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Editor's Letter

Step Into the Flow!

Ever had one of those times when you felt that everyone seemed to be headed in the right direction but you? That while others were moving forward and progressing in their spiritual walk, you were at a standstill—pretty much marching in place, marking time and getting nowhere fast?

It reminds me a lot of my high school marching band days. We would march down the football field, counting off steps as we moved from one marker to the next. Then, with marked precision, we would come to a standstill and march in place—feet moving up and down as we silently counted to ourselves while anticipating moving into the next formation.

When all was said and done, we usually ended up right back where we started.

There have been times in my faith walk when it seemed I was standing still and marking time. Like I was a bystander just watching as others around me keep moving, stepping out and going with the flow of what God was telling them to do and where He was leading them.

Thankfully, years of Bible study and listening to the Holy Spirit have taught me not to get attached to those kinds of feelings because they are not from God, but from Satan. He's the one who comes to kill, steal and destroy (John 10:10). I've learned that Jesus came to give me life in abundance, that my heavenly Father has a world of blessings stored up for me, and that it is His will for me to have them. To get them, though, I can't just stand around waiting for something to happen. I must keep moving forward—putting one foot in front of the other and going after what God has for me.

Standing still and marking time gets us nowhere. But stepping out into the flow of God's Word, listening to and obeying the direction of the Holy Spirit, will always take us to where He wants us to be.

In her article this month titled "Go With the Flow!" (Page 26), Gloria Copeland offers some encouraging words about stepping into the flow of the Spirit so we can have everything we need. She writes, "You and I don't have to be bystanders who just watch what God is doing. We can be part of it if we want to, and I'm telling you right now—I *want* to!"

Well, so do I!
How about you?

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"I was born and raised in church. I was very religious. With religion comes fear. Kenneth's teaching on love was what delivered me from fear."

—Quantrel Brown

Pass this magazine on to a family member or friend.

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For 51 years it has been our joy to bring you good news through the teachings of ministers who write out of living contact with God, and the testimonies of believers who took God at His WORD and experienced His victory in everyday life.

—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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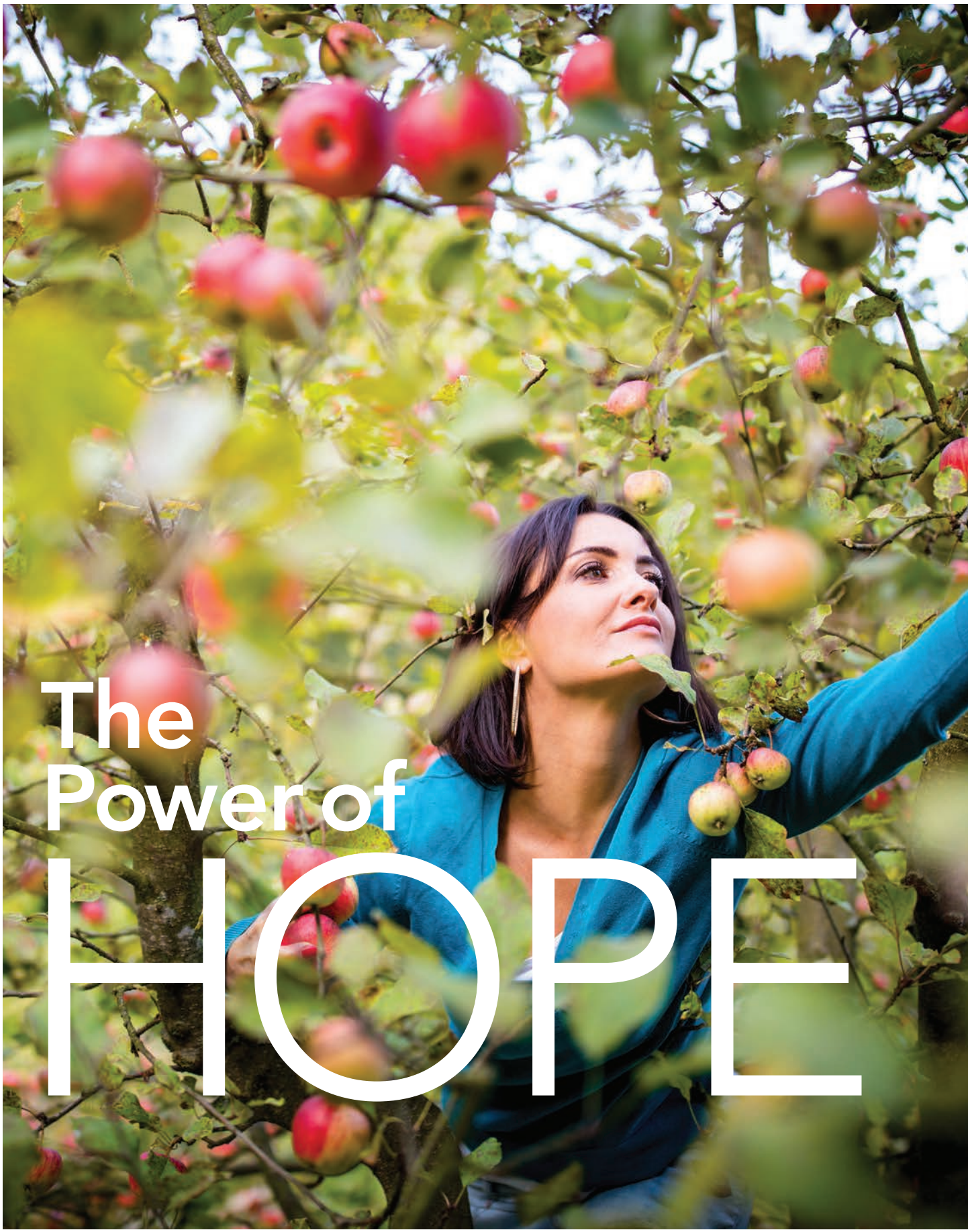

The Power of HOPE

by Kenneth Copeland

> *As you feed on God's promises, hope* ***grows.***

At this very moment, the creative power that made the universe is living inside you.

That's a startling statement, isn't it? If it is true, it should revolutionize your life.

Think about it. If you had access to the power that created the world, it would be hard to feel sorry for yourself for very long, wouldn't it? You'd look pretty silly sitting around being the victim of circumstances.

Here's the amazing fact: If you are a born-again child of God you do, in fact, have inside you His supernatural, creative power. That's not just an exciting idea. It's not hypothetical. It's the plain truth of the gospel.

Most believers are shocked when I say that because they don't fully understand what happened to them when they were born again. They don't realize they actually became a new species of being. John 1:12-13 says, "As many as received [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

You are born of God! Do you understand that? The moment you received Jesus Christ as your LORD, the Spirit of the living God came to live inside you. Your inner man was reborn in His image. God literally became the Father of your spirit. Just as your body took on the same genes and traits of your natural mother and father when you were born, your spirit took on the spiritual "genes," so to speak, of your heavenly Father when you were reborn.

Your spirit took on His hope, His faith, His Love—and all the other spiritual forces that are characteristic of Him. All of them together are called eternal life. The Greek word for it is *zoe*. It's a word that defies definition. So the best way I can explain *zoe* is by saying it's the part of God that makes Him God. And He invested *zoe* in your spirit when you made Jesus The LORD of your life.

The tragedy is, most believers have never learned how to take advantage of it. They walk around with the power of God Himself on the inside of them and never do a thing with it. That's why, today, I want to show you how to start tapping in to the power of God within you by focusing your attention on one particular aspect of that power: the force of hope.

Why hope? Because hope is one of the three most powerful elements in the universe. It is one of the three eternal and living substances that run the entire kingdom of God.

First Corinthians 13:13 says, "Now abideth faith, hope, charity [or love], these three." Take note of that word *abide*. *Abide* means "make a home somewhere." So, the Bible is telling us that faith, hope and love make a home together.

Gloria and I make a home together. We abide in the same house. We live there together

"YOUR SPIRIT TOOK ON HIS HOPE, HIS FAITH, HIS LOVE—AND ALL THE OTHER SPIRITUAL FORCES THAT ARE CHARACTERISTIC OF HIM. ALL OF THEM TOGETHER ARE CALLED ETERNAL LIFE. THE GREEK WORD FOR IT IS *ZOE*."

because we need one another. Faith, hope and love need one another in much the same way. They abide together because they need each other's assistance to carry out what they are designed to do.

Importance of Hope

Most people understand how crucial faith and love are. But few understand the importance of hope. They've never realized that without hope, faith and love simply can't function effectively.

Biblical hope is more than just wishing for something. Wishing carries an element of doubt. Biblical hope carries no doubt. In fact, the word *hope* in Greek indicates "earnest expectation of something about which there is no doubt at all."

This isn't a human kind of hope. It is God's kind. It's one of the supernatural forces He used to create the universe and He put it inside you when you were born again. What I want to teach you today is how to use this hope. But before you can use it, you have to be absolutely certain you have it.

"But, Brother Copeland, you don't understand. My circumstances have been so bad for so long, I don't have any more hope!"

Yes, you do! Hebrews 6:19 says, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast."

You may feel totally hopeless right now. This may be the most hopeless moment of your entire life. But, according to The WORD of God, you have hope. So the first thing you need to do is acknowledge that. Say, "Thank God, I have hope!"

You may be in the deepest hole of your life. But if The WORD says you have hope, then glory be to God, you have hope!

Plant the Seed of Hope

The next thing you need to do is plant that hope so it can grow. Jesus told us the whole kingdom of God is compared to a man who plants a mustard seed in the ground. Even though that seed is the smallest seed there is, it grows up and becomes greater. Hope is of the kingdom of God so it works the same as that seed.

So, if you plant your hope, if you focus it on a particular problem in your life, it will grow up and become greater. Greater than what? Greater than the problem!

Once it's planted, you have to feed and water it with The WORD of God. The WORD is what energizes hope and makes it strong. It has the supernatural ability to stir up inside you a sense of expectancy about what God has promised. If you feed on God's promises, hope grows.

As you spend time in The WORD and meditate on those promises, you begin to expect them to happen. The "earnest expected" mechanism within you—this supernatural force called hope—takes over your imagination and causes you to see God's promises fulfilled in your life. It paints images in your heart and mind that will eventually become reality in your life. Thus, as you feed on God's promises, hope grows.

But that process also works in reverse. If you feed on the world's junk, that same "earnest expected" will begin to partake in the despair of the world. If you feed it enough of the world's information, you'll begin to earnestly expect your children to get hooked on drugs. You'll earnestly expect to lose your job, and earnestly expect to get the flu. You will join in on the recession everyone is talking about and fully expect it to ruin your finances.

Once you start earnestly expecting those things, you'll start talking about them, "for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34). You'll start calling things that are not as though they were—and you know what will happen after that? Those things will start happening in your life!

That's how your "earnest expected" mechanism works. It's a flawless system that never breaks down. But you're the one who determines which direction it goes. It's your choice. You can feed it with The WORD of God and get hope or feed it with the words of the world and get despair.

You may think your circumstances are tearing you apart, but I have news for you: Your circumstances are not the problem! All circumstances, I don't care what they are, must bow their knees and submit to the Name of Jesus and The WORD of God when faith, hope

Build Up Your Hope

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and love are brought to bear on them.

When I first began to understand how hope works, I was a 30-year-old student at Oral Roberts University. I had been out of school 13 years and I was really struggling.

I had flunked algebra in high school. (As a kid, I never could figure out why anyone would want to put parentheses around a bunch of numbers. It made no sense to me, so I just didn't pay any attention to it.) Now, there I was facing a college algebra professor. He said, "Good morning," on the first day and that was the last thing he said that I could understand.

Naturally speaking, the situation looked hopeless. But I went to the library and checked out a high school algebra book to help me. I would study 15 or 20 minutes when suddenly my brain would freeze up. It would just quit on me as if the circuits were overloaded.

At first I didn't know what to do. Then I discovered I could pray in the spirit and get my brain going again. I'd walk around the room praying in other tongues until my brain began to relax. I'd sit down and study for another 15 minutes or so until my brain would stall again. Then I'd get up and pray in the spirit and it would break loose every time.

I did that over and over again. Finally, I progressed to the point where I could study 30 minutes, then 45, then an hour. Eventually I could study all night long if I wanted and still be just as refreshed mentally as when I started.

Do you know what saw me through that situation? Faith and hope! Hope painted a picture inside me with The WORD of God. Hope told me that no matter how impossible algebra might seem to me, I could understand it because I had the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).

Hope enabled me to see myself studying and understanding without freezing up, to see myself on the other side of the barriers. That's what I didn't have in high school. That's what kept me going. I'd see that picture in my imagination and I'd get up and pray in the spirit until another piece of the puzzle came through.

Lay Hold of Hope

Do you see now how to put the process of hope to work? It's not easy. It's not something you can work on for a minute or two and ignore the rest of the time. That's why the Bible says to "lay hold upon the hope" (Hebrews 6:18).

To *lay hold* means to "sink your spiritual teeth into something and to refuse to let go, knowing it's working—regardless of how you feel, regardless of what the circumstances look like, regardless of what the devil (or anyone else!) says."

You have to be diligent. Verses 11-12 say, "We desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." If you want hope to work for you, you're going to have to practice it continually. You can't do it in spurts. You can't wait until your life is falling apart and then jump up suddenly and get full of hope in about two hours.

No, this is something you do all day, every day. You build your hope continually. Then, when the devil brings bad feelings and pressures you to tear down your hope with words of despair, you refuse to give in to that pressure. Refuse to allow your feelings to dictate your conversation—and make no exceptions at any time!

That's diligence. It's the difference between military life and civilian life. When you're on the battlefield you had better be diligent. You

can't afford to slack up. If you do, the enemy will get you before you know what has happened.

You need to understand that we're in a battle. We're not civilians in the kingdom of God. We're warriors. As 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 says, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations....."

Pay close attention to that last phrase: *casting down imaginations.* Have you ever been driving along in your car when suddenly you imagined yourself having a terrible wreck? It might not have been a long, drawn-out thought, just an image flashing across your mind.

I'm going to tell you something very crucial right now. Don't ever, ever, *ever* let a thought like that slip past you, even if it is only a brief, seemingly unimportant thought. If it includes an image of your destruction, cast it down. Say out loud, "No! I refuse to let that thought remain in my mind. I cast that imagination down in the Name of Jesus!"

That's what it means to be diligent in casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. You must stand guard over your imagination all the time.

Sometimes, when circumstances are very bad, get your Bible and some teaching CDs or DVDs and go off by yourself until you stop negative thoughts from bombarding your mind. Gloria and I have done that many, many times. Years ago, we did that where our children were concerned. It was obvious from the circumstances that the devil was after them and the pressure was getting worse and worse.

Finally, we decided to deal with the situation head-on. We spent one whole day piled up in the middle of the bed with our Bibles and our notebooks, looking up every scripture we could find about children. We wrote them all down, prayed over them and made an irrevocable declaration.

We said, "On the basis of the promises of God and by the blood of Jesus, our children are not going to hell. The WORD of God says our children are taught of The LORD and great is their peace, and that settles it forever."

Then, no matter what happened, we stood our ground in the Name of Jesus. To keep from wavering, we had to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalted itself against the word God had given us about our children. We had to bring *all* our thoughts into captivity and into obedience to that word. *All* our thoughts!

"Well, I try to do that, but sometimes I just can't help what I think."

You most certainly can. God's WORD says you can. It says, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

God's WORD tells you to choose what you think, and cast down what you're not going to think. When you do that, hope will work. It will work for you just like it works for God. In fact, if you'll guard your mind, there will come a moment when hope suddenly rises up, filled with faith and the Love of God, and completes the transaction in the realm of the spirit.

When that happens, you'll suddenly *know* that what you're hoping for is yours. It's yours, and all the demons in hell can't keep you from receiving it. You find yourself saying, "It's done! It's mine, glory to God!" Then, all that's left is the manifestation—and it's not far away.

If you haven't had that experience, you need to! It's the climax of hope. It's how every need in your life should be met, and *will* be met if you'll learn to use the forces God has put inside you.

Hope. It's the creative aspect of God. You have it living within you right now. Realize that. Use it. Feed it. Speak it. Guard it.

Put it to work with The WORD of God and you need never be a victim of circumstance again.

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INSIDE THE

VISION

WITH Pastor George

Believer's Voice of Victory

What started out to be a summer job for me in 1976 turned out to be an amazing, lifelong journey of faith.

From childhood, I had always wanted to follow in the footsteps of my dad. He was a graphic designer in New York. That's what I wanted to do. So, I attended art school in Boston after I graduated high school. My life completely changed, however, when I made Jesus my LORD and Savior while in college. As a result, The LORD had an even better plan for my future.

In 1975, I was accepted to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla. On the very first day, I received a clear word from The LORD regarding my calling. He said, *Change your major. You are called to pastor.*

The plan was set. From that moment on my life would never be the same.

At ORU, I met a young Texas beauty named Terri Lin Copeland. We became friends, and later started dating. By the end of that year we were engaged to be married. During that time, she introduced me to the Word of Faith.

I went to Fort Worth during that winter break to meet her family. Her dad, Kenneth Copeland, and I sat down for that "future son-in-law" discussion.

"What do you want to be?" he asked.

"I want to be a man of God," I said.

THAT was the right answer!

He told me he would send me his Bible course. I thought it would be a book or study guide of some sort. Little did I know what I was in for.

The campus post office called me shortly after I returned to ORU.

"Come get your boxes," they said.

"Boxes?"

Kenneth Copeland had sent me his entire Basic Believer's Course on cassette tape. I listened to those tapes every day as the messages were transforming my life. I had never heard anything like that before.

As a thank-you to Brother Copeland, I drew a sketch of his ministry logo and sent it to him. He responded by telling Terri, "Bring him home for the summer and let him start my in-house art department."

I did that—and never returned to ORU.

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."

Habakkuk 2:2, *(New King James Version)*

KCM Glory Stories

I have been totally immersed at Kenneth Copeland Ministries now for the last 47 years. Today, I am both senior pastor at Eagle Mountain International Church and Chief Executive Officer of KCM. I have studied this ministry from the inside out. Its outreaches are astounding. We are preaching the uncompromised Word of Faith from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle!

Over the years, I have had a front row seat to the "glory stories" of KCM.

Recently, The LORD stirred me to talk directly to our Partners about the ministry's vision. We have been able to accomplish so much through their support, and there is so much more planned for the future. From my vantage point, this is KCM's finest hour.

More is being done than ever before. These are the most exciting times I have ever witnessed.

Our Partners need to know what we have done, what we are doing and what we are going to do. They need to know what their finances are accomplishing.

That is why I have initiated a program on VICTORY Channel™, KCM's 24/7 Christian network, called *Inside the Vision.* Communicating the ministry's victories is what it is all about. Our Partners need to know they can receive the same rewards that the Copelands receive for preaching The WORD and changing lives.

There are five major branches of our ministry:

There is Kenneth Copeland Ministries itself with all its various outreaches.

Terri and I pastor Eagle Mountain International Church.

The most recent addition to the KCM family is Kenneth Copeland Bible College®.

And then there's VICTORY Channel.

KCM, however, is not limited to the United States.

The fifth major branch is represented by our six international offices, located in Canada, Australia, England, South Africa, Ukraine and Colombia. Through these extensions of KCM, we are covering the world with the Word of Faith.

VICTORY Channel

Let me take you "inside the vision" of VICTORY Channel, a major outreach of the ministry.

In 1976, The LORD spoke to Brother Copeland and said, *I am coming so soon. I want you to preach this uncompromising Word of Faith on every available voice.* The first major "voice" began that same year with the *Believer's Voice of Victory* radio broadcast. The next voice came in 1979 with the debut of a weekly *BVOV* television broadcast. Then, in 1989, the ministry launched its daily TV broadcast.

We stepped up to a whole new level in 2015. That is when the *Believer's Voice of Victory Television Network* (BVOVN®) began. In 2019, the network was renamed VICTORY Channel with a goal set to Word of Faith programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Currently, there are 38 broadcasters preaching this message on DISH® Channel 265, DIRECTV®, Spectrum®, Roku®, iHeartRadio, Apple TV®, Amazon Fire TV, YouTube®, govictory.com and at Rumble streaming. Today, we remain focused on fulfilling the 1976 mandate to preach the Word of Faith on every available voice!

A very important discussion took place before we went on the air in 2015: Should we charge the programmers for airtime?

Brother Copeland prayed and The LORD answered.

No. All the airtime costs will be paid by Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

Do you realize what that means?

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The testimonies we receive are outstanding. They cover the entire spectrum of our Covenant with God, including healing, prosperity, protection and so many more victories.

If you are a KCM Partner, thank you for all you do to help Kenneth and Gloria fulfill their mandate and accomplish their mission. Your financial and prayerful support are making the difference. Please know that we, as a ministry, pray for you *every day!*

In fact, let me pray for you right now:

"Father, I thank You for the Partners and Friends of Kenneth Copeland Ministries. They are so faithful to support the work being done all over the world. Because of them, lives are being transformed through the preaching of the Word of Faith. I pray for their healing, their prosperity and their protection. Lead them by Your Holy Spirit every day. I stand in agreement for the fulfillment of *their* vision. In Jesus' Name I pray."

Go to ITV.org if you would like to become a "KCM Vision Insider." It is easy to sign up. You will receive your own personal *Inside the Vision* journal, as well as a book by Brother Copeland about the power of partnership. You will also receive regular email updates with exclusive content and powerful teaching that will inspire your vision.

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by Melanie Hemry

Fuel for the Journey

Staring out the kitchen window of his home in Kansas City, Mo., Marlon Brown watched as the sun rose above the horizon. *Another day to enjoy life with my wife Quantrel and our four children,* he thought. Yet, Marlon felt pressed.

Looking back, he realized it had started during the years he and his wife, Quantrel, had worshipped at their home church. The people were wonderful and the services were very compelling. Yet, with every passing year Marlon had become more frustrated.

The source of his frustration, he realized, was the Bible.

He and Quantrel just hadn't experienced the kind of results to prayer they saw demonstrated in the Bible. Truthfully, he didn't know anyone who had.

Why bother?

Marlon's quest for answers had led him to watch and listen to teachings from Creflo Dollar. And Creflo had led him to Kenneth Copeland. He and Quantrel had attended Kenneth Copeland's meeting, a Believers' Convention in Anaheim, Calif., where they listened as Brother Copeland taught about how faith worked. They soon became Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries, and from that time on attended the Believers' Conventions every year.

Then came the news that caused him to feel pressed, Marlon recalls. Their pastor told them that God was calling them to pastor a church.

"No," Marlon replied, "that's not something I could do."

Not only did he feel he wasn't qualified to pastor, Marlon didn't want the responsibility. When he and Quantrel prayed about it, to Marlon's dismay, God confirmed the call.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

MARCH

		Old Testament	New Testament
Fri	1	Lev. 20:8-22:25	Luke 1
Sat	2	Lev. 22:26-24:9	
Sun	3	Ps. 28-31; Prov. 6:1-19	
Mon	4	Lev. 24:10-25:46	Luke 2
Tue	5	Lev. 25:47-26:46	Luke 3
Wed	6	Lev. 27-Num. 1:29	Luke 4
Thu	7	Num. 1:30-3:4	Luke 5
Fri	8	Num. 3:5-4:16	Luke 6
Sat	9	Num. 4:17-5:31	
Sun	10	Ps. 32-34; Prov. 6:20-7:5	
Mon	11	Num. 6:1-7:35	Luke 7
Tue	12	Num. 7:36-8:4	Luke 8
Wed	13	Num. 8:5-10:13	Luke 9
Thu	14	Num. 10:14-11:35	Luke 10
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Sat	16	Num. 14:11-15:31	
Sun	17	Ps. 35-36; Prov. 7:6-23	
Mon	18	Num. 15:32-16:50	Luke 12
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Wed	27	Num. 31:48-33:9	Luke 19
Thu	28	Num. 33:10-34:15	Luke 20
Fri	29	Num. 34:16-36:13	Luke 21
Sat	30	Deut. 1:1-2:15	
Sun	31	Ps. 38-41; Prov. 8:12-36	

That morning in the kitchen, Marlon shared his plan with Quantrel as to how they would respond to God's "calling."

"We'll start a Bible study," he explained. "When nobody comes, we can say we tried but it didn't work."

It was the summer of 2001.

Looking at the calendar, they decided they would start the Bible study on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

What could possibly go wrong?

A National Tragedy

"We decided to hold the Bible study in our neighborhood community center," Marlon explains. "The Saturday before, we posted flyers, listing the date, time and location. The morning of Sept. 11, the whole world watched the replays on TV as planes flew head-on into the Twin Towers in New York City and the Pentagon."

Almost 3,000 people died in the terrorist attack.

"We almost canceled the Bible study because we felt sure no one would come," Marlon recalls. "We were wrong. More people than we ever imagined showed up. They were solemn. Quiet. Traumatized, but attentive.

"They wanted to know why God let this happen. They needed hope for the future. I'd never believed that I had what it took to help people. But that day, the Holy Spirit gave me what to say. I taught them about the love of God. I also taught them how the enemy works."

In the weeks that followed, more people began attending the Tuesday evening Bible study.

"After a few months, we conceded that God had called us to pastor," Marlon admits. "We had just been too chicken to accept the call. We could no longer deny it."

Soon after, the Browns moved the Bible study to their home and formed a church, *Works of Faith Ministries.* Later, they rented a building to hold services.

"We leaned on KCM for teaching, guidance and materials," Marlon said. "They were so easy to reach and quick to respond."

They also began attending KCM meetings in Fort Worth, Texas, and in Branson, Mo.

"When I first went into the ministry, I told the Lord I would never borrow a dime to do His work. I said, 'If You're asking me to do something, I shouldn't have to go to the world and ask permission to fund it.' To this day, I have never budged from that stand."

A Hard Hit

In 2013, Marlon and Quantrel entered one of the darkest times of their lives. One of their children got into trouble—and spent time in prison. It seemed as though hell released an assignment of guilt and shame against them. The mental and emotional attacks were unrelenting. "Why did this happen?" "What did we do wrong?" "What could we have done differently?" The questions kept coming—especially for Quantrel, who felt she was having a nervous breakdown.

Then she heard the Lord speak: *Your faith has been damaged. I'm going to repair it.*

"The Lord repaired my faith through a teaching series Kenneth Copeland did on the daily *(BVOV)* broadcast about the love of God," Quantrel remembers. "As soon as the series came out, we bought two copies. I kept a copy in my car, and Marlon kept a copy in his. Those cases are ragged from use.

"Marlon didn't get born again until he was an adult. I was born and raised in church. I was very religious. With religion comes fear. Kenneth's teaching on love was what delivered me from fear. The Lord told us that our child would come out of prison and hit the ground running, and that's exactly what happened. They were released and never experienced any setbacks. God just opened doors of opportunity for them. My child is not only a stable Christian today, but is also a really wonderful human being."

Faith for a Home

A couple of years later, the Lord began urging Quantrel to look for a bigger home. They still lived in a small house in a less-than-desirable part of town. She contacted a realtor, who sent pictures of homes. Whenever Quantrel talked to Marlon about it, he dismissed the idea—planning instead to expand their current house.

Quantrel's mother had come to visit prior

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to a trip they had planned to Branson. She and Quantrel had planned to go look at one of the houses from the pictures the realtor sent upon returning from Branson.

Go look at the house first, Quantrel heard the Lord say.

When she stepped inside the house, Quantrel recalled, "it just took my breath away.

"This is it," she declared.

Quantrel made the trip to Branson with only $100.

"That's all I had to my name," she said. "I planned on sowing it into the offering but wanted to give so much more toward that house. We needed $10,000 to close on that house, so I believed for a harvest on the seed we had sowed.

"Back home, someone came up to me and said, 'The Lord told me to ask if there was anything I can do for you?' I said I needed $10,000 to close on my house. She gave it to me! When we got to the closing, all we had to pay was $100! Our home isn't a mansion, but it's my mansion. It's more than I could ever have imagined."

The Power of Breakthrough

One of the things Marlon loves about attending the Believers' Conventions in person is how easy it is to hear God in that corporate anointing. He also believes that attending those conventions in person contributed to all their breakthroughs.

Five years ago, he was sitting at the Southwest Believers' Convention when the Lord spoke to him: *When you get home, tell your congregation that you are going to buy a new church van without debt. For everyone who will believe Me, I will give you an extra $1500 to $2,000 to put toward the van. It won't come from your checking or savings accounts.*

"I shared with the congregation what God

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had said," Marlon remembers. "The next week, Quantrel and I got a surprise check for $5,000. I cashed it and gave the church $1500 for each of us. The same thing started happening to other people. It didn't happen overnight, but within two years, we paid cash for that new van."

During all the years of their marriage, Marlon always made sure that Quantrel drove the better car. Touched by his kindness, Quantrel prayed, "Please let me be the one who buys Marlon a new truck. I don't want anyone else buying it."

Quantrel stood in faith for that vehicle for many years. In 2019, an unexpected $50,000 was delivered into her hands. She knew exactly what to do with it. She went to the car dealership and paid cash for a new state-of-the-art truck.

Abundantly Beyond

"For years, we'd rented a space for our church," Quantrel explains. "It felt like Moses on the backside of the desert. It was in an industrial area that was hard to find. The Lord impressed us that we were to look for a property to buy. We'd been looking for two years but didn't find anything we could afford. We only had $150,000 saved, and I knew Marlon wouldn't take out a loan. Marlon and I came out of poverty. Neither of us ever imagined the life we were now living.

"For instance, God opened a door for us to go to Israel! It brought the Bible alive to us. I'd always wanted to visit Dubai. In 2023, that dream came true. We found such a deal. We paid for airfare and everything else was only $644. That included our hotel, food, a safari and a riverboat cruise. It was the trip of a lifetime.

"While we were there, a property manager sent us pictures of a Presbyterian church that was about to go up for sale. At first, we weren't even going to look at it. It was appraised for $375,000. But something kept nagging at me that we should look at it when we got home. We entered a contract for $200,000. But God brought the price down to $150,000. We paid cash."

The Dream

God has often spoken to Marlon through dreams, especially in the early days of their church. In 2000, he dreamed that he and Quantrel were driving in a caravan when their group stopped at a service station to buy gas. While at the gas pumps, they looked up and saw Brother Copeland standing on a high cliff. He was dressed like an Indian chief and was teaching faith.

"That teaching filled every car with fuel," Marlon said.

The caravan continued on their journey, but every time they stopped for gas they saw the same thing—Kenneth Copeland standing on a cliff and teaching faith.

"When I woke from the dream I knew the Holy Spirit was telling me that KCM was the ministry we were supposed to connect with," says Marlon. "He was telling me that the faith teachings were the fuel we needed to get to where we needed to go.

"That dream has been an accurate description of our journey. Partnership with KCM has fueled our ministry. As we attend different conferences and watch the broadcasts, we see those same anointings and graces manifest in our ministry.

"Before I connected with KCM, I felt like I was in a glass box. I could see all the blessings that were available, but I couldn't reach them. The Word of Faith unlocked that glass box. It taught us how faith and the kingdom of God works. Now we live victorious lives."

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The Fast:

RELEASING A FLOOD OF POWER

by Kenneth Copeland

A pipeline of God's Love and power. As a born-again, Spirit-filled believer, that's what you're meant to be.

When that pipeline is open and the power is flowing, you can speak with new tongues, lay hands on the sick and see them recover, preach the gospel to every creature with conviction and power, cast out devils (Mark 16:15-18), and walk in the spirit (Galatians 5:16).

But there are times for all of us when the day-to-day business of life and the constant demands of our flesh seem to get in the way. Somehow our pipeline gets clogged with carnal things, and the rushing stream of God's power is reduced to a trickle in our lives.

It's a common problem. Even Jesus' first disciples ran into it. Jesus had given them power to cast out devils (Luke 10:19), and they had even experienced some of this power (verse 17). But in Mark 9:28-29, we find them stumped by a particularly tough situation. They had been presented with a boy beset by a demon. And, for some reason, they found themselves unable to drive that demon out. Later, the disciples asked Jesus why they had failed. "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

Now fasting, in this instance, would not have changed God or His will concerning the boy. But it *would* have changed the disciples. Jesus had already directed the disciples to cast the demon out. That demon was undoubtedly stubborn, and when he resisted, the disciples slipped into unbelief. Had they been fasting and praying, they would have been strong in the spirit, and they would have been able to do what Jesus did—cast the demon out! (See John 14:12.)

Obviously, fasting is a valuable spiritual tool. So let's look into it a little more closely. There are basically two categories of fasting. The first category is a *proclaimed fast* (Joel 1:14). A *proclaimed fast* brings you to a place where you can hear from God. The ideal time to go on a proclaimed fast is when you need divine direction.

In 2 Chronicles 20:1-15, the Bible tells what happened to God's people when they fasted and prayed to seek His direction. There we see the Israelites hemmed in by their enemies and badly in need of divine guidance. Their king, Jehoshaphat, proclaimed a fast that was directed toward seeking The LORD. He wanted to draw people's attention toward God. Why? Because God reveals Himself to people who are seeking Him, whether individually or corporately.

When the congregation was in one accord, the Spirit of The LORD came upon Jahaziel. "And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's" (verse 15). Imagine how good that sounded to their ears! The Holy Spirit spoke and that was the reward they were seeking!

The second type of fasting is a *personal fast* (Matthew 6). It also yields very gratifying rewards. In verses 16-18 Jesus said, "Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." You can either receive your reward from the admiration of men or you can receive your reward from God. The key is fasting in secret so that God can reward you openly. Being proud of the fact that you're fasting will destroy everything you are trying to accomplish.

In Isaiah 58, God explains the kind of fast to which He is calling the Body of Christ. That passage will give you a good idea of the kinds of rewards to believe God for when you fast. There The LORD says, "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" (verse 6).

According to that scripture, you can fast for the deliverance of a friend or loved one—to set them free from oppression of the devil. You can fast for other believers who are under heavy burdens. And you can fast to break the yoke of bondage within your own life.

No matter what you are seeking from The LORD, however, decide before you begin what you wish to obtain through your effort. Find God's promises that cover your situation and believe you receive *before* the fast begins. Faith brings the results you desire, and faith is born out of The WORD, not out of fasting.

It is important for you to understand that it's not the fasting itself that brings the deliverance. Jesus has already obtained deliverance through the complete work of Redemption. And the Holy Spirit, who lives inside you, knows how to pray in order to bring the deliverance Jesus has already provided. Fasting simply brings the spirit man, which is in union with the Holy Spirit, into ascendance over the flesh. It also limits the influence of the physical appetites so that you can more effectively hear from and respond to the Spirit. This enhances intercession; and effective, Holy Spirit-led intercession sets the captive free!

There are many rewards for fasting. You can fast for personal rewards—to tap into a greater anointing in your life and ministry. You can also fast to receive divine direction. But nothing can bring you closer to God's will than living a life of prayer and fasting.

Just remember, fasting is not a method of twisting God's arm to get Him to respond when you pray. Fasting does not change *God,* it changes *you!*

TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

Completely Free

Years ago, I went to prison, and I didn't know the Lord. I began going to church services in the prison and another inmate gave me the address to Kenneth Copeland Ministries. So I wrote a letter and received a devotional, *BVOV* magazine and encouraging letters from Brother Copeland. I began to learn and grow so much in my relationship with God.

Now here I am, four years later, married and serving the Lord wholeheartedly. I just wanted to say thank you, Kenneth and Gloria, for giving God your 'yes' because your ministry has truly impacted my life. Glory be to God!

J.C. | Arizona

Prayer Works!

I had cancer in my throat. I called to say how grateful I am to know about KCM and that Brother Copeland prays for me daily. I went to the hospital and took the treatments, and along with prayer, today I am cancer free! Praise the Lord!

R.G. | New York

Faith Increased

Kenneth Copeland Ministries helped me to grow in faith and to activate it.

M.F. | N.C.

Healing for Today

While watching the Southwest Believers' Convention on the Go Victory App during healing school, Brother Copeland called out knee pain being healed. I claimed it: "Lord, I take it in Jesus' Name. Glory hallelujah!" I used to have debilitating knee pain and had to walk gingerly using knee bands or braces every day. But in 12 weeks of teaching school, on my feet most of the day, I have not had knee pain and have not had to wear knee braces or bands AT ALL!

S.B. | Texas

"You forgive because you choose to forgive and because it pleases God, not because you feel like doing it."

—Kenneth Copeland

'A Huge Blessing!'

When I returned from evacuating my home after Hurricane Ida, I found a handwritten note from the KCM Team, who had been there to see if I needed anything. I did not need anything but was so touched that your ministry would come to my home—it was a huge blessing! C.D. | Louisiana

God's Word—Is ALWAYS Active

Recently, I felt led to watch Brother Copeland minister on faith. I pulled up some videos from 1996 in Birmingham, England.

The second one began with holy laughter and folks being healed of cancer. Then Brother Copeland had a word of knowledge for people's backs being healed. I raised my hands to receive my healing. However, what he said next shocked me! He said someone was being healed of ear drainage. My 2-year-old daughter's ear had been dripping. The day prior, the nurse practitioner didn't know the cause as he couldn't see past the fluid in that ear. But PRAISE GOD, the fluid STOPPED after that word of knowledge and never came back!!

C.S. | West Virginia

'Praise to Our God!'

I want to give God glory. I wrote to you about my daughter having complications with her pregnancy. The prayer partner agreed with me that the baby would not come before his time and mother and baby would be fine. That prayer was answered just as we asked! Praise to our God!

G.S. | Texas

Blessed and Thankful

We are so thankful for Kenneth Copeland Ministries and we thank the Lord Jesus for our growth and the knowledge we have learned from KCM Bible teaching. We love Kenneth Copeland and KCM for the blessing of teaching the Word of God.

J.K. | Michigan

'PAID IN FULL!'

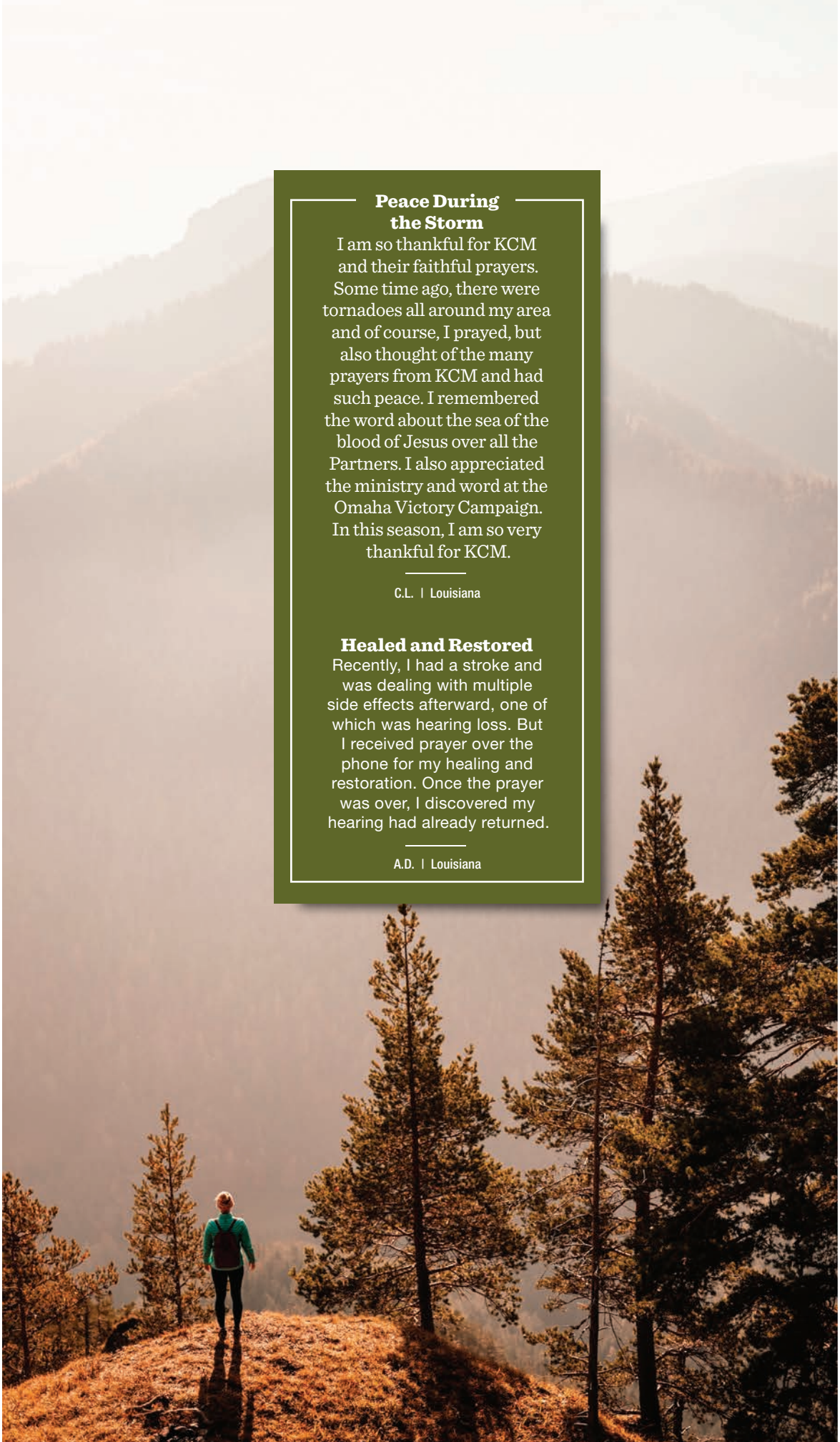
Through prayers, magazines, CDs and encouraging messages from KCM, I continued to stand on the Word of God for finances after receiving an eviction notice. I completed an application for assistance. My prayer was answered when I visited the rental office, and the office manager gave me a notification stating that my rent of $3,307 was "PAID IN FULL!"

S.F | Ohio

Words of Power

I called for prayer for a financial blessing, and a prayer minister prayed for me. When I arrived at work, the human resources office said they had a surprise for me. They gave me a $3 per hour pay increase.

S.S. | Kentucky



Peace During the Storm

I am so thankful for KCM and their faithful prayers. Some time ago, there were tornadoes all around my area and of course, I prayed, but also thought of the many prayers from KCM and had such peace. I remembered the word about the sea of the blood of Jesus over all the Partners. I also appreciated the ministry and word at the Omaha Victory Campaign. In this season, I am so very thankful for KCM.

C.L. | Louisiana

Healed and Restored

Recently, I had a stroke and was dealing with multiple side effects afterward, one of which was hearing loss. But I received prayer over the phone for my healing and restoration. Once the prayer was over, I discovered my hearing had already returned.

A.D. | Louisiana

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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by Gloria Copeland

"The Father has always desired to have fellowship with His family. Since the very beginning, God has only wanted to communicate with man and give him love and guidance."

The Voice of Obedience

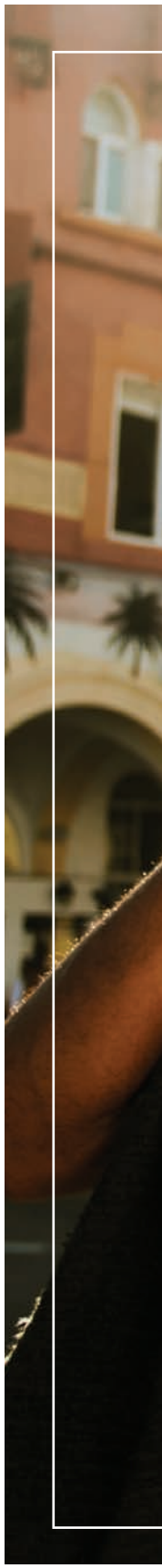
God has always desired to elevate the Church to such a place that all the nations of the world would know that these are the people He has blessed. The only problem is that, over the centuries, God has had trouble finding an obedient people. This was the problem in the Garden of Eden, and again in the wilderness with the children of Israel. It is *still* His problem with the Church—finding faithful, obedient people, who will walk with Him.

One thing stands between God and the fulfilling of His will—disobedience.

It is impossible to walk with God outside the realm of obedience.

Amos 3:3 says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" God is not going to change to agree with us. We must change to agree with Him. Obedience is of the utmost importance in the mind of God. When we make the decision to walk with God in the realm of obedience, we will witness His power unhindered in the earth.

In the story of Noah, we see that one man saved the entire human race because he was obedient and



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walked with God. Because of the disobedience of mankind, God was ready to destroy man. "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.... Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:8-9).

The Father has always desired to have fellowship with His family. Since the very beginning, God has only wanted to communicate with man and give him love and guidance. The Word says, in the Garden, God walked with Adam in the cool of the day. Yet, until we become obedient to His will, we not only close the door to communion with God, but we shut it in the face of His blessings as well.

Obedience Opens the Door

For Abraham to receive God's promised blessing, he first had to be obedient. Genesis 17:1-2 says, "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect [or upright]. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." God appeared to Abraham many times and gave him direction, but Abraham had to obey God's will in order to have His power manifested. Genesis 26:5 tells us why. God said, "Because...Abraham obeyed my voice." Had Abraham not obeyed, God could not have performed His Word. Obedience has always been necessary for God to do His will in any man's life.

All through the Old Covenant you will find that when Israel served God with their whole heart, He was wholly God to them. He performed signs, wonders and miracles; and put His angels before them in battle. When they honored Him through their obedience, He indeed became God to Israel. Obedience allowed God to manifest Himself as their source and Savior. Yet, when they failed to serve Him—He forsook them.

God can only go as far as we will go with Him. He will be God to us whenever we give Him that place. God said in 1 Samuel 2:30, "Them that honour me I will honour." God will honor us to the degree that we honor Him in our lives. God is unable to bless whatever area we withhold from Him.

God's Treasure

Notice Exodus 19:5-6: "If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation."

Peculiar treasure means "a treasure set apart for one's own possession."

God paves the streets of heaven with gold. The walls and the windows of His mansions are made with pearls and jewels. Here on earth, these materials are considered priceless gems, but these precious stones mean nothing to God. For His idea of treasure is simply a people who love Him and, above all else, will obey His voice and keep His covenant.

Why did He want the children of Israel to keep His Word and obey His commands? God knew His Word was their only hope of being free from the world and the curse that was all around them.

He knew the children of Israel would turn their backs on Him and would not keep their souls diligently. The Father knew they would begin to serve other gods, ones who had no life, who could not hear and answer their prayers. In Deuteronomy 4:28 He said, "And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell." Yet, Almighty God was there, willing to be all things to them, willing to be their God, willing to take their side and defend them.

Although He knew they would serve other gods, the Almighty was merciful, and said, "If from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice...he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them" (verses 29-31). God is a good God! He is so merciful. Even when they had been disobedient, if they repented and turned toward Him with their whole heart, He would no longer forsake them.

God has waited and waited for a people who

would be obedient to Him. He has dealt with people, pleading His case, endeavoring to get someone to believe His Word and to walk in it. Why? So He could bless them and pour out His love upon them.

Our Victory Is According To Our Obedience

"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" (Deuteronomy 5:29). Do you hear the yearning of God's heart here? God desires us to do what He says because He wants it "to be well" with us. He yearns to be our God. He wants to set us high above all nations. He wants to make a difference between His children and the rest of the world—but the only way He can do that is through our obedience to His Word.

Jeremiah 7:23 says, "But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you."

We stop the power of God from being ministered to us when we don't obey His Spirit. Right now, in this dispensation, the Holy Spirit lives in us. He teaches us. He trains and counsels us. We must be sensitive to His teaching. To obey God's command we first have to hear it.

What can God do for you if you won't obey Him? If we don't understand the ways of God we can be deaf to His calling, ignorant of His will and, eventually, callous to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible says Moses knew the ways of God. The Father revealed Himself. He revealed His ways to Moses and His acts to the children of Israel. If Moses had not known God's ways, the children of Israel would never have seen His acts.

If we, today, will turn toward Him with our whole hearts and seek His face and obey His voice, even though we may have been disobedient in the past, we will find Him ready to get involved. We will begin to experience His delivering power the way we have desired. His mercy endures forever. It is *never* too late with God.

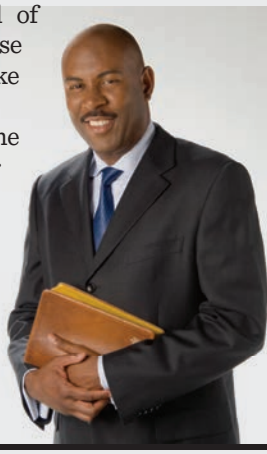
by Keith A. Butler

UNSTOPPABLE Grace

"When you were saved, you didn't simply change categories, going from sinner to sinless. The Holy Ghost came in and created a new you."

The word of faith. The Apostle Paul referenced it in Romans 10:8 when he said, "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach."

The word of faith is a powerful revelation, but—if we're not cautious—we may think it's the only topic Paul covered. It isn't. He addressed something else that works *with* the word of faith...and together, these two revelations make believers unstoppable.



In Acts 20:24, he wrote, "... neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel

of the grace of God." In verse 32 of that same chapter, he mentioned it again: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the *word of his grace,* which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (emphasis added).

Paul refers to both, the word of faith and the grace of God. Both are important.

While we've studied the word of faith, we haven't spent as much time on the grace of God. So, let's take a moment and look at God's grace, starting with answering the question: What is grace?

The Many Names of the Godhead

To better understand grace, we have to go back to the Trinity. Three people comprise the godhead: the Father, the Word (Jesus, the Son) and the Holy Ghost (1 John 5:7). Although all three are always together, they have taken turns in who has the ascendency, or the dominion, in dealing with mankind.

During the first 4,000 years of our existence, Jehovah the Father had ascendency. He came face to face with mankind. In His dealings with us, He referred to Himself by many Names: *Jehovah Rapha, Jehovah Shalom, Jehovah Nissi* and others. Each Name reflects an aspect of His nature. If we were to look at only one of His Names, we wouldn't have a clear picture of who He is. If we only learn that He is *Jehovah Rapha,* for instance, we may know Him as Healer, but we'll miss that He is also *Jehovah Shalom,* our Peace. Or we might miss that He is *Jehovah Nissi,* our Banner. We would be selling Him short of the fullness of who He is.

It's the same with the Son. We know Him as Jesus, Lamb of God, Prince of Peace and other Names. Each one only communicates an aspect of who He is and what He did. While His time on earth was short and His ascendency was only 33 years, He changed everything.

The same can be said about understanding the fullness of who the Holy Spirit is. We also know Him by many Names, such as Comforter and Spirit of Truth. There is one in particular, though, I want us to pay close attention to—Spirit of Grace.

Hebrews 10:28-29 mentions this Name:

Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted **the Spirit of grace?** *(New King James Version,* emphasis added).

Believers often refer to grace as a position. But, a position can't be insulted. Only a *person* can be insulted. After the earthly ministry of Jesus, after His death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit, or the Spirit of Grace, received the ascendency. He had—and continues to have—dominion in dealing with mankind. *Full* in the Greek is the word *plérés* meaning "covered over with grace." Then in John 14:17, Jesus called the Holy Spirit the "Spirit of truth."

The Grace of God Covered Jesus

Look at Jesus and His ministry on earth: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

In this verse, once again the word *grace* appears alongside the word *truth.* We even see the Holy Spirit cover Jesus with grace and truth when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. Verses 32-33 say, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."

Acts 10:38 also recorded this covering: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power." The word *power,* or *dunamis* in Greek, means "supernatural, or miracle-working ability." Not only was God with Jesus, but the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Grace, had also come over Him.

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Refuse the Enemy Any Foothold

You may ask, "So, what does that mean for believers living in the 21st century?"

We can see exactly how He affects our daily lives when we see the Spirit of Grace active in the Apostle Paul's life. Paul was a highly educated Hebrew who was called to reach the gentiles. Can you imagine what the gentiles thought when they saw this Hebrew of Hebrews coming into their midst, dressed as he was, looking like he did? They didn't know what to make of him. Second Corinthians 11:22-28 tells us what Paul endured because of that: beatings with rods, a stoning and three shipwrecks. He faced dangers in the cities, dangers in the country and dangers at sea. He faced off with robbers and unbelievers, and even fellow Romans. The man went through it!

You're Empowered To Do Good

In the next chapter, Paul wrote, "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me" (verses 7-8).

Think about that. Even after what he'd written in the previous chapter, Paul had sought the Lord three times for help in getting rid of the demonic spirit that assaulted him. He was saying, "I've been through lots of stuff. I'm not even mad about it, but it's Your turn, God. Come help me with this."

Instead of coming to help, the Lord answered Paul by saying, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (verse 9a). He called the grace of God, the strength of God.

The word *grace* in this verse is the same Greek word, *dunamis,* which we read earlier in Acts 10:38. In Acts, it was translated as *power,* but here it's translated as *strength.* Both refer to the strength of God, but in this verse, God equates His grace with His strength.

Paul continued, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (verses 9b-10).

That word *pleasure* means "to think well." Paul decided to think well about the situations he was facing for Christ's sake. The Greek word for *sake* is *huper,* which means "over or above," with the help of the power of God. It is the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Grace, who empowers us to do what we can't do on our own.

The Spirit of Grace Today

Every believer has already experienced the Spirit of Grace, the *dunamis* of God. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." That word *saved* is from the Greek word *sozo,* and it means "healed, delivered, protected, preserved and made whole."

When you were saved, you didn't simply change categories, going from sinner to sinless. The Holy Ghost came in and created a new you (2 Corinthians 5:17). The biggest miracle you have ever seen is when you were re-created. Your body may *look* the same, but you are *not* the same.

Who did that? Grace Himself, The Holy Spirit. He's the One who re-created you and made you sacred (2 Timothy 1:9).

By grace you are saved. *By grace* you are healed. *By grace* you are delivered.

It is the Spirit of Grace, the Holy Ghost, who keeps and preserves you.

Through the Word of Faith

All this happened through the word of faith. Without faith, it's impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Without faith, grace is impossible to access. But with faith, grace is released. Faith allows the Spirit of Grace to move and do all the things He does. When you walk by faith, the Spirit of Grace—the Holy Spirit—heals, delivers, preserves and brings freedom. It's only with Him that you can do all that you're called to do. He is the One who will make you UNSTOPPABLE!

Go With the flow!

by Gloria Copeland

"Christians who depend on this world aren't doing very well these days. They're limiting themselves to the world's technology...and they're getting the world's results. They're looking to the outside instead of looking on the inside."

This world is constantly plagued by shortages. Have you noticed? It seems everyone is always running short of something.

You never hear anyone say, "Oh my, I have more time than I need...I have more money than I can use...I have so many solutions, I'm having to hunt problems just to keep up!" Such words sound ridiculous in a world ruled by scarcity and lack.

Yet, those are the kinds of words you and I should be saying all the time. After all, as born-again children of God, we don't belong to this pitiful world. We're *in* it, Jesus said, but we're not *of* it (John 17:15-16). We belong to the kingdom of God—and there are no shortages in that kingdom.

The word *kingdom* means "dominion." God's kingdom is where God has dominion. Of course, God has absolute dominion in heaven and every child of God will ultimately enjoy the blessings of His kingdom. But, we don't have to wait! If we'll give God dominion in our lives here and now, we can experience "days of heaven upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:21).

"But Gloria, I just don't understand how that's possible. Everything in this world around us is falling apart. There's nothing heavenly about it!"

True. Christians who depend on this world aren't doing very well these days. They're limiting themselves to the world's

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

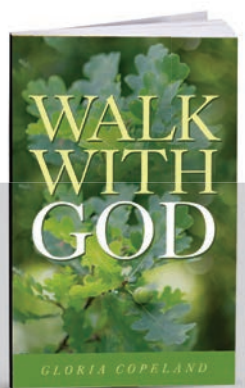
1
When you give God dominion in your life, you can experience "days of heaven upon the earth."
(Deut. 11:21)

2
Yield to the supernatural flow of the Spirit by putting God's Word in your heart and consistently bringing it out of your mouth.
(Prov. 4:20-23)

3
God has equipped you with His power so you can flow in the Spirit and accomplish eternal things for Him that will last forever!
(1 Pet. 2:9, *AMPC*)

4
The moment you were born again, God Himself came to dwell inside you. His Spirit is a wellspring of life within you.
(John 4:13-14)

5
God sent Jesus anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power. And He is sending you to live like Jesus lived.
(Acts 10:38)



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technology (abilities and answers), and they're getting the world's results. They're looking to the outside instead of looking on the inside.

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God Himself lives in you. He came to dwell there the moment you were born again—and He is the Source of all things. His Spirit is a wellspring of life, bubbling up continually within you. And unlike the wells of the world, this one never runs dry!

Jesus Himself assured us of that in John 4 where He said, "Whosoever drinketh of this [natural world's] water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (verses 13-14).

Just think about that! Through the supernatural spring of His Spirit, God is continually imparting to us strength and power, guidance and counsel. He is providing us with a reservoir that will keep us fully supplied, not according to the meager resources of this earth, but according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19). All we have to do is step into the Holy Spirit's flow and we'll have everything we need.

Believers should never have to paddle around in the natural stream of things trying to keep their heads above water as the circumstances and shortages of the world drag them under. Instead of going with the flow of natural, worldly things, we should all start going with the flow of the Spirit instead.

From the Desert to the River

Yielding to that supernatural flow begins with hearing and obeying the Word of God—putting that Word in our hearts and bringing it out of our mouths consistently, as God instructed us in Proverbs 4:20-23: "My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh. Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life" *(Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).*

If you're attending to God's Word, when you have a problem you won't think of going to the world first. You'll go to the Word. You'll find out what God has promised to do for you. Once you've found that promise, you'll put it in your heart. You'll believe it. You'll speak it. Then faith will come alive inside you. Once faith comes alive concerning that situation, the power of God will explode in your heart and you'll start walking in victory.

Though everything in the natural world may look just as dark as it ever did, and everyone may still be telling you how impossible your situation is, it won't matter. You'll know you've stepped out of the stream of circumstances and into the river of God. And once God's river starts to flow from within you, the whole natural realm has to yield to it. Bad situations, poverty, sickness and lack of any kind must bow their knees to His supernatural supply!

I'll never forget how desperate Ken and I were when we first tapped into that supernatural flow. We were so broke and so in debt it seemed we'd never get out. Ken was a student at Oral Roberts University and we lived in a dumpy, old house furnished in early Goodwill. People were threatening to sue us, and we had a history of failing financially at everything we tried to do.

We hadn't set out to mess things up. We had gotten into that terrible shape by flowing with the natural forces of this world. We had done the best we could, but the defeat and lack (what the Bible calls the "curses") of the world had overtaken us.

Then one day, the Word of God came to me. He didn't speak to me in an audible voice. He just quickened a scripture to my

heart as I was reading the Bible. The scripture was 2 Corinthians 9:8: "And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]" *(AMPC).*

There appeared to be no way Ken and I would ever have an abundance of anything except needs. Yet I chose to believe God's Word and began to say, "God is able to make every earthly blessing come to me in abundance! God is able!"

Ken believed it too, and together we began to tap into the flow of the Spirit. We started talking prosperity instead of poverty. We stopped borrowing money. And we started obeying the promptings of the Holy Spirit where our finances were concerned.

Eleven months later, we were completely debt free!

Because we believed God and obeyed His Word, He was able to turn that failure around and supply us not according to the shortages of this world, but according to His riches in glory.

The Great Equalizer

Since that time, I've never wanted to live any other way. I love knowing that every day as I go about my daily work—whether it's studying the Word, writing letters or taping a television program—there is a flow of the Spirit of God in me to provide for me and make me a much greater success than I could ever be on my own.

You see, when you're yielding to Him, it doesn't really matter what attributes or lack you might have in the natural. It doesn't matter if you're a person of high intellect or low intellect—you're smart when you're flowing in the Spirit,

WORDS OF FAITH FOR HOLINESS

God never planned for you to struggle to become holy by keeping religious rules and working really hard on your behavior. He made you holy on the inside the moment you were born again. He just wants you to renew your mind with the Word, so you can live a holy life by faith.

The more you look in the Word and find yourself there, the more the holy, glorious image of Jesus will be revealed in you.
(2 Cor. 3:18)

Your old, sinful spirit man died the moment you were born again and your spirit was re-created in God's image.
(Eph. 4:22, 24)

As you feed on God's Word, it will affect your soul and you'll begin to act on the outside like who you are on the inside.
(Eph. 4:23)

Jesus lived His life on earth by finding Himself in God's Word and walking it out by faith.
(Heb. 10:7)

Holiness and righteousness are not something you work to attain, they're part of your new spiritual identity in Christ.
(2 Cor. 5:17-18)

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because through Him you're connected to accurate information.

No matter how smart you are, humanly speaking, you're going to be disappointed in life and live way below God's best if you don't learn how to follow the voice of the Spirit.

"But Gloria, I don't think God speaks to me like He does to you."

Yes, He does. You just haven't been tuning in to Him. Jesus promised that His sheep would hear His voice (John 10:3). So believe that promise and begin to turn your ear toward Him by spending time each day in the Word and in prayer.

As you do that, you'll find there's a word from God—a prompting—whenever you need it about anything in life. I don't mean just in spiritual things either. God will give you answers and enlighten you about every situation if you'll just learn to flow in His Spirit.

That's how Jesus operated when He was on earth. The Bible says, "the Holy Ghost descended...upon him" (Luke 3:22) and from that time on, He began to have manifestations of the Spirit in His ministry. Jesus said clearly that He didn't do the miracles, healings and other wonderful things that happened everywhere He went. He said it was the Father in Him who did them.

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Take the Plunge!

Am I saying we can live like Jesus? Yes, I am! The same Spirit who came upon Jesus when He was baptized in the Jordan comes upon us when we're baptized in the Holy Spirit. And that Spirit gives us power to do the same works He did.

If you doubt it, go back and read the book of Acts again. You'll see miracles performed, people healed, devils cast out—not by Jesus Himself, but by people like Peter, John, Philip, Stephen and Paul.

Peter even raised a woman named Dorcas from the dead and "many believed in the Lord" (Acts 9:42). Of course they did! God never meant for people to have to believe that His Word is true just because we say so. He wants manifestations of the Spirit to accompany and confirm it.

In this last, great move of God on the earth, people are going to start seeing those manifestations again. Signs and wonders are going to follow the Word just like they did in the book of Acts. And if you're preaching the Word of God, those signs are going to follow *you!*

You and I don't have to be bystanders who just watch what God is doing. We can be part of it if we want to, and I'm telling you right now—I *want* to!

I don't want to be tangled up with natural endeavors that won't even matter to me a year from now. I want to be under the spout where the glory comes out!

God didn't put me in this end-time generation so I could fritter away my time on the temporary things of the world. He didn't baptize me in the Holy Spirit so I could give all my time and attention to some silly thing that I won't even remember next year. He equipped me with His power so I could flow in the Spirit and accomplish eternal things for Him that will last forever! He sent me here to show forth His mighty deeds and display His love (1 Peter 2:9, *AMPC).*

Jesus said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). How did the Father send Jesus? He sent Him anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power (Acts 10:38). And He is sending us to live like Jesus lived.

To do that, we must get out of the world's flow and stop being limited by its sickness, poverty and lack of power. And we must start living instead in the flow of the Spirit. We must start living a life of abundance, blessing, health and increase—a life that acts like the Word of God is true, a life that lets the Holy Spirit lead and love and light the way.

That kind of life is available now to every believer who is willing to step into it. It is ready to flow up from within you and provide you with everything you need to be all that Jesus has called you to be.

So if you're still on the bank of this mighty Holy Ghost river, watching and wondering whether you should take the plunge, let me encourage you to go for it.

Don't wait another minute. Jump on in... the water's fine!

A Work of Art!

Ordinary kids doing extraordinary things through the power of God's Word. That's the Superkid motto!

Many years ago, when God dropped this vision in our hearts, we based our motto on the book of Ephesians. Back then, I thought Superkid Academy was just an idea for a children's story. But it was much more! It was a God plan to create a heart in His children where He could move, live and show His love and power. He wasn't seeing movies and books. He was seeing YOU!

Ephesians 1:19-20, *The Passion Translation,* says: "I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! This is the mighty power that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm!"

That's the reason we talked about "famous faith" last month. When you believed God's words and asked Jesus into your heart, He filled you with Himself. At that very moment, Jesus began re-creating you from the inside out to be as pure, holy and God-filled as He is. He sees you living as His people in the earth, doing all the wonderful works He came to do, walking in the same power that raised Him up from the dead. Think about that for a minute.

You may be wondering, *Why are we not experiencing that power when the Bible says we would CONTINUALLY experience it?*

I've heard some people explain away the lack of power by saying, "God doesn't do miracles anymore." Or, "You aren't pure and holy like Jesus, so you can't do what He did." Or, "You don't spend enough time praying, reading the Bible or going to church."

These answers all depend on *us* doing something BIG and PERFECT—continually. But God's Word is very simple. It says, "You will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you *through faith.*" It is through faith (belief) that you receive His greatness in your life. You might say, "Commander, I do believe! And I read the Bible, go to church and pray. What else is there?"

Verses 20-22 tell us that EVERYTHING is under Jesus' authority and rule. He is KING! Verse 23 says we are made full and complete by Christ and He fills everything with Himself! You don't have to do anything else to make that happen. You are already full of Jesus, His authority and His power! That's your identity, but do you really believe it? Faith comes when we hear His Word.

Ephesians 2 shows us what might be standing in the way of our representing Jesus like we want to. When people were following the devil and full of sin, God chose to give us the life of Jesus so that we could choose to be His children. Nobody deserved it, but He made anyone who would ask Jesus into their heart to be one with Jesus. Verses 8-9 says: "For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving."

It was God's grace (power) that saved us when we believed His message of salvation and love. We COULD NEVER earn it by doing good things like going to church, reading the Bible, praying or acting right. Those are all good things, but they don't buy you salvation, power or love. Love comes from the Father Himself. You can't brag about, or want to be repaid for what you do for Him. Your good works can't be what your faith is based on. Faith to be a child of God, to look like Him, act like Him, and even heal and love like Him must be based on WHO He says you are, not what you do.

It's not your job to try and make yourself good enough for God to love you. He loves you already! And in any way that you and I need to be made better or change, it's the job of the SAVIOR to save us—to walk with us, shepherding us to change. We just FOLLOW. Stop trying to FIT IN to the Body of Christ. You already BELONG! What's the difference? Trying to fit in means you need to work to change so you look like a child of God. To belong means you are already a child of God. You are part of God's family because He made you to be like Him when you asked Him into your heart.

You can't take credit for it, or ruin it when you mess up. God doesn't repay you for your good behavior or punish you for bad behavior. Jesus just keeps working with you and for you as you grow up into Him.

Superkids, put your faith in verse 10, which says, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" *(New Living Translation).* Receive this as God's own words about you, and BELIEVE it's who you are. Say this: "I am a work of art, that the Creator and Master Artist is still creating. I belong to Him as His child and He has a great plan for me."

He has your path planned out. Taking that path is how He is able to change your life on the outside so you begin to look more like Him every day. You are that picture of His love and power. We show Him off and He likes to show us off, pointing to us as His own children as He makes us into that masterpiece of His creation.

We are Superkids living the life He planned for us before we were ever born!

God's Work of Art,
Commander Kellie

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