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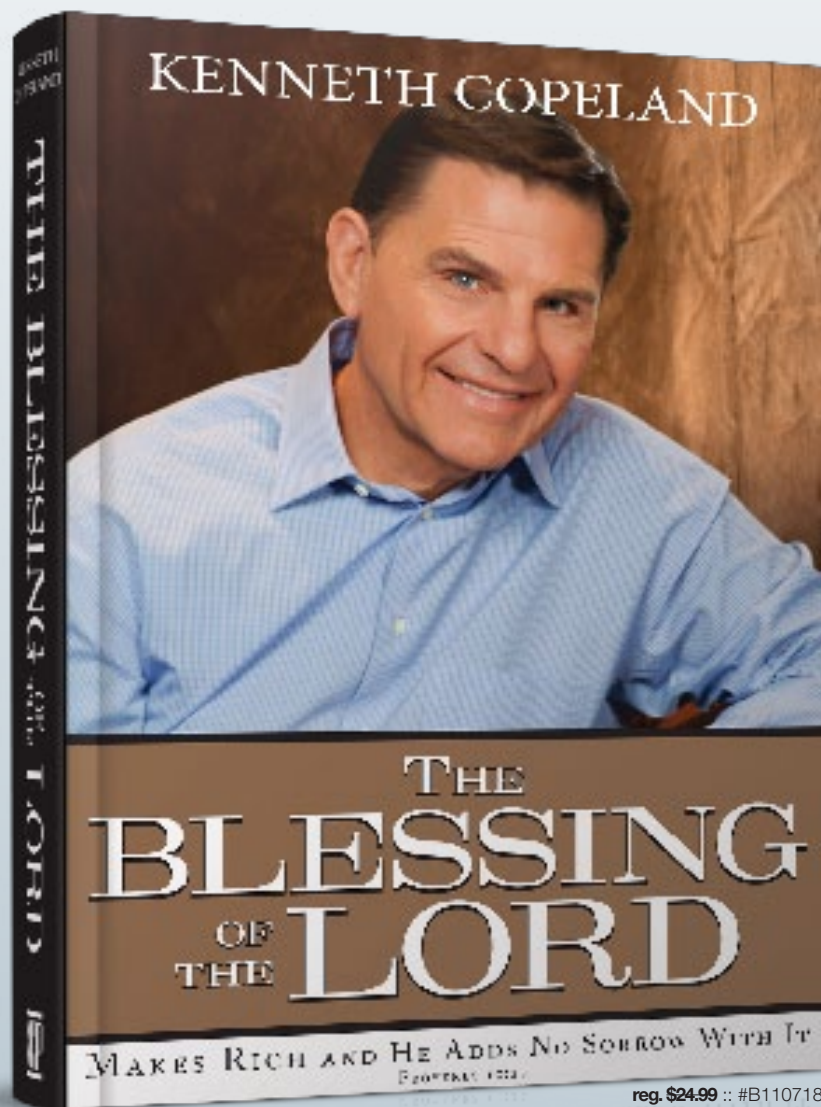
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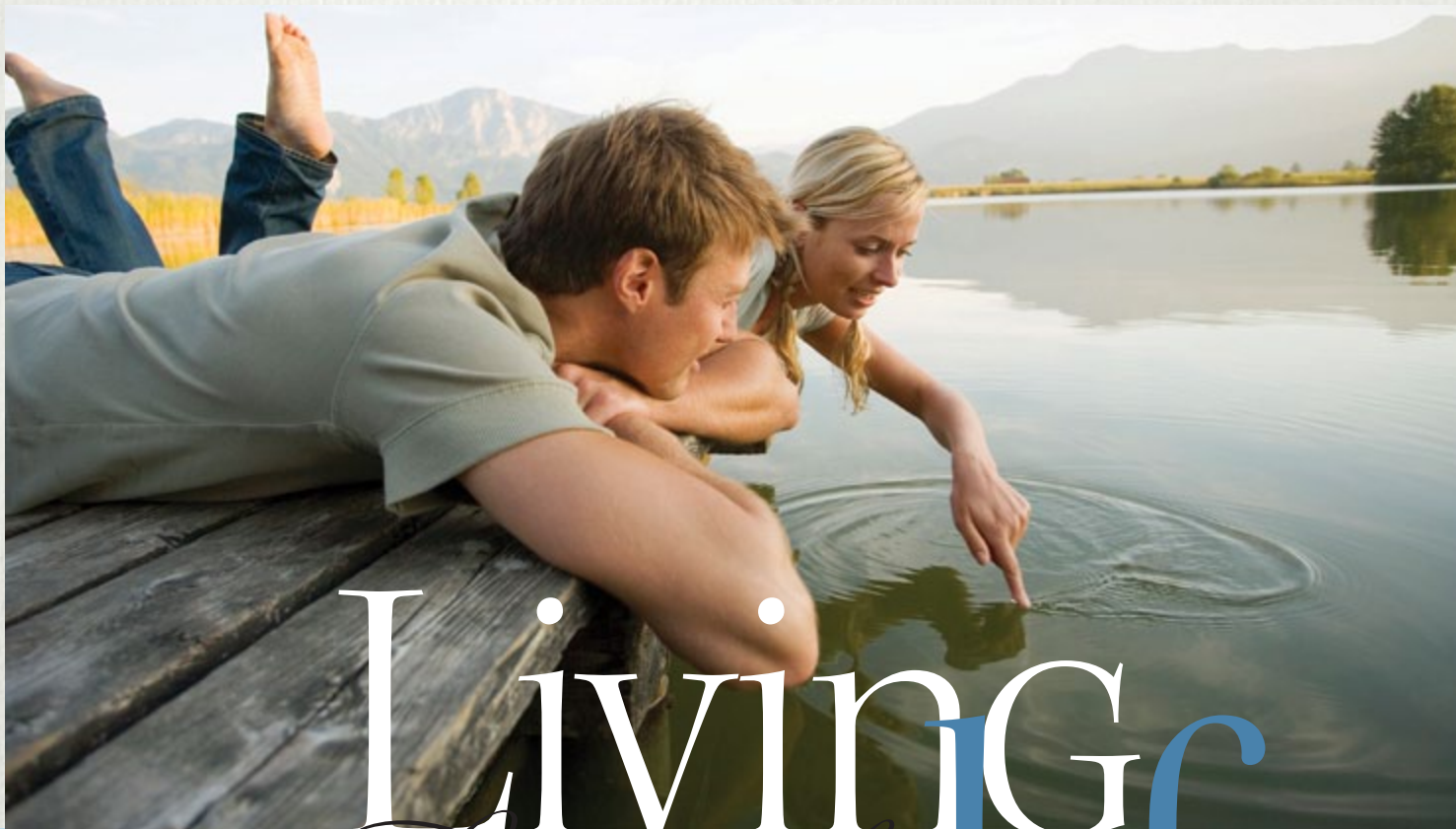
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Living *the curse-free* Life

BY KENNETH COPELAND

Some people call it *passing the buck*. Others call it *making excuses*. It's even been named *the blame game*. But I'll tell you this: Whatever you want to call it, it's no game. It's deadly serious. > It can cost us THE BLESSING and put us under the curse. > Adam, as you may remember, was the first to come up with it. In the Garden of Eden right after he sinned, instead of repenting and making things right, he passed the buck on to God, then on to "that" woman. "It wasn't my fault!" he said to God. "It happened because of *that woman You gave me.*" (See Genesis 3:12.) Eve did the same and pointed to the devil as her excuse. "The serpent beguiled me," she said. (See verse 13.)



That's how blaming got started and it's been wildly popular ever since.

These days, especially, it's all the rage. People everywhere are blaming everything and everyone for whatever is wrong in their lives. They point at their husband or wife, their employer, the government, the economy, the Democrats, the Republicans, the banks. "Someone's at fault for this mess I'm in," they say, "and it is definitely

not me!" "*They* are the reason for my failure."

It's no surprise, of course. That's how you'd expect people who don't know Jesus to operate. They're caught in this godless Babylonian world system and don't know any better. But they aren't the only ones doing it. Christians have gotten in on it too.

You can hear the same kind of talk at church that you hear everywhere else. There's just one difference. At

the choice is ours

It's up to us whether we're BLESSED or cursed in life. We can't blame it on anyone else—especially God.

church, people don't just blame the government and the economy—like Adam, they blame God too. They say things like, "I just don't know why the Lord doesn't bless me financially. I tithe (some of the time, anyway) and I'm working as hard as I can. But it seems like an honest man can't get ahead in this economy. You gotta be a crook to make any money these days. Ha, ha, ha."

You know what? As we say in West Texas, "That ain't funny, Jack!"

It wasn't funny a few thousand years ago when the book of Malachi was written, either. Back then, the Jews were complaining just like Christians do today. When circumstances got tough, they said: "It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered" (Malachi 3:14-15).

To put it more bluntly, they were saying, "Hey, we've been absolute hotshots for God, but the wicked are more BLESSED than we are!" To see the seriousness of those statements, you have to realize that the word *happy* is translated from the Hebrew word for *blessed*. So when those people called the proud and the wicked BLESSED, they were actually maligning God's covenant of BLESSING.

That BLESSING is vitally important to Him. So, even as merciful and loving and patient as He is, such talk doesn't sit well with God. In Malachi 3:13, He responded to it with a stern rebuke. He told that ungrateful bunch, "Your words have been stout against Me!"

Hammers Don't Help

I don't know about you, but I don't ever want to be caught saying strong words against God.

"I don't either, Brother Copeland, but I don't know what else to say. Things just aren't working for me. Every time I turn around something else is going wrong."

Well, who do you think is responsible for that?

"Surely you're not suggesting I am."

I'm not here to suggest anything. I'm just here to preach The Word of God, and He said in Deuteronomy 30:14-16, 19:

The word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and

evil; in that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.... I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

Clearly, those verses don't leave any room for excuses. They say it's up to us whether we're BLESSED or cursed in life. The choice is ours. We can't blame it on anyone else—especially God. Yet, for years, traditional religion has taught believers to do exactly that.

Misguided preachers have told us God puts cancer, poverty, failure or some other part of the curse on us and doesn't give us any choice in the matter. They say He hits us with that junk for our own good—to help us learn something.

What nonsense! If we really believed it, we'd assign someone to stand, hammer in hand, at the door of every school bus in the country. We'd tell them to knock the students in the head as they get on the bus because the pain will help them learn something that day.

We don't do that because we know it wouldn't teach anyone anything. It would only make the students hate school.

The devil knows it as well as we do. That's why he tried to tell us God does that kind of thing. He wanted us to run away from God thinking He's harsh and hateful. But He isn't! He is love. He is benevolence. He is so good that we'll spend eternity discovering how magnificently good He is.

I realize some Old Testament translations (done by people who didn't fully understand the Hebrew language) have left room for some confusion about the matter. Some verses, inaccurately rendered in our English versions, make it sound like God is out there actively cursing people. But if we pay attention to the key verses in Deuteronomy 28—where THE BLESSING and the curse are described in detail—the truth becomes clear. In the first two verses, God says: "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all

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his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.”

Verse 15 says, “But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee.”

Notice, those verses don't say that God picks out some fellow, treats him like he won the lottery, and—wham!—hits him with THE BLESSING. They don't say God decides in His infinite knowledge that the curse is what some other poor fellow needs and lays it on him.

No, those verses say we're the ones who activate THE BLESSING or the curse in our lives. If we'll listen to God and obey Him, THE BLESSING will *come on and*

overtake us. If we don't do those things, the curse will *come on and overtake* us.

“But Brother Copeland, I love God! Why would the curse come on me?”

Because it's out there! Ever since the devil got involved, the curse has been on the whole world. So if you don't stay under God's covenant of protection (THE BLESSING), and take advantage of the authority Jesus gave you to defeat it, it will come on your life.

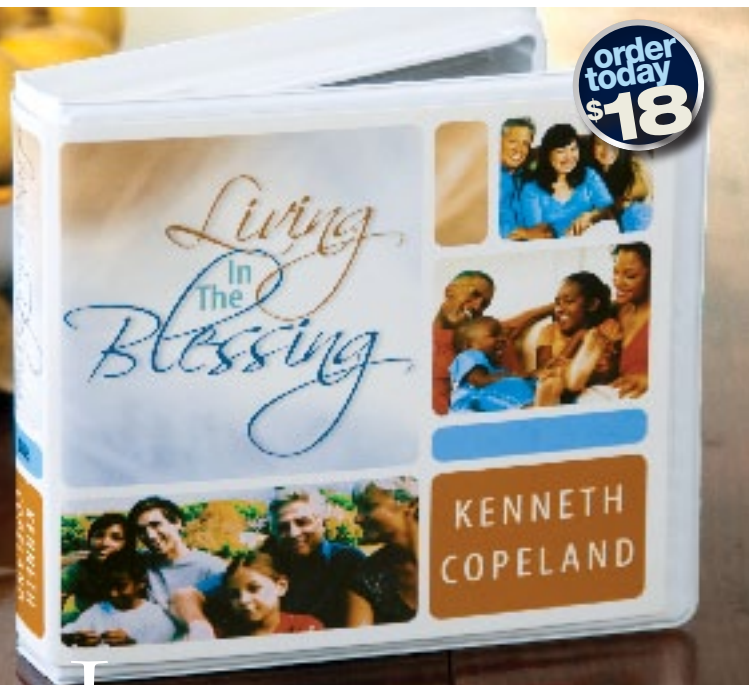
27,000 Days and a Lot of Dumb Words

Personally, because I want to enjoy a curse-free life, I decided a long time ago to learn how the curses get activated. Instead of looking for someone else to blame, I started examining God's Word to see how I might be inadvertently stepping out from under THE BLESSING and opening the door to trouble.

I didn't have to look very far to find out, either. Just a few verses down in Deuteronomy 28, I found these words: “Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee.... Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things” (verses 45, 47).

This is something all of us who want to live a curse-free life must remember, especially when circumstances aren't looking real rosy: If we want to stay under God's umbrella of protection, we can't start griping like those people in Malachi did. We can't blame God for our troubles and say, “Being a Christian hasn't done me a bit of good! I know devil-serving sinners who are more successful than I am. I just don't know what I'm going to do. I'm so weary and broken down. It seems like I just can't hear from God anymore. I guess I'm just destined to be a loser because of the way my mom and dad raised me.”

No, don't ever talk that way, it will just set you up for more of the curse. Take an altogether different attitude. Start saying, “I want You to know, Father, I am joyful. I'm glad. I'm so grateful that You love me. Thank You for sending Your Son so that I could be saved and BLESSED. I'm happy to serve You, and I rejoice in the abundance of all things!”



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If you're wondering how much difference such words can make, consider this. Jesus said that "every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37).

Recently, I was fellowshiping with the Lord about those verses and it hit me that, at my age, I've lived more than 27,000 days. I can't even begin to calculate how many dumb words I've said in that time. "Lord Jesus!" I exclaimed. "I can say enough junk in a week to tear up my life. This is a heavy load!"

Yes, but don't you remember what else I told you? He answered. I gave My word that I'm faithful and just to forgive your sins when you confess them and blot out all your transgressions. I said that you can take My blood and wipe your record clean. (See 1 John 1:7-10.)

Isn't that exciting? No matter how bad you've messed up in the past, you can repent, apply the blood of Jesus, and wipe out every curse-activating word you've ever spoken. You can turn everything around with one prayer and get back under the protection of THE BLESSING!

A Shriveled Shrub or a Fruit-Bearing Tree?

Once you get back in the BLESSING place, stay there. Don't wander out into the devil's territory again. Don't be like the guy Jeremiah 17:5-6 describes as a *cursed man*, "that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited."

It's easy to assume that because this man was living under the curse, he was an unbeliever. The Bible, however, doesn't say that. It indicates that at some point in his life, his trust was in God. But then he got his eyes on man and natural things—on money, on the government, on his job. He started depending on the world's system to meet his needs and forgot to depend on THE BLESSING. As a result, his heart departed from the Lord.

Such a change usually happens gradually, over a period of time. It happens when we get busy and get our minds occupied with the things of the world. It happens when we start watching all the bad news on television and visiting with other

people about everything that's going wrong. All the while, our Bibles are gathering dust on our coffee tables.

That's the mistake this man made. He quit paying attention to THE BLESSING and focused on the problems. His eyes were full of the curse. That's why he was living like a shriveled-up shrub in the desert. That's why he "shall not see when good cometh."

Because he's not looking for good, he doesn't see it when it comes. God will show up in a mighty way to deliver him and he won't even know it because he's too busy feeling sorry for himself. He's too busy trying...trying to figure out how he's going to get himself out of this mess... trying to earn his way out...trying to get the government to pay his way out.

Time and again when I've inquired of the Lord about such situations, He's said, *I have moved on that person's behalf! I've directed My angels. I am reaching out to him with My BLESSING but he keeps pushing it away by saying, "I don't ever get anything from God! He doesn't BLESS me like He does other people. Poor me! Poor me!"*

That's a trap of the devil, and we don't have to fall into it! We can make the right choice. We can be like the BLESSED man described in Jeremiah 17:7-8 who "trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

A man like that has BLESSING in his eyes. Even in the worst of times, he says, "God is my future and my future is looking better all the time!" When drought comes, he just keeps on yielding fruit because he's tapped into God's supernatural supply. He's in the zone of love and faith—he's in the secret place of the Most High God!

It's up to us. If we want to live in THE BLESSING, we can do it. We can pray, listen to God and obey His Word. Then, instead of looking for someone to blame, we'll be looking for someone to help, someone to feed and somewhere to give. Instead of passing the buck, we can pass along the fruit of THE BLESSING to those who need it.

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Life Without Limits

BY MELANIE HEMRY

Cheerleaders chanted, the band roared to life and the crowd held its collective breath as 16-year-old DAVID TERRELL took the shot. The basketball arced, then swooshed through the hoop. Beautiful. Nothing but net.

The band played the Millington High School fight song and the scoreboard updated the score. A sigh of relief rose from the bleachers. Compared to the thunderous approval that rocked the gym when the team captain scored, the response to David's shot seemed...muted. At 6 feet 7 inches, he was long, lanky and hard to miss on the court. As the only African-American to have ever played at Millington High School, he was impossible to ignore.

After the game, David drove to the school dance to celebrate the team's victory. He hadn't been there long when he noticed some angry stares as he talked with one of the cheerleaders. Deciding it was time to leave, David walked outside where he noticed a crowd of guys by the door. Caught unawares, he was attacked by an angry student who hit him in the face with his shoe. After David had defended himself, a teacher walked outside and calmed the crowd, but while his back was turned, a second boy attacked David, hit him in the face and ran off.

Instead of basking in the glow of a game well played, David arrived home wounded and angry. His father mentioned getting his shotgun.

"We don't do things that way," David's mother reminded them. Goldie and Vera Terrell were Christians—God-fearing people. They supported their son's decision to go to Millington High School rather than travel by bus to an all-black school. But in rural Tennessee in 1966, that meant trusting God for his safety.

Breaking Down Barriers

"The next day the coach came by and told us that they'd been so sure we would retaliate, they'd called out the police and state troopers," David recalls. "Later the captain of the basketball team put a stop to the harassment and we became friends. I was no more popular on the football team either, but eventually they, too, accepted me. After we worked through the rough spots, my experience at Millington High was so good I would never have wanted to miss it. It was fun and I have fond memories of those years."

Following high school, David attended college on a basketball scholarship. One season he was voted Most Valuable Player.

Two years out of college, David returned to Millington as head basketball coach.

"That was the favor of God," David says, "to be the first black athlete, and then to return there to coach." A few years later, he was hired as head basketball coach at Shelby State Community College in Memphis. There he was elected Coach of the Year.

David Terrell had it all—the career he'd always wanted,

a wonderful wife and two great kids. But despite all he had accomplished at a relatively young age, David knew something was missing.

For as long as he could remember, David had loved horses. As a child, his hero had been John Wayne. He also loved to watch Ben Cartwright and his three sons on TV's *Bonanza*, ride up and rein in together on the Ponderosa Ranch.

Although David's parents had kept horses, all he knew to do was get on and hold tight. He realized his unfulfilled dream was to learn to ride horses.

A Money Pit

David's fantasy became a passionate hobby when he met horse owners and trainers J.W. and Juanita Martin. They took him under their wing and taught him about Appaloosa horses and showing techniques. By 1976, David was traveling out of state with the Shelby State basketball team, but on his own time he worked with horses. As much as he enjoyed basketball, it was quickly taking second place to David's interest in horses.

Soon, David decided to shift his attention and all his energies to the horse business. Realizing he would need a significant amount of money to fund a horse business, David started planning. Resigning from his coaching job, he bought a truck. "There's money to be made if a man owns a truck," his father had once told him.

"That plan might have worked if I had any sort of mechanical ability," David explains. "Most truckers, I discovered, know how to fix a truck if it breaks down on the road. I didn't. Worse yet, I bought the truck from hell. If the engine didn't stop working the tires were blowing out. It was a money pit! Every time something went wrong, I had to pay a mechanic to fix it. It also affected my prayer life. The cry of my heart became, 'Oh Lord, help me get home!'"

"Every time I've wanted to do something, God has brought a mentor into my life. In high school, He brought a coach who taught me how to play basketball and how to become a man. When I wanted to learn about horses, He sent me J.W. and Juanita Martin. In the trucking business, He sent me Jerry Goodman who helped me in so many ways, I finally went to work for him. But I still didn't have enough money to leave trucking and work with horses. Something always seemed to break down and any extra money went down the drain."

A Skeptical Mind

David had no idea that once again, God was about to bring a mentor into his life. At the time, he thought his



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friend Tommy Harper sounded like a broken record.

"You need to listen to Kenneth Copeland," Tommy had told David.

"I don't need to listen to any TV preacher."

They'd had this discussion too many times to count, but Tommy refused to let it alone. One Saturday in 1993, Tommy called and invited David to meet him and his wife for dinner. Over dinner, Tommy gnawed on David like a dog with a bone.

"Look," he said exasperated, "if you'll listen to Kenneth Copeland *one time* I'll quit bugging you."

David would do anything to get Tommy to stop. The next morning he turned on the television to watch the *BVOV* broadcast.

"As skeptical as I was, I liked the way Brother Copeland talked—like he was speaking to a friend rather than preaching," David remembers. "He made Jesus seem so real and he taught me to talk to Him like a friend. 'Don't take my word for this,' he'd say, 'pull out your Bible and see if what I'm saying is true.'"

"That made sense to me and I started doing it. Every word was right there in black and white. Before long, my wife, Terry; son, Richard; and daughter, Laura Michelle, all joined me on Sunday mornings to watch the broadcast before we went to church."

One Word From God

It was on one of those broadcasts that Brother Copeland taught on tithing.

"I'd been a Christian my whole life, as were my parents," said David. "We loved the Lord but we'd never been taught to tithe. He pointed out Malachi 3:10-12, that says the devourer is rebuked for the tither. I thought of all the money I'd spent on blown tires and broken-down trucks.

"I repented and started tithing and giving. One day, I walked out to my truck and said, 'Devil, get your hands off my truck. I'm a tither and the devourer is rebuked for my sake in Jesus' Name!' Before long I noticed the tires weren't blowing out all the time. I could pray about other things besides making it home."

Now that he had gotten David to watch the broadcast on a regular basis, Tommy had something else in mind.

"You need to go to the convention," he told David. "Make plans."

In 1994, David, Terry and their children walked into the Tarrant County Convention Center for the Southwest Believers' Convention. He was surprised to see the place was packed.

"We soaked up the Word and the anointing. Afterward, I bought the tapes from the meeting and listened to them when I returned home. I was reminded of hearing how Brother Copeland had said in the early days of their ministry, 'For \$10 a month we can have Oral Roberts' anointing!' That's the way I felt. I wanted to share in the anointing and the blessing that was on this ministry. In addition to sowing financially, we also planted our time in practical ways. In 1997, we volunteered as ushers and are still ushering at the convention to this day."

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Unfulfilled Dreams

Although things were going better for David as a trucker, his desire was still to work with horses. While attending some horse shows, David started paying close attention to the judges.

"That's when I decided I wanted to be a professional judge," David said.

“In addition to sowing financially, we also planted our time in practical ways. In 1997, we volunteered as ushers and are still ushering at the convention to this day.”

Considered *the* trainer in the area, Bill Oglesby could make any horse safe. “When I told him what I wanted to do, he agreed to mentor me,” David recalled.

Judging horse shows is not for the faint of heart. Working in an atmosphere charged with stress and animosity sparked by unpopular decisions, professional judges have to know copious rules that apply to each breed. They must focus on intricate details and make intelligent, rapid-fire decisions. So part of the testing procedure is designed to determine how well one functions under pressure.

Cold took on a new meaning when David drove his truck to Oklahoma City in January 1997. He had applied for a judge’s card for the Appaloosa Horse Association. Stepping into the room with the other applicants, David felt for a moment that he had been transported back to Millington High School. In a sea of two or three hundred faces, he was one of only two black applicants. The other man, however, was already a judge and was there for recertification.

Although he was in the minority, nothing about this experience was like the persecution David had endured in 1966. The other applicants were kind and inclusive, but that didn’t relieve the tension.

During his interview before a panel of judges, David perspired so much that his light blue shirt looked navy. He took the rule-book test, judged video classes and finally judged live classes at the fairgrounds. After three grueling days, David did not receive his card. He would not become a judge.

A New Attitude

“I felt like I’d been had,” David admits. “I had spent so much money and my truck froze up before I could get out of town. I might have become bitter except for what I had learned from Brother Copeland. I knew I had to get a good attitude and start praising God.”

Back home, Bill told David: “You just weren’t ready this year. You’ll be ready next time.”

David had been struggling to achieve his dream of breaking into the horse business for years. Now he realized that if he was ever going to break through the barriers that held him back, it would have to be through faith. Going back over everything he learned through KCM, he set up a

simple three-step plan for success.

Step 1: Plant seed and release faith for a judge’s card in Appaloosa horse shows.

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Step 3: *Study*.

Breaking Through

The following year, in 1997, David again applied for a judge’s card. This time he was one of the top in his class and was granted his card. That year he judged six horse shows. In 1998, using his same three-step system, he applied to become a judge for the Pinto Horse Association. He received his card and judged 12 horse shows that year.

In 1999, he was granted the right to judge Palomino horse shows. In 2000, he became a judge for the American Paint Horse Association, and judged 32 horse shows. In 2001, he became a judge for the National Snaffle Bit Association and judged 43 shows that year, and in 2006, he became a judge for the American Quarter Horse Association.

As the favor and blessing on his life increased, David was invited to judge world competitions. On a rotation with other judges, he judged the World Championship Appaloosa Horse Show in 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2009. In 2005, he judged the Pinto World Championship Horse Show and the Palomino Youth World Championship. He also judged the American Paint Horse World Show in 2007, and the American Paint Horse Youth World Show in 2008. In 2009, he boarded a jet for Australia where he judged the Australian Quarter Horse National Championship. And he has judged five horse shows in Canada.

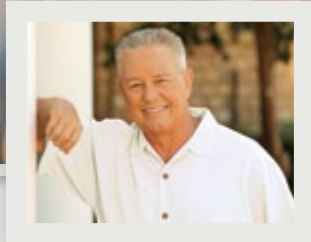
If that weren’t enough, just this year David returned to his basketball roots to be inducted into the Christian Brothers University Athletic Hall of Fame for men’s basketball.

Today, David Terrell is in great demand as a national and international judge at horse shows. During the summer, he takes a week off to greet and seat fellow believers and others at the annual Southwest Believers’ Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

The lean, lanky boy who stepped onto the court at Millington High School has broken another barrier. He has learned to live by faith in the power of God. He’s learned the secret of living life without limits. **VICTORY**



GOD *is your* SOURCE



The kind of prayer the Apostle Paul instructed us about is not religious praying. This is not a pious or do-gooder exercise or a formality. Now don't get me wrong, it's definitely a good thing to have a regularly scheduled time of prayer. It's especially great to start your day off early and spend time in prayer before you do anything else.



But you've got to be careful that you don't spend time in prayer early in the morning because you feel obligated or because it's the religious thing to do. This is how Satan can get us into bondage. Prayer can become meaningless and have no power if we do it just to do it.

We must want to learn how to pray, because God has called us to pray. Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13, *New King James Version*). If there's one thing the Church has got to be known for, it's prayer. And if the Church is known for prayer, it should also be known for results. It's one thing to just pray all the

time, but it's another thing when we see results from our prayers.

Before we pray, we should understand a few things first. We must believe prayer enables us to do something about whatever we're going through. We must believe we have the authority to pray. We must believe prayer can change things and that we can't change any of these things in our own strength. Remember, Paul tells us to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10, *NKJV*). We don't have any strength or might outside of God. We can't depend on ourselves, the eloquent

When you find yourself in a situation where you are pressed beyond measure and you don't know where to turn, don't trust in yourself.

words we use when we pray or how smart we are. We have to depend on God showing up and working through us to make things happen.

Before you even begin to prepare the Prayer of Petition and unleash the power of God in your life, you have to remember who your Source is. This principal truth is the foundation for the Prayer of Petition. If you don't understand that God is behind it all, you're not going to be successful in your prayer life.

The very first verse of the Bible reveals to us that God *is* the Source: "In the beginning God..." (Genesis 1:1, *NKJV*). He *is* the origin. He *is* the reservoir. He *is* the fountain from which it all flows. The reason we petition God is because He *is* the Source of our needs being met. When there is nothing others can do to help, God *is* our Source. When we are stuck in a seemingly impossible situation, God is our Source. When we've run out of hope on our own, God is our Source.

I love what it says in Psalm 62:5: "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him." *The Message* puts it this way: "God, the one and only—I'll wait as long as he says. Everything I hope for comes from him, so why not?" Isn't that awesome? Everything you hope for comes from God. *Everything!*

When Carolyn and I started out in ministry more than 40 years ago, we had to learn how to rely on God for everything. I can look back over all that time and say with deep conviction that everything we have today—from the house we live in, to the clothes we wear, to the cars we drive—has a testimony behind it. When we shut down my business before I committed myself to serving God full time, we didn't have a dime to our name. I couldn't depend on my business for income because I had closed the shop shortly after I invited Jesus into my heart.

I didn't have anyone I could look to for help as far as finances were concerned. Sure, I could have gone to my mom and dad or to Carolyn's parents and asked to borrow money. But I wanted to prove that God was our Source. The Bible told me: "My God shall supply all [my] need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19, *NKJV*). If God's Word was true, then He would provide us with whatever we needed. I like what Kenneth E. Hagin used to say: "Let's just act like the Bible is so."

So Carolyn and I went on a journey of discovery. We were on a mission. We were learning to live by faith. We were learning to trust God. I have more than 40 years of proof that God has never let us down. He has never disappointed us one time. God has answered all our prayers because we learned to pray according to His will. He has been our Source all these years. Not only has He met our needs, He has blessed us and enabled us to be in a position to help meet the needs of other people until they, too, can discover God as their Source.

Don't Depend on Others

Maybe you have relied on people or other things in the past to be your source. Maybe you've thought, *Well, I can always go to Uncle John to help me*. What if Uncle John gets laid off? *Well, I can always ask my boss for help*. What if your boss has problems of his or her own? *Well, I've got a stable job that will give me security for the next 30 years*. What if you lose your stable job?

I don't know about you, but I would much rather depend on God as my Source than people or things, because the true Source never runs dry. I can't tell you how many people in the last 40-plus years have promised to do something for me or my ministry and never came through. I'm sure they meant well, but it just never happened.

I've also had people come up to me and indirectly try to discourage me in my faith by saying, "Well, you never know what God is going to do." Actually, I do know what God is going to do. He's going to come through for me. He is faithful. I know God—it's people I can't figure out! That's the reason I don't make others my source. If someone comes up to me and tells me, "I'm going to give you \$100,000 to go toward your ministry and that new building you want to build." I don't go out and order material based on what they said.

Can God use other people to fulfill your need? Of course! But I want to make it clear—if other people don't obey what God is telling them to do, God is not limited by their disobedience. It doesn't mean your need won't get met.

I read a newspaper article one time about a little town that had been around for more than 100 years. Now when you think of something that's been around for more than a century, you probably think it'll be around forever. Not so. This particular town shut down. It had no reserves left. The community does not exist anymore. The treasurer of the town stole what little it had left and took off. Businesses closed and members of the community moved away. There is no town there anymore.

My point is, don't depend on what man says about being around for a long time. The psalmist wrote, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling" (Psalm 46:1-3, *NKJV*). In other words, you shouldn't care if the earth is moved or if the mountains fall into the sea. Why? Because you are linked to the Source—who is an ever-present refuge in times of trouble—God is your Source; and if you are linked up with Him, then you have *every* right to be confident He will come through for you.

Don't Depend on Yourself

When you find yourself in a situation where you are pressed beyond measure and you don't know where to turn, don't trust in yourself. In the natural, you're limited to the solutions you come up with. Most of the time, what you think up won't work anyway.

This is what Paul was talking about when he said, "For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us" (2 Corinthians 1:8-10).

Paul learned a valuable lesson in his situation. He was

under so much pressure, he thought he was going to lose his life, but he made the decision not to look to himself. He made the decision to trust God, his Source.

Sometimes you may feel like you have been waiting too long on God and you need to get involved and find your own way out. Don't do it! God does not need your help. Don't start leaning on the arm of the flesh. God doesn't need our solutions or our help. He needs our faith and obedience. Many years ago, Ford Motor Company used to have the slogan, "Ford has a better idea." Sometimes we think we're Ford. God tells us to trust Him as our Source, but we tell Him we have a better idea. We have to stop trusting ourselves and start trusting the Source. "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:25, 32-33, NKJV).

Depend on the Source

Ephesians 3:20 says God "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (NKJV). This verse tells me that no matter how big the need is, our Source is bigger. I love how this text reads in *The Amplified Bible*: "Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]."

I want you to know: The Source is bigger than your dreams, your hopes, your thoughts, your needs. As a child of God, you are not limited to what is going on in the natural world. You have a Source who is linked with you. He can position you where you don't need help from others or yourself. God is all you need. **VICTORY**

(This article was adapted from Jerry Savelle's new book, *Prayer of Petition: Breaking Through the Impossible*.)

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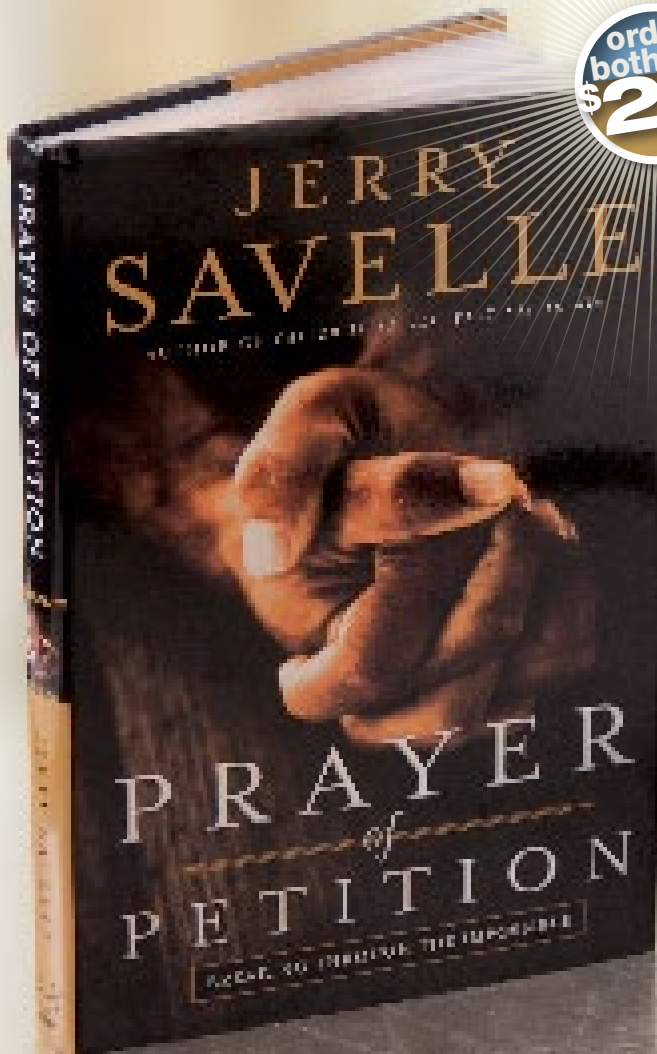
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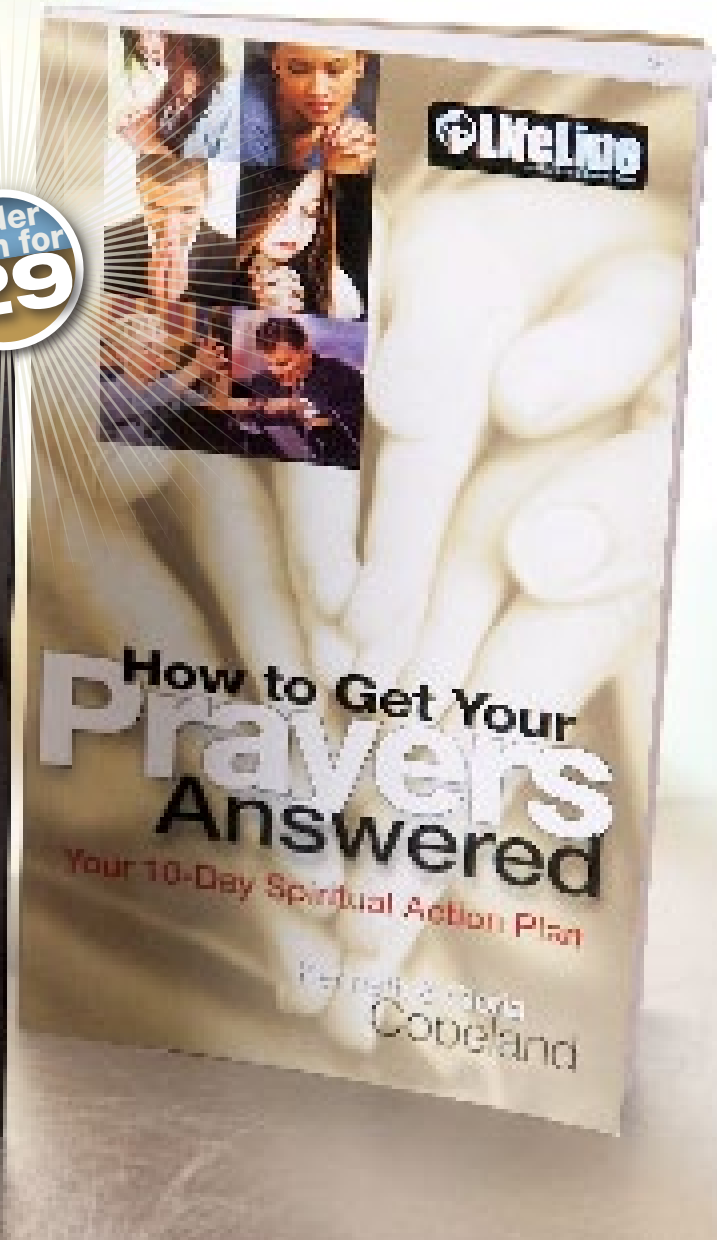
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Kenneth and Gloria fully expect every person who attends this year's meeting to experience a life-changing encounter with the Spirit of God. Every detail of the preparations will be ready and waiting for you and the atmosphere will be set!

A Sense of Expectation

Walking into the convention center brings a sense of expectation and joy for every person. You know without a doubt something wonderful is going to take place in your life.

In all the work it takes to prepare for an event this size, the most important thing we do—the thing that sets the anointed atmosphere—is joining together in prayer.

This meeting will have been saturated with prayer before our worldwide family joins us for this exciting time of worship, praise and the Word. The entire KCM team of over 500 members

worldwide, along with our Partners and Friends on six continents, will have prayed for the meeting and for those who will attend.

Then, beginning Monday evening and each evening through Friday, 45 minutes prior to the evening service, Partners and Friends who make their way to

the convention will have the opportunity to join Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons for Pre-Service Prayer.

During this time of concentrated prayer for the meeting, Pastor Terri makes way for Spirit-led prayers of intercession for all the activities, speakers and attendees at the meeting.

The Lord knows each one of you who will make your way to Fort Worth. He knows you have set your faith on getting here. He knows every step you have taken to get from where you are to where you want to be. And He will join the daily Pre-Service Prayers to guarantee the fulfillment of your steps of faith.

Make a point to join Pastor Terri for Pre-Service Prayer. Taking time to pray for your fellow Partners and Friends who have made *their* way to the meeting could be part of the life-changing experience the Lord has planned for *you!*

And please continue to pray daily for Kenneth and Gloria, Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis, Creflo Dollar, Superkid Academy, the 14forty youth meetings and for the entire KCM crew as we prepare the place for our Partners and Friends to get together at the 2011 Southwest Believers' Convention. **VICTORY**

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519-709-2167 | wohp.org

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870-935-7705 | trinity-church.com

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Truly, God is able to do exceeding, abundantly more than you can think or imagine possible. You were my lifeline during the months when the "brook" had dried. Thank you and God bless.

T.C. :: South Africa

“For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good—whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil....” (1 Peter 3:10, *The Amplified Bible*)

Right on Time

Thank you for the letter you sent. It blessed me tremendously! I had been down in my spirit regarding circumstances in my life. I had stopped praying and confessing, and just felt like giving up. I confessed to the Lord my lack of faith in His Word and listening to the lies of the enemy.

Your letter came just in time! As a Covenant Partner it is comforting to know that you are praying for me and my family daily. Your *From Faith to Faith* devotional is helping me also. I am now expecting great things to happen in my life and learning to live with purpose and seek what God wants me to do every day. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in what God tells you to do!

Candice Hill :: New York



A Healed Heart

Thank you so much for your prayers for my children. God has performed a miracle by providing enough tissue around a huge hole in my daughter's heart. She is able to have a stent covering it, which ruled out open-heart surgery!

H.M. :: South Africa

Encouraged to Press On

We had asked for prayer for our company. We had gone through three very difficult years, and were encouraged especially through one of the articles in the *BVOV* magazine about a man who had a business and went through tough times. Even though people said he should let the company go, he didn't and God restored his business.

Today, we have started receiving big contracts and are expecting others to follow. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

H.C. :: France

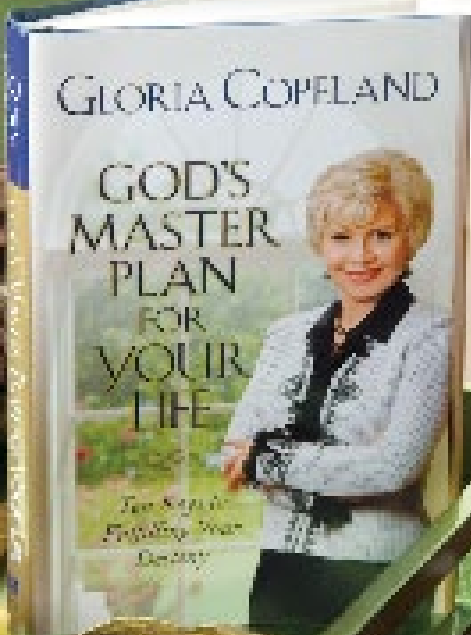
Speak the Word Only

I am celebrating one year since my middle son was completely healed from severe dyslexia, and speech and language problems. Last December I was praying to God to show me what was missing regarding the manifestation of my son's healing. I knew it was God's will for him to be healed, but it just wasn't happening.

Within days you ran a testimony on the *BVOV* broadcast where an American mother encouraged her dyslexic daughter to read and write out healing scriptures. I used five healing scriptures, wrote them in a simplified way without changing the meaning and persuaded my son to speak them out loud before he went to bed each night. Within a week my son woke up one morning and said, "Mom, I'm healed."

I have now had the joy and peace of 12 months of seeing my son find everything in life so much easier than he used to. His life and mine have completely changed. I am so thankful for the teaching your ministry gives.

A.B. :: Canada



Depression Defeated

Praise God for my daughter's healing. I want to thank all at KCM for your prayers and support during a most difficult time.

My daughter had been seriously ill with depression, and during the last 18 months tried to commit suicide nine times. With the love and support from KCM, wonderful prayers and healing scriptures, I stood on my Father's Word and refused to let the enemy take her away from me.

Praise God, she has been healed. She then had to overcome the decision of whether or not she was going to be allowed to return to her studies at medical school. The dean and board were going to have to decide and there were several barriers. Once again, the love and prayers from the KCM team came against the barriers and two days before term was to start she received a call saying she could return to her studies. She is really enjoying being there and it's wonderful to see the light in her eyes again.

M.H. :: United Kingdom

His Word Is True

I want to thank KCM for guiding me through the truth in God's Word about healing and blessings in life. We now have a 1-year-old daughter who is truly blessed.

I had the most severe type of leukemia, which was treated with very harsh chemo. I had three miscarriages prior to this and also lost my baby at 12 weeks during chemo. From the doctor's point of view they said I would not be able to have children. But for me things were a lot different as I started an amazing walk of faith with God. The first day I was diagnosed, I opened my Bible and had my husband read to me, as I was too weak to do so. He read James 1. God was telling us about having joy no matter what tough times we may experience. I was thinking, *Surely not now—losing a baby we waited for so long and the chance of dying in the next couple of weeks.* But we took it—and with every bit of energy in me, I tried to stay cheerful. Every day when someone asked how I was, it was an opportunity for joyfulness.

Once the treatments were done and I had the all-clear, fear started. *What if it comes back again?* And that was the toughest part of the journey. I took the Bible and started reading—for hours and hours. God spoke to me in so many different ways that I had absolute surety it's Him who wants me well for a long time. He gave me the scripture of Luke 1, where Elizabeth was told she would have a baby. I took it for myself, started speaking about the baby and never spoke words of doubt. Less than a year later, our daughter was born!

J.D. :: Switzerland



Perfect Timing

I want to thank you for standing with me in faith. I phoned your U.K. office and asked for prayer, as we needed God to come through for us financially. We are retired and have a warehouse that we rent out, but since last July it had been vacant.

The next afternoon my bell rang and it was a gentleman from the insurance company. We had taken out a retirement annuity policy 10 years ago and thought it would only come to term when my husband turned 60. He said he was looking through some files in his computer and my husband's name came up. He realized that this policy was now due to us, so he personally came to our house, which is not the norm, and told my husband to go to the insurance company and pick up the check.

I told my husband I had called your office and asked for prayer. We were amazed at how quickly God answered. There is power in agreement. God bless your ministry.

L.B. :: Portugal



Protection Through Prayer Agreement

Prayer changes things, to God be the glory. In October I sent a prayer request to your ministry to join me in prayer for protection for my family.

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car tumbled twice in the air, hit a big tree and turned back to the opposite direction they were coming from. There was no rescue team to help, but Jesus was there to help! They all came out alive and none of them was injured—hallelujah!

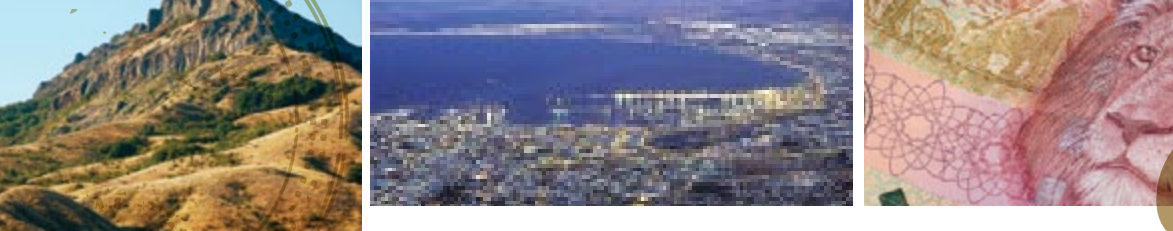
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH CONNECTIONS

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in Africa.**

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Over these years both the continent and our ministry have undergone many changes, and God receives all the glory. His faithfulness has made all the difference in many nations of Africa and in KCM's ministry to thousands upon thousands of people in those nations.

In July 2009, Christine Blumstein stepped into the leadership position as director of KCM Africa with her feet firmly planted in the foundational mission of KCM and with these words from the Lord ringing in her ears: *Teach My people that My Word works. All they have to do is walk by faith in love at all times, not just some of the time.*

Blumstein declares with excitement, "The past 18 months I have learned to take Him at His word and He has come through not just once, but every time. 2010 has been the greatest year in the history of KCM Africa. We have seen lives changed, and more souls coming into the kingdom of God. As we have sowed, we have received more finances to get the work completed. The fact that we could not out-give God became such a reality to our staff we soon realized we are no longer simply surviving—we are thriving!"

Connecting With the People

Through the dedication of 16 anointed staff members, KCM Africa has reached goal after goal in connecting with the people of sub-Saharan Africa and ministering the good news of Jesus to the people of that region. These faithful staff members are humbled and thankful for all the Lord has accomplished through them.

The ministry's website, kcm.org.za, receives almost 14,000 visits every month, of which about 6400 are first-time visits.

The Kenneth Copeland Ministries office in South Africa is a long way from Eagle Mountain Lake in Fort Worth, Texas, and yet the authority and ministry of God's servants—the prophetic and apostolic ministry of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland—are alive and well in our part of the world.



Christine Blumstein
Director, KCM Africa

"For us and all of KCM, we are finding that the Internet is an amazing tool at our disposal to reach the world and teach them that Jesus is Lord," said Blumstein. The *BVOV* broadcast and the *BVOV* magazine are the most visited.

BVOV TV and *BVOV* radio reach hundreds of thousands of viewers and listeners all across Africa on a regular basis through many partner television and radio stations. And the African version of the *BVOV* magazine (the first *BVOV* published specifically for an international region) is delivered to 21,000 households every month, including nearly 3500 that are mailed to inmates.

Partner service representatives receive nearly 4,000 incoming phone calls and make more than 1500 outbound calls each month, while the ministry correspondence staff handles more than 5600 incoming and 4300 outgoing pieces of mail every month.

For nearly 30 years, Kenneth and Gloria have ministered directly to their Partners and Friends who make their home in Africa and surrounding areas. The first South African International Believers' Convention was held in 1996 in Johannesburg, Gauteng. In 2004 and 2005, Pastors George and Terri Pearsons traveled to South Africa to share their prophetic prayer anointing. And in 2007 and 2008, the Lord sent Kenneth and Gloria to Nigeria for times of powerful ministry with tens of thousands.

One of the most exciting goals met in Africa in recent years has been the translation and printing of KCM's well-loved daily devotional *From Faith to Faith* in Afrikaans in 2010.

KCM has connected with the people of Africa as effectively as any place in the world. The response to our message and ministry is growing daily and people's lives are being changed by the power of the preaching of the uncompromised Word of God.

Connecting With Pastors and Partner Ministries

God is raising up pastors in every nation of Africa to bring His children to maturity in their faith. In 2009, KCM Africa launched *Pastor Connect*—a pastoral ministry we knew would make a difference in the lives of so many people who are being added to the Church every day.

Pastor Connect has grown from 205 Partner pastors in 2008 to 1,080 currently. In 2009 the KCM Africa staff began to meet quarterly with pastors. Six pastors attended our first meeting and we now have 178 registered to attend the next quarterly meeting. They receive encouragement from guest speakers, board members and other Partners. This is the kind of partnership they need to lead their people into their victorious lives in Christ Jesus. The meetings have been held in Johannesburg, South Africa, and, because we have received so many requests for *Pastor Connect* meeting locations, we are now making plans to meet with them in five other provinces.

Just like we do with all our KCM worldwide ministry outlets, we have partnered with other ministries in Africa to join our anointings to help people of the African nations increase in their place in the family of God.

Every day we receive testimonies of how God is advancing His kingdom in Africa through the connections of His people!

Our team is rejoicing once again at the thousands of precious students who have decided for Jesus since the school has resumed. About 3,790 students decided for Jesus in five Tembisa school campaigns!

Ten months ago I went for a physical checkup and was told that I need to have a spot removed from my left foot as it might be cancerous. I fasted and prayed and read healing scriptures from a book that was posted to me by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. In December 2010, I had the minor lesion done on my left foot and continued believing God that the results will be negative...the doctor confirmed the results were indeed negative! I thank God for carrying me through this period. And I thank God for Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

D.R. > Johannesburg

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As a young couple just starting out in family life, one of our desires was to acquire a plot of land where we could build a house of our own... at least .5 acres and located within the Kampala metropolis but with a countryside feel. Little more than seven years of standing in faith, we received far beyond our dream—a 20-minute drive from our church, 200 meters of shoreline from fresh Lake Victoria waters and absolutely debt free! Only God can beautify life in such a grand way. Thank you, Kenneth Copeland Ministries, for teaching us to walk by faith and for standing with us in prayer as your Partners.
J.F. > Uganda

Save the World Foundation
Evangelizing Schools in Africa

Through our long-standing connection with Christ for all Nations, led by the Rev. Reinhard Bonnke, we have helped finance several crusades and events every year across Africa and around the world, witnessing millions added to the Church. Thousands of churches and church leaders have been launched from the faithful ministry of CfaN.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your great support and the doubling of your monthly financial assistance. We are so blessed...this inspires and propels us to go the extra mile as God opens doors and makes it possible through your faithfulness to go and preach the gospel to all nations!

Thea Britz
Southern Africa Director, CfaN

The growing Body of Christ in Africa will require the equipping of strong church leaders. Through pastoral connections and our partnership with other evangelistic ministries KCM Africa is doing what the Lord has called us to do to grow the Church—equip His people.

Blumstein desires above all that Africa's Partners and Friends know the heart of the staff that serves them from the KCM ministry office in South Africa. She says:

Love rules supreme in this office and prayer is the foundation of our everyday success. You are covered by our prayers, as we begin every day lifting you to the Lord. Love is our driving force when we pray for you because we believe that love changes everything! Our hearts rejoice with you when we hear about your breakthroughs, when we hear how God has come through and how you were not moved no matter what the world brought your way. The love of Christ compels us to do what we do. From our hearts, we join Kenneth and Gloria Copeland and KCM worldwide, when we say *God loves you, we love you and JESUS IS LORD!* **VICTORY**

BY GLORIA
COPELAND



Some came to Jesus with excuses as to why they suffered as they did. But Jesus paid no attention to excuses.

Regardless of their excuses, He healed them and gave them reason to praise and glorify God.



Here is a simple truth from God's Word that holds the power to change your life today: Healing belongs to you!

Think about it. Do you need healing of any kind today? If so, then why are you not healed? Why haven't you received your healing?



Take Your Healing!

All any of us has to do to receive our healing is to believe God's Word and take it for our own. God has already given us our healing in the glorious redemption He gave us through Jesus. And just like we take everything Jesus gave us, we take healing by faith!

What the Word Says About Healing

The Word of God is our foundation of faith. The Word gives us the truth about how God perceives us and all He has done for us to make His plan and dream for us come to pass in our lives every day. One scripture in particular gives us the clearest picture of both God's perception and His action toward His people.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16, *New King James Version*).

Everything else in the whole of God's Word stems from that one simple truth. He loves us. He gave us Jesus. He gave us life!

That truth alone is enough for our faith to take everything that belongs to us!

But the Bible is full of scriptures that tell us so much more about God's love and His plans for us, including our healing. The scripture we can stand

firmly on when it comes to faith taking our healing is 1 Peter 2:24 where the apostle is declaring the fulfillment of the prophetic words about the Son of God in Isaiah 53:4-5 (*NKJV*): "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

By His stripes we are healed! Glory to God!

If we were to stay on that one truth, and get it so engrained in our hearts that we speak and act on nothing but those words, I believe the hospitals would be empty, drug companies would go bankrupt, and doctors would have to take up new professions!

Think about it...God loves us so much that He gave Jesus so we could be healed. No greater love exists.

Will we ever understand why everyone is not walking around in divine health? It goes straight back to faith—about what we believe about God, ourselves, our circumstances.

Why Don't We Take Our Healing?

So, why aren't we all healed and walking in perfect health every day of our lives?

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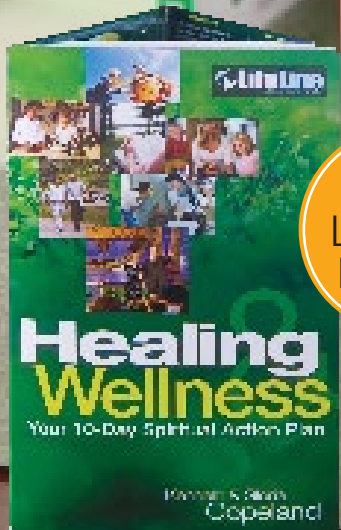
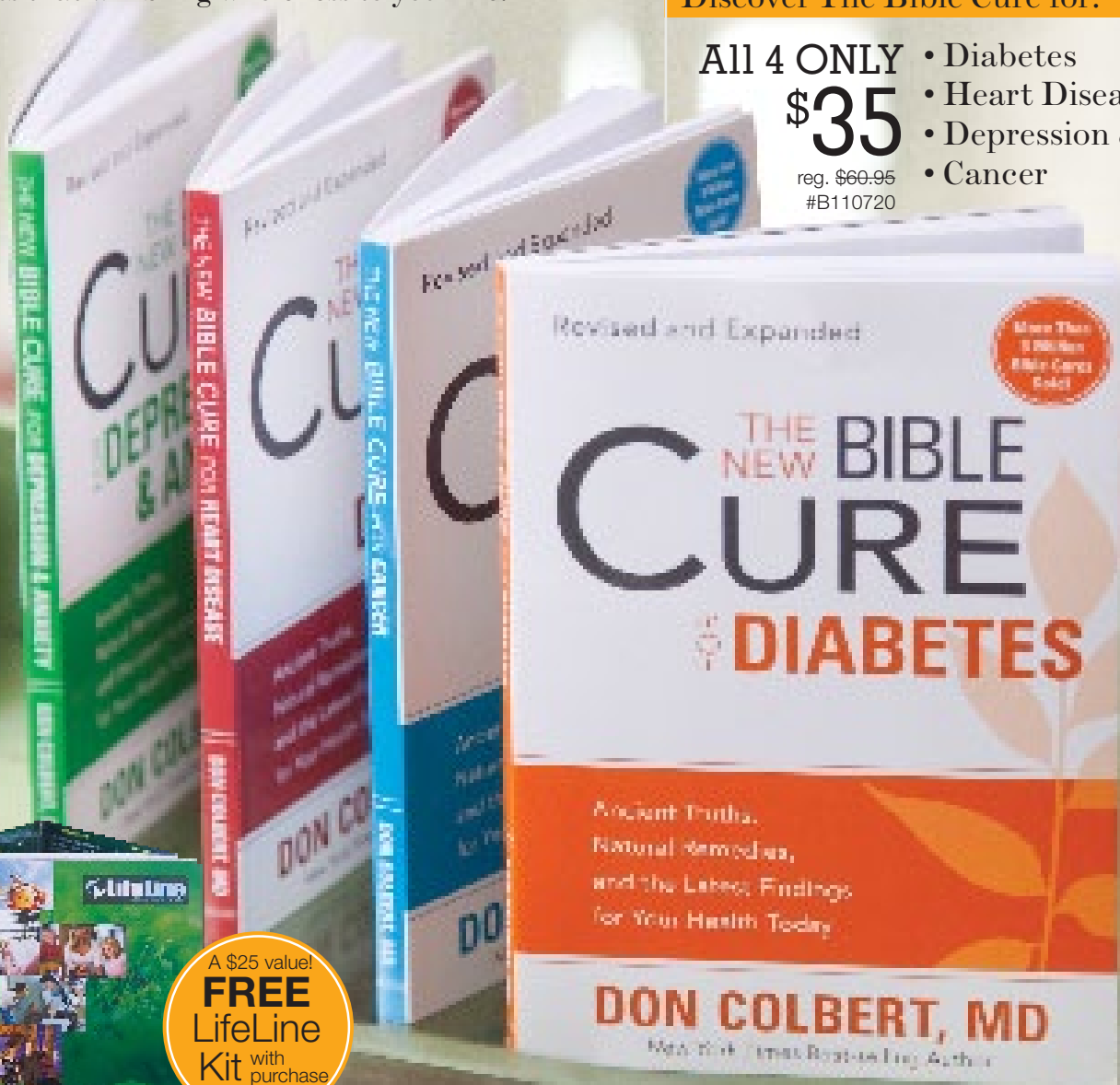
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There are a number of reasons. Actually, they're not reasons, but excuses. Here are some of the excuses people have for remaining in their invalid state. "I was born with this ailment." "This has been in my family for generations." "I have abused my body and brought this on myself." "It would take a miracle to cure my condition."

We've even heard people say, "God allowed this so I can witness to other people." The list goes on and on.

But, as Ken says, there are no valid "excuses" for anyone to live contrary to the Word of God. You may have "reasons" but the Word can change your reasons when you apply your faith to them.

We have got to put away our excuses and begin to make God's Word our reason for everything. And when we do that, everything about our lives will change, including our health!

The Word gives report after report of people who lived in hopeless situations that changed when they encountered the love of God in the person of Jesus Christ. The Gospels are filled with accounts of Jesus healing people who had lifelong ailments. He healed people who were oppressed by demons. He healed the crippled, blind, mute, maniac—every kind of affliction and disease known to man. He healed them all!

Some came to Jesus with excuses as to why they suffered as they did. But Jesus paid no attention to excuses. He looked right through the eyes of the love of His Father to people in need, people who had been oppressed by the devil. And regardless of their excuses, He healed them and gave them reason to praise and glorify God.

The faith of these people took their healing. They heard that the healer was in town, and faith rose in their hearts. They thought, *If He can heal them, why not me?*

John 9:1-14 tells the story of Jesus healing a man who had been born blind. Notice how Jesus responded when someone asked if the man's blindness was the result of sin. He said, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" (verse 3). Then, immediately, Jesus anointed the man's eyes with clay and sent him off to wash his face. When the man obeyed, he came back seeing. He had simply done what Jesus told him to do. He took Jesus at His word.

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.

If you have just prayed this prayer, please contact us and let us know of your decision. We have a **free** Salvation Package we would like to send you to help you begin your new life in Jesus! Simply write and ask for offer #50801, call 800-600-7395, or click on the button below.



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Jesus always comes to Healing School, and He wants to meet you there!

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Take Jesus at His word—that's how all of us can put away our excuses and change our reasons. None of the excuses, as factual as they may be, matter the least bit when it comes to being healed.

People in Jesus' day were spoken to and touched by Him and were healed. In our day and time, we received our healing because He was beaten and bruised, and by His stripes we were and are healed...just because God loves us. Hallelujah!

No more excuses. We have every reason to receive our healing!

Take Your Healing Today

How does our faith take all that belongs to us? We take everything straight from the Word of God. Faith takes the Word into our eyes, puts it into our ears, gets it into our hearts, we believe it and we speak it into our situations.

That's the way faith takes everything. You can't take the Word by faith and then go around talking unbelief. The Bible says, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34, *NKJV*). If the words that come out of your mouth are not in agreement with the words in the Bible—the truth—there's a breakdown somewhere between your eyes and your mouth. So you simply stay on the Word—reading it, hearing it, meditating on it in your heart, and letting it change what you believe until what you speak and how you act line up with it. That's when your faith can reach out and take what belongs to you.

It's that simple.

You don't need a miracle cure. God has already provided the miracle cure in the Lord Jesus. He's provided everything you and I will ever need for an everlasting, abundant, whole and healed life. It belongs to you because of what He did. It belongs to you just because God loves you and He desires above everything that you take all He has given—that you take your healing! **VICTORY**

A Word of Healing From the Lord

Last year I was watching Gloria teach Healing School from one of your meetings. Kenneth had a word for a lady sitting in her chair in front of her computer who had lower back problems. That was me, and my lower back has been healed ever since. It hasn't felt this good in years! Thank you for your obedience and faithfulness in doing God's work.
A.T. | Missouri

Eyesight Restored at Healing School

At the 2003 SWBC the Lord restored a detached retina in my right eye and healed my eyesight. I had been diagnosed several months before and lived with symptoms of blurred vision, tiredness in that eye and bright flashes in my peripheral vision. During Healing School, while Gloria was teaching, my eye was healed and restored. When I had an appointment with a retina specialist, he was quite surprised. After examining my right eye twice, he said he could see where the damage had been, but it wasn't there anymore. No treatment was necessary. Praise God!
E.R. | Canada

BY KENNETH COPELAND

“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
Romans 10:17

FAITH Cometh by Hearing

One of the greatest healing evangelists I’ve ever known once said to me,

“I don’t understand it. I have laid hands on more than 2 million people. I’ve seen miracles of every description. But I’m the last guy in the world to ever get healed.”

Just think, that evangelist had seen Jesus face to face more than once. His hand had been set on fire with the healing touch of God. But he couldn’t live on those experiences. He had to learn, just like you and I do, to walk one step at a time confessing, believing and standing on The Word of God.

“Well, maybe that’s true,” you say, “but I still think I would have more faith if Jesus would appear to me like He did to that evangelist.”

No, you wouldn’t. Jesus said, “Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed” (John 20:29). *Blessed* means “empowered.” So, according to Jesus, you’ll have more power if you’ll believe before seeing a physical manifestation.

Why is that true? It’s because for you to believe something you don’t see with your physical eyes, you have to turn inward. You have to activate your spirit being. When you do that, the part of you that is like God rises up and gets stronger.

Am I saying you should avoid the spectacular manifestations and displays of God’s power that are occurring around us in these final days?

Absolutely not! Enjoy them to the fullest. Go to every meeting you possibly can. Be part of the move of God. But don’t lay down your faith in the process.

Keep standing on The Word, first and foremost. The Word will work when the gifts are flowing and when they’re not. The Word will work in the daytime and in the dark. The Word will work for any man, woman or child who will put it to work. It is eternal, settled in heaven and earth forever.

Remember this: Faith—the everyday kind of faith you use for living—doesn’t come from moving in the gifts of the Spirit. It doesn’t come

from seeing Jesus or having special visitations and experiences with God. It comes by hearing and hearing and hearing The Word of God. **VICTORY**

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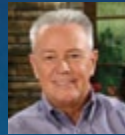
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