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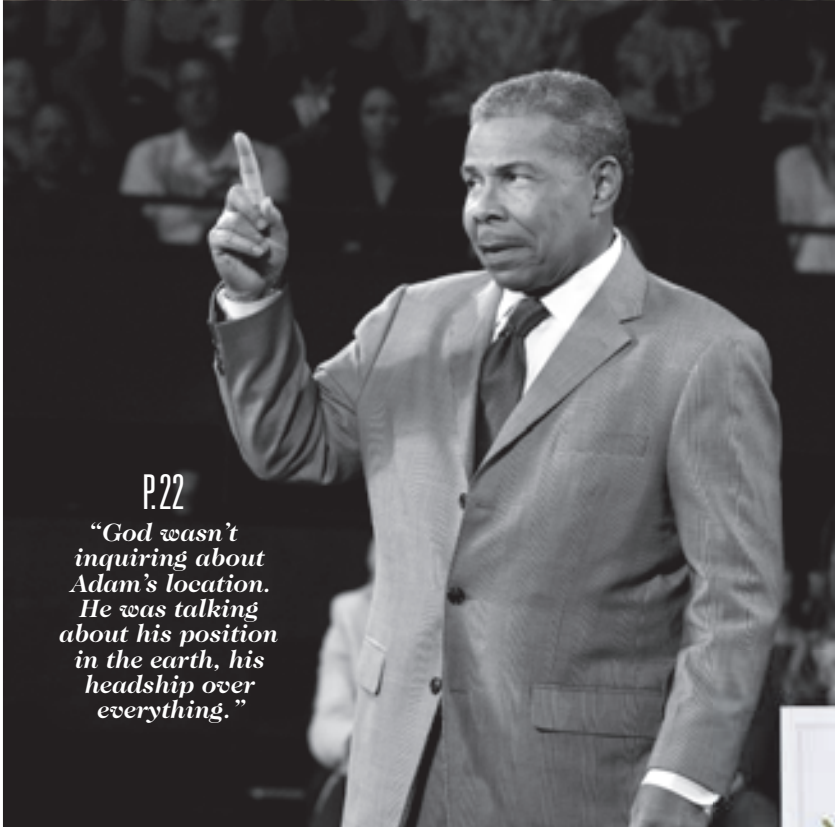
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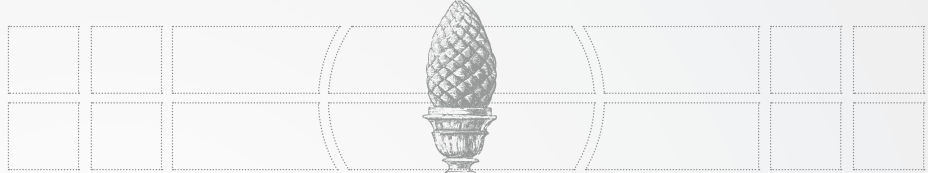
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I don't usually pay much attention to television commercials, but a few years ago I saw one worth remembering. It was an ad for a cleaning and restoration company. It showed a team of people in green uniforms arriving in a green truck at a house that had been damaged by a flood. The team jumped out of the truck and went to work on the house, making everything right again.

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**SIN**  
**NEVER**  
**Happened**



At the end, the house looked like new and the commercial closed with these words: *"Like it never even happened."*

I got so excited the first time Gloria and I saw that commercial, I almost shouted.

"Gloria, that's like God's grace!" I said. "It makes it like sin never even happened!"

Grace laid our sins on Jesus and blotted them out so completely that God remembers them no more (Isaiah 43:25). Grace went to hell in our place so that we can live as citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20, *New King James Version*), not just in the sweet by-and-by but in the rotten here and now.

Grace bore our guilt and sets us completely free from condemnation so that when we, as believers, stumble into sin we don't have to spend days and weeks feeling sorry and disappointed in ourselves. We don't have to go around beating ourselves up for what we did and thinking that as Christians we

ought to have more sense. We can simply repent!

We can come straight to God and say with boldness, "Sir, what I did was wrong. I take responsibility for it and I ask You to please forgive me." Then, with our Bibles open to 1 John 1:9, we can thank God that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

What's left after we're cleansed of all unrighteousness?

Righteousness—and nothing else!

In other words, once we repent we're like new again. We're like that house after the green team finished with it. We're instantly made right with God and we can get back to living in His BLESSING as if that sin had never even happened.

"But Brother Copeland, I still feel like a rat for what I did."

Then you're still carrying that sin around in the form of guilt. You haven't repented.

"Oh, I've repented, all right!"

No, you haven't. You haven't truly





# POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:



When you receive God's grace, it makes you like new again. It makes it like sin never even happened! Here are some points to get you there:

**1**

Grace laid your sins on Jesus and blotted them out so completely that God remembers them no more.

Isaiah 43:25

**2**

Grace sets you free from condemnation so that when you stumble into sin, instead of spending days and weeks feeling sorry and disappointed in yourself, you can simply repent.

1 John 1:9

**3**

God delights in giving you grace because He loves you.

1 John 4:10

**4**

To fully receive God's grace, you must believe the love God has for you.

1 John 4:16

**5**

God's grace empowers you to say no to sin and to live in the place of God's love where the devil can't hurt you.

1 John 5:18

“Turning the care of this nation over to Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and believing He’ll do something about it, is the most responsible thing I can do for this country! Not only does it align me with the will of God, it brings exaltation—and that’s what the U.S. needs.”

—Kenneth Copeland

repented until you’ve believed you’ve received your forgiveness and acknowledged it. Once you’ve done that, you can walk by faith in your righteousness and kill that ratty, guilty feeling.

“But if I don’t have the ratty feeling, won’t I be more inclined to disobey God again?” you might ask. “Won’t I start using grace as a license to sin?”

Not if you’re saved, you won’t. No born-again child of God is looking for a way to sin and get away with it. As a believer, you’re looking for a way to live free from sin—and to do that you must have confidence in God’s grace. You must trust that He’ll forgive you and cleanse you of all unrighteousness every time you come to Him; and you must believe that He’ll do it for this one, all-important reason:

Because He loves you!

When it comes to receiving God’s

grace, getting a revelation of God’s love is vital. For, as 1 John 4 says: “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [sacrifice] for our sins.... And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us” (verses 9-10, 16).

#### Believe and Trust the Love

It’s one thing to mentally accept God’s love. It’s another thing to believe and trust it. When you really trust God’s love, obeying Him becomes much easier. You don’t need feelings of guilt to make you say no to sin. You can gladly do whatever God says because you believe He has your best interests at heart. Even if what He tells you to do initially looks like it’s going to cost you, you’re still willing to do it because you’re confident that, in His great love for you, God will see to it that in the end your obedience won’t cost you, it will pay.

I don’t mind admitting, I haven’t always had that kind of confidence. Even during my years in the ministry, I haven’t always fully trusted God’s love for me. As a result, there have been times when He told me to do something, and I resisted.

One of the most memorable examples was back in the 1980s. Gloria and I were preaching in Australia and God told us both that when we got back home, we were to go on daily television. I did *not* want to do that. First, I was already tired most of the time from preaching day and night. (The tiredness was my fault, not The LORD’s.) Second, the TV evangelist scandals that were going on at the time were having a negative financial effect on ministries. So, increasing our expenses seemed like a bad idea.

I spent the entire 13-hour flight home from Australia trying to talk God out of His plan for daily TV.

“LORD, I don’t think I can face doing what it will take to produce and pay for a daily broadcast,” I said. “I don’t think I can physically stand the strain of it. I feel like it would kill me.”

I could have had a much more enjoyable flight if I’d just relaxed

and believed the love of God in that situation. I could have saved myself a lot of trouble if I had just trusted His grace to supply me with more than enough strength, power and the provision I needed to get the job done. But instead, I believed my tired body and all the negative circumstances.

As a result, even though I obeyed The LORD and launched the daily television broadcast, I started out mad at it. Every time I went into the television studio to do the tapings, I’d be grumpy until right before they turned on the camera. Then I’d smile, and the anointing would come, and everything would be all right. After I left the studio I’d go back to being mad, and I’d stay that way until I had to go back again. (Yes, I was that stupid.)

Eventually I got so empty and depressed, one day I went in and just sat there looking at the camera. Unable to find the anointing to minister, I said, “I quit!” and walked out, never intending to come back.

If Gloria hadn’t stepped in at that point, I don’t know what would have happened. But she did, and that’s when her television ministry began. Later, after we prayed about it, we saw that God had intended from the beginning for the broadcasts to be a team effort. We’d just failed to realize it because neither one of us had wanted to do it.

Once we both pitched in, things began to go more smoothly, and I assumed everything was fine. Then, one day a couple of years ago, I was praying over the finances of this ministry. As I believed God where the television bills were concerned, I quoted Isaiah 1:19. “LORD,” I said, “according to Your WORD, if I’m willing and obedient I’ll eat the good of the land.”

*You don’t qualify for that scripture,* He said.

“What do You mean?” I asked.

*You haven’t had a good word to say about daily television since the day you started it. You’ve been obedient, but you have not been willing.*

He was right, of course. Even though I’d gotten over being mad about it, I’d never repented. So that sinful attitude was still lurking around on the inside of me and causing me to resent the daily

broadcasts.

The moment I realized it, I asked The LORD to forgive me. I called that unwillingness what it was, identified it as sin, and repented of it. I received God's forgiveness, He cleansed me of all unrighteousness and I started declaring by faith, "I love daily television!"

Immediately, God's grace went to work and a whole new attitude rose up inside me. I actually began to enjoy doing daily television. Instead of going into the studio thinking, *Oh, no...I guess I'm going to have to do this*, I went in saying, "Glory to God! Hallelujah! I get to do this again!"

### Where the Wicked One Can't Touch You

You can develop that kind of joyful attitude about anything God tells you to do. It doesn't matter whether it's tithing; changing something in your lifestyle that's out of line with The WORD; or taking on some new, seemingly impossible assignment. If you'll trust God's love, you can do any of those things gladly. You can step out fearlessly (because perfected love casts out all fear) and do whatever The LORD says, knowing that He only wants to BLESS you and keep you out of trouble.

For God, that's always been what obedience is all about. It's about keeping us in the place of BLESSING and protecting us from the dangers of the curse. Even in the Old Testament, God said to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 28: "If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments...all these blessings shall come on thee.... But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments...all these curses shall come upon thee" (verses 1-2, 15).

It's the same way today. Although, as believers, we've been redeemed from the curse of the law by faith in Jesus, the curse is still out there; and we'll walk right into it if we disobey God's commands. What exactly are those commands? Under the New Covenant, "This is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

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As believers, the moment we step out of love, we step into sin. We get over into the devil's territory where he can hurt us. By saying no to sin, however, we can stay out of that territory. We can live consistently in the protected place of love, and when we're in that place the devil can't touch us.

First John 5:18 confirms this. It says, "Whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." Since "God is love" (1 John 4:8) that verse can also be read this way: "Whosoever is born of *Love* sinneth not; but he that is begotten of *Love* keepeth himself *in Love*, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

This doesn't mean, of course, you'll never miss it. It doesn't mean that just because you're born again you'll never again commit a sin. It means the moment you do, you can be quick to confess that sin and receive forgiveness

by faith. You can be quick to let grace do its work in you, and go right back to loving everyone and not letting anything ruffle your feathers.

If you want to be untouchable by the devil, you can't afford to get in a fuss with anyone. You can't even afford to get mad at your hair when you're getting ready for church. As silly as it sounds, some believers actually do that!

They get up on Sunday morning, spend time praying in the spirit and enjoying The LORD's presence, and then because they can't make their hair look right, they snap at their wives. Their wives snap back. They wind up ripping around on each other and, after having prayed themselves into a place where The LORD could have moved through them in the church service, they blow away the anointing—over a hairdo!

It's not worth it, my friend. That's the way satan gets away with murder, so don't go down that road. Repent the instant you catch yourself even beginning to head that direction.

"But Brother Copeland, I just feel terrible. I've had to repent of the same stupid sin 15 times!"

So what? Go ahead and make it 16. Just stay in there. Quit crying about it, and say to God, "Sir, I sinned. I judge myself of it and I'm here before You in the Name of The LORD Jesus Christ to confess this sin, receive Your forgiveness, and be cleansed of all unrighteousness."

After you've done that, if your old flesh still wants to feel terrible, tell it to shut up. Pray in tongues and worship God until you've prayed all those sorry, lousy feelings off yourself. Believe the love of God, and say to the devil, "Get out of my household! I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. He loves me; I love Him; and I keep His commandments. I walk in love, and the wicked one touches me not!"

For a while you may be calling things that be not as though they were. But if you'll keep doing it, your emotions and your flesh will get in line with your faith. Before long you'll look and realize that not only are you rid of that sin, but the mess it made in your life has totally been wiped out. God's grace has made things so right, it's "*Like it never even happened.*"<sup>®</sup> ⑦

# TEACHING YOU FAITH, AND HOW TO USE IT!

When Kenneth Copeland stepped onto the platform of the first Southwest Believers' Convention in August 1981, he took a major step of faith in fulfilling a vision and call the Lord had given him nearly 15 years earlier.

In 1966, on the campus of Oral Roberts University, Kenneth was still basking in the anointing after Oral Roberts laid hands on him in a ministry line. Suddenly, God opened his eyes to see the spiritual condition of believers as he had never seen it before. The bodies of the believers passing before Brother Roberts for ministry had become transparent. Only their >>>



Southwest  
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“When I asked The LORD all those years ago, “What do You want out of these meetings? What is our specific purpose?” He said to me, *I want you to conduct meetings where people can totally immerse in The WORD of God. Get into The WORD of God and stay there! Talk about faith and the integrity of The WORD—talk about it and talk about it and talk about it...there is a people in the land today who have enough hunger for My WORD to come and sit under that kind of intensive exposure.* That’s our calling and we’re seeing it done!” —Kenneth Copeland

vague outlines could be seen. Though physically healthy in most cases, their spirits were so scrawny and sickly they could hardly walk. Yet, on top of each emaciated, little spirit body was a huge head.

*Son, the Lord said to Kenneth, I have called you to feed My people. They are out of balance. They are physically developed. They’re mentally developed. Some are so developed mentally that they can hardly hold their heads up. I’ll show you how to feed My people and build them up spiritually until they become balanced.*


The fulfillment of that calling to feed God’s people was the target goal, as the doors of the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth swung open on Aug. 17, 1981, for the first-ever Southwest Believers’ Convention. Free and open to the public, the convention was designed to do just what God had commissioned—feed His people by teaching them how to use their faith in God and His Word; to take the Partners and Friends of Kenneth Copeland Ministries from the milk to the meat of the Word.

In a word delivered through the late John Osteen, one of several guest speakers who had joined Kenneth and Gloria for the six-day meeting, the Lord said: *I’m sending a Word revival to cause the Church to know who they are in Jesus Christ. And they will arise like a giant and they will go forth into a darkened world saturating them with My glory and My power. And they’ll cast out demons and heal the sick and bring deliverance to mankind. And I will show My glory in your generation.* From

then until now, those words have rung true as the power of God has been evidenced in every meeting.

In the 37 years since it began, the Southwest Believers’ Convention has continued to thrive and be a catalyst for change, remaining committed to total immersion in God’s Word and the teaching of faith by some of God’s most anointed ministers, including current speakers Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis, Creflo Dollar, Keith Moore and Bill Winston. Year after year, new Kingdom keys have been revealed, restoration has come, and new strength has been infused into the lives of the hundreds of thousands who have come from all around the world to attend. No longer spiritually emaciated, believers are learning how to walk by faith as mature, Word-filled, faith-confessing Christians. They are becoming believers who are filling the Body of Christ with the knowledge of how to stand and contend for spiritual reality in the face of temporal circumstances.

Many of you are part of that Holy Ghost gang—our faithful Partners and Friends who have been along for most, if not all, of the journey. You know what it means to experience God’s overwhelming presence flowing through these powerful meetings. You have learned not only how to live by faith, but how to use it. For those attending for the first time, the rich atmosphere of faith will provide a powerful opportunity to grow and mature spiritually.

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United in prayer, we can bring the purpose of God for your life, and for the entire convention, to full manifestation. While there can be great power in individual prayer, some spiritual feats can only be accomplished corporately.

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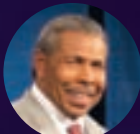
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Adrienne W.  
Eastvale, Calif.

## SHE PUT HER WORDS TO WORK

I gave my daughter a copy of Gloria's book *Put Your Words to Work*. She had been looking for work for several months. She started reading the book and within a month had a job far better than what she was expecting. Thank you, KCM, and praise God!

S.V.  
Zachary, La.

## 'FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT'

I am so thankful for the BVOV magazine. An article I read in the January 2011 issue, "Get on the Right Road," changed my life forever. My entire life was in darkness. I was on the wrong path. I had addictions and carried much baggage. I was ashamed of myself, distant from God, and I couldn't find a way out. This article helped me understand that, through God's love and grace, I could be set free! I didn't need to feel alone anymore.

People were praying for me, and I started walking in the truth that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. It shook loose from me the chains of shame! I listened to Gloria's CD series *God Can Turn It Around* and began my walk of redemption and restoration, knowing the power of Jesus in my life. I am delivered! I am blessed! I am the righteousness of God through Christ JESUS! Praise God that I declare every day, all

is well with me just as my soul prospers! Thank you, Kenneth Copeland Ministries, for helping me in my journey from darkness to light.

Roselyn V.  
Queensland, Australia



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## 'Restoring My Family'

God is restoring my family to me. A son who hasn't talked to me since 2003, visited me two weeks ago, and cousins who haven't talked to me since 2012 called and texted me. To God belongs the glory.  
Sharon K. | Atlanta, Ga.

## 'Increase in Our Business'

We want to thank those on the prayer line for praying an increase in our business. We have received some new orders, and ask the Lord's continued blessing on us and on KCM. We serve a wonderful God. Thank you. S. and R.G. | Fairbury, Neb.

## 'I NOW HAVE HOPE AND STRENGTH IN JESUS'

I was watching your podcast from December 2017. The message was on wealth redistribution. But, at the end of the message Gloria suddenly began speaking about suicide. I knew this was a word for me. I have been divorced for over a year, and felt so much pain and hopelessness that I considered suicide at times. My husband left me homeless, starving, scared and in financial ruins. Through the help of your teachings and prayer ministry, I now have hope and strength in Jesus. I am no longer starving, scared

and homeless. God says He will supply all of my needs. I am believing Him for a redistribution of wealth into my life. Thank you for all you do!

Kelly M. | Seminole, Okla.



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## 'WE DECIDED TO GET OUT OF DEBT AND TITHE'

Watching Gloria and Pastor George on BVOVN® today brought back memories of when my husband and I started to prosper in life. It's been about 30 years now since we decided to get out of debt and tithe. What a change! Things started turning around. We began to have all our bills paid, and didn't have to worry when an issue came up in our home that we had to pay for. From that day, we've been debt free. What a glorious way to live. Abundance truly is better than lack! How we praise God for His love and grace to help us move in this direction and trust Him. He's always faithful and has kept us through it all. Praise God for KCM and BVOVN.

Annabelle M.  
Texas

*When you think like God, you get His victorious results. Renew your mind with the Word and learn to think like God.*

*by Gloria Copeland*

THERE'S NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHAT GOD THINKS AND THE WAY NATURAL MAN THINKS.  
Romans 8:5-6

GOD'S WAYS ARE HIGHER THAN MAN'S.  
Isaiah 55:8-9

WE LEARN GOD'S WAYS BY RENEWING OUR MIND WITH HIS WORD.  
Romans 12:2

THE MORE WE WALK IN THE WAYS OF THE SPIRIT THE FREER WE WILL BE.  
Romans 8:1-2

NEGLECTING TO LEARN GOD'S WAYS CAN BE VERY COSTLY.

Hosea 4:6

## 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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A man with dark hair and a mustache is sitting on an ornate, golden chair in a grand, dimly lit room. He is wearing a grey jacket over a black t-shirt, blue jeans, and grey sneakers. A large, brown leather bag is on the floor in front of him. The room features dark wood paneling, a large painting on the wall, and a golden trophy on a pedestal to the left. The overall atmosphere is one of elegance and travel.

# A REMARKABLE JOURNEY!

*by Melanie Henry*

ADRIAN MUSTEATA RUBBED HIS HANDS TOGETHER TO WARM THEM ENOUGH TO TAKE NOTES IN CLASS. EACH SCHOOL DAY STARTED BY RECITING POEMS AND PRAISING THE MAN EVERYONE WAS FORCED TO CALL "BELOVED DICTATOR." IT WAS TRUE THAT NICOLAE CEAUȘESCU WAS THE DICTATOR WHO RULED ROMANIA WITH AN IRON FIST, AND STRUCK TERROR INTO THE PEOPLE OF HIS COUNTRY. // HE STARVED THEM. HE MURDERED THEM. // BELOVED? NEVER.

**Adrian enjoyed learning**, but it was difficult to concentrate against the biting cold and the gnawing hunger. It would do no good to go home. The government controlled the heat there too. Even if they had money, there was no food on the shelves to buy. Nicolae Ceaușescu shipped food to Russia while his people starved.

Adrian was only 8 years old when, like other children, he was received into the Communist Party. Even at that tender age, he hated Communism; not that he or anyone else dared to disagree. Disagreement was considered an act of aggression. One could be shot, or sent to a re-education camp in Siberia.

Adrian had been sad for as long as he could remember, but not because of his home life. His family was a lifeline of love and light while living under a dark cloud of constant danger. For instance, there were six people in his family,

which by law was illegal. If couples had too many children, the government could send the parents to re-education camps and the children to Communist schools.

Communism decreed that God didn't exist. Both Adrian's father and grandfather were ministers. That alone brought more persecution, even if the government also controlled churches. Owning a Bible was against the law, so his family kept the one they had hidden.

Theirs was a society based on such great fear, Adrian dared not ask the questions that plagued him most—questions like, had he descended from a fish, or had it been a monkey? And, if God *did* exist, why did He allow such bad things to happen?

#### God Reaches Out

"I was born and raised in Brașov, Romania," Adrian explains. "For years,

our family of six lived in a two-bedroom apartment on the 10th floor of a building whose elevator didn't work. We moved to a larger space when I was around 10.

"English classes were offered at school, and I signed up. The instructor said that the whole class would pass the course. Anyone who wanted to could leave and still get the credit. Everyone left except me. I enjoyed learning the language, although I didn't know how I would use it. We'd been taught that America was the enemy of freedom and prosperity. All Americans were spies. We could be arrested for speaking to one.

"When I was 12, the military turned against Nicolae Ceaușescu and his wife. They were arrested and killed by firing squad on Dec. 25, 1989. The government collapsed, the educational system collapsed and many schools closed. No one knew what would happen next.

"A couple of years later, when I was 14, I saw a group of strangers on the street trying to talk to people. They spoke English. I asked where they were from, and most of them said they were from America. Others in the group were from England and Australia. I was nervous talking to them, but I wanted to know why they'd come.

"What are you doing here?' I asked. The strangers then told me they were missionaries. I didn't know what that was except that it had something to do with religion, so then I asked why they had come. I will never forget their answer.

"We came to Romania to tell you that God loves you,' they said.

"*God loves me?*" I was very curious.

"It turned out that the group was called Youth With A Mission (YWAM), and came from a place called Texas. They asked me to translate for them, and I agreed. One of them handed me a magazine called *Believer's Voice of Victory*, and said, 'Adrian, I want you to read this magazine. You can subscribe to it, too. It's free.'"

## One Simple Step

“When I read the magazine, it sounded too good to be true,” Adrian recalls. “I subscribed and it came to me every month. I devoured each one. I was so excited about what I learned that I made copies for my friends. I read things by Kenneth Copeland and Gloria Copeland. It was like a gold rush for me.

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### READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

		Old Testament	New Testament
Sun	1	Ps. 38-41; Prov. 8:12-36	
Mon	2	Deut. 21-23	Luke 22
Tue	3	Deut. 24-26	Luke 23
Wed	4	Deut. 27-28	Luke 24
Thu	5	Deut. 29	John 1
Fri	6	Deut. 30-31	John 2
Sat	7	Deut. 32-34	

Sun	8	Ps. 42-44; Prov. 9	
Mon	9	Josh. 1-2	John 3
Tue	10	Josh. 3-4	John 4
Wed	11	Josh. 5-6	John 5
Thu	12	Josh. 7-8	John 6
Fri	13	Josh. 9-10	John 7
Sat	14	Josh. 11-13	

Sun	15	Ps. 45-48; Prov. 10:1-17	
Mon	16	Josh. 14-15	John 8
Tue	17	Josh. 16-18	John 9
Wed	18	Josh. 19-20	John 10
Thu	19	Josh. 21-22	John 11
Fri	20	Josh. 23-24	John 12
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Sun	22	Ps. 49-50; Prov. 10:18-32	
Mon	23	Jdgs. 4-5	John 13
Tue	24	Jdgs. 6-7	John 14
Wed	25	Jdgs. 8-9	John 15
Thu	26	Jdgs. 10-11	John 16
Fri	27	Jdgs. 12-14	John 17
Sat	28	Jdgs. 15-17	

Sun	29	Ps. 51-55; Prov. 11:1-23	
Mon	30	Jdgs. 18-19	John 18

“One of the missionaries also gave me books and tapes by Kenneth Copeland. As I listened to how God changed his life, I thought, *Maybe God loves me that much too.* When the missionaries left, it was just me and my magazines, books and tapes. I read and listened countless times. I believed that Kenneth Copeland was a great person. He wasn’t a spy. He wasn’t a terrorist. But I was still plagued by my doubts about God.”

Over the next several years, Adrian continued learning everything he could from the materials he received from KCM. When groups of missionaries would return, he translated for them, soaking up every word they said.

Still struggling with doubts, Adrian was alone one day when a thought crossed his mind: *What if I ask Jesus into my heart? Just take that one step and see what happens?*

At that, he invited Jesus into his heart. Almost overnight, he saw two things happen. First, the sadness he had felt all his life fled in the face of incredible new joy. Next, he felt a ravenous hunger to learn more about God and the Bible. He began waking early each day to pray before school. The magazines couldn’t come fast enough.

### God Beckons

Translating for an American pastor one day, Adrian said, “I have so much to learn. There’s so much about the Bible I want to know.”

“We have a Bible school in America,” the man said, like it was no big deal. “You could go.”

Attending Bible school was something Adrian would welcome without reservation. For him, it seemed like stepping into heaven. But the reality was that he had no money, and it was almost impossible to get a visa to the U.S. Still, he shared his dream with an American friend.

“Adrian,” the young man said, “I believe in your vision. Here is \$25 to help pay for your visa. Call me when you get to the U.S.”

In 1996, the young man who had first given Adrian tapes and other resource



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materials from KCM came back to Romania.

“Adrian, you’ve translated for me for several years now,” he told his friend. “From the first time I met you, I felt you had a call from God on your life. I started saving money for you then. Here is \$1,000 for your ticket to America.”

Adrian stared at the money in awe.

“But I don’t have a visa. They’re almost impossible to get.”

“You’ll get one,” the missionary said. “God told me.”

Adrian traveled to Bucharest, arriving at the American Embassy at 1 a.m. There were already 500 people in line ahead of him. Standing in line all night, Adrian visited with other people.

“You’ve got nothing!” one man told him. “To get a visa to America you must have real estate or family!”

“I’m going to trust God,” Adrian replied.

When he finally reached a window in the embassy, the American said, “Hello, what do you want to do in America?”

“I would like to attend Bible college.”

“OK, give me your passport and \$20.”

Five minutes later, the man handed Adrian a 10-year multiple-entry visa.

### **Flight to America**

“I was so shocked that I just kept thanking him,” Adrian recalls. “I had the money for my airline ticket, but we’d had so much rain that the country was at flood stage. Flights were being cancelled every day.

“I went to a travel agent who told me every flight was already booked for a month. She said that every so often they had a cancellation, and offered to let me know in the slim chance that happened.

Two days later, she called. There had just been a cancellation. I rushed to her office and paid for the ticket. In less than two weeks, I left my family and Romania, and headed for New York City.”

Adrian was 19 years old when he arrived in New York. He had been accepted into a Youth With A Mission Bible college in Elm Springs, Ark. Arriving at the school, he stood alone as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles arrived to drop off the students. A woman from San Francisco introduced herself to Adrian, explaining that she had come in support of her niece. They chatted for a few minutes before she left to join her family.

Adrian reunited with many of the missionaries he had met in Romania, basking in the joy of their friendship. He had \$150 left from the money he was given, which he used as a deposit on his tuition. The school had allowed him to start classes on a conditional basis. Tuition for the semester was \$3,000. He had to trust God for the rest of the money.

One day, Adrian was summoned to the school’s financial office. Knees shaking, he pled, *Lord, please don’t let them kick me out.*

They didn’t kick him out. The lady from San Francisco had paid his bill.

### **Preparation for Purpose**

“I’d listened to Kenneth Copeland for so long that people teased me that I spoke English with a Texas twang,” Adrian says. “One of the first things I did was become a Partner with KCM and attend some of his meetings.

“The school required that we take

mission trips, which I loved. I became the coordinator for our ministry to Romania. We visited hospitals and homes for the elderly, ministered to street children and gave every person we could a Romanian Bible. Kenneth Copeland Ministries gave me boxes of materials that I shared with English-speaking people around the world.

“In South America, we gave away Spanish Bibles, and in China we gave away Bibles that had been translated into Chinese. In addition to my ministry trips back to Romania, I traveled to 14 different countries. I studied for 10 years, earning a bachelor’s and master’s degree.”

Adrian’s life had undergone such a transformation that he seemed to go from victory to victory. That changed when the church he attended split. The experience was so painful he didn’t know how to process it. It staggered him to watch church members rip one another apart.

If this was how Christians acted, Adrian wasn’t sure he wanted any part of it. Disillusioned, he struggled with deep depression and stopped going to church. That’s when the Lord began speaking to him through dreams.

In one dream, Adrian heard Kenneth Copeland say, “You’ve got to rise up in faith!” In another, Brother Copeland yelled: “Kick the devil out of your life! Confess it! Say it!”

The next morning, Adrian woke confessing that he was more than a conqueror through Christ. Although he didn’t *feel* like a victor, he continued to speak God’s Word. Feelings of disillusionment and defeat were replaced by thoughts of victory. Following the leading of the Lord, Adrian visited Keith Moore’s church in Branson, Mo.

“A veil was lifted from my eyes during that service, and I made a dramatic shift,” Adrian recalls. “I stopped looking at people and focused my attention on Jesus.”

### **Expanding the Vision**

In 2002, Adrian was ordained and started Adrian Musteata Ministries,

preaching the gospel around the world. Learning languages had always been easy for him. In addition to his native language, Romanian, he converses in English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese. He has translated Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic Bible texts, and has also studied Chinese and Japanese, but he hasn't translated them.

"Over the years, the Lord expanded my vision of ministry," Adrian explains. "He told me that education would expand my tools of ministry. At His prompting, I went back to school and earned a master's and a doctorate in business administration. While doing that, I taught at the Bible school and traveled to minister. Today, I teach economics, accounting and business, as well as other classes."

In 2013, Adrian married Lucy, a young woman from Colombia.

"Two years later, the Lord sent us to Utah where we started House of Faith Church," says Adrian. "We founded Global Education, and incorporated a curriculum based on the Bible. We packaged it and communicated it in a way people could receive. We went to the ministry of education at the highest level of government in Colombia, offering them the curriculum for ages 6 through 12. We were granted permission to put our curriculum in every public school in Valledupar, Colombia. To date, we have it in just under 50 schools.

"We teach teachers the Bible and how to use the curriculum. The curriculum is free, and we provide the children with Bibles. It is transforming Colombia from the inside out. It's working so well there, we're now branching out to Venezuela.

"God used my faith in Him, and Kenneth Copeland Ministries, to transform my life. I'm not the same person I was when someone handed me a copy of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine. Wherever I go, I hand out materials and say, 'This is a gift from Kenneth Copeland.' I'm trusting that what God did for a young Romanian boy 27 years ago, He'll do for them." ▼

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# GOD IS RESTORING OUR YEARS

*The first thing you should do once you've been born again and filled with the Holy Ghost is develop your faith. Why? Because faith is the tool you'll need to accomplish anything as a believer.*

*Yes, you'll need the anointing, but faith is the key to getting the anointing to function (Mark 5:25-34).*

**W**hen I first started preaching in Chicago, we had a prayer meeting in our little storefront church. A lady came bursting through the front door while we were praying and demanded to talk to me.

"The drug dealers have taken over our block," she said. "The kids can't play. All the parents are afraid. What are you going to do about it?"

Now understand, the neighboring streets in Chicago at that time were like Dodge City. And because the church was there, it became my jurisdiction.

I said to the lady, "OK, get in this prayer circle."

We got in a circle, prayed in the spirit, and then I received wisdom from God. I said, "God is telling me to take this bottle of oil, bless it, and tell you to pour it down your street."





## GOD WASN'T INQUIRING ABOUT ADAM'S LOCATION. HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HIS POSITION IN THE EARTH, HIS HEADSHIP OVER EVERYTHING.

She didn't hesitate. "Well, give it here!" she said.

When you're desperate, you'll take all kinds of weird advice.

She took that oil and poured it down that street. Then, a few days later she returned.

"Pastor, guess what?" She was smiling. "The drug dealers came out the next day for one hour, left, and never came back!"

God's Word didn't return void, and it never will! How did I know what to do? I accessed specific wisdom for that situation—which was really a spiritual attack—by faith (James 1:5). It all comes back to faith.

### Fighting With Spiritual Power

There is not a problem you have that God has not already solved, whether it's dealing with Dodge City, your finances, your health or anything else.

So why do we have so many problems? We've gotten away from the basics. And because we have, our culture has changed. The world has removed the Church from its place of dominion and power. As a result, the Church is trying to compete with the world by doing things the world's way. But it will never work, because this is a spiritual battle and it takes spiritual power to win.

Ephesians 6:10-12 says, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,



I heard Brother Hagin talk about it.... He said when that glory cloud would come in...everybody in there would get healed. If there was anybody in there that wasn't born again, they'd just cry out and accept Jesus right there on the spot.... He talked about it, and he prophesied concerning a day when it was going to come and it was

## GOING TO FALL ON WHOLE NEIGHBORHOODS, WHOLE CITIES.

And I believe we're in the forerunner of that right now.



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against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

To win against the devil, we need God on our side. Remember when Moses went down to Egypt? Pharaoh pulled out his sorcerers (Exodus 7), but Moses won because he was using faith and the power of God. You see that time and again in the Bible.

Likewise, we need to be strong in faith because there are spiritual principalities and powers that want to manipulate and govern the Church—and it’s time for us to put a stop to it.

### God Is Restoring Our Years

The Church is getting this revelation. As we do, God is restoring our years.

Talking about these end times, Joel 2:25-26 states, “And I will *restore to you the years* that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed” (emphasis mine).

You might think, *Restore the years! Oh, God is going to give me more years in my life.* But look at this in terms of the Church as a whole. This verse is promising that God is going to restore the years *of humanity*. He’s going to restore us all the way back to the Garden of Eden.

In Genesis 1:26, God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have *dominion* over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (emphasis mine).

*Dominion* means “sovereign or supreme authority.” Having dominion means you have the power to govern, direct, control or use to dispose of at your pleasure. Jesus had dominion like that, didn’t He? Remember when He told His disciples, “Go into town.

You will see a donkey tied up. Untie him and bring him to Me. And if anybody asks what you’re doing with the donkey, just tell them the Lord has need of it” (see Luke 19:30-31). That’s dominion.

Before it’s over, God is going to restore dominion to the Church.

In John 17:15, Jesus said, “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.” God isn’t going to beam us up out of this place. No. He wants us here, directing the action.

Adam had dominion, but where did he go wrong? In Genesis 2:18-19, God put him in the Garden with an assignment to name all the animals. He named them what God named them because he was on the same mental frequency as God. He was dominating this earth. But then Eve was tempted, and Adam and Eve both ate of the tree God told them to avoid. Next thing you know, God is calling to Adam, “Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9, *New King James Version*).

God wasn’t inquiring about Adam’s location. He was talking about his position in the earth, his headship over everything. But Adam had fallen, and Satan took control.

### Adam Messed Up

Adam lost his fellowship with God. He lost his ability to receive from God. He lost his glory. He lost the ability for God to provide for him. And last, but certainly not least, he was no longer on the same frequency with God. He even went out and tried to clothe himself with a fig-leaf suit—evidence enough that he was out of his mind!

He lost everything, for all of mankind.

But right away God started working on a plan of Redemption. He made plans for Christ: “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Galatians 3:13-14).

The devil couldn't stop the plan of Redemption, even though he tried. But what he has done is use a common trick: He tries to get believers to miss everything that comes with getting born again. Psalm 103:2 says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." When you become a believer, you receive complete restoration. But the devil is a negotiator. His job is to negotiate you out of your rights. You have a right to be healed. You have the right to power—to riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing. This is your inheritance package. It came when the Lamb was slain for us (Revelation 5:12). It's bought and paid for, and it's already got your name on it.

Satan's purpose is to deceive you, and that's where the spiritual fight comes in (Ephesians 6). You've got to develop your faith, so you can fight—because faith is the only way you're going to defeat the devil and live and enjoy all those benefits.

### God's Going to Use You

Did you get that? You *can* defeat the devil, not because of what you've done, but because God is restoring the years. He's restoring what the canker-worm has stolen. He's restoring your dignity. He's beautifying the Church. Whatever is ailing you is going to have to go because these benefits are yours.

"But I've been married 15 times!"

You're still going to do the work of God.

"But I didn't finish school. My family is poor."

So what?

"But I messed up and was in prison!"

Makes no difference. Why? Because you didn't choose Him. *He chose you.* God does not look at your past. He only looks at your future!

Gideon tried to use excuses like that. In Judges 6:15 he said, "Oh my

Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

"I'm broke." "I never went to school." "I'm black." "I'm brown."

But what did God say before Gideon started excusing himself?

"The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!" (verse 12, *NKJV*).

It didn't matter what Gideon thought he was. God called him a mighty man of valor. God took the man who was most rejected and put him on top. Gideon tried to find an excuse to not be qualified for what God wanted him to do. But I've got news for you: Whom God calls, He qualifies.

God dropped the anointing right on Gideon: "But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet" (verse 34).

It's no different for you, mighty man or woman of valor! God has dropped the anointing on you, too. You just got qualified. He's going to lead you into things that you've never done before. It doesn't matter what happened in your past. The only thing that matters is that God is now anointing you. But for you to step out in that anointing, it's going to take faith—strong faith. Mountain-moving, Dodge City-defeating faith.

So, get ready! God is restoring your years. You're going to be like Daniel. God is going to raise you up. You're going to be like Joseph. You're going to be running the country and the company. God is going to strike a difference between you and the rest of the world. He's going to do it because it's time the Church took her rightful place. It's time we rose up, took dominion and defeated the enemy! 📺

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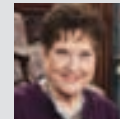
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by  
Gloria  
Copeland

# Just SAY SOMETHING!

They've just ridden along passively in the passenger seat of life, unhappy about what's happening to them, and yet not using the power of their words to change it.

*Ken and I* both enjoy going out to eat. We do not both enjoy, however, the same kinds of restaurants. Ken likes cafeterias because he's a big fan of vegetables, and cafeterias have a lot of them. I like to go to places that have different kinds of food, where you order off a menu.

A few years ago, this began to create a problem for me. One day we were getting into the car to go someplace to eat and I found myself feeling annoyed. *Oh no*, I thought, *I know where we're going. We're going to end up at the cafeteria again.*

I didn't say it out loud. I just stayed quiet. So, Ken, having no idea what I was thinking, turned and said to me, "Gloria, where do you want to eat?"

"I don't care. Just anywhere is OK."

"How about the cafeteria?" he asked.

"That will be OK," I said.

It is one of Ken's favorite places to eat. It's fine, as cafeterias go, but I didn't really want to eat there. I wanted to go somewhere else, so I sulked in silence all the way to the

restaurant.

Have you ever done that? Have you ever gotten unhappy because you didn't get your way and refused to talk? I don't recommend it, but that's what I did.

For a while, Ken didn't notice. But by the time we sat down to eat, he'd realized something was wrong. "What's the matter, Gloria?" he said.

"Nothing," I replied.

He knew that wasn't right. So, he repeated the question. "What is the matter?"

"I didn't want to eat here," I told him.

"Well, why didn't you say something?" he said.

Given that Ken would have taken me anywhere I wanted to go, it seemed like an obvious question. But it was also quite profound. According to the Bible, what we choose to say or not to say makes all the difference in any situation. It ultimately determines what we have and where we go—not just for dinner, but in life!

Jesus made this clear in Mark 11:23. He said, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou



If you don't like what's happening in your life—say something! Continually declare by faith what God has promised you in His Word, and you'll wind up like Caleb—living in *your* promised land!

## 1

Jesus taught us to have faith not only in what God says but also in what we say.  
Mark 11:22-23

## 2

God has given us His Word but we must choose what we're going to do with it.  
Deuteronomy 30:14-15, 19

## 3

The unbelieving Israelites chose to ignore God's Word and said they would die in the wilderness, and got what they said.  
Numbers 14:28-29

## 4

Caleb believed and spoke God's Word and he got to go into the Promised Land.  
Numbers 14:24

## 5

Keep your words in agreement with His Word and you will receive what you say.  
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removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Saying and believing is God's plan of dominion. It's how we, as Christians, got born again. We confessed with our mouths the Lord Jesus and believed in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9). Now that we're saved, we're supposed to receive all His other BLESSINGS by using the same process. We're supposed to receive healing, prosperity and all the other good things He's provided for us: By "the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak" (2 Corinthians 4:13).

Sadly, however, a lot of believers haven't been doing that. They haven't been saying by faith what they desire to have. Instead, when things don't go their way, they've just kept quiet about it. They've made the same mistake I made that day on the way to the restaurant. They've just ridden along passively in the passenger seat of life, unhappy about what's happening to them, and yet not using the power of their words to change it.

When they get to heaven, I imagine they're going to have some questions about that. They'll probably say, "Jesus, why didn't You take better care of me when I was on the earth? Why didn't You help me when I was sick and wanted healing? Why didn't You prosper me enough to buy the things I wanted to give my children? Why didn't You fulfill more of the desires of my heart?"

Do you know how Jesus is going to reply to those questions?

He'll ask those believers the same thing Ken asked me. He'll say, "Why didn't you say something? If you wanted to receive all those BLESSINGS, why didn't you go to My Word, find out what I've promised and provided for you, and declare it by faith?"

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## The Choice Is Yours

"Well," someone might say, "I've never been a fan of making faith confessions. I like to leave everything up to God. He's really the One who chooses what's going to happen in our lives."

No, He's not. He's given that choice to us. He's given us His Word, which is His will for our lives, and said to us as He said to the Israelites: "The word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See, I have set before thee this day life and good...blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:14-15, 19).

"But Gloria, those are Old Testament verses."

I know, but they're also in the New Testament. They're quoted in Romans 10 by the Apostle Paul. He wrote: "The righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) What saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach" (verses 6-8).

Paul said in that passage much the same thing God said in Deuteronomy. He said that as a believer you don't have to wait for Jesus to come down from heaven and heal you. You don't have to hope He'll choose to visit you and meet your financial need. He's already taken care of those things.

Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus provided every good thing you could ever desire. He gave you everything He has, and through His Word He's given you access to it. What happens now is up to you.

You can choose to keep quiet (or keep talking unbelief) and just live like the world does—subject to sickness, lack and the schemes of the devil. Or you can put the Word in your heart and in your mouth and receive the healing, prosperity and supernatural victory that belong to you as a believer.

Personally, I prefer the latter! I like to talk faith and walk in victory. That's why I like studying the faith heroes in the Bible. They inspire me to do that.

Take Caleb, for instance. Reading about him always stirs me up. Even though he lived in Old Testament times, he had a tremendous spirit of faith. He spoke God's Word even when it was so unpopular that his fellow Israelites threatened to stone him for it.

You probably remember the story. Caleb had just returned from spying out the Promised Land. All the spies (except Joshua) who had gone there with him had come back with "an evil report." They acknowledged the land was good and flowing with milk and honey, but they said it would be impossible to

conquer.

"It, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof," they said, "and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight" (Numbers 13:32-33).

When the Israelites heard that news, they all started weeping and wailing. But Caleb interrupted them.

"Wait a minute!" he said.

"If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence

is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not.... Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it" (Numbers 14:8-9, 13:30).

### Keep Quoting the Lord

God had already promised to give the Israelites the land. So, Caleb didn't say those things merely trying to be positive. He wasn't just saying, "I think we can do it." He was declaring God's Word and

now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, *whereof the Lord spake* in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I

maintain the spirit of faith and keep His Word in our mouths.

If we'll do that we'll wind up like Caleb. He received every good thing God promised him. He didn't get it all overnight, but eventually God saw to it that what Caleb had been believing and saying came to pass.

Brother Kenneth E. Hagin used to say, "God doesn't settle up every Saturday night; but He does settle up." And I'm telling you, that's the truth. God never forgets your faith. It honors Him when you believe His Word and refuse to be moved off it by contrary circumstances, and He always honors those who honor Him.

You don't have to worry just because time has passed and what you're believing for hasn't happened yet. You don't have to wonder if God might not come through for you. No, He *will* settle up. You just stay strong. You keep your words in agreement with His Word and you will receive what you say.

How can I be sure?

First, because God is faithful and He cannot lie. And second, because "the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]" Hebrews 4:12, (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). It will not return to Him "void [without producing any effect, useless], but," as He said in Isaiah 55:11, "it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (*AMPC*).

God's Word contains His own creative ability. There is not a problem in this life it can't solve. God's Word will change your body, your finances, your circumstances or whatever else needs changing in your life. It will conquer every "giant" that threatens to keep you out of your promised land. All you have to do is put it in your heart and keep it in your mouth.

As you do that, the giants that once looked so big will start looking smaller and smaller. Instead of seeing yourself as a grasshopper in their talk or sight, like the unbelieving Israelites did, you'll start seeing yourself like Caleb. You'll say what God says about you and your situation, and you will overcome! ♣

# WE MUST KEEP BELIEVING...

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saying by faith, "We can do this!"

The weepers and wailers, on the other hand, were speaking in unbelief. They not only said, "We *cannot* do this!" They said, "We might as well have died in the wilderness!"

How did God respond? He said: "As ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness.... Ye shall not come into the land..." (Numbers 14:28-30). In verse 24, He said, "But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it."

In other words, everyone there got what they said! The entire generation of doubters died in the wilderness. Caleb went into the Promised Land with Joshua and a new generation of Israelites, still declaring God's Word.

Caleb laid claim to the part of the land he wanted. He quoted the Lord time and again. He said:

Behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, *as he said*, these forty and five years...and

shall be able to drive them out, *as the Lord said* (Joshua 14:10-12).

Caleb was a Word man!

God said He would keep Caleb alive. Caleb believed it and said it.

God said, "You can have the mountain you want." Caleb believed it and said it.

God said, "You'll drive out your enemies." Caleb believed it and said it.

For 45 years, Caleb maintained his confession of faith. For 45 years, he did not change his believing or his words of victory. He went into the wilderness in faith with the Word of God in his mouth, and he came out the same way. He came out still hanging on to what God said about him—still saying, "The Lord is with me and I am able to do this!"

That's the way you and I must be about our stand of faith. We can't let the wilderness seasons in our lives talk us out of God's promises. We can't let the devil use hard days or times of pressure to convince us God's Word won't work. We must keep believing and saying what God said. We have to

# Journey Into Jesus!

Hey, Superkids! Jesus is alive! I'm sure you've heard this before, especially at Easter time. And it's TRUE. Jesus IS alive!



Yes, He died on the Cross over 2,000 years ago and paid the price for our sin. But THEN He was raised from the grave to become our Savior. You already know that too, I'm sure. This is the gospel—the TRUTH! But I'm going to shock you. It's not enough.

You see, Jesus was raised from the dead and He's ALIVE, but it's not enough for you unless He's ALIVE IN YOU! This is what I want to talk about over the next few months. Who knows, maybe we can talk about Jesus all year!

We started something special last December with the column I wrote titled, "The Best Gift Ever!" What a wonderful Savior He is. Superkids, I pray that, if you didn't know Him before then, you asked Him into your heart in December! If not, ask Mom and Dad to help you! It's the start of the best, most important part of your life.

### Come Closer!

Earlier this year, we talked about being free in Jesus and the gifts He has placed in us. Last month, we decided to become worshippers. Something has changed in us, cadets. Jesus wants us to come even closer, and look into Him more deeply. So that's what we are going to do! We read a great scripture last month from 2 Corinthians 3:16-18, *New Living Translation*. It says: "But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit

of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

As we see Jesus, we become like Him. This is what the Father has in mind for us. Hebrews 3:1, *NLT*, says: "And so, dear brothers and sisters who belong to God and are partners with those called to heaven, think carefully about this Jesus whom we declare to be God's messenger and High Priest." *The Passion Translation* says we've been "invited to the feast." We've been called by Jesus Himself to come closer, and fasten our thoughts "fully onto Jesus." So Superkids, this journey into Jesus begins with you and me fixing our thoughts and attention on Him.

### Stay Focused!

Recently, my daughter Emily learned to ride her bicycle without training wheels. It can be a challenge to balance, pedal AND stay on the sidewalk! Often, she would look away at a mailbox or parked car, trying to make sure she didn't run into it. Well, you probably know what happened. Her bike would automatically head in the direction she was looking! Her brother, Max, had to remind her to keep her eyes focused on where she wanted to go and *not* where she didn't want to go.

It's the same with our lives, Superkids. When we put our attention on Jesus, our lives will begin to go toward Him. Just like your parents call you to dinner, Jesus is calling you to Him, Superkids. Your parents expect you to come and fellowship, and I'm sure it pleases them when you aren't distracted—on the phone or watching TV. What do they say? Perhaps, "Put that away, I want to hear about your day."

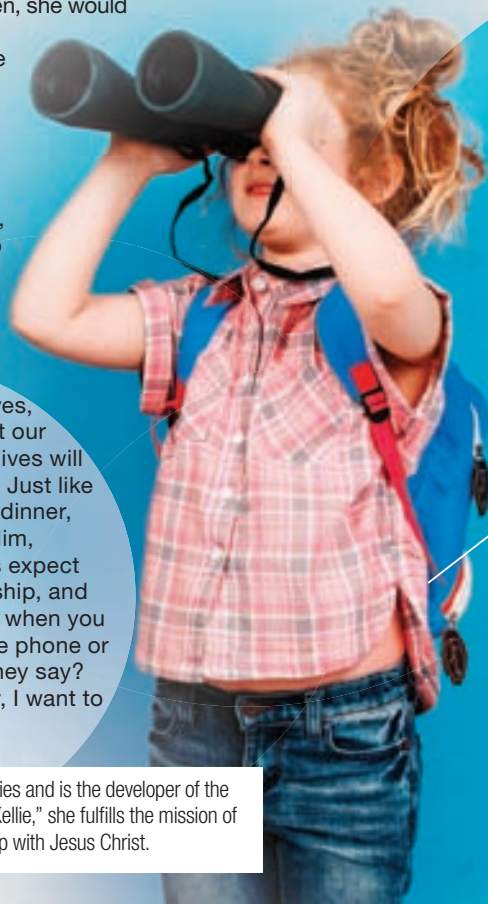
Even more so, Jesus wants you to come. He wants you to know Him like He knows you.

Guys, this is life-changing! And so easy—as easy as sitting down with your parents or best friend. So, this month begin to practice hanging out with Jesus. He's with you 24/7. So think that way. Talk to Him throughout the day. Ask Him questions (He's an ever-present help in times of testing—school tests, I mean!) You'll never be the same!

You know Resurrection Sunday is this month. Think about it—this could be the most alive and blessed time you've ever had because Jesus is literally going to come alive for you, in you and to you! ❤️

ALIVE in JESUS!  
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