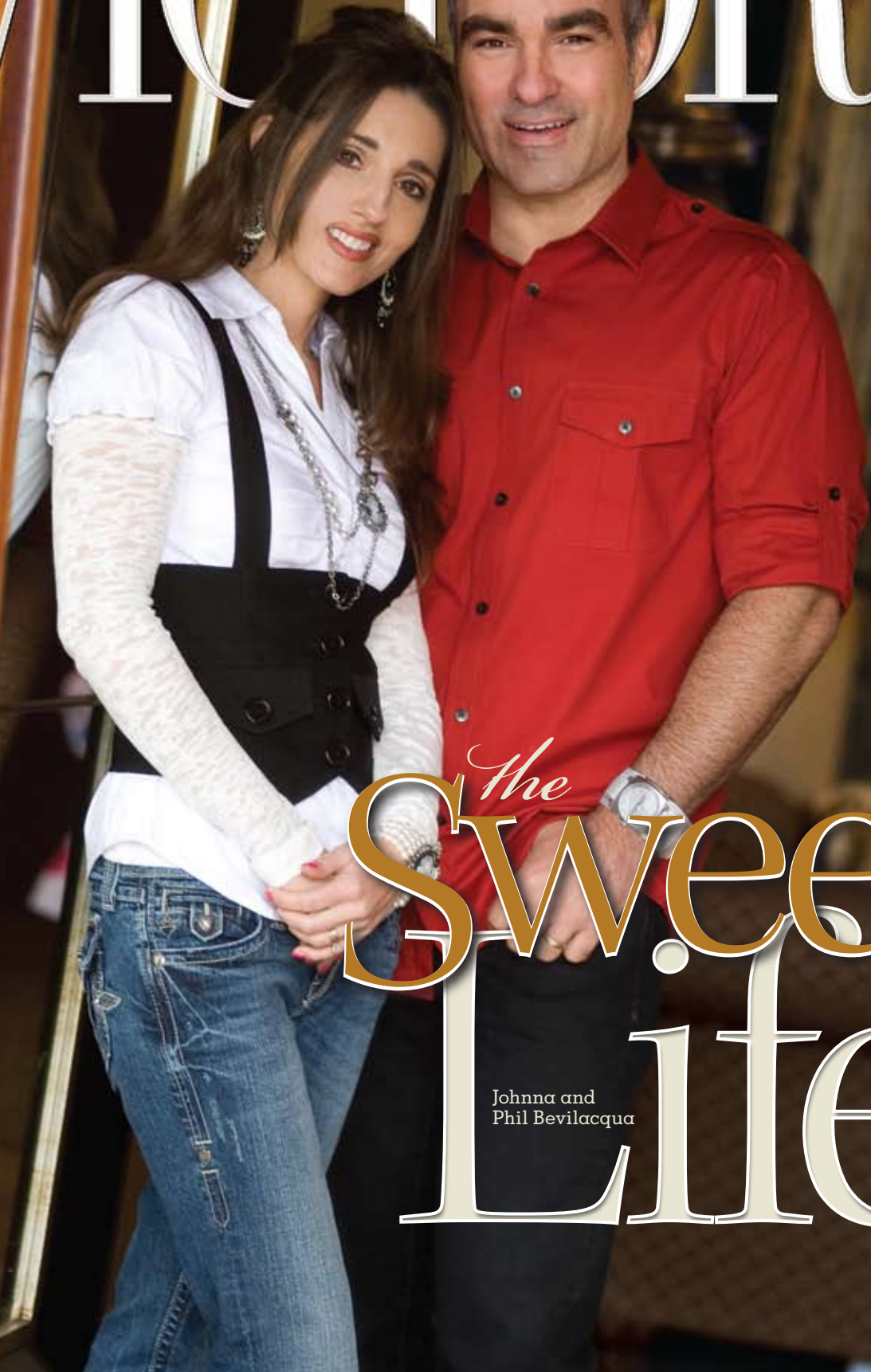


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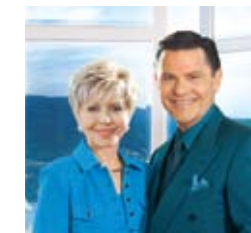
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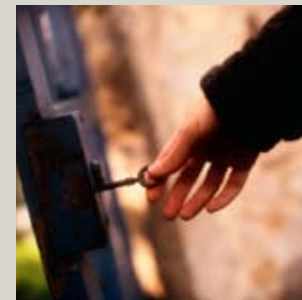
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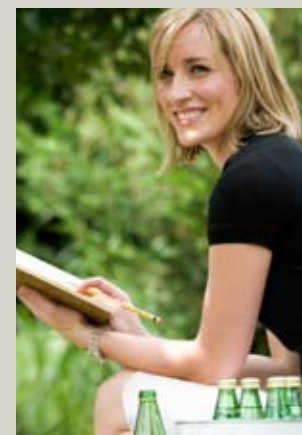


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Living Inside THE BLESSING



We are living in a day of calamities and confusion. The planet is buckling under the weight of sin. Its inhabitants are hungry for answers, confused by problems caused because the Blessing Wall is down and man's system of doing things without God is falling apart.

Catastrophic weather, political unrest, global economic instability and confusion are on every front. They are all factors in what the Bible describes in Romans 8:19: "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

The earth is under a strain. That's what that verse is describing. The whole creation is groaning under the weight of man's sin, waiting for someone who is willing to rebuild

No matter what shaking is going on in the world, we are connected to a different Source.

the wall of protection that has been torn down.

It is a cry for THE BLESSING of Abraham to be released on the earth. It is a cry for those who know how to rebuild the Blessing Wall. This is our time. This is the day for a generation of believers that knows how to live out of heaven's supply instead of the world's.

This is the day for those who practice Malachi 3:10 to rise up: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

A Way Through the World's Woes

I was born in 1936, in the closing years of the Great Depression. My parents started out their married life just before it all hit. They were godly people who were fiercely committed to living by the revelation they had.

One thing they understood was the principle of tithing. They were so committed to that revelation, they included tithing in their wedding vows when they got married in 1927. They vowed they would tithe all the days of their lives.

Though they may not have known the full impact of what they were doing at the time, they put up a Blessing wall in their lives that neither the Dust Bowl nor the Great Depression could penetrate. That wall protected them in 1929, when the stock market fell. It protected them in 1930 and 1931 in West Texas where they lived when the rain stopped, and in 1932 and 1933 when the topsoil blew off of the whole Great Plains region of the United States.

They tithed faithfully when times were good, and when they weren't. And during the whole Great Depression, when people in their area of the country were packing up and leaving, my dad

never went 24 hours without a job. When one job would end, my mother and dad would join hands and pray the next morning before he went to find another job.

My mother told me she would keep praying until she couldn't see him anymore. Then she would go inside, continuing to thank God all day for a job and for taking care of us. And time after time, when Daddy came home that night, God would have maneuvered him into the right place at the right time, and he'd have a job.

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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Learning to Take Our Place

There was a principle at work sustaining my parents through those tough times: The tithe connected them to THE BLESSING.

The tithe *is* THE BLESSING connection. It anchors us in remembrance of and connects us to the reality that, no matter what shaking is going on in the world or in our circumstances, we are connected to a different Source. It establishes our connection to God's provision, regardless of what happens.

Remembering what God has done for us, and honoring what He continually gives to us, positions us to live as givers and not takers—as men and women who have allowed God to disconnect us from the world's systems born out of fear and lack, and to connect us to the unlimited flow of heaven's abundance.

Now when I talk about tithing, I'm not just referring to an amount or a percentage we might put in an offering plate or in the mail. Deuteronomy 26:1-9 makes it clear: Tithing is more than the tithe itself. Tithing is not complete without a corresponding action of the heart and mouth. The 10 percent is the tithe. "Tithing" is done with words.

Look at part of what the Israelites were instructed to say in verses 8-9: "And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: and he hath brought us into this place, and hath

given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.”

Do you see what was happening? When they came out of Egyptian captivity and into the land of promise, they were to take the firstfruits of their new land and bring them before the priest of the Lord, praising God for His deliverance. Tithing is an opportunity for God’s people to remind themselves they have been delivered from a system of bondage and financial slavery.

Don’t get hung up on the reference to Egypt as a foreign nation. Egypt represents more than just a nation—it is any place of bondage.

Our Egypt is mentioned in Colossians 1:12-13 where we are told to express our gratitude to God for delivering us from our place of bondage: “Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us [able] to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”

We bring our tithe, the first portion of what He has

given us by His grace—remembering and rejoicing, and thanking Him.

That’s tithing our tithe. What we put into the offering container or in the mail is the tithe. But tithing is what we do by confession of the mouth in praise and honor.

Later in Deuteronomy 26, we see that tithing [our words of thanksgiving and praise] enables us to receive from God much more than we could ever receive from our own toil: “When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase...thou shalt say before the Lord thy God... Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us...a land that floweth with milk and honey” (verses 12-15).

Something happens when we continually remind ourselves that God—not men, not employers, not governments and not indebtedness—is our Source.

Celebrating the Source

Regardless of what happens—whether it’s a blessing from God or a bad report from the doctor—stop, find something to give and tithe it to God, praising Him for the covenant He has made with you that promises deliverance and abundant provision for your every need. Celebrate your position as a child of Abraham and heir of THE BLESSING through Jesus.

Tithing is THE BLESSING connection. Hebrews 6:20 says Jesus is our high priest “after the order of Melchisedec.” Jesus has the same assignment Melchizedek had in regard to Abram in Genesis 14—to bless us and receive our tithes (see Hebrews 7:1-8; Genesis 14:18-20). And that Blessing goes far beyond just meeting our needs. It reaches out to a world in bondage and ever-increasing darkness.

Look at what happens when you and I take our rightful places in THE BLESSING of Abraham: “And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, *In thee shall all nations be blessed*. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham” (Galatians 3:8-9).

THE BLESSING on all nations is at stake in our willingness to receive from God and to walk as those who know the true Source of all supply. Not only are we blessed—all nations of the earth are to be blessed through us.

That is the place we take when we tithe the tithe as God has instructed.

When you get hold of this, earthquakes won’t stop you. Depressions and recessions won’t stop you. You’ll have the answer to recessions and depressions and earthquakes and whatever else may happen in this world!

Live this way, and God will disconnect you from paths you have forged through fear of loss and lack, and you will start walking solidly on the path God has for your life. He will pour out His wisdom and provision, leading you by His Spirit in ways that will put you in the right place at the right time.

Thriving by God’s Wisdom

When we take our places connected to THE BLESSING, we have access to information the natural man does not have. Earlier I told you how my mother and dad tithed and brought themselves daily before the Lord trusting His provision. Let me give you an example of what happened.

During the Great Depression, the Lord led my dad to a cotton gin very early one morning before anyone else had arrived for work. The man managing the gin came to work and asked him what he wanted. Dad said something like, “Well, I believe you have a need for me.”

The man asked, “Are you a bookkeeper?”

And Dad answered, “Sure, if you need a bookkeeper, I am.”

My dad had never kept books for a business, but he was good at math. So he looked over the man’s ledger, saw how his system of keeping books was set up and trusted the Lord for the wisdom to maintain that system. What did he know about bookkeeping? He knew as much about bookkeeping as Joseph knew about running a prison—nothing. But THE BLESSING taught him, and his way turned out to be better than their way.

Later, he took a course in bookkeeping at a business college in Lubbock, Texas, and the college ended up hiring him to teach. Dad didn’t know anything about teaching the whole field of bookkeeping, but THE BLESSING taught him. He held that job for quite some time. It wasn’t his education that got him the job, but THE BLESSING of the Lord—he was a tither.

After that, he worked 16 years in a sales position and then 18 years in sales for an insurance company where he earned a place on the wall of fame for his success. What did he know about selling life insurance? Nothing. But THE BLESSING taught him.



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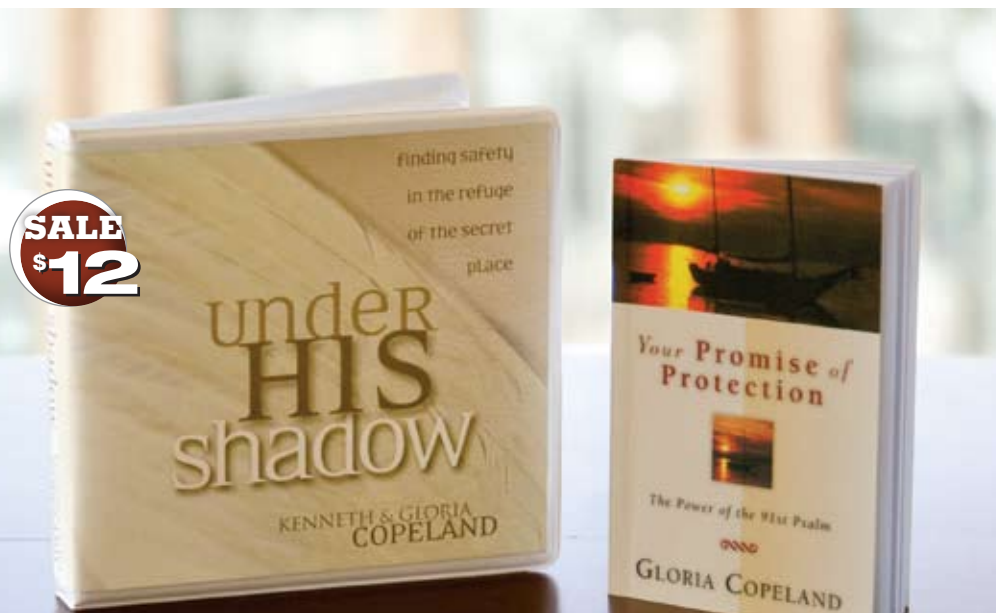
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And it will do the same for anyone who will trust and depend on it. Humbling ourselves before God and honoring the fact that *He* is our Source, connects us with THE BLESSING, which manifests as God's wisdom in our situation.

Proverbs 10:22 says, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." And John 16:13 promises, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will *guide you into all truth*: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."

Jesus is your Lord. He is responsible before God for your well-being, your prosperity, your healing and deliverance. He'll give you the wisdom you need. He'll show you His plan for whatever you are going through. The problem is not that He's not speaking, it's that too often we are not listening.

Trust and Act on What He Says

Now let me caution you: When you hear God's voice, when you receive His promptings in your spirit, be willing to trust Him and act on what He says.

"But, Lord, I might make a mistake."

Maybe so, but He can deal with that. What He can't work with is you doing nothing. The biggest mistake you can make is to fail to act on what He says. God can fix your mistakes if you will continue to listen to and obey Him.

There is no problem too big for the believer who believes "the Spirit...will guide you into all truth." There will be no situation without answer to the believer who believes "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

God needs you to abound in Him. There are people out there suffering who don't know what you know. He needs you to be able to give seed to the sower. He needs you to teach them how to sow it. He needs you to help people.

What He doesn't need is for you to be bound and in debt, where you've got to have someone helping you all the time. He needs you out of that. He needs you healed and full of the Holy Ghost. He needs you rich, powerful and willing to pray.

God needs the world to see the devourer rebuked. Malachi 3:11 says, "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

Do you know what will happen when those crying out for deliverance see you walking free from Satan's bondage? "And *all nations shall call you blessed*: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts" (verse 12).

We've got to rebuild the wall of Blessing. How? Through prayer, faith and the love of God. We put THE BLESSING back by being the ones through whom God can pour out a blessing there will not be room enough to receive!

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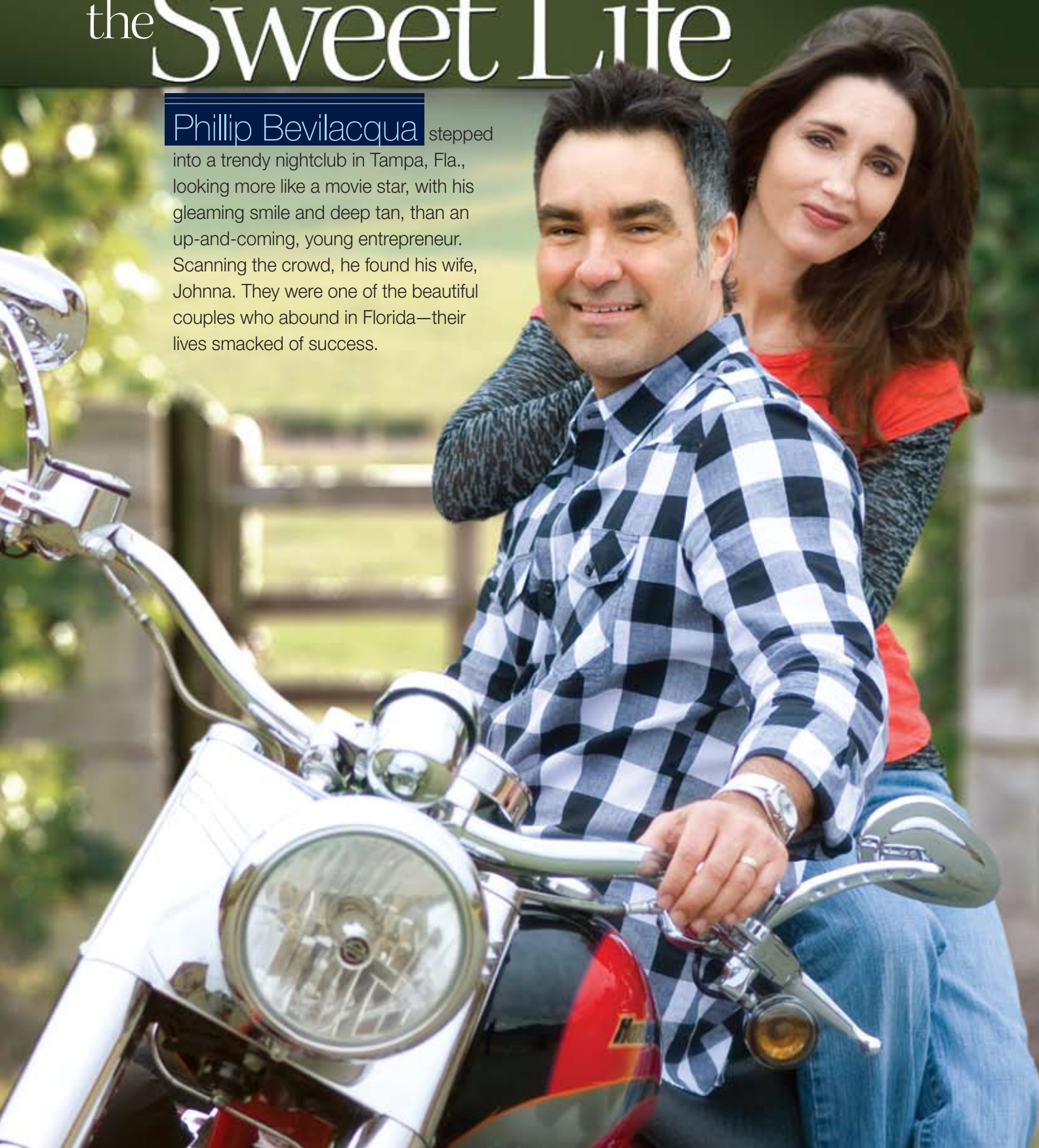
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Phillip Bevilacqua stepped into a trendy nightclub in Tampa, Fla., looking more like a movie star, with his gleaming smile and deep tan, than an up-and-coming, young entrepreneur. Scanning the crowd, he found his wife, Johnna. They were one of the beautiful couples who abound in Florida—their lives smacked of success.



“Phil was my idol. My life was consumed with trying to make him OK. In desperation, I cried out to God and asked if He existed, to show me proof of Phil’s drug use.”



The Bevilacquas had it all—health, wealth, intelligence and a kind of magnetism that drew them together across the room while captivating even those who tried to look away. The beat of the music never slowed and the din of laughing conversation didn’t decrease by a single decibel, but every eye tracked them.

The next day, Phillip left Johnna asleep as he caught a flight to Houston. Like many businessmen who fly the friendly skies, he slept until the lurch of landing gear jolted him awake. Once his business was finished, he caught a flight home and greeted Johnna with a kiss. Later, he stepped into the bathroom and pulled off his traveling clothes. Then, Phillip bit his lip as he ripped the duct tape off each leg. Peeling his precious cargo from the tape, he counted the pills. They were there, all 2,000. Hands trembling, Phillip took a hit.

Ecstasy. They were well-named.

He’d bought each pill for \$5 and would sell them for \$15 apiece, leaving him with \$20,000 cash and no taxes to pay. Life was sweet.

Smiling, Phillip went back to work. He still had 500 pounds of marijuana to unload from his gas tank. The deal went off without a hitch and he hurried home to take his wife out on the town. Rushing to the nightclub, he sent her in ahead. His body shaking with need, he took another hit. Leaning his head on his arm, his heart thundered like a thousand racehorses.

He made more and more money every week.

It took more and more drugs to drive back the demons.

Taking a deep breath, he plastered a smile on his face and stepped inside the nightclub.

Family Business

“You might say I was following in my father’s footsteps,” Phillip says. “Neither of my parents were Christians and when I was born, my dad brought as much as 18 tons of marijuana to landing zones in Florida on a shrimp boat. When I was 2 years old, he got radically saved and became a Jesus freak. Mom divorced him and raised me as best she could.

“I was a wild child with no discipline or authority. My grade-school years were marked by trouble and I was expelled from one school. In the eighth grade the principal said negative things about my mother’s ability to parent and I flipped his desk over and dumped a vase of flowers on his chest. I was sent to juvenile detention. The only good thing

that happened that year was meeting Johnna, a new girl in my pre-algebra class. I was smitten, but she didn’t notice me. That same year, I got high for the first time. In ninth grade, a psychiatrist diagnosed me as manic-depressive with an explosive disorder. I fed into it and lived up to the label.”

While in high school, Phillip’s mother found his stash of stolen goods and, taking her first step of tough love, reported it to the police. Enraged that she’d reported him, Phillip cut up family photos, squirted ketchup and mustard all over the place, tipped over the refrigerator and destroyed everything in the house. He was sent to a halfway house for six months and pronounced cured the moment his mother’s insurance ran out.

Following his stay at the halfway house, Phillip quickly returned to selling small amounts of marijuana, a move that soon escalated into him selling half a pound, and then 10 to 15 pounds a week. From there he added LSD and Ecstasy to his inventory.

From Fun to Fear

“Phil and I were married when we were 22,” Johnna explains. “I knew he dabbled in drugs a bit but most of the time I didn’t even realize when he was wasted. We had money to buy whatever we wanted and life was fun at first, but somewhere along the line I realized we were at the mercy of people who wanted drugs, and fun turned to fear.

“I walked into our kitchen one day and it was filled with drugs and drug paraphernalia. I realized we didn’t have a home, we had a drug house. I started pressuring Phil to get a real job. Meanwhile, Phil hurt his back and became addicted to Xanax and Valium. Those drugs made him slow, forgetful and sloppy—a dangerous combination in his line of work. We received several death threats and had to hide out on more than one occasion.”

While Johnna knew her husband sold drugs, she had no idea the extent of his drug use. She finally talked him into getting out of the business.

“A friend of mine was making \$1,000 a week working for a cable company so I tried that,” Phil says. “What I didn’t know was that everyone in the cable business got high. We went through customers’ houses stealing their prescription drugs. They introduced me to crystal meth and crack cocaine. Those drugs sucked me into an abyss so deep I didn’t see a way out. I dropped from 200 pounds to 165

and my pants were practically falling off. I would disappear for days at a time.”

When Johnna confronted Phil about his drug use, he lied. The more she got in the way of his next high, the angrier he became.

Desperate Measures

“Phil was my idol,” Johnna says. “My life was consumed with trying to make him OK. In desperation, I cried out to God and asked if He existed, to show me proof of Phil’s drug use. The Lord began showing me his stashes, all in places I would never have thought to look. That was the beginning of my journey of faith.”

As Phil grew angrier and his drug use escalated, Johnna moved into an apartment. Then Phil got a job selling cars and told Johnna he was clean. The truth was that he was getting worse.

Phil had added heroin to his repertoire of drugs, and his own habit had grown to a staggering \$7,000 a week. While hallucinating, he broke out a window at Johnna’s apartment and left hate messages on her voice mail. Johnna was pulling into the police department parking lot to file a restraining order when her cell phone rang.

“If you don’t come home right now,” Phil said, “I’m going to kill myself.” Johnna knew her husband well. This was one promise he would keep.

Hazel, Phil and Johnna’s 80-pound chocolate Labrador retriever, followed Phil into the bedroom and curled up nearby. Oblivious to the dog, Phil ran his hands over the cool metal barrel of the shotgun. Kicking off his shoes, Phil scrambled into position and stuck the end of the barrel in his mouth. Extending his leg, he positioned his big toe near the trigger and sighed. Finally he would find peace.

Die Another Day

In an open vision, he saw Hazel’s trusting brown eyes watching. He saw himself as he pulled the trigger. He saw his brains splattered all over the room. He saw Hazel run to him, whimpering and crying, licking his face and trying to revive him.

Slowly, Phil pulled his toe away from the trigger. He couldn’t kill himself in front of the dog. Just then the door

flew open. Johnna rushed in, took the shotgun away from him and hid it outside in the bushes.

After the suicide attempt Phil agreed to get help. He and Johnna went to every drug treatment program in the area. But without insurance, no one would talk to them. Johnna and her family learned about a free Christian-based program in Alabama called Canaan Land. But Phil refused.

Not long after, with tears streaming down his face, Phil said to Johnna: “You need to get away from me. I stayed up all night thinking of ways to kill you.” Shortly after, Johnna left and moved to Arizona.

End of the Road

High on drugs, Phil left a club in Tampa between 2 and 3 a.m., got in his truck and took the Howard Franklin Bridge over the bay. Moonlight shimmered on the waves that crested under the bridge as Phil blinked and tried in vain to focus his eyes. The bridge was several lanes wide with a short cement wall on each side. At high speed, his truck bounced from wall to wall like a bumper car at an amusement park. It hit with a force that broke out the back windows. Pulling off the road to check the damage, Phil realized he had pulled onto the beach—the last place in the world he wanted to be while high on drugs, driving without a license and with a vehicle full of drugs. Before he could put the truck in gear, police lights circled behind him.

“May I have your driver’s license and registration please?”

Phil handed over his registration and identification with a sigh. *Well, it’s been a good run. I’ll spend a long time in prison.*

Five minutes later the officer looked Phil in the eye. “Son, it’s your lucky day.” Seconds later, the officer sped away, siren screaming, in response to an urgent call.

Peace Is Not a Pill

“Soon after that, Johnna came for my birthday,” Phillip remembers. “I was stunned. She glowed, and there was a twinkle in her eyes!”

Sitting on the beach, Phil asked, “What are you doing? How are you so happy and peaceful?”

“It’s Jesus,” Johnna said. “I can’t explain it, it’s just Jesus.”

The change in Johnna changed Phil’s mind about Canaan Land. A short while later, lying on his bed smoking crack, he called the number.

“You smoking crack, boy?” the man on the other end of the line asked.

“As a matter of fact, I am.” *How’d he know?*

“You ready to stop?”

“Yes, I am.”

“Our waiting list is nine months.”

“I appreciate your time, but I’ll be in jail or dead in nine months.”

Hanging up the phone, Phil took another hit of crack. Then, he did something he’d never done in his life: “God, if You’re real, I need You to do something.”

Twenty minutes later the phone rang. Phil answered to discover the director at Canaan Land calling him back.

“Son, we’ve got a bed for you. It’s time to come home.”

At that moment, Phillip Bevilacqua knew God was real.

Faith to Fill the Void

“Nov. 30, 1999, my mother took me to Canaan Land,” Phil recalls. “Back then the old hunting lodge was run-down, but it didn’t bother me. The moment I stepped onto those 70 acres I experienced something I’d never felt in my life. The peace was tangible.

“I came here strung out on heroin, crack cocaine, powdered cocaine, Xanax, Valium and crystal meth, yet I never experienced a single symptom of withdrawal. I never had a tremor. I was never sick at my stomach. I never suffered a sleepless night. The moment I was filled with the Holy Spirit every addiction fled, including my addiction to alcohol, cigarettes and pornography. My back was healed and I was healed of chemical imbalances.

Phil learned right away that Canaan Land was not a drug rehab center. It was more like the Navy Seals of Christianity. It was a year-long Christian boot camp where, instead of dwelling on the problem, they focused on the solution.

“They filled the void in my life with God,” Phil recalls. “I got filled with His Spirit and found out who I am in Christ. I calculated that to get the amount of the Word of God that I received in a year, I would have to go to church twice a week for 30 years. When Johnna visited me after three months she could hardly believe the change. After seven months, she moved to Alabama. When I finished the program, she was waiting for me.

“The ministry Brother Mac Gober offers here is unprecedented, but I also owe my life to Brother Kenneth Copeland. I had no money to attend a program like this, but because it’s supported by Partners of KCM, my life was spared. Brother Copeland is one of our biggest supporters. He says that of all the ground he and Gloria sow into, none produces the fruit that Canaan Land does. Brother Copeland didn’t know me, but I owe my life to him. He sowed into my life by helping to keep these doors open and through preaching the Word of God to teach me who I am in Christ.”

Shortly after Phil completed the program at Canaan Land, he and Johnna moved to Tulsa, Okla., where they enrolled at Rhema Bible Training Center. In 2003, the couple graduated from Rhema and the Lord directed them to move to Alabama. Soon after their return, the couple became associate pastors at Voice of Victory Church, and in 2009, Phil and Johnna became the senior pastors.

Phil and Johnna live in Prattville with their two children, 5-year-old Gianna, and Noah, age 2. Phil also works as director at Canaan Land Ministries, the place where his journey with God began a few years earlier. Their days are marked with laughter and their sleep is filled with restful peace.

Life is sweet. VICTORY

Editor’s note: For more information, go to canaanland.com and vovc.org.



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Phil and Johnna Bevilacqua know how important partnership is. Because of the partnership relationship between Kenneth Copeland Ministries and Canaan Land Ministries, Phil’s life was completely changed. Today they continue to work together, offering Bible-based solutions to people just like Phil, who have come to the end of themselves and turned to God for help!

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“...Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.”

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He Knows Our Every Need

I had sown into KCM, believing God for a ministry car, funds for the church building and a mentor. Two months later, the Lord blessed us with a ministry car. Three months after that a woman from the United Kingdom who had been one of our church members gave the church one of her properties in Botswana to sell and use the money to build our church building.

I also attended Bishop David Oyedepo's conference and was amazed that he is connected to Brother Kenneth. Both of them have impacted my life tremendously and I feel God has given them to me as mentors. Praise God for His faithfulness.

M.M. :: Africa

Eyesight Renewed and Restored

In May 2008 I was diagnosed with glaucoma in both eyes and told that, if neglected, I could go blind. Since then I was being treated by an ophthalmic physician and I had to consult him every month to record the progress.

I sent a written request for healing prayer to your dedicated and committed prayer ministers and in return they sent me some of Gloria's healing teachings. They said they would stand in agreement with me for my healing. I listened to the CD and claimed my healing by faith: By his stripes I am healed, sight totally restored and saved.

In May 2009, after consulting with my physician, he examined my eyes and said they are perfect now, and I don't need to have frequent checkups or continue to use eyedrops. It is a miracle!

All glory, honor and praise to my Lord Jesus Christ. He is the miracle-working God who completely healed me.

Q.F.P.K. :: Dubai

The Perfect Job

I met Kenneth way back in the '80s when I attended one of his services with a friend.

With four children, I had tried to find a job, even though my husband did not want me to work. As I stood in a prayer line, Brother Copeland asked, "What can I pray for you today?" I told him I needed employment and he asked, "What kind?" Really, it came to me as clear as day—I needed a part-time job, since my last child in the house was in elementary school. Then he asked, "What hours do you want?" I said from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. would be good. Brother Copeland prayed, "Father, she needs a job from 9-2, part time. Thank You, Father, that it's done." Then he asked me if I believed it would come to pass and I said yes.

All I had to give was a \$2 seed. I didn't think anymore about it. A week later I bought a newspaper and started looking in the want ads. I found an ad for a job, called, got an interview, went in and got the job. It was from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and I was able to pick up my son at 2:30 from his school. God is good all the time! Thanks for all your wisdom, and your magazine, too. You are a great help to me and I soak up the Word daily. God has come a mighty long way with me.

C.G. :: Georgia

Believe and Receive!

Thank you for your prayer of agreement for my husband. In spite of Alzheimer's disease, the Lord opened his mind to clearly understand and repeat from his heart the prayer of salvation. After 31 years of believing for his salvation, it came to pass!

As it is written in Mark 9:23: "All things are possible to them that believe." Now I stand in faith for our daughter, her husband, children and grandchildren. I am truly a blessed woman!

M.B. :: Canada

God of More Than Enough

My husband and I were living at the top of our income when his company closed. With the loss of his job we quickly got behind in our bills, and the calls and letters began to come. We relied on our natural minds and took work at night cleaning offices and doing everything we could to earn more money.

I read an article in *BVOV* about a couple who were broke. The wife said they had no money to give, so she started picking up change that had been dropped on the ground, and sent it to you as an offering. We decided to start sowing \$10 a month. When we did that, things began to turn around. Although we had to buckle down to pay off bills, we've done that and been able to increase our giving to KCM.

We both now have great jobs where we can work from home and earn more than we could have imagined. I hope people know that if they are faithful, tough times end. Thanks for using our gift to do more than we could ever do by ourselves.

Robert and Glenda Probst :: Colorado

Spirit-Led Life

Thank you for all your prayers. I've been going to church and more and more the Spirit is moving in me. I have received the Holy Ghost and I haven't been drinking or smoking for several months now. Keep praying for me, and God bless you both.

A.J. :: Mississippi

Peace That Passes Understanding

First, thanks be to God for His Word that is stable, unmovable and unshakable. God bless you for your faithfulness in standing and walking according to His Word. Above all, thank you for obeying God and giving us the opportunity to partner with your ministry.

We started sowing as a family into your ministry at a time when it wasn't so comfortable for us, but God's voice was stronger than any other. In 2006, at my husband's workplace they tried to lay off some people. My husband went through a very hard time and some illegal methods were actually used to try and get rid of my husband and his pay was cut. We had just bought a house and I found out I was pregnant with our first child. At the same time I had started school at Rhema Training Centre here in Verona, Italy. By the time I had the baby, we had used up all our savings and investments and were deeply in debt!

Not one time during this period did we think to quit sowing our seed and giving God the tithe on our little income. The peace was indescribable. I had a wonderful pregnancy and delivery as we waited on God. The Lord eventually provided a better job for my husband with a higher income, higher position and working less. I resumed my job and in 2008 when every other company was cutting on cost and labor, we got a pay raise. All that you and Gloria impart to us and our children cannot be measured. Thank you for being God's example to our generation.

E.O. :: Italy

A Manifest Miracle

Three years ago I sent you a prayer request about healing for my mother. She had a brain tumor and had surgery, but the doctors only gave her several months to live. I was encouraged to believe for a miracle and I refused to quit. And now, three years later, she's doing well. She hasn't had any residues of tumors and doctors are amazed! Glory to God! Your ministry is my pattern for true Christian living.

A.Z. :: Bulgaria

Touched by the Great Physician

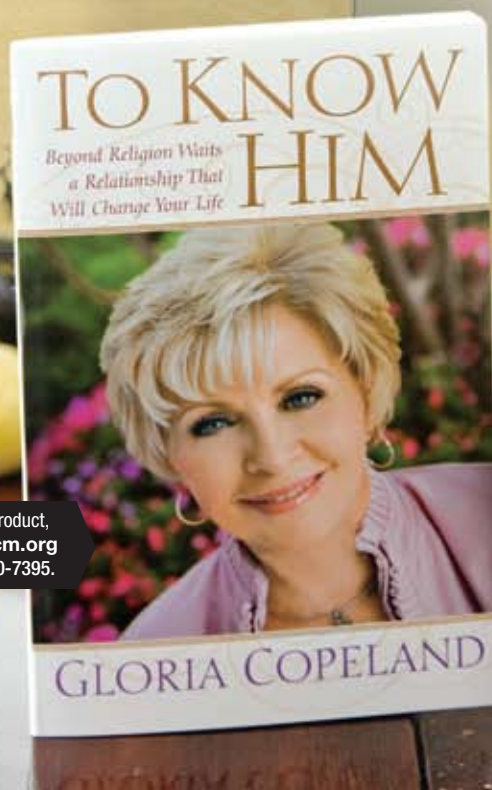
Three days after sowing my first seed into your ministry, my 4-year-old grandson walked for the first time. Nurses had failed to recognize signs of placenta previa and doctors gave him little hope of ever walking, talking, hearing or seeing. Praise God—He is the Great Physician!

Donna Hershey :: Michigan

Living Pain-Free

One of your prayer ministers called and asked me if I needed prayer for anything. I said, "Yes, as a matter of fact, I do." I had been standing in faith about the manifestation of healing from pain in my body and was sitting on the couch in great pain. She prayed for me and I agreed readily. Since then the pain has been gone. Glory to God in the highest! Thank you for being instruments of the Lord.

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“We must know Him for who He really is—who the Word says He is, and who our experience with Him says He is.”

Do You Know Who You're Talking To?

By the time this year is over, I will probably have been in somewhere between 200 and 300 church services. And for me that's really nothing new. Sometimes I feel like I was born in church, and I have certainly spent a lot of time in church since then. Don't misunderstand me, I am thankful and wouldn't trade my life for anything. | There may be some reading this who are just as "churched" as I am. While that can be a very positive thing in your life, you may be surprised to find how little weight that alone carries with God. He is looking for something else. He wants me—and you—to know Him...really *know* Him. Because when it comes right down to it, knowing Jesus has little to do with how you grew up or how "churched" you are. It has everything to do with recognizing Him for who He is: *Love*.



In 2 Timothy 3, the Apostle Paul warned us that in these last days there would be many people who know how to look right, talk right, put on the show...but they wouldn't really *know* Him. In other words, they would live "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (verse 5).

There have always been people like that, and in these end times there may be more than ever. They're people who *think* they know Him, but their view of Him is skewed by popular opinion or traditions in their own thinking. Instead, we must know Him for who He *really* is—who the Word says He is, and who our experience with Him says He is.

'If You Only Knew!'

John 4:1-26 in the *New King James Version* tells a story about a woman who was so blinded by what she *thought* love was, she didn't recognize True Love when He sat down beside her. If you remember, Jesus stopped at Jacob's well, thirsty from His journey, when this Samaritan woman arrived to draw water. When Jesus asked her for a drink, the woman's interest was sparked.

She said, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no

dealings with Samaritans" (verse 9).

Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water" (verse 10).

In other words, Jesus looked at her and said, "You don't know to whom you're talking! If you only knew!" If she had known, the woman would have asked *Jesus* for water—living water.

Isn't it amazing to think that someone could sit eye to eye with the Son of God and have no clue who they were talking to? I believe Jesus was endeavoring to solicit one thing from this woman: *faith*. She had to recognize Him for who He was. She *had to*. Her future depended on it. God can do and has done many things *for* you but the one thing He can't do is *make* you believe. He couldn't make her believe, He could only give her the opportunity to recognize Him for herself.

Religious Talking Points

But she didn't.

Jesus said many things that, had she been paying closer attention, would have led her to the reality of who He was. But she wasn't picking up on it so Jesus tried a more direct approach. Look at verses 16-19:

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet."

She was starting to get it! But before Jesus could answer, she continued, "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship" (verse 20).

Talk about changing the subject! But in doing so, she revealed something interesting about herself.

First of all, early on she recognized that Jews and Samaritans weren't supposed to speak to each other. Then when Jesus shined a little light on her past, she said, "I perceive that You are a prophet."

It's easy to see this woman had *some* knowledge. She understood the denominational lines of her day. She had enough religious knowledge to recognize that Jesus was a prophet. And when Jesus brought up her troubled relationship history, she not only changed the subject to talk to Him about worship, but she was also prepared to debate about where to worship. She was "churched"!

Sufficient Answers

Jesus, of course, had an answer for her:

"Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the

Have you ever caught yourself saying: "I'm tired of paying taxes. How in the world am I ever going to prosper if so much of my money keeps going to pay taxes?"

Well, believe me, I know how frustrating paying taxes can be. Once Gloria and I received a phone call out of the blue saying, "Good morning. Did you know you now owe \$17,000 in taxes that you didn't owe yesterday?" Maybe you've never experienced anything like that, but I'll tell you, it's a great opportunity to use your faith!

Looking back though, I see the Lord had prepared us for that call. A few months prior, the Lord had rebuked me for griping about taxes. He had said, "You need to pray over your income tax and bless the government with it. It costs money to run this government and I intend to provide the money for you to pay your taxes."

So in obedience I said, "Well, all right. Praise God, I'll do it."

From that point on, Gloria and I have made a point of praying over our taxes and handling them with the highest integrity. Over the last 38-plus years we've had strange and unexpected tax situations occur, but we've always had the money to pay them.

Every time we've received a new tax bill, God has done something to bless us. At times we didn't know what we were about to face, but God did. And we were prepared. Why? Because we weren't living in fear about what "could" happen. We weren't complaining or disbelieving, either. Instead we were being obedient to Him and obedient to His Word.

So if you're struggling to pay your taxes, remember to trust God with them. Commit to pay your taxes without complaining, and pray for the government as you do it. Then let God take care of the rest.

He'll meet your every need...just as He always does. **VICTORY**



get to know the author and the artist



In our continuing interview, Jeremy and Sarah talk about their projects and their relationship with God.

As you've gotten to know the Lord, how does He speak to you or make His will known to you?

Jeremy: All direction begins with the Word. On top of that, Sarah and I are learning how to simply follow peace. Often, direction arrives while in conversation with each other, and we recognize it's Him by the peace we experience.

Sarah: Answers come in His presence. When 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us, "Pray without ceasing," we don't have to lock ourselves in the closet until we hear from Him. We can maintain sweet communion with Him throughout the day—through prayer, praise and worship, and reading the Word.

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Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (verses 21-24).

Did Jesus' answer satisfy her question? No—because she still didn't know to whom she was talking. She simply responded, "I know that Messiah is coming... When He comes, He will tell us all things" (verse 25). She sure knew a lot about Jesus—even if she didn't recognize Him sitting next to her.

Finally, in verse 26, after all this, Jesus looked at her and said, "I who speak to you am He." He told her flat-out, "Hello. My Name is God." Then she got it.

What took her so long? Maybe she was "too churchy." Maybe she had some knowledge—even a form of godliness—but when it came down to recognizing Jesus for who He was, she couldn't do it.

There's no doubt that this woman had a hard life. She had gone through five marriages and five divorces. Through them she had gained a skewed concept of love. Then she allowed her personal experience to paint a distorted picture of love. But there she sat having a conversation with Love Himself and had no idea who she was talking to.

Yes, Jesus Loves You

Many of us are like the woman at the well. We've allowed a life experience to paint a picture of love for us. But *nothing* besides God's Word can paint a picture of True Love in our lives. We've got to *start* with the Word—because ultimately, there's one proof above all others that God loves us. Are you ready for this revelation? *Because the Bible tells us so.*

Jeremiah 31:3 says, "...I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you" (NKJV). The Bible says it, so we need to believe it. We've got to come to the place where that settles it for us. If the Word says it, then that's what we believe—like a parent says to a young child who keeps asking, "Why?" *Because I said so.*

It's not just head knowledge; it's knowing it and believing it. It's being confident that because God's Word says something, it's true—and that settles it.

As we get to know Him through His Word, only then will we recognize and *experience* True Love. In Ephesians 3:17-19, Paul prayed that we would become "rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, that you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, *the experience of that love*] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; [*that you may really come*]

to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ..." (The Amplified Bible).

Note the phrases in italics. The love of God must become the *experience* of our lives. We should know it more each and every day—so that our last day on earth is the greatest experience in the love of God we've ever known up to the moment we see Him face to face. (And we *can* know love, otherwise the Holy Spirit wouldn't have written that through Paul!)

Experiencing Love

Do you *know* Love? If Love sat down next to you and started up a conversation, would you recognize Him? Or would your "churched" side be exposed as you carried on meaningless talking points?

"Number of services sat in" is not what impresses God. What matters is truly *knowing* Him. For when you do, your

picture of Love is no longer skewed by the world, or by a past experience. Everything begins to line up with who the Word says He is. You begin to experience Love, and the victory Love won and gave to you...not just because "we are more than conquerors," but because "we are more than conquerors *through Him who loved us*" (Romans 8:37, NKJV).

And therein lies your victory: Because you *know* who you're talking to. **VICTORY**

From a rich heritage of faith, Jeremy Pearsons ministers the uncompromised Word of God to congregations at home and around the world. He and his wife, Sarah, passionately believe and preach to believers the simultaneous importance of holding fast to what we have been taught and reaching beyond ourselves to teach those coming behind us. "There are two kinds of legacies: the one you keep and the one you leave."

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Produced by the KCM television department, which oversees much of the ministry's media, the *BVOV* broadcast is often a newcomer's first glimpse into KCM's mission to "preach the uncompromised Word of God through every available voice from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around."

"The broadcast helps believers grow in the things of God by teaching and introducing them to the Word of God," says KCM TV manager Carleen Higgins. "From there, the teaching materials and connections with Kenneth Copeland Ministries bring them to a deeper understanding of God's Word and the practical application of spiritual principles for everyday life."

Reaching the World

The *BVOV* broadcast airs to a potential audience of nearly 1 billion people worldwide. Viewers can access this powerful tool on television, radio and over the Internet. The daily broadcast airs Monday through Friday on 570 stations worldwide, speaking to you, the viewer, in a personal and

comfortable setting. You're invited to pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee and dive into God's Word. The Sunday broadcast, by contrast, allows you to take a seat and join in one of KCM's powerful meetings. It currently airs on 131 stations around the world.

In addition to the original *BVOV* broadcast in English, it is also translated into Spanish, Russian and Ukrainian, with a German broadcast in the works. It is an encouragement to the Body of Christ and furthers KCM's primary purpose, which is to preach the Word of God and teach others how to put His Word first.

Putting God's Word first has always been at the forefront of everything Kenneth and Gloria Copeland do, and over the years it has been the focus of the television ministry.

Higgins said, "One important point they emphasize, and have instilled in all of us is: 'Preach the Word. When people need to know how to get out of bondage, fear and pain—when they need answers to change their situations—encouragement is helpful, but it's the Word of God that will give them the power to experience lasting change and live successfully.'"

Staffed to Succeed

The *BVOV* broadcast began May 27, 1979, under the direction of Terri Copeland Pearsons. As the first producer, she understood the importance of believing God by faith—a cornerstone of the TV department today. Now, 31 years later, about 40 TV and engineering staff members produce KCM's broadcasts from start to finish. This includes recording the broadcasts in the studio or at meetings, producing special segments, translating, editing and even closed-captioning. They produce more than 5300 programs each year for the various versions—that's more than 100 per week! In addition to traveling to meetings, which requires 187 on-the-road production days (and 55,000 miles), this talented team spends an average of 65 days per year in on-site recording sessions.

"We have a strong team in place," said Higgins, "staff members with the skill set, spiritual maturity and heart to serve that provide the supply to corporately get the job done well."

Proclaiming the Word

KCM's television department knows the importance of its role in the ministry. The broadcast introduces viewers to the vast, life-changing resources KCM offers through its Web site, products, magazine, meetings and 24-hour prayer line.

This group of dedicated, faith-filled professionals keeps the vision of proclaiming God's Word before them. They pray before each recording session and continually throughout meetings. Their prayers, in conjunction with the fervent prayers of our Partners, are powerful and effective (James 5:16).

One Partner recently wrote: "It was your program that gave me hope and helped me begin changing my ways and turning my life around. One day, flipping through the channels, I saw Kenneth Copeland, Jesse Duplantis and Jerry Saville dressed in black motorcycle gear with motorcycles on the stage. Not only did that catch my attention, but Kenneth said that God loves you just as you are. Everything he said that day was what I needed to hear. He taught on a level I could understand for the first time in my life. KCM has been such a blessing to me through the years. I have grown because of your simple, down-to-earth teaching. I am so glad we crossed paths over the television."

Testimonies continue to pour in to the ministry, telling of God's miracle-working power through the *BVOV* broadcast. KCM's television staff often hears that God uses their work to remove yokes, break burdens and change lives.

"In a time of change and uncertainty, when trust is a big issue, people are looking for something real and stable with integrity and truth—something that will give them real answers for their lives and hope and stability for the future," Higgins said. "The *BVOV* broadcast is a good way to make a daily connection with God and His Word, to help you see God as your true source of supply."

Through the *BVOV* broadcast, Kenneth Copeland Ministries is here for you, to share the Word of God with you, to equip, encourage and empower you, and help you fulfill God's plan for your life.

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To watch the *BVOV* broadcast online, or to find out when it airs in your area, visit kcm.org and click on **Media!**



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Broadcasting in **SPANISH**

March 26, 2006, Kenneth Copeland Ministries launched the *Believer's Voice of Victory* TV broadcast in Spanish to over 50 million homes and more than 200 million viewers across the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Spain via TBN's Spanish-language satellite network, Enlace. Today, TBN Enlace has a potential viewing audience of 60 million homes, or 240 million people! The network features top inspirational programming from Latin America and leading ministry programs originating in the United States and dubbed in Spanish, as well as other quality programming from the Trinity Broadcasting Network.

Since the Lord called them to ministry, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland's heart and vision has been to preach the Word of God "from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around" and now the vision has moved forward with KCM's Spanish television broadcasts to the Spanish-speaking world! *BVOV* in Spanish, or *La Voz de Victoria del Creyente*, is currently downlinked from satellite to local stations and networks in 24 countries. The broadcasts continue to air with high-quality lip-sync production.

In addition to television broadcasts in Spanish, KCM has also developed a Spanish-language Web site (kcm.org/es/) and is currently translating and publishing books and other ministry materials for the Spanish-speaking community around the world.

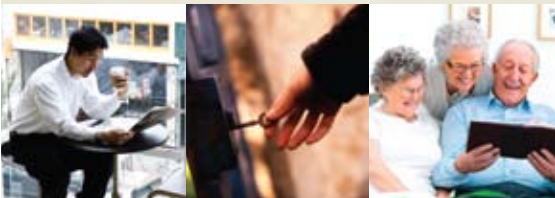
"It's not about meeting the needs of the ministry," said John Copeland, executive director of Kenneth Copeland Ministries, about the new venture. "It's about meeting the needs of our Partners and Friends so that fruit may abound to them."

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Cooperating with the Holy Spirit

June 29, 2008, in our Sunday afternoon corporate prayer meeting here on Prayer Mountain, we were praying enthusiastically about the upcoming presidential elections. Suddenly, the Lord interrupted us with a strong word: *One thing will save America. And it is not the election. It is an awakening to God! One thing will avail for Israel and the nations. It is an awakening to God!*



We were silenced. Even rebuked!

A spirit of repentance, for misplaced faith that a man or a party held the answers to America's condition, enveloped us.

Holy Spirit-guided thoughts raced through my mind: *The best person in the world could be elected president of the United States and it would do no good if the people do not awaken to God. America. American history. The Great Awakening. The place of prayer in an awakening. Study.*

And so I did. And ever since, I've shared the things gleaned in that study. The *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast with Gloria Copeland has allowed me to share those timely, life-changing instructions from the Lord, and the study that evolved.

By My Spirit, Saith the Lord

The Lord impressed us with this absolute necessity for an awakening—we must cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

A relatively small group of Jews came back from Babylonian captivity and were faced with the formidable task of building the second Temple. The word of the Lord came to Zerubbabel as to how it would be accomplished: "...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith [Jehovah] of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

The word *hayil* (might), which also means an "army," or "host," probably stands for the strength of many, while *koach* stands for that of "one man."

It is not by human strength—not of many, nor of one—but only by the power of the Holy Spirit that things of God are accomplished. Therefore we must learn to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. And cooperation always means, perhaps above all else, *yielding*—whether as an individual, or as a corporate body.

In Our Individual Lives

Tremendous promises are given us regarding the Holy Spirit. For example: He abides in us (John 14:16-17). He teaches us (John 14:26). He speaks to us; He guides us and shows us things to come (John 16:13). He leads us (Romans 8:14). But all His wondrous doings in our behalf are predicated upon our yielding to Him. He's always teaching, always speaking, leading and guiding. But we must listen. We must yield.

Dr. George Washington Carver, the renowned scientist, born of a slave, is credited with saving the agriculture of the South. He is a wonderful example of listening and yielding to God. Rising early every day, he sat before the One he called "Mr. Creator," and learned secrets to bless mankind. In the book, *The Man Who Talks With the Flowers* by Glenn Park, Carver is quoted as saying:

There is literally nothing that I ever wanted to do, that I asked the blessed Creator to help me to do, that I have not been able to accomplish. It's all very simple, if one knows how to talk with the Creator. It is simply seeking the Lord and finding Him... all my life I have risen regularly at four o'clock and have gone into the woods and talked with God. There He gives me my orders for the day...when people are still asleep I hear God best and learn my plan...after my morning's talk with God I go into my laboratory and begin to carry out His wishes for the day.

Speaking at Macalester College in Minneapolis, Dr. Carver prophesied: "...there is going to be a great spiritual awakening in the world...it's going to come from

people...plain, simple people who know—not merely believe—but actually *know* that God answers prayer."

Cooperating With the Holy Spirit in a Meeting

A more literal translation of 1 Corinthians 12:1 would be, "Now concerning spirituals (things of and pertaining to the Holy Spirit) brethren, I would not have you ignorant."

The chapter then illuminates us regarding nine wonderful supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit: the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, (special) faith, the gifts of healings, the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, kinds of tongues, the interpretation of tongues (verses 8-10). Verse 11 declares, "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

Donald Gee, an early Pentecostal leader, said verse 7, which introduces the list of nine gifts, is the key verse to the chapter: "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." Gee added that our meetings ought to be marked by manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Ministers (preachers) need to yield to the Holy Spirit in their own preaching. We have been guilty of overriding promptings of the Spirit of God as we preached. I know, for I have done this.

There must also be place for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's gifts. For according to God's plan and provision for our profit, there must be manifestations of the Holy Spirit—in our meetings as well as in our individual lives.

Maria Woodworth-Etter's meetings were known by great manifestations of the power of God. She gave a wonderful message on "How to Cooperate With the Holy Spirit in Meetings." You can find it posted on our Web site at billyebrim.org, but here are some excerpts from it:

We too often draw back, or compromise, and 'use wisdom' of the wrong kind, and are just as well satisfied when the power of God is not manifested so much, and the nice, quiet, imminently respectable, and precise modern Christians are not offended. We should be praying and looking for God to work more and manifest His power more, to draw back is not pleasing to God, and therefore, the marvels and miracles, the manifestations of His Presence and power are, to a great degree, lacking...

Meet the conditions. Come at peace with all the



Cooperation always means, perhaps above all else, *yielding*.

brethren, with love for God and man. Come with the desire that Jesus may be glorified. Meet together in one accord.

Lose sight of yourself and each other in the supreme desire that God should work, that He should manifest His power. Then pray the prayer of faith and something supernatural will happen. God will answer. His power will flow in and through you. He will give you fresh courage and enable you to do your part, to speak the word of God with boldness, and to give witness to the Resurrection with great power and the signs following will give positive and unmistakable evidence that the Lord is working with you. Fear and convictions will

fall on unbelievers...His words must abide in us. Keep reading and practicing the New Testament teachings.... One case of healing in the name of Jesus, accompanied by the knowledge of sins forgiven, and the peace which passes all understanding, is sufficient to demonstrate the divinity and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and therefore, convict and convince sinners.

The Lord has made me to know that to awaken the walking dead in the world, and even to awaken sleeping church members; a manifestation of His power must and, thank God, will come. We must know how to cooperate with it. We must cooperate with the Holy Spirit. John G. Lake said, "Electricity is God's power in the natural, the Holy Spirit is God's power in the supernatural."

Prayer and Awakening

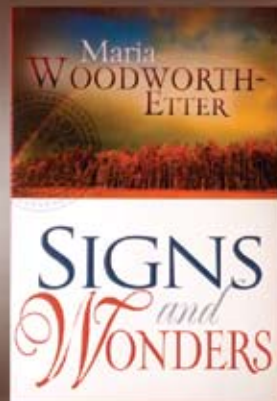
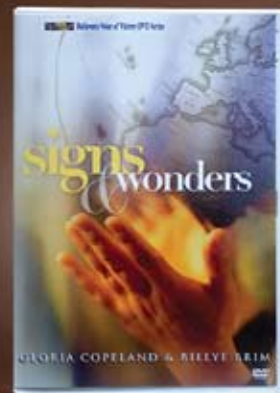
In studying awakenings, we saw that prayer always preceded them. And I am happy to report that the Spirit of prayer is enveloping believers everywhere in a way I have not seen in my life. The Lord has touched a prayer meeting we stream live every Wednesday at noon (CT) from Prayer Mountain. Thousands from more than 50 countries join in each week. Their letters and emails often speak of the strong sense of unity they feel with the knowledge we are praying together in faith for an awakening to God.

June 29, 2008, we began to follow the Lord by praying for an awakening. He has now further instructed us to pray for a manifestation of His power. **VICTORY**

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BY GLORIA COPELAND

an Open-Book test

Who is exempt from tests and trials? No one! Every person alive will face challenges of some sort throughout their days. Health concerns, financial trouble, relationship challenges...they are inevitable. Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation." But He didn't stop there. He added, "...be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, *New King James Version*). | And we can make the same declaration because He has given us the same world-overcoming faith He has! We are born of God and our victory over every trial and tribulation is in our faith in God and His Word (1 John 5:4).

So, what do you do when you face one of the many challenges life holds for all of us? How do you make it through times of trial? How do you tap into that world-overcoming victory, and pass the tests?

God has every answer for every test we face in His Word. All we have to do is go to the Book, open it up, find the answer and take a few simple steps to solve every problem.



Back to Basics

Since the beginning, God has intended our lives to be lived simply. Every decision we have to make boils down to a basic yes or no answer. The main question is whether we choose life or death, blessing or cursing.

Think about it. From every morsel of food we put into

our mouths, to how we obtain the things we need, to how we treat the people in our lives—basically it's up to us whether our choices result in life and blessing or death and cursing.

When we made the most important decision in our lives to say yes to Jesus, we truly opened up the door to

everything good God has in store for us. We said, "Yes, I believe Jesus is the Son of God. Yes, I call on His Name. Yes, I receive Him as my Lord and Savior."

At that moment, the Spirit of God moved into your life and you were empowered to begin to make the right choices. You were miraculously given the ability to hear directly from God in your heart and to understand clearly what the Bible has to say about you and the issues in your life. The Spirit of God moved inside your spirit to teach you God's wisdom concerning everything you need to know for a victorious life.

The choice is still up to you whether you take advantage of the answers and solutions the Holy Spirit desires to reveal in the Bible and in your spirit, or just sit there complaining and letting life get you down.

Examine Yourself

Let's take a little self-examination, starting with a couple of simple questions.

What do you do when you wake up one morning with a runny nose? Do you think: *Well, here it is...my annual head cold! I had better get ready to be laid up in my pajamas for a few days. I hate these colds!*

How about a little harder question?

What do you do when you get a diagnosis of a serious disease from your doctor? Is your first thought: *Oh, I hoped this day would never come. My mother had this. My grandma had it. Now I've got it. Oh, me, I know what I've got to look forward to now.*

Think about these examples in terms of financial or relationship tests. Do you immediately give in? Is your first response one of worry? If so, you have actually declared, whether the situation is simple or hard, "The test wins...I lose!" But you don't have to respond this way. Whether you pass any test depends totally on what you declare about it. What comes out of your mouth, both when the test first arises and throughout the duration of it, will determine the outcome!

The words we speak reflect what we have in our hearts and in our minds—how we really think about things. And we develop our thoughts from what we continually hear and see. If we get our information from past experiences, family history or the evening news, and let those sources determine how we think about our lives, we will find ourselves in trouble. We will judge our trials and tests based on that information and it will determine the outcome.

But if we get our information from God's Word, and from people who have experienced success through His Word, we will find ourselves overcoming the challenges we face.

Our most important decision is to receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior. After that, we must decide where we get the truth about living our life—life as He intends us to live it. The world and our enemy, Satan, have a plan and constantly feed us information to take us down. Our heavenly Father, Jesus our Lord and the Holy Spirit have a plan to take us over the top. What we have to do is decide to turn to God's Word to discover the truth and live from that source of information.

Ask yourself: *What is my source of information? What is the truth...not just in the time of testing, but every day as I go about everyday living?*

The answer is simple. Jesus is the only true source of information for everything we need. Jesus said in John 10:10: "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they (that's you) may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)" (*The Amplified Bible*).

The Answers Are Right in Front of You!

Life in abundance—that's a life that lives by the open Book! That life—your life—may have a test every single day, and it passes every one. You know God's Word on every subject. Or, you know how to find out what God has to say. The answers are all right there in front of you!

God's Word speaks to every major issue in life. We deal with the same issues Adam and Eve dealt with...health and long life, provision and relationships. All mankind's tests started right there with them. So, whether on a personal or worldwide level, these are the major issues of life—the issues where we are still tested.

And, the choice to pass or fail is still the same. Who are you going to listen to? Who are you going to obey?

God has never taken away our ability to choose how we handle tests. Even with all the power of the Spirit we have received to tap into His wisdom, knowledge and understanding, the questions come down to this: "Will I spend the time today to hear from God, to get my information from the Word, and to receive His truth that will give me abundant life?"

When you say yes to that question, you'll have your answers right before your eyes and ears, which means they will be in your heart and mind. They will be the first thing out of your mouth when the test comes. No matter how simple or hard the test, you will have your answers!

This is not rocket science. But I will tell you this, approaching your life from this simple perspective with the open Book as your source will determine how far and how fast you go in life. It's God's plan for you to succeed and be living proof that anyone can live the abundant life Jesus came to give us!

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Every day I give Him my attention and every day He gives me direction. His ultimate purpose is that we live in THE BLESSING.

Just Pay Attention

Yes, God has a great plan for each of us. He's laid it out in His Word. Our most important role in the plan is to pay attention to what He says.

He intends for each day of our lives to be fruitful and blessed, with each day leading us right along the path of His plan. Remember what He said through the prophet Jeremiah to the children of Israel: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11, *New Living Translation*). That is His dream for all His children.

"Plans for good and not for disaster," He said. God's big picture is that nothing in your life is a disaster and that nothing cuts off His plan for your good, hope-filled future! Tests will come, yes. But He has given you exactly what you need to pass every one and stay on the road to your bright future.

So, pay attention to Him so the Holy Spirit who lives in us and guides us will have something to work with.

This is how God has directed me for more than 40 years of facing and passing the tests in my life. I give God the first part of my day. I read His Word, I pray in the spirit, I listen to Him...I pay attention.

Sometimes He directs me to just go about my daily business and be ready for whatever He brings my way. Sometimes He directs me to step out and go someplace special or call someone about something. My point is, every day I give Him my attention and every day He gives me direction.

We may have something in our lives that needs adjusting or some outright change. Maybe an attitude needs to be changed. Maybe some activity needs to be reconsidered. Maybe some perspective needs to be tweaked. When you approach the open Book every day, do it with an attitude that says, "God, I'm open to adjustment. Show me where I need to be tuned up and brought into alignment with the Word."

I've had some major tests in my life. But, praise God, because of my daily pattern of paying attention and spending time with Him in the Word, I've been prepared and I've passed the tests. Some of the tests have come and gone in a day. Some have just needed a small adjustment, and some have required a major overhaul. Some have taken weeks, months or years to be resolved. But the solutions always come.

They come because we stay in the open Book. We stay in the Word. We stay in God's face and give Him our attention and we obey Him. We know we can never face any kind of problem that will not be solved. We will never face any test that we will not pass. God is faithful. God has proven that to us, and we know of no other way to live.

No Reason to Fail

Problems come and go. Trials rise and fall. But victory has become permanent for us because we stay in the Word of God. We keep the Book open and we obey it.

Anyone can do it. There is no reason to fail a test. As Ken says, "There may be excuses, but there are no reasons." The choice is ours.

God is good and He is always for us!

He has done everything required for us to pass every test, overcome every challenge and obtain victory in every trial.

His ultimate purpose is that we live in THE BLESSING. It's all His idea!

We are all tested in those major areas of life. But our God has given us the source of answers for every test. His living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, has ultimately passed all our tests. He speaks His Word to our hearts. And His written Word, the open Book, is always available for us.

Health and healing are part of THE BLESSING. We may be tested in this area, but God has the answers and we can pass the test. Our finances and provision are wrapped up in THE BLESSING. When we are challenged and tempted to turn to the world's information to have our needs met, we can pass the test. Thriving relationships are the center of THE BLESSING. They may come under attack, but we can pass the test.

When we rely on the open Book every day, we have no reason to fear failure.

The Word of God will direct us to truth. It speaks directly to every major issue in our lives. We have no excuse to be unaware of God's Word on these subjects.

I could list hundreds of scriptures here to make this point. As a matter of fact, we have several ministry tools that do just that. As for me, I love to do the research for myself. Part of my time with God every day is digging out of His Word something He has to say to me.

So, we get into the Word, we study it, we find its answers, we speak to our test or situation, and we do what the Word says to do!

Do it! That's the final phase of passing the open-Book test. If we don't do what the Book says, we fail.

Today you can start using a new method of passing tests. You can face your trials and challenges with new

confidence and assurance of successful results. James 1:25 (*NKJV*) says, "But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty (the open Book) and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

So, open the Book, stay in the Word, hear it, do it and be blessed! **VICTORY**

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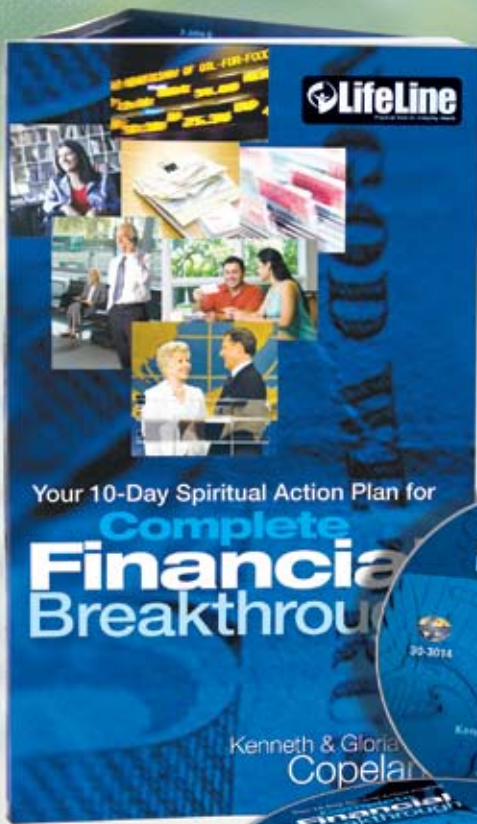
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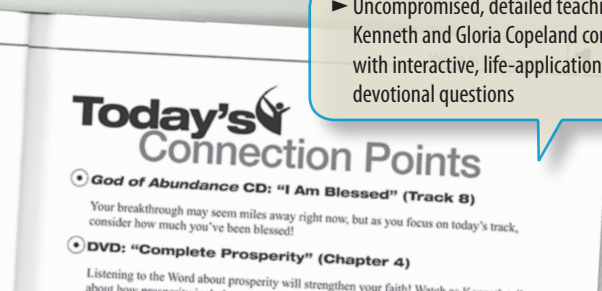
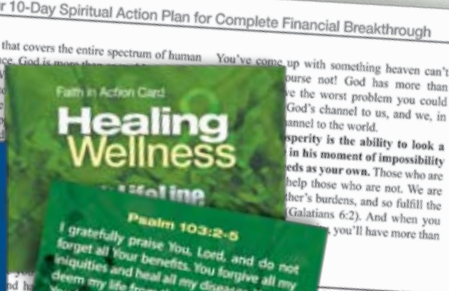
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