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Editor's Letter



The Right Season!

Don't give up!

Those words have been very strong in my spirit lately, likely because of my conversations and shared disappointments over the months with people about having not completed some things we'd hoped to accomplish by now. In trying to figure why some things didn't happen, I hear myself say, "Oh yeah, but we lost at least a year to COVID-19."

But I wonder, Did we really lose out on anything because of the pandemic?

Whether or not we reached certain goals, our lives are not over. There's still plenty of time for God to fulfill His plan and purpose in each of us. Paul reminds us of this in Philippians 1:6: "I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns" *(New Living Translation).* No matter what comes or how difficult things look, rather than give up we should persevere.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Just as He created us for a purpose, God has established a timeline for things to happen in our lives. If they haven't happened already, perhaps it's because He's still working that "perfect work" (James 1:4) in us to bring those things into being.

We may have lost a lot during the pandemic—much of which cannot be regained—but not time. Time is in the hands of our Creator, and He's assured us that the time He's allotted to us cannot be taken away. It's good to have a plan, and desire to see it come to pass. But it's also good to know God has a better plan and that, at His appointed time, it will definitely come to pass. God has promised restoration to us. He will see to it!

We hope you're enjoying our "backstory" presentation of KCM as we continue celebrating 55 years in ministry. This month, we say happy birthday to our KCM Africa office as it turns 40. Enjoy!

Ronald C. Jordan Managing Editor





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much greater

harvest.

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me; a divine

connection of

good, irrigated

ground."

-Nancy Dufresne

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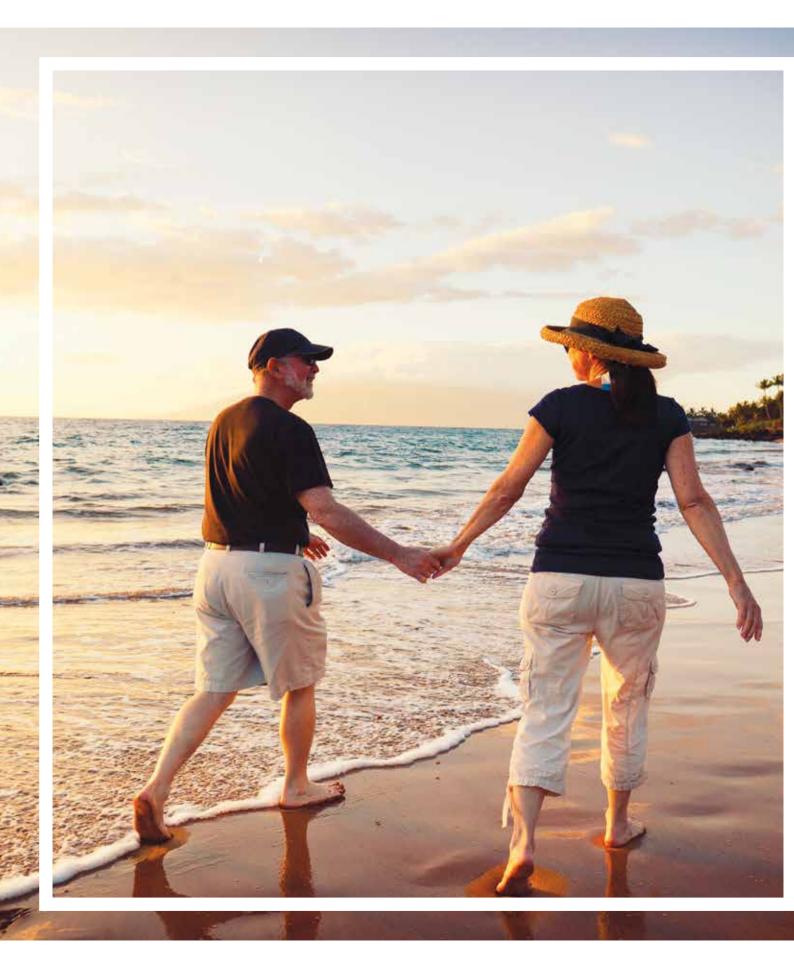
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God's Simple Plan

ONE OF THE THINGS I LOVE ABOUT GOD IS HOW SIMPLE HE MAKES THINGS FOR US. UNLIKE THE WORLD, HE DOESN'T CONFUSE US WITH A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT, AND SOMETIMES CONTRADICTORY, STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS. FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE BIBLE TO THE END HE CONSISTENTLY TELLS US TO SIMPLY HEAR WHAT HE SAYS AND DO IT.

If we will follow this one simple plan, He says, "Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

We see this borne out all through the Scriptures. Whenever God's people listened to and obeyed Him, He gave them victory. When they didn't, He had to let them go their own way into failure and defeat.

Think about Adam and Eve, for instance. God gave them just one command. He said, "Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Can you imagine having one "Do Not" in life, and then flunking the test? It sounds impossible, yet that's exactly what Adam and Eve did. With all the beautiful trees in the Garden that God gave them to eat from, they chose to eat the fruit of the one tree about which God said, "In the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17, *New King James Version*).

They didn't make that choice all on their own, of course. They had a tempter. When he showed up in the Garden, he began questioning God's command and telling Eve that obeying it wasn't in her best interest. She and Adam wouldn't die if they ate of the forbidden tree, he said. Instead, "your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods" (Genesis 3:4-5).

The truth was, Adam and Eve were already like God. He'd made them as much



1 Whenever God's people listened to

and obeyed Him, He gave them victory. (Deut. 28:1-2)

2

Whenever God's people didn't obey His Word, He had to let them go their own way into failure and defeat. (Deut. 28:15)

3

God's will for His people has always been for us to walk in His blessing. (Deut. 5:29)

4

As believers we are set up for success because, unlike God's old covenant people, through the new birth God has given us a heart to obey Him. (Ezek. 36:26-27)

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You can give as much thought, study and attention to God's Word as you desire victory. (Mark 4:24, AMPC)

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KCM.ORG.AU/STORE 1300 730 433 +Shipping Offer price valid until May 31, 2022 like Himself as it was possible to make them. What the tempter (aka the devil) told Eve was a lie.

Lies are all the devil has. They're all he had in the Garden of Eden and they're all he has to use against us, as believers, today. If he wants to defeat us, he has to come to us, much as he did Eve, and try to deceive us. He has to say things like, "You can't believe what God said about tithing. It won't make you more prosperous, it will make you 10% poorer. You'd be better off keeping that money for yourself."

Does the devil really talk like that to bornagain believers? you might wonder.

Yes, he does. In fact, he lies more to believers than he does to unbelievers because we're a threat to him. We have authority over him through our union with Christ. As long as we're walking in that union, the devil has no power over us at all. To prevail over us he must get us over onto his territory and gain entrance to our lives by convincing us to disbelieve and disobey God's Word.

That's what happened with Adam and Eve. The devil got access to them through their disobedience. He separated them from God by getting them to disregard God's Word, and as a result they had to leave their perfect Garden. They had to go out on their own into a world that had been cursed by their sin and try to get by the best they could.

Was that God's plan for them?

No. His plan was for them to "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and

subdue it: and have dominion" (Genesis 1:28). His plan was for them to hear and do what He said so they could walk with Him in victory and be blessed.

God didn't change that plan just because Adam and Eve messed up, either. God never changes. So, He went to work putting His plan back in place. He raised up another covenant people for Himself through Abraham and gave them the same simple success strategy He'd instituted in the Garden. He told them that if they would hear and do what He said, He would manifest Himself to them and give them victory in every area of their lives.

God's Word = God's Wisdom

God laid out this strategy for His people time and again in the Bible in hundreds of different ways. In Deuteronomy 4, for example, after bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, He said to them through Moses:

Now listen and give heed, O Israel, to the statutes and ordinances which I teach you, and do them, that you may live and go in and possess the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, gives you.... Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land which you are entering to possess. So keep them and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who...will say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what great nation is there who has a god so near to them as the Lord our God is to us in all things for which we call upon Him? (verses 1, 5-7, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).

Notice, God didn't give the Israelites His commandments to make life hard for them. He didn't tell them how to live and what to do because He wanted to boss them around and burden them with a lot of unnecessary rules. God gave them His Word to obey because His Word is His wisdom, and walking in God's wisdom would make the Israelites 100% victorious. It would enable them to defeat all their enemies; take possession of everything God had provided for them; put God's greatness on display in their lives so the nations around them could see His goodness and power; and live near to God so that when they called on Him, He could hear and do for them what they asked.

Wow! Talk about a wonderful way to live! Any one of those benefits should have been enough to convince the Israelites to hear and do what God said. So, you'd think that from then on, they would have followed His plan. But they didn't.

Instead, God would tell them over and over what to do, and they'd do something different. They'd go their own way, get out from under God's blessing and the curse would come on them. Then the devil would start stealing from them, killing them and destroying them.

Often, after living under the curse for a while, the Israelites would turn back to God. When they did, because He's so good and merciful, He always took them back. Sadly, however, they kept repeating the cycle, which not only cost them but also grieved the Lord: "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always," He said, "that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" (Deuteronomy 5:29).

"But Gloria," you might say, "the Israelites were living under the old covenant. What they did doesn't have anything to do with us as new covenant believers today."

Yes, it does. According to 1 Corinthians 10:11,

the things the Israelites did under the old covenant were written for our benefit. Their mistakes were recorded to serve as examples to us of what not to do. Granted, we have a lot of advantages today that they didn't have. We have a better covenant with better promises, a covenant that's established in Jesus' precious blood. But as I said before, God's plan hasn't changed.

His desire for us as His new covenant people is the same as it was for His old covenant people. He desires for us to live in victory. For us to take authority over the devil and drive sin, sickness, poverty and every other work of Satan out of our lives. God wants us to dwell in our new covenant promised land, take possession of everything that belongs to us in Christ, and walk in "the blessing of Abraham" (Galatians 3:14).

What's more, God's plan is for us, like the Israelites, to be billboards for Him. He wants everyone around us to be able to see His blessing on us. He wants to be able to manifest His power so fully in our lives that it causes nations to tremble—to do so many good things for us that people look at us and

"He's provided for us everything we need not only to be blessed but to be a blessing."



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"COMMIT COMPLETELY TO THE SIMPLE STRATEGY GOD HAS GIVEN US. HEAR AND DO EVERYTHING HE SAYS."

think, I need to find out more about this God these Christians keep talking about!

In This World but Not of It

The Church should be so blessed today that the whole world takes notice! Unbelievers ought to be following us around taking notes, trying to figure out the secret to our success. For that to happen, however, we must put God's Word first place. We must center our lives on hearing and doing what He says.

What reason do we have to think we can live that way when God's old covenant people couldn't? Because, unlike them, we're born again! We've been made the righteousness of God in Christ. He's fulfilled in us the promise He made to His people in Ezekiel 36, where He said: "A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh.... And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall heed My ordinances and do them.... And you shall be My people, and I will be your God" (verses 26-28, *AMPC*).

As new covenant believers, we've been given the kind of heart God longed for the Old Testament Israelites to have. We have a heart to reverence Him and always keep all His commandments that it might be well with us, and with our children forever.

I'm telling you, God has set us up for success! Not only do we have both the desire and ability to obey Him, He's given us His written Word and put His Holy Spirit on the inside of us. All that's left for us to walk in 100% victory is to hear and do what He says. Is it really that simple? Yes, that's the one secret to having life and having it more abundantly. As Jesus put it, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

Simple as that is though, continuing in God's Word does take diligence. If you want to live free from the curse you can't just read your Bible occasionally, or when it's convenient. You must "hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments," because that's what allows all His blessings to come upon you and overtake you (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

To be diligent means "to make an intense effort." If you're too spiritually lazy to make an intense effort to spend time in God's Word, you'll be robbed of His blessings because you'll think like the world.

It takes no effort at all to think like the world does. The voice of the world is in your ear constantly. You hear it on the streets. You hear it when you turn on the TV (unless you're watching a Christian program). You hear it on social media and other secular outlets, encouraging sinful behavior and telling you not to consider morality but to do whatever feels good.

That kind of mindset is normal for the world. But it's not normal for you as a believer. Although you're living in this world right now, you're not of the world. Your "citizenship is in heaven" (John 17:16; Philippians 3:20). You're a child of the living God and a soldier in Jesus' victorious army, and you're here on assignment. You're on this earth to advance the kingdom of God and to occupy this place for Jesus until He comes again.

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This is why it's so important for you to be diligent to hearken to and obey God's Word. There's more at stake than your own little life. As believers, we're in a war against evil here. Satan knows that his time is short and he's working night and day to put people in bondage. We've got to get the gospel to them so they can be set free.

"You are the salt of the earth," Jesus said. "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-14, *NKJV*). There may be darkness where you live, in your neighborhood or your city, but if you follow God's simple plan of hearing and doing His Word, you'll be light in that darkness. You'll walk into a place, and it won't be dark there anymore.

What an awesome privilege God has given us, as believers! He's provided for us everything we need not only to be blessed but to be a blessing. He's called and equipped every one of us to preach and live the gospel; to lay hands on the sick, cast out devils and give glory to God!

To walk in that kind of victory, though, we must do more than sit in church and just take up space. We must give constant attention to God's Word. We must keep planting it in our hearts, speaking it out our mouths and acting on it.

Jesus said, "Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear" (Mark 4:24, *AMPC*).

You can give as much thought, study and attention to God's Word as you desire victory. So go after it 100%. Commit completely to the simple strategy God has given us. Hear and do everything He says, "for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."



Steady In Troubled Times

The Word of God will hold you steady in times of trouble. An unbreakable, divine covenant, it's filled with promises of victory sworn to you in the precious blood of Jesus that will empower you to triumph every time.

REMIND THE DEVIL THAT GOD'S PROMISES TO YOU HAVE BEEN RATIFIED IN JESUS' BLOOD. (REV. 12:10-11)

MEDITATE ON THE FACT THAT JESUS' BLOOD CANCELS ALL SATAN'S CLAIMS ON YOU. (COL, 2:14-15)

WHEN THE DEVIL ACCUSES YOU, PLEAD THE BLOOD OF JESUS. (HEB. 10:14)

DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT YOUR BLOOD COVENANT WITH GOD, WALK IN IT BY COMMITTING YOURSELF FULLY TO HIS PLAN. (ROM. 12:1) WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE THREATEN TO SHAKE YOU, USE GOD'S WORD TO ANCHOR YOUR SOUL. (HEB. 6:17-19)

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'I WANT YOU TO START **TEACHING HEALING**'

Early one summer morning in 1979, Gloria Copeland woke up and slipped out onto the back porch of the family's cabin in southwest Arkansas. While everyone else slept, she took the opportunity to pray.

It was in those quiet moments alone with God that Gloria remembered a prophecy she had recently received. She was told that she was about to hear from the Lord concerning something He wanted her to do.

JESUS ALWAYS COMES TO HEALING SCHOOL!

Thinking about that prophecy, she spoke from her heart and said, "Lord, You know I'll do anything You want me to do. Just tell me what it is."

When she finished praying, Gloria went inside to get ready for the day. A few moments later, God spoke to her and said, *I* want you to start teaching on healing in all the meetings.

In September 1979, three months after that encounter with God, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland obeyed God by adding a Healing School to each of the meetings they had scheduled for the rest of that year—and Gloria began teaching on healing. It was during those meetings that the Lord also instructed her to begin laying hands on the sick and praying for them. So she did.

By the beginning of the next year, with a few meetings behind her, Gloria thought she was finished. She had obeyed God, and thought she could stop now. But then another prophecy came—this time through her husband—that made it clear to Gloria just when God intended for Healing School to end. The Lord said:

I want My people well. I have desired for My people to walk in health. I have desired for My people to know how to walk in health regardless of what ministry is in town. I want My people to know how to take My WORD, and stand on My WORD, and receive My healing power and know that I am The LORD. I want My people to walk with Me in health and life and know the good things that I have prepared for them. I have set a table before you in the presence of your enemies. You shall not be an orphan group. You shall not be hungry. You shall not be in want, for I am the God-Provider. I am The LORD God that heals you.... I will have My people well, saith God. So My instruction to this ministry is: Continue this Healing School...until I return.

By that, it was clear to Gloria that the Lord not only wanted her to preach healing, but that He wanted her to preach it until Jesus returns. Since Healing School began in September 1979, every Believers' Convention and Victory Campaign held by Kenneth Copeland Ministries has given our Partners and Friends an opportunity to receive God's Word on divine healing and to apply it to their lives.

Throughout the years, Gloria has taught Healing School around the world to countless numbers of people—boldly declaring that, "Jesus always comes to Healing School!" And thousands of people have received God's Word on divine healing, applied it to their lives and seen the results.

To God be the glory! 🕅

Hear and receive My Word and the years of your life will be many! Proverbs 4:10



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1 Jn. 5:14-15

3 Jn. 2

Rev. 12:11



by Melanie Hemry



CROWN

NANCY CHAPMAN HUGGED HER PARENTS GOODBYE AT THEIR HOME IN ALTUS, OKLA., BEFORE HEADING BACK TO HER APARTMENT IN TULSA. SHE WAVED AT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, SMILING AT THE SIGNS THEY'D POSTED ALL OVER TOWN.

HOME OF MISS OKLAHOMA, NANCY CHAPMAN!

It had all started during Nancy's senior year in high school when the director of the Miss Altus Pageant had phoned Nancy's mother. They were looking for contestants who would be strong in the talent portion of the competition. A classical pianist, Nancy played for all the school choirs as well as other school events. She was also the organist at the Methodist Church. "Do you think Nancy would consider being a contestant in the Miss Altus Pageant?" the director asked Nancy's mother. Nancy agreed to compete—and won. Then, she'd gone on to compete at the state level, and placed as first runner-up. A couple of years later, she again competed and won Miss Oklahoma.

From the moment Nancy was crowned Miss Oklahoma, her life radically changed.

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Prov. 14:	80:1-2 Sam. 1:16

Serving as Miss Oklahoma was a full-time job and had required her to drop out of college, where she'd been a piano performance major. She was provided with an apartment, a car and a chaperone. Her schedule for the year was set, and it was rigorous. Crisscrossing the state, she made multiple appearances every day. She only got to go home to Altus to visit family a few times during the whole year. Yet Nancy loved every moment of the experience—from the travel, to meeting new people, to knowing that her dad had become the most famous man in the café he frequented back home.

Nancy was ecstatic that she would be competing in the Miss America contest. So were the people of Altus. Along with her family, more than 100 residents traveled to Atlantic City to cheer her on. Nancy had hoped to make it to the Top 10 finalists, which she did. She finished the competition as fourth runner-up for Miss America.

A Surprise Development

Now, with the national competition over, Nancy's responsibilities as Miss Oklahoma had also ended. It was time for a new chapter in her life. Only two things dimmed the joy she felt about the future. One was the fact that, at 20 years old, Nancy suffered from severe back pain. Second, though Nancy knew it was important that she marry the right person she had somehow gotten out of the will of God. He'd let her know that after she accepted a young man's marriage proposal. Nancy had broken off the engagement, but how was she supposed to find the plan of God for her life?

"After I'd broken that engagement, I locked myself up and prayed in the Holy Ghost for three weeks, for hours a day," Nancy recalls. "I read the Word and prayed, seeking God. At the end of those three weeks, I attended some services where the wife of a local minister invited me to the back room. She wanted to introduce me to someone. I went, and she introduced me to a man named Ed Dufresne. He'd been in ministry for 15 years and had pastored for eight-and-a-half years.

"Although our mutual friend kept encouraging Ed to call me, he didn't. It bothered him that he was 20 years older than me. What he didn't realize was that age didn't bother me at all. When fulfilling my duties as Miss Oklahoma, I'd traveled with a companion much older than me. During that time, I was often around those who were older. I didn't give the situation much thought because I was trusting God to get me where I needed to go."

Two weeks later, Nancy was visiting her sister in Texas when Ed called. "Tomorrow is my birthday," he explained. "I thought I'd fly to Texas to take you out to celebrate."

That didn't sound good to Nancy. She didn't know him well and thought it might feel awkward.

"Thank you," she said, "but I don't want you going to all that trouble. I'll be back in Tulsa next week. Maybe we can get together then."

Leaving to go play tennis, Nancy stopped. Turning to her sister she said, "When he calls back to say he's coming, come get me." Five minutes after she arrived at the tennis court, her sister pulled up. "He's coming tomorrow," she said.

On their first date, Ed said, "Did you know that in 10 years you'll be in a wheelchair?"

"No, but I've been having serious back trouble."

A Word From God

"I'd never been on a date with anyone who'd had a very accurate word of knowledge for me," Nancy says. "It was about two years later that he again ministered to me about my back and it was healed. I decided to go back to Tulsa early and suggested that Ed cancel his flight and drive back with me, which he did.

"That trip gave us hours to talk and start the process of getting to know one another. In addition, I'd seen my family so little during my tenure as Miss Oklahoma that I missed them. On the way back, I stopped in Altus and visited them, and they got to meet Ed.

"A few days later Ed said, 'I'm falling in love with you. If you don't feel the same way, we need to end this.""

What? Nancy had enjoyed getting to know Ed, but she wasn't falling in love with him. She'd only been around him a few times.

The next day, as Nancy drove across Tulsa, she repented. "God, I can't believe I've gotten myself into another mess! I'm so sorry. I don't know how I did this."

The voice that answered her was so loud that Nancy whipped her head around to see who had climbed into her car. No one else was there, yet the word still reverberated inside her two-seat Fiero.

He's going to be your husband.

Why was she so shocked? Hadn't she been praying about her future the previous three weeks? She knew she'd heard from God. Ed was mature enough in the Lord that he knew how to hear from God as well.

That week, Ed flew to Europe for a preaching tour. Before he left, he said, "When I get back, I'm going to buy you a ring." Nancy agreed. While in Europe Ed called and said, "When I get home, I'm not just buying you a ring. We're getting married." Nancy agreed.

On July 9, 1984, five weeks after they met, Ed and Nancy were married by the minister who introduced them.

Heaven on Earth

"Being married to Ed was heaven on earth," Nancy admits. "It was so easy for us. Having been raised in a denominational church, though, I had some catching up to do spiritually. Ed stood in the office of a prophet and teacher. He taught me what I needed to know. You might say that I married my Bible school.

"Three years after we married, I was preaching with

him on the road. During that time, we built a church outside of Tulsa in Jenks, Okla. That's where I got to know Kenneth Copeland, as Ed invited him to come and minister sometimes.

"Ed had first heard him preach in 1971 when Brother Copeland was just getting started. At that time, Ed served at a local church in California. When someone handed him a brochure inviting him to the Full Gospel Business Men's World Convention to be held in Denver, the Lord had told Ed to go.

"Ed explained that he didn't have the money. The Lord said, *Sell your house.* Ed listed his home and it sold in one day. That convention was a turning point in his life. It was where he was first introduced to the ministries of Kenneth Hagin, John Osteen and Kenneth Copeland. It was the first time he'd ever seen anyone slain in the Spirit. It was also where Jesus walked in and put a tangible healing anointing in his hand."

Ed bought many of Brother Copeland's

reel-to-reel tapes, Nancy explained. When he returned home, he locked himself away and listened to the recordings day and night. "When he was invited to preach at a Bible study, he played one of Brother Copeland's tapes and then laid hands on the sick," Nancy said. "He did that until the day the Lord told him to leave his tape player at home. That day he started preaching."

Called To Pastor

During their time at the church in Jenks, Ed was also very busy with his traveling ministry. Yet, when the Lord told them to leave Oklahoma and move to California and plant a church there, they obeyed. Nancy knew Ed wouldn't pastor again. So she told him, "You need to get a pastor in here."

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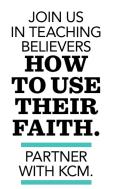
"You're the pastor of this church," Ed replied.

"Oh, no, I'm not the pastor. God has never told me to pastor. I'll preach until you get someone to do it."

They started World Harvest Church in Temecula, Calif., which adjoins Murrieta, but later moved the church to Murrieta, where it is today.

"Over the years, we had two sons, Stephen and Grant," Nancy explains. "In church, I played the organ and led praise and worship. I made the announcements and received the offerings. Then, I preached and greeted the people after church. I'd been preaching for four years when God spoke to me and told me I was called to pastor. Ed was right, again."

In 2009, the Lord gave Nancy a prayer burden that lasted five months. During that time, she prayed in the spirit for hours each day, sensing that she was praying about someone close to death.



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Adversaries at the Door

In 2011, the Lord said, *All I want you doing is practicing peace*.

"He wanted me to pay attention to my thought life and resist any thought that didn't lead me into peace," Nancy explains. "I put a close watch over my thought life and practiced staying in peace every day. Doing that is really a flow of walking in the spirit. I'd realized that the hardest times of my life had been each time the Lord promoted me. In 1 Corinthians 16:9 Paul said, 'A great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries' *(New King James Version).*

"When God gives you an open door of ministry, the devil doesn't congratulate you and say, 'Well done, go on through.' No, there are adversaries at the door. He opposes you. He bombards your mind with lies, sometimes to the point of mental torment.

"The Lord taught me that there were three steps to overcoming those thoughts. The first step was to answer the thought with the Word of God. For instance, the lying thought might be, 'You're going to get sick and die prematurely.' I'd respond by saying. 'That's not my thought. Satan, you're a liar. Jesus Himself took my infirmities and bore my sickness. I will not get sick and die prematurely. Spirit of fear, you're the one that spoke that to me. Now, you leave.' That's the second step: Tell the spirit of fear that's speaking to leave.

"The final step was to praise and worship God, which held my attention on God and His Word and off the threat.

"Over the years, I became more and more skillful at handling my thought life," Nancy said. "That's important because as long as you think right, the devil's got nothing to work with. He's got to get you thinking wrong so he can trouble your life. Any flow of worry is the flow of an unrenewed mind. So, for two years from 2011 until 2013, the Lord had me practicing peace every day."

Peace in the Midst of Tragedy

In October 2013, Ed and his pilot took off from Wichita, Kan., on their way to Texas. About 15 minutes into the flight, something went wrong with the aircraft, and it crashed. Stophon and Grant showed up at their

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parents' house. "Mom, we've been notified that Dad's plane crashed. There were no survivors."

Suddenly, the pieces of a puzzle fell into place for Nancy: the five-month prayer burden sensing death, and the importance of practicing peace every day for the past two years.

"When that tragedy came, I already knew how to yield to the flow of peace and joy," Nancy explains. "The day my husband left, the flow of peace and joy didn't leave. It was still available, but I had to yield to it. I could have yielded to grief and sorrow.

"I'm not saying I didn't weep, but I wasn't weeping unto sorrow and grief. I wept because I realized that a page had turned in my life. I was in a new chapter now, and it didn't include Ed. But I wouldn't yield to anything that threatened my peace or joy. The Bible says that the kingdom of God isn't meat or drink. It's righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. That's the flow the Holy Ghost is always leading us into."

Nancy turned to her sons.

"Don't touch this with your thought life," she told them. "Don't start asking questions like: Why did this happen? Did we miss it? Should we have done something different? Questions take you into the mental arena. You will never find answers in the mental arena. It will open the door for depression, sorrow and grief. Answers are of the spirit arena, which is the faith arena. Any answers we need, God will provide."

The day Ed died, Kenneth Copeland called Nancy, speaking into her life by the power of the Holy Spirit. The instructions for Nancy's future were in his mouth. The Lord told Nancy, *Brother Copeland walks in graces that you need* to receive from if you're going to finish the race and fulfill all I have for you.

"I realized that God had me praying for Ed and that plane crash five years before it happened," Nancy says. "Sometimes you can't change events because there are other people involved. One thing that did change was who was on the plane when it crashed.

"Normally, there would have been several other people onboard. My sons were often on the plane. I was often on the plane. Other ministers and family members were often on the plane. I can't remember the last time it was just Ed and the pilot flying. I believe that through prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit, there weren't more people on the airplane."

Aimee's Castle

Aimee Semple McPherson, the wellknown Canadian Pentecostal evangelist and founder of the Foursquare Church, owned a vacation home that sat atop a hill overlooking Lake Elsinore, about 15 minutes from where Nancy lived. Constructed from 1926 to 1929, it was a stunning Moroccan-style home which everyone in the region called Aimee's Castle. Aimee had owned the house for 10 years before selling it. In 2005, it came back into the hands of the Foursquare denomination, which converted the house into a retreat for their ministers.

"Two years before Ed died, we were moving when the Lord told me that in four years He was going to give me another house," Nancy remembers. "I liked our new house so well I would have been happy to stay there for the rest of my life."

When Bible students from World Harvest Church toured Aimee's Castle one day, Nancy went with them and was thrilled at what she saw. For the next two days, the Lord described to Nancy the house He'd promised to give her. On the second day, Nancy realized God was going to give her Aimee's Castle!

"Now that I knew God was going to give me Aimee's Castle, I didn't have a leading to do anything. I would just have to trust Him, because over the years even Hollywood actors had shown interest in the house.

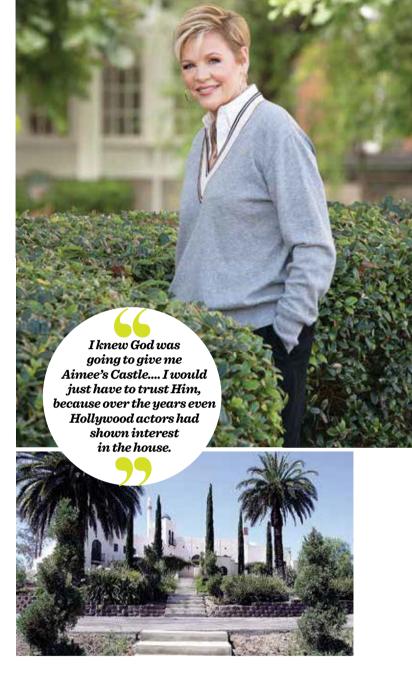
"A year later, I was led to ask if they were willing to sell it. Three months later, I got a call from the pastor in charge. 'We're not really interested in selling it,' he told me. 'But I know of your ministry. Since it's you asking, we've decided to sell it to you.'"

In 2015, Nancy purchased Aimee's Castle.

Over the years, Nancy began preaching in Russia. In 2018, she began broadcasting on the TBN Russia network, and recently joined the network of programmers on the VICTORY Channel[™], KCM's Christian network.

The words that Ed prophesied over Nancy are still coming to pass.

"My dad was a farmer," Nancy says. "He recognized that his harvest didn't just depend on the seed. It was very dependent on the ground. Seed was easy to come by. He spent his life searching out good ground, which is why he owned multiple farms.



"Some land is dry; some is irrigated. Irrigated land produces a much greater harvest. That's what KCM is for me; a divine connection of good, irrigated ground. Partnership with KCM is not optional in my life."

Nancy Dufresne has been crowned Miss Oklahoma. She competed in the Miss America pageant. And today, she is preaching the gospel around the world. What has kept her steady during all the triumphs and tragedies of life? She'll be the first to tell you that developing a skillful thought life has been her crowning glory. Just another crown she'll one day lay at Jesus' feet.



'A Second Chance'

I was addicted to meth and pornography and lived a disgraceful life. My kids stopped talking to me and I was homeless. A pastor and an ex-police [officer] prayed for me, I went through treatment and pursued a career. I started listening to Bill Winston and Brother Copeland, and adopted Gloria Copeland and Jovce Meyer as 'mothers' to preach to me. God has been adding to me and both my children have given me a second chance in their lives. Praise the Lord.

J.J. | Texas

Prayers Answered

God's Protection

I was at home when Hurricane Ida came right over my house.

I praved in the spirit with the

Notes Edition New Testament,

which I've read every day, in

my lap until it was over. My

undamaged-not a shingle

family's home and mine were

Kenneth Copeland Personal

Tormenting Pain...Gone!

I called in for prayer then watched the prayer before the EMIC service. As I stood, trying to ease the tormenting pain in my lower back I heard, Touch him. I touched the screen just as the man praving put up his hand to release the anointing, and I took it. Within seconds, I realized there was no pain in my tailbone area-praise God! It tried to come back when I told my mum

what had happened but I told it, "No, you don't! You're NOT taking my testimonv from me." and it went away!

It's such a relief to be able to sit and not have to stand, sometimes all night, because of pain. I'm so very grateful.

F.B. | Canada

God answered my prayers—I have been accepted at North-West University. I received a confirmation and did not have to pay anything. Thank you for VOUR Support and prayers. H. | South Africa

'Blessed People!' FlashPoint®, Revival Radio

God's Healing Power

I just wanted to express my thanks to God and the KCM Africa team for praying for my mom. Her eyes are back to normal. Praise God for His healing power.

E. | South Africa

God Confirms His Word

While I was reading the June 2021 Partner Letter, 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 came alive in my spirit! A couple of days later I was attacked with anxiety and fear, and felt pain on the back of my neck. I shouted. "I don't have to fear and I'm not going to fear, because Jesus took the sting of death for me! Death is swallowed up in victory."

The pain left immediately. Hallelujah! Then I came across the Partner Letter from September 2019, and 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 was in the letter. Later I was watching Brother Copeland on YouTube® and he said. "Death is swallowed up in victory!" God keeps confirming His Word to me.

L.S. | Iowa

'Heart-Impacting Revelation'

As a KCM Partner. I am so thankful for the revelation about our blood covenant for healing and protection. Yet I struggled with believing God for finances as it seemed to me to encourage selfishness. Now in the battle for our nation, the Lord has given me heartimpacting revelation about finances. If He had not raised up the Copelands to believe Him for finances years ago and brought them through learning about media and technology, Victory News and FlashPoint would not be here to provide truth, encouraging people to stand for righteousness for our nation. Thank You, Jesus! Thank you, too, Kenneth and Gloria, for sharing God's desire for us to get wealth THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH **HIS COVENANT!** Thank You, Lord, for using the Copelands-in spite of pressure and persecutionsin such a mighty way! Only YOU knew what was at stake.

J.I. | Colorado

Jesus My Healer!

Last night I received healing from three fibroid tumors during Miracles on the Mountain. I slept without discomfort, and when I weighed myself this morning, I had lost three pounds. Glory to God and thanks be to Jesus Christ my Healer!

D.A. | Oklahoma

Healing Word

I was watching the broadcast and Brother Copeland gave a word regarding healing of the waist-and I was healed!

B.J. | Chicago, III.

H.G. | Louisiana

The teaching, prayers and scriptures KCM sends me have transformed my life. I also read my Bible every day. I am clothed with the garments of righteousness and in right standing with God, and am debt free.

missing!

A Transformed Life

B.G. | Botswana

HE WANTS EVERYONE AROUND US TO BE ABLE TO SEE HIS BLESSING ON US.

-Gloria Copeland



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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KCM AFRICA: A TAPESTRY OF FAITH FOR 40 YEARS

From mountains to deserts, grasslands to rain forests, Africa is a tapestry of landscapes, people groups and cultures. Woven together, these elements create a beautiful picture of diversity.



"We continue to grow and expand, despite the natural circumstances.... There are no words to express our gratitude for the prayers from KCM Africa."

-Joseph and Biola Ofeimun

And right at the southern tip of the continent, in Bromhof, Randburg, Gauteng, KCM Africa has been in the midst—serving the people for the past 40 years.

While many nations struggle to balance the differences within their borders, South Africa has come to embrace them. In this country alone, though most citizens also speak English, there are 11 official languages.

KCM Africa's Managing Director Christine Blumstein understands the tapestry that makes up South Africa and the rest of this continent. "How we look, how we dress, the languages we speak, the manner in which we express ourselves, our different histories—there is a unique expression through every gift," she said. "Our diversity is not a problem unless it conflicts with God's kingdom. As Partners, we all have the same Kingdom values and that's what connects us."

Partnering With the People

KCM Africa serves nearly 43,000 Partners and Friends each month in 46 of the 54 southern Africa and sub-Saharan countries. The staff of 16 dedicated ministers takes KCM Africa's mission to "teach believers who they are in Christ Jesus; taking them from the milk of the Word to the meat, and from religion to reality" seriously.

Television, radio and magazine outlets continue to minister to people throughout the continent. Currently, *Believer's Voice of Victory* airs on local television and radio stations as well as on VICTORY Channel[™]. KCM Africa's version of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, which holds the distinction of being the first international version of the magazine produced, mails to 21,000 people each month, including 3500 prison inmates. All this is in addition to Brother Copeland's monthly Partner Letter and a weekly teaching newsletter that the office creates.

The growth of the internet has allowed KCM Africa to reach even further. Each month, more than 14,000 people visit kcm.org.za. About 6400 of them are first-time visitors whose favored pages are the streaming broadcast and the online magazine.

"The internet is an amazing tool to reach the world and teach them that Jesus is Lord," Blumstein said.

Social media and text apps have also proven helpful in allowing the office to reach Partners and Friends with even greater efficiency. This was especially good news because the recent pandemic and lockdowns required KCM Africa's staff to press in to the Word and the Lord with even more tenacity, trusting the Holy Spirit to bring answers and provision daily. True to His Word, the Lord was faithful. The ministry only closed its office for one week while the team set up home offices.

"The staff are committed to the vision Father God has given Brother Copeland, and they run with it to see to it that this vision and mandate come to pass," said Blumstein.

It's typical for Partners and Friends in the area to visit the office in person for prayer. This is in addition to the 4,000 incoming phone calls and 1500 outgoing phone calls that are handled each month. It's this kind of direct ministry, one bathed in prayer, that inspires this anointed staff to do all they can to minister to the Partners and Friends.

Regularly, the staff receives testimonies from Partners and Friends who have learned how to stand in faith, and the results are profound and often life-changing.

Partners Joseph and Biola Ofeimun can attest to this. In July 2018, Biola started selling traditional African food out of the back of her car. A year later, the couple opened a restaurant. Then COVID hit. The fledgling restaurant had to close its doors for seven months under lockdown measures. Many businesses closed their doors for good, but not the Ofeimuns' restaurant. When it reopened, it began to flourish so much so that in July 2021 Joseph and Biola expanded the restaurant to include a bakery.

"By the mercies of God and the grace that flows through partnership with KCM Africa, we have seen the mighty hand of God on this business," said Joseph. "We continue to grow and expand, despite the natural circumstances.... There are no words to express our gratitude for the prayers from KCM Africa. The impact you have made on us through our covenant partnership is hugely and immensely appreciated – and undeniably evident."

In 2009, KCM Africa multiplied its direct ministry efforts by ministering to pastors and fivefold ministry leaders through Leaders Connect. What began with six leaders has grown to 1,390. These meetings, held in person in Johannesburg, and virtually during lockdown, build up and equip leaders all over Africa by teaching on subjects like how to walk by faith, minister with integrity, stand for financial blessing and oversee a healthy church.

Pastors George and Terri Pearsons from KCM's Eagle Mountain International Church in Fort Worth, their son, Jeremy Pearsons, and numerous African leaders have taught the Word during these meetings. Leaders Connect has proven to be a powerful way of training and building up pastors and leaders in every nation of Africa so they can in turn take the lessons they learn back to their members.

God Comes Through Every Time

Though the recent lockdowns forced many of the office's in-person ministries to move online, the goal of meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the people remains the same. KCM Africa partners with humanitarian organizations to provide food for the poor and homeless. Daily, it provides 78 meals through the office's Hands of Help program, and yearly, it gives more than 100 food vouchers to those in need at Christmas. The vouchers feed a family of four for a month. It has even partnered with Cups of Kindness, an organization that provides young girls with the sanitary supplies they need to stay in school.

When humanitarian crises arise, KCM Africa gets to work.

In July 2021, South Africa experienced rioting and looting in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng provinces. During this rash of violence, entire malls, warehouses and hundreds of businesses were razed. In the aftermath, thousands were left without food. KCM Africa joined forces with Lighthouse Family Church and a local retailer to distribute three large trucks full of food to those in need.

"The past years have taught us to take Father God at His Word, and He has come through, not just once but every time," Blumstein said.

Testimonies arrive daily celebrating the work the Lord is doing through KCM Africa. Save the World Foundation wrote to thank KCM Africa for the difference it helped make: "Our team is rejoicing once again at the thousands of precious students who have decided for Jesus since school has resumed. About 3,790 students decided for Jesus in five Tembisa school campaigns." KCM Africa has also partnered with Christ for all Nations, a ministry that was founded by

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the late Reverend Reinhard Bonnke. CfaN has led several crusades and events across Africa, leading millions to make a decision for Christ.

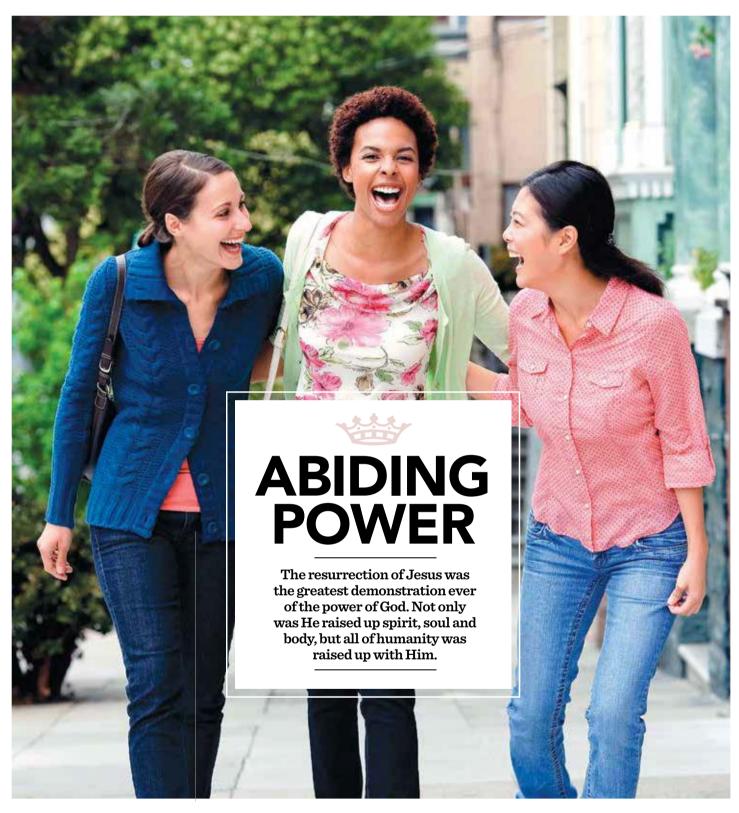
Thea Britz, Southern Africa Director of CfaN, said, "I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your great support.... We are so blessed...this inspires and propels us to go the extra mile as God opens doors and makes it possible through your faithfulness to go and preach the gospel to all nations!"

The Fullness of THE BLESSING

KCM Africa's staff wants Partners and Friends to know that they are there for them, praying for them to experience the fullness of THE BLESSING, including divine health and healing, supernatural prosperity, the God kind of love, and so much more. Blumstein summed it up: "As you journey through this life, know that we are standing with you, believing with you that you will move from faith to faith and victory to victory."

It's this devotion and determination that has allowed KCM Africa to weave a tapestry of faith for the past 40 years. May the next 40 years be just as fruitful and vibrant. (V)





His resurrection was so powerful that all anyone has to do to experience this regenerating power is to accept Jesus and His resurrection as their own. Instantly their spirits will be raised from death to life, just like His was, with the promise that their bodies will one day be raised also—just like His. Wow! What a God!

For this level of *powen* to be released from God there had to be an equal level of faith from a man. Jesus was that Man. But how could He release faith for His own Resurrection?



GO FROM THAT PRAYER PLACE, DEPENDING UPON WHO YOU ARE IN HIM, NOT WHO YOU ARE IN YOURSELF.

There are incidents throughout His ministry, such as the raising of Jairus' daughter and the widow of Nain's son, that allowed Him the opportunity to exercise such faith. But it was at Lazarus' tomb where Jesus came to such a fullness of faith that He not only believed for resurrection but could boldly declare, "I *am* the resurrection" (John 11:25).

How did He arrive at that kind of revelation about Himself? And what is its significance to us? What lessons can we apply to our own walk with the Lord?

Lesson No. 1: Take hold of the situation by faith and declare the end result that will glorify God.

Let's look into John 11 and watch Jesus skillfully take the force of faith and master the spirit of death.

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had



"No plan of God can be fulfilled without love." heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was (verses 1-6).

Notice in verse 4 that Jesus said, "This sickness is not unto death." That sure was news to the devil! Clearly his plan was certain death for Lazarus which would cause doubt and division among Jesus' friends and followers. But when Jesus spoke those faith words He stopped the devices of the devil cold. He said, "This sickness is...for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." So He not only stopped the natural course of sickness in Lazarus, He redirected it to a different outcome with a different purpose.

Lesson No. 2: Get understanding of God's purpose from Scripture and by the Spirit. Then follow love until that purpose is fulfilled.

Verse 3 describes Mary and Martha's image of Jesus' love for Lazarus. They said, "he whom thou lovest." Lost to us in English are the different meanings of *love* revealed by the Greek words *phileo* and *agape*. *Phileo*, the Greek word for *love* used in this verse means, "to be fond of or have affection for—finding something appealing or meaningful about the person loved."

But verse 5 reports that Jesus had *agape* for Lazarus. This is love on a totally different level. It is on God's level because God is Love. God *is* agape! This love is purpose driven, not attraction driven. God has a purpose for mankind—to be His family. So when Adam's sin separated him from God, God focused on the purpose for which He created man. And out of His agape love He sent Jesus.

If God had been operating in phileo love when Adam could no longer fellowship with Him, He would have abandoned Adam and all his offspring. But agape never loses sight of purpose, and the highest purpose is to glorify God. God could only be glorified if His family was.

Jesus knew how to glorify God. He knew

that He must be resurrected from the dead in order for all men to be raised. And Jesus understood that demonstrating His faith to raise Lazarus was necessary to the whole plan. Love for God and His purpose, as well as God's love and purpose for Lazarus, were driving forces in every action that followed. No plan of God can be fulfilled without love.

Lesson No. 3: Seek to know Jesus and the power of His love. Seek to be rooted in knowing who you are in Him.

Verse 6 has perplexed people for generations. And Why did Jesus intentionally stay where He was and let Lazarus die? Before we come to the same hasty conclusion most everyone in Bethany came to, we'd better take a closer look. "Abide means

Him in your

prayer place

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you."

"[Jesus] abode." *Abide* means "to remain in a given place, state, relation or expectancy." If we look back to Chapter 10 we'll see why this particular place was important.

The confrontation between Jesus and the Jewish leaders in John 10:24-39 is one of the most

contentious recorded. They challenged whether or not He was the Messiah. When Jesus declared, "I and my Father are one," they became so enraged that they took up stones to kill Him. His response to their hatred and violence diffused their anger so that rather than stone Him, they decided to arrest Him. But it wasn't yet time for that, so He slipped away. (No doubt that was miraculous protection.)

That encounter must have been exhausting as well as deeply disturbing. The leaders who should have recognized and welcomed Jesus were challenging Him with the same ferocity Satan had on the Temple Mount. And what was that challenge? Are You *really* the Son of God? Are You really who You believe You are? It's interesting to note that the Scripture makes a point of telling us what Jesus did next. He went back across Jordan where John had baptized. Why there? Look at Luke 3:21-22. "It came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended...."

You see, Jesus returned to the very place God had openly and miraculously confirmed to Him and everyone around that He was indeed His Son. Jesus remained in that *place* where He had prayed and heard. He remained in that *relation* remembering, meditating on and enjoying His Sonship. He was purposely abiding in a state of "being"—being the Son of the Most High. And lastly He remained in expectancy. At the end of that abiding time which included the two days after hearing of Lazarus' death. He was so rooted, so

certain and full of who He was in God, no one could move Him. Martha couldn't. The mourners couldn't. The same Jews who had tried to kill Him just days before couldn't. Lazarus' dead, decaying body couldn't. It was impossible to shake Him. He knew His Father and knew His place in Him.

Lesson No. 4: Begin to abide in your time alone with God and His Word. Then go from that prayer place, depending upon who you are in Him, not who you are in yourself.

Faith brought Lazarus out of his tomb. And that same faith brought Jesus out of His, along with you and me. We were raised up with Him and seated with Him in the Spirit. We are the righteousness of God, more than conquerors and we can do all things through Him (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:37; Philippians 4:13). But we must do as He did and take time to abide. Abide in Him in your prayer place until who you are cannot be shaken from you. Then face whatever challenges await you and watch what the Greater One will do in and through you.



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Why?

First of all, because you're born again in His image. Second, because Jesus Himself said that's the way you're called to live. "Verily, verily, I say unto you," He said in John 14:12, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

Notice Jesus didn't say, "Those who are called to fivefold ministry will do My works and greater." He didn't say only apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors or teachers would do His works. He said, "He that believeth on me" will do them. "Yes, I know that's what Jesus said, Brother Copeland, but it doesn't seem to be happening in the lives of most believers. So we must have misunderstood Him."

No, we didn't misunderstand. He meant exactly what He said. That, as believers, we're to operate in God's power the same way He did when He was on earth. He meant, as 1 John 4:17 puts it, "As he is, so are we in this world."

What's the holdup then?

We haven't fully developed the consciousness Jesus had when He was on earth. He was very aware He could "do nothing of himself" (John 5:19), that on His own He was absolutely helpless. He was also very aware that His heavenly Father dwelled within Him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This awareness was so key to the way He lived His life that He talked about it in

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John 14:10, just before He said we, as believers, would do His works. "I am in the Father, and the Father in Me," He said. "The words that I speak...I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works" (*New King James Version*).

In the next few verses, He explained what that has to do with us. He said that after He finished His mission on earth and returned to heaven: "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever.... He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.... The Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name...He will teach you all things" (verses 14:16-17, 26, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

If you've ever wondered how it's possible for you to live like Jesus did, how you could ever operate in that kind of wisdom, there's your answer. God has sent the same Holy Spirit to indwell you who was in Jesus. He's on the

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You can learn something new from the Holy Spirit every day from now throughout eternity if you'll become aware of His presence and pay attention to Him. You can press into His wisdom by faith and find out everything God has and everything God knows!

I realize that sounds like a wild assertion, but I can make it with confidence because Jesus essentially made it Himself in John 16. There, expounding further on how the Holy Spirit would help us, as believers, after Jesus returned to heaven, He said:

It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come...he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you (verses 7-8, 13-15).

The Master Designer of the Universe

You want to get a glimpse of how much the Spirit of God knows? You want to see the kind of wisdom He possesses? Read in the Bible about how He planned out and created the universe. According to Isaiah 40, He calculated the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales. He measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and marked off the heavens with a 9-inch span. (See verses 12-13, *AMPC.*)

When I found out the Spirit of God measured out the heavens with a 9-inch span, I got out my ruler! I knew that a span is the distance between the tip of the thumb and the tip of the little finger, and I wanted to see if my span was the same size as The LORD's. It turns out, mine is a little smaller. It's 8 1/2 inches. (I have stumpy fingers.)

Look at your hand right now and consider the kind of intellect it would take to measure the heavens with it. That's the kind of Genius you have living on the inside of you! You have within you Someone who can determine the weight of all the oceans of the world by weighing a single drop of water. There might be a supercomputer somewhere today that could make that calculation, but could a supercomputer calculate the weight of a piece of dust that hadn't vet been created and use it to determine the weight of the mountains?

No! Even the super-est computer couldn't do that. But the Spirit of God did.

He planned out and created this planet with such precision that it remains perfectly stable, even while sailing through the universe at 10,000 miles an hour in one direction and spinning a thousand miles an hour in another. He balanced this earth so perfectly that human beings can level a mountain in one place and fill in a valley somewhere else, set off atomic explosions, and do all kinds of other thingsyet the earth stays on course, steady as can be.

What's more, recently scientists have begun to realize, based on information provided by the telescopes we have now, that the entire universe was set up so that Earth could exist and support life. What kind of value does that put on you and me, that God did all this for us so that we'd have a place to live? What kind of value does it put on us that when we messed up, God sent Jesus to this planet to redeem us and then sent His own Holy Spirit, the Master Designer of it all, to live in us?

Think about that! The Spirit of God who planned out the universe is on the inside of you! He's the One planning your life. You think He can handle your car payment? You think He can figure out how to help you and me do the works Jesus said we would do?

Certainly He can. We just haven't been God-inside minded enough to give Him full opportunity. We've been too naturally minded. We've been more occupied with looking at what's going on around us, on the outside, than we have with looking on the inside.

It's what's on the inside of us that makes all the difference! "Behold, the kingdom of God is within vou." Jesus said (Luke 17:21). The Holv Spirit is IN you. He's not way off somewhere in heaven. He. Is. In. YOU!

Our lack of awareness of this is what's caused us to say silly stuff like, "Well, I prayed. But I felt like my prayers didn't get any higher than the ceiling." They don't need to get any higher than the top of our heads! The God to

whom we're praving is inside us.

Please don't misunderstand me. I'm not making fun of anvone. I wasn't verv Godinside minded either when I was first born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. A scriptural illiterate, I'd pray just before taking off in my airplane (I was a full-time pilot back then), "Oh, Jesus, be with me on this flight todav! Be with me!"

One day as I was saving that I heard the voice of The LORD on the inside of me. Kenneth, I said I would never leave you nor forsake you. At the time, that was a major revelation to meand I've been purposely working to develop my awareness of His indwelling presence ever since.

I'm still working on it today. By training myself in it over the years I've made progress, but I'm far from satisfied yet. When I look in the Scriptures at how conscious Jesus was that He was in the Father and the Father in Him during His time on earth, I can see I still have a way to go.

You Shall Receive Power

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "Jesus didn't have to work to develop Godinside mindedness like we do. He's the Son of God."

Yes, He is. But He laid aside His powers of divinity when "He became like men and was born a human being" (Philippians 2:7, AMPC). He wasn't born into the earth knowing everything He needed to know, any more than you and I were. He had to grow in wisdom (Luke 2:52). He had to study and learn The WORD.

Granted, by the time He was 12 years old He knew more about The WORD than most fullgrown Bible scholars, but that wasn't because He's the Son of God. It was because He was diligent in His pursuit of The WORD. He totally immersed Himself in it. He lived it 24/7 to the point where, even before He stepped into ministry, He answered the devil's temptation by saying, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

In addition to laying aside His divine wisdom, Jesus also laid aside all His supernatural power when He came to earth.



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Full-time preachers aren't the only ones who can do the supernatural works of Jesus: every believer can do them. (John 14:12)

2

As believers, born again in the image of Jesus, we're to operate here on earth just like He did.

(1 John 4:17)

3

Jesus was totally dependent on the power of God within Him to do His mighty works. (John 14:10)

4

The same Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus has now been sent to empower those of us who believe on Him. (Acts 1:8)

5

Purpose to become more God-inside minded and develop your consciousness of the Spirit of God on the inside of you. (Luke 17:21)

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He had no more ability on His own to do the miraculous than we do. That's why, even though He was the Son of God from the moment of His birth, He didn't work even one miracle until He was 30 years old.

What happened when He turned 30? He was baptized in and anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit to do God's mighty works. If you've been baptized in the Holy Spirit, you've been endued with the same power. You didn't receive a different Holy Spirit than Jesus did. You have the same Spirit for the same reason—so that you could do God's mighty works. (See Luke 4:18-19.)

"Brother Copeland, are you sure?"

Yes. But don't take it from me, take it from Jesus. He said in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." The Greek word translated *powen* in that verse is *dunamis*. Used throughout the New Testament to refer to God's supernatural strength and ability, it's the word used in Mark 5 to describe the power that healed the woman with the issue of blood.

When she reached out in faith and touched Jesus' clothes, verse 30 says, "power" (dunamis) went out of Him, and "immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction" (verse 29, *NKJV*).

The word *dunamis* can also be translated *might*. In Ephesians 3, for instance, in one of his divinely inspired apostolic prayers, the Apostle Paul prayed that God "would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with *might* by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith" (verses 16-17).

What's going to happen when you're strengthened with God's miracle-working power on the inside? It's going to show up on the outside! What's going to happen when Christ dwells, or makes Himself at "home," as the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* says, in your heart by faith? The Christ inside is going to manifest on the outside.

When translated into English, the Greek

word *Christ* speaks of *the Anointed One and His Anointing*. The Anointed One, of course, is Jesus. The Anointing on Him is the power of the Holy Spirit. The more we develop our faith in and our awareness of the Anointed One and His Anointing inside us, the more at home in us He can be.

When someone is at home someplace, they're free to be themselves. They're free to fully express who they really are. That's what we want the Holy Spirit to be able to do in us. We want Him to be at home, to be free to express Himself in and through us in all His wisdom and mighty power!

In the next few verses of Ephesians 3, Paul goes on to pray:

That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the *powen* that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (verses 17-21).

Talk about a thrillingly abundant life! Picture living every day filled with all the fullness of God. Picture having His *dunamis*-power within you always at the ready, always available to be manifested through you whenever it's needed. That's the kind of life Jesus said we would live. A life in which we do the works He did...and greater!

Press into that life by faith. Purposely work to develop a *God-inside consciousness* by practicing being aware of His presence within you, feeding on The WORD, and walking in love. As you pray in the Holy Spirit, put your hand on your belly and remind yourself that He is in there. When you lay hands on the sick, remind yourself that His hands are in your hands.

Dare to believe, "As He is, so am I in this world!" $\mathbb V$

Hey, Superkid! Have you ever wondered how the Lord sees you?

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But first, what do YOU see? Let's talk in animal terms. Are you small like a mouse, mild like a kitty, faithful like a dolphin, fast like a horse or friendly like a dog? Maybe at home you feel like a dog, easygoing and friendly, but at school you feel as tiny as a mouse. School can be a challenging place to be our true selves!

How we see ourselves is important. If we see ourselves as small, we will think others are bigger than they really are. When I was in middle school, I began to hide my personality, humor and my heart for Jesus because I didn't want to be laughed at! Even though I grew up, I realized years later that I sometimes still felt small on the inside. Jesus doesn't want that for us!

I believe He wants you to know how He sees you, so you don't have to hide or feel small anymore. Jesus sees you as BIG and BOLD as He is. He is called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah in the Bible. So, if He is a lion, then we are lions, even if we don't feel like it! Let's look at some lion characteristics.

First, lions are strong and can stand alone when necessary, but they live and thrive in a group called a pride. Guess what another similar word is. Tribe! My favorite meaning of tribe is: "a group of people with strong common traits, values or interests." So, if Jesus is a lion-bold, courageous, strong, confident, protective and family-mindedsince I belong to His tribe, I have those same qualities! Say this with me: "I am bold and

confident to stand alone when I need to, to stand up for Jesus and live by His traits and values inside me. Those traits draw me closer to Him and to others in my tribe, my Jesus family. I thrive in the family of God!"

Courage is a lion trait that Jesus walks in. Courage to face death, sin and sickness, courage to go to the Cross. I think the worst thing for Jesus in going to the cross was to be apart from the Father. I can't imagine being apart from the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit! But how much worse for Jesus who went into the pit of hell for me and you, just because the Father asked Him to save us. Talk about being the Lion of the TRIBE! His courage made it possible for us to be part of that tribe!

Jesus was also BOLD. Bold to do what the Father asked Him to do, even when He didn't want to. Jesus never did anything except what the Father showed Him, nor spoke a word that didn't come from Him, and no amount of pressure from the devil or even His friends could change His course. When Jesus told His disciples that He was going to give His life, Peter rebuked Him and refused to believe it. Jesus' words upset Peter because he didn't want Jesus to go away. Even though Jesus didn't want to die either, He boldly said, "Get behind me, Satan." Jesus wasn't talking to Peter, but to the temptation from the enemy coming from Peter's mouth. Sometimes being bold means we must stand UP and stand out. To make my words stand out, I make them BOLD, like Jesus makes you BOLD.

All these traits are truly who Jesus is. He doesn't ACT bold, courageous, strong and protective; He IS bold, courageous, strong and protective! So we don't need to try to become these things, we ARE these things as surely as Jesus is. Why do we struggle to be who we really are? Because Satan tries to convince us (he is such a liar) that he is the lion.

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First Peter 5:6-11 shows us who the real protector of this tribe is. Verses 6-7 tell us to be humble, submitted to God's power over us; and He will lift us up. When we give Him our troubles. He will take care of them for us. He is our true Lion King, and we can trust Him! Verses 8-9 are a strong warning against the devil, the phony lion king. "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around LIKE a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him. and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are" (New Living Translation).

When the devil tries to steal your lion-hearted courage and boldness, remember that you're not alone. Your tribe all over the world is standing against the devil, standing IN Jesus and His roar! Satan is all talk; YOU are the lion. Jesus is your LION KING! The devil can only try to roar loud enough to talk you out of who vou are. He tried it with Jesus through Peter. but Jesus said, "Get out of my sight, Satan." Remember that Jesus is your strength and boldness, and this is who you are. Make a stand for truth and don't be afraid. Then watch what happens in verse 10! "In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation."

Superkid, it's time for God's people to ROAR! Let me hear you ROAR for JESUS. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7, King James Version).

LET'S BOAR! Commander Kellie



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