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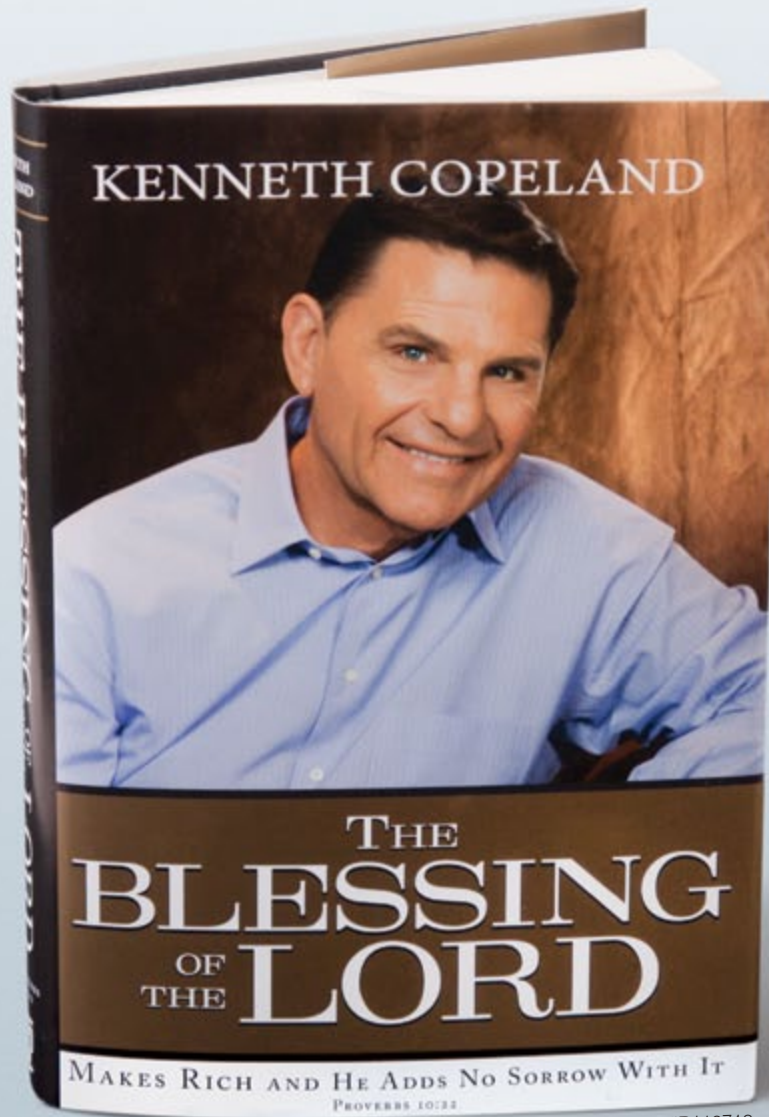
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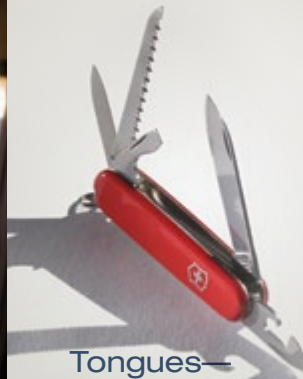
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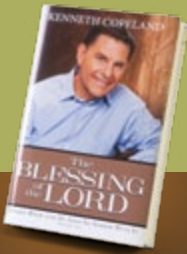
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BY KENNETH COPELAND

Financial prosperity is only one small portion of THE BLESSING.

He's opened my eyes more and more to the healing part of it, the peace that passes understanding part, and the gifts of the Spirit part.





# THE BLESSING

## Love's Ultimate Gift

**I first caught sight** of the power of THE BLESSING back in 1967. My initial revelation of it included only a fraction of what I now know, yet it hit me with such power that it transformed my thinking and changed my life almost overnight. And, I don't mind telling you, I was desperate for change.

I'd been born again only a few years at the time. I'd come out of a lifestyle so steeped in sin that everything I enjoyed before I was saved was either illegal, immoral or fattening. Because I knew next to nothing of what the Bible says about how to live in victory, even after I made Jesus The LORD of my life, I continued to stumble from one failure to another.

In most ways, my life was a mess. A failed business venture had left me broke and unemployed. A lifetime of borrowing money (Gloria is convinced that as a child I borrowed money on my tricycle!) buried me under a mountain of debt that I had no way to repay. I knew I was called to preach. I also knew The LORD was leading me to go to Oral Roberts University, but I wouldn't do it because I couldn't see how I could possibly afford it. How could I go to school full time when I had a wife and family to support? Even if I did, where would I get the tuition money?

Gloria, on the other hand, was in favor of obeying God, regardless of the cost. She wanted to pack up what little we had, put the kids in the car, point it toward Tulsa and head for ORU.

"If we did that, we'd starve," I told her.

"Kenneth, we're starving now," she answered. "We might as well starve in the will of God as starve outside of it."

She was right, and I knew it. So in 1966 we moved to Tulsa. For the first time in my adult life, I found myself in the perfect will of God, and I was thrilled about it. But even so, as a 30-year-old student making

only a part-time income, I had no idea how I was going to make it financially. The only thing I knew for sure was: *If there were a way,*

*I would find it in The WORD of God.* So, I threw myself into The WORD night and day.

In addition to reading and studying my Bible, I lugged a reel-to-reel tape recorder with me everywhere I went. I set it next to my bed at night so I could go to sleep listening to the word of faith being preached. I got up in the morning, turned the recorder back on and listened to the tapes again. I shaved, ate and drove with The WORD being preached to me the whole time.

It was then that the reality of what God has done for us through the plan of redemption began to dawn on me. As I listened to messages about the new covenant, and pored over scriptures like Galatians 3:9 that tell how we, by faith, are "BLESSED with faithful Abraham," I got my first glimpse of THE BLESSING and it sent shock waves through my spirit. For the first time ever, I realized that truly:

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that THE BLESSING of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.... And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise (verses 13-14, 29).

The day I actually grasped what those verses were saying, it hit me like a freight train coming through a

tunnel: *I am the seed of Abraham! I am the product of a blood-sworn oath, a covenant cut between God and His firstborn Son. The LORD Jesus Christ is my blood Brother!*

Because of my American Indian background, I knew something about blood covenants. I knew how real and serious they are, so it didn't take me long to realize that as a blood-covenant heir of Abraham, everything God promised him belonged to me. I didn't know for sure all that included, but I was smart enough to know that he and his family prospered everywhere they went. There wasn't a poor man among them. Every one of them was rich.

Even my lightning-fast mind could figure out what that meant. *Glory to God, I'm not poor anymore!*

I went to bed that night a wealthy man. It didn't matter to me that I was still in debt. I didn't care that on the outside my circumstances hadn't yet changed. What mattered was the change that had taken place on the inside. Finally, after years of thinking like a poor man, the spirit of adoption was crying out within me: *I have a blood covenant with Almighty God! I have a heavenly Father and He's rich and He's powerful and He is backing me as surely as He backed Abraham—as surely as He backed Jesus Himself! I'm not under a financial curse anymore. I'm BLESSED with every spiritual BLESSING in heavenly places. Because I'm the righteousness of God in Christ, THE BLESSING of Abraham is mine!*

I no longer had the mentality of a poor man. In a matter of days, that mindset was gone. In its place was the realization that I am BLESSED!

Eleven months later, the mountain of debt that once towered over us was gone. Every cent of it was paid, and Gloria and I promised The LORD we'd never borrow money again. That wasn't always an easy promise to keep. A few years later, The LORD told me to begin a radio broadcast. Over the next 12 months, we went on 700 stations in the continental United States. Our ministry budget went from \$300,000 the year before, to \$400,000 *per month* for the radio bill alone! THE BLESSING was working!

By then, The LORD had made it clear to me that in addition to operating debt free, I was never to ask anyone for money. *You receive offerings according to the Scripture, He said, but don't ever put pressure on people. Put pressure on My WORD instead. Put pressure on THE BLESSING of Abraham that's yours in Christ and it will bring in what you need.*

I knew very little about what that meant back then, but I acted on the part I did understand. Sure enough,

the bills got paid and the ministry kept growing. As a result, through the past 40-plus years, we've been able to preach the uncompromised WORD just like God told us to, "on every available voice, from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around." It has cost more than a billion dollars to do it, but that's OK because THE BLESSING of God has provided every cent.

### Just the Beginning

I make no apologies for preaching about the prosperity that's included in THE BLESSING. I was overjoyed back in 1967 to find out that, as a believer, I've been set free from lack, and I'm still elated about it today. But I also realize that being BLESSED includes far more than having money. Financial prosperity is only one small portion of THE BLESSING. It's one of the first parts God revealed to me, but it wasn't the only part. In fact, The LORD has been expanding my understanding of what it means to be BLESSED for decades now.

During that time, He's taught me more about different parts of His BLESSING. He's increased my revelation of the new birth and the salvation part of it. He's opened my eyes more and more to the healing part of it, the peace that passes understanding part and the gifts of the Spirit part. He's shown me how His BLESSING can affect not only our own lives, our families and the Church, but also our government and nation.

He has put the pieces together for me, one at a time.

That's how we develop and grow, you know—a little at a time. No one has ever learned anything advanced or complex all at once. It's a process. In spiritual things, just as in natural things, we must build one revelation on another. We move forward in our understanding step by step, if we're going to get very far.

If you doubt that, look at the history of the Church. Ever since the Dark Ages, when the devil tried to strip the Church of her power and rob her of revelation by convincing ungodly leaders to lock up The WORD in monasteries away from God's people, The LORD has been restoring lost truths to us little by little. He started in Martin Luther's day by restoring the foundational truth of the new birth, "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17). That truth came as a shock to people back in the 1500s. Religious leaders were enraged by it. Multitudes puzzled over whether or not to believe it. Yet today, the entire evangelical Church takes that revelation for granted. We don't argue about it anymore. We know we're saved, not by our own

works, but by simple faith in Jesus.

After that revelation was restored, God began adding others. Through the Pentecostal movement that emerged in the early 1900s, for example, He took us on from the new birth and reintroduced the scriptural truth about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11). Forty years later, during the great healing revival, He restored the revelation of divine healing (1 Peter 2:24). During the charismatic movement in the 1960s, He added revelation about the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-10). At the end of that decade, He taught us about the power and integrity of His written WORD and how to operate by faith in that WORD (Hebrews 4:12; Mark 11:23-24).

Here's my point: God didn't pour out those revelations on the Church all at once. They were always there, but He restored them one by one. That's the way He always works, both with His Body as a whole, and with us as individual believers. He develops us a little at a time. He takes us, as the Bible says, "from faith to faith" and "from glory to glory" (Romans 1:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18).

We must never forget that. While we guard as precious the things God has already revealed to us in His WORD, we must always remember there are things in The WORD we have not yet seen. There are scriptural truths we have not yet learned. There are biblical revelations we have not yet received.

God isn't finished with us yet.

When we forget this fact, we get stuck. We start thinking our group (or denomination) knows all there is to know. We set up camp around the last revelation we received and refuse to go any further. Believers have done that again and again. Years ago, some groups grabbed hold of the truth about the new birth and blessed multitudes of people by teaching them how to get saved by faith. But when anyone tried to tell them about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, they slammed their doors on that revelation. "No, we're not having any of that around here!" they said. "We have the new birth, and that's all we need."

Some of the Holy Spirit-baptized believers made the same mistake. When God sent someone to teach them about receiving healing and financial provision by faith, they would have none of it. They closed their minds to scriptural truth and said, "Bible or no Bible, that's not what Grandma taught, and I'm not going to believe it."

Don't get me wrong. I'm not picking on those groups of believers. I love them and believe we all owe them a debt of gratitude for the truths they've helped restore to the Body of Christ. But, I also realize we should learn from each other's mistakes. We must recognize and overcome our carnal tendency to resist new revelation. We must see that what we have learned is not a campground. It's a building base. We must understand this if we want to go on and grow up, as the Bible says, into "the measure of the stature of the *fulness* of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). **VICTORY**

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BY RONALD C. JORDAN

# Kenneth Copeland Scholars Bridging the Denominational Gap



When Dr. Harold A. Hudson first considered connecting with Kenneth Copeland Ministries and establishing a doctor of ministry program through United Theological Seminary, where he serves as associate dean of doctoral studies, he did so with a single thought in mind. || “I wasn’t thinking as globally as perhaps I should have,” Hudson admitted as he reflected on the success of the program.

“But I also was not thinking about the impact such a move could have on the Church as a whole—that by joining forces, we would actually be bridging a denominational gap, and creating a show of true Christian unity.”

Today, as the Kenneth Copeland Scholars program has entered its second year, Hudson has a much different view. And for good reason.

In the 12 months since it began as a joint outreach effort between UTS in Dayton, Ohio, and the KCM headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, the doctoral program has received hundreds of applicants from across the United States and abroad, including countries like England, Australia and Africa. Twenty-three students are currently enrolled in the three-year program through sessions that started in August 2010 and January 2011, and open enrollment for a third class of students begins this month.

“This is absolutely amazing,” said Hudson of the newfound relationship between the United Methodist school, which is part of one of the nation’s largest mainline denominations, and KCM, a word of faith ministry that is recognizably one of the largest nondenominational ministry outreaches in the world. “This brings an institution with one of the highest accreditations in the country into direct

partnership with a ministry recognized the world over. It brings academia into an arena it has never been before and it’s all for one purpose—sharing God’s Word in the most effective, productive, yet professional way possible. Through this program, we’re preparing people to do just that.”

The UTS campus in Dayton, which was established in 1871 as Union Biblical Seminary, celebrates 140 years in ministry this year.

## An Earlier Connection

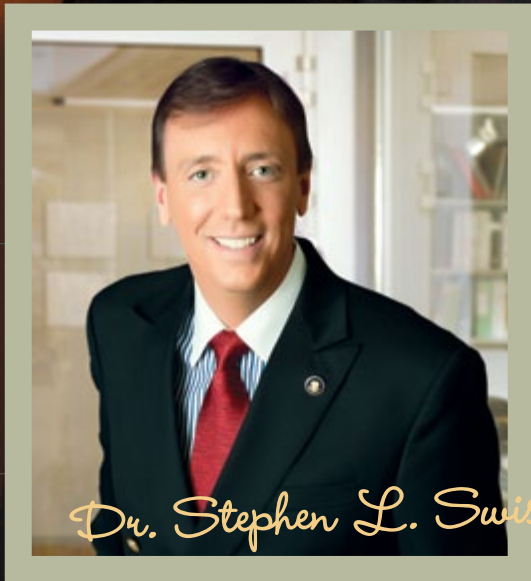
The idea for establishing a doctoral program was born out of a friendship first begun more than a decade ago when Hudson, then a student at UTS, met Dr. Stephen Lowell Swisher. Swisher, who holds both master’s and doctorate degrees from UTS, had returned to the school at the request of Dr. Robert Schuller to mentor the Crystal Cathedral doctoral group. Swisher, the son-in-law of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, is currently senior manager over several areas at KCM, including Ministerial and Partner Relations. He recalled a phone call he received from Hudson, with a proposal: “What would you think about United Theological Seminary partnering with Kenneth Copeland Ministries and having something called



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*Dr. Harold A. Hudson*



*Dr. Stephen L. Swisher*

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Kenneth Copeland Scholars?”

The proposal sounded like a perfect fit for what Swisher knew KCM was endeavoring to accomplish through its ministry outreach. He wasted no time in talking with Dr. Copeland, who had recently returned from Rome where he and his wife, Gloria, had been ministering to charismatic Catholic priests at the Vatican about faith.

“This is exactly what I’ve been praying about—denominations coming together under the banner of faith,” Copeland said of the proposal. “I believe God is bringing into our ministry different denominations from all over the world to learn about faith.”

Admittedly, both Swisher and Hudson knew the risks involved in making such a move.

“We were taking a risk by doing something no one else had ever done,” said Hudson. “But it was so great to find someone willing to take that risk, regardless of denominational history. And so far it’s proving to be very successful!”

“We understand the importance of Christians having a well-rounded education and, as a seminary, so does UTS,” said Swisher. “Bible knowledge and church history are important and they are key in any ministry. This program offers students the opportunity to hone their knowledge of the Bible and faith, and learn practical tools to share the Word in today’s world. Those who are part of this program already hold master’s degrees, so they’ve already attained a major accomplishment. Obtaining a doctorate through the Kenneth Copeland Scholars program adds to their faith arsenal considerable specialized training to equip them for ministry.”

Hudson added: “One of the main things people have not been able to comprehend is that most seminary teaching and instruction focuses on congregational ministry. Seminaries tend to think in terms of serving local churches. Kenneth Copeland’s ministry, on the other hand, is more media ministry than it is congregational. He has a cutting-edge



I was already in a doctor of business administration/organizational leadership program when I saw the Kenneth Copeland Scholars program advertised at the 2010 Homecoming Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. I knew it would benefit me and the Church if I also became a doctor of the Church, and more so a doctor under the anointing God had specifically connected me to—Kenneth Copeland Ministries. God is my strength in these programs and I am being taught and disciplined on the best way to do His business of reaching souls for Jesus in line with Ephesians 4:11-13: “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.” Hallelujah!

**Prince C. Uche Igboamazu**  
Las Vegas, Nev.

media ministry that reaches more people than any congregational ministry ever could. Kenneth Copeland Ministries reaches around the world. To have that kind of impact is powerful.

“From the beginning, I thought about this program with the mindset of an association rather than a partnership,” Hudson said. “But when you consider what partnership really is, that’s what this is. Partnership represents a much stronger relationship. It’s more binding. There’s something of a kindred spirit involved. It’s a God thing. And I’ll just tell you, to be partnered with something that is so strong and as solid as KCM is amazing. This is a phenomenal marriage that has the potential to really grow God’s kingdom.”

### Ministry and Education

Through the Kenneth Copeland Scholars program, students can earn a fully accredited doctor of ministry degree by receiving hands-on training from instructors, including Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, Stephen and Kellie Swisher, and other Christian leaders, facilitated by Dr. Hudson, KCM U.S. Executive Director James Tito and other KCM/UTS representatives.

Designed as an “in context” program, the majority of the assignments are completed while students work out of their church or ministry headquarters in their own hometowns. Group interaction involves two short-term residencies each year in January and August. Included are two one-week sessions on the campus of UTS in Dayton, where students are involved in intense study and learning regarding theology, church history and research; and two four-day sessions on the grounds of KCM. There, they are not only taught the principles of living and operating by faith, but they learn proper techniques for developing ministries that impact the world. Instruction includes teaching on starting and effectively operating a TV ministry, creating subscription-based ministry magazines from start to finish, harnessing the power

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—Dr. Hudson



James Tito, KCM U.S. executive director, with Dr. Hudson

of social media on the Internet, and using every available voice—from podcasts to motion pictures—to spread the gospel.

“Normally, education is relegated to book work and you don't get much practical teaching,” says Swisher. “But with this scholars program students are learning how to preach and teach faith, and they're also learning about leadership and how to implement ministry.”

With another 10 students expected to enter the program in August, Swisher said he anticipates rapidly increasing enrollment in the coming years, extending beyond the boundaries of the U.S., and reaching across all denominations. Recently, the board chairman of a school in South Africa contacted Swisher saying he wanted to enroll his board members in the program, and eventually partner with KCM and UTS to start a similar school in South Africa.

Through the Kenneth Copeland Scholars program, KCM is reaching pastors with less than a hundred in their congregations, to those who pastor thousands...opening the opportunity to teach the word of faith to a wide scope of people from different walks of life.

Kenneth Copeland Scholars transcends the obvious labels of word of faith and United Methodist and reaches for the higher prize, as the Apostle Paul put it, of being followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“I am excited about the success we have already seen with this program, and I'm convinced that this is only the beginning,” said KCM CEO John Copeland. “Not only is it helping do away with the stereotypes associated with so-called denominational barriers, it is accomplishing our primary purpose, which is to help Christians become more effective, successful leaders in every area of their lives. The world is crying out for this type of faith-based leadership, now more than ever. This program is helping meet that need. We are honored to be part of it.”

The Kenneth Copeland Scholars program is open to anyone who has completed a master's degree, and is looking to take his or her faith and ministry to the next level. To learn more about this unique program and how you can enroll, go online to [kcm.org/uts](http://kcm.org/uts) for more information.

When I saw the ad for the doctor of ministry program with UTS in the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, the Lord told me this program was for me. I never planned to get a doctorate, but when I saw that the program was Kenneth Copeland Scholars,

I got very excited. I know the integrity of KCM and firmly believe they are led by the Holy Spirit.



Through the doctor of ministry program at UTS, I am receiving sound biblical instruction, as well as training in preaching and prophetic ministry. The program is helping me to define my personal calling and context of ministry. Working with Kenneth Copeland Scholars is also allowing me to experience firsthand a ministry that has been built on the Word of God, integrity and excellence, and has had a global impact. I am learning how a worldwide media ministry like KCM operates, and gaining experience and skills that I can bring back to my local church and community.

**Kathleen Wilson**  
Spokane, Wash.

When I went to KCM's website one day to listen to a message from one of Brother Copeland's meetings, I saw an advertisement that featured pictures of Kenneth Copeland and Dr. Stephen Swisher and mentioned the Kenneth Copeland Scholars program. I immediately browsed the United Theological Seminary's website. I knew that if Kenneth Copeland Ministries was partnering with this seminary then it was for me. I applied online, even though I read that this program was only to accept around 15 students per semester. I received a telephone call for confirmation to enter the program.

I am interested in the doctor of ministry program because it is the next level that will help take me toward my assignment and destiny...I am passionate about the things of God. I am seeking revelation knowledge and not just information. A secular education can only give information and not revelation. I believe that by pursuing my doctor of ministry, it will help me study and meditate on God's Word to receive the revelation necessary to solve the problems of the people whom God loves...I sense a call to full-time ministry and this pursuit can help me start the process.



**Lamar Braggs**  
Louisville, Ky.

# Kenneth Copeland Scholars

The Lord has blessed me with my bachelor's and master's degrees in pastoral ministry, and through prayer has instructed me to pursue a doctorate.



After seeking the leading of the Lord, I received a pamphlet about the Kenneth Copeland Scholars program, and a doctorate being offered through United Theological Seminary and Kenneth Copeland

Ministries. I know it was the Lord's doing and that was where He wanted me to attend. I am presently a full-time student at United Theological Seminary and very excited about the journey God has me on at this time in my life.

Completing the doctor of ministry will help me learn about the modern technologies which are available to reach the world and harvest souls for His kingdom—locally, nationally and worldwide.

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God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit for loving me enough to align me with such a powerful, yet gracious and loving ministry as KCM. The Holy Spirit touched my heart and led me to partner with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland because they are mighty people of God. I

admire how they will not compromise the living Word of God, and possess impeccable integrity. The *BVOV* magazine and the monthly Partner Letter that Kenneth and Gloria send to their Partners have given me the confidence and knowledge in Jesus that I need to claim the victory in every area of my life—every day.

**Deborah Rowson | Alexandria, Va.**



In 1986, I answered the call to ministry and enrolled in Rhema Bible Training Center. After graduation, I worked in both the marketplace and in ministry. However, the burning desire to be a doctor remained a deep yearning within me. God later revealed to me that some are called to be doctors of the physical body while others are called to be doctors of the spirit and soul. He reminded me that the Word of God is life, healing, health and medicine. Instead of being a physician, delivering pharmacopeial healing to the physical body, I was called to be a doctor of ministry, delivering the dunamis healing power of the Word of God that is destined to restore spirit, soul and body.

This uncommon and unusual union between United Theological Seminary, a Methodist seminary, and a word of faith ministry, is an indication to the world that the denominational walls of separation within the Church are being destroyed and replaced by the love of God. The Church is coming into "the unity of the faith," "without spot or wrinkle" and in "one accord and in one place." The Kenneth Copeland Scholars program is building the kingdom of God, not in word only but in demonstrations of power.

**Dahlia Moore  
Brooklyn, N.Y.**

My husband, Joe, and I are Partners with KCM and have been associated with the ministry for over 20 years. We are also members of EMIC.

When I saw the opportunity in the EMIC bulletin to join alliances with such a highly respected global ministry as KCM and United Theological Seminary—a well-respected institution that is fully accredited—I knew the program was for me. Having received a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University in Educational Leadership, Research and Counseling, I am quite familiar with academic rigor and quality, and completing such a structured program as this will, without a shadow of doubt, be an asset to my ministry.

**Daphene O. Singleton | Fort Worth, Texas**

For the last 29 years, Kenneth Copeland has been a mentor, teacher and spiritual father to me. At 33, I left a corporate job in the scientific community to attend Oral Roberts University. I had heard Kenneth mention ORU many times during meetings and I knew I had to attend. In 2005, I graduated with a master of divinity degree and moved back to California to pioneer a new church.

At the 2010 KCM Ministers' Conference, I saw that Kenneth Copeland and United Theological Seminary were teaming to start the Kenneth Copeland Scholars program. I knew immediately I had to be part of it. Being part of this ministry opportunity will help me grow further in the calling God has on my life. It is important to be connected with those of like faith, and this opportunity of being under the anointing of KCM is



priceless. To have a barrier breaker like Brother Copeland share and impart into students from the Word, from his victories through faith, and his steadfastness in seeking God and His glory, is an amazing opportunity we will always treasure and pass on to the generations that follow.  
**Michael Vidaurri | Murfreesboro, Tenn.**

The move to United Theological Seminary came very swiftly for me. In December 2010, the Lord impressed me to pursue a doctorate in ministry. Within days after submitting my application I received an admissions packet, which included a Letter of Intent directing me



to the UTS website to declare a choice for a focus group. It was while scrolling down the focus group choices that I saw the Kenneth Copeland Scholars Focus Group. This, for me, was further confirmation that my steps were being ordered by the Lord.

I am convinced that God has made me a Kenneth Copeland Scholar, first to give me a roadmap for developing an effective marketing plan to grow my church, Greater Harvest Church; and second, to give me access to a model of how to reach the masses with principles of faith, an understanding of our covenant, and the Word of God—utilizing all available media tools, including the Internet, podcasts, messaging and every available method of social networking.

**Melvin G. Barney, Esq. | Long Beach, Calif.**

My wife and I were born again on the same day, March 25, 1992, and our ministry started immediately. Kenneth Copeland Ministries has long been a part of our spiritual lives. We became Partners in November 2001. We have used *From Faith to Faith* for our family devotions for years, and it continues to provide daily blessings to us.

With KCM already such a big part of our lives, the doctoral program at UTS immediately caught my attention. Not only would I be learning from a personal spiritual leader, but the program also directly addressed our personal and ministerial desires to take our faith to the next level, experience church growth and the wonderful opportunity to learn the effective use of media in ministry from KCM.

With the help of teachers and mentors, we are developing a plan to expand our media production to reach all the Lord has placed in our path of blessing. We have been truly blessed by the ministry of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland and believe that this is just the beginning!

**Omotayo Orederu | Albany, N.Y.**

I am very excited to be a Kenneth Copeland Scholar and be mentored by a worldwide, faith, Word-based, family friendly, first-class ministry. I am also elated to participate in the weekly intercessory prayer with my peers. Completing the doctoral program as a Kenneth Copeland Scholar, under the direction of Dr. Harold Hudson and Dr. Steve Swisher, will help me in ministry to serve in excellence, partner with ministers, leaders and lay persons in the Body of Christ, and reach more people by utilizing the media and the Internet.

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# Remembering, 'Ma Dear'

MARY LOIS NEECE

JULY 12, 1923-  
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In September 1973, two young hippies from California drove 1400 miles to Fort Worth, Texas, in a borrowed motor home to attend a meeting sponsored by the Kenneth Copeland Evangelistic Association. With little money to live on, the couple set up camp in a \$2-a-night RV camp.

On the first day of the 17-day Victorious Living Through Faith meeting, Dennis Burke stood unashamedly when emcee Jerry Savelle called for out-of-state visitors to identify themselves, and introduced his young bride of only three weeks, Vikki, to the audience.

Instantly, Kenneth Copeland recognized the Burkes as the young couple that had recently become

born-again and had been corresponding with his ministry.

"That's the honeymoon couple," Burke recalled Copeland saying.

The next day, a woman approached the couple and extended a gracious offer: to park their RV in her backyard. She was "Ma Dear"—Gloria Copeland's mother—a gracious strength behind the scenes.



*“No matter who came into her home,  
they were always greeted with a spirit of grace, an atmosphere  
of laughter and lots of delicious food.”*

—Richard Neece

“She came up to us and asked if we would like to park our motor home in her backyard and ride with her to and from the meetings each day,” Burke recalled. “We barely knew who anyone was at that meeting, and she certainly didn’t know us. We had written letters to the ministry over the last couple of years after we got saved, but we had never even been to Texas.”

Though the Burkes didn’t know her, as secretary to Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, and the one who handled all of the ministry’s correspondence, Mary had become very familiar with them through their letters. And over the next two weeks, Mary made sure that Dennis and Vikki Burke—who eventually became ministers with an international reach—got a rich taste of what true Southern hospitality was all about.

“It was wonderful,” Dennis said, recalling how during that time he and Vikki were befriended by staff and family members, and often invited to dinner. “One time Mary decided she was going to make us a true Southern meal, and she fixed us a midday meal of black-eyed peas and cornbread. She was so gracious, so generous and very hospitable.”

Loving. Caring. Hospitable.

That’s what Mary was to Dennis and Vikki Burke back then. It was also who she has been to many other up-and-coming ministers, beginning with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, as well as the many Partners and staff members of KCM and the guests at Victory Campaigns, Believers’ Conventions and the headquarters for decades.

Loving. Caring. Hospitable.

They are words that define the life and virtues of Mary who, after enjoying a full life of giving and pouring into her family and others, went home to be with the Lord on May 3, 2011. She was 87.

Known affectionately by most as “Ma Dear,” Mary was a mother not only to her seven children, but also to everyone who knew her. Throughout the nearly 30 years she spent working for Kenneth Copeland Ministries, she met a lot of people and made lifelong friends. Whether they were Partners touring the ministry or attending a convention, she loved them all—and they loved her.

Kenneth Copeland well remembers the important role Mary played in helping him and Gloria, not just in the early days of their ministry, but for years as it continued to grow.

“After about the first 18 months, this ministry began to grow very rapidly,” he recalled. “And especially when Gloria and I were on the road in meetings so much of the time, it seemed as if there were two different ministries: the one where we were in meetings, and the other at home where everything—including mail, correspondence, tapes, radio broadcasts, etc.—was bursting at the seams. Mary was a person of such integrity that we never gave a thought about whether or not things were OK back home in the office. She and my dad were there. The Lord had put those two ‘can do’ people in charge, and we knew without a doubt everything would not only get done but would be done right.

“As things grew even larger and faster, her children—Gloria’s brothers and sisters—began coming into the ministry. It was obvious who raised them because they all are people of strength and integrity, just like ‘Ma Dear.’ People used to say to me, ‘I don’t see how you can work with your family.’ My answer has always been the same: ‘You don’t know my family. I couldn’t have done it without them.’

“They are still in this ministry today, one way or another. And after 40 years, it’s still the same. There have been no cross words or feelings between us—ever! That’s the result of faith in God. Mary Neece lived that way among us. I miss her, but thank God that because of Jesus, she’s in our future.”

Daughter Gloria added: “Mother made it possible for me to share in Ken’s calling in a great way. We always had the assurance that she would see to everything, including John and Kellie, when we were out ministering.

“Mother and I have always been very close. For some time my father was overseas fighting a war and it was just the two of us. She was an awesome woman who certainly set a high standard for all her children. We love her very much, and know we will see her again, because Jesus is Lord!”

# Let Your LIFE SHINE

**One thing the world needs to see is good examples.** They need to see believers walk in love and purity and faith in their homes, in their schools and in their businesses.

The Apostle Paul exhorts us in Romans 12:17 to live above reproach in the sight of all men. Other scriptures teach us to avoid all appearance of evil. So, when you go after God, don't walk out on the edge, trying to see how much you can get by with. Go all out in God's direction. Conduct yourself in a way that will put to rest any question about whether or not you're a Christian. Let the people around you see your love and faith and purity in every situation.

Your example will go a lot further than your words. When our son, John, was a little boy, we were spending time with my grandparents. John was sleeping with my granddaddy and he woke him up in the night and said, "Pop, I have an earache. Would you pray for it?" Well, my grandparents were raised in a church that didn't believe in healing. I don't know what Pop did, but it didn't work. So, John just got

**"Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."**

1 Timothy 4:12

up and said, "I'm going to go get in bed with my mother. When she prays, it stops hurting." About 18 years later, Pop told me the story.

You see, I had set an example of faith and love and John remembered it. While your children are growing up, they might forget some of the sermons you've preached or act like they're not interested in the things of God. But they'll never forget your example.

Even at the place where you work or go to school or just in your neighborhood, people might reject or argue with the words you say. But they'll never refute or forget your acts of love.

Don't let petty sins and spiritual compromises cast a shadow over your example. Live above reproach and let the light of Jesus shine brightly through you.

VICTORY

## A Heart to Serve

"Mother always had a servant's heart," remembers daughter Missy Johnson of Amarillo, Texas. "I saw her serve Kenneth and Gloria for all those years, and she did it endlessly and tirelessly. She never complained."

Johnson recalled how her mother left a job as a dental assistant in Prescott, Ark., in 1972, and "moved me, my brother Stan and our sister Jan to Fort Worth" when she went there to help Kenneth and Gloria establish their ministry.

"Back then everything in the office was done by hand, and she did it all," Johnson said, "including handling all the correspondence from the Partners. She did all that, plus she took care of John and Kellie, so Kenneth and Gloria could travel to their meetings. Sometimes those meetings lasted for weeks, and Mother would just continue to take care of the kids back home."

Mary was the second "official" employee of the Kenneth Copeland Evangelistic Association when the ministry first started. Kenneth's father, the late A.W. Copeland, was the first.

"Just watching her down through the years and seeing how caring she was, not just when it came to Kenneth and Gloria, but with her own family, really helped me in my marriage and family," said Johnson. "It has helped me to stay happily married and content."

Son Richard Neece of Fort Worth admired his mother's gift of hospitality. "No matter who came into her home, they were always greeted with a spirit of grace, an atmosphere of laughter and lots of delicious food," he recalled. "A house was not just a home to Mother. It was a haven—a place where family and friends could always come and find peace, love, comfort, joy and laughter."

In addition to her love for cooking, Mary took pleasure in being creative in other ways. A woman of style and beauty, she was a master seamstress and loved to decorate.

"When Gloria was named homecoming queen at her high school, Mother made her dress for the event," daughter Jan Harbour of Fort Worth recalled. "She also made Gloria's wedding dress. She didn't have a pattern to work from, but she just did it anyway. She was very creative."

Through the years, as the number of granddaughters grew, Mary passed her talents along teaching them the art of sewing and decorating.

"Mother could make anything, and she thought a white coat of paint could improve anything! Mother was a very hard worker, and that's a trait that spilled over into each of our lives as her children," said Johnson. "We're all hard workers because of her. That was just her character."

Mary is survived by three daughters, three sons, and 47 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. **VICTORY**

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BY KENNETH COPELAND

From the *BVOV* Archives: This classic teaching originally appeared in April 1992.

The problem you're facing is either dangerous, or it's valuable. It is either going to conquer you...or give you an opportunity to learn more about victory than you've ever known in your life.

# How Big Is Your Giant?



How do you kill a giant? How do you handle a problem that's so big, you can't see beyond it—and so stubborn it just won't go away? || Day after day, as you look at that problem, it's like the devil himself is standing there taunting you, telling you how impossible your situation is. Maybe you work up your courage and take a run at it. But before you're very far along, you get overwhelmed and scurry back into your hopeless little hideout.

I call that a spiritual stalemate. The devil hasn't actually taken you down—but you're not taking him down either. It can go on for weeks, months, sometimes even years.

In 1 Samuel 17, the army of Israel faced that very situation. They had come to fight the army of the Philistines in the valley of Elah. On one mountainside camped the people of God. On the other camped the army of the enemy. In the valley below was the battle line.

Every morning, the army of Israel aggressively rushed down the mountainside toward the enemy forces. But before they reached the battle line every day, a huge Philistine, a giant of a man, came swaggering out, threatening and challenging the Israelite soldiers.

The Bible says this man was six cubits and a span. That's about 9 feet 6 inches tall, a foot and a half higher than the ceiling in most buildings. The weight of his coat of mail was 5,000 shekels of brass. He carried a spear like a weaver's beam. This was a very big, very well-equipped man.

And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye

servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid (verses 8-11).

The Israelites were dismayed! That word means they had lost courage. In their own eyes, they were defeated. Why? I can tell you in one sentence: *They had their attention focused on the wrong thing!*

“And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. And the men of Israel said, Have you seen this man that is come up?” (verses 24-25).

Where were the soldiers of Israel looking? At the giant, of course. After all, a guy taller than your ceiling wearing hundreds of pounds of clothes must have been something to see!

But a 17-year-old shepherd named David brought a whole new perspective on the scene. David had been sent by his father,

Jesse, to take food to his brothers who were soldiers, and to get a report from their commanding officer. He arrived just in time to see the army of Israel revving up their courage once more and storming down into the valley. When David heard the battle shout, he took off running to go with them.

Here he is, 17 years old, totally unarmed, running toward the battle and shouting greetings to his brothers. Suddenly the giant Goliath comes swaggering out shouting threats as he's been doing every day and night for almost six weeks.

“And David heard them” (verse 23). But David’s response was dramatically different from anyone else’s.

“And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?” (verse 26).

### Focus, Focus, Focus

What was David looking at? He saw the giant, certainly. But it is apparent that his focus is on something else. When David looks at this giant, he sees him as a defeated foe. He doesn’t see him standing up there bellowing. He sees him lying on his back—dead. Not only that, but David sees himself standing on top of that giant collecting the conqueror’s reward!

Notice, David called the giant “this uncircumcised Philistine.” Circumcision was the mark of the covenant between the Israelites and Jehovah God. As the seed of Abraham, David knew he had covenant promises from God that covered this situation. In Deuteronomy, God had said, “they [your enemies] shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways” (Deuteronomy 28:7).

David believed that promise. It didn’t matter whether his enemy was a lion or a bear or some man who had defied God. David knew he’d defeat him. He was aware of the covenant he had with God through Abraham.

I want you to understand this: Any Israelite on the battlefield that day could have defeated Goliath. Every one of them had the same covenant with God David had. God is no respecter of persons. He didn’t back David just because He loved him more than anyone else. God backed David because David believed Him. David trusted His covenant.

Do you know you have a blood covenant with God? It’s a covenant ratified by the blood of Jesus and the Bible says it’s a better covenant with better promises than David had (see Hebrews 8:6). But you need to check your focus. Where have you been looking lately? Are you looking at the size of the problem—or are you looking at your covenant and the power of God?

When you focus your attention on your covenant with God everything changes. While the Israeli soldiers were

looking at the giant, saying, “Have ye seen this man that is come up?” David was looking at him saying, “What reward do I get if I kill him?”

You’re going to see a giant in one of two ways—dangerous or valuable. Goliath wouldn’t have been valuable if he’d been a 5-foot-9-inch braggart with no strength to carry out his threats. It’s easy to kill those little pests. But when your enemy walks out wearing 500-pound clothing...now that’s something else.

“But you don’t understand, Brother Copeland. I have an incurable disease! My business is bankrupt and they’re about to repossess everything I have!”

It doesn’t matter what you’re facing, Jesus has already conquered it. Cancer, AIDS, poverty. I don’t care what it is—the power of God can handle it. But you can’t put that power to work if you run and hide every time the problem swaggers up to you and says, “Now I’ve got you. You’re going to die!”

When that happens you have to stop and choose your perspective. This problem you’re facing is either dangerous, or it’s valuable. It is either going to kill you...or give you an opportunity to learn more about healing than you’ve ever known.

It’s an opportunity for God Almighty to receive more glory in your life than ever before. Not only that, it’s an opportunity for you to come out boasting about the power of the gospel like you’ve never boasted before!

Dangerous...or valuable. You choose. It’s not an easy choice. If it was, everyone in the whole world would be doing it. Many people who believe in healing die young because it’s not easy to choose to believe God when your body is in pain.

It’s not easy to sling off the covers, get out of bed and say, “Jesus bore my sicknesses and carried my diseases and I’m not staying down under this illness in the Name of Jesus!” It’s not easy to go through all those healing scriptures and quote them all day long to yourself, to the devil, to your body and to anyone else who can hear you.

It’s not easy to keep talking covenant talk when everyone else is yielding to fear and acting like you’re an idiot. It’s not easy when no one agrees with your perspective.

David knew that. He didn’t get much agreement for his perspective on Goliath—even from his own family. His oldest brother Eliab came down on him like a hammer. He got angry with David and said, “Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle” (1 Samuel 17:28).

See the battle? What battle? All David had seen was the Israeli army running scared. But Eliab thought his brother’s confidence in God was nothing but personal arrogance. He’d heard David tell that old lion and bear

story about as many times as he could stand, and he figured David was getting ready to tell it again.

And you know what? He was right!

### Rehearse Your Victories in God

David started talking about the victories of God. He kept on saying, “This giant is no problem. I can take him down for you.” It didn’t matter to David that Eliab thought he was ridiculous. David was operating by faith in his covenant with God.

That covenant promised him protection from man, from beast, from enemies. It promised him protection of his flock and protection of his person. Maybe you need to know about that covenant yourself.

Do you know you have a God who has pledged to be your protector? If so, then start talking like it! Quit talking about how dangerous things are and start talking like David.

David talked the victories of God until he was brought before King Saul himself. Saul was the only one who had the authority to tell David to go fight that giant. Realistically, the king was cautious. A 17-year-old boy, he said, can’t compete with a man of that size who’s been trained as a warrior from his childhood.

But David refused to be discouraged. Instead, he kept talking. About what? About the victories he had won by the power of God! “Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God” (verse 36).

David was turned on. He was talking to the king about his favorite subject—the lion, the bear and the lamb. He told the king how he had taken the lamb out of the lion’s mouth, and when the lion rose up against him, he hit him so hard he killed him.

Saul knew no teenage boy could possibly be that strong in the natural realm. He looked at David more carefully. As he looked, he recognized something he had once experienced himself—the Anointing of God.

David kept talking, “The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine” (verse 37).

Suddenly Saul said to David, “Go! *The Lord is with you!*” His perspective changed as he watched the Anointing of God on David. He knew David wasn’t seeing what the rest of the army was seeing. His focus was different.

*David didn’t see a giant—he saw a prize.* The very thing that made that giant dangerous in the eyes of fear, made him valuable in the eyes of faith.

Saul had caught the vision. “Go!” he declared. “For the Lord is with you!” Now they were in agreement. It wouldn’t have mattered if that giant had been 19 feet tall—once David and Saul lined him up in their faith sights, he was a dead man.

Without armor, without a sword or a shield, David took

off running toward Goliath. When Goliath saw him, he disdained him, “for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.”

“And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?... Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field” (verses 43-44).

That was the last thing that giant ever said because—“THEN SAID DAVID to the Philistine.... This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel” (verses 45-46).

David is talking again! He’s running at that giant, talking faith the whole time—and as he talks, his faith expands! Suddenly David is saying he’s not only going to kill Goliath, he is going to give the carcasses of the whole Philistine army to the vultures. What’s more, the *whole earth* is going to hear about this victory and glorify God!

If you never learn anything else from this ministry, I want you to learn this: *Don’t ever stop talking the victory.* Just like David kept seeing that giant flat on his back, keep seeing your problems through The Word of God and see them whipped.

Don’t see *yourself* defeated see *them* defeated. Talk the victory all the way *to* the victory, then talk it afterward!

That giant was dead long before the stone sank into his forehead and laid him on the ground. By the covenant of God, that giant was dead the moment David declared he was.

As he talked about the victory, David grew stronger and the picture in his mind grew clearer. Before the day was over, the image of faith that was on the inside of David had become a physical reality that everyone could see.

“Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled” (verse 51).

Is there a situation in your life that has you stymied? Is there a giant of a problem that’s threatening to destroy you? You can conquer it by doing two things. *One:* Change your focus. Quit looking at the problem and start looking at the promises of God. *Two:* Start talking the victory and don’t ever stop.

Those two things will turn you into a giant-killer. They’ll bring you out of hiding and put you on top of that problem with its head in your hand.

Change your focus. Talk the victory. God will do the rest. And the next time you meet up with a problem that’s 9 feet 6 inches tall, you won’t even ask, “How big is that giant?” Instead, you’ll put on a big faith grin and say, “How big is that prize?” **VICTORY**

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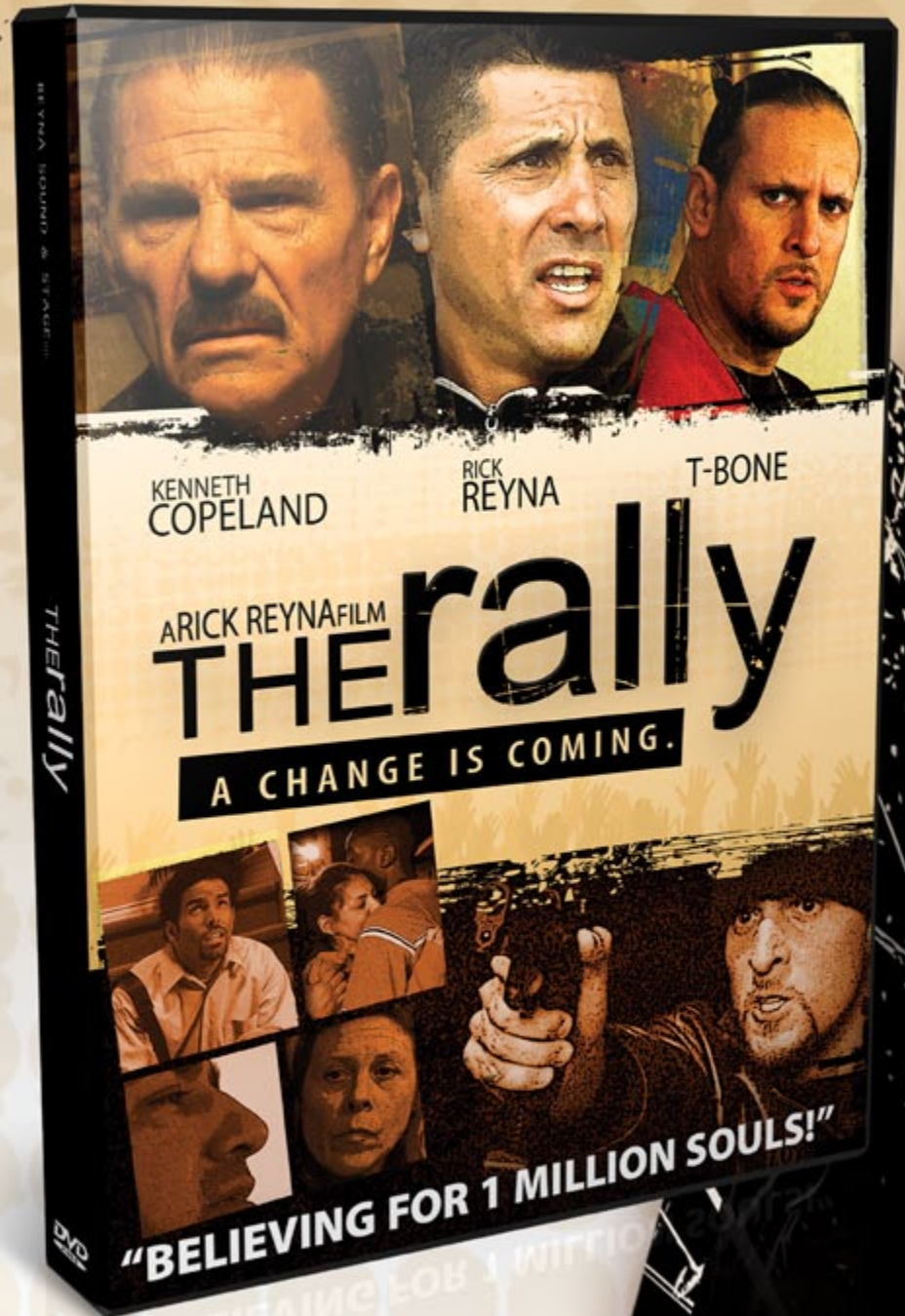
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## Blessed as They Stand in Faith

Greetings in the wonderful Name of our Lord Jesus. I received your letter this past Sunday, 20 February. You were responding to the prayer request I emailed you regarding my family finances. I read the letter immediately as usual and was so encouraged. The following day, my wife received a call from a hospital where she had submitted job applications—they offered her a job as a nurse. The miracle is that we have been standing in faith for more than two years! We really thank God for what He has begun to do in our lives. Not only is our standard of living beginning to improve, but our standard of giving will improve as well. Your teachings are making a difference in our lives.

T.M. :: South Africa

“May he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age...”

(Ruth 4:15, *New King James Version*)

## Encouraged in the Midst of Disaster

Thank God for Kenneth Copeland Ministries! I live in Brisbane, Australia, a city that has recently been ravaged by floodwaters. Wednesday, 12 January, I was sitting in an evacuation centre trying to make sense of the devastation. I wouldn't say I was fearful, but I was definitely uncertain and feeling isolated from friends and family.

In the midst of my uncertainty I received a text message. I thought it was going to be more bad news, but as I looked I found it was a text from Kenneth Copeland Ministries telling me they were praying for me, and to take courage that nothing would separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Words will never express how encouraging that text message was. It's hard to believe that even though you are half a world away, you were right there in the midst of the flood. Thank you, Kenneth Copeland Ministries, for praying and for caring enough to send that text message.

May God continue to bless and use your ministry mightily. To God be all the glory!

Robyn Douglass :: Australia

## Live Long, Finish Strong...It's Never Too Late!

Dear Gloria, for the past year, I've been reading your book *Live Long, Finish Strong*. It's a wonderful book full of such wisdom. My mother-in-law will be 103 years old March 3 [2011]. Tonight we were at her home and she finally accepted Jesus into her heart. I cannot tell you how joyful my husband and I are. In our family, we have a real example of long life to observe. If I were to pick what it was that kept her living long and strong, I would have to say that she always kept her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren close to her. She would babysit all of them at one time on a regular basis. She has always loved having the children around her. Thank you for teaching this message. Your book and teaching made it much easier for us not to give up on our faith for her salvation. Thank you, Gloria—praise the Lord!

Andrea Stahl :: Michigan

## Holy Spirit Protection

As I was taking my son to school, I felt the Holy Spirit direct me to get in the Word—and so I did. After I picked up my son from school, I stopped at the mailbox to retrieve our mail. Out of nowhere, lightning struck the mailbox, but it didn't touch me—I am thanking God and giving Him the glory!

Antoinette White :: Alabama



## Answered Prayer

One of your prayer ministers called a couple of months ago—my prayer was for our son who entered rehab to get off of prescription drugs. He came through with flying colors. I praise the Lord and thank you for your “pray-ers.”

Helen Sims  
California

## Spared From Harm

Thank the Lord for His mercy and faithfulness! He spared my life when another car ran into mine at a stoplight and totaled it! I came out without a scratch. Thank You, God!

Patricia Alessio  
New York



## Prayer Works

I had contacted KCM with a prayer request for a job. I received a phone call from a company that interviewed me November 2010. I thought they had filled the position, but obviously not. They called me in to speak to the owner, and I hadn't even filled out an application yet. When I went in, the owner said to be honest with him, so I told him I was desperate, that I was a very good machinist and was willing to work for \$17.50 an hour. He offered me \$18 an hour (\$2 more than the job I was terminated from after 10 years). Thank you for the prayers.

S.P. :: Michigan

## God Is Good—Mother and Baby Are Fine!

I asked KCM Europe for prayers while I was pregnant, as I had gotten some negative reports. You prayed for perfect health for me and the baby. So I chose to disregard the report of the scan and put my faith in God's Word, that by the stripes of Jesus, my child and I were healed more than 2,000 years ago. We prayed and I listened to Gloria Copeland's Healing School messages in [kcm.org.uk](http://kcm.org.uk) archives. There was one in particular where Brother Kenneth prayed for healing for every part of our bodies from head to toe. I received it by faith for me and my family including my then-unborn baby. I recorded it from SKYTV on my sky planner. I played it over and over, almost daily. I also took Holy Communion almost daily. After various scans, I was told everything was fine. I delivered my baby normally on 21 September—three days after her due date. The enemy tried to rear its ugly head. I had a tear along my cervix and lost 4.5 liters of blood, which was quite much. Glory to God. I recovered immediately, and was discharged after three days. My recovery astounded the doctors, midwives and nurses. People came to see the woman who lost so much blood but recovered immediately and remained perfectly healthy—and my baby is perfectly healthy as well. We return all the glory to God. Thank you very much for being there for us.

Florence Uchenna Enuenwosu :: United Kingdom

## Raise Up a Child...

I want to give God the glory regarding my son Dylan. About a week ago he was off school sick and we prayed together and stood believing God for his healing. Upon my arrival from work, I heard the voice of Keith Moore as I walked through the door. Dylan was sitting on the sofa watching *God's Will for Healing*. I asked my wife if she put it on. She said Dylan got up, chose the DVD and sat to watch it. Well, he was back to school the next day, glory to God! It was just so good that Dylan chose to watch and listen about God's will to heal.

D.K.

## Cancer Defeated by Prayer of Agreement

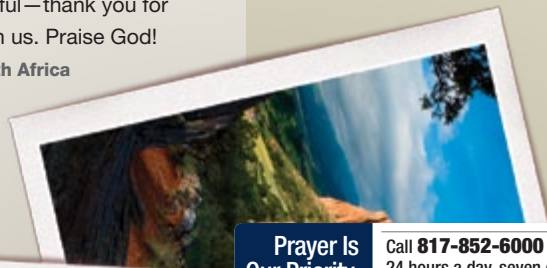
I sent you a prayer request a few weeks back for Tristan, a small boy who was diagnosed with a brain tumor and given only a few days to live. We have received this report from his parents and I just want to share it with you—Tristan's spine is clear of any cancer! All the glory belongs to God. The prayer of agreement is so powerful—thank you for praying with us. Praise God!

A.G. :: South Africa

## My Mind Is Renewed!

The last time I asked for prayer for the renewing of my mind, it happened! My life is changed, especially in the workplace. I used to complain a lot about almost everything, but now I'm a changed person. I thank God for your ministry. Thank you, KCM Partners.

N.O. :: South Africa



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## God Is Faithful to Deliver and to Protect!

A couple of months back, I called KCM to pray with me for my brother to be delivered from many years of alcoholism. I thank God that he has been delivered and I trust that God, who has begun a good work in him, will be faithful to complete it. I also asked for prayer as I was relocating from London to Ghana. God has brought me to Ghana safely and I'm settling in nicely.

E.Q.P. :: Ghana

## God's Word Consumes Cancer

My husband was diagnosed with "squamous cell carcinoma"—cancer of the voice box. Four days prior to receiving the results of his biopsy, his whole neck started swelling, he couldn't swallow without pain and his windpipe was closing!

I had read an account of a Partner of yours in the U.S., and how God healed him of lymphoma. So we decided to take God at His Word, and prayed and stood for my

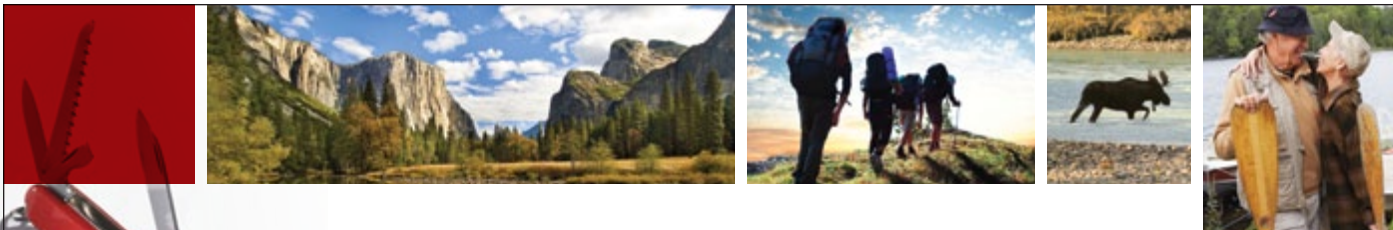
husband's healing.

God reduced the swelling, he started breathing normally again, the pain's all gone, he's eating again and last but not least, God led us to Hebrews 12:29. God was the "radio therapy" that my husband needed to eradicate and burn and consume all mutated and malignant cells in his body!

God is so awesome and I'm still trying to comprehend it all! Praise God!

J.T. :: Fiji





## TONGUES

BY TERRI COPELAND PEARSONS

# God's Swiss Army Knife

One time my husband, Pastor George Pearsons, preached a series in our church titled *God Has a Plan for Your Life*. It was wonderful. After a couple of weeks, everyone understood that God has a plan for your life and it's a good plan. Then, he took the series to the next level. He said, "The

plan of God for your life is in the Spirit." || I could sense about two-thirds of the congregation sink in their seats as if to say, "Well, that counts me out."

Many assumed that it takes some sort of superability to know something about the Spirit, an ability they didn't have and probably couldn't get. Nothing could be further from the truth. The realm of the Spirit is not a mystical, far-out world only a few can contact. It is the realm of the Holy Spirit and we should not be strangers to Him.

As Christians we are born of the Spirit. He is the One who bears witness with our spirit that we are sons of God (Romans 8:16). Unfortunately, too often believers have stopped there. We have shortchanged ourselves of the third person of the Godhead—the One who is the revealer of God the Father, God the Son, God the Word and *God in you*. We can gain an understanding of the ways and the operations of the Spirit because He is sent with the specific assignment to teach, guide and reveal.

### The Spirit Dwells Within

In the Old Testament, we see the first dimension of the Holy Spirit: The presence of God was among the people. While Israel wandered in the desert, He was the cloud by day and the fire by night. Later, His presence filled the Holy of Holies in the temple. The only people the Spirit rested upon were the king, the priest and the prophet. Encounters with Him happened mostly during times of worship at the temple.

Now the second dimension is revealed by Jesus when He says the Holy Spirit "shall be in you" (John 14:17). In John 20, after Jesus' resurrection He walked in the room where His disciples were gathered and He breathed on them. What did He say? "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (verse 22). Why did He breathe on them? The breath of life was given to them the same way it was given to Adam when God breathed life into him.



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# All the operations of the Holy Spirit are inside of tongues, and He pulls out the appropriate tool as it pleases Him.

Life was imparted to them and spiritual death was moved out—they were born again. No longer was the Holy Spirit just among them, but now He was the Holy Spirit within them.

So what would this third dimension be? Well, we know that there must be more because even after Jesus said, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost,” He charged them to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8). What was that? The coming of the Holy Spirit. So there had to be something more if He’s already said, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost.”

Acts 2:2-3 says, “When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them” (*The Amplified Bible*).

When the fullness of the Spirit came among them, this time He came upon them individually. Each and every one of them had the fullness of the Spirit. But then there was also a fullness of the Spirit within them. Well, does that mean that when you’re saved you only have a part of the Holy Spirit? No. You can’t cut Him up in little pieces. But there is a fullness or a beginning of the fullness of His ministry in you, through you and upon you. It is an overflow. Jesus said you don’t put new wine in old skins. Your spirit had to become a new skin so the new wine could come in. So *you were born of the Spirit in order to be filled with the Spirit*.

Was that a big deal? Look again at Acts 2 and find out just how big a deal that was. “And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place, when suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent

tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting” (verses 1-2, *AMP*). This sound they heard from heaven came in and filled the room. It surrounded them and came upon them. It was among them—but in a fullness and in a way *NO ONE* had ever seen or experienced. This was an explosive work of the Holy Spirit. What happened after that? It says they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other *tongues* as the Spirit gave them utterance.

## 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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## Heaven and Earth Reconnected

That day, when the fullness of the Holy Spirit moved into this earth, when heaven and earth were divinely reconnected, the Spirit was not only upon men but within them. The whole realm of heaven burst open and the moving of the Spirit began. Throughout Acts we see the other gifts of the Spirit, listed in 1 Corinthians 12, begin to flow freely.

The gifts of the Spirit weren’t new. We find every one of them recorded in the Old Testament—except tongues and interpretation. But there had never been such a free flow of those gifts. When His expression of tongues was unleashed, every other operation and manifestation of the Spirit came to a higher dimension than it ever had before. Praying in tongues is the key that opened wide the door to the supernatural.

I was teaching on some of these things not too long ago and became caught up in it as I was studying. The bigness of it all just kept growing on the inside of me. I was caught up in the presence of the Lord. I was sitting in my office thinking, *Oh, Jesus, this is so wonderful and so big. Lord, just give me words and tell me a way that I can share with our church the bigness of God and the bigness of tongues.*

I was looking for something really

wonderful—an eloquent, dynamic answer. Then the Holy Spirit impressed me with these words: *Tongues is God's Swiss Army knife*. I don't know why, but it made me laugh. I was waiting for words as awesome as what I was sensing on the inside, and He says, *Tongues is the Swiss Army knife of God*.

Why is tongues like a Swiss Army knife? Well, first of all, a Swiss Army knife is a pocket knife with multiple blades and tools stowed inside its handle. Just as that handle holds many tools, all the operations of the Holy Spirit are inside of tongues, and He pulls out the appropriate tool as it pleases Him. Remember it is “as the Spirit wills” (1 Corinthians 12:11). He told me that the gifts of the Spirit are all encased in tongues. Every one of them can be touched by praying in tongues. Every one of them can

be activated as the Spirit leads. You identify where He is leading you.

Praying in tongues allows you to develop and increase in your ability to follow His leading. Praying in other tongues is the doorway to the supernatural. According to 1 Corinthians 14, by praying in other tongues:

- 1) We turn from human, limited communication and speak directly to God (verse 2)
- 2) We bring out mysteries and hidden truths (verse 2)
- 3) Our spirits become stronger (verse 4)
- 4) The limitations of our minds are set aside (verse 14)
- 5) New depths of praise are opened (verse 17)
- 6) And, a sign is given to unbelievers (verse 22).

And that's just the beginning!

These things don't just drop on you. This is a co-laboring with God by the work of the Holy Spirit.

No other work of the Holy Spirit is so exhaustive, so vital *and so available!* There is a definite connection between the release of the power of the Holy Spirit and praying in other tongues. Every single thing that happens to you *from* God and *of* God is by the Spirit. You can't be born again, you can't be healed, you can't even think straight, apart from the Holy Spirit. It all happens because of the Word, because of Jesus, but by the Holy Spirit.

Our being filled with the Spirit and speaking with other tongues was not so we could have a new label. It was not so we could form a new group. In Luke 11:13, Jesus said, “If ye then...know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” Luke 12:32 says, “It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” So we know it is His heart's desire. And when He gives you the Spirit, He is giving you the kingdom! **vICTORY**

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### Prayer Mountain Annual Prayer Conference: October 27-31

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# Follow YOUR HEART

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When you heard from God's Word that He loves you and He gave His Son Jesus to give you everlasting life (John 3:16), faith came to you for salvation. And you believed and received salvation.

When you became aware from God's Word that by the stripes of Jesus you were healed (1 Peter 2:24), faith came to you for healing. And you believed that word and were healed.

BY GLORIA COPELAND

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### The Holy Spirit Leads You

God’s Spirit is right there inside you, living in the inner man of your heart, teaching and directing you. And because He is, you can hear from Him and follow His leading—you can follow your heart knowing the very thoughts and intents of the heart of God are in you.

When you are born again, God makes you a new person—He actually puts in you a new heart. He re-creates the inner man. Three times the prophet Ezekiel spoke God’s promise to His people: “I will put a new spirit within [you], and take the stony heart [inner man] out of their flesh, and give them a heart [inner man] of flesh” (Ezekiel 11:19, 18:31, 36:26, *New King James Version*).

A heart of stone is a heart that cannot receive the things of God. It is a heart that is resistant and hard. It is a heart that refuses to be led by God’s Spirit.

A heart of flesh is one that can receive the good news and the good things of God. It is a heart that is accessible and pliable. It is a heart that God’s Spirit can easily lead.

Jesus paid the price to assure God’s people could and would receive the fulfillment of Ezekiel’s prophetic words—He assured that we would receive that heart of flesh. When Jesus completed His work here on earth, He ascended to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit back to earth to continue His work through every person who would be born again. He fills us and imparts the new heart to us when we hear the gospel of Christ, believe it, receive it by faith and say yes to Jesus.

### Your Heart—Recipient of Faith

Every person’s experience of salvation begins with

the heart. The heart is the place where we believe what we believe. The inner man of our heart is the recipient of faith. Our heart receives faith when we hear the Word of God, both the written Word and the Word spoken directly to us by the Spirit. “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:8-10, *NKJV*).

When you believed with your heart and received Jesus as your Savior, your heart became immediately connected with the heart of God—His Spirit connected with you and re-created your spirit man. At that moment, you received the capacity for the life of faith to become your way of life. You received the power to take God at His Word, make it your daily lifestyle, and give yourself to the leading of the Word and the Spirit.

When you made that decision in your heart to actually receive all God has for you according to what you read in His Word and what He says to you in your heart, you began to experience the fullness of life...that abundant life Jesus gives (John 10:10).

### Check Your Pulse

So, if hearing from God is a challenge, and you’re having a hard time following His direction, you might want to check your pulse—your inner man’s pulse. Because, if you are alive and born again, God *is* speaking to you! The question is, “Are you taking time to listen?”

To get a reading on your heart, you may want to take a look at how much time you spend with God in His Word and in prayer. None of us can hear anyone speak if we are not in his presence or not connected. Only *you* know where you are when it comes to that.

Are you scheduling time in your day to just sit down with the Lord and meet with Him one on one—to receive from His written Word and to communicate with Him in prayer? Doing that opens you to hear from Him throughout your day...you become attuned to His voice in your heart. And you begin to recognize the times when you need to focus your attention on Him when you face challenges





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and ask for His leading so you can follow His direction.

From my early days as His child, I decided I would spend the first hour of my day with my heavenly Father. Today, I am convinced that decision has made a world of difference in my life.

During my morning sessions He shows me things from His Word that I often find myself referring to during the day. Or

He speaks to me as we communicate in prayer, giving me direction or bringing something to my attention for me to do, or someone to my thoughts He would have me pray for or contact. And, almost always, when I go to that place or call that person, I remember what He said to me, and I know my steps are ordered because I have followed His voice in my heart.

And the most wonderful reward of my daily time with Him is that my heart and His heart begin to function as one...they beat together. I know I can walk in His way for me and know great things lay ahead every day. We can all enjoy living every day with a strong, healthy spiritual pulse...never skipping a beat and keeping the life flowing in us.

**It's Good to Follow the Leader**

You may be thinking, *Gloria, how can you be absolutely sure you're hearing and following God's voice in your heart?* Well, when I don't get a clear direction or if my own heart

isn't sure the leading I'm getting is from Him, I just wait awhile. I let the leading incubate until I'm convinced I've heard the right thing. I go straight back to Him and ask Him about it. I take time to let His Word speak to me.

And I have experienced times when I'm not sure if the leading is the Lord or if it's me. So, I might do it anyway if it is something that blesses and is good. Of course, I pray in the spirit as I go about doing what I'm doing. I might even stop right in the middle of something because I've picked up His leading that I'm off track. It's OK because I know if I'm asking, He's answering. If I want Him to be my leader, He will be my leader. I know if He desires my good all the time, He will get me back on track.

And I do know He *does* desire our good all the time. Our good...our walking in His blessing consistently...is the whole reason He placed His Spirit inside us to keep us on track. He leads, we follow.

You know this scripture: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11, *New Living Translation*). We can be assured this scripture will be fulfilled in our lives because God's Spirit is leading us all the time. And if we venture off track, the Spirit will stay with us, nudging us back and God's plan will be fulfilled in our lives.

Ken gives an illustration I love. If a pilot leaves point A going to point B, but somehow veers off course because weather or navigational error took him off his flight plan, he doesn't have to go back to point A to get back on track to his destination. He just adjusts his course and heads for point B. He may have to contact

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the flight controllers somewhere along the line, and he might have to stop somewhere, but point A is behind and he is headed to the completion of the flight plan at point B.

When we set our hearts to stay on God's plan through the leading of His Holy Spirit who lives in us, even if we "miss it" here or there, the Spirit is committed to getting us to our destination. We don't have to go back to point A. We can recognize our error and move on to point B. Then we refuel (time in the Word and in prayer) and head out for the next stop in our journey. This is the only way to travel through life...assured we have a leader whose purpose is to do only the good and right things for us and to get us safely to our destination!

### When We Follow, We Lead

How many times have you read in the Gospels the words of Jesus, "Follow me"?

The disciples had in Jesus a human person to follow. They had someone their eyes could see and their ears could hear. And they *did* follow Him everywhere He led them. They witnessed the signs, wonders and miracles He did. They heard the words He spoke—words they had never heard from a man of God. They marveled at His actions and His sayings.

Yet, Jesus wasn't out there acting on His own. He was being led by the Spirit the whole time He was on earth. He followed the leading of the Spirit in His heart. And the Spirit was not acting on His own, either. He was telling Jesus what His Father was saying and showing Him what the Father was doing.

Jesus Himself confessed, "Most assuredly, I say to you,

the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner" (John 5:19, *NKJV*). The three of them—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—were cooperating, working together to do and say good things to the people.

The very same Spirit you and I have as our leader is the One who led Jesus during His entire time on earth. The same Spirit in His heart is the Spirit in your heart. Glory to God!

Some people followed Jesus—some did not. Today, He is still giving the invitation for people to follow Him.

You and I have made that decision—we are His followers...His disciples. When we committed to Him, we committed to His lifestyle. We committed to giving people in our generation, in our world, in our realm of influence the same invitation...to follow Jesus. Our job as His followers is to be leaders—to lead people to Him and to lead people to connect with their heavenly Father by the Spirit.

Ken and I have had the privilege of helping people around the world to be both followers *of* Jesus and leaders *to* Jesus. We have had the honor of teaching people how to increase their faith by the Word of God, and how to connect with the Spirit of God within their own hearts.

And as we have followed our hearts by the Spirit, we have said to countless people who have come to know Jesus and have come to have faith in His Word—and *I say to you right now*—"You can trust your heart because you can trust the One who lives in your heart...the One who is guiding you and bringing God's plan for you to pass. Step out in faith and follow your heart!" **VICTORY**

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