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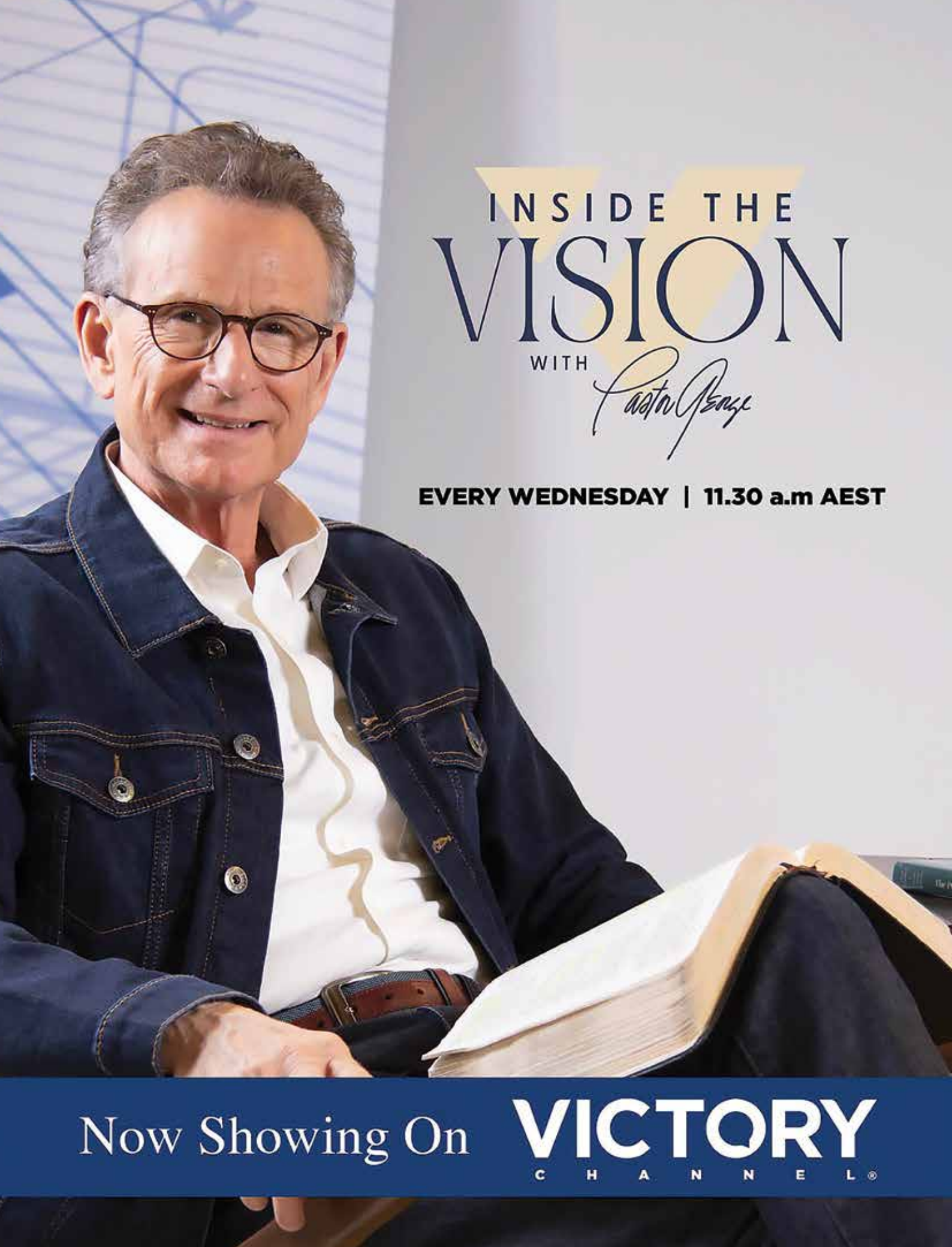
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Editor's Letter



Where East Never Meets West!

I enjoy living in Texas, with its many diversities. The culture. The people. The food. Even some of the sayings or “slogans” associated with the state are interesting—or comical.

Among the most popular or recognizable ones, of course, are sayings like, “Don’t Mess With Texas” and “Everything’s Bigger In Texas.” And then, there’s one of my favorites, which goes something like: “If you don’t like the Texas weather, just wait five minutes.” That one’s really true, y’all!

Not so much the case in my home state of North Carolina, where residents are content to live with a single, yet meaningful and historic slogan: “First In Flight.” Thank you, Wilbur and Orville Wright.

One Texas slogan that caught my eye years ago belongs to the city of Fort Worth, which proudly boasts being “Where the West Begins.” Those words reminded me of what the Bible says in Psalm 103:11-12 about sin, and how God views it once we repent and give our lives to Him: “For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. *As far as the east is from the west*, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us” (my emphasis).

Just how far is the east from the west?

From a geographic standpoint, you can travel north only so far (to the geographic North Pole) before being forced to travel south (to the South Pole). Thus, north and south meet at the poles. Not so when it comes to east and west. That’s because east goes in one direction while west goes in the other. Because east to west lines wrap around the Earth in a circle, no matter how far east you travel, you will never reach a point at which your next step must be westward.

The phrase “as far as the east is from the west” communicates an infinite space. It’s an immeasurable distance. In other words, east and west can never meet.

Think about this: In establishing His covenant to “remember no more” our sins and iniquities (Hebrews 8:12), God chose to not limit His forgiveness by saying, “As far as the north is from the south.” Instead, He fixed it so we could never meet up with our sins again!

Speaking of covenant, Kenneth Copeland has a powerful article in this month’s issue (Page 4) on the integrity of God’s Word, titled “Settled Forever.” I hope you will read it.

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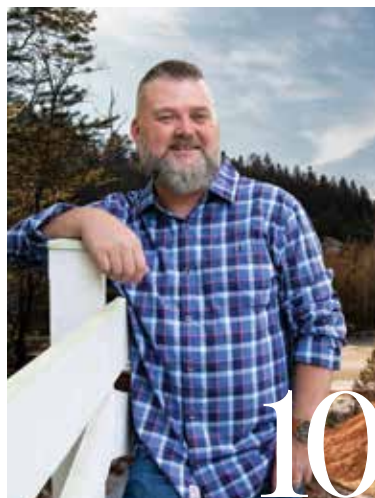
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—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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Settled Forever

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There’s a lot of talk these days in Christian circles about how spiritually dark the world is becoming. There’s talk of economic darkness looming on the horizon. Talk about trouble in the nation.

But in the midst of it all, this is the truth: In every season, in every situation, The WORD of God on the lips of a believer always prevails!

If there’s one revelation the devil



by Kenneth Copeland

desperately wants to steal from the Church right now, that is it. Why is he so scared of it? Because when we lay hold of that revelation, and consistently act on it, we become totally unstoppable.

The WORD of God consistently declared by faith, will overcome any natural circumstance that's contrary to it. It will defeat every demonic force that tries to oppose it. It will prevail in our own lives and in our families. It will bring light to the world, and nothing the devil tries to do can ever put that light out.

"But Brother Copeland," somebody might say, "don't you read the news? It looks like the devil is taking over everything."

It doesn't look like that in *my* life! What's more, the latest news reports don't matter. God's WORD is what matters, and His WORD in the mouth of a believer will do the same thing today it has always done. It still works as well now as it did 2,000 years ago when the Apostle Paul preached it in Ephesus.

Have you ever read about that city? Talk about a spiritually dark place. When Paul arrived, except for the 12 believers he found there, it really did look like the devil had completely taken that city over. Religious spirits had hardened the Jews to the gospel, and the Gentiles were caught up in witchcraft and the occult. Despite it all, however, Paul kept preaching and declaring The WORD of God. What happened? Acts 19:20 says, "Mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."

The WORD on the lips of the Apostle Paul prevailed until all who lived in Asia heard it (verse 10). It prevailed until the fear of The LORD "fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified" (verse 17). It prevailed until "believers came making full confession and thoroughly exposing their [former deceptive and evil] practices. And many of those who had practiced curious, magical arts collected their books and [throwing them, book after book, on the pile]

burned them in the sight of everybody” (verses 18-19, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

If The WORD of God prevailed that mightily in Ephesus, it will prevail in your life. That’s the reason our enemy is so afraid of it. It’s also why the first thing we see him doing in the Bible is trying to steal God’s WORD from mankind. If you’ve read the book of Genesis, you remember how he did that. He set out to plant doubt in Eve’s mind by asking her, “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1).

That’s where Eve got in trouble. She wasn’t clear about exactly what God had said. She came up with her own version of it and fell for the devil’s lie, and he deceived her into disobeying God.

Adam was right there the whole time, and he wasn’t deceived. He knew what God had said. He could have used God’s WORD against the devil and sent him packing. He could have exercised the dominion that God, by His WORD, had given him “over every living thing that moveth upon the earth” (Genesis 1:28) and said to the serpent, “Get out of this garden right now!” and the serpent would have had to obey him.

Command the Mountain To Move

When he shows up in some area of your life, deal with him the way Adam should have. Declare God’s WORD by faith and he will flee (James 4:7). Command him to get his hands off you and what belongs to you, and he will have no choice but to obey you.

How do I know? Because Jesus said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you” (Matthew 17:20, *New King James Version*). If a mountain will move out of the way in response to God’s WORD spoken in faith by a believer, satan must too.

He has to submit to God’s WORD on your lips just as surely as the mountain does because, just like the mountain, he is a created being. He was created “perfect” (Ezekiel 28:15) and though iniquity was later found in him, satan came into being the same way all creation did—by the faith-filled WORD of God (Hebrews 11:1, 3).

Remind him of that the next time he comes around trying to tell you God’s WORD won’t work for you. Remind him that he’s talking down the force that brought him into existence. Remind him that God fathered all of creation with His WORD, and that creation still responds to the force that set it in motion—whether the devil likes it or not.

“But Brother Copeland, a lot has changed since God created the earth.”

God’s WORD hasn’t changed. Psalm 119:89 says, “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”

Jesus said, “It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail” (Luke 16:17, *NKJV*). A *tittle* is the Hebrew equivalent of a punctuation mark in English. That means it’s easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one comma of God’s WORD to fail. Why? Because heaven and earth are the child. God’s WORD is the parent.

His WORD is as real and mighty as He is. God and His WORD are One. You cannot separate them. God doesn’t change and neither does His WORD. His WORD is His bond. Its integrity is beyond reproach. Nothing in heaven or earth is more sovereign than God’s WORD.

That’s why He didn’t intervene before Adam sinned in Eden. His WORD was on the line. He had given Adam dominion on earth, which meant Adam could do with it what he chose. Adam chose to give it to the devil, who took it and started ruling it. Adam actually committed high treason.

The devil, however, still had to yield to

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The force of faith God
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(Luke 16:17)

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In Jesus’ earthly
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by speaking God’s
written WORD.
(Matt. 4:10)

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The Apostle Paul
overcame both
religious and occult
darkness by continuing
to declare God’s WORD.
(Acts 19:20)

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Jesus promised
God’s WORD of faith
in your mouth will
prevail for you just
as it did for Him.
(Mark 11:22-23)

God's WORD spoken in faith by a man, so God spoke again to a man named Abram. He offered this man a deal that would open the way for Him to operate on the earth again. How did God establish this deal? He gave the man His WORD. He made a covenant with him and said:

I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.... I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies (Genesis 12:3, 22:17).

Abraham believed what God said, and God's WORD prevailed in Abraham's life. His enemies were never able to put him in bondage. His descendants, however, had a different experience. They did eventually go into bondage. They became slaves in the nation of Egypt and wound up suffering there for 400 years. God eventually raised up Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. But here's the shocking reality: They could have been free the whole time!

As descendants of Abraham, the Israelites were just as free the first day Pharaoh enslaved them as they were the day Moses led them out of Egypt. God's WORD would have worked for them the first day as well as it did the last. But they didn't know what God had said. And without His WORD, they didn't have any way of tapping into His power. Consequently, it was not active in their lives.

They would cry out to God and complain to Him about their circumstances, then they would make more bricks for the Egyptians. They'd get beaten up again by their captors, complain some more and say, "Oh, when is God going to do something for us?"

God had already done something for them—more than 400 years earlier! In His covenant with Abraham, He'd given His WORD that they would possess the gates of their enemies. The problem was, the Israelites had forgotten that.

But God, however, had not.

Therefore, "it came to pass in process of time, that...the children of Israel sighed by

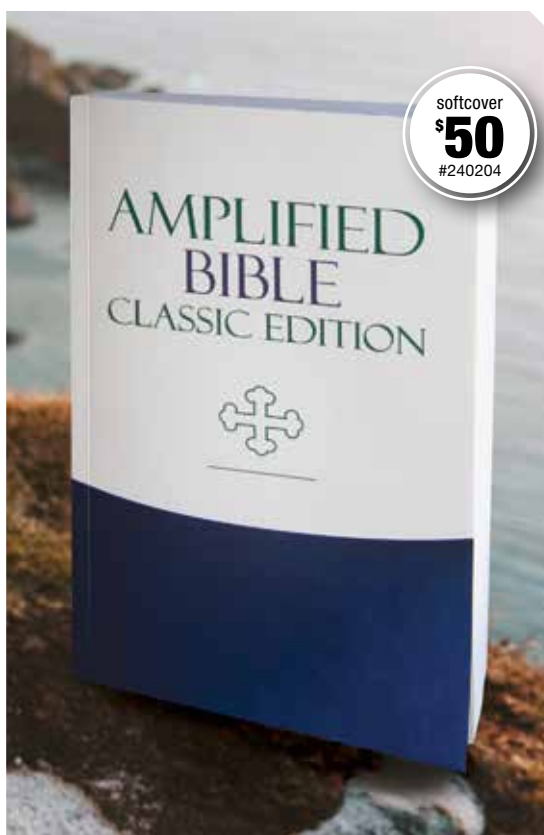
reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham" (Exodus 2:23-24). So, He spoke again to a man named Moses.

Moses' entire ministry was on behalf of God's WORD in the earth! God essentially told him, "Here's what I said to Abraham. Write it down. Here's what I said I'd do for him and his descendants and what they're to do in response. Write it down."

God continued that pattern all the way through the Bible. He would call a prophet and tell him, "Here is part of what I'm saying in the earth. Write it down."

God's WORD Is Still Alive Today

Every word you see in the Bible is still as filled with the faith of God as it ever was. His words are as alive today as they were the day the Spirit of God released them into the heart of a man and they were penned on paper.



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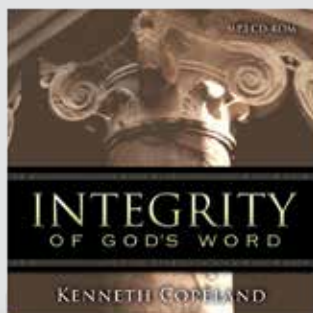
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They're still in this universe, and they are settled forever in heaven.

All the corporate power of heaven, every angel, hearkens "unto the voice of his word" (Psalm 103:20). And now we have a written copy of that WORD. Unlike the Israelites in Egypt, we have The BOOK that contains everything God has said to and about us. We can read it with our eyes, hear it with our ears, and feed it into our hearts.

When God's faith-filled words are poured into us, they activate our faith. They enable us to release the power of God's WORD through our own words and put the law of faith into motion. Galatians 5:23 says, "...against such there is no law"! There's no law that can stand against the law of faith. The devil himself can't keep it from working.

You proved this when you were born again. If the devil could stop faith in The WORD from working in your life, he would have done it then. But he couldn't. You believed God's WORD about Jesus in your heart, confessed Him with your mouth, and became a new creature. The devil was totally helpless and could do nothing about it because God's WORD on the lips of a believer always prevails!

We see the same principle at work in Jesus' earthly ministry. He stood fearless in the face of Satan and all demonic power by speaking God's words. He said, "It is written" and overcame every temptation. He cast out evil spirits "with his word" (Matthew 4:4, 8:16).

The first apostles operated the same way. They took the words Jesus spoke to them before He ascended back to heaven, believed them and acted on them. One of the last things He said to them, for instance was: "These signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover", that is His signature (Mark 16:17-18, NKJV). So just

weeks after Jesus ascended, Peter said to the lame man at the Temple gate, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6).

In that situation, Peter only had the first few articles of the New Covenant to rely on. Yet with just that one promise from Jesus on his lips, "In My Name, you shall..." God's WORD prevailed—and the lame man was healed!

Back then, Peter and the other apostles didn't have a complete written copy of the New Covenant. They couldn't open their Bible and read what God said in later years through the Apostle Paul. Yet they took The WORD of God they did have, declared it by faith, and "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6).

If they could do that, think what we can do! We have the same God as our Father, we're filled with the same Holy Spirit, and we have written down for us what God said through the prophets, through Jesus and through the apostles to the Church.

Blood has been shed so that a copy of those words could get to us! And when we speak them by faith, the Holy Spirit takes those faith-filled words and does with them what He has always done with God's WORD—He puts them into action.

God's words are forever settled in heaven.

They are "alive and full of power [...active, operative, energizing, and effective]" (Hebrews 4:12, AMPC).

Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

You have the power in your mouth., so the devil doesn't stand a chance against you. The WORD of faith on your lips will prevail in prayer. It will prevail against the powers of darkness. It will prevail over anything in the world that comes against you. For this is the victory that overcomes the world, even your faith (1 John 5:4)! 🙏

GOD WILL GET IT TO YOU!



Whatever you need today, God is your source. He is your supplier. Whether you need a new car or a place to live, He has it to give to you. All you have to do is access it by faith. You don't have to figure out in your natural mind how He's going to get it to you. All you have to do is believe and receive.

Let me give you an example. Remember in the Old Testament when Moses and the children of Israel were wandering in the desert? Remember how God supplied manna for them to eat? In the account of that, the people of Israel began to complain and murmur. They grew tired of manna. They decided they wanted some meat (Numbers 11). Well, on they went, complaining about manna and talking about how good it was in Egypt.

Oh, how quickly we forget.

Well, Moses began to try to figure out how and where God was going to get enough to feed all those people. He began

reasoning with God. He said, "Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them?...shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them?" (verse 22).

And God said to Moses, "Is the LORD'S hand waxed short?" (verse 23).

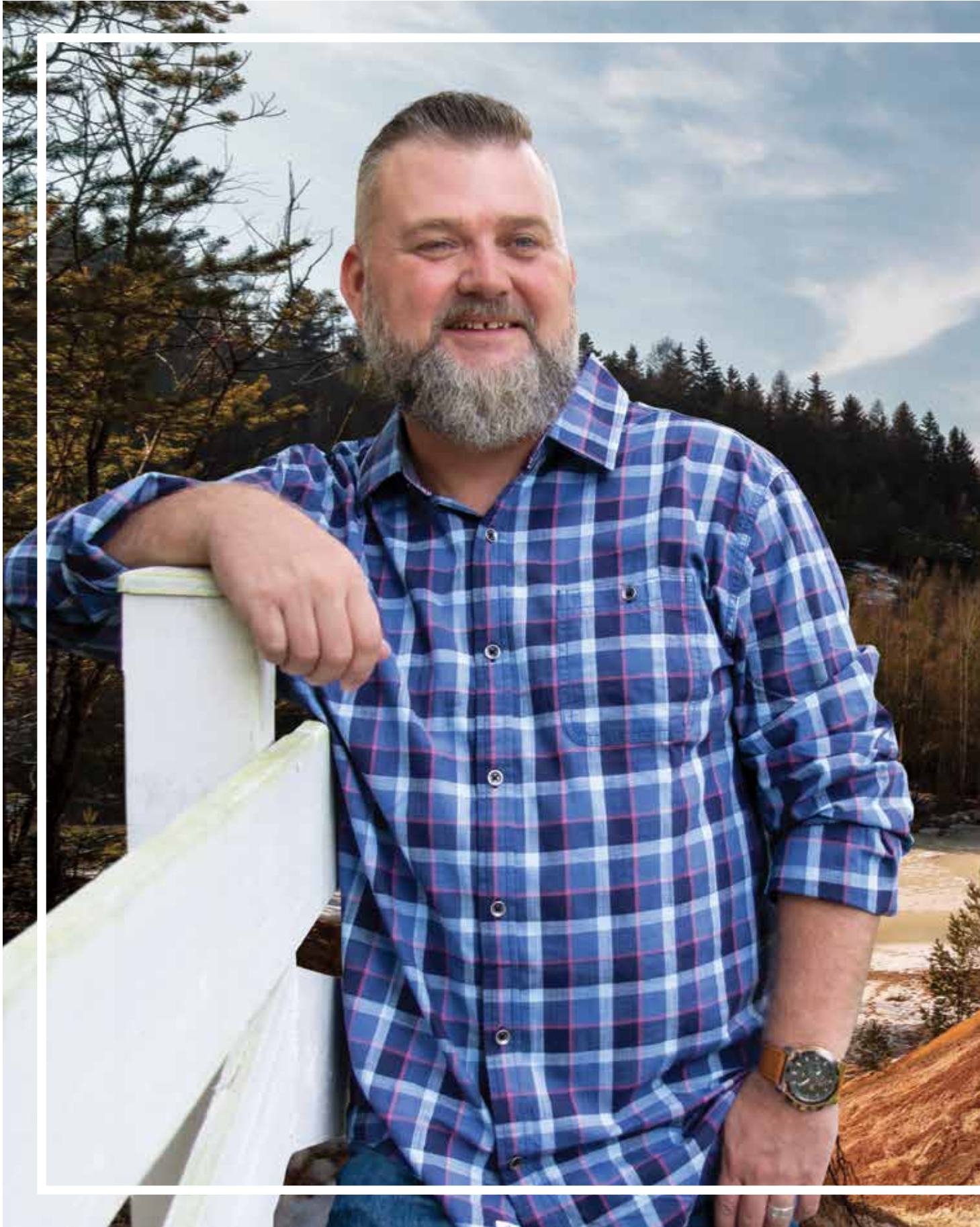
God did not appreciate Moses' line of questioning. Moses was saying, "Lord, it will take all the cattle we've got to feed this bunch for 30 days. It can't be done."


Not only did God not appreciate Moses' questions and attitude, God got hot! "Is the LORD's hand waxed short?"

You need to remember that when you have a need in your life. You have no business reasoning in your own mind how God is going to get something to you. *Well, I wonder if He's going to have someone in the church give it to me. I wonder if somebody's gonna die and leave me a bunch of money.*

God is not limited by your natural reasoning. His hand is not waxed short. He has ways that you've never even considered (Ephesians 3:20). He knows how to get it to you. That's His business. He is your source. He dropped quail on the Israelites that lasted for 30 days, right there in the camp.

God might just drop a house next door to you. He might leave a brand-new car in your driveway one night. He can. He's God! He can do it however He wants to. So stop reasoning and start believing. Release your faith and receive. God will get it to you! 🕊





by Melanie Hemry

The Gift of Adoption

Someone motioned for 14-year-old Brandon Sanders to leave his classroom. Glimpsing the police officers waiting in the office, he broke into a cold sweat. Brandon flashed back to another time he'd been surrounded by police. He'd been 5 years old; the only witness to the brutal murder of his mother—at the hands of his father.

He remembered sitting in the cold courthouse. He'd been called to testify. At the last moment, Brandon's father accepted a plea deal. Fifty years in prison in return for one thing: Brandon didn't have to take the witness stand. Brandon and his three sisters had been sent to live with a foster family. Week after week, they attended church. For almost 10 years, his foster father had had a lot to say at home.

"You're stupid and completely useless," he told Brandon. "You're just like your daddy. Poor white trash. You'll never be good enough to be my son."

During all those years, the man had sexually molested Brandon's sisters. Until his oldest sister ran away...to the police.

Now a police officer was saying to Brandon, "Son, we need you to take off your shirt."

Brandon didn't have to say a word. His brutalized body showed a road map of years of beatings. Their foster father was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Brandon knew a few things with certainty.

He knew nobody loved him.

He knew nobody wanted him.

He knew God was his enemy.

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A Family Legacy

"Murdering my mother wasn't the first time my dad had been sent to prison," Brandon recalls. "He'd been 17 years old when he was arrested for almost beating a man to death. While in prison, he met and befriended the man who would become my maternal grandfather.

"My grandfather was associated with the Dixie Mafia. He was incarcerated for armed robbery. When my mother went to prison to visit her dad, she met my father. When my dad and grandfather were released, my dad went to live with them.

"That's when my mother got pregnant, and my parents married. They were very young. Eventually, she decided to leave him, and that's when the murder happened. I have a family history of violence, crime, addictions and felonies.

"In those days, there weren't a lot of counselors to provide trauma care for kids like us. But those early years formed the way I saw the world."

The first place Brandon went after being removed from the foster family was a juvenile detention center.

"It was just a holding place while they tried to figure out what to do with us," he recalls. "Afterward, I went to live with my grandfather—the one who met my dad in prison. He'd been an alcoholic while I was growing up but had recently gotten sober.

"By that time, I was 15. I was already drinking and drugging. I got a DUI and was caught with a concealed weapon. I was sent to a behavioral hospital for adolescents. I was diagnosed with bipolar and multiple personality disorders. After a year, I went back to live with my grandfather. Then an aunt. I bounced around for a bit.

"I finally finished my teenage years at a United Methodist Home," Brandon recalls. "I should never have been admitted there. I had a criminal history of violence and drug use. But by God's grace, I was accepted."

So was one of his younger sisters.

"They had around 100 kids. We lived in different cottages according to our age.

"Looking back, I realize that most of the cottage parents were Christians. They preached the gospel, but I didn't respond because I didn't believe God wanted anything to do with me."

Looking for Identity

Looking for acceptance and his identity, Brandon drifted toward gangs. He loved the gang life, including the smoking weed and drinking. He was a younger kid who looked up to the older boys. Like most kids desperate for acceptance, he would do most anything for their approval. Soon, the drinking and smoking progressed to using cocaine.

By now, his oldest sister was in the military. He moved in with her, continued to pile up DUIs, and then wrecked his sister's car, so Brandon moved near New Orleans and took a job working on oil rigs offshore. Always looking for a father image, the older men on the rig filled that role. A hard worker and a smart kid, he found favor with them.

A Partial Solution

Working on the rigs meant Brandon had no access to drugs. But any time he was back on land, it was a different story. The addictions regained control. Over and over, Brandon found himself being bailed out of jail by the men who had taken him under their wings. That lasted for seven years, until Brandon was given an ultimatum: Go to rehab.

He refused.

Instead, he returned to Alabama and went to live with his sister where, within two weeks, he was back on the streets smoking crack cocaine.

"That started an eight-year binge," Brandon recalls. "I ended up homeless for several years. For a while, I lived out of an abandoned bus. Sometimes, I slept outside and rummaged through dumpsters for food."

When he hustled enough to make a little money, Brandon would stay in cheap hotels that were usually drug infested and populated with prostitutes, he said. As it turned out, that lifestyle would mark a turning point in his life.

"One thing about those flophouses was that they offered basic cable TV," Brandon recalls. "Sometimes, I would turn on the TV and watch Kenneth Copeland."

In 2009, a drug dealer invited Brandon to come stay with him for a while. Instead of showing gratitude, Brandon robbed the man.

"I thought he was going to kill me," Brandon said. "He pistol-whipped me, but didn't shoot me. My addictions were so out of control that my sisters wouldn't answer my calls. I wasn't



Brandon with his wife, Cary Dawn.

“I credit Kenneth Copeland and the Word of Faith for helping me understand that the things that happened to me in my childhood don’t define who I am today.”

—Brandon

allowed at a family Thanksgiving dinner. I couldn’t be around my nieces and nephews. I was too volatile. Unpredictable. Nobody knew what I might do.

“I cleaned myself up and got off drugs for a while. When I relapsed, I didn’t see any reason to go on living, so I decided to kill myself. I checked into a hotel with drugs and razor blades. By now, I knew that my foster father was right. I was completely useless. I planned to run a bathtub full of water. Then I’d get high, cut my wrists and bleed out.”

A Different Kind of Death

“When I started drinking, I talked to God. That night, I realized I was furious with Him. All that anger and resentment came out. I screamed at Him. I cussed Him. I blamed Him for everything. I went to war with God. I believe God knew that I needed to get that off my chest. He let me. He was willing to take it. He listened and allowed it.

“I don’t know how long it lasted. But I fell asleep without killing myself. The next morning, I woke feeling different. I knew that somehow, in all that rage, I’d connected with God. Something had happened. I believe that God heard me and saved me that night. I determined in my heart that I would find God

and change my life, and He spoke to me. He told me to leave Montgomery and follow Him. I ended up taking a bus to Mobile.”

Once in Mobile, Brandon found a temporary job where he met a man who had been addicted to opiates. The man told Brandon about a program he had entered called Wings of Life that helped him to get sober. Through the program, the man had found Christ. Sometime later, Brandon met another man who, upon learning that Brandon had drug issues, invited him to Wings of Life. In June 2009, Brandon entered the ministry’s 90-day residential program.

After spending 90 days in the program, Brandon was offered the opportunity to attend Bible school. While there, his life was radically changed. He was born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. Upon graduating from the program, Brandon remained at Wings of Life as an employee—working primarily in maintenance and in the kitchen. Later, he was called into ministry, where he began to work with youth, and soon after began preaching.

“I needed a lot of mental healing, which I received,” Brandon says. “Despite my early diagnoses, today I’m whole. I take no medication and am a biblical counselor.”

Over the years, the Lord showed Brandon that there was still something he was holding on to: He still had unforgiveness in his heart toward his dad.

“The memory seared in my mind was of my dad—a huge man—beating her (his mother). He dragged her to the backyard to finish the job. He looked like a monster, pounding and punching her. Strangling her.

“That’s what I remembered—a monster.

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"I later found out that my dad's dad had been an abusive alcoholic. Dad had been beaten without mercy and called names. Like me, my dad had been on the streets trying to live when he got in a fight and went to prison at 17.

"Then the Lord showed me an open vision. I saw my dad beating my mother again. Only this time the Lord said, *Your dad isn't a big, mean man. He's a broken little boy looking for somebody to love him.*"

Brandon had been leading a five-day revival at a prison in Indiana when God spoke to him: *It's time for you to go see your dad.*

Brandon obeyed.

Looking directly into his dad's eyes, Brandon told him: "I want you to know something. I'm your son, and I love you."

Brandon's dad choked up, his eyes welling with tears.

"I'm not a devil," he said.

"I know you're not. I love you and I forgive you. I care for you. And you can be a son of God, just like me."

In that moment, Brandon led his father in the sinner's prayer and invited him into God's family. Although his dad died before Brandon saw him again, Brandon knew that he entered heaven and cried, "Abba! Father!"

A New Life!

In 2011, Brandon met a young woman who'd come to Wings of Life from the streets of Dallas. Cary Dawn had been a nurse before she injured her shoulder playing volleyball. Her doctor prescribed painkillers—something that led to an addiction problem with opiates, and later heroin.

"As a result, she lost custody of her son," Brandon said.

"Like me, she cried out to God and gave her life to Him. He brought her to Wings of Life, where she kicked her addictions and eventually joined our team and started evangelizing—among other things ministering to kids in high crime areas."

Brandon and Cary became good friends, and in 2014 they were married. A couple of

years later, in 2016, Cary regained custody of her son.

That same year, Brandon was asked to become the executive pastor of Powerhouse Church, a 2,000-member church in Katy, Texas. They had pastored the church for about five years when the board of Wings of Life offered Brandon the position of executive director. He accepted the position and returned to Mobile, but remains connected to Powerhouse Church to this day.

"We believe that we're facing an epidemic of fatherlessness today," says Brandon. "In response, we have a group called the Genesis Team that has international ministries all over the world, including Namibia, Peru, Guatemala, Sri Lanka and Kenya, with one focus: eradicating fatherlessness by training men to be fathers in their families, churches, and communities. We go to these countries and meet with government officials and pastoral leaders to work on solutions. I spent years looking for my identity in all the wrong places. I went from being an orphan to an advocate and minister to fatherless youth. Today, I'm motivated to spread this message around the world."

Today, Brandon and Cary Dawn still live in Mobile, where Brandon continues to lead Wings of Life and Cary serves as the ministry's program director. The two continue to travel the country together speaking and teaching. In addition to leading Wings of Life, Brandon travels the world reconnecting sons with fathers, offering the gift of adoption to usher them into the family of God.

"I credit Kenneth Copeland and the Word of Faith for helping me understand that the things that happened to me in my childhood don't define who I am today. Through them, I learned that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. I learned the power of God's Word. I learned the power of faith in my confessions. Without KCM and their support of Wings of Life, I don't know where I'd be today." 🙏

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TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

'Go and See'

My husband and I have been Partners with KCM for over 30 years. One of our daughters was told that her heart was functioning at 40%.

One Friday, we took her to the emergency room where we prayed and stood on the Word of God. We had felt led to go to EMIC, and my daughter said, "Mom, just go to the church." We had planted seeds for her healing and God said, *Go and see what I will do*. So, we left San Antonio at 4 a.m. to make it to the service. We prayed with Pastor Terri and she had the whole church declare what we were believing for. On the way home, my daughter called and said, "My tests came back normal. The doctor said, 'Your heart is normal.'" God is so good, and I thank Him for our KCM and EMIC families.

R.G. | Texas

Redeemed and Delivered

During the St. Louis Victory Campaign you showed a clip from *The Chosen*; and as I watched, the Spirit of God came into my house and delivered me from alcohol abuse.

L.R. | Missouri

'God Is Good!'

I ask for prayer on **VICTORY Morning Prayer** for increase in my finances and received a \$350 per month raise. Thank you. God is good!

C.G. | Texas

Words of Power

I had three hospital bills totaling over \$28,000. I received a letter from the hospital stating they had reduced my bill by 100%!

How did this happen? I had been listening to George, Gloria and Gary Kesee, and relied on Isaiah 55:11. I kept speaking the promises of God, His Names and what those Names mean. Then I began reading *The Laws of Prosperity* and am so excited about learning spiritual prosperity! The power of the spoken Word is amazing! Speak it until you believe it. Thanks, KCM and all of you who teach the Word.

B.C. | Kansas

'I Am Healed'

I received my healing this morning watching the SWBC Healing School online. I am healed of all sinus issues and fluid in my ear, with my sinus cavities drained and clear. Praise God, Jesus set us free! I walk in divine health.

K.E. | Texas



Vision Ignited

One evening, I watched Pastor George and the first episode of *Inside the Vision*. The next day, in my email, came the question from Pastor George, "Did you watch the broadcast?"

He Knows Our Needs

I received a larger-than-expected credit card bill; the money wasn't in the bank to cover it. I would usually freak out, but this time I just sat down and prayed about it. My answer was to give my tithe to EMIC first, then

not to worry. That very day I received the exact amount needed to pay the bill in full. I am so grateful for God and His promise for me not to worry, because it is in His hands.

J.P. | Utah

Faithful Restorer

Thank you so very much for your prayers of agreement for my husband who had surgery for lung cancer, to have a speedy recovery without complications. When he had his return visit, the doctor said everything was fine and he can resume his daily activities. To God be all praise, glory and honor for all He has done.

G.D. | Arkansas

Our Good Shepherd

I was facing homelessness and called for you to pray with me. You prayed for the right roommates, and I now have four roommates in this small but awesome apartment. I have the whole amount of rent needed each month now

and will not be homeless. Praise God; I am crying for joy. Thank You, Jesus, for Kenneth Copeland Ministries. You all mean the world to me.

P.B. | California

'Grateful'

When I saw the pilot for *Inside the Vision*, my spirit leaped. What a powerful show for us Partners. Keeping the vision in front of us is so exciting! I am grateful for my partnership with this ministry and the vision. It has changed my life and direction. Thank You, Jesus!

D.O. | Pennsylvania

Yes, I did and then in the email was the area where I wrote down my VISION. I received my *Inside the Vision* journal and am so happy with it. Now each day, as

GOD shows me more about my vision, I can have it all together in one spot!

N.C. | Tennessee

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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Y.B. | Texas

Our Shield and Safe Place

I called the prayer line a couple of days ago concerning a prayer request from my friend in the British Virgin Islands. There was an active shooter in her granddaughter's school. Thank you for standing in agreement with me. No one was hurt. Praise the Lord!

M.D. | Florida



THE WAY GOD LOVES

When you see how much God loves you, you can forgive yourself and you can also forgive others.

Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play professional baseball, joined the Dodgers in 1947. He traveled with them during their first road trip and was heckled by fans in Cincinnati, Ohio. During pregame infield practice, “Pee Wee” Reese, the team’s captain, reportedly went over to Robinson and engaged him in conversation. Then he put his arm around Robinson’s shoulder in a gesture of support, which silenced the crowd. That event was the turning point of Robinson’s famed career.

In the same way, the Apostle Paul experienced public ridicule and rejection when everyone forsook him. That’s when he said in 2 Timothy 4:17, “The Lord stood with me and strengthened me” (*New King James Version*). That is the way God loves.

The greatest miracle and witness to the world in the last days is for Christians to have this kind of love for one another. Jesus said in John 13:34-35, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (*NKJV*). God’s love gives you the power and authority to demonstrate His mercy to others, just as Jesus did on the cross when He prayed to His Father to forgive. It is God’s love in action.

Love Like He Loves

In James 2:8, we read: “If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou



shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well.” Verse 13 says, “For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.”

Love comes from God, and everyone in His family can love like He loves because we share His nature (1 John 4:7-8). Never underestimate the reach of God’s mercy as demonstrated when Jesus forgave the thief on the cross. Love restored the woman caught in the act of adultery. Religion would have killed her, but instead of throwing rocks, Jesus bent down, wrote in the sand, and her accusers had to walk away. Mercy triumphed over judgment and is the standard for us to follow.

When I was a teenager, I had an encounter with the love of God that changed the

direction of my life. I was sitting in church on a Sunday morning after being out with my friends on Saturday night. I was not exactly living right; in fact, I was backslidden.

In the middle of the service, a man named Brother F.E. Ward stepped up to the platform and said he had a word from God for someone. Well, that someone happened to be me! My friend next to me whispered, “You’re a dead duck now.”

As I walked to the front I began to repent of my sins. I reminded God that if He revealed them, my father would kill me, and I would be of no use to Him then. Instead of a giant fly swatter coming to squash me from heaven, Brother Ward began to tell me how much God loved me and how He had a plan for my life. All the rebellion melted and I received direction for my life that day. If He loves us like this, we can love others in the same way.

God’s Definition of Love

Look at what the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 about love:

Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God’s love in us) 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]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

There are nine aspects of the love of God which can be described as light shining through a prism and dividing into many colors.

Patient: Love is grace for imperfect people. Love is not in a hurry, but is persistent and



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prepared for the time for opportunities to come.

Kind: The best thing you can do for God is to be kind to His kids! You can't love the Father and not love His children. Acts of kindness and love communicate happiness to those around us.

Not Envious: Love prefers others, is not competitive but is generous. In any line of work, there will be others who are better and it is a temptation to push others down in order to get ahead. But love will help others to be their best, preferring them first.

Humble: Jesus did not seek His own honor, but allowed God to honor Him. When you do a kind deed, humility is quiet, not bringing attention to itself.

Courteous: Love does the mannerly thing. Anyone, no matter the level of their education or culture, will be gracious when they walk in love. Love speaks the truth gently.

Unselfish: It is not grasping but generous, knowing it is more blessed to give than to receive. It is not stingy, but ready to share, given to hospitality.

Not Easily Provoked: Love does not have a bad temper. Great talents and influence can be completely destroyed in one fit of anger. There are sins of the body and sins of the disposition. For example, the sin of the prodigal son's older brother was greater because he was ungrateful for his father's constant provision and jealous of his brother's honor.

Guileless and Sincere: Love does not find satisfaction in the shortcomings of others and it does not spread an evil report. It aggressively advertises the good in people; it defends and holds other people up, credits them with good intentions, and is not suspicious. It never gives up on people, but affirms and encourages them.

How To Walk In God's Kind of Love

When you see how much God loves you, you can forgive yourself and you can also

forgive others. By doing this, you release yourself and others from past hurts, sins and disappointments. Unforgiveness can open the door to sickness and the thief, who comes to steal, kill and destroy. Be quick to repent, quick to forgive and quick to believe!

The next thing is to keep looking into the perfect law of liberty. James 1:25 (*New Living Translation*) says, "But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." Renew your mind and feed your faith by meditating on this topic. This involves affirming it out loud and also using your imagination to see yourself, others and situations you're facing in the light of God's love.

The third exercise to strengthen your love walk is to pray in the spirit: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God" (Jude 20-21). This spiritual exercise involves yielding the most unruly member of our body to the Holy Spirit, who makes us holy. Romans 5:5 says, "...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." He is the Greater One who will help you tame your tongue, which is like a wild animal that cannot be domesticated! The tongue must be continually yielded to the power of the Holy Spirit, who gives us power to overcome.

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 14:1, *The Message*: "Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does." In the *AMPC* it reads, "Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest]."

In other words, we're told to make God's love our quest. A *quest* is a lifelong dream, or anything that dominates your life and holds your attention for at least 20 years. We should decide to walk in love whether anybody else does or not. It is not a waste of time and is a necessity to inspect our love walk on a continual basis, so the power that raised Jesus from the dead may flow unhindered!

Faith works by love, and when we make it our quest, we will see the worst people and situations turn around, favor, promotion, and heaven on earth!

YOUR EVERYTHING

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“I DON’T FIGHT MONEY,
NOR DO I FALL IN LOVE
WITH IT.... MONEY IS SIMPLY
A TOOL FOR US TO USE
TO FUNCTION IN THIS
NATURAL WORLD.”

When I got saved, I wanted nothing more than to tell people about Jesus. He saved me. He gave my life purpose and put a driving desire inside me to share the gospel with anyone and everyone, no matter who or where they are.

That “no matter... where they are” makes travel a necessity. If they’re in a small town in the middle of America, I want to





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go. If they're on the other side of the world in Kazakhstan, I want to go. If they're on an island in the South Pacific, I definitely want to go!

I've owned four jets throughout my life, and the only one I didn't raise money for is the Falcon 7X. It's something the Lord has promised me. He said, *That one, you will not raise money for. That one will just come.*

There's nothing wrong with raising money for something like that. A jet is simply a tool to preach the gospel. But by telling me *it would just come*, the Lord was teaching me something. He was preparing me for a new revelation. He led me to Isaiah 65:24 which says, "Before they call, I will answer."

Suddenly, I knew I had entered new territory. God is stretching me. I see it so clearly now. As the Body of Christ, we need to get beyond *believing* and get to *knowing*.

I want to know. I don't want to believe. I want to *know* in whom I have believed. I want to get past the believing and quit being a Christian auctioneer: "I'm believing, I'm believing, I'm believing. I'm standing, I'm standing, I'm standing."

No, I'm tired of that! I want to get beyond believing. I want *to know*. "I know! I know! I know!"

Ask for Whatsoever

In John 14:12-13, Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, 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. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Read that again. What does *whatsoever* mean to you? The Church often rephrases *whatsoever* as "if it be His will," but Jesus didn't say that. He said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do."

Why?

"That the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Think about that. If you don't ask God for something (aka *whatsoever*), then the Father is not glorified.

Some think Jesus was only talking about spiritual things, but He didn't say

the *whatsoever* was only spiritual. The *whatsoever* is spiritual, physical and financial because it literally means *whatsoever*!

Then Jesus went even further: "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14). That opens up a big world. When you use the Name of Jesus, you have power of attorney. You have the right and the authority to use Jesus' Name and expect results.

When you got saved, Jesus put His Name in you. That's why you can go boldly to the throne of grace and sit down in His presence with the archangels and the cherubim and the seraphim. They have to stand at attention because you sit in heavenly places. Why? Because God's Name is in you. You are now the biological child of God and you have rights.

Want Versus Greed

Read John 14:13-14 again: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

When I read that, Jesus gave me this statement: *Your everything, Jesse, is My anything. Will you glorify Me today? Will you glorify My Father?*

When the Father is glorified, Jesus is magnified because when we believe in the Father, we believe also in Jesus. It's a knowing. It means you can't be convinced of anything else, no matter what happens.

I don't tell God what I need. I tell Him what I want. I know exactly how much money I want because we live in an economic world. I don't fight money, nor do I fall in love with it. Money doesn't love me, and it doesn't love you either. Money is simply a tool for us to use to function in this natural world.

If you have a financial need, then I submit to you that the reason you *need* is because you don't know how much you *want*. If you have what you want, then you don't even think about your need. Take that a step further: When you have what you want, and need is not even a part of your life, that's growth.

If you're a grandparent and your grandchild

says, “Grandma, I want some ice cream,” is that greed? No, that’s simply a child wanting ice cream. So, why do you think it’s being greedy to tell your heavenly Father what you want? It takes great faith to read Christ’s teaching, ask for anything, and start believing.

Mark 11:24 says, “What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.” *The Message* translation is especially powerful: “That’s why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you’ll get God’s everything.”

Everything. Pray for everything—spiritual, physical *and* financial. Pray for it all.

Become Revolutionary

The teachings of Jesus are revolutionary because they’re divine. He’s di-vine, and we are di-branches! We must be revolutionary too. It’s time we stand up for what we believe, no matter what—or as we say in Louisiana, “Come hell or high water.”

The Word of God is so powerful that it makes our brains want to tilt. But the Word of God is not soulish; it’s spiritual.

The first sermon Jesus ever preached was in front of a crowd. In Luke 4:18 He said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.”

That was the beginning of the prosperity message. The first thing on God’s mind was not to finance poverty but to eradicate it. Then Jesus taught on healing the brokenhearted, then preaching deliverance to the captive, then recovering sight to the blind, then setting free them that are bruised, then preaching the acceptable year of the Lord. He closed the book and gave it to a minister and told the people to preach what He had preached—not their opinions.

Renew Your Thoughts

Many believers don’t ask anything out of a misplaced sense of protection. They’re trying to protect God’s reputation by not asking for anything, especially not anything physical or financial. They’re afraid. But fear and faith

can’t cohabitate in your mind.

Kenneth Copeland has often said, “Fear tolerated is faith contaminated.”

Each one of us must renew our minds—thought by thought. When thoughts come that tell us we can’t ask for what we want, or we can’t ask for something physical or financial, or we can’t ask for something because of what those around us might say, we’re giving fear a place in our minds.

Your everything *has* to be His anything—spiritual, physical, financial. Faith and fear can’t cohabitate. Faith must rule in order to obey God. You don’t have to protect Christ’s reputation. If people get offended because of what the Lord has promised you, then that’s on them. That’s not your responsibility. You don’t have to protect Him.

When thoughts come or people get offended at what the Lord has told me, I renew my mind thought by thought. They might say, “You can’t have a Falcon 7X. You can’t do that.”

I say, “I don’t deal with ‘can’t.’ Your world is *can’t*. My world is ‘I can do all things through Christ.’”

And that’s not only what I believe. It’s what I know! 🍷

“Pray for everything—
spiritual, physical
and financial.

**PRAY FOR
IT ALL.”**





Anyone Can PROSPER



How do we prosper?

Many people are seeking the answer to this question. And 3 John 2 gives us crucial understanding of the subject. It says, “Beloved, I [pray] above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” Notice when John said, “I [pray] above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health,” he added the very telling phrase, “even as thy soul prospereth.” In other words, you will never be healthier or more prosperous

than your soul.

Man is a spirit, he has a soul—which is the mind, the will and the emotions—and he lives in a body. Thus, you should be prospering in all three areas: *spiritually, mentally* and *physically*.

To prosper spiritually, you must be born again. When you accept Jesus as your Savior and make Him The LORD of your life, your spirit is reborn and brought into fellowship with the Father. This puts you in a position to receive from Him *all* the things promised in His WORD.

To prosper in your soul, you must be able to *control* your mind, your will and your emotions. Prosperity of the mind comes when you use accumulated knowledge—controlling your mind instead of your mind controlling you.

Second Corinthians 10:5 says you are to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (or against The WORD of God), bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. *You cannot control your mind completely without The WORD of God being alive and operating inside you.*

You must control your will in the same way. God doesn’t want a broken will that He can dominate. He wants your will whole and in submission to His will so the two of you can work together in unity. In Deuteronomy 30:19 God 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.” What a privilege! *The choice is yours!*

When a man’s soul is prosperous, his will is in line with God’s will. How can you get in line with God’s will? You can’t until you know what His WORD says. His WORD and His will are the same! If you are in line with The WORD of God, you are in line with the will of God.

An emotionally prosperous person can control his emotions. Jesus had complete control over His emotions, yet He wept at the tomb of Lazarus! His weeping didn’t cause Him to join the grief-stricken throng. He continued to move in the Spirit. He put His priorities where they belonged and raised

“You should be prospering in all three areas: spiritually, mentally and physically.”

Lazarus from the dead. He showed emotions, but He was not moved or controlled by them.

The world's definition of *physical prosperity* (prosperity of the senses) includes gold, silver, financial favor or power, political favor or power, and social favor or power. The world's definition of *mental prosperity* (prosperity of the soul) is “knowing it all.” Put these two ideas together and you have a person who can use his mind to get financial and political power. This is the world's total concept of prosperity. Wealth and power cannot answer every problem. Money makes a lousy god! It can't buy good health or prevent sickness and disease from taking over the human body. Yes, it can go toward buying it, but the world's system of healing just isn't good enough.

In the mental realm, a person can have all the facts in his head and not have the ability to use that knowledge to obtain the money or the health he needs. You can be born again, even filled with the Holy Spirit, and still not be prosperous in your soul. What produces spiritual, mental and physical prosperity? What brings all these areas together?

The WORD of God.

The Bible says in Hebrews 4:12 that The WORD is alive, powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword. It divides the soul and the spirit, the joints and the marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. When you are walking in The WORD of God, you will prosper and be in health.

God's will is for us to be made whole—spirit, soul and body—and to stay that way until the return of our LORD Jesus Christ (see 1 Thessalonians 5:23). As you walk in the light of God's WORD, you will become prosperous in every area of your life. ①



WORDS OF FAITH

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you're too busy to spend time in the Word of God. The truth is, you can't afford *not* to spend time in it.

Even if you've walked with the Lord for years, you can't afford to rest on your spiritual laurels and just try to live on the Word you heard in the past. That's a dangerous way to operate!

Put the Word of God first place!

What you consistently put in your heart will determine whether you walk in victory or defeat.

(Prov. 4:22)

Staying continually in the Word liberates you from the bondage of the devil.

(John 8:31-32)

You fill your heart with the Word by listening to it and looking at it every day.

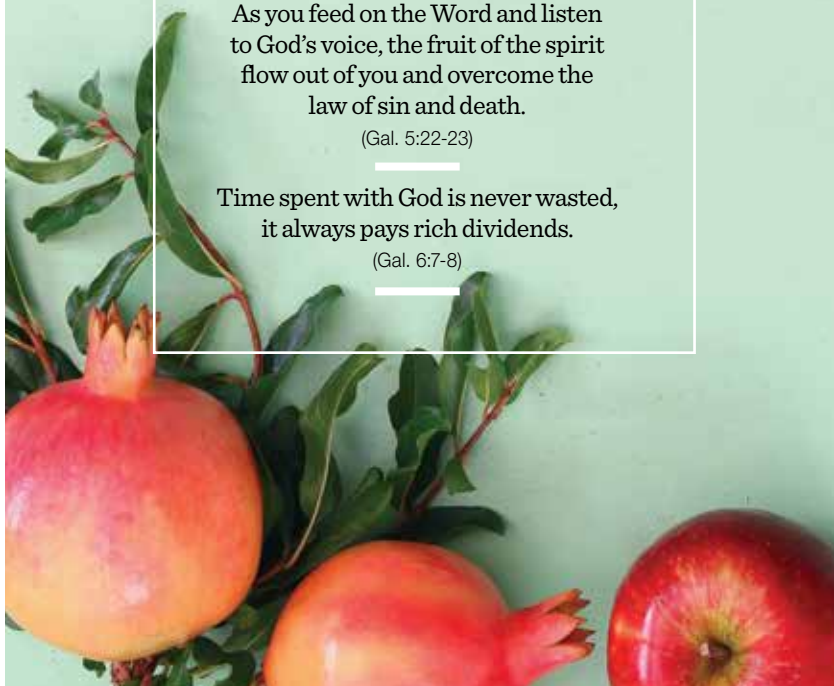
(Prov. 4:20-21)

As you feed on the Word and listen to God's voice, the fruit of the spirit flow out of you and overcome the law of sin and death.

(Gal. 5:22-23)

Time spent with God is never wasted, it always pays rich dividends.

(Gal. 6:7-8)





THE *Spirit* OF FAITH

We all know the importance of checking up on the natural things in life. When we get in our car to go on a trip, for example, we check the gas gauge to make sure we have enough fuel in the tank to get where we're going. As believers, we need to do the same thing spiritually. As we go through life, we

need to regularly check our faith level—on our believing, on what we're saying, and on our actions. We need to make sure we're living in the spirit of faith so we can get where God planned for us to go.

God has marvelous plans for each of us! They're as far above anything we could



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ever achieve on our own as the heavens are above the earth (Isaiah 55:9). When Ken and I began living by faith in God’s Word back in 1966, we could not have even begun to think of everything God had planned for us. We wouldn’t have known how to even imagine all the blessings He has poured out on us over the past 58 years, and He isn’t finished yet. He has more in store for us, just as He has more in store for you.

You can never catch up with God! His ever-increasing blessing stretches out so far in front of you that, according to Ephesians 2:7, you’ll be experiencing “the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness” for “ages to come.” His goodness is so vast that no matter how long you walk with Him, you can never exhaust it.

Just thinking of it makes me want to say to God, as the psalmist did, “Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!” (Psalm 31:19).

The words *laid up* in that verse really thrill me. They remind me that God isn’t just creating what we need as we need it. Although that would be wonderful enough, He’s done more. He has already prepared and provided for each of us everything we need to fulfill His wonderful call on our life and to be everything He has planned for us to be. It’s already there in the heavenly realm, stored up and waiting for us. How do we get it from the heavenly realm into this earthly realm?

By faith.

As Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Faith is the spiritual force that causes the blessings that God promised us in the Bible to manifest in this natural

world. Whatever we’re hoping for—whether it’s healing, finances, a new home or car, or whatever—faith turns that hope into a tangible substance, into something we can feel and spend and drive.

Faith in God’s Word is the way we receive everything from God! It’s the way we received the new birth and the way we maintain our walk with Him. That’s why it’s important that we continually check up on ourselves in that area.

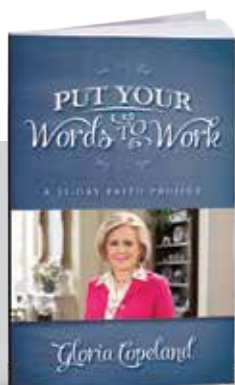
“But Gloria,” you might say, “I don’t know how to do that. Unlike in my car, I don’t have a physical gauge I can check that tells me if I have any fuel in my faith tank.”

Yes, you do!

Jesus said, “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” (Matthew 12:34). And the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:13 that “we having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.” So, according to both Jesus and Paul, your mouth is your spiritual gas gauge!

You can listen to what you’re saying and find out if you’re walking in the spirit of faith. If you’re dealing with symptoms of sickness for example, and you’re consistently confessing that by Jesus’ stripes you were healed (1 Peter 2:24), you know you have the faith necessary for healing to manifest in your body. If you’re talking about how sick you are, you don’t.

If, in the face of a pile of overdue bills, you’re consistently saying, “My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory” (Philippians 4:19), you know you have the faith for the finances you need. If you’re talking about your inadequate bank balance, you don’t.



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In Consistency Lies the Power

Ken and I had to come to grips with this very early in our faith walk: What we say is what we believe, and that is what's going to come to pass in our lives. We saw in Mark 11:23 that it's a spiritual law that, much like the law of gravity in the natural: "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Many years ago as I was studying that verse, the Lord said to me *In consistency lies the power*. In other words, it's what you say continually that works in your life—either for you or against you. When you're in church, it's easy to say all the right things. You can make faith confessions on Sunday morning, and shout and rejoice right along with everybody else. But if, when you go home, you talk all manner of unbelief, those faith confessions you made at church won't come to pass.

Why is that true?

Because what you say continually is what you really believe!

"But Gloria," somebody might argue, "it's hard to keep believing and saying the right things when you're looking at contrary circumstances. It's hard to keep saying that you're healed when your body looks and feels sick, or to keep saying you're prosperous when you're looking at a big fat zero in your bank account."

No, it's not just hard. If the negative circumstances are all you're seeing, it's downright impossible!

To overcome that impossibility, you must see beyond those circumstances. You must look steadfastly at the things the Apostle Paul referred to in 2 Corinthians 4. He not only wrote that we having the same spirit of faith, as it is written, believe and therefore speak; he went on to say how we do it. "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (verse 18).

How do you see things which aren't seen?

You look in the Word of God.

You open the Bible and meditate on what it says about you and all God has provided for you. You keep that Word before your eyes and in your ears and receive it into your heart where it produces faith (Romans 10:17). Then you release that faith with the words of your mouth.

The Word of God is His creative power. It always produces for you when you receive it and speak it. Sadly, however, many Christians don't receive everything that's in the Word. They receive what it says about the new birth, but when they hear scriptures preached about healing or prosperity, they say to themselves, "That's just too good to be true. I know people who served God all their life and never prospered." Or, "I know people who prayed for healing and didn't get healed."

Christians who take that attitude are actually taking other people's word over the Word of God! In fact, though they don't realize it, they're siding in with the devil. He's the one who's always trying to talk us out of believing what God said. He started doing it with Eve in the Garden of Eden and he's never stopped.

In Mark 4, Jesus described people who succumb to the devil's Word-stealing tactics as "stony ground" people. They don't receive the Word they have heard, and "Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts" (verse 15). Satan is all about control. He wants to be somebody, but he's a nobody. He's been brought "to nought" (1 Corinthians 2:6), so he comes to steal the Word out of people's hearts so he can have control of their lives.

What are you to do when the devil tries that with you?

Tell him no! Say, "Devil, you get out of my face. I don't want to hear from you. I won't take your word for anything. I take the Word of God!"

Don't ever let the devil scare or confuse you. Be bold when dealing with him. Combat his lies with the Word and keep believing and saying what God says, regardless of what you see around you. "Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you" (James 4:7, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

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This is a wonderful cure for anything that's wrong in your life. It will release the power of God to go to work in your circumstances and change them. What's more, it will release the power of God to go to work to change you! If in the natural, you have an inferiority complex, for example, when you begin to see yourself as God says you are, you begin to change the way you think. His Word takes root in you, and you stop seeing yourself as inferior.

In fact, you stop seeing yourself at all. Instead, you see God! He's the One who is great and wonderful, and He says you've been born again in His image. He's the One who meets your needs and heals your body. God is the One who makes up the difference for your weaknesses and brings you to the place He planned for you to be.

When you start seeing yourself in Him, according to His Word and His promises, you become like Abraham. You've probably read about him. God told him when he was around 100 years old that his 90-year-old barren wife was going to bear him a son. At the same time, God changed his name from Abram to Abraham.

Abraham means "father of many nations." So, from then on, that's what Abraham called himself. He believed God and, as Romans 4:17 says, he called "those things which be not as though they were." When people asked him how he was, he said, "Oh, I'm fine! I'm father of many nations."

People most likely made fun of him for it. They probably laughed behind his back and said, "He's an old man, his wife is an old woman, and they've never had any children. Now he's changing his name? Father of many nations? Yeah...right."

Abraham, however, wasn't moved by the

mockers. He just kept believing what God said and putting it in his mouth. Less than a year later his son Isaac was born.

God works the same way with us. He gives us His Word so that we can believe it and speak it. As we do, our faith gives substance to it. The blessings God has stored up for us in the heavenly realm are transferred to the earthly realm, where we can walk in them and enjoy them.

I will warn you, however, that when you start operating like Abraham did, people who are worldly in their thinking may react to you a lot like people did in his day. They might not appreciate your spirit of faith. When they hear you calling things that be not as though they were, they might even say you're crazy.

But really, that's a compliment. If people who operate like the world considered you to be normal, you'd be in trouble. The world follows after the devil and walks in darkness. People in the world live looking at and talking from only the seen realm. If they get sick, they talk sickness. They tell everybody they know, "I feel terrible. My head hurts. My body aches..." They just keep talking about what's happening in the natural because that's all they know.

We as believers are very different. We follow after God and walk in the light. We know something people in the world don't know because we have the Word of God. We can look into that Word at the unseen and talk from that realm. We can receive into our hearts what God said, believe it, put it in our mouths, and it will come to pass in our lives.

Of course, God's promises won't always come to pass for us overnight. It may take time. Some of the big things Ken and I have believed for took years to manifest. But you know what? They were worth the wait!

What you're believing to receive from God will be worth the wait as well. His blessings always are. So, as Hebrews 10:35 says: "Cast not away...your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward." Be patient and keep checking your spiritual gas gauge. Stay full of God's Word and the spirit of faith and receive all the good things God has laid up for you! 🙏

Famous Faith!



Commander Kellie's Corner

Hey Superkids! Are you ready to continue our journey through the book of Ephesians?

We are going to study it verse by verse, but don't think about it like you might study for a test at school. When I was in school, I would study just to pass a test. I wasn't thinking about the information being important later in my life. Imagine, though, what my life would be like if I hadn't learned to read and write. I couldn't write this letter to you every month without the basic language skills I learned when I was your age.

I believe the Lord wants us to study Ephesians with our hearts, not just our heads. He wants to create a picture of who we are called to be, not just today but forever. Your choice to be a Superkid will last your whole lifetime! Remember, to be a Superkid is simply giving your whole life to Jesus, 24/7, and doing what He tells you to do by being led by His Word and His Voice.

For more than 35 years, I have been Commander Kellie to kids all over the world. Just yesterday, two successful adults told me that they were Superkids. One grew up in Australia and said God had used Commander Kellie and the Superkids to lead her and her siblings to give their lives to the Lord. Today, she is in ministry and they all are doing the "missions" God called them to do. And they love Jesus! It blessed me to see that my life affects people of all ages, all over the world! I had no idea Superkid Academy would affect kids that far away, or for so many years! I was just doing what I felt passionate in my heart to do.

I believe this study will do the same for you. It will stir up your passion and cause you to recognize who God says you are. When you recognize Jesus in you, others will too!

That brings me to Ephesians 1:15-16! In his letter to the people in Ephesus, Paul says: "Because of this, since I first heard about your strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and your tender love toward all his devoted ones, my heart is always full and overflowing with thanks to God for you as I constantly remember you in my prayers" (*The Passion Translation*).

Their faith and love was famous! Paul heard about how they believed in God and what he had taught them, and how loving they were! I understand what Paul must have felt when he said, "my heart is always full of thanks and prayers." You may read my letters and think, *Commander Kellie would be disappointed in me*. Or, that Jesus is. No, we're not! In Matthew 19:13-15, Jesus tells His disciples EXACTLY what He thinks about them (and you). It says, "Then they brought little children to Jesus so that he would lay his hands on them, bless them, and pray for them. But the disciples scolded those who brought the children, saying, 'Don't bother him with this now!' Jesus overheard them and said, 'I want little children to come to me, so never interfere with them when they want to come, for heaven's kingdom realm is composed of beloved ones like these! Listen to this truth: No one will enter the kingdom realm of heaven unless he becomes like one of these.' Then he laid his hands on each of them and went on his way."

My team and I pray for you. And most importantly, Jesus is making sure those prayers are heard. He is blessing you to become full of His Spirit in love, power and purpose. That's why Ephesians is your identity. Paul wrote this powerful, God-breathed letter to the church at Ephesus and God made sure it became part of our Bible. God intended this message to be a letter to the Body of Christ throughout eternity! So when Paul prayed the prayer in

Ephesians 1:17-21, he was praying it for you too.

You should take time out to read those verses. Then, make a declaration out of them. When we declare what God says, it's like taking ownership, making His words our own. It puts us in agreement with what God wants. So, write these words down, and say them out loud.



The Lord gives me spiritual wisdom and insight so that I might grow in my knowledge of Him.

My heart is flooded with light so I understand the confident hope He has given me.

God has called me one of His holy ones. I am His rich and glorious inheritance.

I understand the incredible greatness of God's power and I believe Him!

I understand this is the power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realm.

Superkid, this is who you are! We all agree together. We are partners with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. That is a mighty word for you from the Lord. Let this prayer become your identity. Say it. Read it. Believe it. This is what defines us and makes our faith in Him famous.

To sign off this month, I want to make a place for us to sign, like signing a legal agreement.

I, Commander Kellie, declare that these Superkids and I agree with this prayer that Paul prayed for us!

Commander Kellie

I, Cadet
agree with this prayer that Paul
prayed for me!



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