reveal the eternal purpose of God. For he has decreed over me, 'You are my favored Son. And as your Father I have crowned you as my King Eternal. Today I became your Father.'"

That's huge! Look at what it says Jesus did! His act of giving Himself **FOR** us, gave **US** His very own **RIGHTeousness** with God. That means we are as right with God as Jesus is. He had all the demons in hell against Him, yet when the Father spoke of Jesus' righteousness, He actually called Jesus **HIS OWN** King. **WOW!** Can you believe it?

Like the Father gave Jesus victory over the enemy, King Jesus **WON** your battle! If Jesus won, then because of what He did for us on the cross, He can lead **US** to a life of **WINNING!** That's awesome, right?

YES...IF we are WINNING and not WHINING! I don't know about you, but I did

some whining last year....

I want to get out of the house.

I don't like wearing a mask!

I don't like how intense this world has become.

I just want to play with my friends! Yes, I wanted to play with my friends too!

The problem with whining is that you can't win and whine at the same time. When you focus on all that is wrong, complaining and whining, you can't see what Jesus has done or is doing for you. But don't get down on yourself! Jesus isn't down on you. He knows how it feels to want to complain. That is why He can **LEAD** you to the place of **WINNING**. He is the best Shepherd there is when you walk through the valley of the shadow of **WHINING!** He'll stick by you, gently guiding and correcting you and you'll begin to see that He's leading you to victory, joy, peace and **HAPPINESS!**

Look at Romans 5 again, this time the last part of verse 20. "Wherever sin increased, there was more than enough of God's grace to triumph all the more!"

No matter how much negative, hard or yucky stuff the enemy tries to throw at us, Jesus' victory always produces **EVEN MORE** power to triumph (**WIN!**)

Our part is really simple. Jesus did all the

hard work for us to be happy and full of joy. If we keep our eyes on Jesus, there is no fight we can't win, because **HE** has already won! If we look at what Jesus has done **FOR** us instead of all the things in life we don't like, we'll begin to see **HIM** instead of what we don't like. Psalm 17:15 says, "As for me, because I am innocent I will see your face until I see you for who you really are. Then I will awaken with your form and be fully satisfied, fulfilled in the revelation of your glory in me!"

When we focus on Him, we start waking up to the satisfying life He creates for us every day. Superkid, He wants to do miracles for us, if we will let Him. He wants to be our Savior every minute of the day, to save us daily, weekly and yearly, minute by minute, building us into the image of Himself. In other words, He wants to make us just like Him! Psalm 138:3, 8 could be our prayer that comes true this year!

"At the very moment I called out to you, you answered me! You strengthened me deep within my soul and breathed fresh courage into me.... You keep every promise

you've ever made to me! Since your love for me is constant and endless, I ask you, Lord, to finish every good thing that you've begun in me!"

Happy new year? You ain't seen nothing yet!



2020 was not much **FUN**, but 2021 is already **WON!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR, SUPERKID... FOR REAL!

Commander Kellie



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