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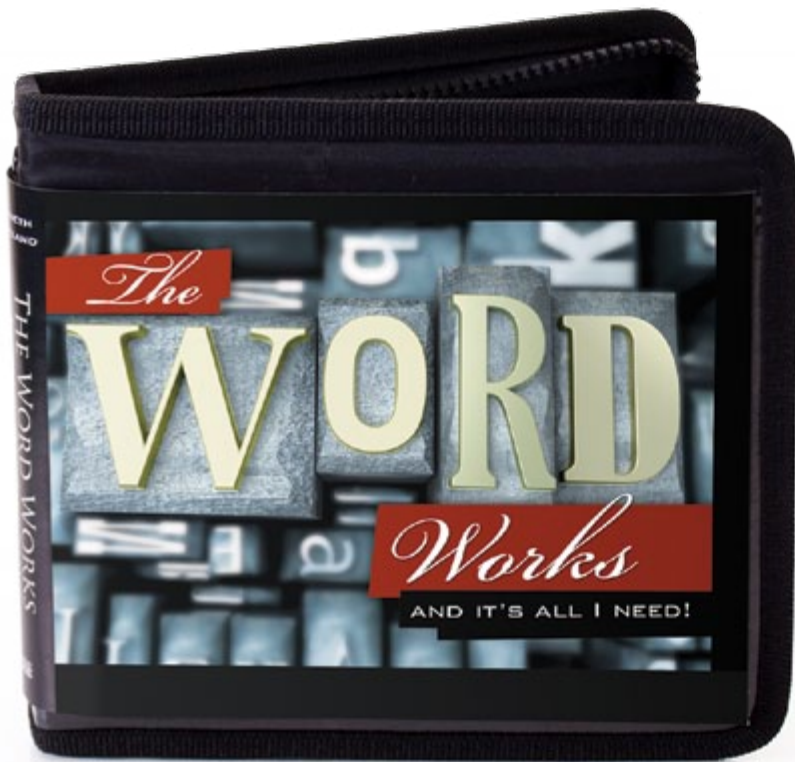


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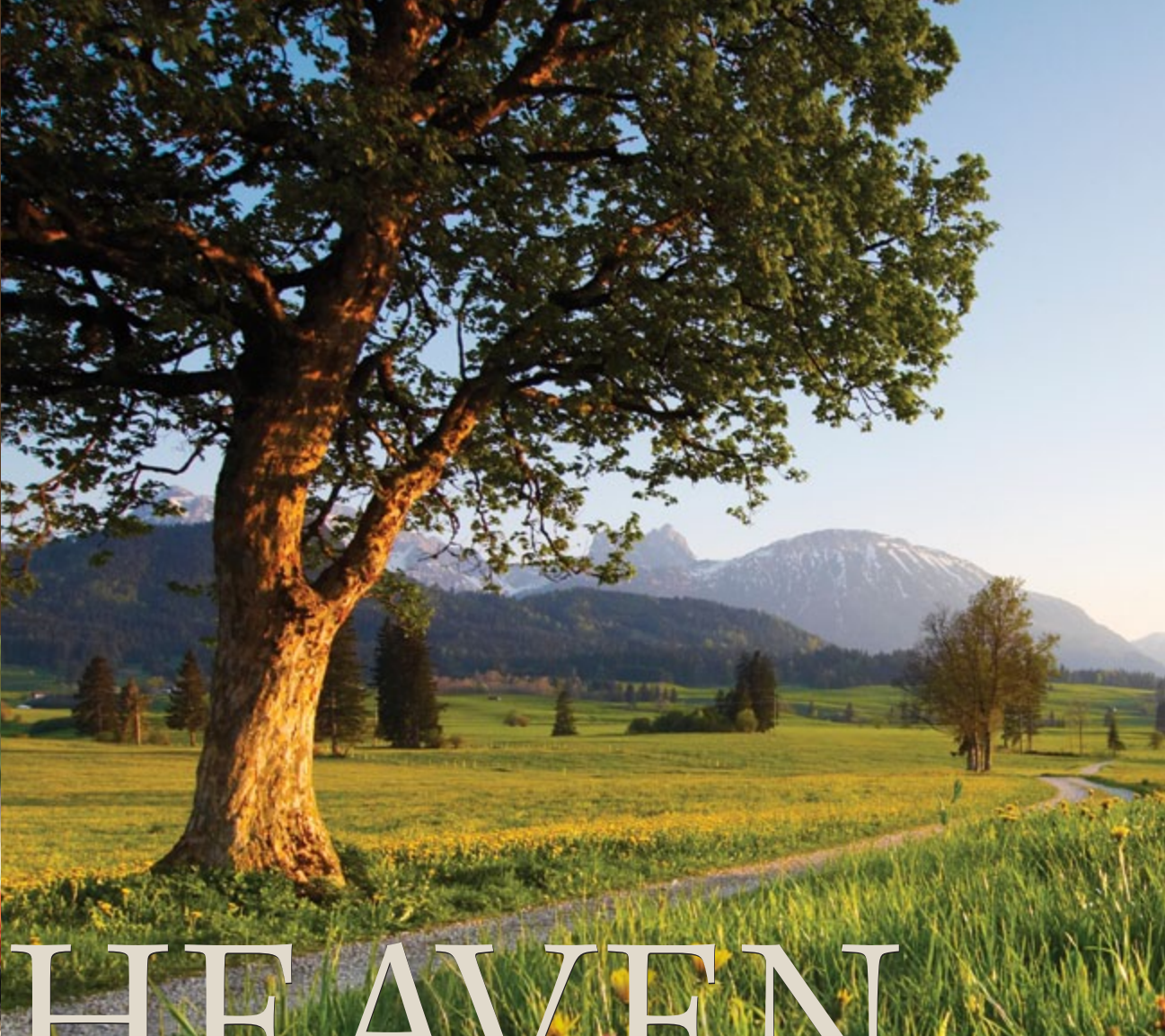
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# HEAVEN

can wait

BY KENNETH COPELAND

Have you ever wondered why God didn't just catch you up to heaven the moment you were born again? In some ways, it seems that would have been the smartest thing for Him to do.

Heaven is, after all, a fabulous place to live. There's no devil there; there's no temptation to sin or backslide. The streets are paved with gold and there's not a problem in sight. Even the Apostle Paul said he wanted to go, "to depart, and to be with Christ...is far better" (Philippians 1:23). :: So why do we, as believers, have to stay on this sin-darkened planet year after year, decade after decade? Why do we have to keep hanging around this place? :: Because God needs us here. :: He needs you, me and every member of the Body of Christ. He has a specific ministry, a vitally important work for each of us to do.



## Most Christians don't even realize they have a divine calling.

God considered your calling so significant He planned and ordained it before the foundation of the world.

"I don't know about that, Brother Copeland," you might say. "I don't feel very important. In fact, in the overall scheme of things, I feel downright insignificant."

Then your feelings are being influenced by the devil, because in the eyes of God there is no such thing as an insignificant human being. To Him, every one of us is as valuable as Jesus. In God's heart and mind, your worth is equal to His.

Religion, of course, won't tell you that. It will tell you that you're an unworthy worm, just a little nothing crawling around in the dirt hoping to make heaven someday. But that's not what the Bible says. It says you're worth so much to God that He sent His best to secure your salvation, and made you a joint heir with Christ Jesus. It says God considered your calling so significant He planned and ordained it before the foundation of the world.

Most Christians don't even realize they have a divine calling. They think only pastors and other full-time preachers are called of God. Somehow they overlook the message of Ephesians 4, which says:

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ (verses 4-7, 11-13).

According to those verses, each of us is called to the work of the ministry. Each individual believer has been graced by God to help build up the Body of Christ and bring forth the fullness of His Anointing in the world. Whatever our natural vocation may be, we are all called to grow up to be like our Lord—to think like Him, talk like Him and act like Him, thereby gaining His results in everything we do.

In John 14:12, Jesus put it this way: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do..." (*New King James Version*).

### A Powerful Perspective

Get over the idea that the real movers and shakers in the Body of Christ are the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pas-

tors and teachers. They're not. They're helpers, sent to equip believers to do the moving and the shaking. It's the saints, not the preachers, who will turn this world upside down for Jesus.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying preachers aren't important. I am saying they're not any more important than the believers they've been sent to equip. No one in God's plan is any more significant than anyone else. Any Christian (including a pastor) who thinks he is the most important person in the church should go into the woods and camp out with God until he changes his mind, because none of us is in this alone. We are all part of one Man and one Ministry.

We are all members of the Body of Christ.

We're so connected that if "one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26). In other words, every one of us affects the whole Body. If we decide we're unimportant and neglect to fulfill our call, we drag others down with us. If we decide we really do matter and get busy doing our part, we lift everyone else up.

Do you realize what that means? It means you're significant either way. It means you need to find your appointed place and fulfill your foreordained call, not just because it makes you feel special, but because it makes a major difference in the overall work of God. It means your life is *not* all about you.

That's a powerful perspective that will change you from a weakling to a winner.

When your mind is on yourself and your own personal problems, you crumble under the pressure the devil puts on you. But when you put your attention on what God needs you to do, when you approach your entire life as a ministry and an opportunity to distribute the Anointing of Jesus, you get strong. Your personal problems are swallowed up in fulfilling your call.

Suddenly things start working for you. Everything you do is BLESSED. You find out Jesus really meant it when He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

When the devil pressures you to abandon the assignment God has given you, or pushes you to leave your divinely ordained place in the Body of Christ and go somewhere else, you won't budge. You'll be immovable. You'll say, "No, I'm not leaving! I'm where God needs me to be and I'm doing what He needs me to do. I'm not going to stop until I get my job done."

You'll be like the Apostle Paul, who was so committed to finishing his course for Jesus that he deferred his longing to depart this earth and said, in essence, "God needs me to stay here to build up the Body of Christ. So heaven will have to wait."

## Where You Were Born to Be

“But Brother Copeland, what if I don’t know where I’m supposed to be and what I’m supposed to be doing?”

Then get in The Word and fellowship with God in prayer until you find out. He’s not hiding His will from you. He actually commands you through the Scripture to be wise and understand “what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:17).

You obey that command, first and foremost, by settling the fact that Jesus actually does have a specific place for you in His Body, and that He has graced you for specific works, “which God hath before ordained” you to do (Ephesians 2:10). Stand in faith on Ephesians 4:16, which says through Jesus the whole Body of Christ is “fitly joined together and compacted by that

which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, [and] maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

If the devil has been telling you that you’re just a disjointed do-nothing with no divine purpose, use the Scriptures to set him straight. Remind him that 1 Corinthians 12:18 says, “God [hath] set the members *every one of them* in the body, as it hath pleased him.” Declare with confidence that:

- You are designed by Jesus to be joined to His Body in a particular way
- He has given you a supply the rest of the Body needs, a supply that will bring increase and edify others

- God, who created you and your purpose before the foundation of the world, has assigned you a place that perfectly mirrors the calling He has given you.

That is where you’ll be the most thrilled, the happiest, the most prosperous and the most graced. It’s the place where you’ll bear abundant fruit and produce the greatest results. It’s the place where you were born to be.

I don’t just mean that figuratively, either. You were literally born with talents and preferences designed by God to help you fulfill your divine assignments. That’s true of all of us. I can testify from personal experience. Although I’ve developed some graces by growing in the Lord, and I’ve received others through association with other people, in many ways I’ve been graced ever since I was a boy to do what I’m doing right now.

I can never remember a time in my life, for instance, when I couldn’t sing. I remember when other people found out about it, but by then it was old news to me. My fourth-grade teacher, who was good friends with my mother, was the first one to notice. In music class one day, she asked all the students to stand up and sing while she walked around listening to each of us. I had a contralto soprano voice back then so I was singing high notes—just as hard and loud as I could.

When the teacher heard it, she grabbed me, told the rest of the class to sit down

# Know who you are & where you fit.

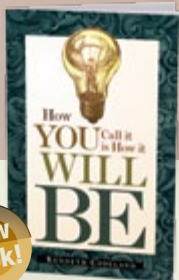
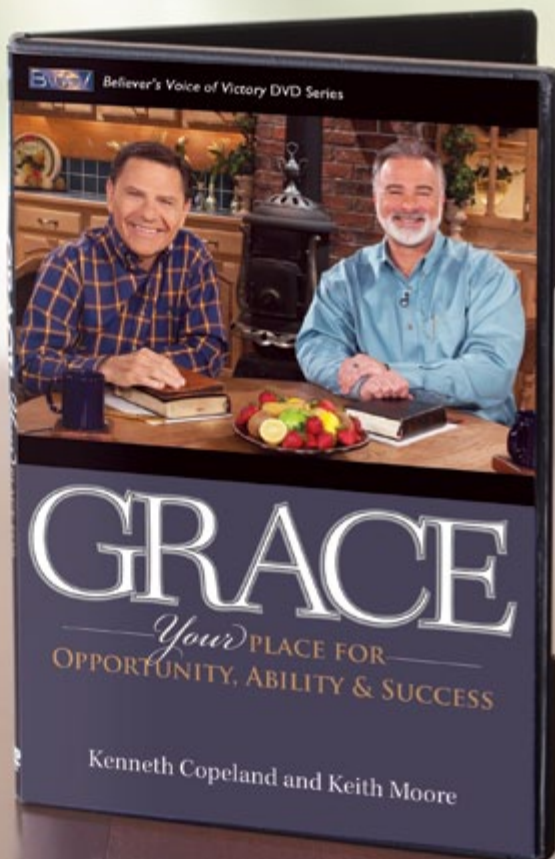
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and hustled me out of the room. I figured I was in trouble—again—for something and she was taking me to the principal’s office. But instead, she took me home. She started hollering my mother’s name as soon as we got out of the car. “Vinita!” she shouted.

When Mother came to the door, the teacher marched me right past her into the living room and stood me next to the piano. “Kenneth, sing!” she commanded. She played a few notes to get me going, and I opened my mouth and let it rip.

Some kids might have been embarrassed to sing for someone that way, but I wasn’t. I’ve always loved to be in front of people—not only because I wanted applause but because something in me (a grace I was born with) just seemed to come alive in that setting. So I just enjoyed myself and sang for a while.

When I stopped, my teacher said, “Vinita, did you know he could do that?”

“No, I didn’t,” she answered.

Then they both just stood there looking at me. I couldn’t figure out what the big deal was. I knew all along I could sing. I figured everyone else could do it too.

### Dreaming of Indians and Airplanes

I wasn’t just interested in singing, though, I also dreamed of being an Indian. That dream stirred in me every time my parents and I passed McMurry College on our way to church. Home of the McMurry Indians, the college campus sported a sign with the figure of an Indian chief on it. I’d gaze longingly at that chief in his feathered war bonnet and say, “Look at that, Mama! I’m going to sing like Bing Crosby and be an Indian!”

The thought wasn’t altogether ridiculous because my maternal grandfather was Indian and I took after him. My features are like his. My temperament and nature are influenced by his side of the family. Gloria says the older I get, the more Indian I become. Why is that? Is it just some kind of genetic coincidence? No, it’s part of my calling. A major portion of my ministry today is to the First-Nations people.

God put my mother, with her Indian heritage, together with my dad on purpose—and I was part of the purpose. The same is true of you. It doesn’t matter how sorry the circumstances of your birth seem to be, God doesn’t make mistakes. Your parents might not have planned you, but God did. You’re here because He meant for you to be.

I can’t remember when I didn’t long to fly. That

aspect of God’s grace cropped up in me big at 8 years old when I took my first airplane ride. At the time, World War II was just ending. A friend of my dad’s had invited us to join him for a quick trip in a medium-sized, twin-engine Lockheed. “Copeland,” he said, “we haven’t been able to fly this plane for three years but we’re taking it up today. Would you and your boy like to go?”

To say I was excited doesn’t begin to describe my reaction. Even at that young age, I was already smitten with airplanes. I taped pictures of them to the ceiling of my bedroom. I’d lie out in the yard and watch them fly. I built airplanes out of paper, tree branches or whatever I could find. Some of them flew, some didn’t. But either way, I had airplanes on my mind all the time.

When my dad and I showed up for the flight, the captain offered to let me ride in the cockpit. I was all but drooling. The pilot could tell just from looking at me that I was itching to get my hands on the controls so he gave me strict orders. “Now, boy, don’t touch anything! Do you understand?” he said.

It was so hard, I had to sit on my hands the entire flight! When we landed, the airplane door got stuck and I wound up alone in the cockpit for 20 minutes more, while everyone else was busy trying to get the door open. I didn’t care that it was August and we were sweating like crazy. I loved it. Without anyone watching me, I could pretend I was flying the plane.

Afterward, as my dad and I were walking off the tarmac, I turned around, looked at that little Lockheed 12 and said, “Daddy, I’m going to do that.”

“What?” he asked.

“I’m going to fly airplanes.”

Sure enough, that’s a big part of what I do today. I’ve been flying for my present employer, the Lord Jesus Christ, for more than 40 years. I’ve spent 6,000 delightful hours in the air serving with Him and for Him—singing the whole time...and being an Indian. I’m in my place and in my grace, building up the Body of the Anointed One and His Anointing, taking the good news of Jesus and THE BLESSING He’s restored to us, everywhere I go.

I’m living the good life God planned for me before the foundation of the world. There’s nowhere else on earth I’d rather be and nothing else I’d rather be doing. Only heaven could be better. But I’m too busy to go there right now.

I’m on assignment for Jesus. He still needs me here, just like He needs you.

So, until our jobs are finished, heaven can wait.

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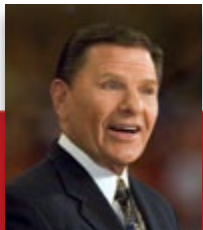
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Wimbledon	3 wins
U.S. Open	5 wins



Wimbledon, 1963



Steam rose from the sultry flats of the Murray River in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range where Albury, Australia, burrowed into the rich soil of New South Wales. The youngest of four children, Margaret Smith tiptoed out the back door and skipped down the road. She felt as confined in the little house she shared with her parents and three siblings as her father might in his overalls.

BY MELANIE HEMRY

The outdoors provided an escape from the inevitable fighting that ensued nearly every time her father, who worked in a cheese and butter factory, had thrown back one pint too many.

Searching the hedges that lined the road between her house and the nearby tennis courts, 10-year-old Margaret retrieved tennis balls that had been abandoned by players who had hit them over the fence separating the road from the courts. Using a long, thin board she had found, she batted the balls around, lobbing them into the air and launching them up against a brick wall. The steady slamming of the ball against the wood felt therapeutic, and it passed the time.

On occasion, Margaret would join three young neighborhood boys her age who would sometimes slip through a hole in the fence to play on the country club tennis courts when no one was around. She would stand at the net, poised and ready to swat back balls as the three hurled them in her direction from the baseline.

Back then, the odds of Margaret's future ever stretching any further than the small town of Albury, or her ever becoming a *real* tennis player, were nil. It would have remained that way except for the intervention of the caretakers and coach of the tennis club, a husband and wife who, over time, had seen Margaret hanging around and recognized her interest in the sport. They decided to coach and look after her tennis career.

### Training to Win

Soon after, Margaret moved to Melbourne where she began training at a gym owned by former world champion Frank Sedgman.

"When I was 15, a famous coach in Sydney refused to coach me because I was too scrawny," Margaret recalls. "Frank Sedgman watched me play and, while he agreed that I was too skinny to be a champion, took me as a student because he believed I could gain strength through weight training.

"My life changed overnight when I left home and moved to Melbourne. I was introverted, shy and had an inferiority complex. I even had to ask the family I stayed with to teach me how to talk and hold a fork."

While training with Sedgman for tennis, Margaret connected with a professional body-builder and began working out at the gym. She loved it and worked hard to build her strength and endurance.

### Championship Material

During an exhibition match in Albury, Sedgman looked at Margaret and spoke 10 words that would forever change her life: "You could be the first Australian woman to win Wimbledon."

#### *Win at Wimbledon?*

The thought of even playing at Wimbledon was enough to shake Margaret to her core. For one thing, no Australian woman had ever won at Wimbledon, recognizably the granddaddy of all the major tennis championships, both national and international. And second, there were plenty of talented, young, female tennis players who had been trained by the best coaches and had already played in some of the most prestigious tournaments around the world.

What's more, Margaret was still a skinny, scrawny kid who, by anyone's standards, didn't have the strength or stamina to become a world-class tennis player. Her family wasted no time in confirming that opinion. She needed to face facts, they told her. It was more likely Margaret would wing her way to Mars than fly to London, England, to play in, let alone win, the oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament in the world.

Rather than dismiss Sedgman's words, Margaret decided to embrace them. For the first time in her life, she had something to work toward—a goal to attain. She had a dream that *could* become a reality. And she didn't keep it to herself.

From that day on, Margaret told anyone who would listen: "I'm going to be the first Australian woman to win Wimbledon." Of course, most shrugged her words off as a pipe dream—similar to the desires and wishes most youngsters have that never come true.

But Margaret's case would soon prove to be different.

By the time she turned 17, Margaret Smith had won her first Australian Open tennis championship—the youngest person ever to win the title.

"Australia had never had a great woman tennis player and the nation rallied behind me," Margaret said. "I knew this was the first step to fulfilling my dream."

Indeed, it was the first of many steps for the up-and-coming, young tennis star. The win in 1960 became the first of seven consecutive—and a total of 11—Australian Open titles Margaret would achieve during her career. The following year, in 1961, she played with the Australian International

Margaret Court Arena at Melbourne Park



"I wouldn't be here without the seed that Kenneth Copeland sowed into this nation, and into my life."

# “I will be the first Australian woman to win Wimbledon!”

Team and reached the semifinals in the Italian Open, and the quarterfinals of the French Open and at Wimbledon.

## Showdown at Wimbledon

1962 saw a different person emerge as Margaret decided to break from the Australian team to become an independent player. Playing with more confidence and self-reliance, Margaret continued to win tournaments, including the French and American championships.

In tennis, a seeding system prevents top players from meeting in the early rounds of a tournament. The top seed is the player the tournament committee believes is the strongest player in the field. If the No. 1 and No. 2 seed continue winning, they meet in the final round. That year, Margaret stepped onto the hallowed courts at Wimbledon as the top seed. Was she about to play the first match that would lead to her realizing what Frank Sedgman had spoken years ago?

Margaret's pulse raced with excitement as she faced her opponent, newcomer Billie Jean King. Looking across the net, she whispered to herself the words she'd spoken so often to others: "I will be the first Australian woman to win Wimbledon."

In a devastating defeat, she lost in the first round.

Following that match, Margaret fell into deep despondency. Heartbroken, she phoned her mother, hoping to hear words of encouragement. She got just the opposite.

"I suppose you'll come home and give up tennis now," her mother said.

Margaret set her jaw and refused to quit. She trained harder and played smarter. The following year, she once again stood across the court from King. *I will be the first Australian woman to win Wimbledon!* Margaret thought as she fought a ferocious battle.

It took every ounce of strength and endurance she'd gained from all those years in the gym, but Margaret won.

"I knew my gift was from God," she says. "I was raised Catholic and prayed every night asking God to help me."

## Journey of Faith

By 1965, Margaret was 23 and had begun to tire of traveling. Retiring from tennis, she moved to Perth where she opened a boutique. She also took up squash and competed in the sport for a short time.

In 1967, she met and later married wool broker Barry Court, who encouraged Margaret to return to tennis. The following year, she was back on the court and winning titles.

In 1970, Margaret won every Grand Slam tournament,

defeating Kerry Melville in the Australian Open, Helga Niessen in the French Open, and Rosie Casals at the U.S. Open. At Wimbledon, she once again faced her nemesis, Billie Jean King. Nursing a sprained ankle, Margaret played a record 46 games against King to win the title and become only the second woman in history to win the Grand Slam.

"In 1971, my prayers changed," says Margaret. "I still acknowledged that my gift was from God, but I asked, 'Where are You? I want to know You in a deeper way.' While visiting friends in America, they gave me books which I threw in the rubbish bin. However, I kept one book on how to know Jesus Christ.

"Back home in Perth, I gave my heart to Christ. When I went back on the tennis circuit my friends knew something had changed. I explained that I'd given my heart to Christ. Someone had given me a paper with Romans 10:9-10 written on it. I told my friends that they could have Him too. I said, 'I don't want to be in heaven without you!'"

Many people Margaret spoke with gave their hearts to Christ. Even the media, which had scrutinized her for years, had begun to notice a change in Margaret and asked what had happened.

"I told them about Jesus," Margaret says. "It just seemed the natural thing to do."

Margaret's spiritual life changed even more when she started attending Catholic believers' meetings. "During one of them I said a prayer and hit the floor praying in tongues," she recalls. "Then I heard a voice say, *Look around because this is from Me. I Am the Alpha and Omega.* I'd never heard those words before and didn't know they were in the Bible."

During Wimbledon in 1972, Margaret was so off her game even the press noticed. Something was wrong. After losing the match, Margaret visited a doctor and discovered she was pregnant. Retiring from tennis for the second time, she and Barry returned home to await the birth of their son.

When he was 10 months old, Margaret set a new goal: She wanted to become the first mother to become the best tennis player in the world. Back in the game, she won 24 out of 25 tournaments and became the first mother to be No. 1 in the world. In 1975, pregnant again, Margaret retired from tennis permanently to raise her children.

## Darkness and Despair

It should have been the happiest time of her life, but spiritually, Margaret hit a wall.

"I wanted to grow in God," Margaret remembers, "but I

got under some wrong teaching. I was told that because of my success, I now had to be broken. Due to that teaching, and ministry that stemmed from a wrong spirit, I *was* broken. I became so depressed my life felt like a living hell.

"I now had four children, and a great husband who hadn't yet become a Christian. They watched me go from joyous to despondent. I was tormented by fear and terror. In the morning I longed for nighttime and at night I longed for morning. I suffered with insomnia and had a torn heart valve and was told that I would be on medication for the rest of my life. For two years I took tablets for depression, but nothing helped. Finally, I began crying out to God for truth."

The Lord answered Margaret's cry by telling her to enroll in Bible school. While sitting in class, she listened as Kenneth Copeland taught from 2 Timothy 1:7, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

That night after class, Margaret searched the Scriptures to learn more about what she'd heard and found Isaiah 54:14: "In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."

"From that scripture I realized I had to be established in righteousness," she says. "I ordered a series of tapes from Kenneth Copeland Ministries on righteousness and wore them out. Then I ordered a second set, and listened to them until I was established in righteousness.

"By my second year in Bible school I was strong. The Word was alive in me and my life was worth living again. My heart was healed, and as I resisted the devil by the Word of God, depression and insomnia fled."

During her last year of Bible college, Margaret felt impressed to start her own ministry. In 1991, she was ordained and soon after established Margaret Court Ministries. Over the next five years, she held evangelism meetings all over the city and won many souls to the Lord.

"While cooking dinner one evening in 1995, I prayed for the people in this area of Australia who were hungry for the victorious message of the gospel," Margaret recalled. "I prayed for two years and asked the Lord to plant a church here which would fill their thirst. The Lord dropped the answer in my heart. He called *me* to do it!"

Later, the Lord connected Margaret with two men she had attended Bible college with, and in 1996 they started what is now known as Victory Life Church in Perth.

Today, Margaret Court serves as senior pastor at Victory Life Centre in Perth, and hosts a television show, *A Life of Victory*. Students from Australia and 13 other nations attend Victory Life International Bible Training Centre.

During her career, Margaret Court was ranked first in the world in tennis seven times. A three-time Wimbledon champion, she won more major tennis championships than any other player, male or female—a record total of 62 Grand Slam titles in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Those victories include winning the Australian Open 11 times, the French title five times, Wimbledon three times and the U.S. five times. She is the only player in the world to win all 12 Grand Slam events at least twice.

But Margaret Court would be the first to tell you that the greatest victory of her life was won at Calvary.

"I wouldn't be here without the seed that Kenneth Copeland sowed into this nation, and into my life," says Margaret. "I had no idea the power my words held when I started confessing that I would be the first Australian woman to win Wimbledon. But today, I know the power of confession. I also know that I would have achieved more if I'd known back then that we are transformed by the renewing of our minds to the Word of God."

When you win the high prize of your calling through Christ Jesus, the winner takes all. **VICTORY**



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417-779-9000 | jimbakkershow.com

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11450 Sebring Drive | Cincinnati, OH 45240  
513-961-3060 | inspirationalbc.com

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11300 Wilcrest Green Drive | Houston, TX 77042  
713-954-9422 | westhoustonchristian.com

### Word of Faith Family Church: March 27

331 Bill France Blvd. | Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
386-255-0662 | woffcdaytonabeach.org

### The Lamb's Chapel Women's Conference: April 1-2

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336-578-0291 | thelambschapel.org

### New Life Family Church: April 10

202 S. Gilbert Road | Gilbert, AZ 85296  
480-456-9200 | newlifeaz.cc

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520-417-2468

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2112 Market St. | Wheeling, WV 26003  
304-233-5830 | lwobc.com

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1944 Washington Blvd. | Belpre, OH 45714  
740-423-9673 | belprecelebrationcenter.com

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13815 Botkins Road | Botkins, OH 45306  
937-693-3554 | obmcc.org

### Kern Christian Center: May 14-15

4701 Gosford Road | Bakersfield, CA 93313  
661-664-1000 | kernchristiancenter.org

## Souls Harbor Word of Faith Church: May 21-22

110 Evergreen Road | Canton, GA 30114  
678-644-5217 | soulsharborchurch.com

## Word of His Power Faith Christian Centre: July 30-31

108-4053 Meadowbrook Drive  
London, Ontario N6L 1E8 | Canada  
519-709-2167 | wohp.org

## Brand New Life Christian Center: August 7

1110-B W. Taft Ave. | Orange, CA 92865  
714-396-8674 | brandnewlifechurch.com

## Dunamis Power Ministries: August 7

2000 W. Olympic Blvd. | Montebello, CA 90640  
(meets inside the Evangelical Christian Church)  
562-688-4974 | dunamispower247@yahoo.com

## Trinity Church: September 9-10

701 E. Highland Drive | Jonesboro, AR 72401  
870-935-7705 | trinity-church.com

## New Life Fellowship: September 11-13

1211 N. 24th St. | Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
712-332-1982 | gotnewlife.org

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923014353409 | andreas\_stefan@hotmail.com

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Ambon, Indonesia  
Contact: World Impact Ministries  
905-346-4828 | peteryoungren.org

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kblackburn@redemptionchurch.com  
redemptionchurch.com

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**Christian Assembly: February 22**  
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Canada | 416-850-1252 | willowdale.com

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65 Sunrise Ave. | Toronto, Ontario M4A 1A9  
Canada | 416-449-5026 | woficc.ca/home

### Bible Faith Church: February 24

326 Rexdale Blvd.  
Toronto, Ontario M9W 1R6 | Canada  
416-243-2484 | biblefaithchurch.com

### Destiny and Dominion Church: February 27

40 Colville Road  
Toronto, Ontario M6M 2Y4 | Canada  
416-782-4673 | destinydominion.com

### Inside Out: Flow Conference: March 17-19

Radisson Branson Hotel | 120 S. Wildwood Drive  
Branson, MO 65616 | hopecenterchurch.org  
417-593-0691

### Australian ICFM National Conference: May 30-June 2

Mantra Legends Hotel  
Cnr Surfers Paradise Blvd. and Laycock St.  
Surfers Paradise, Queensland 4217 | Australia  
617-5588-7888 | mantralegends.com.au

### New Zealand ICFM National Convention: June 7-10

Bay City Outreach Centre  
1200 Omahu Road, 4120  
Hastings, New Zealand

### Toronto Spirit-Led Prayer Conference: September 28-30

Canada Christian College | 50 Gervais Drive  
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# God Is Our PARTNER

I was raised in a family that values partnership.

In fact, from the time I was a little girl, my mother and father talked and prayed so much for our ministry Partners that we thought of our Partners as part of our family. ∴ The concept of partnership has been so much our way of life that it has become the way we think as we bring up our children, run our households and carry out our own personal assignments in ministry. And that is exactly the way God has planned partnership in life to be. Partnership is His idea and He is our source for effective completion of every assignment, large or small—on the world scene, in our homes and in daily living.

Sadly, the Church has lost the real meaning of partnership.

The world understands that to become a partner in a firm is a sign of *success*, a pinnacle to be reached. However, too often, if that word is used in a church setting the first thing that comes to mind is, *The preacher needs my money.*

God's plan of partnership is the most powerful concept there is. It is the very thing that sent Jesus to the cross and it is twofold in its working.

Of course we are to partner together. We are called to be joined together, to bring our supply. We are to be like God and not consider, *What can my partner do for me?* but, *What can I do for my partner?* But before we can fully function together as partners, we must understand the most important aspect of partnership: God wants to be *our* partner!



Jesus depended totally on His partnership with His Father and the Holy Spirit. That was the relationship He demonstrated to His disciples, and it is the relationship He has given us.

## God and Man

From Genesis to Revelation the Bible paints a clear picture of God's partnership with His people. In the Old Testament, whether with individuals or nations, He was always right in the middle of everything He called them to do—directing their steps, supplying their needs, protecting their lives, defeating their enemies. In every imaginable way He was the partner who brought victory in every situation.

And when we look in the New Testament, we see Jesus partnering with His disciples. He showed them firsthand how God, as a man, should function in the earth. He showed them the plan of God to be Savior, Deliverer, Healer and Provider—to be everything to mankind. He demonstrated how the power of the Holy Ghost partners with God's people to bring His plan to pass in the earth.



Jesus' whole life was about fulfilling the plan of God, but He didn't do it alone. He had partners. And from the beginning He exemplified how godly partnership works.

Jesus called the disciples to be His partners, but before they ever stepped into ministry with Him, He provided a record-breaking day for their businesses. He supplied enough to keep their families set up for a while—net-breaking, boat-sinking loads of fish. Before they ever took a step with Jesus, before He said, "Follow Me," He proved He would take care of their needs. As they followed Him, He continued to provide for them.

Remember the boat in the storm at sea? Jesus was there for His partners! They were terrified, thinking He had left them on their own. And when they saw Him walking on the water, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" Jesus spoke to them at once as though to say, "I'm your partner. I'm right here. Don't be afraid. It's OK. I'll take care of it." He says the same thing to us today. We are His partners, and He says, "I'm here. Everything's going to be all right."

Jesus' partners were by His side day in and day out, observing the call of God and growing in their understanding of their part of His ministry. Jesus partnered with His disciples in the preaching of the good news, delivering the captives, healing the sick and working miracles of all kinds. He let people know that God loved, accepted and forgave them. He fulfilled Isaiah 61:1 just as He had proclaimed in the synagogue in Luke 4:18-19:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Jesus showed them what the Anointing of the Spirit on a man could produce in the lives of others. He set in their hearts the vision that they would and could do the same things He did, and even greater things (John 14:12). And He proved that He would always go with them—supplying their needs and providing the power to do it all.

Jesus depended totally on His partnership with His Father and the Holy Spirit. That was the relationship He demonstrated to His disciples, and it is the relationship He has given us.

To show that partnership with man further, He called the Apostle Paul to be an example to us—a man other than the Son of God who would walk, live and minister *as* a man anointed. Just like Jesus and just like you!

Paul partnered with the Spirit of Christ Jesus to preach the good news and equip the Church. And in every situation where he encountered trouble, God miraculously delivered him. Jesus even went so far as to let Paul know the challenges he would face before he ever stepped into ministry (Acts 9:16). What a partner!

God met Paul's needs and encouraged him by the Spirit and in the face of every trouble Paul responded by saying, "I'm content. My needs are all met" (see Philippians 4:11). Paul's life is a clear picture of God's partnership with His people. He tested and documented for us that God's Word works (Psalm 119:140, *NLT*)!



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# Jesus isn't the ONLY ONE!

The anointing is increasing in believers everywhere. They are flowing in the anointing—ministering to others, and signs and wonders are following. But despite the awesomeness of God's glory we're seeing in the Body of Christ, there's still a bunch of religious folk who say, "Oh, no. I'm not anointed. I'm nothing more than an unworthy sinner saved by grace. Jesus was the only One truly anointed."

That's an ungodly lie! Jesus isn't the only one anointed anymore! It was never God's intention to simply anoint Jesus with His power and leave it at that. God on one man was not enough!

That's why He sent Jesus to the cross and then raised Him from the dead. He wanted to open the way for us to become born again and to become a whole race of anointed men and women. He sent Jesus to be the anointed Head over an anointed Body of people who would take God's devil-busting, yoke-annihilating power to every corner of the earth.

That's been God's plan from the beginning. Through Jesus the Anointed One, He raised up a whole nation of kings and priests and called them His Church.

That's who we are! We are

"You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9, *New King James Version*

a chosen generation, a royal priesthood! We are anointed with the Anointing of the Anointed One!

We are to be living proof that Jesus is alive and anointed with yoke-destroying power because His Anointing is on us.

In His Name, we lay hands on the sick and they recover. We cast out devils. We speak the Word of God in faith and set the captive free! We're not unworthy sinners. The Word of God says we are joint heirs with Christ, sons of the Most High God. We're the Body of Christ—the Anointed One and His Anointing!

If someone asks you, "Do you mean to tell me you have the power to heal?" you should answer them boldly and say, "Yes, thank God, because greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. I have the Anointing of Almighty God, and the Father within me, He doeth the works!"

Allow His Anointing to do His work. Walk in it! Stir it up! Remember: Jesus isn't the only one! **VICTORY**

I have come to realize that though we see ourselves as *His* partners, God sees Himself as *our* partner. It's important that we continue to serve Him and to daily ask, "What can I do for You, Lord?" But it is crucial that in everything we do we see Him as our partner. When we consider how God works with His people, He has always been the One coming alongside, helping, bringing the aid we need. He is the blessing Provider. What He asks of us is our cooperation.

## God's Partnership With Us

Because God is our partner, we can do what He has called us to do. I challenge you to deepen your thinking on this. I know you want to do your part in getting the gospel to the world. So, as you ask, "What can I do for You, Lord?" realize that *He* is consumed with what He wants to do for you!

Think of all the people Jesus encountered during His days on the earth. He wasn't trying to get something from people. His entire mission while on earth was to give—to do things for them and to love them. It's the same today! God needs partners in the earth today, just as He did when Jesus walked the earth. Jesus took on partners right where they were, calling them out of their everyday lives.

God needs you and me as His partners. He has much to accomplish in this earth before Jesus comes, and we are privileged to be the ones to come alongside Him, to follow and do the mighty works He has planned.

This is where our partnership together comes in. Not just you partnering with me, and me with you, but all of us partnering with Him in *His* mission—all of us filled with Him, acting like Him, empowered by Him. I can't just be looking to see what you can do for me, but I must focus on what I can do for you. Why? Because I'm *His* partner first.

We are living in the most wondrous days earth has ever known. God will show us what He wants us to do, and with Him as our partner we will do all He desires us to do, and the world will sit up and take notice. They will say, "I want in on that! What do I have to do to have God as my partner?"

And we will be privileged to answer, "Just say yes to Jesus, and God will partner with you!" **VICTORY**

Kellie Copeland Swisher is an executive at Kenneth Copeland Ministries, where she supervises several departments alongside her husband, Dr. Stephen Lowell Swisher. Through their ministry, Kellie and Steve fulfill the mission of drawing people of all ages into a personal, growing and powerful relationship with Jesus Christ. Dr. and Mrs. Swisher have five children. The newest, Emily JeanAnn Swisher, was born January 2011.

(This article was reprinted from the devotional book by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland *Pursuit of His Presence*. To order a copy of this faith-filled devotional, please log on to [kcm.org](http://kcm.org) or call 800-600-7395. You can also read the daily devotion online by going to [kcm.org](http://kcm.org).)

# Australia & Asia-Pacific

## From Vision to Reality

**Over 60 percent** of the world's population lives in Australia, Asia and the Pacific islands region. That's more than 4.3 billion people. And at Kenneth Copeland Ministries, our heart and sight is set on reaching them all with the gospel of Jesus Christ. :: David Welsh had a similar vision for reaching the people of that region while still a student in Bible school. His life's mission statement read: "I will serve another ministry, and my goal will be to take the good news into Asia."

Today, as director of KCM Australia, David is seeing his vision become reality as he and his team work diligently to not only serve the Partners and Friends of KCM, but to share the message of God's saving grace with the unsaved.

Impacting their part of the world with the good news has always been the vision of the ministry team and our Partners and Friends who are connected to KCM Australia.

"There is a strong call on Australia—the Australian Church and KCM together—to take the gospel to Asia," says Welsh. And with every passing day since this office opened in 1979, that vision is becoming reality—through both small steps and great leaps of faith!

### Steps of Faith on Every Available Voice

It was in 1979 that the Lord told Kenneth Copeland to "preach the uncompromised Word of God on every

available voice." KCM Australia was established with that mandate in mind. Since then, KCM has utilized television, radio, meetings, publications, mail correspondence, and audio and video media to spread the Word of God across Asia and the Pacific islands.

As with all KCM offices worldwide, the voice of the Internet has also provided unlimited delivery of the gospel. Our website at [kcm.org.au](http://kcm.org.au) receives nearly 2700 new visitors each month. There, Partners and Friends are taking advantage of convenient access to the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast and magazine, ministry products, and every available resource.

In 2008, KCM Australia launched the *BVOV* Broadcast Subscription Service. Through

### Thank You

During my one-year remand I have joined Kenneth Copeland Ministries, and received the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine and a Bible. I develop my Christian life and faith through these materials.

I was facing a murder case, and at the same time I read the *BVOV* magazines and continued to build my faith through the encouraging words of Brother Copeland. Now I really thank God because my charges and sentence have been reduced. A big "thank you" to Kenneth Copeland Ministries for your prayers for me.

M.M. :: Solomon Islands

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**I was very excited** about the way our Partners in Singapore embraced their responsibility in partnering with KCM to take the gospel into Asia. - David Welsh :: Director KCM Australia

this unique service, Partners or Friends who obtain either a six- or 12-month subscription receive two weeks of the *BVOV* broadcast on DVD every two

weeks, which they can watch at their leisure.

KCM publications continue to be a popular source of teaching and inspiration for the thousands who connect with KCM Australia. In the last three years, distribution of the Australia version of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine has increased 36 percent and is now mailed to nearly 27,000 households.

In 2007, David traveled with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland to China. The following year, at the 2008 West Coast Believers' Convention in Anaheim, Calif., Gloria Copeland asked Partners and Friends to stand in agreement with her to see one million copies of the daily devotional *From Faith to Faith* distributed throughout China. That year, KCM sowed 50,000 copies of the devotional in Mandarin to pastors and leaders in China.

Prayer requests, praise reports and personal services are exchanged every day by telephone calls, Internet contacts and mail. In addition, we are honored to number more than 1200 prison inmates among the thousands of Partners and Friends with whom we communicate regularly.

### Stepping Across a Milestone

In 2009, Kenneth and Gloria joined the KCM Australia team in celebrating the milestone of 30 years in ministry. Victory Campaigns in both Brisbane and Sydney drew Partners and Friends from all over Australia and across the Asia-Pacific region. Brother Copeland spoke on *THE BLESSING* and encouraged believers not to be moved by what they see happening in the world, but to believe only.

As he preached the first night in Brisbane, Brother Copeland reinforced the vision of KCM Australia when he said, "The Anointing of Jesus is right there on the inside of you. All you'll ever need, all you could ever see any way to use, there is enough power on the inside of you to bless not only Australia but the rest of

the world. Hallelujah!"

One Partner reported after the meetings, "The campaign in Sydney has blessed me and given me a fresh insight into God's good news and love toward all people. I am hungry for more of Him and so blessed by spending time with Him, attending to His Word and doing things His way. I will seek God to continue giving me direction for my day-to-day life and to transform me into the likeness of Jesus."

### Keeping in Step Toward the Vision

This Partner received "insight into God's good news and His love toward all people," which is exactly what the ministry team of KCM Australia has set their hearts to give their part of the world. And they are seeing their vision accomplished.

Year by year, step by step, the Lord has led KCM Australia from one level of vision fulfillment to the next. The team carries out its daily responsibilities of serving Partners and Friends and building relationships with churches and ministry Partners throughout the Asia-Pacific area.

As do all KCM worldwide ministry offices, KCM Australia sows the first 10 percent of all revenue into the works of other ministries and outreaches in its region. Ministries currently receiving support include The Hope Foundation, Childcare Kitgum Servants, Canaan Land Ministries-Australia, Association of Faith Churches and Ministries, Hotel Chaplaincy, and Powers Ministries International.

Through these partner ministries, KCM is able to be effective in helping provide clean water, save AIDS babies, provide AIDS victims with hospice care, supply medication, provide educational scholarships, work with government organizations, save women and children from sex trafficking, minister to inmates and so much more.

"When Pastor George Pearsons was with us in 2008, he spoke to the staff about enlarging our tent pegs, and increase and expansion," David recalls. "We turned to the north, the east, the south and the west and declared we would bring Jesus to them. That is what's happening now. We are stepping out in faith, believing God will meet us there. He will, and He is!" **VICTORY**

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# Vision Fulfilled in Singapore

In 2004, the Lord directed David, his ministry team and KCM leaders to explore developing a ministry office in Singapore. They began taking steps toward that goal, making all the required contacts with government, researching real-estate possibilities and meeting with partner ministries in the area.

As a result, David and others held a meeting with area Partners and Friends last October to announce the opening of a new ministry office in Singapore on March 1, 2011. "I was very excited about the way our Partners in Singapore embraced their responsibility in partnering with KCM to take the gospel into Asia," says David. "Our Partners are simply the best."

David is encouraged regarding the potential for the new Singapore office.

"We believe it will overtake the Australian office in the number of people being ministered to on a daily basis," he said. "We are [already] witnessing opportunities opening up as we step through the doors of some of the most unevangelized regions of the world."

Today, KCM Australia celebrates the

fulfillment of a vision in Singapore—the biggest leap of faith to date! And KCM Australia and KCM Singapore call on Partners and Friends to join them in prayer and faith as they begin servicing the thousands who will connect with KCM through this new office.

The doors are open and KCM is going through to bring the good news of Jesus and the love of God to the people of the world. We have envisioned them and now they are here!

David Welsh, the KCM Australia ministry team, the KCM Singapore team, and the Partners, Friends and ministry teams of KCM worldwide join our faith and love...declaring to 4.3 billion people who have been waiting to hear the good news...

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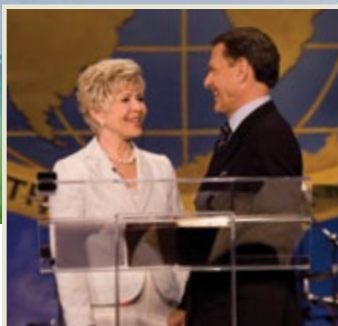
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“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” (Psalm 34:1, *The Amplified Bible*)

## Living in a Higher Place

Living in God's economy, nothing is impossible. Last year the market crashed and most of the financial institutions were affected, including where I worked. However, I was not affected. For though I live in the world, my economy does not belong to the world, but to God, where there is abundance and prosperity. In the midst of all this I got a promotion, a salary increase and even a special bonus. Praise God!

Secondly, my daughter was diagnosed with a cyst in her abdomen and the doctor advised us to undergo an operation. I surrendered everything to the Lord. My daughter had a successful operation and the entire process only took 10 days, when it normally would have taken more than two months. We were blessed with favor and she has recovered completely. I am truly blessed to be a Partner with you.

R.L. :: Kuwait

## Heavenly Intervention

Recently, I had been considering dropping my partnership with KCM because of a reduction in my financial situation. I have not been able to watch the daily programs and have fallen behind in reading the *BVOV* magazine, which I find most inspiring.

Then something happened that changed my mind. There was a snowstorm, but I decided to go and visit my cousin who is in a nursing home—I'm her only visitor. I was driving and suddenly a grey car came right at me from a side street. There was no way to avoid a crash and I yelled out, "God help me!" The car came toward me, but my car was not hit.

I have heard of things like this happening to other people, and now I have experienced it myself. I knew instinctively that God intervened, and later I realized someone was praying for me. Then, it came to my mind that Kenneth and Gloria Copeland pray for their Partners every day and their prayers had benefited me.

R.B. :: Canada

## I Am Finally Healed!

I had neck osteochondrosis and medical treatment gave me no relief. Pain didn't leave me and my right arm wouldn't rise up. After watching Gloria's Healing School and hearing Kenneth tell how he stood on Mark 11:23-25, I finally received my healing!

M.E. :: Ukraine

## Prayer at the Right Time

I am writing this to the glory of God for the healing He did in my body! I had received a letter from KCM about trying to contact me and pray for whatever I needed. At that time I was completely well, but God knew I would need that prayer.

One week later, I got really sick with irritable bowel symptoms and I was in terrible pain, unable to eat and sleep! I sent a prayer request to your office and the prayer team contacted me right away. What really pierced through my spirit was the phrase that they wrote in their email: "Meditate on the Truth and not the problem." So from that day I started listening to the Word, the peace of God settled in me, and I overcame the fear of the sickness and its symptoms.

Every day when I would wake up the symptoms were progressively leaving my body—but they started leaving after the fear was gone. That happened while I was listening to the tapes by Kenneth Copeland *Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled*. Now I am completely well and I am so amazed in the way the Word of God worked healing my body! Thank you so much for standing with me in this difficult moment. I've been a Partner for many years and through the ups and downs of life my partnership with KCM has really been an anchor in my walk with and faith in God.

M.S. :: Australia

## Delivered From Drugs

Thank you and your prayer team for coming in agreement with me that my son would be set free from the bondage of drug addiction. He's back serving our Lord Jesus Christ, thanks to caring believers like Kenneth. I always keep you, Gloria and the family in my prayers.

C.E. :: Illinois



## Heartfelt Thanks

I want to say thank you from my heart! I read your *BVOV* magazine every month from start to end and I'm so aware of all it means to my inner man and how it affects and strengthens my faith in the Lord and His Word. God really means what He says!

You really encourage us all the time. Thank you for all your prayers, which have meant a brand new marriage for me and my husband. Glory to God!

**J.W. :: Norway**

## The Father's Touch

I was walking through a dayroom recently and noticed a book titled *Walking in the Realm of the Miraculous*. It was being used as a dustpan to pick up trash and was about to be thrown away. You see, I'm currently serving a 2 ½-year sentence in the Texas prison system. So I picked up the book from the trash and said to myself, *Well, you've walked in everything else, let's see where this walk leads*. Little did I know... the Holy Spirit would lead me where I've never been before.

After reading your book, I was so inspired and touched by the love that God has for me. Your inspired words have touched me deeply and helped change my life forever. I've been reading the Bible and studying God's Word for years, but I've never known God. I had head knowledge, but not heart knowledge. As you both know, prison is a very desolate and lonely place surrounded by and filled to the capacity with lost and wandering souls. I was one of them, but thanks and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ, I'm found.

**L.P. :: Texas**

## Every Need Met

Last August you aired a broadcast with Jesse Duplantis. The message was that God supplies our needs. Most people wait until the time is right to have children. At that time, I was pregnant with my son and the baby's father was pressuring me to abort him, saying he did not have enough to support him and would not be there for me or the child. As a result of your ministry, you saved this life. Thank you for ministering to me to step out in faith.

**E.L. :: California**

## Stronger in Faith

God answers prayer! You have prayed and been standing in faith for the healing of my wife. Now I can give you a praise report! Heidi is healed—to all the doctors' surprise. Now we are both stronger and can deal with daily problems with confidence. Jesus is Lord! Thank you for your encouragement.

**L.N. :: Sweden**

## The Power of Agreement

What a wonderful prayer team you have. I had my finances prayed for and received one of the largest checks I have seen in a long time. I am a commission furniture salesperson.

Customers flooded in to buy furniture from me. Thank you, prayer team!

**Jeanette Errion  
Washington, Ill.**



## Peace That Passes All Understanding

I am so happy—my dad had surgery and everything went well. The prayer you sent me I gave to him in Spanish and he prayed it every day. He was really confident that everything would be all right. Something changed in him, he was stronger than before and he wasn't afraid. Every door opened for him to have a quick surgery and he was able to rest at home shortly after. The cancer didn't spread and they removed it without a problem. He doesn't have to have any other treatment.

I thank you very much for your prayer and being there for me and my family. Your words encouraged us and gave us peace. I am so glad we are not alone and Almighty God takes care of us!

**G.V. :: Germany**

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## Don't Quit

Thank you for your kind letter, prayers and encouraging words. It has been a long, hard battle, but as Gloria says, "Don't quit." The Word works.

I was cleared of all cancer in November 2009. A great day of

rejoicing, as all the tests I had kept coming back clear. I knew God was on the move and the Word was working. Thank you for encouraging me.

**J.A. :: Wales**

## Blessed on a Daily Basis

Thank you for being obedient to God and teaching the uncompromised Word. God has been showing and teaching me so much through your teachings on the Internet downloads. All I can say is God is good and He blesses us daily!

Also, thank you for the *BVOV* daily broadcast—what an encouragement and the topics are so relevant to me. Thank you for explaining the Word so clearly.

**S.K. :: Ireland**

A few years ago, a 32-year-old man named Morgan Spurlock became Ronald McDonald's worst nightmare. Intent on correlating the rise of obesity in our nation with the fast-food giant, the independent filmmaker conducted a personal experiment—using himself as the guinea pig. For 30 days he ate nothing but McDonald's food. He downed three meals a day, sampling every item on the Golden Arches' menu. And whenever he was asked if he wanted his meal super sized, he accepted.

Being overweight or obese increases your odds of developing more than a dozen forms of cancer.



# Obesity

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## Epidemic

With cameras rolling the entire time, Spurlock transformed his body into a flab factory while consuming an average of 5,000 calories a day and gaining almost 25 pounds in a single month. He also turned his Academy Award-nominated documentary, *Super Size Me*, into a statement heard around the world.

The jury is still out on whether Americans were actually paying attention. Though recent statistics indicate the obesity rates in the United States may be stabilizing, they're still at unprecedented, staggering levels.

Since the 1960s, the proportion of obese Americans, now an astounding 34 percent, has more than doubled. Obesity currently kills an estimated 400,000 Americans each year and is the second-leading cause of preventable deaths in this country. The No. 1 avoidable killer? Cigarette smoking.

That means maintaining a healthy weight is up there with quitting smoking as the most crucial lifestyle change you could ever make.

Because we're seeing a trend of people deciding to quit smoking, I predict obesity will soon pass smoking as the No. 1 avoidable killer of Americans. Unfortunately, many doctors, nutritionists and dietitians seem to completely miss or ignore this fact. They love to offer topical "Band-Aids" that alleviate patients' symptoms, yet fail to tackle the root issues or consider the long-term ramifications of neglecting their patients' weight.

As our nation faces the biggest health-care crisis in history, it's time for us to realize the answer isn't going to come from doctors, clinics or the government. It's going to come from each person taking responsibility for his own health.

And because obesity and being overweight are at the root of so many health conditions, it only makes sense to get yourself to a healthy weight.

### The Fat Cost of Obesity

When all is considered, obesity comes with a fat price tag (pun intended) of nearly \$122.9 billion each year. Recently, William L. Weis, a management professor at Seattle University, calculated the total annual revenue from the “obesity industry,” which includes fast-food restaurants, obesity-related medical treatments and diet books, as more than \$315 billion. That amounts to nearly 3 percent of the United States’ overall economy! As shocking as that sounds, no dollar amount can do justice to the real damage being done.

If you are overweight or obese, you increase your risk of developing any of 35 major diseases, including heart disease, stroke, arthritis, type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea, gastro-esophageal reflux disease, hypertension, high cholesterol, high triglycerides, Alzheimer’s, infertility, erectile dysfunction, gallstones, gallbladder disease, adult-onset asthma and depression. In fact, we now know that being overweight or obese increases your odds of developing more than a dozen forms of cancer. After reviewing more than 7,000 medical studies over the course of five years, a team of highly respected scientists from around the world concluded in 2007 that diet and weight have a direct effect on the chances of developing cancer. With help from the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research, they listed the top 10 recommendations for cancer prevention. Reducing body fat came in at No. 1.

### A Child Shall Lead Them

How has an entire generation of hefty eaters changed the face of the world? By starting young. And, once again, this unflattering trend originated in America. In the United States, one-fifth of our children are now reported to be overweight, and one out of 10 (24 million adults) has diabetes. The CDC predicts that one out of three children born in the United States in 2000 will develop type 2 diabetes at some point in his life.

As a result of childhood obesity, we are seeing a dramatic rise in children with type 2 diabetes throughout the country. And because of the connection obesity has with hypertension, hypercholesterolemia (high cholesterol) and heart disease, experts are predicting a dramatic rise in heart disease as our children become adults.

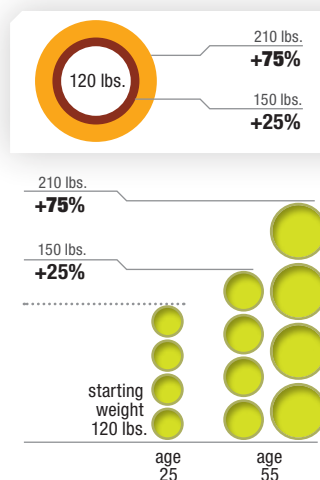
If you do not lose weight for yourself, at least do it for your children. Children follow by example, by mirroring the behavior of their parents. Don’t tell them to lose weight without doing it yourself. I’m sure most of you love your children and are good parents. But ask yourself: Do you

love your children enough to lose weight? Do you love them enough to educate them on what foods to eat and what foods to avoid? Do you love them enough to keep junk food out of your house and instead make healthy food more available? Do you love them enough to exercise regularly and lead by example? If you answered yes to those questions, it is important that you not only take action for your children’s sake but also that you make changes for them that last.

This is not an easy fight when it involves your children’s lives. The culture in which they are growing up is saturated with junk food that is void of nutrition but high in toxic fats, sugars, highly processed carbohydrates and food additives. Consuming these foods has become part of childhood. For example, in 1978, the typical teenage boy in the United States drank 7 ounces of soda a day; today he drinks approximately three times that much. Meanwhile, he gets about a quarter of his daily servings of vegetables from fries and potato chips.

If you’re planning on taking a stand against this garbage-in, garbage-out culture, expect some opposition from every front. During the course of a year, the typical American child will watch more than 30,000 television commercials, with many of these advertisements pitching fast food or junk food as delicious “must-eats.” For years, fast-food franchises have enticed children into their restaurants with kids’ meal toys, promotional giveaways and elaborate playgrounds. It has obviously worked for McDonald’s; about 90 percent of American children between the ages of 3 and 9 set foot in one each month. And when they can’t visit the Golden Arches, it comes to them. Fast-food products, most of which are brought in by franchises, are sold in about 30 percent of public high-school cafeterias and many elementary cafeterias.

These fast-food establishments spend billions of dollars on research and marketing. They understand the powerful impact certain foods can have on you at a young age. Have you ever thought of when you first started liking certain foods? For the majority of people, those preferences were formed during the first few years of life. That is why comfort foods often do more than just fill the stomach;



The average American adult gains between 1 to 3 pounds a year, beginning at age 25. That means a 25-year-old, 120-pound female can expect to weigh anywhere from 150 to 210 pounds by the time she is 55.

they bring about memories of the fair, playgrounds, toys, backyard birthday bashes, Fourth of July parties, childhood friends...the list goes on. The aroma of foods such as onion rings, doughnuts or fried hamburgers can instantly trigger these memories, and as adults we are often unconsciously drawn to these smells. Advertisers have keyed into this and learned to use the sight of food to stimulate the same fond childhood memories.

### In the Genes?

For every obese person, there is a story behind the excessive weight gain. Growing up, I would often hear it said of an obese person that “she was just born fat,” or “he

takes after his daddy.” There’s some truth in both of those. Genetics count when it comes to obesity.

Still, that does not fully explain the epidemic of obesity seen in the United States over the past 30 years. Although an individual may have a genetic predisposition to become obese, environment plays a major role as well. Many patients I see come into my office thinking they have inherited their “fat genes,” and therefore there is nothing they can do about it. After investigating a little, I usually find that they simply inherited their parents’ propensity for bad food choices, large-portion sizes and poor eating habits.

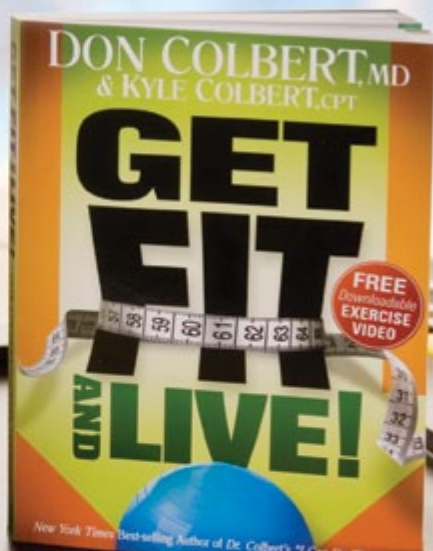
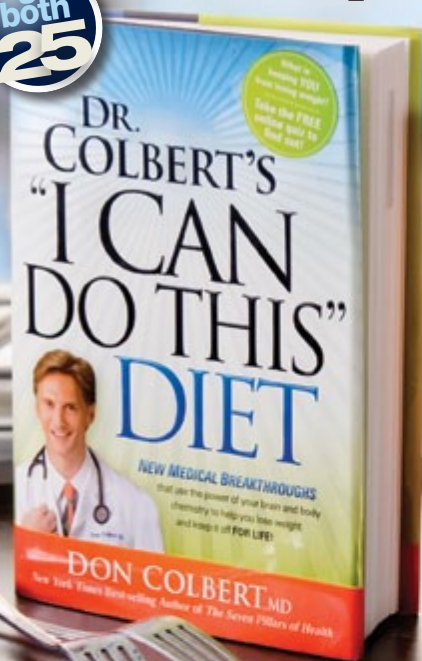
If you have been overweight since childhood, you probably have an increased number of fat cells, which means you will have a tendency to gain weight if you choose the wrong types of foods and large-portion sizes, and are inactive. But you should also realize most people can override their genetic makeup for obesity by making the correct dietary and lifestyle choices. Unfortunately, many of us forget that to make these healthy choices, it helps to surround ourselves with a healthy environment.

That is becoming more difficult than ever as families give way to their hectic routines by grabbing breakfast on the go, ordering fast-food lunches, dining out for dinner and skipping meals. After years of this, it is catching up with us. The average American adult gains between 1 to 3 pounds a year, beginning at age 25. That means a 25-year-old, 120-pound female can expect to weigh anywhere from 150 to 210 pounds by the time she is 55. Is there any wonder we have an epidemic of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, arthritis, cancer and other degenerative diseases? We have to put the brakes on this obesity epidemic—and a lifestyle approach to eating is the answer! **VICTORY**

(This article is adapted from Dr. Don Colbert's book, "I Can Do This" Diet. Don Colbert is board certified in family practice and anti-aging medicine and has received extensive training in nutritional and preventive medicine. A popular speaker and author, his best-selling books include *Living in Divine Health*, *Deadly Emotions* and *What Would Jesus Eat?* For more information go to DrColbert.com; call 407-331-7007; or write to 1908 Boothe Circle, Longwood, FL 32750.)

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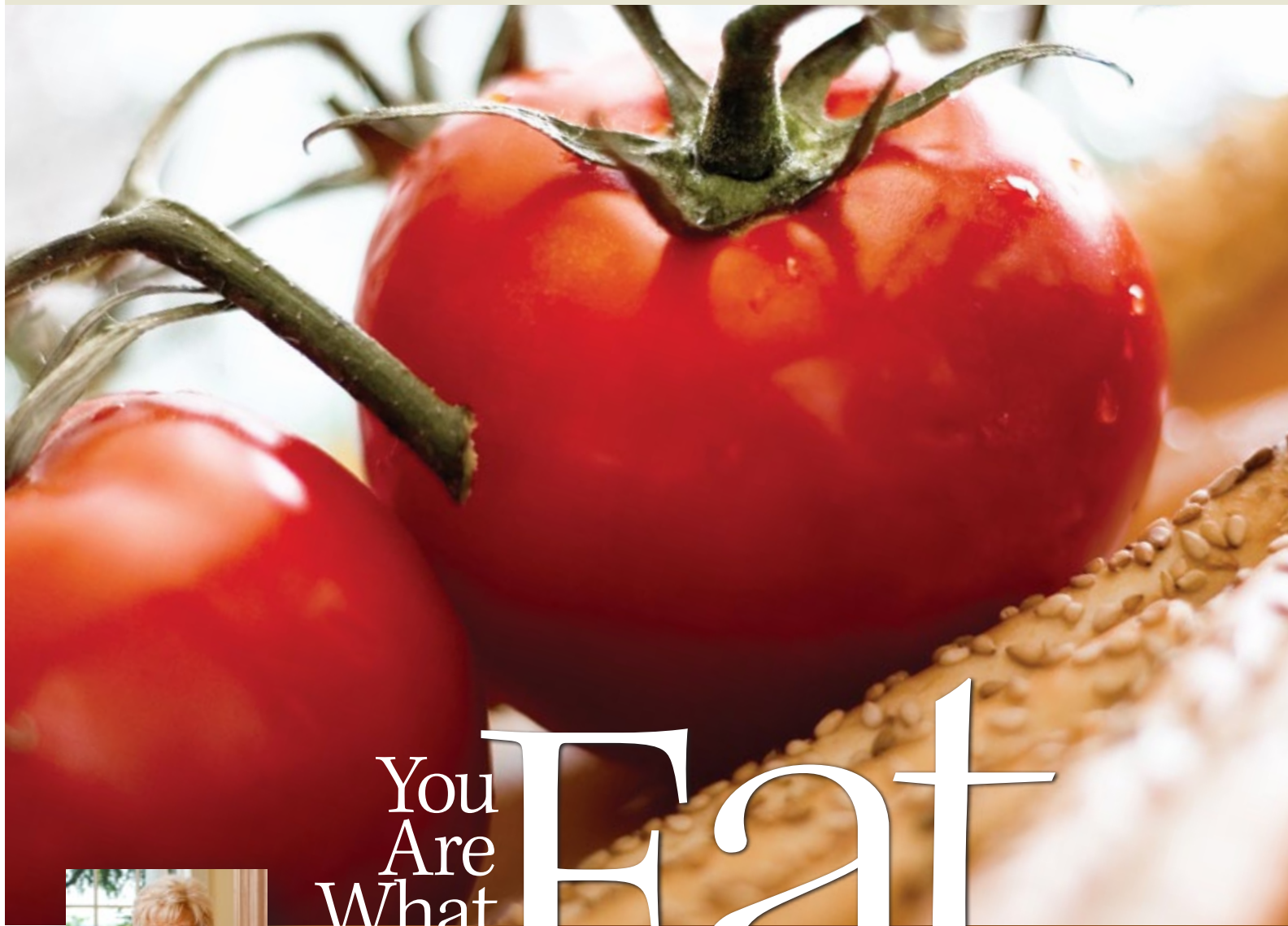
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# You Are What You Eat



My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

(Proverbs 4:20-23, *New King James Version*)

**How many times** have we heard someone say, "You are what you eat"? We don't have to look far to know that there is truth to the statement. >> Our physical nutrition determines largely our physical state. Everything about the vibrant health of our bodies, from energy level to right-functioning organs to shiny hair, everything from the soles of our feet to the tops of our heads depends on how we nourish our bodies. >> In the same way, the vitality of our souls comes mainly from what we feed on. >> In more recent times, we have heard the phrase "junk in, junk out" used. What we read, what we listen to, what we



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watch on TV and in the movies...all play parts in the nourishment of our souls. What we put into our minds affects how we think, the decisions we make and how we respond to our circumstances. Just like it is with our bodies, how we nourish our souls results in how our souls function and thrive.

And our spiritual nutrition is no different. Remember, God created us triune beings—we are spirit, we have a soul and we live in a body. He created us to be hungry. He created every part of us to need refueling on a regular basis. So, we need good quality food for our bodies, enriching food for our souls and sustaining food for our spirits. Good stuff *in* produces good results! And God has given us good stuff for every area of our lives.

### Born Hungry

From the moment I was born again, I had a desire to devour God's Word. I mean, I was born again hungry! Before I came across any Bible teachers or teachings, I spoon-fed myself and studied the Word by myself. I couldn't get enough of it in those days, and I still have an avid hunger for it today.

You see, I was starving in my spirit man and didn't even know it. That moment all those years ago when I picked up that Bible off my coffee table and read, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God...and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33), my spiritual hunger began to be fed. I read those words and said, "Lord, take my life and do something with it." I knew, *This is it! This is what I need.*

Just as simply as that I was born again. I received the Word of God. My spirit man came alive and I was hungry! I had taken my first step to being nourished by the Word. Glory to God!

So, I started out feeding myself. As a baby Christian, I was doing the best I could and I *was* growing. Before long Ken and I connected with the ministries of Oral Roberts and Kenneth Hagin. They taught us how to take the Word, digest it and receive all the nutrition it has to give. And when we did, our spiritual growth took off! We became ravenous for God, His Word and everything of His Spirit. The more we

fed ourselves the Word and received it from others, the more we knew we needed and the more we wanted.

The Word came alive to us, and we knew we couldn't live without it.

It became our sustenance in every area of life. We soon discovered the miraculous power in God's Word. We discovered it brings life to your spirit as well as your physical being and that it transforms your soul. God's Word feeds the whole man!

### 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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### Nourishing the Whole Man

Proverbs 4:20 says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings." The more attention we give to the Word of God and the more we hear it, the more we want it. That's how the Word changes us. It comes into our spirits through our eyes and our ears, and our faith in God is built by what His Word says within us. Our faith believes and receives all the Word promises us. We take what it says we have, do what it says we can do, and become what it says we are!

Verse 21 says, "Let them not depart from thine eyes..." That's a constant diet of the Word of God. The more we keep our eyes on the Word, the more we think about it. The more we think about the Word, the more place we give it in our lives. The more place we give the Word, the more our lives change—both spiritually and physically.

The Word of God in your heart builds an image in you of the way God sees you. It is *you* responding to His direction. Soon, you will see *yourself* calling things as they should be according to the Word.

Our whole being becomes what the Word says we are. The Word of God nourishes every part of our lives...our bodies, our finances, our relationships, our work. It puts us in a place where we're supposed to be. There's no limit to how much of God's Word we can consume or how it will make our lives everything it promises!

The only limiting factor is how much you decide to consume.

### How Often Should We Eat?

You may be part of a church that is consistent in teaching the truth of God's Word, and that's great! Or, you may watch Christian television every day, and that's great, too! You're blessed if you receive this much nourishment from the ministers of God.

But for you to get all God intends for you to have, you should be sitting down with the Word and the Spirit of God one on one. Find a comfortable spot, open up your Bible and have a spirit meal on a regular basis. Just like you need physical food every day, you need input for your soul—spiritual food—every day as well.

Again, Proverbs 4:21 says to keep the Word before your eyes.

Perhaps you've been to one of our meetings, like a Believers' Convention. You can't just spend six days sitting under the Word, then go home and wait around for the next year to receive more of God's Word. The same applies to church. You can't just be content to be fed from one Sunday to the next by your pastor.

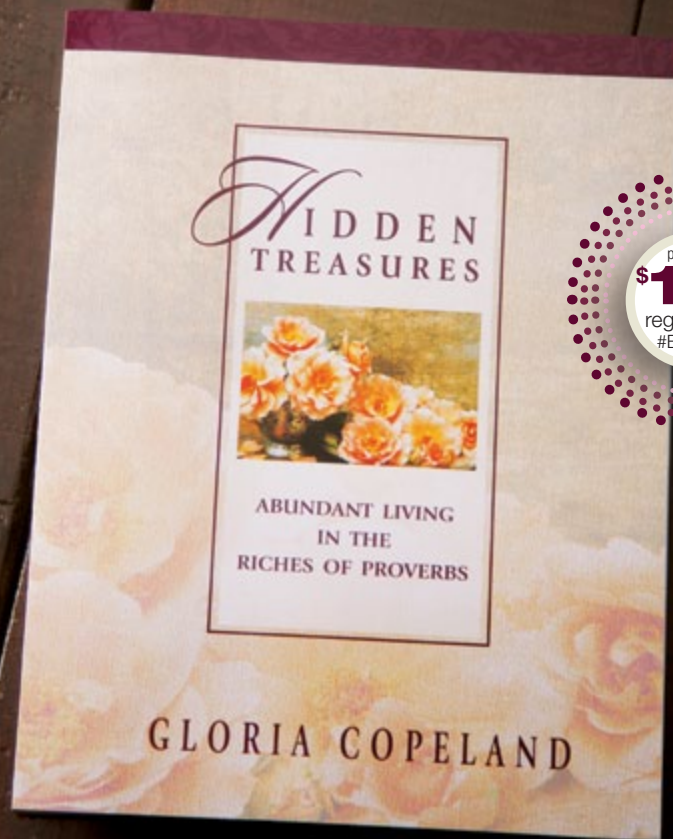
It doesn't work like that physically or spiritually. Yes, you may get full, but the Word is meant to work in your spirit like physical food is meant to work in your body. You get nutrition out of it. You receive strength to go about your life. You receive energy to keep you going. Then you eat again. And you move on with your life. It's an everyday need!

If you go too long without physical food, you become weak. Your energy is depleted and you can become malnourished. That's why we take care of our physical bodies by feeding and nourishing them regularly.

We have to apply the same kind of care to our spirits. Why? Because our spirit man—the inner man, the core and heart of us—is the place of real life. And the food of life is the Word of God. Proverbs 4:22 calls the Word “health” to us. It keeps our inner man healthy and able to face any situation in life head-on from our spirit!

So, just as we make time for our meals, we must make time for the Word. The power and complete nourishment of the Word to affect your life lies in your consistency to keep your eyes on it and let it build your faith.

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## Food for Faith

You and I are faced with opportunities for the work of the Spirit in our lives every day. Our successful and effective daily living requires faith. God's Word is food for our faith. Faith comes only one way—by our consuming God's Word and depending on His Spirit to rightly digest it and show us how to apply it.

You know, my personal time with the Spirit and the Word is early in the morning. That routine works best for me. Even after all these years I am still amazed at how something I read in the morning from the Word applies to something I face during the day.

I never cease to be amazed at the faithfulness of God to His Word. But I am never surprised, because I totally depend on

God's Word to sustain and guide me. I depend completely on the Spirit of God inside to speak to me, explain the Word to me, and show me clearly how it applies to my life day in and day out.

No member of the Body of Christ should be a weakling. None of us should be without the guidance of the Spirit and nourishment of the Word in our daily lives.

The issues of your life and mine are centered in our spirit man (Proverbs 4:23), and the Word is the only food our spirit man is capable of receiving and using to resolve those issues. You see, the well-fed man of the spirit is able to keep our body and soul safe and productive. We may need food for the body and soul, but it's the spirit within us that keeps us going.

We may get into the most dire circumstances, but we can have total victory over anything life throws our way when we are strong in our spirit man because we have nourished ourselves on the Word.

We will get into situations where we need the Word of God to deliver us; we need the knowledge and the wisdom of the Word. The Word that is alive in us will come up and give us the answer or direction we need.

The Word of God works in our lives! And He gets all the glory because it does!

Seeing the Word working for us makes other people curious as to how it can be. It makes them hungry.

## Feeding the World

Physical hunger is a major social crisis in the world today. We don't have to look far to see the Body of Christ rising to bring relief to that need. And along with providing physical nutrition, the Church is helping people relieve a more important hunger—spiritual hunger.

We are giving them Jesus. We are giving them the Word of God!

Feeding the Word to the Body of Christ has been Ken's and my motivation from the early days of our walk with the Lord. So, through every means possible, we bring you God's Word. That's what He has called us to



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