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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Partners and Friends,

When the angel and a multitude of the heavenly host announced Jesus' birth to the world, they praised God saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). Those words have been ringing throughout heaven and earth ever since that day!

This year has definitely been one of historical significance.

Peace and goodwill have been the fervent cry of our hearts on so many levels. Covering every area of our lives—spirit, soul and body—the intercession of the saints in every corner of the earth has flooded heaven. God's glory has been evident everywhere!

Jesus came to earth to bring the glory of God to every kindred, tongue and tribe. He stepped into His mission on the day He was born and walked it out every day of His life on earth. And He did not leave the earth without God's glory when He returned to His Father. He gave us the mandate to be vessels of glory and continue the excellent ministry He began.

Bringing God's glory into the earth; that's our mission.

For all these years, we have gone throughout the earth with our hearts set on being vessels of His excellent glory. As we head into 2021, we expect God's glory will be recognized from the top of the world to the bottom, and all the way around. And we can be assured that His glory will be revealed through our ministering together, as Partners and Friends, the good news of Jesus manifest in the earth.

Since the day Jesus was born, God's glory has been dwelling among us. As His family has increased, His glory has dwelled in us and through us, bringing His presence to the world. What an honor and privilege it is to be vessels that reveal His glory to everyone He brings into our presence!

Every day we thank our Father that you are partnering with us in ministry. Our prayers will be with you throughout the Christmas season, as we celebrate Jesus with hearts filled with praise to the glory of God! As always, as the Copeland family gathers together, we hold you in our hearts and minds because you are our cherished worldwide family.

We declare God's glory will be known throughout the world in the coming year as we go out together—celebrating every day His goodwill toward all men!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Kenneth & Gloria*

# Editor's Letter



## Celebrate the REASON!

It's Christmastime which, for many, means it's time to prepare for the busyness and joy this season brings—from pulling out the Christmas tree and decorations to shopping for gifts and enjoying good food, fun and fellowship with family and friends.

But we realize this year may not be as busy as in the past. The COVID-19 pandemic has turned our lives upside down. We've gone from working in the office to working from home; from socializing to isolation from family and friends; to even having church services virtually online.

However, this Christmas doesn't have to be a disappointment if we recognize Jesus as the reason for the season. More than before, we should be mindful that Jesus' birth represents how, because of His great love for us, God poured out His grace, mercy and favor on all mankind. 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."

If you don't travel, visit or entertain family and friends this Christmas, you can still make memories. Pull out your smartphone, take selfies and share them with others. Or do conference calls, using FaceTime® or Zoom. If they are local, visit family and friends by driving by and sharing a wave. Just make sure you remember the importance of the moment—that God loved you so much, He gave His only Son so you might have a renewed relationship with Him. He gave His best, so let's offer our best adoration and thankfulness.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue, and the encouraging articles from contributors like KCM CEO Pastor George Pearsons. In his article, titled "Jesus: The Final Sacrificial Lamb," he reminds us that "as soon as Jesus was born, He was destined to die for your sins and mine—and then be raised from the dead so that we could be raised up with Him. He took our place so that we could live eternally with Him."

That's the true REASON for the season!

Have a blessed and very Merry Christmas, and look forward to a Happy New Year!

Ronald C. Jordan  
Managing Editor



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**"I didn't know all those years ago,  
when I met that KCM Partner, what  
she was sowing into my life."**

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When The LORD first spoke to us about starting the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, He said: *This is your seed. Give it to everyone who ever responds to your ministry, and don't ever allow anyone to pay for a subscription to it.*

For 47 years it has been our joy to bring you good news through the teachings of ministers who write out of living contact with God, and the testimonies of believers who took God at His WORD and experienced His victory in everyday life.

—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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# His Excellent Glory

## WE LIVE IN A DAY

where most people do just enough to get by. Rather than taking the time to do things right, they opt for what's fastest and easiest. They take an *Oh, that's good enough* attitude, and the faster they go the less excellence there is in their lives.

But, as believers, that's not us. It's not who we are. It's not what we're made of. Excellence is in our spiritual DNA!

We're children of Almighty God who is "excellent in power" (Job 37:23).

We're born of incorruptible seed "by the word of God" (1 Peter 1:23).

We've been raised up with Jesus—His Excellency Himself—by the same "excellent glory" that raised Him from the dead and seated Him in the heavenlies (2 Peter 1:17; Romans 6:4).

Indwelt by and anointed with the same excellent Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), we're joint heirs with Jesus and partners in His ministry, which was and is a ministry of excellence (Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 5:18).

In addition, we have an excellent

heritage! We have in our spiritual family tree ancestors like Daniel. Talk about someone who wasn't content to do just enough to get by! Even as a captive living in Babylon, Daniel did such a first-class job at everything he was given to do, that the Bible says: "Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.... So this Daniel prospered" (Daniel 6:3, 28).

One definition of the word *prosper* is "to excel to the highest place available," and that's exactly what Daniel did. Faced with extremely negative circumstances, he kept being promoted until he was second in command under the king.

If Daniel could do that under the



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1

**You have within you the glory of God that raised Christ from the dead.**

(Rom. 6:4)

2

**As a joint heir with Jesus you have the potential to live and walk in the excellence of that glory.**

(2 Pet. 1:17)

3

**Your spiritual heritage is one of excellence that includes people like Daniel.**

(Dan. 6:3)

4

**The knowledge of how to operate in the excellence of God's glory is already within you.**

(2 Cor. 4:6)

5

**Like the Apostle Paul, you can press in to this knowledge.**

(Phil. 3:14)

Old Covenant, what can we do under the New Covenant? Shouldn't we, as believers, also be prospering and being promoted to the highest place available in whatever sphere of influence to which God has called us?

Sure, we should—and we can. We just need to walk in the excellence of our true identity.

I first received a revelation of this years ago when I was attending Oral Roberts University and working for Brother Roberts. He said to those of us on his staff, "If we're to demand excellence from our students, we must demand it of ourselves." He was adamant about that, and I realized he was right to be. So, from then on, especially when it

came to ministry, I followed his example and that became my standard.

I remember one time, in the beginning years of this ministry, I was in the studio with some musicians recording an album. We'd done several takes on the various tracks, but I still was not satisfied with the last song. I said, "We can do better than this. Let's try it at least one more time."

The guy who'd been playing steel guitar wasn't interested.

"Aw, that's good enough for gospel," he said.

*Good enough for gospel?*

Just hearing that made me want to feed the guy his guitar. I didn't. But I didn't smile either. I just ignored him and we did the song again and again until we got it right.

Of course, later The LORD brought us musicians like Steve Ingram and Phil Driscoll to work with and they had an entirely different attitude. They stuck with a song as long as necessary. They'd keep recording one take after another until we all said, "Yes, that's it!"

Some people might call that being a perfectionist. But it wasn't that we were looking for perfection in the music. We were looking for the anointing to come on it, and it's an interesting thing: The anointing and the perfection run along side by side.

Excellence and the glory flow together.

### Put Some Pressure on the Devil

One person who understood this was the Apostle Paul. He never had a sloppy, just-get-by attitude. Even before he was born again his zeal as a Pharisee was unsurpassed, and as a believer he became even more zealous about following Jesus. After meeting Him in His glory on the road to Damascus, Paul went after Him with everything he had.

As he wrote in Philippians 3:

I count all things but loss for the *excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus* my Lord: [Remember, the word *Christ* means "the Anointed One and His Anointing."] for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ...that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (verses 8, 12-14).



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Notice, Paul *pressed*. He didn't just wait for his spiritual inheritance to fall on him like an apple off a tree. He didn't just sit down when he ran into hardships and trouble and say, "I think I'll quit. The devil is putting too much pressure on me."

No, instead of slacking off, when the pressures of the devil hit (and they hit all of us), Paul turned the tables. He put pressure on the devil by continuing to press in to the excellence of the knowledge of the Anointed One and His Anointing.

The devil has no answer for the Anointing of God! He can try to pressure us to back off from it, but if we continue to press forward in faith to apprehend that for which Jesus has apprehended us, our pressure will win over the devil's every time. If we take the attitude Paul did and say, "Forget the failures of yesterday. I'm pressing forward into my high calling in Jesus. I'm reaching for the prize of the Anointing of my King!" the devil doesn't stand a chance.

That's why he fights so hard to talk us out of pressing forward. It's why he wants us to take the same *that's-good-enough attitude* he's sold to the

world. As the god of this world, he's "blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ...should shine unto them" (2 Corinthians 4:4); and now he wants to blind the Church. He wants to keep us from seeing the excellence of God's glory that's ours through the new birth because he knows what will happen when we do.

The manifestation of that excellent glory will increase in us and among us! People will see and hear about it and come in droves to hear about Jesus. That's what happened in Jesus' ministry. It's what happened in Peter's ministry and Paul's ministry. And it will be the same with us.

When we step over into the fullness of the glory that God has planned for the Church, our only problem will be finding room enough for all the people. We'll bring the final great harvest into the kingdom of God, wrap this thing up, and the devil's day will be done.

"Brother Copeland, are you saying the devil is scared of us?"

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Christians) that we're more than what we look like in the natural. That we're not just flesh and blood human beings. On the inside, in our spirits, we're exactly like Jesus. We're carriers of the light and life of God.

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7).

Reading those verses, I used to think they were saying that the glory of God is our treasure. But in this context the treasure being referred to is actually *the knowledge* of God's glory.

The Greek word translated *knowledge* there means “a working knowledge.” What's a working knowledge? I compare it to the kind of knowledge that, as a pilot, I have about airplanes.

Anyone can ride on a plane, but I understand how to operate it. I have enough working knowledge of aviation that rather than just being a passenger, I can get in the cockpit and fly the plane wherever I want to go.

That's how it ought to be for us, as believers, where God's glory is concerned!

Everyone of us has the glory inside of us. So the potential for us to operate in it is there. But most Christians haven't done much with that potential. They're more like spiritual passengers than pilots because they don't understand the principles by which the glory works. They don't know what to do with it, what feeds it or what hinders it.

The good news, however, is that the knowledge is available. God has already given it to us. We just have to press in to the excellence of it by making a quality decision to step up into

a higher place in our walk with God.

**Golden Vessel or Mud Pot?**

“Well, Brother Copeland, I believe how high I go spiritually is up to God. Like the Bible says, ‘In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.’ So if God decides to make me a little mud pot, that's what I'll be.”

God isn't the One who makes the decision. You are. The verse that follows the one you just quoted makes that clear. It says, “If a man therefore purge himself...he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet [or profitable] for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work” (2 Timothy 2:20-21).

Every child of God is a golden vessel if they just knew it. The choice as to whether we live like one, however, is up to us. We can either slop along as little mud pots, or we can cleanse ourselves of dishonorable attitudes and actions and serve God with glory and excellence.

Part of serving Him with excellence is doing what He tells us to do, exactly how and when He tells us to do it. It's obeying His written WORD and the promptings of His Spirit, even about issues that to us might seem small. There's no such thing as a lightweight command from God! Whatever He tells us to do, there's a reason for it, and it's big.

Let me give you an example from my own life. In the early days of this ministry The LORD told me to begin exercising. *Kenneth, start walking and don't quit*, He said. I didn't want to hear that. I'd hated exercising ever since I played football in high school. Plus, I didn't see the value of it. So

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even though I'd understood God's instructions perfectly, I'd walk for a few days, then just slough it off and soon forget about it.

Knowing I had to lose weight to fulfill my ministry calling, rather than exercise I used different dieting programs to get rid of the 30 or 40 extra pounds I was carrying. I hoped that would be good enough. But eating healthier didn't help get my body fat percentage down to where it should be. Most of the time, it stayed around 30-35%.

Then about three years ago, The LORD was speaking to me again about excellence and, while pointing out some areas where I'd gotten sloppy, He brought up exercise again. *What are you going to do about that?* He asked.

"I wasn't planning on doing anything about it," I replied.

*Well, you're going to have to,* He said. So, at 80 years old I finally got with the program. I made a quality decision: I would start exercising, not quit, and get my body fat down to 18% (3% above the optimum) which had always been my dream.

Why did I set my sights so high? Because my physical body is part of the excellence of God. It affects how much of the glory I can walk in. I know now that if I'd just done what He told me to five decades ago, I would have dodged a lot of the back pain I've dealt with over the years.

The LORD had already sent me one of the finest trainers in the country. Everything I needed was already in place, and the trainer had been doing his part; I just had to start doing mine. I did...and once I released the excellence of the glory of God in that area of my life, what had seemed impossible for 20 years suddenly began to happen. My body fat began to drop, and within two and a half months it was at 15%.

Now, at 83, I'm carrying out a brand-new mandate from God. Instead of winding down, I'm pressing with renewed energy toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of the Anointing and glory of God.

I'm telling you, God is ready for that glory to come into full manifestation in us and through us. He's ready for it to flow through the Church until it covers the earth like the waters cover the sea. He's just waiting for you and me to get our acts together.

Let's do it. Let's tighten up the ship, move in obedience to Him, and go back to our first love. Let's live as the people of excellence we were born again to be! 📌

# TRANSFORMED, Not Conformed!

**“The world  
will try to  
convince you  
that if you were  
ENLIGHTENED,  
you'd be more  
TOLERANT.”**

Years ago, I came across a talk show where the host was interviewing a well-known pastor—someone I didn't know personally but respected greatly. The host posed questions about alternate lifestyles, trying to pin down the pastor's response to a hot-button issue.

The host, who was not a believer, said, "Now isn't it true, Pastor, that Jesus taught love and acceptance?"

The Pastor answered, "Well, yeah."

Everyone on the stage nodded in agreement.

But as I watched, the Lord spoke to me.

*No, I didn't,* He said. *That's not what I taught. It's not what I preached.*

Then the Lord gave me this phrase: *Tolerance is the first step to conformity.*

Satan is an evil genius. He knows believers won't accept a frontal assault when it comes to embracing sin. We'd recognize his work right away if he came at us straight on. Instead, he tries to trick us by planting deceptive thoughts in our minds such as, "You're not going to live that way, but you need to be *tolerant* because Jesus taught love and tolerance and acceptance and inclusion."

While the Word is clear that we need to



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walk in love, as believers we're not supposed to follow the world or allow those in the world to interpret the Bible for us. They don't know what the Bible says...and what they do know they misinterpret to satisfy their own desires. Instead, we're called to not only know the truth—God's Word—but also to *obey* it.

We're called to stand out from sin, to stand up to sin, and to stand in faith against sin. We're not called to be *conformed*. We're called to be *transformed*!

### Calling Out Sin

In 1 Corinthians 5:1-6, Paul dealt with sin in the church in Corinth head-on:

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

Does that sound like inclusion, acceptance or tolerance? Paul wasn't being hardhearted. He was calling sin out and dealing with it. If you read his second letter to the same church, he reveals his state of mind when addressing that situation: "For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you" (2 Corinthians 2:4, *New International Version*).

Paul called them out on their sin from a place of love. Love doesn't let someone run off into destruction. It tells the truth even if it upsets people. Real love means that we care more about the person trapped in sin than we do about how much that person likes us in the moment. If we can get sin and bondage out of a person's life, they'll get over not liking us. We can endure temporary hostility for long-term freedom.

Paul continued: "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast,

not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators" (1 Corinthians 5:7-9).

Is this New Testament grace? Yes.

Is it inclusion and tolerance? No.

Some alternative lifestyles—like a guy being involved with his stepmother—should not be tolerated. Remember, Paul was addressing believers in the Church in this letter, not unbelievers.

While it's true that people "fall in love" with those they should never have gotten involved with—a sad reality that destroys families and churches and businesses—that doesn't make their relationships right or healthy. They crossed a line long before they "fell in love." Even before anything physical happened, they were unfaithful.

When people in the Corinthian church heard about those alternate lifestyles, they likely thought, *Well, that's unorthodox*. But that was the end of it. That kind of blasé attitude is an example of the church being "puffed up."

Paul explained it further at the end of 2 Corinthians 12:21: "And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed."

Corinth's revelation of grace allowed its members to be more tolerant than others because they felt they were "enlightened" on the subject. The church raised their eyebrows, but just went along like nothing was wrong.

But the situation was very, very wrong. It was sin, and in a spirit of love, Paul called them on it.

### Come As You Are...and Change

"Come as you are! You don't need to change. Your sin will work itself out of you someday...if not in this life, then in the next."

That's a prevailing sentiment in the modern Church.

Come as you are? *Yes, of course.*

Stay as you are? *No way!*

From the day a person gets born again, they'd better put on their big-boy pants and believe God to be conformed *not* to the world, but to the image of Jesus—the Anointed One, the Head of the Church.

If Jesus didn't do it, we, His Church, don't do it. If He didn't live like that, we don't live like that. If He didn't approve of it, we don't approve of it.

We're not mere men and women. We're new



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creations in Christ Jesus, and we have all the power inside us to be the overcomers we're destined to be.

Sin doesn't only affect the sinner; it also affects others around them. That's why Church leadership must take immediate and strong measures when sinful situations arise. They have to look out for the rest of the flock.

Paul knew that. That's why he warned the Corinthians, "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened."

Sin won't get better; it'll get worse. If it isn't handled, before long, something more degrading will happen.

### Beautiful Repentance

One of the greatest words to ever exist is *repent*. It's a gift that means, "I can acknowledge this sin, deal with it and change." Repentance isn't just about feeling bad. It's about receiving forgiveness and changing.

In 2 Corinthians 2:5-6, we discover that the church at Corinth dealt with the sin Paul called out. I believe there are even indications that the couple wasn't together anymore because Paul told them to "forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow" (verse 7).

Paul's direction to the church to forgive and comfort the man was a guard against them becoming judgmental. Yes, we want to deal with sin, but we don't want to become hypocrites. Maybe we didn't commit the exact same sin, but the spirit behind it was the same. The disobedience was the same. The rebellion was

the same. Flesh is flesh, and disobedience is disobedience.

If you say, "That sin disgusts me! I can't imagine anyone doing that," you're kidding yourself. If you stopped attending church, quit praying, quit reading the Word, quit hearing good preaching and started yielding to the flesh, you'd be shocked at what you would end up doing in a matter of months.

Don't say, "I could *never*..." Instead say, "By the grace of God, I'm not there."

### Be Transformed

Do you love people enough to call out sin? Will you take the world's mockery and shame when you speak the truth about sin in love?

Taking a stand is not for wimps. It will make you unpopular with the world. You'll be called names and hated. The world will try to convince you that if you were enlightened, you'd be more tolerant. They'll say you're uneducated, undeveloped and in need of the crutch of religion.

The enemy will try to shame you into turning loose of the message of faith and becoming so contaminated that it's impossible to tell the difference between you and the world.

But Romans 12:2 tells us, "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Avoiding Satan's devices requires a quality decision. Thankfully, with the leading of the Holy Spirit and the armor of God, we can stand firm in faith and in love so that through us others, too, can be transformed, not conformed! ♡



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S.T. | Zambia

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L.S. | Milwaukee, Wis.

## VICTORY HEALING

When Billy Burke prayed on VICTORY Channel™, I received my eyesight back! My husband received his strength in his hands; and my bladder was healed. C.C. | St. John, Virgin Islands

## Harvest of Blessings

Our son was blessed with a job just one week after being released from prison, then God gave him favor to be able to continue his college education. All this is the result of putting into practice what I have learned from Kenneth Copeland. It was love and giving that planted the seeds for my son's victories. We had to learn to love

those who wronged us and him. As soon as he learned he was coming home, he gave his belongings to fellow inmates with a heart of blessing them. We believe this was the key to him acquiring a job so quickly, and God has continued to provide him with money to pay for his tuition and books.

B.S. | Chambersburg, Pa.

**Focus On God's Love**  
I am so grateful for the program aired on VICTORY where Kenneth focused on being rooted and grounded in God's love. Please keep them coming.

S.C. | Florida

## BELIEVING GOD FOR A HOUSE

I purchased the *How to Believe God for a House* Package. My wife and I started to confess the scriptures and listen to the CDs.

In 2019, we were going to put up our house for auction. This would mean getting much less for it than what it's worth, but at a church meeting I sat by a man whose son was looking for a house. His son put in an offer for our house which we accepted.

This provided us with the deposit as well as a profit on our house. We moved into the new house January 2020.

Praise God and thank you, Gloria and Pastor George, for teaching us how to believe God for a house.

J.G. | England

## 'God's Word Is True'

Your program on prosperity has changed my life. In the 2008 meltdown, I lost a job and over \$20,000, was barely making ends meet, had tax debt I couldn't pay—the list goes on. In 2010, I got a new job. I wasn't sure if it was going to work and still wasn't making any money. Then I started listening to you, and in January 2011, was named salesperson of the month. For the last 10 years my income has increased each year by God's grace. My income has gone from \$30,000 a year to over \$170,000 this past year. Don't ever stop teaching the truth that God wants His people to prosper. I hope this gives others hope that God's Word is true!

P.D. | Chandler, Ariz.

## 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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### **'No More Pain!'**

During the California VIRTUAL Victory Campaign, Brother Copeland gave a word saying someone's knee was being healed from an old injury. Thirty years ago, I broke my knee in a car wreck. For several months, I have had pain that felt like a pin or screw was working its way out. He called it out, I received it and took my healing! Praise God, no more pain! God is so sweet; I wasn't even asking for healing and He gave it to me anyway.

B.W. | Fort Worth, Texas



# The

# Oxygen

On a balmy evening  
in 2012, Robert and  
Charlotte Kachinski

sat on the front porch of their home in Suffolk, Va. It was their favorite time of day when the world around them slowed its spin. They listened to the distant sound of a dog barking. The aroma of someone charcoaling wafted in the air.

Robert had joined the Navy right out of high school. After three back-to-back combat missions, he had transferred to the Coast Guard.

"It would be nice to live in Florida again," Charlotte said, "if only to be close to our families."

Robert agreed and wondered aloud if he'd be able to find work there when he

was ready to retire from the Coast Guard. Picking up his laptop, he searched a federal employee job site.

Two jobs popped up.

"Wait a second," Robert said, "I know this organization. I did a four-year tour there. This opening is for the job I did! While I was there, we created a position for a federal civilian employee to do what I did. This is that job!"

Pulling out his phone, Robert called the man currently in that position.

"Are you leaving?"

"Yeah, I am."

Robert threw his name in the hat.

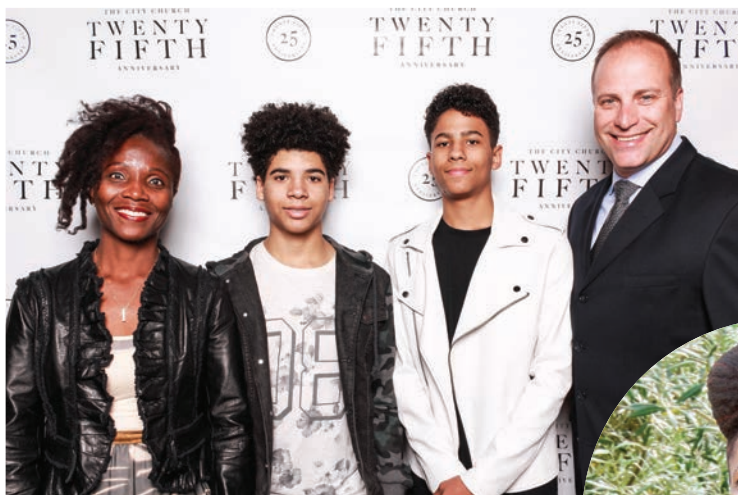
A couple of months later, scrolling through emails, Robert found one asking if he was still interested in the job. Three days later, he was selected for the position.

"There wasn't even a question when we saw that you'd applied," he was told. "We knew you were the right person for the job."

There was just one problem. To take the position, Robert would have to retire from the Coast Guard. Retirement hadn't been on his radar. Besides, the retirement process took six to nine months. They needed to fill the position soon.

Robert contacted one of his mentors, an admiral, and described the situation. "Take it!" he advised. "Give me a day to see what I can do," he said. Three months later, the

# Breathe



**“From the beginning, the foundation of our marriage was the teaching we learned from KCM.”**

Kachinskis were living in Florida. When houses all around were going into foreclosure due to the economy, the Kachinski’s home sold for top dollar after five days “for sale by owner.”

**God Had a Plan**

For both Robert and Charlotte, Florida was awash with memories. Not only because of family, but because years earlier their journey of faith had begun there.

“Before we met, I was working in Florida at Smith Industries Aerospace,” Charlotte explains. “There were two women who worked there that I particularly enjoyed knowing, despite the fact that they were both Christians.

“My mother had been a praying woman. But my father was a violent man. I pictured God as being a lot like my father, so I had no interest in being a Christian. To me, that meant serving an angry God who was waiting for me to make a mistake.

“I admired the way my two co-workers lived and became friends with them anyway. Neither of them knew that I was prepared to flee if they tried to push their beliefs on me.

“One of the women was a longtime Partner with Kenneth Copeland. She convinced me to travel with her to a weekend KCM meeting. She bought my airline ticket, paid for my hotel room, food and all my expenses. She even took me to the book table and bought books and tapes for me!

“It was there I learned that God was a good God. He wasn’t angry. He loved me and had given Himself for me. I asked Jesus into my heart and became a Partner with KCM.”

In 1995, Charlotte was attending Countryside

Christian Center, a non denominational church in Clearwater. One Sunday evening, Robert Kachinski showed up. He was in the choir of a denominational church with traditional worship. When the words to the music flashed onto a screen, he got excited.

“Wow! This is a karaoke church!” he said.

“We started dating soon after that,” Charlotte recalls. “When I told him about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues, he wasn’t sure it was biblical. I loaned him two teachings on the subject—one by Kenneth Copeland, and the other by Kenneth Hagin.”

Robert listened to the tapes in his car, Charlotte explained. Then, one day while driving and listening, he suddenly pulled over to the side of the road, received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and began speaking in tongues.

On March 28, 1995, Robert and Charlotte were married.

**A Solid Foundation**

“From the beginning, the foundation of our marriage was the teaching we learned from KCM,” Charlotte said. “We moved around a lot because of Robert’s military career. Our hearts’ desire was to live close to KCM, but our connection to the Coast Guard kept us in port cities. Wherever we lived, we looked for a local faith-based church to attend, watched the daily *Believer’s Voice of Victory* broadcast, listened to tapes and read books. Those were the staples of our lives.”

When Robert and Charlotte decided to have children, nothing happened. In time, Charlotte made an appointment with a doctor. After tests, the doctor met with her to review the results.

“I’m sorry to tell you that you’ll never be able to have kids.”

Charlotte had endometriosis, fibroids and a tumor.

The couple contacted KCM for prayer and took a stand of faith. Through the broadcast, they learned about *Supernatural Childbirth* by Jackie Mize. They bought the book and read it aloud until the pages fell off.

The doctor recommended surgery. It was cancelled, however, when Charlotte went in for a checkup and they discovered that the tumor

and fibroids were gone! In 2000, five years after deciding to have children, their son Ty was born and the endometriosis was gone!

Since they stood for five years to get Ty, they were ready to stand as long as necessary to have another child, Charlotte said. God, however, had other plans. Their second son, Cole, was born 18 months later in 2001.

### **An Unexpected Turn**

The Kachinskis had been living on Summerland Key, Fla., for about a year and a half when they admitted it wasn't a great place to raise small children, Robert says. There were no Word of Faith churches in the area. They were being fed spiritually by KCM broadcasts and attending Eagle Mountain International Church online.

"We wrote a prayer of agreement asking the Lord for a job where He wanted us to be, where we could be part of a good church, the job would be a promotion and He would cause our home to sell quickly," Robert recalled. "In fact, we asked that, like Jerry Savelle, someone would walk up to our house and offer to buy it, with the furniture.

"We listed the house for sale by owner. In less than 24 hours, I went to the mailbox and found a couple standing at our gate."

"We're just in town for the weekend and saw your house for sale. Could we take a look?"

"The couple asked to buy the house—with the furniture, for the exact amount we prayed for!" Robert said. At the time, homes were on the market for an average of over 200 days.

"Turns out, they were Christians."

In 2015, the family moved from Summerland Key to Seattle. In the early part of his military career, Robert had been an air traffic controller. The new job promotion God had for him was working for the Federal Aviation Administration.

### **Life in Seattle**

"Seattle was a God-ordained place for us," Charlotte recalls. "Since we moved around so much, I had homeschooled the boys using the Abeka Christian Curriculum. We started each day with *BVOV* in the morning because we wanted them to get a solid foundation of the Word as well as their other studies. Although Cole is 18 months younger than Ty, he's very analytical and kept up with his older brother. Both boys finished 10th grade in homeschool.

"That's when we learned that Washington had a program called Running Start. It was designed for children who are academically strong. They take a test similar to the S.A.T., and if they pass, they can go straight to college instead of finishing high school. Both boys had always kept up with the challenging Abeka curriculum, and both passed the test. The problem was that Cole was only 14.

"Despite Cole's age, both were accepted into the program. They did well during their two years of college. When they graduated, they each received a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree. During their commencement, the chancellor said, 'Today we set a record for the youngest graduate of an associate degree in our history.' Cole was only 16." While he was still in college, after watching a KCM broadcast with a military officer, Ty told Charlotte, "Mom, the Lord spoke to me. It's clear that I'm to join the Coast Guard." When he graduated from college, Ty joined the Coast Guard. Soon Cole joined as well.

### **Getting Unencumbered**

In January 2019, Robert and Charlotte found themselves empty nesters. In April, they decided to buy a getaway condo in Leavenworth, Wash. The touristy area offered lots of little restaurants and cafés, with a river running through town. The condo was fully furnished.

The day before they went to sign the final documents for the sale, Robert and Charlotte took a 4-mile hike while listening to the *BVOV* broadcast. A man gave his testimony about how he'd invested in multiple properties at a low interest rate to bring in extra revenue. Except the Lord told him to sell it all and get out of debt. Robert felt convicted about buying the condo. He sensed that God wanted them unencumbered.

“I didn't know all those years ago, when I met that KCM Partner, what she was sowing into my life.”

**READ  
THROUGH  
THE BIBLE**

**DECEMBER**

		Old Testament	New Testament
Tue	1	Dan. 1-2	Rev. 2
Wed	2	Dan. 3	Rev. 3
Thu	3	Dan. 4	Rev. 4
Fri	4	Dan. 5-6	Rev. 5
Sat	5	Dan. 7-8	
Sun	6	Ps. 137-139; Prov. 30:1-17	
Mon	7	Dan. 9-10	Rev. 6
Tue	8	Dan. 11-12	Rev. 7
Wed	9	Hos. 1-4	Rev. 8
Thu	10	Hos. 5-9	Rev. 9
Fri	11	Hos. 10-14	Rev. 10
Sat	12	Joel 1-3	
Sun	13	Ps. 140-141; Prov. 30:18-33	
Mon	14	Amos 1-4	Rev. 11
Tue	15	Amos 5-9	Rev. 12
Wed	16	Obad. 1; Jon. 1-4	Rev. 13
Thu	17	Mic. 1-4	Rev. 14
Fri	18	Mic. 5-7	Rev. 15
Sat	19	Nah. 1-3	
Sun	20	Ps. 142-144	
Mon	21	Hab. 1-3	Rev. 16
Tue	22	Zeph. 1-3	Rev. 17
Wed	23	Hag. 1-2	Rev. 18
Thu	24	Zech. 1-3	Rev. 19
Fri	25	Zech. 4-7	Rev. 20
Sat	26	Zech. 8-11	
Sun	27	Ps. 145-147; Prov. 31	
Mon	28	Zech. 12-14	Rev. 21
Tue	29	Mal. 1-4	Rev. 22
Wed	30	Ps. 148-149	
Thu	31	Ps. 150	

What should they do? The owners had already taken their belongings out of the condo. Concerned that they'd gone too far to back out, Robert and Charlotte went ahead and closed on the condo. Led by the Holy Spirit, even though things weren't selling very well in the area, they listed the condo for sale by owner.

Meanwhile, Robert began looking for an opportunity to transfer to Fort Worth, one of the three FAA Service Centers in the nation, and which happens to be only 20 minutes from the KCM campus.

"Over the years, we'd attended the Orlando Victory Campaign and one in Washington, D.C.," Charlotte explains. "But we'd never been to the Southwest Believers' Convention in Fort Worth. In 2019, when KCM started advertising it, the Lord said, *When they say, 'See you there,' answer them back.* From then on when I heard them announce Southwest, I'd say, 'See you there!' I told Robert, and the next thing I knew he'd booked a hotel and airline tickets.

"While we were in Fort Worth, we got a call from a realtor in Leavenworth with a buyer for our condo. It was a low offer, so we declined. Impressed by the Lord, Robert called and paid a fee to have the condo listed on a Multiple Listing Service. The same realtor called back. His buyer wanted the condo. Robert gave him a number that included the price for the listing. Within an hour, we had a formal offer."

**A Job Offer**

On Friday morning of the SWBC, Robert drove to the FAA offices. He talked to one of the managers there who said, "I do have an open position. If you want it, let me know."

"I was thrilled that he shared the opportunity," Robert recalls. "But with the federal government you can't depend on verbal agreements. When we got back to Seattle, I put in for the transfer. I was told that we had to wait for everyone up the chain to approve it. Meanwhile, we closed on the sale of the condo. Not only did we get all of our money out of it, but since it had come fully furnished, we packed up all the furnishings and took them too!

"We listed our house in Seattle on Sept. 30, 2019. In October, we got an offer on it, which turned out to be the highest purchase price for any home in our community. We were thrilled because we knew it meant we were moving to

Fort Worth. We flew back to Fort Worth to look for properties close to EMIC and my work.

"I told Charlotte to write the vision and make it plain, of everything she wanted in the house. When she gave me the list, I looked at it and said, 'This house doesn't exist.'

"We'd looked at properties when we were there for Southwest, but every time we found something online we liked, it went under contract. The night before we flew back to Texas, one of those properties came back on the market.

"A wonderful realtor at EMIC took us to see the property. When we drove up, it looked like a castle. None of the pictures they'd posted did the house justice. The wood floors were hand scalloped. The house had been built by a custom-home builder and the attention to detail was incredible. It had every single thing on Charlotte's list!

"One of her dreams had been to have a guest house which could be used as a respite for ministers. The guest house was perfect for everything that had been in the condo.


"The property was 12 minutes from EMIC and 15 minutes to my work. We put in a contract and asked to buy some of their furniture. They accepted our offer but said no on the furniture."

**Coming Home**

Charlotte and Robert were waiting to close on the property, but one small detail made it seem impossible. Robert didn't have an official job offer. He and Charlotte stood on Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

They were within a day of the lender pulling out of the sale when the paperwork finally came through granting Robert the job in Texas. When they moved into their new home, they found a surprise. The owners had left them most of the decor they wanted—for free!

"The boys came home for Christmas and stayed two weeks," Charlotte recalled. "They loved it here and got a little misty-eyed when they left.

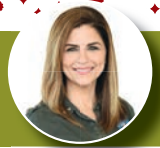
"I didn't know all those years ago, when I met that KCM Partner, what she was sowing into my life. Partnership with KCM is more than just the foundation of our family. The Word of God that they teach is the oxygen that gives us breath." 

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS, HEROES

Commander  
Kellie's Corner



## *Merry Christmas, Superkids!*

**I am so blessed the Lord put you in my life. I love each and every one of you. You have a special place in my heart. That is why every month, I press in to see what the Lord has on His mind for you. You're always on His mind because YOU have that same place in His heart.**

Last month, I knew the Lord had more to say on the subject of heroes. Jesus never intended for miraculous, heroic, God-inspired stories of freedom to end with the Bible heroes. Jesus came to create generations of people filled with Himself. Why? So we can continue to be His heroes on the earth. Jesus always has a plan to win. Even when things look dark or difficult, like now. Believe it or not, Superkids, there have been times in the past when things have been worse. In some countries, scary situations, war, trouble or persecution may be a part of everyday life! One thing is sure, Jesus is with you, wherever you are, if you have asked Him to be your Lord. If not, pray the prayer at the end, and it's a done deal!

**WHAT IS A HERO?** Dictionary.com says a *hero* is "a person who, in the opinion of others, has special achievements, abilities, or personal qualities and is regarded as a role model or ideal." We talked earlier this year about the fact that our achievements, abilities and personal qualities come from Jesus! This is exactly what makes us hero-qualified! With Jesus LIVING inside you, you are not just YOU, you are always WE. It is always you AND Jesus!

Remember from last month what made our heroes special. Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Moses and David listened to God and obeyed Him, no matter what was going on or how hard it was. And Jesus, Hero of all heroes, is the One who helps us live the hero life.

Many people have answered the call to be role models, giving to others all they had, living selfless lives, some even putting their lives on the line, like Jesus did. Many lived in terrible times, much worse than today! Yet they obeyed and trusted God, not thinking of their own comfort, pressing in to His plan for their lives and those around them.

**OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE HEROES**—the police, firefighters, and military men and women put their lives on the line daily for you and me. They are heroes EVERY DAY! Sometimes they give their lives to save others.

Heroes in my life have helped me, taught me, lifted me up and made my life different: Kenneth Hagin; Oral Roberts; Jerry and Carolyn Savelle; and my parents, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland (of course!). My grandmothers, Vinita and Mary, are also my heroes. They, like my parents, prayed for me, taught me and loved me through good times and bad. **Other heroes in my life include friends, teachers and role models who are not famous but they are big to me!**

They all have something in common with Jesus: They put their lives and comfort aside to give themselves to God and His plan. We can be like that, Superkids. What choices will we make? Will we be selfish or selfless? Will we be full of ourselves or full of Jesus?

Second Timothy 3:1-4, *New International Version*, says, "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."

This is not us, Superkids! Jesus is alive in us, with ALL of His power and characteristics— healing, joy, peace, love, strength...too many things to list! Most importantly, He brings whatever we need right when we need it! Second Peter 1:3 says we have everything we need to live this godly, heroic life because of His power in us!

## *my heroes list*

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Back to 2 Timothy 3, in verses 10-15, Paul reminds Timothy that he has been his hero! Timothy learned the Word from Paul, watched him go through hard times, stand on the Word in faith, and live his life in God. Timothy was blessed to have a hero like Paul. He changed Timothy's life like my heroes changed mine. God puts people in our lives along with Jesus because He wants us to become heroes too.

Many of you tell me that I am your hero. That is a huge honor and gift to me! But I didn't know I was becoming a hero. I am a regular person, living, succeeding and sometimes failing, with Jesus inside me. Because of Jesus and my heroes, even my failures have enriched my life. Giving my life away enabled me to be a hero to others in similar situations.

I encourage you to read about God's heroes throughout history. You will see that they were ordinary people living life, empowered by the Hero within. Be inspired, be grateful and become ONE OF THEM!

Don't let the enemy convince you that you aren't hero material! **YOU ARE ALREADY A HERO!** Just begin to make selfless choices. Learn in the small things like sharing your toys or the last cookie, or letting others be first. This is just how the hero life goes! You give your life away and you always get more life back! It worked for Jesus! He gave Himself away and He got YOU!

Merry Christmas to all heroes, and to all a good fight (of faith, of course!)  
Commander Kellie ♥

**TO MAKE JESUS YOUR LORD, PRAY THIS PRAYER:**

Father God, I believe that Jesus is Your Son who died for me and rose again, so I can be with Him forever. Jesus, I make You the Lord of my life and I will follow You forever. Thank You for coming into my heart and being my Savior. Amen.



# The One To Trust

OUR GREATEST EVIDENCE OF THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD TO HIS WORD WAS THE BIRTH OF JESUS. IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, GOD DECLARED TO SATAN, WITH ADAM, EVE AND ALL CREATION AS WITNESSES, "THERE IS ONE COMING AND HE WILL BRUISE YOUR HEAD!"

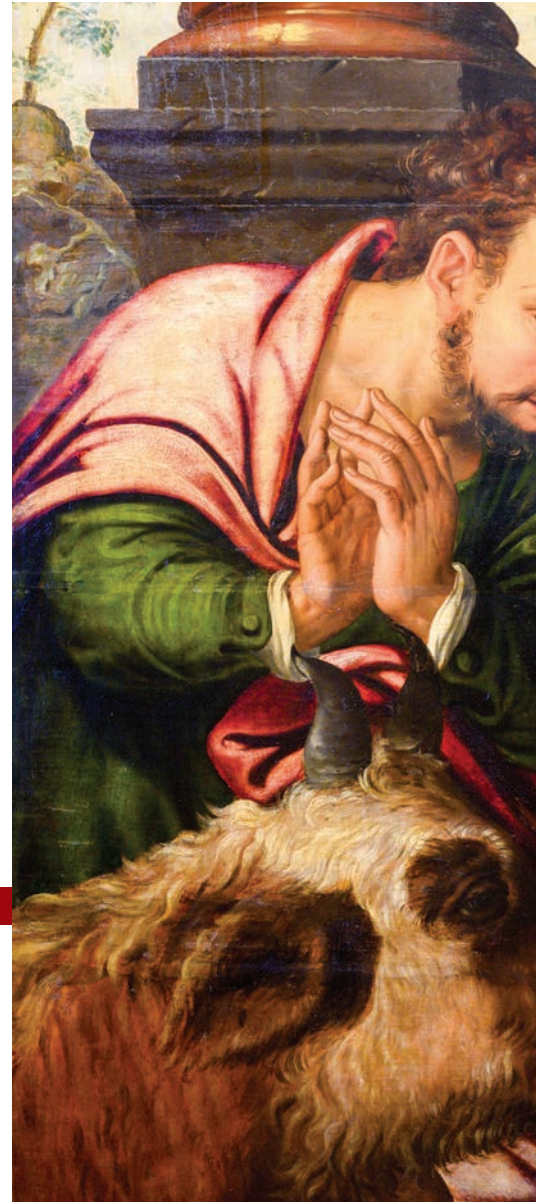


by Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons

Throughout the many centuries that followed, God spoke time and again, layering detail upon detail about "The Coming One." The God of eternity looked down through the ages of time and declared Jesus' lineage, beginning with Abraham, Isaac and then Jacob, down through King David 500 years later, and even down to the exact little town Jesus would be born in: Bethlehem.

On top of all the natural specifics foretold, the Word of the Lord announced the impossible: "He will be born of a virgin." The probability of one prophecy precisely coming to pass is impressive, but fulfillment of them all is estimated by some probability mathematicians to be one chance in 10 to the 17th power.<sup>1</sup> That's 10 with 17 zeros after it! But the chance for the impossible is, well, ZERO! Yet, Jesus did come, precisely to the last detail as the Word of the Lord said He would. If only one minute detail had failed to come to pass, God would be a liar and all would be lost. But, praise Him forever, our God will not, indeed cannot, ever lie!

God's faithfulness is the most basic truth upon which the whole of our Christianity



rests. We may not want to admit it, but everyone has thought or acted like the Word of God had somehow failed to come to pass for us. Even though we have nodded our heads and said, "Yes, amen, the Word of God is true," when we came face-to-face with opposition to His promises, our thoughts and actions question the truth of the Word. If those thoughts are not taken captive, they will lead us down a path of fear that His Word "won't work for me this time."

Some people would say God is not a liar.

That may sound to you like a very basic truth. Yet many people in the Body of Christ today are talking and behaving as if He is.

What may come as an even greater shock to you is the fact that at one time or another, you and I have been among them.

<sup>1</sup> "Jesus: Fraud or Messiah," BibleTimeLines.com, July 5, 2020, [bibletimelines.com](http://bibletimelines.com).



It's true. In church we've nodded our heads and said, "Yes, amen. God's Word is true." Then we walked outside and came face-to-face with sickness or some other kind of problem and we challenged the truth of the Word of God with our thoughts, our words and our actions. We followed the course of fear instead of simply expecting God to do what He said He would do for us.

Some people would say, "Well, it's not that I thought God was lying. It's just that we can never really know what He is going to do."

Yes, we can! God told us what He is going to do! He's literally given us His Word on it. Hebrews 6:16-18 in the *New Living Translation* puts it this way:

Now when people take an oath, they call on

someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.

This simply means that men make oaths or contracts in order to settle disputes. Contracts clearly define responsibilities and obligations. As long as everyone is true to their word, there's no room for questioning what anyone will do.

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***It's not  
enough just  
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It must  
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**You will *never* get in a situation where you exercise faith in God's Word and God fails to keep that Word.**



*that Jesus bore your children's sicknesses and carried their diseases. You know it happened, but you don't believe it for yourself.*

I replied, "Well, I am going to!" I got my Bible and meditated on 1 Peter 2:24 that says, "by His stripes we *were* healed." I purposefully chose to believe that God cannot lie, and that His Word is true regardless of what my circumstances are telling me.

In my mind, I pictured Jesus on the cross with Jeremy's and Aubrey's sicknesses. I also saw Him come out of the grave victorious over those sicknesses and then giving that victory to us. I did that for two hours.

*Two hours.* Big deal! Yet those two hours changed the course of my children's health. In a matter of a few days all symptoms were gone!

It's important for you to realize that throughout that time, I had a basic belief that God has healed us all by the stripes of Jesus. But I had been attempting to exercise faith in God's Word based on head knowledge. That is not enough!

That's why Proverbs 4:20-21 says: "My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart" (*AMPC*).

For that reason, we must constantly center ourselves on God's Word, because it's that Word that produces faith in our hearts. In fact, you cannot deepen your faith in God without deepening your trust in His Word.

### **It Becomes What You Need**

One of the mistakes holding many believers back from trusting the Word is that they think of God's Word as a "thing." But the Bible tells us that Jesus and His Word are one, the same. John 1 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, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (verses 1, 14).

Think for a moment about that statement, "the Word was made flesh." The world needed Jesus. So God's words and the faith that He released in those words became Jesus.

That is a fundamental characteristic of the Word of God. Mixed with faith, it becomes what you need. God's Word will become finances if you're facing shortage, health when you're faced with sickness, and peace to the troubled mind.

No matter what situation you may be facing,

Well, God's Word is His binding oath and He will do what He said He will do. You can count on it.

### **It Isn't Enough To Remember**

"But Terri, what about those times when things didn't turn out like the Word says?"

I can tell you this: If something failed, it wasn't the Word of God. Romans 3:3-4 says: "What if some did not believe and were without faith? Does their lack of faith and their faithlessness nullify and make ineffective and void the faithfulness of God and His fidelity [to His Word]? By no means! Let God be found true though every human being is false and a liar..." (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Everything that has to do with men, everything in this natural world, is subject to change. But the Word of God is not. *The Word of God is true even when everything else around you is telling you otherwise.* But notice the verse says you must let God be true in *your* life.

To do so, settle forever in your heart and mind, there is no fault in God. There's no weakness or shortcoming in His Word.

You will *never* catch God in a lie. You will *never* get in a situation where you exercise faith in God's Word and God fails to keep that Word. *Never!* The Bible says God is *active and alert, watching over His Word to perform it* (Jeremiah 1:12).

Understand, however, that it's not enough just to know what the Word says. It must be reality to you—more real than the problem you face.

Even though I had experienced His healing power many times in my life, years ago I encountered a serious situation with the health of my children.

Over a period of time, simple runny noses had become serious diagnoses, with one bad report after another. Fear was beginning to squeeze me. As I prayed, the Lord said, *You don't really believe*



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if you'll go to God's Word in faith, the Word will become what you need.

### The Word Is Alive

How can God's Word become one thing for one person and something else for another? Because it is alive!

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart (Hebrews 4:12, *AMPC*).

The Word of God is full of life. Full! Therefore, it administers life wherever it is applied. It doesn't matter how dark and deadly your circumstances may be. There is enough life in God's Word to totally overwhelm all the death that the world, the devil or circumstances can bring you.

First Peter 1:23 says the Word is incorruptible seed which liveth and abideth forever! For example, every seed has within it all the DNA required to produce the kind of seed it is. If it's a peach seed, all that is required to be a peach tree is in the seed.


In the same way, the Word of God has the supernatural life within it to fulfill the promises of God in your life. You plant it in your heart as a seed, but when it comes up, it produces salvation, prosperity, healing, deliverance—whatever God has said belongs to you!

But when the Word comes out of your mouth, in faith, it *will* be the final word. When you speak and believe God's Word about healing, you'll be healed. If it's His Word about prosperity, you'll be prosperous. If it's His Word about deliverance, you'll be delivered.

God has given you His contract. When you do your part by believing, speaking and acting with a heart full of faith, God's Word *will* come to pass. No circumstance on earth and no demon in hell can stop it.

So forget the past failures and press into a new level of confidence once and for all. God is not a liar.

People will lie. People will change. They'll say one thing today and another tomorrow. People will often fail to keep their promises. But God is the same yesterday, today and forever—and He keeps His Word.

Always. Every time. Without fail. He's the One to trust. 



# JESUS:

## The Final Sacrificial Lamb

Last year, I was praying about the message I wanted to share at Christmas with the congregation at Eagle Mountain International Church. I've preached a lot of Christmas services, and I didn't want to preach another traditional message. I wanted fresh revelation.

I had been praying and asking The LORD to "show me something about the birth of Jesus that I haven't seen before."

The answer came one day as my wife, Terri, and I were riding in the car, listening to Christmas music our church had produced. A song Terri had written called "Ode to the Holy Child"\* came on. Before the music started, a brief introduction played where Terri explained the song's inspiration and its meaning. I was hanging on every word.

I went home, typed out the words from her introduction and began to study them. Those words eventually became the inspiration for the Christmas message

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*Each of us is traveling on our journey together, and we show up at the right times, at the right places, doing the right things.*



I had asked The LORD for, and it's the message I want to convey in this article.

#### **God's Plan Is Action**

Over the years, we've heard many messages preached from Luke, Chapter 2 about Jesus' miraculous birth. But through that introduction, the Holy Spirit showed me there's more to Jesus' birth than we realize. It's not only about what happened over 2,000 years ago; it's also about what's still happening *today*. God set events in motion back then, and He's still doing it.

In Luke 2, we see God's plan of Redemption in action.

Redemption was set in motion the moment Adam and Eve fell in the Garden of Eden. Jesus' birth was one of the most important parts of that plan. Psalm 139:16, *New Living Translation*, says, "You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed."

Jesus' birth came at the perfect time in history.

God's timing is everything. But here's the crux: God's timing wasn't just perfect for Joseph and Mary. His timing is perfect for you and me, and everyone else. Jesus had a destiny—a destiny to get God's people back, to restore and recover what the devil had stolen. But He wasn't the only person with a destiny. *You* have a destiny. *I* have a destiny. *Every person* on this planet has a destiny, and we're in the midst of walking that destiny out.

#### **God's Plan Maneuvers**

Luke 2:1-4 says, "In those days it occurred that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole Roman empire should be registered. This was the first enrollment, and it was made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all the people were going to be registered, each to his own city or town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David" (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). Notice how the Spirit of God maneuvered Joseph and Mary so that Jesus' birth could fulfill prophecy. He maneuvered them to be in the right place at the right time. The same is true for us. God gets us where we need to be—*where He needs for us to be*—to fulfill His plan for our lives.

Terri and I experienced this in our courtship.

It took the maneuvering of God for a southerner like Terri to marry a northerner like me. I'm four years older than Terri. I was already in college when she was still in high school. We didn't know each other. Then, she was only a prayer: "LORD, a wife. A wife." But The LORD maneuvered us to be in the right place at the right time for us to meet, and eventually marry.

I'd attended art school for two years, and then left for two years. That's when The LORD put it in my heart to go to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., where Terri and I met. He waited for Terri to graduate from high school and come to Tulsa, and for me to leave the East Coast to go there.

It's amazing how The LORD works—how He maneuvers.

#### **God's Plan Is Purposeful**

Nothing in God's plan of Redemption was by accident.

God used a tax system to get Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. Back then, the process required every man to go back to their point of origin, so that's what Joseph did. He was of the house of David, so they had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a trip of about 67 miles. They arrived right on time for Jesus to be born in the place where it was prophesied He would be born.

In the same way, you and I are always in the places we need to be. Each of us is traveling on our journey together, and we show up at the right times, at the right places, doing the right things. The Holy Spirit leads us just as He was leading Joseph.

# Watch

## “Ode to the Holy Child” performed at EMIC.

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### God’s Plan Is Strategic

Luke 2:7 says, “And she gave birth to her Son, her Firstborn; and she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room or place for them in the inn” (*AMPC*). This verse contains significant elements: firstborn son, swaddling clothes and even the manger. Have you ever asked yourself why there was no room at the inn? Or whether Joseph should have planned better for their trip? These aren’t pointless questions. They are important for understanding how elaborate and detailed God was in this Redemption plan—*your* redemption plan.

There was no room at the inn for Joseph and Mary, but that was not a mistake. God planned for Jesus to be born in that *exact* spot—in the manger. There were a lot of stalls for animals in Israel, but there was no place like the manger. Jesus’ birth had to take place in the exact spot where the final sacrificial Lamb of God was to be born.

Look at verse 8 in the *AMPC*: “And in that vicinity there were shepherds living [out under the open sky] in the field, watching [in shifts] over their flock by night.”

Our church has visited the Shepherds’ Fields of Bethlehem several times. The Shepherds’ Fields are special—even sacred—because they were used for raising the sacrificial lambs for the Temple in Jerusalem. There were lambs all over Israel. There were fields all over Israel. But there were no fields like those Bethlehem fields. The lambs from the Bethlehem fields were used for the yearly Passover feast, as well as other sacrifices. The lambs in those fields were firstborn lambs living in a protected environment. There could not be a spot or a blemish on them. They had to be completely spotless.

The shepherds in those fields weren’t there by accident either. They were highly trained shepherds from the tribe of Levi who were tasked with the responsibility of making sure none of those lambs were hurt, damaged or blemished.

Micah prophesied about the Savior being born there: “And you, O tower of the flock, the hill and stronghold of the Daughter of Zion, unto you the former dominion shall come, the kingdom of the Daughter of Jerusalem” (Micah 4:8, *AMPC*).

In Hebrew, the phrase “O tower of the flock” translates to *Migdal Adair*. The word *Migdal* means “tower.” *Adair* means “flock or herd.” But let’s look at this more closely. *Migdal Adair* was a two-story tower. Shepherds would watch over the flocks by night from the top of the tower. They would stand watch to make sure there were no

enemies or wild animals coming in. The lower story, the birthing center, was where shepherds would bring the ewes to give birth. That was the specific tower, *Migdal Adair*, that the prophet Micah referenced.

After the lambs were born, shepherds would immediately wrap them in swaddling clothes to prevent them from thrashing around and hurting themselves. The shepherds couldn’t risk them being blemished or damaged because they were born to be a sacrifice. They would wrap the newborn lambs in swaddling clothes and lay them in a stone that had been hewn out—the manger. Then the priest would come and inspect each lamb to make sure it met the full requirement of being pure and spotless.

Are you getting a picture of Jesus as the final sacrificial Lamb? He, too, was born to die as a sacrifice for us. He, too, was a firstborn Son who was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.

### God’s Plan Is Jesus

From the time of His birth, until the day He rode into Jerusalem to be crucified, Jesus fit the description of the sacrificial Lamb. Everything He did was a complete and total reenactment of what would happen to any lamb that would be brought to the Passover celebration. Like those sacrificial lambs, He was born in the fields of Bethlehem. He was watched over by Levitical shepherds, taken to the Tower of the Flock, and wrapped in swaddling clothes, just like the sacrificial lambs. Jesus was the firstborn; He was laid in the manger, and He was raised, trained and protected, just like the sacrificial lambs.

As soon as Jesus was born, He was destined to die for your sins and mine—and then be raised from the dead so that we could be raised up with Him. He took our place so that we could live eternally with Him.

Jesus was the final sacrificial Lamb—the final Passover Lamb!

Take hold of this Christmas message, and focus on Jesus with a renewed sense of wonder and thankfulness—recognizing that God’s plans are perfect, purposeful and strategic. Jesus is the Lamb of God who still takes away the sins of the world—for you, for me and for every person who calls upon His Name.

Just as God had a perfectly timed plan for Jesus, He has a perfectly timed plan for you.

Merry Christmas! 🎄



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by Gloria Copeland

# Hearken and Be BLESSED

IF YOU WERE TO ASK ME HOW TO WALK IN THE FULLNESS OF THE BLESSINGS OF GOD, I COULD ANSWER YOU WITH ONE WORD:

**HEARKEN.**

AS THE LORD TOLD ME YEARS AGO, THAT ONE BIBLE WORD CAN CHANGE YOUR WHOLE LIFE. NO MATTER WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND YOU, OR WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE YOU'RE IN, HEARKENING TO GOD WILL GET YOU OUT OF IT.

No matter what dire situation your body or bank account or relationships might be in, God can bring you through to victory if only you will hearken to Him.

What does it mean to *hearken*?

It means “to listen to and heed—to hear and do.”

All through the Scriptures, that's the one thing God asks of His people. From the Garden of Eden on, His message to Adam and Eve, to the patriarchs, the Israelites, and eventually to us in the Church, has always been this: “Just listen to Me and do what I tell you to do!”

It sounds simple, but really that's all God has ever required.

He can take care of everything else by Himself. He has no trouble at all working miracles and doing the impossible. He's never had any problem pouring out His BLESSINGS and fulfilling His promises.

His only problem has been finding people who will let Him be God in their lives. “All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people,” He said of the Old Covenant Israelites (Romans 10:21, *New King James Version*)...and sadly, He still has to say it sometimes of New Covenant believers today.

Even though we have the Holy Spirit within and are





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**1**

God has never had any problem **BLESSING** His people; His only problem has been finding obedient people who will cooperate with Him. (Rom. 10:21)

**2**

God doesn't just barge into our lives and do whatever He wants, He goes where He's honored. (Jas. 4:7-8)

**3**

Harkening to God's Word positions you for all **THE BLESSINGS** listed in the Bible. (Deut. 28:2)

**4**

Hearing and acting on what God says in the Bible and by His Spirit can take you from the bottom and put you on top. (Deut. 28:13)

**5**

Obedience to God isn't a burden for us, as believers, it's an outworking of grace and an expression of our love for Him. (John 14:21)

empowered by grace to do what God says, all too often God still has trouble getting Christians to obey Him. He still finds Himself stretching out His hands to contrary people who, while they claim to love Him, won't honor Him by doing what He says. As a result, He's not been able to do for them all He desires.

"Well," someone might say, "I don't always have to do what God says in order to honor Him. I can love Him and still choose sometimes to do things my own way."

Not according to Jesus. He told us that love for God and obedience to Him are inseparable.

"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me," He said, and "anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching" (John 14:21, 24, *New International Version*).

God makes this point very vividly in the book of Jeremiah. After telling His people over and over through Jeremiah, "Hearken! Hearken! Hearken to the Word of the Lord!" He sent Jeremiah to a particular family of Israelites and instructed him to tell them (oddly enough) to go to the Temple and drink wine.

The family refused. "We don't drink wine," they said, "because Jehonadab son of Rekab, our ancestor commanded us not to. He promised if we followed that command that we would live long, good lives in the land. So we have obeyed him." (See Jeremiah 35:6-8, *NIV*)

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Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying...Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words?... The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me. I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings...and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me (verses 12-15).

#### **From Down and Out to Up on Top**

Notice in that passage both the Rechabites' father and God gave a command *and* made a promise. They said, "Hearken to what I say, and you'll enjoy your Promised Land. Listen and obey, and your lives will be good and you'll be BLESSED."

God is still saying that to us today!

It's what turned life around for Ken and me all those years ago. Desperate for help from God, we simply started hearkening to His Word and acting on it. We started listening to Him and doing what He said to do. Right away, our lives began to change.

We began moving out of poverty and debt and into prosperity. We went from being failures to experiencing the kind of victory and success that only God can provide.

Over the years, we've seen the same thing happen to countless others. We've known people in terrible situations, facing everything from business fiascos to deadly illnesses in their body, with seemingly no way out. Yet when they began to hearken to God and His Word, the seemingly impossible happened.

They were delivered. They were healed. They went from being down and out of options to being up on top and thoroughly BLESSED.

If God had His way, every one of His children would have that testimony. He's wanted to lift us up and make us a BLESSING to the whole earth ever since the days of Abraham. He just needs us to cooperate with Him and allow Him to do it.

In our 50-plus years of walking with the Lord, Ken and I have discovered that however much we give ourselves to Him, that's how easy it is to receive from Him. If we fully commit to believe



and obey Him, He gives us whatever we ask.

On the other hand, if *we* hold back, then He holds back. He's obligated to! He can't BLESS disobedience. And unlike the devil, He won't just barge in on our lives and try to dominate us. He goes where He's wanted and honored. As James 4:8 says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."

How exactly do you draw nigh to God?

You search the Scriptures to find out what's pleasing to Him. You fellowship with Him in His Word and in prayer and seek to know His will and His heart. When He shows you something in your life that's out of line with the Bible or the direction of His Spirit, you make a change.

The more you do that, the more freely He can move on your behalf. The more you hearken to Him, the more fully He can manifest His BLESSINGS in your life.

Deuteronomy 28 makes this very clear. It not only lists many of the wonderful benefits that are included in God's BLESSING, it repeatedly ties them to hearkening to and obeying God's commands. Verse 1 says, "If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments... the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth."

Verse 2 says again, "All these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, IF THOU SHALT HEARKEN UNTO THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD."

Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee (verses 3-8).

Every one of those promises already belongs to us, as believers. We don't have to work to earn them. We qualify for them 100% because through the new birth we've been made the righteousness of God in Christ. He redeemed us, that THE



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BLESSING of Abraham might come even on those of us who are Gentiles (Galatians 3:14).

God has promised those of us who are under the new covenant just as surely as He promised the Israelites:

If thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways...all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.... And



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the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them (Deuteronomy 28:9-10, 13).

**Heads or Tails?**

If you've been wondering how to be the head instead of the tail, this is your answer: Hearken to the voice of the Lord! Attend to His Word and "be ye doers" of it (James 1:22). Make His ways your ways, and your days of being the tail will be over.

I remember what it was like to be the tail, and it was no fun. I'm glad I'm not there anymore! I enjoy being free and well and delivered. I enjoy having God meet all my needs and not having to depend just on myself to make sure everything works out.

"Myself" is limited. God isn't! Whatever comes up, He can handle it. All I have to do is just hearken to Him and obey, and He will take care of the rest.

To see what God will do for a hearer, read about Cornelius in Acts 10. He wasn't even born again. He wasn't even a Jew. He was a Gentile, a centurion in the Roman army, but he knew God said to pray and give to the poor, and he had obeyed.

As a result, God manifested in his life powerfully. He sent an angel to Cornelius with a message: "Your prayers and your giving have come up as a memorial before God. Now, send for Peter who is in Joppa and he will tell you what you must do."

Cornelius followed the angel's instructions, and when Peter arrived at Cornelius' house, he found a big crowd waiting for him.

"We are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God," Cornelius said (verse 33, NKJV).

Talk about a spiritually hungry group of people! Those Gentiles were so ready to hear and obey God's Word that Peter didn't even get to finish his sermon. While he was still speaking, the Holy Ghost fell on them all, and they started speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could see that today? Just think how powerfully the Holy Spirit would move among us if everyone showed up at church saying, "Pastor, I'm here to hear and obey. Whatever you show me in the Word, I'll receive it and do it!"

"But Gloria, I'm afraid to say that."

Why? Everything God says in His written Word is there for your benefit, not for your detriment! Every command He gives is designed to work for your good. Even commands that might initially look like they're going to cost you—like tithing, for instance. When you obey them, you'll find they actually pay.

God always has your best interest at heart. After all, you're His very own child. He wants to increase and prosper you and protect you from harm. His desire from the beginning has been to BLESS all His people so spectacularly that, as He said in Jeremiah 33:9: "[They] shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure...."

God can bring that verse to pass in your life! You just have to listen to Him and do what He says. And here's some good news: He will never tell you to do something you can't do. He does the impossible part. All you do is the part that's possible to you. And He takes it from there.

I remember when Ken and I first began preaching this years ago to the people in Latvia. Most of those who watched our broadcasts had never heard the Word of God before. They'd been living under atheistic communism all their lives, but they responded to the gospel just like the group at Cornelius' house. They put their faith in Jesus, and even though at the time they were living in pitiful conditions they hearkened to His commands, believed He would BLESS them, and did what He said.

When we told them that Jesus said, "You can lay hands on people and they'll be healed," they'd just immediately go out and start laying hands on people. Then they'd write us letters about all the people who got healed—even of terminal diseases.

When we told them about tithing, they responded the same way. They didn't hold back because they were poor and the economy in their country was bad. They didn't ask how they could afford to give the Lord 10% when they were already barely getting by. They just did what God said, He moved in their lives, and they received from Him quickly.

It doesn't matter what our situations might be, God can do that for any of us. He can take us from the bottom and put us on top. He can BLESS us in the city and in the country, going out and coming in. He can make us the head and not the tail, if we will simply hearken and obey! 🙏

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