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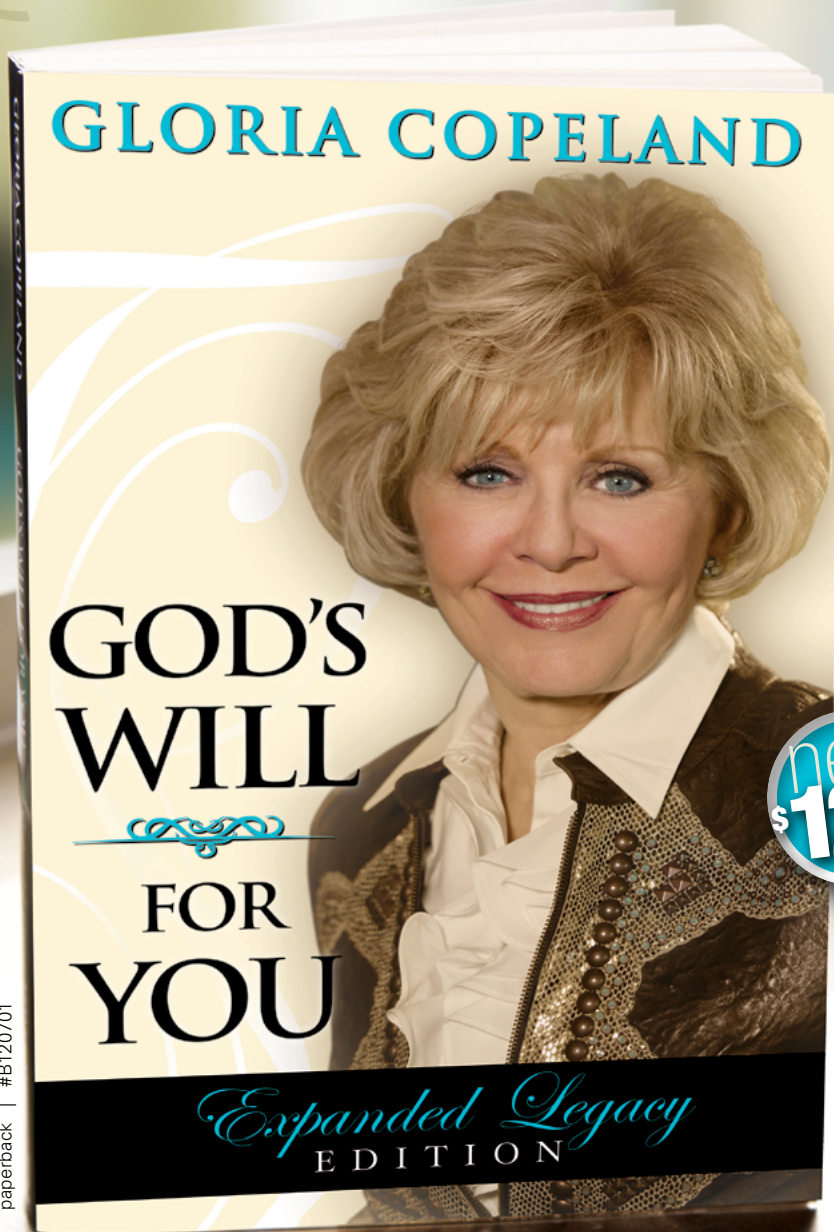
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Choose Life, *Choose* Words

If you've been waiting for God to bless you in some area of your life, I want you to know: The wait is over.

You don't have to sit around anymore wishing God would do something to help you. You don't have to waste another minute wondering if it's His will for you to put up with some cursed condition in your body, your family or your finances.

No, as far as God is concerned, the issue is settled. In a scripture that reveals His will not only for you but for all mankind for all time, He said: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death,

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blessing and cursing: therefore [YOU!] choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

In other words, if you want a blessed life, today is your day. God has already made the way. He set up a BLESSING system for you that cannot be changed. He fixed it so no one else can interfere and stop it from working on your behalf.

He also explained in extremely simple terms how you can activate it. All you have to do is choose life!

Exactly what does it mean to choose life?

First and foremost, it means choosing Jesus. He's the One who secured God's BLESSING for us and sealed it with His own blood forever. He's the One who has given us His righteousness and qualified us to enjoy God's goodness in every area of life. He's the One who has delivered us from the power of darkness, death and the curse, and translated us into the kingdom of God.

Notice, I said we've already been translated into God's kingdom. That sometimes confuses people because they equate that kingdom with heaven. But they're not the same thing. Heaven is a place we'll go to in the future. But as believers, we're in the kingdom of God right now.

You see, God's kingdom is not a place. It is literally the King's domain (king-dom), the realm of His dominion. It's a divine system of government.

Wherever that system of government is exercised, THE BLESSING always manifests. That's actually how you got born again. You put the principles of God's divine government into operation. You chose life by believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth The LORD Jesus (Romans 10:9). As a result, THE BLESSING of God regenerated your spirit and you were saved.

The same thing happened to me and every other born-again Christian. But here's the problem. Many believers stop right there. Once they receive the BLESSING of the new birth they leave everything else up to God. Instead of continuing to activate His principles, they cry and pray and beg Him to do something about the messes in their lives. When

their prayers seem to go unanswered, they decide it just wasn't His will.

Gloria and I know what that's like. We did it ourselves for five long years after we were born again. But then things changed. We found out what the Bible says and realized we could enjoy all THE BLESSING we want if we'd just keep choosing life.

Say the Same Thing

Here's something else we discovered: Choosing life means choosing words!

As Proverbs 18:20-21 says, "A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

If you look up the Hebrew word translated *power* in that verse, you'll find it can also be translated *hand*. So it's scriptural to say that death and life are in the hand of the tongue. Although that sounds a little strange, it makes sense if you think about it.

Even in English, we use the word *hand* to denote power. If I told you I was putting a certain job in your hands, you'd know exactly what I meant. You'd understand that I'm turning it over to you because I'm confident you have the power or ability to get it done.

In the same way, life and death are in our tongue's *hand* because our words have the power to connect us to those things. When we speak negative words or words that align with the curse (such as "I'm broke," "I'm sick," or "I'm a failure"), we activate the death cycle in our lives. When we speak God's WORD about ourselves, we activate the life cycle of THE BLESSING.

"But Brother Copeland, I just don't see how my words can make that much difference!"

So what? *The Holy Bible* says they do. All you have to do is accept it, apply it and enjoy the results.





“It’s time
for you
to be
heard.
But you
can’t if
you don’t
stand
up and
speak
out.
It starts
with
sowing
your seed.
**Your
vote
really
does
count.**”

— Kenneth Copeland

I learned that from flying airplanes. After more than 50 years as a pilot, there’s still a lot I don’t understand about jet engines. But that doesn’t keep me from flying wherever I want to go at 600 miles an hour. Never once have I climbed into the cockpit and said, “I refuse to take off in this thing until I completely understand how it works.” No, I just start the engines and say, “Let’s go!”

I did the same thing with the power of words. Once I saw in *The Book* what they can do, I started putting them to work in my life. At first, I didn’t understand the process at all. I had no idea how speaking God’s WORD could change my situation. But I did it anyway. Sure enough, it got me out from under a mountain of debt in less than a year—and I’ve enjoyed a debt-free lifestyle ever since.

These days I have a better grasp of why words work like they do. After four decades of studying the subject I’ve come to understand, for instance, that God and His WORD are one. They cannot be separated. As John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

I’ve learned from the Scriptures that everything in this universe was created by words. The heavens and the earth, the plants and animals, the race of man—all came from what God said. This planet is a word-governed system.

I realize most people don’t believe that. But it doesn’t matter whether they believe it or not—it’s the truth. It’s already been settled, set and fixed by God. Whether we like it or not, whether we believe it or not, we all live under the authority of words. The only choice we have is which words we’re going to live under—words of life, or words of death.

Put a Bridle on It

“Oh, come on!” someone might say. “Surely, you’re not telling me that everything in our lives can be traced back to words.”

Yes, that’s exactly what I’m telling you. But don’t take it from me. Take it from James, the half brother of Jesus. In his New Testament epistle, he drove home the point beyond question. After growing up watching Jesus use words the way God intended, he said:

If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison (James 3:2-8).

Our words might seem small to us but, according to James, they’re behind everything that happens. They set on fire the entire course of life. They’re like the little match that burns down the whole farmhouse. They’re like the little rudder that wrecks a massive ship.

I thought about that recently when I saw a news story about a cruise ship that ended up on the rocks, not because some big storm drove it off course, or because of a major mechanical malfunction, but simply because the rudder got turned the wrong way.

Think of it! That rudder actually got people killed. It destroyed lives. Of course, the rudder didn’t do the job on its own. It just responded to the hand of the immature captain at the wheel of the ship. He didn’t exercise proper control over the steering gear.

Although it’s easy for us to criticize that captain, we’ve all done essentially the same thing. We’ve wrecked entire areas of our lives by failing to control our tongues.

Some believers justify such failures with the scriptural-sounding excuse, “No man

can tame the tongue!” But that’s not really what the Bible says. On the contrary, James 1:26 says, “If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain.”

Clearly, it’s possible to tame or bridle the tongue. Otherwise God wouldn’t waste paper and ink by putting that verse in the Bible. But the taming can’t be done with the kind of natural skill and intelligence that’s used to tame a horse, a dog or a cat. When it comes to bridling the tongue, human ability isn’t enough to get the job done.

That’s because out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Luke 6:45). Whatever a person thinks about and imagines ends up in his heart, and since a person who isn’t born again can’t control his imagination, he can’t control his mouth. He’ll say what’s on the inside of him without even realizing what he’s doing.

I can verify that from experience. When I first married Gloria, before I got saved, I had a terrible mouth. Cussing came as easily to me as breathing. My great-grandfather’s nickname was Cussin’ Owens and I decided as a kid to be just like him. I spent years working at it. So, by the time Gloria came into the picture I swore without even thinking.

One night after we’d been out together, she said, “I’m not going out in public with you anymore!”

“Why not?”

“You have the worst mouth! You embarrass me.”

I stood there for a minute,

trying to figure out what she meant. “What the h--- did I say?” I asked.

“See there! You did it again!”

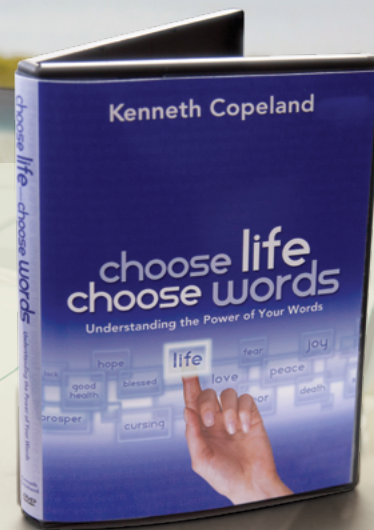
“What?” I said. I wasn’t even aware that I’d cussed. I didn’t even hear it.

This is the power words have over the mind! So if we had to control them with our own natural strength,

“A man’s belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”—Proverbs 18:20-21

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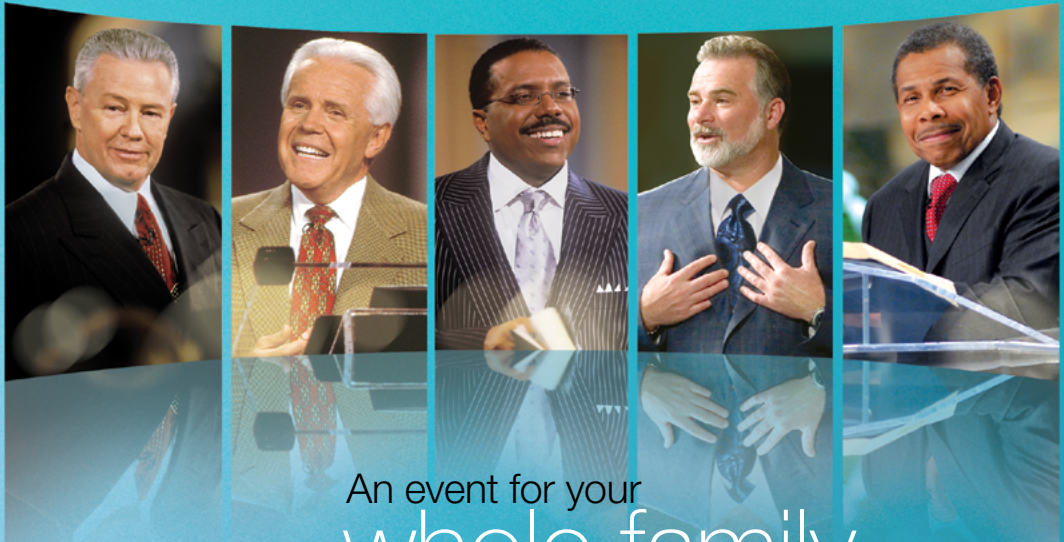
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we'd be in trouble. But we don't. As born-again believers, we can bring our tongues into submission with "the weapons of our warfare [which] are not carnal [or natural], but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

Because we have the divine power available to us to choose our thoughts, we can choose our words; and by choosing our words, we can choose life.

"But Brother Copeland, I'm not used to making those choices. How do I get started?"

This is step No. 1: Make a firm, uncompromising decision to put God's WORD first place in your life. Determine to make it your final authority and refuse to speak contrary to it. Treat God's WORD as truth and everything that contradicts it as a lie. Then do what James instructed and "lie not against the truth" (James 3:14).

It's simple, really.

But it's not easy.

After all, most of us have spent years contradicting God's WORD. I look back now at how Gloria and I talked when we first learned about these things, and our conversation was almost totally negative because the whole natural world is that way. It's always going downhill toward death.

To go the other way—toward life—takes commitment. We have to fill our minds and our hearts with God's WORD until it overflows from our mouths. We have to keep The WORD in front of our eyes and in our ears every day. If we don't, the world will pull us back into its downward flow. We'll wind up saying things we never intended. All the while, the devil will be telling us our words are no big deal. He'll be working to convince us that a little negative talk won't make much difference. But it will and he knows it.

The power of life and death is in the tongue. That's why Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." Ungodly, unbelieving words will corrupt your faith. They'll corrupt your health. They'll corrupt all life around you. The forces of darkness will use them to stop you from walking in THE BLESSING Jesus bought for you on the cross.

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Fearless Faith

Todd Anderson steered his pickup past his grandparents' old homestead outside Wauneta, Neb. Stopping the truck, he stepped out into 96 degree heat—unseasonably warm weather for November. Todd remembered many Novembers when Nebraska had been shrouded in layers of snow. On the heels of a long drought, the weather pattern had changed.

BY MELANIE HEMRY

“Help me, Father, get one snake. In the Name of Jesus,
I will overcome all fear.”



“You ready to hunt some prairie dogs?” Todd asked his 10-year-old son, Noah.

“Yeah,” Noah said with an easy smile.

Todd ruffled Noah’s hair and shared a look with his wife, Cindy. Noah was the youngest of their four children, and they were all growing up too fast.

Topping the hill, the three took in the scene below. Left unchecked, the prairie dog population had blossomed out of control. But they weren’t the only inhabitants of the underground tunnels.

Drawn out of the ground by the heat, thousands of rattlesnakes basked in the sun.

Todd took a few steps and saw a 3-foot Western diamondback rattlesnake stretched out in the sunshine. Before Todd realized it, the snake coiled and struck at him... but missed. Todd slammed his shovel down and severed its head.

Dropping his shovel, Todd yelled, “Cindy! Noah! Dad just killed a freak of nature! This thing is huge!”

Reaching down to pick up his shovel, Todd realized the snake was not dead. He had *almost* severed its head.

Almost instantly, the head turned...and struck...biting Todd on the tip of his index finger. Immediately, Todd attacked the snake, this time finishing the job and killing the viper.

Todd didn’t make a sound when the snake bit him, but somehow, Cindy knew.

Looking in his eyes, she asked, “Did you get bit?”

“Yeah, I did.”

“We’d better get you to a hospital.”

“OK,” Todd said, grabbing the dead snake and tossing it into a gunnysack in case the doctor needed to see it. In swift motions, he shoveled dirt over the severed head, aware that although dead, the venom could still kill any animal or human that came in contact with it.

Wauneta was halfway between a small hospital in Imperial and a larger one in McCook. Common sense told Cindy to take Todd to the larger hospital. But as she prayed, the Lord urged her to take him to the small one. Reaching a junction in the road, she turned and headed toward Chase County Hospital in Imperial.

Led by the Lord

“It was a good thing I’d learned how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit,” Cindy says. “I had no way of knowing there had been such an increase in snakebites that McCook Community Hospital (I was told later) had run out of antivenin. In the natural, Todd’s only chance of survival lay in reaching the small hospital in Imperial.

“On the way there, his finger began to throb. He felt his heart racing and sweat beaded every pore of his body.”

Reaching the emergency room, Cindy dropped Todd off at the door and hurried to park the truck. Rushing inside, she found Todd slowly relaying his story to the woman at the desk—like he didn’t see it as an emergency.

“So we were up on this hill behind my grandparents’ place...”

“He’s *snakebit!*” Cindy interrupted.

The woman ran for help.

The injection of antivenin felt like ice water surging through Todd’s veins. Instead of sweating, now he

shook with chills. The hospital only had a few vials of the precious serum. As they administered them to Todd, he continued to worsen. By now his whole arm had swelled and his finger had turned black.

By that afternoon, medical personnel were rushing Todd to a waiting helicopter for a flight to nearby North Platte, Neb. They had to get him to a larger hospital where there was more antivenin.

In and out of consciousness, Todd could feel the vibration of the helicopter rattle every nerve ending in his finger. The deafening noise echoed in his head as he remembered the words their daughter Symphony had spoken that morning: *Dad, I had a dream last night and one of the snakes got you! Don’t go up there today!*

That had been the Lord warning him, Todd now realized. But it was too late.

As the helicopter raced to its destination, a slash of red snaked its way across Todd’s chest toward his heart.

After he was admitted to the intensive care unit in North Platte, doctors continued injecting antivenin into Todd’s body. They were fighting to save his life. A nurse told Cindy the doctors were discussing the possibility of amputating his arm.

Stepping out of the room and into the hallway, Cindy phoned Kenneth



“We can live in this house without debt!” Cindy had exclaimed. Nine months after the Anderson family had agreed in prayer, their mortgage was paid in full.

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The Fight for Life

For Todd, the night was long and miserable. The pain was so intense he couldn't sleep. Every beat of his heart seemed to throb in his finger as pain seared his nerves.

By morning, his arm had swollen like a balloon, and doctors decided to try one last desperate measure: transfer Todd again—this time to the

poison control hospital in Fort Collins, Colo.

The Life Flight helicopter was out on a mission. Rather than wait, they rushed Todd to an ambulance which screamed its way down the highway and on to Poudre Valley Hospital.

Admitted to the ICU, Todd met his new doctor. An obviously educated man from South Africa, the doctor had experience treating victims of the black mamba, considered to be the deadliest snake in the world.

By now, Todd's black finger looked like a rotted piece of meat. Todd knew it would take a miracle to save his finger. No one had told him that doctors had already considered amputating his entire arm.

After a thorough examination, the South African doctor stepped into the waiting room to talk to Cindy. “I think we can save his arm,” the doctor explained. “I don't think we can save his finger.”

“That's not what God says,” Cindy replied. “God says blessing and cursing are in the power of the tongue. And doctor, I've spoken life over my husband's finger.”

Not a single outward circumstance supported Cindy's belief in God's Word.

The Power of Remembrance

“I'd been fasting and praying for three days,” Cindy remembers. “I hadn't eaten since before Todd had been bitten. I was alone in a different state, far away from our family and friends. As I meditated on God's Word, I also thought about all the miraculous answers to prayer Todd and I had experienced. God had never answered our prayers halfway. He'd always answered them 100 percent.”

Cindy thought back to when she'd home-schooled the children and they lived on one salary. Finances had been tight, and they needed a van to transport their growing family. In August 2000, while attending the Southwest Believers' Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, Cindy had heard Kenneth Copeland say, “Whatever God has done for

Gloria and me, He'll do for you.”

Those words sparked a fire in Cindy's faith.

“That means God will help us get a van without debt!”

“If you're going to ask God for a van, you'd better ask Him for the seed to sow, because we don't have it,” Todd had told her.

Cindy prayed, releasing her faith for God to give them a late-model van without debt *and* the seed to sow for it. One day during the convention, a man with white hair and a beard handed Cindy a piece of folded yellow paper.

“The Lord told me to give this to you,” he said.

“I'll bet it's a scripture! A word from God!” Cindy told her children as the man walked away.

Inside were two \$50 bills.

Seed!

Todd and Cindy immediately planted the \$100 into KCM as seed toward a new van. Within six months, they had the van debt free.

Faith to Reverse the Curse

Sitting beside Todd in the ICU, Cindy remembered when, through faith, they'd bought one of the largest houses in Palisade, Neb. Living in their dream home, Cindy remembered again what Brother Copeland had said. “Whatever God has done for Gloria and me, He'll do for you.”

“We can live in this house without debt!” Cindy had exclaimed. She and Todd sat down with their children and shared Psalm 122:6-9 which the Lord had given them to stand on: “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces.’ For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, ‘Peace *be* within you.’ Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good” (*New King James Version*). They explained that by putting God's desires before their own, He would give them the desire of their hearts—their mortgage paid in full. And Psalm 37:4 confirmed it, “Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart” (*NKJV*). The family prayed in agreement, and from that day forward, each family member prayed seven times a day, praying for the peace of Jerusalem and thanking God their mortgage was paid in full.

The strangest thing happened. Money began appearing in their bank account that neither Todd nor Cindy had deposited! Each time it happened, they fell on their knees and thanked God. In time, they contacted the bank and explained what they knew to be an error.

Their account number had been similar to the account of a government vending company. That company had deposited \$336,000 into the Andersons' account. The bank

and the vending company had been so grateful for their honesty, the Andersons were allowed to keep the accrued interest. Nine months after the Anderson family had agreed in prayer, their mortgage was paid in full.

Faith for Healing

Now, Cindy looked at Todd's finger—black as death. Sure, Todd could live without his finger. But why should he have to when Jesus had paid the price for his complete healing? The devil wouldn't take his life. He wouldn't take his arm. And he wouldn't take his finger. Not even a piece of it.

Filled with faith, Cindy decreed and declared God's Word over the situation. The next morning, there was a tiny button of color on the tip of Todd's finger.

Seeing the change, the doctor asked: "Mr. Anderson, do you want your finger?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then you'd better take ownership and start moving it." The doctor grabbed Todd's finger and forced it to move. Pain radiated throughout his entire body, but he moved it anyway.

"Most snakes do what we call a controlled bite," the doctor explained to Todd. "They control the amount of venom they release when they bite. In this case, the snake knew it was dying and shot all the venom from its body into yours."

So much venom had entered Todd's body that it took a total of 26 vials of antivenin to stop its poisonous effects.

Faith to Overcome Fear

A week after the snakebite, Todd was discharged from the hospital. The prognosis? He would live and not die. He had his arm. He had his finger. But he had something else he'd never had before.

Fear.

The thought of a rattlesnake caused his heart to race and his palms to sweat. Todd knew the deadliest thing he'd encountered hadn't been a den of rattlesnakes. It had been a serpent of fear. He refused to live with it. He refused to be afraid or to cower.

When he got home from the hospital, Todd was weak and pale. His oxygen levels were still low and his legs felt like rubber. In spite of all that, he walked inside, changed into jeans and boots, grabbed a shovel, and started back out the door.

"Where are you going?" Cindy asked.

"I've got to overcome this fear."

He's going back to the rattlesnake den!

"I'm going with you."

Todd looked into Cindy's big brown eyes. "No, you're not. I've got to do this alone." Watching him leave was the hardest thing Cindy had ever done.

Back up on the hill, Todd looked over the scene before him. Rattlesnakes writhed in and out of tunnels everywhere he looked.

"Help me, Father, get *one* snake," he prayed. "In the Name of Jesus, I will overcome all fear."

Then he walked into the den. Still weak, he killed *two* rattlesnakes and buried their heads. Wiping perspiration from his brow, he hung their carcasses on a fence and watched as a hawk feasted on them.

Walking back to his truck, Todd Anderson knew his restoration was complete. He would face the future fearless and full of faith. **VICTORY**



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Todd and Cindy Anderson are strong in their faith...strength they have gained as longtime Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Even in the face of one of life's most fear-inducing situations, with agreement in prayer from KCM, their faith stood and defied all odds.

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Upper Midwest Faith Explosion: August 23-24

Living Word Christian Center | 9201 75th Ave. N.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428 | 1-763-315-7000 | lwcc.org

International Faith Conference: September 10

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7600 W. Roosevelt Road | Forest Park, IL 60130
1-708-697-5000 | billwinston.org

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October 25-29 (Billye Brim Ministries)
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Botkins, OH 45306 | 1-937-693-3554 | obmcc.org

Only Believe Ministries: June 28

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Kenton, OH 43326 | 1-419-675-0027 | obmcc.org

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Canada | 1-519-709-2167 | wohp.org

Living Word Bible Church: September 9

3520 E. Brown Road | Mesa, AZ 85213
1-480-964-4463 | livingwordonline.org

Word of Faith Family Church: September 11

285 W. Central Parkway, Suite 1716
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 | 1-386-255-0662

Maranatha Christian Center: September 12

3506 N. Harbor City Blvd. | Melbourne, FL 32935
1-321-259-5962 | mccmelbourne.org

The Master's Touch International Church:

September 16
555 Markham Woods Road | Longwood, FL 32779
1-321-304-4111 | tmic.com

Toronto International Celebration Church:

October 28
190 Railside Road | Toronto, ON M1A 1A1
Canada | 1-416-497-4940 | ticc.ca

Grace Television Network: October 29

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The Jim Bakker Show: November 7

180 Grace Chapel Road | Blue Eye, MO 65611
1-417-779-9000 | jimbakkershow.com

Tony Orlando Salute to Veterans: November 11

The Welk Theatre | 1984 State Highway 165
Branson, MO 65616 | 1-800-808-9355
welkresortbranson.com

Faith and Wisdom Church: November 11

162 Industrial Park Drive, Suite J | Hollister, MO 65672
1-417-335-9991 | fwcbranson.com

Glory House of Prayer 3rd Anniversary Celebration: November 17-18

1869 Central Ave. | Albany, NY 12205
1-518-986-6755 | gloryhouseofprayer.org

Jeremy and Sarah Pearsons

**Venezuela Victory Youth Campaign:
August 24-25**
Sports Center "Pedro Elías Belisario Aponte"
Ave. 25 con Prolongación Circunvalación 2, con Ave. 5
de Julio | Maracaibo, Estado de Zulia, Venezuela | kcm.org/es

Riley Stephenson, KCM's Evangelistic Outreach Minister

Jasper Christian Center: June 22-24
12696 Highway 78 East | Jasper, AL 35501
1-205-221-1747 | jasperchristiancenter.org

New Life Christian Fellowship: July 13-15

6755 S. Washington Ave. | Titusville, FL 32780
1-321-269-7578 | findnewlife.com

Faith City Church: July 18

307 S. Washington Ave. | Titusville, FL 32796
myfaithcity.org

New Way Christian Fellowship: July 20-22

293 Old Moody Blvd. | Palm Coast, FL 32164
1-386-437-9575 | mynewcf.com

El Shaddai Christian Fellowship: August 12

N158 Highway 55 | Kaukauna, WI 54130
1-920-766-7701 | elshaddaicf.com

Victory Fellowship Church: August 31-September 3

1087 McDowell Road | Asheboro, NC 27205
1-336-626-6561 | vfc-asheboro.org

Halloween Block Party Outreach: October 27-28

Abundant Life Church
9365 Hooper Road | Athens, OH 45701
1-740-593-7500 | theabundantlifefetoday.org

Life Church: October 30-November 1

5910 Elevator Road | Roscoe, IL 61073
1-815-623-7625 | lifechurchag.com

Agape Embassy Ministries: November 2-4

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A man in a dark suit and tie is speaking into a microphone at a clear podium on a stage. Behind him is a large banner with the text "JESUS IS LORD" and "WITH MINISTRIES" visible. The background also features a world map. In the foreground, the backs of several audience members' heads and their raised hands are visible, indicating a worship service.

the Supernatural POWER OF MUSIC

GROWING UP in the highlands of the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia, I vividly remember music which touched my heart so deeply, the only way my young life could explain it was that, somehow, God lived inside those songs. In those mountains, we grew up playing handmade acoustical instruments and singing the stories of "life in the mountains" that went along with their sweet and natural sounds.

Music has the ability to affect everything on every level of life. It carries the infinitely creative Word of God deep into the human fabric.

Etched forever into my memory is my first experience with “sympathetic vibrations.” I was sitting beside a guitar that was leaning against a wall. Across the room, people were singing and playing. All of a sudden I heard it! The untouched strings of the lone guitar were vibrating in the same key as the guitar being played across the room! Once again, my young heart knew that, somehow, there was a divine connection.

As I have grown, I have come to realize music is an eternal, universal, spiritual language that connects the physical and spiritual—transcending time and space altogether. Music is made of the same divine substance that births miracles, in a realm beyond the limitations of our own linear, time-trapped, temporal world.

Music is used to carry a message, to transport a truth or a lie, to convey information or power deep into a heart and mind to create a desired result or outcome. Almost all products advertised for sale to the public are accompanied by a musical “hook.” Because of the way God wired our brains, it is difficult to become inoculated or immune to music’s persuasive power.

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When words are accompanied by music, those words are carried within a container of frequencies, vibrations and waveforms which reshape the words so they flow into places they could not go if merely spoken.

God’s Word was spoken, so it could be written, so it could be spoken, and when the Word of God is carried by music, it grows exponentially in strength and power.

A Christian who sings and worships is rarely defeated! Each song is a milestone on the road to victory, a container filled with the explosive frequencies of God.

The Weapon of Worship

Worship songs are to a believer’s spirit what ammunition is to an army. The writer, producer or singer of worship songs is, in effect, an ammunition maker, helping the believer to face life from a position of strength. This ammunition is not expendable. It can be used over and over again. Romans 10:17 says, “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (*New King James Version*). Vibrant (the root word for vibrations), living, overcoming faith comes from filling yourself to overflowing, over and over again, with the frequencies of God—not from going dry and then refilling, but from staying full to the point of running over.

Sing worship and victory, and you will become victorious. What you sing, you become. Your human spirit believes the words you say more than it believes anyone else’s words. Your spirit is designed by God to cause the words it hears and believes to come to pass in your life, particularly if it hears *you* saying them.

If you don’t like some of the things going on in your life, check up on what you are saying and hearing—especially those words carried into your being by music. Music that just relieves struggle and pain, and keeps you focused on the bad times, is literally keeping the yoke of bondage around your neck and rubbing your nose in defeat and tragedy.

The Lord said something to me recently that shocked me! He said,



Self-focus is a form of cannibalism. Continuously feed on yourself, and you’ll get sick.

Psalms 34:1 says, “I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” I challenge you to design a customized playlist of music you feed on daily. Cut out lyrics and melodies that are dark and toxic, and add songs that lift you up, bless you, bring you in line with God’s plans, purposes and pursuits, and incorporate the supernatural frequencies of God’s Word.

The Psalms were literally called songs of ravings and boasts about God. They carry great potency and power. When spoken or sung, they are arranged in a variety of ways to achieve certain ends. One arrangement is called *Sayings of Gold*. Another is called *The Universal Cure*. It is noted in some historic Jewish writings that ancient rabbis, such as Moshe Rabbeinu, actually raised people from the dead with song! Psalms 113-118, referred to as the “Hallel” (where we get our word “Halleluia”) invoke the manifested presence and power of God through praise. An often-repeated word in the Psalms is shalom. One of the meanings of the Hebrew word *shalom* is “nothing missing, nothing broken.” Matthew 26:30, referring to the final moments of Jesus’ last supper with

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David would not build the temple, but his son Solomon would (see 1 Chronicles). More than this, though, because of David's concern for God's glory, God promised to establish David's kingdom forever. That

is why God made sure Jesus, the Messiah, came from the house of David. Psalm 30 is the song David penned that was used at the Temple's dedication many years after his death.

Prophet of Your Own Life

When I gave my heart to Jesus, I asked the Lord for specific direction for my life. This one, profoundly simple reply came resounding into my entire being, *Wherever you go, whatever you do, create an atmosphere for Me to be Myself*. The bottom line here is that you are the prophet of your own life. The frequencies you take in and broadcast outwardly from your life will determine your level of success. You write your own ticket. You alone determine your destiny. Choose wisely!

Elisha, one of the greatest miracle workers in the Bible, was asked by three kings to inquire of God what they should do. They needed wisdom. So, Elisha requested that they bring him a minstrel. When they did, the worship flowed and the wisdom came. We see this in 2 Kings 3:15. "And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, the hand of the Lord came upon [Elisha]."

David had a bedtime ritual. Each night he would hang his harp above his bed, directly over his head. He would sleep until around midnight, when he was awakened by a "north wind" blowing across the strings of his harp (Psalm 119:62, *Talmud: Tractate Berachot* 3:b, Rabbi Aha Bizna). He would spend the rest of the night learning and playing songs of the Spirit, worshipping and communing with God.

The Hebrew word for *north* (*tzafon*), as in *north wind*, means "hidden." This suggests that the music and song originated from a hidden, spiritual realm. Music is intended to awaken a person's deep connections with God and to propel and accompany him along the path of his destiny.

Under David's leadership, every time Israel enlarged her borders in praise and worship, her geographical borders and financial strength expanded as well. Although David did not actually build the Temple in Jerusalem, it was he who first thought of building a "house of God" and made such lavish preparations for its construction. When David told the prophet Nathan of his desire to build this temple to house the Ark of God, God revealed to Nathan that

Today, there are many capable and gifted worship leaders. The Lord, though, is calling for *lead worshippers* like David who bring their behind-closed-doors intimacy with God to the people.

Divine speech was the instrument through which God created the universe. Everything in the universe, including the stars, has a frequency, a vibration, a song that it emits continually. Responding to the Pharisees' complaints regarding the disciples' passionate praise of Jesus, Luke 19:40 records Jesus' powerful words, "And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Thus many scholars, ancient and modern alike, believe God sang the worlds into existence. The universe is expanding outward in all directions at the speed of light. In other words, God's words and music of creation have never stopped creating!

This world of ours, the product of divine song, is mysteriously the object of God's desire to have a people and a dwelling place with and in His creation. If, as many scholars believe, God created the universe through divine song, then it is this very power that we come into contact with when we encounter music. Music is not just something we play, sing or enjoy. Music is the fabric of divine creation, the essence of our being. It is not just something we do. It is who we are.

You and I must speak and sing words and music that carry salt and light. When we do, the frequencies we emit and that surround us are already blessed. Then the world around us will come to know our God. **VICTORY**

Len Mink is a gifted singer and Christian music songwriter. For over 35 years, he has served as worship leader at Kenneth Copeland Ministries' Believers' Conventions. He and his wife, Cathy, host a daily TV program on TCT television network, called *Len and Cathy*. For more information, go to lenmink.com.

Bringing Denominations Together

KCM Scholars Program Sees Marked Success

I believe God is bringing into our ministry different denominations from all over the world to learn about faith.

Kenneth

Kenneth Copeland
SCHOLARS
PROGRAM

As it nears the end of its second year, the Kenneth Copeland Scholars doctoral program has amassed an enrollment of more than 60 students. And with a new enrollment period beginning in August, and another in January, expectations are that the student roster could possibly double over the next year.

Meanwhile, administrators of the program are preparing to graduate their first class of students in December, with a special ceremony in Dayton, Ohio.

"It's been really remarkable," says Dr. Stephen Swisher of the three-year program that launched in August 2010. Swisher, who is a senior manager at Kenneth Copeland Ministries in Fort Worth, Texas, and an instructor in the program, worked alongside Dr. Harold A. Hudson of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, to establish the program.

"We started out with only seven students," Swisher said. "And today, just two years later, we have 60 students. We used our faith from the very beginning, believing God that this was a purposeful thing He was calling us to do. And now we're seeing the Lord bringing people to us from all denominations, and they're all requesting that we teach them faith."

The idea for establishing a doctoral program was the result of a conversation between Swisher and Hudson, both former students at UTS, and a proposal made by Hudson. Swisher, who holds both a master's and a doctorate from UTS, had returned to the school to mentor the Crystal Cathedral doctoral group. Hudson is associate dean of doctoral studies and vice president for enrollment at UTS.

Swisher discussed the proposal

with Kenneth Copeland, who saw the idea as an answer to his prayer to see "denominations coming together under the banner of faith."

"I believe God is bringing into our ministry different denominations from all over the world to learn about faith," Brother Copeland said.

Global Impact on Denominations

Through the 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.

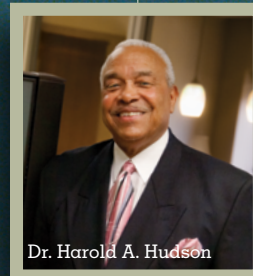
Designed as an "in context" program, the majority of the assignments are completed while students work out of their church or ministry headquarters in their own hometowns. Group interaction involves two short-term residencies each year: two one-week sessions on the campus of UTS in Dayton; and two four-day sessions on the grounds of KCM.

"This has been an amazing experience," says Hudson of the relationship between the United Methodist school, which is part of

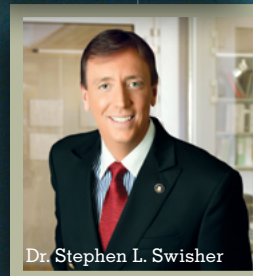
one of the nation's largest mainline denominations, and KCM, a word-of-faith ministry that is one of the largest nondenominational ministry outreaches in the world.

"From the beginning, I thought about this program with the mindset of an association rather than a partnership," Hudson said. "I 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.... This is a phenomenal marriage that has the potential to really grow God's kingdom."

Swisher added: "We understand the importance of Christians having a well-rounded education and, as a



Dr. Harold A. Hudson



Dr. Stephen L. Swisher

seminary, so does UTS.... 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."

Since its inception, the Kenneth Copeland Scholars Program has received hundreds of applicants from across the U.S. and abroad,

World Communion Service

KENNETH COPELAND CALLS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR BLOOD COVENANT WITH GOD “ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL TRUTHS I’VE EVER SEEN IN THE BIBLE.” IT’S A COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND MAN—THE MOST SACRED OF ALL UNIONS, FIRST CUT WITH ABRAHAM, LATER COMPLETE IN JESUS. AND TODAY, WE REMEMBER THE BLOOD OF JESUS AND ALL HE DID FOR US BY PARTAKING IN COMMUNION TOGETHER.

On Aug. 28, 1982, Brother Copeland taught about this powerful blood covenant, not to a church or convention...but to *the* Church—in what was considered by many at that time, the single largest gathering of the Church since Pentecost.

From the Fort Worth Believers’ Convention in Texas, the first worldwide Communion service was broadcast by satellite to 200 locations in the United States and 20 cities around the world. Until then, the technology hadn’t even

existed to have such a service.

Using a “split-screen” picture feed, believers around the world joined not only Brother Copeland from Texas, but also Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho, pastor of the largest church in the world, in Seoul, South Korea, for Brother Copeland’s powerful message on the blood covenant, followed by unified Communion.

Without a doubt, it must have been the single largest healing service in history at that time. Reports came back from every location.

“It’s staggering to realize that the God of the universe approached a man named Abraham and cut a covenant with him,” Brother Copeland later reflected on the magnitude of the service. “A covenant is a bond of everlasting friendship that goes beyond just knowing or trusting someone. It goes beyond the natural ties of being born to the same parents. It’s a covenant to live or to die for.

“The Bible says there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. It’s the brotherhood of blood—Jesus’ blood. It’s the most sacred of all unions. That’s why I preached about the blood covenant...”

Hong Kong



Asia :: South China



We had more than 200 persons—just about the capacity of our church—in attendance for the telecast, even though it could be received on home sets in Hong Kong. We set up six receivers, and I interpreted because our members are Chinese. For the English-speaking audience, we had headsets receiving the transmission in English directly from FM radio.

Our people were quite excited, and they responded to everything that went on as if it were a live service. When Phil Driscoll played “Because He

Lives” and asked the people to stand, all our people stood immediately. They were very responsive to the meeting. It was just like we were all together in Fort Worth.

It was very good for the believers in Hong Kong to see the scope and the significance of the Body of Christ. I think many realized for the first time there are believers all over the world who have the same vision. In Hong Kong, the churches are very conservative toward the Holy Spirit, and we have many people who still haven’t received this truth. So when they saw that in Korea and America there are thousands and thousands

of believers who have the Holy Spirit, it opened their eyes.

Our people were so excited when they saw on the screens all the believers in Fort Worth and in Seoul. The biggest church in Hong Kong seats about 1,000 people, so our people have never seen that many believers in one place before. It made our people realize they are not part of some small, weird thing, but that we are members of the Body of Christ and we are worldwide.

—Dennis Balcombe

“...the beginning of a new phase of Christians utilizing technology provided by God through the space program.”

—NASA consultant

At the time, a consultant from NASA called the event, “...the beginning of a new phase of Christians utilizing technology provided by God through the space program.”

“The International Indian Ocean, Atlantic and Pacific satellites, as well as the Western Union and RCA satellite systems will allow the World Communion Service to literally *surround* the globe,” the consultant said. “The magnitude of this project will require more than 600 highly

trained people throughout the world.”

“I could not have imagined back there in 1967 when God called me to an international ministry, that a worldwide satellite would even exist,” Brother Copeland said. “That was exceeding, abundantly above all we could think. But, thank God, it came to pass. If ever there was a message worthy to share through every voice, it’s the message of the blood covenant God offers to us.” VICTORY

Jerusalem

Jerusalem is quite a unique community of believers for various reasons, and our meeting was scheduled for 2:30 in the morning.

I didn’t know how many would come out at that hour. At 1 a.m. there was no one there but me and a helper, and then at 1:30 people began to arrive. Thirty-four visiting Nigerian ministers

parked their bus two blocks away and sang as they walked to the International Bible Center where we had our meeting. You could hear them all over the Mount of Olives.

We had exactly 120 people in attendance at our meeting (note Acts 1:15). There were people from 23 nations with us: Sweden, Malaysia, Israel, Norway, Nigeria, India, Canada,

Zimbabwe, England, Lebanon, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Taiwan, Switzerland, Holland, Republic of China, Germany, Finland, Brazil, Egypt and Iceland (note Acts 2:5).

With an awareness of all of the blessings and benefits of this service for the Body of Christ in Jerusalem, there is the knowledge that something far

deeper was accomplished in the spirit than can be expressed in human symbols but will affect the lives of multitudes that were not counted with or ever will be aware of the 120 that met on the Mount of Olives on an August night in 1982.

—George Ekeroth



Trinidad, West Indies

There were more than 1600 people in Trinidad, West Indies, taking part in the satellite meeting. They were so delighted with Brother Copeland’s message; we are still getting a tremendous response from it. They tell us they learned things about Communion and our covenant with God they never knew before. They had never seen this in such depth before. They were thrilled with Dr. Cho when he came on from Korea.

This was the best thing I’ve ever seen. It was as if a healing spirit went through the Body here. There were many different churches here, but the feeling of fellowship and love was the major force.

The people of Trinidad are not heavily into the Word as

believers are in America, but they are open to it. There is a spiritual awakening on the island, and most of the people are very, very hungry, so they are looking for places to hear the Word and receive teaching.

This was the answer to years of prayer for the country of Trinidad. We have not been able to come down to earth yet. It is tremendous. It was utterly fantastic in the Lord. We had some problems with the TV signal, and Saturday morning things looked very dark. By Saturday night the Lord had turned things around 180 degrees. It was the best day of our lives!

—Michael & Maureen Magnuson





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Prayer of Agreement Gets Results

I called in a prayer request—someone had been vandalizing our home on the weekends for about three weeks. It was all very upsetting. Since praying with your prayer minister it has never happened again. Praise the Lord!

I also called for employment for my husband and daughter. Yes, they are both working! My daughter received a promotion to supervisor after only three weeks. That is most certainly the favor of the Lord. Thank you so much for your prayers. You all are appreciated! Praise the Lord.

E.M. | Ontario, Canada

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:2)

Surprise Account!

I had reached a point where I was flat broke and praying for help. The very next day, I received a letter from a former employer: I had a retirement account, which I had long since forgotten about. As we spoke, I learned they were sending me \$22,500.

I'll tell you, God came through magnificently! Not only was I able to pay off all my bills, I was also able to open a savings account. Being disabled and on a fixed income, I had not had an opportunity to do this before.

Praise God...He is so good! You can trust and depend on Him for anything and everything. He will be there for you!

P.P. | Griffin, Ga.

I Almost Died, but Got Born Again

My baby was stillborn and I almost died myself. I was in a coma for a few days and the nurse would turn on the *BVOV* broadcast every day. I didn't know the Lord before this and just wanted to say thank you for being there and helping me through this difficult situation. If it weren't for KCM, I would probably not be alive today.

A.R. | New Jersey

God Is Faithful to His Word

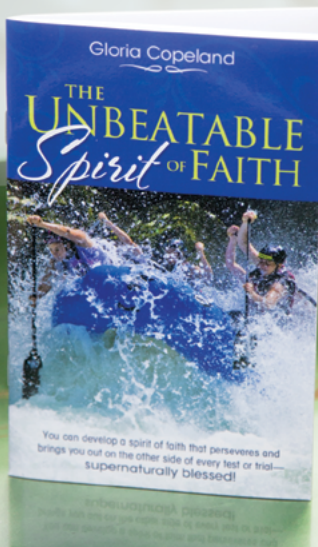
Thank you so much for all your prayers. I emailed you at the beginning of January regarding prayer for my son. The doctor was concerned about a small mobile swelling on the back of his neck—he wasn't sure if it was a swollen lymph gland, scar tissue or something more serious.

I kept my eyes fixed on what this ministry has taught me over the years. I lived in the Word of God, I confessed the Word of God and most importantly, I *believed* the Word of God.

When my son had to go for an ultrasound, I confessed healing and believed it would be a good report. Praise the Lord Jesus that is exactly what we got, a great report. *Normal*. My son is healed, whole, restored and blessed!

T.W.
British Columbia, Canada

My Faith Is Revived



I am writing to let you know how greatly you have helped to revive my faith. I am so grateful. Thanks ever so much! I have done as you have instructed—I have added my faith to yours by laying my hands on this letter. And I can tell you since yesterday my faith in God is revived. I can now believe that it is possible things *will* work out for me, even though I do not know how; but one thing I know for certain: God is more than able to do in my life according to His power at work in me.

I read *The Unbeatable Spirit of Faith*. Wow! So inspiring and faith-filled—truly I can say I am revived. (I was at the brink of depression and was contemplating ungodly stuff.) But once again God used the KCM prayer department to bring me back to life, to faith, to believing God and His Word. Thanks for loving me and for sustaining me in your prayers. Now I know I am not alone. I have friends who are praying for me and fighting this battle with me.

B.B. | Paris, France

Nicotine Addiction—Gone!

I have believed for 33 years to stop smoking and on May 20, 2010, I was delivered from nicotine, praise God! Thank you for your prayers.

L.V. | Ontario, Canada

From Drugs to God's Kingdom

Within four months I was delivered from drugs and now have a home that is fully furnished. I have turned away from the world's system and now live in the Kingdom system.

M.G. | Texas

My Son Returned Safely

As of today, my son Eric is on American soil on his way home from Kuwait. Thank you for all the prayers you have offered up for him! I'm thankful for knowing KCM and that you are always there for me.

B.S. | Louisiana

Pain Free

I wanted to sow a seed and testify that one month ago when I called for prayer, I had been diagnosed with bursitis—I was limping and in pain. Then I had to undergo physical therapy.

When the prayer minister prayed with me the pain dissipated, and during a physical therapy session, my therapist asked me to rate my level of pain—it was a zero! Since then, I've been able to travel to the Caribbean and visit my family—completely pain free.

C.F. | Connecticut

The Favor of God Opens Doors

I was hired as a substitute English teacher in the local public school, and they now keep calling on me for more classes—a real miracle as it's generally quite difficult to get into the system. Praise the Lord! I've also been hired by a language school to teach English and French to business-people in companies—also a miracle considering the number of people in line for such work. I'm able to work both jobs and I praise God for all these openings and income! God bless you!

C.W. | Gland, Switzerland

Not Going 'Home' Until God Calls

Recently I was told I would not live until morning. I boldly declared, "I will not go home one minute before or one minute later than when God calls me home." It could have been an absolute nightmare for a nonbeliever. The short version is that I am back at the retirement residence (Mark 11:22-24).

P.H. | Ontario, Canada

Gloria Prayed and Jesus Healed Me!

I woke up with strong pains in my stomach area. I was in so much pain, I had to lie down. I turned on Christian television and Gloria Copeland was

teaching at the end of the program. Gloria said, "I am going to pray for your healing." I was instantly healed—every pain left. I thank Jesus for my healing as He is my Healer.

D.C. | Southampton, Mass.

Blessed to Bless

I've been reading *THE BLESSING* book and it has given me a desire to bless others at church. I told the Lord that I've not had a blessing testimony for a long time and asked Him to give me one. I gave an offering at church and on the same day a friend gave me a hug and handed me a check—later when I opened it I saw it was for \$500.

I used the funds to purchase 10 copies of *THE BLESSING* book to give to those in need and even taped a \$100 bill inside some of them. I tithed to KCM because it all came about from reading the book you sent me. I was so excited to share my testimony with you!

K.H. | Lakewood, Colo.

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'Pipes' Purged, Blessings Flow

Thank you for the monthly magazine. My husband and I were so very blessed by the article of a clogged pipe. The Lord had told me this many years ago and I did not understand at that time. He has given us a "new beginning" purged from all the built-up "junk," and a major part was forgiveness. We have been blessed spiritually, physically and financially, and are walking in love and harmony each day. When the enemy comes to pressure us, we now rejoice in victory through our beloved Jesus. Nothing upsets us anymore, all glory to Jesus!

H.S. | New South Wales, Australia

Strengthened by the Word

In August 2003, I got saved and was baptized. A year later, I wrote you my first letter. And all these years you are supporting me with your love and patience. During that time, I turned from a disabled person into a healthy woman. I returned to the work that I love—to our team. The Lord brought together our family that was broken, and gave me my children back. Your broadcasts, letters and teachings on the Word of God give me strength to live by faith, that next morning will be better than today.

T.S. | Ukraine



Taking the Mystery Out of ‘Spiritual Warfare’

FROM TIME TO TIME, THE SUBJECT OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE BECOMES A POPULAR, ALMOST FADDISH FOCUS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, IT IS TAUGHT

WITH SUCH ENTHUSIASM THAT A NEWCOMER TO CHRIST MIGHT ASSUME SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS A BRAND-NEW REVELATION, EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT. THERE HAVE EVEN BEEN MANY MOMENTS IN HISTORY WHEN THIS SUBJECT HAS BECOME THE RAGE IN THE CHARISMATIC SECTOR OF THE BODY OF CHRIST. ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE NATIONAL PULSE OF THE CHURCH WOULD QUICKLY AGREE THAT AT TIMES, THE BODY OF CHRIST EXPERIENCES WHAT I HAVE COME TO CALL A “SPIRITUAL-WARFARE MANIA.”

This emphasis on spiritual warfare is *good* in that it causes us to become familiar with our adversary, the devil, and how he operates. Once we understand his mode of operation, we can then foil his attacks against us. This is the very reason Paul told the Corinthians concerning the devil and his mode of operation, “...we are not ignorant of [Satan’s] devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11).

On the other hand, an overemphasis on spiritual warfare has the potential of having a very *bad* effect on the Church. If spiritual warfare is not taught properly, it can be devastating, for this subject has a unique way of captivating people’s attention so completely that they eventually think of nothing *but* spiritual warfare. This is a favorite trick of the devil to make believers magnify his power to a greater degree than it deserves. If this trick works, these imbalanced, devil-minded believers begin to imagine that the devil is behind everything that occurs, thus becoming paralyzed and incapable of functioning normally in any capacity of life. In this way, the enemy eliminates them from future usefulness in the kingdom of God. Unfortunately, this has been the outcome in the lives of too many people who have focused on the issue of spiritual warfare in years past.

Don’t misunderstand what I am saying: I am *not* opposed to spiritual warfare. Spiritual warfare is real! We are commanded in Scripture to deal with the unseen, invisible forces that have been marshaled against us. We are commanded to “cast out devils” (Mark 16:17) and to “pull down the strongholds” of the mind (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). This is a part of our Christian responsibility toward the lost, the oppressed and the demonized.

In my own ministry, I have had to deal with demonic manifestations on occasion. For instance, I remember a time years ago when a young teenage Satanist approached me at the end of one of my meetings in a large church. During the meeting, he realized that Satan’s powers had taken his mind captive, so he came forward to receive prayer in the prayer line.

As I continued through the prayer line, praying for first one and then another, I could visibly see from a distance that this

particular young man was sending forth spiritual signals of a very strong, evil presence. As I came nearer to him, I sensed that he had been involved in some type of occult activity.

When I finally reached the young man, he looked up through eyes that were tightly squeezed together like little slits in the front of his head. I looked into his eyes, and it was as if a demon was looking back at me from behind his face. When I saw this, I knew that this young man was serious about being helped. It had taken a great deal of determination for him to shove aside that manipulating force and forge his way down to the front of the church auditorium.

As I laid my hands on the young man that night, his body began to react violently to the power of God. Trembling under the weight of God’s power, he crumbled to the floor, landing in a heap next to my feet. Lying there engulfed in the electrifying power of God that was surging up and down his body, the young man quietly moaned, “I’m afraid to leave them [the satanic group in which he was involved]. They said they would kill me if I left the group!”

I leaned over to pray for him a second time, and as I did, the horrible demonic influence that had held his mind captive immediately released him and fled from the scene. Oh, yes, I *definitely* believe in genuine spiritual warfare!

Spiritual Hostages

There are multitudes of people in the world today who are held hostage by the devil in their minds. First John 3:8 says, “...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

The word *destroy* is taken from the Greek word *luo*, and it refers to “the act of untying or unloosing something.” It is the exact word we would use to picture a person who is untying his shoes. In fact, the word *luo* is used in this exact way in Luke 3:16, when John the Baptist says, “but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to *unloose*....”

Thus, Jesus Christ came into the world to *untie* and *unloose* Satan’s binding powers over us. At the cross, Jesus

unraveled Satan's power until His redemptive work was finally complete and our liberty was fully purchased.

Furthermore, Peter told the household of Cornelius, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38).

We know from both of the above verses that setting people free from Satan's power is a primary concern of Jesus Christ. Since this is His concern, it should be ours as well.

In order to free people from demonic oppression, we must learn how to recognize the work of the enemy and how to overcome his attacks against the mind, *for the mind is the primary area he seeks to attack*. Satan's goal is to plant a stronghold of deception in some area of an individual's mind. If he is successful, he can then begin to control and manipulate the person from that lofty position.

The Holy Spirit is obviously speaking a strong message about spiritual warfare to us in these days. Christian leaders and churches all across the nation are awakening to this reality. In light of this, we must give heed to what the Spirit is saying to the Church *and proceed with the Word of God as our guide and foundation*.

As we seek to engage in spiritual warfare, we must be very careful to walk in balance. For one thing, we need to realize that this subject involves more than just dealing with the devil. Other major elements of spiritual warfare have to do with *taking control of our minds* and *crucifying the flesh*. We must not forget that these latter elements of spiritual warfare are just as vital as the first.

The truth is, the devil's attacks against our lives wouldn't work if our flesh didn't cooperate. If we were truly mortifying the flesh (Colossians 3:5), living lives that were "dead to sin" (Romans 6:2) as we are commanded to do in Scripture, we would not respond to demonic suggestions and to fleshly temptation. Dead men are incapable of responding to *anything*. Thus, we see the power of a crucified life!

Living the crucified life is a critical part of spiritual warfare. If I wrote a book on spiritual warfare without mentioning this truth, I would do my faithful readers a great injustice by giving them a very unrealistic view of the subject.

A person can scream at the devil all day long, but if that person has willfully permitted some area of his mind to go unchecked and unguarded—if he is aware

of an area of sin but has not been willing to deal with it—he has opened the door for an attack on himself. In that case, all his prayers against the devil will be to no avail because his real enemy is not the devil. Rather, it is his own carnal mind and flesh, which must be submitted to the control of the Holy Spirit in order to eradicate these attacks.

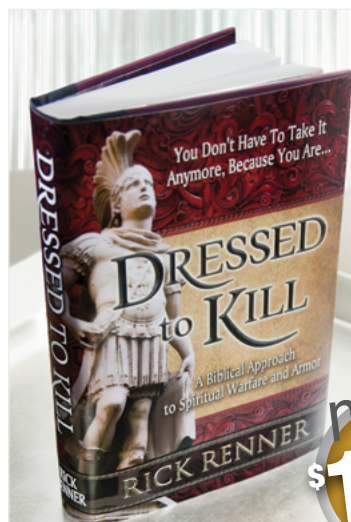
The bottom line is this: If people focus *only* on the devil as they pursue the subject of spiritual warfare and fail to consider other equally important areas, their emphasis on spiritual warfare can and will be very damaging to them.

Although spiritual warfare is real and we cannot ignore it, we must be careful to remember that the real battle with Satan was won at the Cross and the Resurrection. Now this same victorious Christ who single-handedly defeated the devil lives in us in the Person of the Holy Spirit! This is why the Apostle John tells us, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

Our view of spiritual warfare must begin with this basic understanding of Jesus' already accomplished victory over Satan. If we don't start out with this as our foundation, eventually we will be led to utterly ridiculous spiritual conclusions. The victory has already been won; there is nothing we can add to the destructive work Jesus did to Satan's domain when He was raised from the dead. **VICTORY**

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THE WILL OF GOD IS REVEALED TO US IN HIS WORD. WE CAN KNOW THE MIND OF GOD BY HIS SPIRIT REVEALING HIS WORD—OR HIS WILL—TO US. ROMANS 12:2 SAYS, “BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YE MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD, AND ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT, WILL OF GOD.” WE ARE TRANSFORMED AS WE LEARN GOD’S INTENTION FOR OUR LIVES AND ACT ON THAT KNOWLEDGE.



The Bible is God’s testimony of what He has already prepared for His children. It is the Father teaching His family how to operate in His thoughts and His ways so that they can enjoy all that the lordship of Jesus offers.

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Faith is acting on The WORD of God in the same way you would act on the word of any honest man.


Jesus and His WORD are

one. John 1:1, 14 says, “In the beginning was The WORD, and The WORD was with God, and The WORD was God.... And The WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us.” As you learn to make Jesus and His WORD LORD over your life, you will be successful in all that you do.

To be transformed, as Romans 12:2 instructs us, your mind must be renewed to the will of God for you! God has made available, through His written WORD, the avenue through which we may be transformed, learn the exact knowledge of Him and how to operate in His higher ways. (Read Isaiah 55.)

The renewing of the mind brings the will into agreement with the Father’s will. As we fill our minds with His WORD, we then begin to think as He thinks, and His ways become our ways. We become, through His power and wisdom, a master of the circumstances of life.

It is God’s perfect will for *all* men to be saved and to come into the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:3-4). Peter tells us that God is not willing that any should perish. Not only is it His will for you to be saved, but it is also His will for you to be free so you can know “what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” for you.



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The Father desires that His children be free now and live victoriously over the evil caused by Satan. He wants you to do His WORD because it works deliverance for you. Jesus said, “Ye shall know the truth, and the

truth shall *make* you free” (John 8:32). “Thy WORD is truth” (John 17:17).

Adam’s Authority

As we investigate The WORD of God in the light of

our redemption by Christ Jesus, we see to what great lengths the Father went in order to bring man back into union with Him after the Fall of Adam. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only

begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” God gave His only begotten Son in the form of man, born of a virgin, because of the sin of high treason Adam (God’s man) had committed in the Garden.

Adam was created in God’s image. Adam and Eve were righteous and could fellowship with God. They were not acquainted with evil. God had made them to succeed—not to fail.

God gave His man authority and dominion over every living creature, including Satan: “And God BLESSED them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth” (Genesis 1:28).

Adam had the God-given ability to rule the earth. God placed in his hands unlimited power over this world. The earth was Adam’s to oversee. He was to rule the earth as God rules heaven, and by the same spiritual laws

and power. Even though he was given dominion, that dominion was to be enforced according to the Father’s will. He was God’s underruler.

Adam’s Defeat

“And The LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:16-17).

The serpent beguiled Eve. She ate and, just as God had said, she died. First Timothy 2:14 tells us that the woman was deceived, but the man was not. Adam saw that his fellowship with Eve was gone. *The great gulf of spiritual death had separated them.* He chose to disobey God and to be one with Eve. This was Adam’s great sin—high treason against God. Fully aware that it would mean separation from God, he ate.

God had said, “For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” Yet, we see that Adam lived hundreds of years longer, physically. Romans 5:12 reveals how Adam fulfilled this word the same day that he ate, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

God’s warning to Adam was speaking of spiritual death—the sin nature. That day in the Garden, first Eve, then Adam changed gods. The sin nature of their new god, Satan, took possession of their once righteous spirits that day, and *they died spiritually.* The very nature of man was changed from one of righteousness, or eternal life, into one of spiritual death—from the nature of God to the nature of Satan. From that day forward, spiritual death began its reign over mankind.

Spiritual law decrees that every living thing brings forth after its own kind. Adam and Eve were the parents of all human life and, so, from then on, by them, their now sin nature was born into all men. This spiritual death eventually brought physical death. If Adam had not died spiritually, he would never have died physically.

God had created Adam a righteous, eternal man, but sin separated him from his Creator. It is not punishment from God that alienates a man from the family of God, but the sin nature with which the man is born. Hell was not created for man but for the devil and his angels. Satan is taking men there with him (Matthew 25:41).

Adam gave his authority into the hands of a merciless ruler and took on the nature of his new

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god—the devil. Satan is called the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). Adam was born again from life into death, the nature of his new god. God had given complete authority to His man Adam, so it was Adam’s to give away (Genesis 1:26).

Thousands of years later, when the devil took Jesus up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, Satan reminded Jesus of Adam’s treason, saying to Him, “To You I will give all this power and authority and their glory...for it has been turned over to me, and I give it to whomever I will” (Luke 4:6, *The Amplified Bible*).

Jesus knew well that Satan did have the power and authority over it, for He said, “Get thee behind me, Satan.”

As we realize the state mankind is in because of Adam’s high treason, we can, for the first time, see why Jesus had to come in the flesh and be born of a virgin.

Satan thought he had man forever in his power. Never, in his selfish nature, could he see that God would suffer at His own hand to get man back. Satan could not begin to comprehend the love of God. He never dreamed God would sacrifice His only Son in order to free man.

Man’s Redemption

God had created man for fellowship. His desire for a family was so great that He sent His only begotten Son into this world to be man’s substitute. No one else could have qualified. It had to be the righteous for the unrighteous (1 Peter 3:18).

Now, do you see the necessity of the virgin birth? The Savior of the world could not be born of a sin-natured man. He had to be the righteousness of God in order to bear the penalty for man’s sin, yet He also had to be a man. “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman...that we might receive the adoption of sons” (Galatians 4:4-5).

A man had been the key figure in the Fall, so a man had to be the key figure in the redemption. “For since [it was] through a man that death [came into the world, it is] also through a Man that the resurrection of the dead [has come]. For just as [because of their union of nature] in Adam all people die, so also [by virtue of their union of nature] shall all in Christ be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:21-22, *AMP*).

As the Holy Spirit hovered over Mary, there was conceived in her a “holy thing.” “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35).

Because God was, literally, the Father of the child to be born of Mary, Jesus was brought into this world a righteous man, out from under the rule and dominion of Satan. Jesus said the prince of this world (Satan) had nothing in Him (John 14:30).

Your Substitute

Jesus, the only Son of God, stripped Himself of His heavenly privileges and became like men (Philippians 2:7, *AMP*). He took upon Himself flesh.

No wonder Satan has attacked and tried to undermine the reality of the virgin birth! Without the righteousness of God in a man, there could have been no substitute to secure our release from Satan’s dominion.



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Jesus became one with man in spiritual death to make it possible for us to become one with Him in eternal life. He never committed one sin, but was *made* sin, and then suffered sin's penalty for us.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased The LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of The LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors (Isaiah 53:9-12).

After Jesus was made sin, He had to be born again from spiritual death to spiritual life. "God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee" (Acts 13:33).

What day? The first part of the verse explains "this day" as the day God raised Jesus from the dead. God raised Him up and liberated Him from the pains of death. Jesus was made alive—or justified—in the spirit (1 Timothy 3:16; Acts 2:24; 1 Peter

3:18, *AMP*). Once again, He was the righteousness of God and, once again, eternal life was His nature.

Let the picture of the firstborn from among the dead become a reality in your spirit and mind. Jesus was not only a being with God's nature and Spirit, but also the *man* who said, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39). First Timothy 2:5 says of Him, "For there is one God, and one mediator

between God and men, the *man* Christ Jesus." Jesus is a born-again *man*. He came from death back into life. (This is the same new birth that the good news of the gospel still offers to any man who will accept it!)

Jesus was changed from having been made sin into a new creature, so righteous that He presented Himself before the Father, again, the spotless Son of God. As He went, He opened the way for you to have full freedom and confidence to enter into the presence of the Father through Him. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

By Jesus, any man can come!

The Church came into existence when Jesus became the first to be born from the dead. "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18). Only in the four Gospels and Acts is Jesus spoken of as the only begotten Son. Now, He is the firstborn among many brethren: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Romans 8:29).

You have to grasp the reality of Jesus taking your place in order to see what He has made available in the new birth to you and to whosoever will. Jesus opened the way for the world—every man—into the Father's family! The Father offers *you* the opportunity to be made like His firstborn, The LORD Jesus Christ. **VICTORY**

Salvation Prayer

If you do not know

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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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