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struggled to stay in faith after suffering three miscarriages in four years. Then she saw her faith renewed when, while attending a Southwest Believers' Convention, Kenneth Copeland called her out and said that a fourth pregnancy would produce a healthy child. Ten months later, Hannah gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Terry Minor III.

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FAITH WON'T WORK IN AN UNFORGIVING HEART

WHEN MY GRANDSON MAX WAS A YOUNG BOY, HE DID SOMETHING VERY UNUSUAL. ALL ON HIS OWN, HE WENT TO THE KITCHEN, FOUND THE WOODEN SPOON HIS PARENTS SOMETIMES USED TO DISCIPLINE HIM, AND TOOK IT TO HIS MOTHER.

Confessing to her that he'd repeatedly disobeyed her in a certain area, he said, "Mama, I know that's wrong, but I've been doing it anyway, so I need a spanking."

Max is the only child I've ever known who's done that! He's the only person I know who figured out

at such a young age that submitting to discipline is better than staying stuck in disobedience; that getting corrected (even if it stings a little) is better than allowing yourself to be overtaken by sin.

That's not an easy lesson to learn. Many people live their whole lives and never

learn it, and those who do often tend to forget it—including those of us who are relatively mature believers.

If we don't watch ourselves, we can forget how important it is to seek out correction from our heavenly Father. We can become so casual in our attitude toward His commands that, instead of going to Him for help when we break them, we act as if disobeying Him is no big deal.

I'm telling you right now, that's a dangerous attitude! Disobeying The LORD is always a big deal. Breaking His commands is sin, and sin is deadly. Sin will open the door to the devil to come into your life to steal, kill and destroy. Sin will stop you from walking in THE BLESSING of God and cause you to fall prey to the curse.

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "I'm a believer. Doesn't the Bible say I've been redeemed from the curse?"

Yes, it does. In Galatians 3:13 it says that "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." It also goes on to say this: "That the blessing of Abraham might come on [us] through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (verse 14).

Those two verses together put a very high value on faith!

They say it's "through faith" that you receive redemption and the promise of the Spirit. It's through faith you connect with THE BLESSING of Abraham and experience its benefits in every area of your life.

In other words, faith is what's standing between you and the

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curse! Faith is what continually delivers you from the effects of that curse and all the ugly things that are included in it.

That's one reason you don't want to get sloppy when it comes to dealing with sin. Sin will stop your faith from working. Why? Because "faith...worketh by love" (Galatians 5:6), and sin always violates the law of love. As the Scripture says:

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Galatians 5:14, *New King James Version*).

For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law (Romans 13:9-10).

Not a Suggestion, but a Law

This is something we, as believers, need to understand if we want to walk in the fullness of THE BLESSING: For us,

“

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walking in love isn't just a suggestion. It's a spiritual law. It's our New Covenant commandment, and obeying it is a very serious matter.

How serious? Read Deuteronomy 28 and you'll see. There, God told the Israelites after giving them His Old Covenant commandments that their obedience or disobedience would mean the difference between a BLESSED life and a cursed life. He said:

It shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day...all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee.... It shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee (verses 1-2, 15).

Those words still apply to us as God's people today. Even though we're living under a new and better covenant, we, like the Israelites, have a commandment to keep. If we obey it and walk in love, faith can flourish in our hearts and

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:



Protect your faith. Forgive everyone of everything. Walk in love all the time and be BLESSED! Here are some points to get you there:

1

God has commanded us, as New Testament believers, to walk in love. Galatians 5:14

2

When you keep that commandment, your faith flourishes, and you can believe and receive the manifestation of THE BLESSING in your life. Deuteronomy 28:2

3

When you break the commandment of love through unforgiveness, your faith falters, and you become vulnerable to the curse. Deuteronomy 28:15

4

This is why Jesus connected forgiveness with the prayer of faith. Mark 11:25

5

Get rid of the poison of unforgiveness, and keep your faith strong by feeding it with The WORD of God. Romans 10:17

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we'll be able to receive everything God has provided for us. We'll be able to believe His WORD and His BLESSINGS will come upon us and overtake us.

On the other hand, if we refuse to obey Jesus' command to walk in love, our faith will falter. We won't be able to believe for and receive all God's BLESSINGS. Instead, we'll start to experience the effects of the curse. It will start coming upon us and overtaking us, not because God is punishing us, but because the curse is still out there, and it will come on anyone who isn't protected from it by the faith which worketh by love.

This is why Jesus taught what He did about forgiveness. It's why, in Mark 11, when He was teaching on the prayer of faith He said: "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (verses 24-25).

Unforgiveness violates the law of love. Therefore, faith won't work in an unforgiving heart. The unforgiveness poisons the faith.

"Well," someone might say, "that may be true, but I feel like I have a right to be mad at certain people in my life. They've treated me so badly I don't have any desire to forgive them."

Then you'd better go to your heavenly Father and ask Him to help you deal with your disobedient attitude. You need to repent and receive the grace you need to forgive, because your refusal to do so is having a deadly effect on you.

To understand what I mean, think about it in physical terms. Think about what you would do, for example, if you developed a problem with your heart and when you went to the doctor he identified a food that was poisoning you. When he said to you, "Stop eating that! Your body is reacting badly to it and it's destroying your heart!" how would you respond?

Would you tell him you have a

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right to eat that food? Would you say, "I enjoy eating that and I have no desire to give it up"? No, that would be foolish! If you believed the doctor's diagnosis was correct, you'd obey his instruction. You would immediately stop eating the thing that was killing you, and you'd start eating things that would help restore your heart and make you healthy again.

Spiritually, you want to operate with that same kind of wisdom because your spirit functions much like your body. When you feed it on The WORD of God, it takes The WORD and turns it into the faith you need to walk in THE BLESSING. When you feed on healing scriptures, for instance, your spirit produces faith for healing. When you feed on prosperity scriptures, it produces faith for prosperity.

When you indulge in unforgiveness, however, your faith becomes contaminated. Your spirit gets weak and your soul suffers damage because you're not spiritually designed to operate in unforgiveness. You're designed by God to operate in love.

Get Rid of It All

I've learned from experience, if you'll ask God to correct you where your love walk is concerned, He'll not only help you deal with the obvious areas of unforgiveness in your life, He'll start cleaning out the corners. He'll help you get rid of unforgiveness you didn't even know you had.

He did that very thing for me one day not long ago while I was in the middle of watching a Civil War documentary on television! As a big fan of history, I'd really been enjoying the program until it got to the part about General Tecumseh Sherman. The moment his face came up on the screen the first thing I thought about was his famous saying, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian."

Because of my Indian heritage I bristled about that a little bit, and it suddenly hit me. I'd been mad at that man since I was a very young boy, and I hadn't even been consciously aware of it!

Don't you think it's time you forgive him? The LORD asked.

"Yes!" I answered, and I immediately forgave him.

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(James 5:16, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

by Terri
Copeland
Pearsons

Let's be honest.
Every one of us has prayed prayers we felt weren't answered. We've known people who prayed... and prayed... and prayed, but nothing happened.

Those prayers didn't make tremendous, dynamic power available. Somehow they missed the mark.

We can't afford to miss the mark in prayer because prayer is what makes God's power available to us. We desperately need the power of God released in mighty ways to bring salvation, deliverance, healing and restoration into our lives, our families, our government and our world.

We must learn to stand up in the power of prayer and take dominion, bringing the will of God to pass on earth as it is in heaven.

"I'm supposed to take dominion?" you ask.

Yes, you were destined and designed by God to be a ruler on this earth, not a victim of circumstance. If you're born again, you have dominion through Jesus Christ. Circumstances must bow the knee when you pray—but only if you pray accurately.

To pray accurately, first find the will of God in a situation. First John 5:14-15 says, "If we ask any thing *according to his will*, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us...we have the petitions that we desired of him." You can know God's will through His Word—His written will and also

by the Holy Spirit revealing it to you.

Once you receive a revelation of God's will, take hold of it in faith. The Spirit actually takes hold with you, strengthens you and helps you pray "according to the will of God" (Romans 8:27).

Now, refuse to let go until this natural world submits to spiritual truth and God's will is carried out in that situation. That's when you'll discover firsthand that your prayers really are powerful. You might say that through prayer, you are to be the executor of God's will on the earth! ♡



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Right away I could tell the difference. Even though I hadn't thought about that man in years, forgiving him just brightened me up. What's more, The LORD began to talk to me about him. He told me some things that helped me. Things I needed to understand.

This is very, very important!

You may have something against a city. You may be mad at San Francisco because it's so liberal. You may have something against certain politicians. If so, you'd better go before God and deal with those issues. You'd better forgive San Francisco. Forgive those politicians if they're a problem for you.

"Well, I just don't like those people!"

You don't even know them! You may not like their politics, and that's fine. You're not required to like their politics. But if you want to walk in the fullness of THE BLESSING, you'd better do something about the hatred you have toward them as individuals.

"But I don't really hate them!" you might say.

If you haven't forgiven them, you do.

"Well, now you're just being hard on me."

No, I'm just telling you the truth. Unforgiveness in any form is a step out of love and into hatred, and it will open the door to destruction in your life. It will cost you more than you want to pay, and it's not worth it!

Sometime, in the middle of the night, you're going to be hit with a situation where you need your faith. Something will happen that turns you absolutely upside down, and you'll need to respond instantly by believing God and speaking faith-filled words.

You won't be ready to do that if you've been harboring unforgiveness. You'll be too spiritually weak. Because of the spiritual poison in your system, your faith will fail you just when you need it most.

This is what makes unforgiveness such dangerous business.

You might just be going along, assuming everything is all right. You might not even be thinking about the people you've refused to forgive. Yet all the while, even while you're not aware

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of it, that unforgiveness is working in you. It's making you spiritually sick.

To make matters worse, if the unforgiveness is directed toward other members of the Body of Christ, it's an attack on Jesus Himself. He takes it very personally because, as He said in Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Look at Acts 9:4-5, "And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest..." Jesus said, "You're persecuting Me."

That means if you say some snippy little something about a fellow believer, you just said it about Jesus. If you're holding unforgiveness against a brother or sister in The LORD, you're persecuting Him.

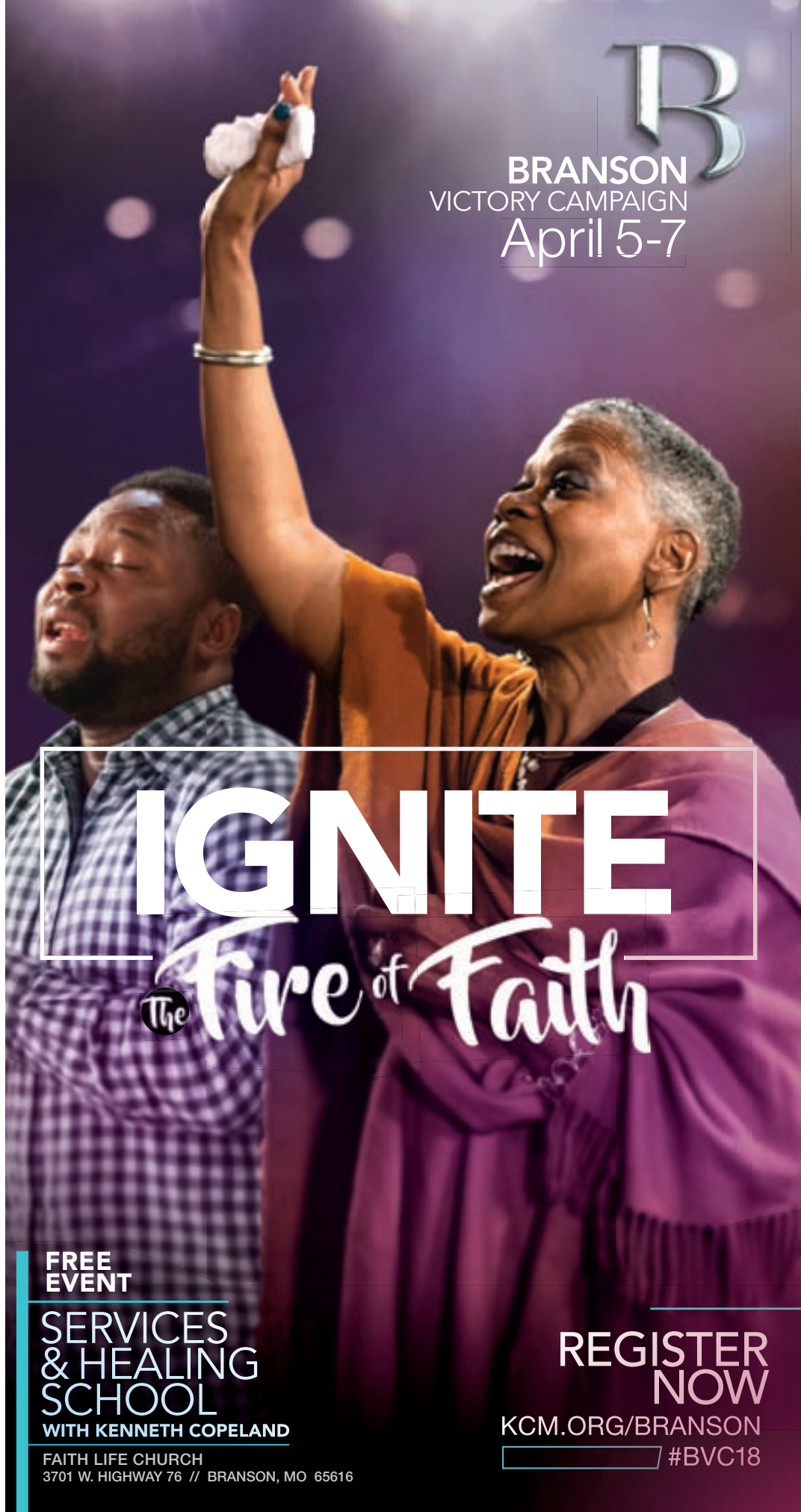
This is far more serious than most people realize! Once you see it for what it actually is, you'll be like Max my grandson. This has to stop. Now! You'll go before The LORD Jesus and tell Him you're not going to persecute Him any longer by holding anything against anyone. You'll commit to Him to forgive everyone of everything all the time.

"But Brother Copeland, I don't have the strength to do that!"

Not on your own, you don't. But you're not on your own. You're in this with your heavenly Father. You have His love working in you. You have His Spirit empowering you. You have within you His ability to forgive.

You also have His Book to build your faith, teach and correct you. So, take advantage of it. Have enough confidence in your Father's love for you to do like little Max did. Go get the Book, take it to The LORD, and ask Him to give you whatever correction you need. Go to Him with a smile on your face and ask Him to spank you good if it's necessary.

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OF THE CHILD IN
HER WOMB.

She was sure it had her husband Terry's smile, and his chocolate brown eyes. Who knew, maybe this little one would grow up to be a Christian rapper, just like his father.

She sighed, leaning back in her seat.

Maybe she was getting a little ahead of herself. After all, she had just found out she was pregnant that morning before catching the flight to Florida for business. Her thoughts drifted back to the first time she'd been pregnant two years earlier, in 2013. Early in the pregnancy, she'd started having symptoms of a miscarriage. Her doctor told her to go home and put her feet up. She'd done just that, but a week later, she lost the baby.

The following year, in 2014, she had become pregnant again. This time, the doctor put her on folic acid supplements and one baby aspirin a day. They seemed to help, and things went well at first. Then, at eight weeks, she miscarried again.

The loss had left her bereft.

This morning, as soon as Hannah realized she was pregnant, she had taken the folic acid and baby aspirin. As the plane landed, she felt triumphant, sure

that this time she would hold their baby in her arms.

The next day, during a training meeting, Hannah felt the familiar symptoms of miscarriage. Slipping out of the room, she called her husband, who prayed for her and their child. Her next call was to her doctor.


"Fly home," he said. "You need to be off your feet."

Hannah flew home and, as the doctor had instructed, put her feet up. A week later, she miscarried.

Dark Days

"That was one of the darkest times of my life," Hannah explains. "Losing one baby had been hard. Losing a second had been devastating. Losing our third child threatened to overwhelm me. The miscarriages were bad enough, but it seemed like we were taking hits from every direction. Terry was working hard to get his music ministry off the ground and we were living in a poverty situation.

"We'd lived with Terry's parents since we married. We loved being with them, but we both slept on a broken futon in a room the size of a



“Instead of becoming angry, I chose to let the situation push me even closer to God.”

closet. When Terry’s dad saw how we were sleeping, he wept.

“I was a cancer survivor, and it didn’t seem right for things to be so hard now. When my mother was pregnant with me, the Lord told my dad that the devil was going to try and take me out. Knowing that there would be a battle for my life, my parents decided to pray like Hannah did for her child. If I was a boy, they were going to name me Samuel. If a girl, I would be Hannah. They prayed, and when I was born healthy and whole, they were relieved and thought the battle was won.

“Then, when I was 3, I was diagnosed with leukemia. There was a battle for my life, and the devil tried to steal it. I was cured when I was 9 years old. Now I was an adult and I’d lost three children.

I knew I was at a crossroads. I couldn’t imagine why this was happening, but I somehow knew that God loved us. Instead of becoming angry, I chose to let the situation push me even closer to God.”

Plans for the Promise

Hannah and her mother wondered if her childhood battle with leukemia might have anything to do with her problems carrying a baby to term. To find out, she made an appointment with a genetic counselor. He was rude and haughty, Hannah recalled. A waste of time.

Afterward, Hannah made an appointment with a hematologist. Taking her problems and questions to heart, he ordered a battery of blood tests.

“Oh, Hannah,” he said, “I wish you’d come sooner. Your body has a clotting problem. Blood clots are cutting off the blood supply to your babies. A baby aspirin isn’t strong enough to stop the condition. The next time you get pregnant, let me know and I’ll prescribe injectable blood thinners.”

The next step in Hannah’s plan to carry a baby to term was to leave her OB group and find a different doctor. A new female doctor in the group told her: “Hannah, I had the same problem you do. I want to be your doctor. Give me a chance, and I’ll walk you through this.”

Now Hannah felt better. She had a plan.

That was one of her strengths. She liked to plan and organize and get things going. As it happened, Terry needed those strengths in his life. But Terry and his family had something Hannah didn’t.

They knew how to live by faith.

Life of Faith

“My dad, Terry Minor Sr., was a big man, both physically and spiritually,” Terry says. “He was pastor of New Life Fellowship Church in Knoxville, Tenn. The year before I was born, he discovered the Word of Faith. Dad became friends with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, spending time in their home.

“Growing up, our house was filled with their books, tapes, CDs and magazines. I knew from an early age that God’s Word does not return void.

“Before going into the ministry, Dad played football for the NFL. I always assumed I’d follow him to the NFL, but when I got to college to play football, I knew it wasn’t where I was supposed to be. I dropped out and told my dad that I didn’t know what to do with my life. I wanted God’s will.

“Dad prayed with me and a few weeks later I had a dream. I was standing on a dark stage. I had a microphone in my hand, and each time I said something, a light flickered on and I saw more and more people until the crowd was massive. Then I heard these words, *You’ve got a voice. Use it.*

“I woke knowing I was called to music. In the back of my mind, I thought that

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The single “Favor Flow” is Terry’s newest release.

when I was too old to sing, God might call me to preach.”

When Terry Minor Sr. realized his son was called to a music ministry, he took him to a store that sold the best music equipment. “Make a list of what you want,” he said. “I’ll pray with you, and you believe you receive it.”

Within a year, God had provided the money needed to purchase that equipment.

“In 2008, the Lord told me, *Jesus is your booking agent*,” Terry remembers. “I began writing music, recording it and posting it online. Then I’d pray. People saw my posts and booked concerts. Signs, miracles and wonders followed at my concerts. God was blessing my music ministry, but I knew we needed to take a stand on God’s Word regarding our children. We stood on Psalm 91:11, Isaiah 53:5 and Isaiah 54:17.”

While Terry pursued his music career, the Lord began cultivating a women’s ministry in Hannah. She noticed that young girls were asking makeup artists on YouTube® for life advice about how to handle depression and anxiety. A makeup artist herself, Hannah developed her own YouTube channel, posting fashion, makeup and ministry videos.

In addition, she wrote two devotionals for women.

A Sudden Shift

During that time, in mid-2015, something began happening to Terry. He developed a voracious appetite for God’s Word. He couldn’t get enough of it, often staying up studying late at night.

On the evening of March 3, 2016, Terry and his father watched the TV show *Duck Dynasty* together. Afterward, Terry Sr. went to bed while his son stayed up studying his Bible. At some point, Terry dozed off. He roused around 1:30 in the morning as his dad

FEB READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

		Old Testament	New Testament
Thu	1	Ex. 23-24	Matt. 24
Fri	2	Ex. 25-27	Matt. 25
Sat	3	Ex. 28	
Sun	4	Ps. 18; Prov. 3:19-35	
Mon	5	Ex. 29	Matt. 26
Tue	6	Ex. 30-32	Matt. 27
Wed	7	Ex. 33-34	Matt. 28
Thu	8	Ex. 35-37	Mark 1
Fri	9	Ex. 38-40	Mark 2
Sat	10	Lev. 1-4	
Sun	11	Ps. 19-21; Prov. 4:1-19	
Mon	12	Lev. 5-7	Mark 3
Tue	13	Lev. 8-9	Mark 4
Wed	14	Lev. 10-12	Mark 5
Thu	15	Lev. 13	Mark 6
Fri	16	Lev. 14	Mark 7
Sat	17	Lev. 15-16	
Sun	18	Ps. 22-24; Prov. 4:20-5:14	
Mon	19	Lev. 17-18	Mark 8
Tue	20	Lev. 19-20	Mark 9
Wed	21	Lev. 21-22	Mark 10
Thu	22	Lev. 23-24	Mark 11
Fri	23	Lev. 25	Mark 12
Sat	24	Lev. 26-27	
Sun	25	Ps. 25-27; Prov. 5:15-23	
Mon	26	Num. 1	Mark 13
Tue	27	Num. 2	Mark 14
Wed	28	Num. 3	Mark 15



"The Lord told me,
Jesus is your booking agent.
People saw my posts
and booked concerts.
Signs, miracles and
wonders followed at
my concerts."

walked by his office, stopped and smiled at his son.

“You still putting it in?” he asked.

“Yeah,” Terry Jr. said before opening his Bible again.

Neither knew that would be the last conversation they would share together on this side of heaven.

“Dad died that night,” Terry recalls.

“It was sudden and devastating to us all. Dad was the king of the house. He was our hero and leader. None of us could imagine what life would be like without him. Although I didn’t admit it at the time, I knew in my spirit when he passed, that I was supposed to take over as pastor of the church. I couldn’t imagine filling his shoes or taking his place. I told the Lord right away that I needed a spiritual father.

“My life changed overnight. Now I understood what God had been preparing me for all those nights in the Bible. I had to get the Word in me to handle what was coming. In addition to my concerts, I found myself preaching on Sunday and Wednesday, and hosting a prayer group on Tuesday. Meanwhile, I prayed that Brother Copeland would ordain me.”

One Word From God

Four months later, in July 2016, Terry and Hannah attended the Southwest Believers’ Convention. They were sitting in the service when the Lord spoke to Terry. *He’s going to call you down and ordain you here. Tell Hannah.*

Terry leaned over and said, “It’s about to happen!” Hannah turned to him with a blinding smile. “Oh, OK.”

A little while later, Kenneth Copeland called Terry to the front. Holding his hands, he introduced him saying, “This is my son, Terry Minor Jr.” He ordained Terry and said, “Take your place and rejoice, for the time you longed for has come to pass.”

Then he called Hannah forward.

“As soon as he grabbed my hand, I felt the power of the Holy Spirit going up

through my arm,” Hannah remembers. “I grew up Baptist. I learned about the love and compassion of God. But I’d never experienced the heat that shot up my arm.”

Then Brother Copeland grabbed Hannah’s belly and said, “By this time next year, you will have a healthy baby!”

“I knew I was healed,” Hannah says. “I knew that this time it would be easy.”

True to God’s word, Hannah got pregnant again. As soon as she did, she went to the hematologist’s office to pick up the injectable blood thinners. By the time she got home, she was bleeding.

“Terry,” she said, “I’m kind of in unbelief. I’m having signs of miscarriage.”

Terry sat her on the couch.

“Look,” he said, “we’re going to stand for this baby. We won’t give place to fear, doubt or unbelief. We *will* see this child in nine months.”

Hannah forced herself to ignore the bleeding and focus on God’s Word. She tuned in to Gloria’s Healing School. She spoke the Word of God and prayed over her medication.

Partnering With God

“By now we were living in a townhouse,” Hannah explains. “Every time I saw blood, I loudly shouted God’s Word, not caring what our neighbors thought. I confessed Psalm 91:11, ‘For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways’ (*New King James Version*). I confessed Isaiah 53:5 (*NKJV*), ‘But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.’ I declared Isaiah 54:17 (*NKJV*), ‘No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgement you shall condemn.’

“The more the symptoms progressed, the more I pressed in to the Word of

God. I continued to bleed for two months. During that time, we didn’t tell people. I just stayed home. After two months, I went a week without bleeding. The doctor released me to go back to work a few days a week.

“Fear tried to creep back as I drove to work thinking of how long I’d be on my feet. I determined to take my thoughts captive and stay in a mindset of faith. I refused to let my thoughts be about fear. Six months into the pregnancy, I finally relaxed.”

On May 26, 2017, Hannah gave birth to a healthy baby boy. They named him Terry Minor III.

Today, while delighting in her role as a mother, Hannah also livestreams on Facebook two to three times a week on topics such as fashion, makeup and ministry. Her women’s devotionals are being used to minister to women working in strip clubs and brothels, and those being rescued from sex trafficking.

“Although my dad didn’t live long enough to see my son,” Terry says, “he prayed for us and was believing with us for this child.

“Being Partners with KCM means more now than ever. It’s one thing to partner with Netflix. People do that without a second thought. But I want to partner with God’s work. They prayed for us when my dad died. They prayed for us about our child. They prayed for us...*today*. And for all they do in God’s kingdom, we enjoy the benefits. I got a spiritual father. Hannah and I received our child of promise.” 🍷

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In 1988, there was a great earthquake in Armenia, where I'm from. I was in Germany and heard of the disaster on the news. It was a great misfortune for the whole Armenian people, and of course for my family and myself. When I heard about it I was horrified and said loudly with a full heart, "There is no God! If there were, my people would not suffer so much."

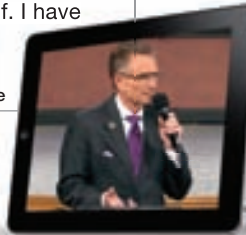
Over time, I became a Christian. In 2001, I met [ministers] from the U.S. who were praying for healing—then I was healed. They gave me the German-language *BVOV* magazine to read. I immediately recognized the face of Kenneth Copeland. I liked the magazine very much. There were biblical explanations from him and his wife, Gloria. Since then, I have told other believers in my city about the magazine and shared it with them.

S.A. | Germany

'MARKED SAFE'

Last month my daughter went to Peru on holiday for a month. Every day I've been praying the "marked safe" prayer by Pastor George Pearsons, and during her holiday she told me that all of the people she was traveling with got food poisoning except her. I praise the Lord for His protection and for looking after her. Thank you for your continuous prayer for my family and myself. I have

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P.C. | Queensland, Australia

Kept Safe During Hurricane Harvey

I want to give thanks to our Lord for keeping us safe throughout the flooding in Houston. We live in Friendswood, Texas. The first night, the water levels came up to our doorstep until we spoke against it, commanding the water to recede, that it wasn't allowed on our properties—neither homes nor vehicles. We stood on Psalm 91 and Psalm 103. We also spoke the same words of protection over our entire neighborhood. Every day since then, the water levels have not come any farther than the first line to our driveway—even when it rained 24 hours

straight, and when they released water from the dams! All around our town 3,000 homes were flooded... some completely. There is so much devastation here, but praise God, He is so good! He never fails and He is always faithful to perform His Word! Thank you so much, Kenneth and Gloria, and George and Terri Pearsons, for your love for the Lord and for His people. We have grown so much in our faith and in so many aspects of the Kingdom! We are so grateful for the free resources and your love! Thank you all again!

R.S. | Friendswood, Texas

Read the article
"Marked Safe" in our
Dec. 2016 digital issue.
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NO DISTANCE IN THE SPIRIT

I am a Partner and was watching the Southwest Believers' Convention on Dish® Network. On Saturday night, something extraordinary happened. It was such a worshipful service that night, and Kenneth said the glory was there. I definitely felt the presence when suddenly, as I was sitting in my chair, I felt a tremendous spirit of peace envelope my whole body, and I could not move and couldn't even sense my body. Right after that, I felt something start at my feet and slowly wrap me up from my toes upward, as if I were being wrapped in this wonderful cocoon. I knew the glory was coming right out of the TV and enveloping my whole being. I know how Pastor George was declaring the glory over every service and seeing it in his own church, but I had to tell you this because that same glory was transferred through the airwaves to my living room! I have never experienced anything like it. I had joined with everyone in that reverent worship, and I was blessed to be a recipient of the glory, just as if I were in the auditorium. What blesses me so much is that I wanted to attend this year, but was not able to. Last year was my first year there, and it blessed me so richly. Yet God, in His infinite mercy and love, came to me right in my living room and wrapped me gently in His peace and in His glory. Praise the Lord!

F.R. | Townville, Penn.

'THANK YOU'

Thank you so much for the birthday card and gift. I enjoy getting the card and listening to the message on CD every year—it is just for me. Also, I wanted to thank you for the recent story in



BVOV on Melanie Henry. Hers is always my favorite piece, and I kept saying I would like to see her and know her better. Henry is a terrific writer, as was brought out

in the article in the Sept. 2017 issue. Really enjoyed and appreciated it. Thank you all and much love.

H.C.
Morgantown, W.Va.



SEED SOWN—HARVEST

I sowed £10 into your ministry. About three weeks after that, I received a cheque in the post for £500 from the bank! This was totally unexpected! I received a letter from you thanking me for my contribution...and to expect my hundredfold harvest. I believe it has started and I will continue to praise God. J.J. | England

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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Imagine having enough faith to impress God.

Does that seem a little far-fetched?

In Matthew 8, a centurion, a commanding officer of the Roman army, came to Jesus on behalf of his servant who was sick and tormented.

When Jesus offered to go to the centurion's home and heal his servant, the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the *word* only, and my servant shall be healed" (verse 8).

Now here was a man who understood the power of words. He was, after all, an army officer. When he spoke, everyone listened—and then they did what he said.

In this case, so did Jesus.

Why was Jesus so quick to respond? Because the man's words were full of faith.

In fact, when Jesus heard the centurion's reply, He was astonished, and said, "I tell you truly, I have not found so much faith as this with anyone, even in Israel" (verse 10, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

The faith that so impressed Jesus was the centurion's willingness to believe without requiring a spectacular sign or wonder from heaven. All he needed in order to believe that Jesus could heal his servant was The WORD.

"Speak the word only," he said. And within the hour his servant was healed.

Who Needs a Miracle...

That same faith and greater—faith that impresses God—is available to every one of us through God's WORD. God sent His WORD to heal us. He sent it to deliver us (Psalm 107:20). The WORD became flesh—in the person of Jesus—and lived among us. In Him, in God and in The WORD is life, and that life is our light (John 1:1-14; Psalm 119:105).



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The Apostle Peter called The WORD of God “a more sure word” (2 Peter 1:19).

More sure than what?

Well, to begin with, Peter had seen his share of signs and wonders. The greatest, perhaps, was when he accompanied Jesus, along with James and John, to a mountain where they actually heard the audible voice of God, and watched as Jesus spoke face-to-face with Moses and Elijah.

Peter was so impressed that he offered to build tents for everyone and camp there for a while (Matthew 17:4). But in spite of all the glorious manifestations of God that he had seen and heard, Peter later had this to say:

not ours. So, we shouldn't try to live from miracle to miracle. God never intended it to be that way. He never promised a daily dose of visions, dreams, prophecies and miracles for us to live by.

What God did provide, however, was a book full of living promises. He sent His WORD. He gave us a book overflowing with life. He gave us a book overflowing with Himself.

If you think about it, the Bible is not a book about someone. It *is* Someone. It is literally God talking to each one of us—which takes us back to why Peter called The WORD of God a more sure word.

In 2 Peter 1:19, he went on to say, “Ye do well that ye take heed [to the written

When God called Abraham out of his homeland, telling him to leave his family and go to a new land, there was no *written* WORD of God. There wasn't even an Old Covenant. All Abraham had to go on was a spoken promise.

“Get thee out of thy country,” God had told him. “And I will make of thee a great nation” (Genesis 12:1-2).

At the time, Abram was 75 years old and married to a barren woman. Yet, he took God at His WORD and left his family and homeland behind.

When Abram finally arrived in Canaan, God appeared to him and said, “Unto thy seed will I give this land” (Genesis 12:7). Then, in Genesis 13,



FAITH THAT IMPRESSES GOD IS AVAILABLE TO EVERY ONE OF US THROUGH GOD'S WORD.

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables...but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For [Jesus] received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed (2 Peter 1:16-19).

Now there is no denying that physical manifestations of God's presence and power can be spectacular to our natural senses, but even so, they still have a sense of uncertainty about them.

In the first place, miracles don't happen every day. They are an act of God's will,

Word], as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.”

In other words, you may not wake up and hear the audible voice of God every morning, but you do have His WORD. You have His promises, His revelation, His wisdom—and it's all as sure as the sun rising every day. So live by it.

Yes, miracles are wonderful. But God's plan is for us to walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). He expects us to live each day by faith in His WORD, not by the signs and wonders we might see along the way.

May I Have That in Writing?

Think for just a moment about one of the great Old Testament examples we have of walking by faith and not by sight—Abraham.

God told him, “All the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth...” (verses 15-16).

The point is, all along the way, God kept speaking the promise and speaking the promise.

But in Genesis 15:2, after God had appeared to him in a vision, Abram asked God, “What wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless?”

At this point, Abram had given in to the circumstances. He was 86, and day after day all he had been *seeing* was a barren wife and no child. He complained even more by saying, “Behold, to me thou hast given no seed” (verse 3).

The truth was, God had given Abram seed. He just didn't realize it. From the very beginning God had given him His



Late last year, the Lord spoke the following words to Brother Copeland concerning the year 2018:

2018 is the Year of the Holy Ghost and Fire. The BIG 18 for 2018: the nine fruit of the Spirit and the nine gifts of the Spirit. That time is not just coming, says Brother Copeland. "It's already here." But, as His sons and daughters, "we're going to have spiritual explosions going on throughout 2018—particularly in the areas of holiness and cleansing."



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WORD—and the living WORD of God is seed (Mark 4).

I will make you a great nation...I will give this land to your seed...I will make your seed as the dust of the earth. God had spoken all that to Abram in the span of 11 years. Still, Abram was having trouble anchoring his faith in God's WORD. So God gave him a little help.

First, God took Abram out into the night and challenged him to count the stars. "So shall thy seed be," He told him. And Abram believed (Genesis 15:5-6).

Then God cut covenant with Abram using animal sacrifices, which was a sign to him that God would keep His promise. This blood covenant was a powerful anchor for Abram's faith. Yet 13 years later—at the age of 99—Abram still had no child.

That's when God began putting The WORD into Abram's mouth.

New Identity—New Destiny

From the moment God first told Abram that He would make him a great nation, Abram could have said, "OK, from now on I'm going to call myself Abraham, because God has said I will be the father of many nations. And if God said it—and I agree with it—then it is!"

Abram could have done that and saved himself a lot of trouble. But he didn't. Remember, Abram was not born again or spiritually alive like us, and there was no written WORD for him to keep before his eyes. Consequently, all he was seeing was, "I am childless and have no seed." God fixed that too by changing his name.

When *Abram* became *Abraham*, he literally took on the new identity of "father of many nations"—which was what his new name meant (Romans 4:18). Every time he said his name, he was saying, "Hello, I'm the father of many nations." What's more, every time someone called his name, they were saying, "Hey, father of many nations!"

What was happening?

Abraham and everyone around him, was calling "those things which be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17). In effect, Abraham was speaking the same WORD God had spoken, and he was hearing it spoken as well.

Jesus did the same thing with Peter. When Jesus first met Peter, his name was Simon Barjona. Later, however, Jesus changed it to Peter, *the Rock*. And if there were anyone among the disciples who was not a "rock," it was Peter.

Jesus knew what He was doing. He called Peter—*Rock*—until he became one. Meanwhile, by receiving his new name and speaking it and responding to it, Peter was actually agreeing with The WORD of God. He was agreeing with The WORD that Jesus had spoken to him.

So, we see that the process behind these name changes, and men fulfilling their destinies by agreeing with what God said they would be and do, was actually meditating The WORD—speaking it and hearing it, over and over and over.

Meditating The WORD was also the plan for success that God laid out for Joshua when he stepped into the role of leading all of Israel after Moses died. "This book of [my Word] shall not depart out of thy mouth," God told him, "but thou shalt *meditate* therein day and night, that thou [may be able to see] to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

The Hebrew word we translate as *meditate* actually means "to mutter or to go around talking to yourself." In short, Joshua was promised good success if he went through life constantly talking

God's WORD—speaking it to himself, speaking to others and speaking it in every situation.

Can You Imagine?

When Abraham finally received by faith that he was, indeed, the father of many nations, it still wasn't something he could see with his physical eyes. So how did he see it?

In Psalm 2, we find that the word *meditate* can also mean "to imagine." The idea is, as we go about like Abraham, Joshua and Peter, constantly speaking God's WORD—calling those things that be not as though they were—The WORD will spark an inner image within us. That inner image in

WORDS ON HEALING

Don't believe the lie that healing has passed away.

Exodus 15:26; Malachi 3:6

Jesus paid the price for you to be healed.

Isaiah 53:5

Don't submit to the devil when he tries to put sickness on you, stand against him by faith in God's WORD. James 4:7

God doesn't put sickness on you to teach you something, He teaches you through the Word. 2 Timothy 3:16

THE BOTTOM LINE TO ALL OF THIS IS THAT REAL BIBLE HOPE IS NOT WISHING FOR SOMETHING TO COME TO PASS.

turn becomes hope, and hope is where Abraham saw himself as “father of many nations.”

I remember, in the early days of this ministry, when Gloria and I reached the point where we needed a station wagon to get us and our children from one place to the next so I could preach. Like anything else we needed, we went to God’s promises concerning our need,

then we prayed, sowed seed, believed God and started speaking The WORD. That’s what we did for that car.

After we had taken The WORD and agreed as a family in faith, we went around saying, “Glory to God for our new car!” “That new car is ours!” “Thank God for our new car!” We continued to meditate The WORD. At the time, our children were young, but still old enough to grab hold of our station wagon with their faith, too.

One day our son, John, asked, “Daddy, is that new car ours?”

“You bet it is,” I replied.

“Well, let’s go get it,” he said.

This new car idea had become so real and so big inside him that he didn’t see why we shouldn’t just go get it. I didn’t tell him that the reason we didn’t go get the car was because we were \$3,000 short of what we needed to buy it. In fact, I started to say, “Now, you know, John, we do have to...” But then I stopped, because I realized I was about to head down the road of doubt and unbelief.

Instead, I said, “Yeah, praise God! Let’s do, John. Let’s just go get it!”

Immediately we all started saying it to each other: “Let’s go get it!”

In less than a week, a man called me, crying. “Oh, Brother Copeland, I’m so ashamed of myself. God told me to send you \$3,000 a few days ago and I didn’t do it. I’ve hung on to it until I cannot stand it anymore.” The first time that

man heard God tell him to send us the money was the same time John came to me and said, “Let’s go get it!”

So we went and got it.

Wishing Wells Run Dry

The bottom line to all of this is that real Bible hope is not *wishing* for something to come to pass. God is not sitting at the bottom of a wishing well, waiting for us to toss in a few pennies so He can work up a miracle on our behalf.

No, hope is a divine inner image. It’s a dream birthed by The WORD of God in the soul of man. It’s the blueprint of our faith.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that hope is what faith must have in order to bring our dreams to pass. We’re told that it’s also “an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast” (Hebrews 6:19).

So not only do we have a more sure word of prophecy, but we also have a sure hope. It’s like Peter said: The WORD of God—God’s promises—enters our lives bringing light to the circumstances we face (2 Peter 1:19). As we meditate on The WORD, the light of it becomes brighter and brighter. It grows and develops on the inside of us, eventually giving birth to an inner image of what we’re believing to receive from God.

In the past we may have seen ourselves as Abram saw himself—*childless*. We may have seen ourselves as moneyless, sick, desperate or whatever. But once we lay hold of The WORD, realizing that it is God Himself speaking directly to us, we give place to hope—and that hope gives life to the dreams God has placed within us.

Abraham hoped against hope (Romans 4:18). He went against all the odds. We can too.

Receive God’s WORD for your situation, right now. Receive the seed God has for your life. Then begin speaking it, hearing it, muttering it. Meditate The WORD until you begin *seeing* it...and dreaming it.

Go ahead—dream BIG. Talk BIG. And turn your faith loose! 📌

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small the church's drummer had to sit on the ground beside it.

Nonetheless, I was so excited to have the opportunity to preach that I preached as hard as I could—everything from Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Oral Roberts and T.L. Osborn all rolled together. As I ran back and forth across that platform, fired up, I stepped too close to the edge and fell off the stage—right into the bass drum.

Can you imagine? There I was, the preacher, my bottom in the bass drum and my arms and legs sticking out! Everyone in the audience stood wide-eyed, looking to see where I had gone.

“Lord, what do I do?”

Get up quick, He said. Do a Micah 7:8: When I fall, I shall arise. Don't even mention the fall. Just get up, take up right where you left off, and act like this is the way you preach all the time.

I did just as He said. I didn't quit. I got up, stepped back on the platform and kept preaching. It turned out to be a great service.

Afterward, a lady approached me. “Brother Jerry, why did you fall off the platform?”

“It was an accident,” I admitted, “but did you see the getting up? That was quite a recovery!”

“Do you fall often?” she asked.

“No.... Did you see the getting up?” I repeated.

“Is there something wrong with you?” she pressed. “Do you need prayer?”

“I don't want to talk about the fall,” I said. “Did you *see* the getting up?”

Many people are like that woman. They spend their entire lives talking about the fall. They think God's teaching them something down there, but God doesn't want us to focus on the fall. He wants us to get back up and talk about the recovery.

The Art of Continuing

I understand the urge to quit. Quitting used to be a way of life for

WHEN YOU'RE TEMPTED TO *Quit!*

Everyone experiences failure.

But I learned a long time ago, even in the midst of failure, *don't quit*. When you get knocked down, get right back up—every time! It's a lesson I've learned well. In fact, it's become the theme of my life.

Years ago, right after I started my ministry, a church invited me to preach at a ranch in Hot Springs, Ark. The members sat on lawn chairs in front of a makeshift platform so



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me. I'd get under pressure, and I'd look for the path of least resistance. It started when I was young. After high school, I planned to go into the automotive business like my dad, but my dad had other plans. He wanted me to go to college, so that's what I did.

Then two weeks before the first semester ended, I quit.

"Son, what are you doing home in the middle of the week?" my dad asked when I pulled up in my '57 Chevrolet.

"I quit," I said. "I want to work on cars. Can you give me a job?"

Two weeks later, in the fall of 1964, I received a draft letter for the war. Since I didn't want to go to Vietnam, I returned to college. During the day, I worked on cars. At night, I took classes. After Carolyn and I married, I decided that balancing everything was too much, so I quit college again.

I started doing paint and body work for my dad, who was now the body shop foreman at a Buick dealership. About six weeks later, I quit and started working for the Lincoln Mercury dealership. Two months later, I quit and changed jobs again.

Quitting became my lifestyle. If someone made me mad, I'd quit. If I believed I'd been wronged, I'd quit.

Thankfully, all that changed when I first heard Brother Copeland, dedicated my life to the Lord and got into the Word of God. The first scripture I read was John 8:31-32: "If ye *continue* in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (emphasis mine).

That little word "continue" jumped out of my Bible and into my heart. The Lord said, *This is the missing ingredient in your life. You have always been a great starter, but you've never been a great finisher. And if you don't develop the art of continuing you will never be the minister I want you to be, the husband I want you to be and the father I want you to be. You have to settle it once and for all that from this day forward quitting is no longer an option in your life.*

God turned a quitter into someone whose life's theme has become "Don't

Quit." Forty-nine years later, quitting is still no longer an option.

Why People Quit

Proverbs 24:16 says, "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again." If the devil knocks you down seven times, then get up eight. That's how you beat him. Sadly, many in the Body of Christ give up too quickly. I believe they do so for one of three reasons.

The first reason is that they are not convinced that God will keep His Word. One day after reading Hebrews 11:1, which says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," I asked the Lord, "What is Your definition of faith? Give me something easy to relate to."

He said, *It is a deep conviction of the reality that it is impossible for Me to lie.*

Read what the Lord said to me again: *It is a deep conviction of the reality that it is impossible for Me to lie.*

That's faith! You can find confirmation of this in several other verses of Scripture, including Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Psalm 89:34; and Isaiah 40:8. If you're not deeply convicted that it's impossible for God to lie, then you'll always struggle with your faith. As Brother Copeland has said, when you get to the place where you believe God's Word as quickly as you would the word of your doctor, your lawyer or your best friend, then you won't struggle with your faith anymore.

Another reason people quit is because they're not willing to wait.

Believers who give up have never developed the force of patience in their lives. Hebrews 10:35-36 says, "Cast not away therefore your confidence [or your faith], which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." *The Message* says, "So don't throw it all away now. You were sure of yourselves then. It's *still* a sure thing! But you need to stick it out, staying with God's plan so you'll be there for the promised completion."

If you "stick it out" you will receive a promised completion. That motivates

me. It keeps me standing (Ephesians 6:13-14). It may take two days, or it may take 20 years, but there's a promised completion if you stand with faith and patience.

A third reason I believe people quit is because they don't spend enough time in fellowship with God and His Word. Acts 20:32 states, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

God and His Word are one and the same, and they're both able to build you up as you spend time with them. They'll make you strong and cause you to become established, which will turn you into a person who will never quit.

Become Established... and Flourish!

When you're tempted to quit, don't run from God, and don't run from His Word. Run *to* them! Once again, they're able to build you up, strengthen you and cause you to become established, settled, secure, firm and immovable.

Become like the person described in Psalm 112:6-8: "Surely he shall not be moved for ever...his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid."

When you become strong and established, you become someone who is able to receive everything God has promised. You'll be able to testify about another blessing that has come into your life, and another victory you have experienced. If you will not quit, then you'll flourish (Psalm 92:12).

Whenever you find someone abounding in the blessings of God, it's clear why—they're strong and established. Their faithfulness stands out. Don't get upset with them. Don't become envious or mad at them. Don't say ugly remarks about them. Instead, follow their example. What He's done for them, He'll do for you.


If you won't quit, and if you'll

remain faithful, then get ready to flourish like never before. Get ready to abound in God's blessings. That's what happens to people who refuse to quit. ♡

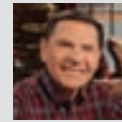
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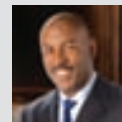
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OPEN THE DOOR

by Gloria Copeland

CONTRARY TO WHAT

a lot of well-meaning people believe, everything that happens in this world is *not* the will of God. When tragedy strikes in someone's life, it's not because God had some mysterious purpose for it.

When bad things happen to good people, as the saying goes, God isn't the one behind those bad things.

He's not withholding healing from people because it's His will for them to die.

He's not withholding prosperity from people because it's His will for them to be poor.

He's not withholding salvation from people because it's His will for them to be lost.

No, the Bible is clear: God's will is for "all men to be saved" (1 Timothy 2:4). The word *saved* is translated from the Greek word *sozo*. It refers to deliverance from every kind of evil—both temporal and eternal. It tells us that God's will is for all people everywhere to be born again, protected, prospered and

BLESSED in every way.

Why then aren't all those BLESSINGS being experienced by everyone?

Because God doesn't storm into people's lives and take over. He doesn't just barge into your life and do whatever He wants. That's the kind of thing the devil does.

The devil roams around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He's a thief who comes in uninvited to steal, kill and destroy. If you don't stay on guard and resist him, even though you're a Christian, the devil will push his way into your life and carry out his evil will.

God, on the other hand, won't ever force His will on you. For Him to do what He wants in some area of your life, **YOU MUST GIVE HIM PLACE.**





How do you give Him place?

By believing what He said in His Word and receiving it by faith. And by refusing to believe and say anything else!

Faith is like a door or a window in the realm of the spirit. It gives God an opening to move and change things supernaturally in your life. It hooks the spiritual realm and the natural realm together, so God's will can be done for you here on earth just like it's done in heaven.

I know this sounds almost too good to be true, but after studying and learning to walk by faith for more than 50 years now, Ken and I can testify to this from experience: As believers, we really can enjoy "days of heaven upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:21). Even though this world is a dark and dangerous place, and there may be trouble all around us, if we'll maintain a spirit of faith we can be victorious in every situation.

"But Gloria, you don't know the kind of problems I'm facing," you might say. "They're bad! It would take a miracle to turn them around."

Well, then, receive a miracle. Dare to believe that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26) and "all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23). Open the door for the supernatural power of God to go to work on your behalf by standing on His Word in faith.

Faith is the key of access to the whole kingdom of God! According to the Scriptures:

"We have access **by faith** into this grace wherein we stand" (Romans 5:2).

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, **even our faith**" (1 John 5:4).

"The righteous will live **by faith**" (Galatians 3:11, *New International Version*).

"[By] **faith** in God...whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the

OBEDIENCE: *No Small Thing*

by
Kenneth
Copeland

Do you ever have seasons in your life when it seems like every time you go to church and every time you spend time in prayer and every time you open the Bible, you receive a revelation from God? I do. Spiritually, everything will be going great. I'll be higher than a Georgia pine. Then, suddenly, something starts to happen. I start drying up in spiritual things.

It seems like it doesn't make any difference what I pray or how much I read The WORD, I can't get anywhere spiritually. I'm so dry my spirit's creaking!

That used to baffle me. I didn't know what the cause was. I didn't have any sin in my life. I'd taken care of that. I was still praying. Still meditating. Still acting on and confessing The WORD. But instead of getting results, I was getting nowhere. I'd stand in front of my mirror and confess faith over and over again, and the only thing that happened was that my voice got tired!

If that's ever happened to you, may I make a suggestion? Backtrack and find the last thing God told you to do that you didn't do—and *do it!*

It's probably nothing big. Just a seemingly small thing. But, believe me, those minor


"BUT HE THAT HEARETH, AND DOETH NOT, IS LIKE A MAN THAT WITHOUT A FOUNDATION BUILT AN HOUSE UPON THE EARTH; AGAINST WHICH THE STREAM DID BEAT VEHEMENTLY, AND IMMEDIATELY IT FELL; AND THE RUIN OF THAT HOUSE WAS GREAT."

Luke 6:49

disobediences will dry up the flow of the Spirit just like the major ones will.

Most of us don't realize that. We'll get on our knees and say, "Oh LORD, I want to go to China for You. I'll go to Africa. I'll go to Russia." But when God says, *Go next door*, we just shrug it off.

"I can't do that," we'll say. "That guy next door doesn't like me. Besides, I want to be like Brother Schambach and get a big tent."

If you've done something like that, repent. Then pick up where you left off and do what God directed. And from now on, remember, no matter how insignificant God's instructions may seem, obeying them is no small thing! It's those simple acts of obedience that will make your spiritual house stand...or fall. All the small things combined become the direction of our lives. 

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" (Mark 11:22-23).

God's Plan of Dominion

Look again at that last verse. It says something about faith many Christians don't understand. For faith to work like it's designed, you must have it in two places. You must have it in your heart and in your mouth.

You can't just silently agree with God on the inside. You can't be content to have what religious folks sometimes refer to as a "quiet faith." No, for God's will to come to pass for you, you have to speak it. You have to say about yourself what God says. You have to follow the example of the Apostle Paul who wrote, "We having 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).

Believing and speaking is God's plan of dominion. It's how He teaches us to operate because it's how He Himself operates. He creates and changes things by calling "those things which be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17).

You can see this all the way through the Bible. Look on the first page at the account of Creation, for instance. What did God do there, when He looked at the cosmos and saw that the earth was without form and darkness was upon the face of the deep? He spoke words of faith. He didn't just silently wish things were different. He didn't talk about what He saw in the natural and say, "It sure is dark out there." That wouldn't have changed the situation.

He said, "Let there be light!" and there was light.

That's how everything in this entire universe was made. It was made "through faith" and "framed by the word of God" (Hebrews 11:3). As Genesis 1 says, this earth and everything in it is here because, time and again, God said...God saw... and it was good.

Jesus used the same system when He was on earth. He said to Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:41), "I say unto thee, arise," and she was raised from the dead. He said to the storm on the Sea of Galilee,



“Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm” (Mark 4:39). He declared THE BLESSING over the five loaves and two fish and they multiplied until they’d fed thousands.

Time and again, just like God, Jesus said...He saw...and it was good.

As a believer, you can apply that in your own life. After all, you’re a new creature in Christ Jesus. You’ve been given authority in His Name. You have the power and Spirit of God in you. Therefore, if you agree with Him and say what He says over your life, you’ll see it come to pass, and it will be good!

Romans 4 calls that walking “in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham” (verse 12). You’ve probably heard about him. He was told by God, in his old age, that he and his barren wife, Sarah, were going to have a baby. In the natural, such a thing was impossible. Not only was Abraham 99 years old, Sarah was 90 and she hadn’t been able to have a baby even when she was young.

Even so, Abraham believed God and began to say about himself what God said. He didn’t focus on his circumstances and shrink back from declaring the Word of God because it didn’t make sense to him. He kept faith in his heart and in his mouth like God told him to do. He started going around calling himself what God called him—the father of many nations.

Before very long the supernatural happened: Abraham and Sarah’s baby boy, Isaac, was born!

You can see something just as supernatural happen in your life. You may not miraculously have a baby because that may not be what you’re believing for. But if you’ll believe and confess God’s Word like Abraham did, you can take whatever bad situation you may be facing and turn it around. You can come from defeat into victory...from sickness into health...from poverty into prosperity.

Why? Because God’s Word always works. When you keep it in your heart and speak it out your mouth it always comes to pass. That’s why Jesus could say in John 15:7, “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:



Faith is like a door in the realm of the spirit that opens the way for God’s will to be done for you on earth as it is in heaven. Here are some points to get you there:

1

God’s will is for everyone to be delivered (or saved) from every kind of evil, both temporal and eternal.

1 Timothy 2:4

2

He desires for His good will to be done on earth just as it is in heaven.

Deuteronomy 11:21

3

Faith opens the door for His power to go to work and do the impossible in your life.

Mark 9:23

4

For faith to work like it’s designed, you must have it in two places: in your heart and in your mouth.

2 Corinthians 4:13

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Believing and speaking is God’s plan of dominion; it’s how He operates and how we’re to operate too.

Mark 11:23



IT WASN’T EASY, ESPECIALLY AT FIRST, BUT WE KNEW WE WOULDN’T GET ANYWHERE IF WE SPOKE FAITH ONE MOMENT AND UNBELIEF THE NEXT.



You Will Have What You Say

Before Ken and I learned this, even though we were born again, we experienced very little victory in our lives. We’d been born again and filled with the Holy Spirit for five years, yet we were still in pitiful shape. When we found out how faith works, however, we started making changes. We immersed ourselves in God’s Word, quit talking about how bad things looked in the natural, and began to say about ourselves and our circumstances what God said in the Bible.

It wasn’t easy, especially at first, but we knew we wouldn’t get anywhere if we spoke faith one moment and unbelief the next, so we agreed to hold each other accountable. If one of us said something contrary to what the Word says, the other would point it out. “That’s your confession,” we’d say, “and I believe every word of it.”

Because Ken did most of the talking back then, I got to correct him more than he did me. But we both slipped up sometimes and said things we didn’t want to come to pass. When we did, we’d immediately repent and get right back on faith words.

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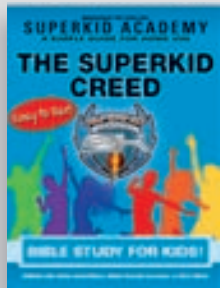
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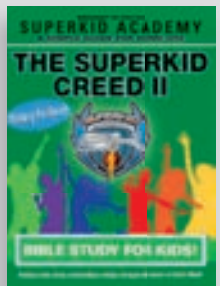
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In those days, our biggest problems were financial. We were facing a mountain of debt and had very little income, so that's the first area we tackled. We put together a list of scriptures about God's will for our prosperity and diligently read and confessed them. We stopped saying things like, "We can't pay these bills," and started saying things like, "My God supplies all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Sure enough, before long, those words came to pass. God's will manifested in our lives and in less than a year, what seemed to be a mountain of debt was gone! We began to prosper, and we've been prospering ever since.

"But my situation is different," someone might say. "I don't have a Christian spouse like you do—and I don't want to talk faith in front of unbelievers. They'll think I'm crazy."

Then make your confessions of faith to the Lord. Speak the Word to yourself when no one else is around, or talk about it to people at your church. Just be sure if you choose not to make your declarations of faith around people who won't understand, that you don't end up joining in with them when they start talking unbelief. Even if you're just going along with the conversation to be sociable, speaking words of unbelief will hinder the operation of your faith.

The Lord spoke to a pastor friend of ours about this a number of years ago after he engaged in a casual conversation with a man at the grocery store. The man had been in front of him in the checkout line. He'd paid for his groceries with the last few dollars in his wallet and then turned to the pastor and said with a chuckle, "Money goeth!"

Just to be cordial, the pastor laughed and agreed. "Yeah, that's right," he said. "Money goeth." Afterward, the Lord reprimanded him. *You ought not be saying, "Money goeth,"* He said. *You should be saying, "Money cometh."*

Why would the Lord tell him to say, "Money cometh"?

Because that agrees with the Word.

It says in Proverbs 10:22, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." Psalm 112:3

says about the righteous man that "wealth and riches shall be in his house." Second Corinthians 8:9 says that Jesus Christ, "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

All through the Bible God tells us He wants His people to prosper and increase. In scripture after scripture He says it is His will for money to come to us. **SO THAT'S WHAT WE OUGHT TO BE SAYING, TOO. WE OUGHT TO BE OPERATING ACCORDING TO GOD'S PLAN OF DOMINION. WE OUGHT TO BE SPEAKING WORDS OF FAITH THAT OPEN THE DOOR FOR HIM TO CARRY OUT HIS GOOD WILL IN OUR LIVES!**

Jesus spoke personally about this to Brother Kenneth E. Hagin one time many years ago. Pointing out that in Mark 11:23 He used the word *believe* only one time and used the word *say* three times, He told Brother Hagin, *You'll have to preach three times more about saying than you will about believing, because the saying part is primarily where My people are missing it.*

Jesus said something very similar one time when He was talking to Brother Charles Capps about the subject. *I told you that you can have what you say,* He said, *but My people are saying what they have.*

That, right there, is the bottom line. If you have a problem, and you say what you have, you're perpetuating that problem. If you go around saying things like, "I don't have enough money to pay my bills. I just can't make ends meet," you're establishing those conditions in your life.

Don't make that mistake! Follow God's plan of dominion. Fill your heart with His Word and say what He says.

If you'll do that, no matter how bad things might look right now in the natural, you'll be on your way to victory. You'll be calling things that be not as though they were, and because you're operating like your heavenly Father, you'll get His results.

You'll say it...you'll see it...and it will be good! 🙏

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Commander Kellie's Corner

Happy February, Superkids!

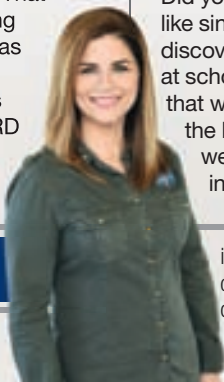
IT'S ALREADY SHAPING UP TO BE AN EXCITING YEAR.

Last month, we decided to take out any trash that 2017 may have left in its wake. I would love to know how that went for you! Did you think of things you needed to be free of? You pictured your Christmas tree, after all the gifts had been unwrapped and the paper and ribbons strewn about the floor. Just like that mess makes it difficult to play with your new toys and gadgets, junk that's left in our lives can hinder our ability to see the good things Jesus brought to us and the extraordinary gifts He unwrapped in us in 2017.

I am so grateful that He helped us dump the garbage of 2017, aren't you? If you missed last month's article, or you feel like you didn't totally clean out last year's junk, it's worth going back to read it, because 2018 is all about being free in Jesus! Woohoo!

When we look at what the Father has placed in us, instead of the distractions of unforgiveness, anger, hurt, mistakes, fear or other such negative factors, we will begin to see the fruit of what Jesus wants to do in our lives. He is constantly leading and guiding us out of the junk and into what God has planned. Read what Hebrews 13:20-21 (*BRG Bible*) says: "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

What a great word! Look at what that says: The God who brings peace, brought JESUS all the way back from the dead to be what He called Him to be. That same God, OUR Father, will bring YOU into every good thing He has called you to! Remember what Jesus was called to do? He was called TO LEAD AND SHEPHERD YOU to be just like HIM! That is powerful. If God can raise



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Jesus from the dead, then He can surely raise you to be what He's called you to be. Then Jesus just brings out the great gifts the Father puts in you! Psalm 139:13-16 (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*) says that the Father put those gifts in you before you were ever born:

For You did form my inward parts; You did knit me together in my mother's womb. I will confess and praise You for You are fearful and wonderful and for the awful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are Your works, and that my inner self knows right well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret [and] intricately and curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery]. Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.

SO, HOW DO THEY SHOW UP? HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE A GIFT OF GOD?

Many times, the things we become passionate about have something to do with our calling. Have you become interested in a new hobby, subject or activity? I've always found myself drawn to kids. Even as a kid I wanted to help and be around younger kids. I loved to sing and to be in plays and musicals. Can you see how what was in me to be Commander Kellie was working in me before I was even grown up?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR TALENTS?

Did you discover a new ability last year, like singing, acting or sports? Or, did you discover you excelled in a new subject at school? Many times, these are gifts that will become part of our calling that the Father knit inside us when we were "being formed in secret [and] intricately and curiously wrought [as if

embroidered with various colors]" (verse 15, *AMPC*).

Another way the Father gifts us is by bringing people into our lives who open new doors and understanding for us—who make us better or just encourage us to be like Jesus. Parents, friends, family, teachers and pastors are gifts from the Lord. What good, new things came to you through these gifts last year?

I could go on for pages about how the Lord brings to us and unwraps gifts in us, and what that looks like. The ways are as endless and as individual as His children! Take some time, Superkid, to think about it. Ask the Lord to open your



eyes to the gifts He brought into your life last year. Then, take the time to express your gratitude to Him for each of those gifts. Perhaps it is a good time to express thanks to the people who helped you receive these gifts from the Lord.

Superkid, if you will decide today to make this thought process a way of life, taking out the trash and receiving the gifts, then you will walk boldly into your future—unhindered by anything. I'll leave you with this thought from Romans 8:28, *The Passion Translation*: "So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose."

ALL THIS MAKES ME WONDER... WHAT GIFTS WILL 2018 BRING? NOW I'M ON THE LOOKOUT, SUPERKID, AREN'T YOU? 🍷

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