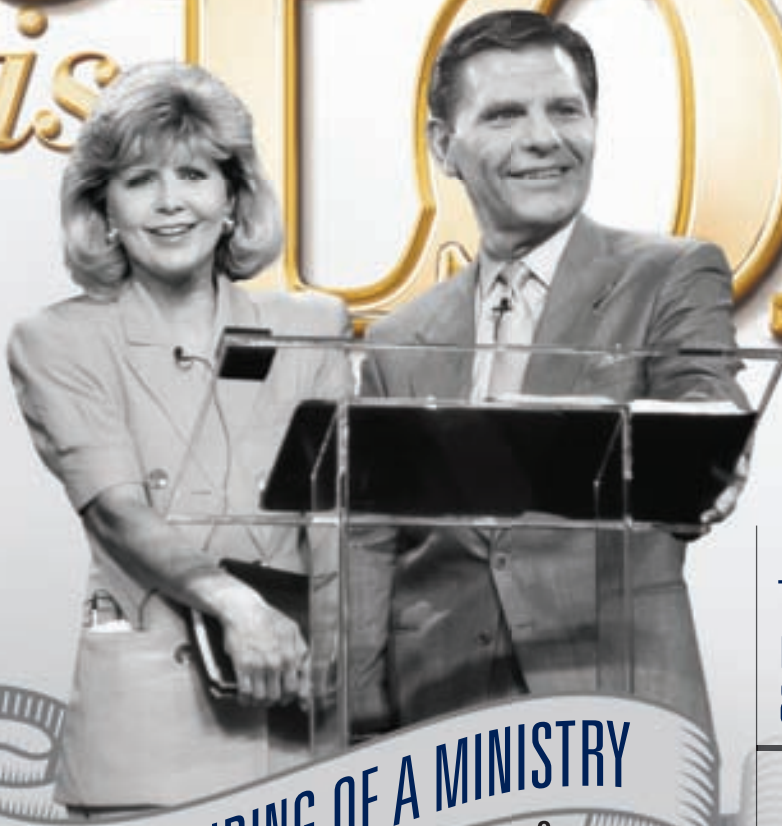


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1966: Kenneth singing at an Oral Roberts meeting.

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THE FOUNDING OF A **MINISTRY**

IN 1967, AT A TIME WHEN KENNETH AND GLORIA COPELAND DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE MEANS TO TRAVEL TO THE NEAREST TOWN, THEY COMMITTED THEIR LIVES TO GO AROUND THE WORLD PREACHING THE UNCOMPROMISED WORD OF GOD.

KENNETH COPELAND MINISTRIES: A BRIEF HISTORY



“
He told me exactly what He was calling me to do. He was calling me to preach the gospel to the nations.... He said nations would be won in a day—some of them even by this ministry.
”



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Fifty years! That's how long it has been since Kenneth and Gloria Copeland first stepped out in faith, boldly committing to answer God's call on their lives to go around the world preaching the uncompromised Word of God—proclaiming the truth of God's Word and His unconditional love for all mankind, and declaring that Jesus is Lord!

It began as a journey of faith when, in March 1967, Kenneth stood in the dried-up Arkansas River bed and received God's call to ministry. And for the last half century, they have remained steadfast and committed to obeying God's commission—never backing down!

It's been an exciting and rewarding journey. And beginning this month, and throughout all of 2017, we'll take time to look back, through words and pictures, and remind ourselves of all that God, through His faithfulness, has done to enable KCM to be a blessing to hundreds of thousands of people around the world. You'll read about some of them, and hear from others whose lives have been dramatically changed through this ministry. And we'll revisit some of KCM's most memorable and historic moments, and share the stories behind some of the iconic trademarks that have become symbolic with KCM.

For 50 years, from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around, on every available voice, KCM has continued on its mission, with the same message—that Jesus is Lord! It has been, and continues to be a journey of faith. And we continue to be thankful to God to be part of it. We're thankful, too, that you have been part of it as well. Thank You, Lord! And thank you, KCM Partners and Friends.

Ronald C. Jordan // Editor



Word and shaping the course of an entire generation of believers.

Growing a Ministry

The 1970s were tremendous years of growth for Kenneth Copeland Evangelistic Association, later to become Kenneth Copeland Ministries. The first issue of *Believer's Voice of Victory* was published in 1973 as a four-page newsletter and distributed to about 3,000 people. Today, the publication has evolved into a 32-page, full-color magazine that is distributed free each month to nearly 365,000 subscribers worldwide, in 204 different countries and territories on five different continents.

KCM Africa has printed its own *BVOV* since late 2000, KCM Europe since 2002 and KCM Australia began printing its own magazine in March 2006. As part of its children's ministry, KCM launched *Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids* in 1994 with a subscription list of about 5,000, only to see it grow to nearly 190,000 subscribers.

KCM launched its radio ministry in May 1975 when it began broadcasting on 10 stations. A short time later, the Lord told Brother

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TODAY, 50 years later, Kenneth Copeland Ministries has offices and staff in the United States, Canada, Africa, Australia, Europe, Ukraine and Colombia. Their books, magazines, CDs and DVDs are translated into at least 22 languages to reach the world with the message of victory.

For the Copelands, it began as a journey of faith when, in March 1967, Kenneth stood in the dried-up Arkansas River bed and received God's call to ministry.

"He told me exactly what He was calling me to do," Kenneth would recall years later of the commission from God. "He was calling me to preach the gospel to the nations.... He said nations would be won in a day—some of them even by this ministry."

For Kenneth, preparing to preach to the "nations" would begin the summer of that year, but not in a pulpit or behind a podium. Kenneth took his first step toward answering God's call by picking up his Bible and walking from the bedroom of the little house he and Gloria occupied in Tulsa, Okla., and into the living room. That was as far as he knew to go. He had no money, no meetings scheduled, and God had given him specific instructions never to ask people for money or a place to preach.

Sitting down to study his Bible, Kenneth announced to God, "Lord, I'm on call."

Not long after that, the calls for Kenneth to minister started coming. And they have been coming ever since. Everywhere they go—from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around—Kenneth and Gloria continue to preach the uncompromised Word to the nations. They are bringing people from the milk to the meat of God's

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1,350,077
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Copeland to put forth the Word “on every available voice.” Within a year, the broadcast was being heard on more than 500 stations in the U.S. and Canada, resulting in an increase in the production and distribution of cassette tapes—the only form of audio recording for sale—from 27,000 to 171,000.

Television became another “available voice” for KCM in 1979, as the ministry aired its first one-hour, weekly TV broadcast. Ten years later, in 1989, the Copelands took their boldest, most daring step of faith ever when they launched the daily *Believer’s Voice of Victory* broadcast. *BVOV*, which currently airs 779 hours each week, is now seen on 452 stations. The television ministry saw a major expansion beginning in March 2006 when KCM began airing the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* broadcast on Trinity Broadcasting Network’s Spanish-language satellite network, Enlace. The network reaches millions of homes across the U.S., Mexico, Central and South America, and Spain. As part of the growth and expansion of the television ministry, KCM completed its upgrade to new, state-of-the-art, high-definition TV engineering and

production equipment to provide viewers around the world with the best possible transmission of the gospel. Last year, in 2015, KCM extended its television outreach to include the Believers’ Voice of Victory Network, available through Dish® Network

Channel 265. Hosting a lineup of trusted Bible teachers delivering the uncompromised Word of God 24/7, BVOVN can also be seen on Roku®, Apple TV® 4th Generation, YouTube®, Amazon Fire TV®, Facebook, iOS and online at bvovn.com.

The internet has played a major role in the growth of KCM. In 2001 the ministry established kcm.org, providing global access to features and articles from the *BVOV* magazine, as well as live audio and video feeds from Believers’ Conventions and Victory Campaigns, and access to its TV broadcasts. The launch of the online Believers’ Academy in 2015 is enabling Partners and Friends to strengthen their faith with a learning center they can access at their convenience. Through its social media outlets, KCM has logged 1,243,684 friends on Facebook, registered more than 227,831 followers on Twitter, recorded nearly 1,350,077 video views on YouTube and 1.1 million visits on its official blog, kennethcopelandministries.org. The online Partner Community was added in 2015 to provide a place for people to network with others of like-minded faith—to chat, share, pray for and encourage one another.

BVOV Radio has aired live with 24-hour programming since February 2001, offering audio from KCM Conventions, Victory Campaigns and EMIC services, as well as music from

KCM, other artists, and hourly news from the American Family Association. Listeners can also tune in to EMIC live and on-demand church services through Internet Radio.

Going Around the World

Meetings have played a major part in KCM’s call to evangelize the world. In 1979, the first weeklong Believers’ Convention was held in Anaheim, Calif., where it continued to be held annually until 2007. Additionally, KCM launched its annual Southwest Believers’ Convention in Fort Worth in 1981. The Great Lakes Believers’ Convention first convened in 2003 and was last held in 2008. The ministry also holds several three-day Victory Campaigns each year, as well as two-day Living Victory meetings. In addition to KCM events, the Copelands speak at numerous meetings and churches throughout the year.

Kenneth and Gloria travel thousands of miles and spend hundreds of hours in the air each year going around the world to preach the gospel including places like Australia, Canada, China, Italy, Nigeria, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Venezuela.

A major component of KCM’s Believers’ Conventions and Victory Campaigns has been Healing School, which began in 1979 after the Lord instructed Gloria to “start teaching on healing in every meeting.” She heard the Lord say: *I want you to share what you know about being healed, because I want My people well.* And last year, Kenneth started ministering at Healing School along with Gloria.

From its headquarters in Fort Worth, KCM oversees its six international offices. It is through these offices that KCM is able to further extend its outreach with the Word of God.

The ministry continues to grow, going wherever the Lord directs to deliver the message of hope, promise and faith, and letting the world know that...“Jesus Is Lord!” 📌



JAN

2017 YEAR OF FABULOUS OUTPOURINGS FROM HEAVEN.

Prophecy Delivered
by Kenneth Copeland
Friday, Sept. 30, 2016

This coming year. This coming year. This coming year is not going to be anything like anybody has thought up to now. This is a 'Year of Fabulous Outpourings From Heaven.'

"Notable miracles...at the hands of not only ministers in the fivefold ministry, but just among the people. Believers will lay hands on the sick and notable miracles will be done. But watch for the children. Watch for the children coming forth with miracle-working power manifest around them. And they are just children. And they will be just children. And I'm not talking about 15 to 20 year olds. Of course, they're involved. But," saith The LORD, "watch the little ones. A child shall lead them.

"Many things are going to be happening in the kingdom of God in 2017. And it won't be anything like you thought. It'll be grander and greater—an outpouring such as has never been seen before," saith the Spirit of Grace.

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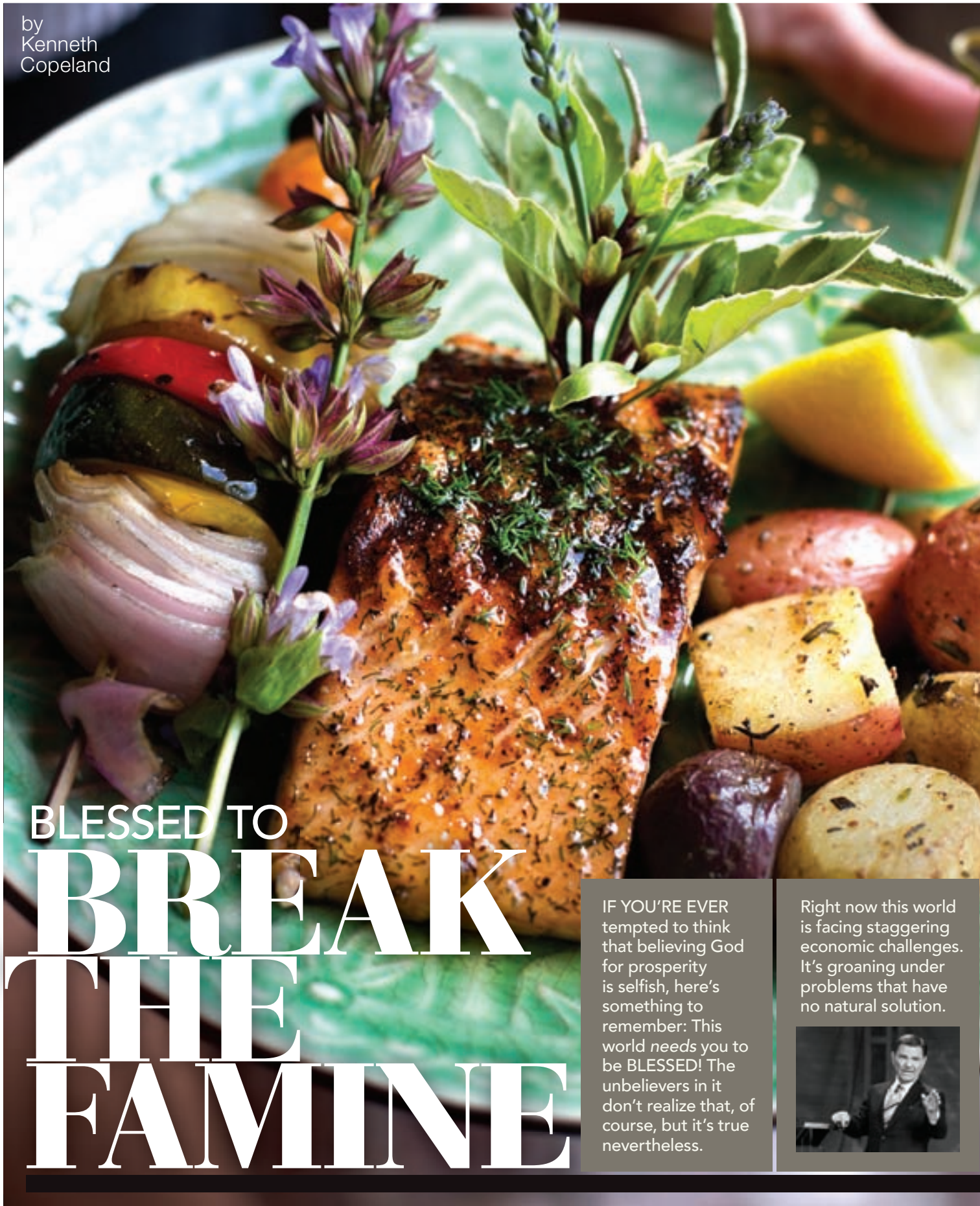
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God wants to bless and prosper us as His family, so that we can go forth in His power—not only to rule over the evil in the world, but to feed the world.

28 How to Get Healed— Anytime!

by Gloria Copeland
Don't make healing difficult. Make it simple by doing it God's way. Receive His Word, believe it, and don't let the devil talk you out of it.



by
Kenneth
Copeland



BLESSED TO BREAK THE FAMINE

IF YOU'RE EVER tempted to think that believing God for prosperity is selfish, here's something to remember: This world *needs* you to be BLESSED! The unbelievers in it don't realize that, of course, but it's true nevertheless.

Right now this world is facing staggering economic challenges. It's groaning under problems that have no natural solution.





The very earth itself is wearing out under the weight of sin and the curse.

Everyone can see what's happening and the "experts" of the world are trying their best to counteract it. They're putting up windmills and printing more money as fast as they can. But I'll tell you right now, those things won't fix the situation.

Man-made schemes aren't what this planet is crying out for. It's crying out for THE BLESSING of God, and born-again believers are the avenue through which that BLESSING flows. That's why Romans 8 says that all of creation is waiting and travailing for "the manifestation of the sons of God" (verse 19).

We're the ones with the answer to the curse that's plaguing this place. When we rise up and walk fully in THE BLESSING that's on us as joint heirs with Jesus, "creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (verse 21, *New King James Version*).

"But Brother Copeland, I keep hearing that what's causing all the trouble is actually global warming. Are you saying you don't believe in that?"

Oh, I believe in global warming, all right. But I believe in the real kind; the kind that will come when God is finished with this earth and He's ready to make a new one. In that day, 2 Peter 3:10 says this planet will melt like a snowball in August. All the windmills in the world won't be able to stop it, either, because it will be the work of God and not humanity.

Human beings don't have the

capacity to destroy this planet. Even if we did, there's no way we're going to get the opportunity. God created this earth and He's the only One who can put an end to it.

In the meantime, you and I have a job to do here. As representatives of The LORD Jesus Christ, we have a covenant of BLESSING to walk in. We're responsible before God to be BLESSED and a BLESSING in the midst of a world that desperately needs it.

Read Genesis 26 sometime and you'll see what I mean. It tells about a time when a famine hit the region where Isaac lived and God told him to stay right in the middle of it and be a BLESSING. It would have made more sense in the natural for Isaac to escape the famine by moving his family to Egypt. But God specifically instructed him to do otherwise.

"Go not down into Egypt," He said. "Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee...and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father...and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (verses 2-4).

Dig Another Well

Isaac believed God and did what he was told. He put THE BLESSING to work, sowed seed in the land, and reaped a hundredfold return in one year. Right in the midst of the famine, he "began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous" (verse 13, *NKJV*).

One way he prospered was by reopening his father's water wells which, in years past, had been filled up with dirt by the Philistines. (That shows just how stupid sin-darkened minds can be. The Philistines lived in a hot, dry desert. They needed all the water they could get. Yet they had stopped up perfectly good wells just because they were jealous of Abraham.)

The wells rightfully belonged to Isaac, both by inheritance and because he dug them out and got them flowing again. But each time he reopened one, the Philistines took it away from him

THIS IS SOMETHING WE AS BELIEVERS NEED TO GET CLEAR ABOUT: POVERTY IS NOT A MONEY PROBLEM. IT'S A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM.

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE



Don't ever think that believing God for prosperity is selfish. This world needs you to be BLESSED! Here are some points to get you there:

1

This earth and everything in it is crying out for THE BLESSING of God to flow through you. Romans 8:19

2

In the midst of a famine, Isaac brought prosperity to an entire region by walking in THE BLESSING of God. Genesis 26:3-4

3

The same BLESSING that was on Isaac is now on you through your relationship with Jesus. Galatians 3:13-14

4

Poverty isn't a money problem, it's a spiritual problem, and Jesus overcame it on the cross. 2 Corinthians 8:9

5

As Jesus' joint heir, you've inherited richly all things to enjoy AND everything you need to be a BLESSING wherever you go. 2 Corinthians 9:8

by force and claimed it for themselves. Rather than fight with them, Isaac would just let them have the well and go dig out another one.

In the process, he tapped into an underground river that, according to Jewish historians, released so much water the entire area began to flourish. Fruit trees blossomed. Crops grew. It began to look like the famine was over and everyone in the land got BLESSED.

No one, however, did better than Isaac. He increased so much that his estate got even bigger than the king's. That made the king mad so he ran Isaac out of the region. When Isaac left, THE BLESSING went with him and the famine took hold again. The land dried up and things got even worse than before.

Realizing he'd made a mistake, the king went looking for Isaac and asked for help. "Uh...could we make a deal?" he said. "We've seen that The LORD is with you and we want to make a covenant with you. If you'll come back and live among us we'll promise to protect you and see to it that no one ever harms you, your family or your goods

again. We'll make sure that no one steals your wells anymore."

Obviously, the Philistine king had gotten a revelation: He and his country needed Isaac—and they needed him BLESSED!

"What does that have to do with us as believers today, Brother Copeland?"

It has everything to do with us, because we have the same BLESSING on us that Isaac had!

It's the original BLESSING of God that came on mankind in the Garden of Eden when God said to Adam and his wife, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion..." (Genesis 1:28). It's THE BLESSING that, although Adam and Eve blew it off through sin, came once again on Abraham when God made covenant with him and said: "...I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3).

It was this same BLESSING of Abraham that was upon Jesus of

Nazareth. He walked in it perfectly all of His earthly life. Then He suffered on the Cross and died so that He could give that BLESSING to us. As Galatians 3:13-14 says: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ."

Because we as believers are in covenant with Jesus, we can walk in THE BLESSING just like He did. We can not only prosper in our own lives but we can also bring prosperity to those around us. We can flourish no matter how rocky the world's economy gets because we're not looking to the world as our source. We're looking to The LORD—and His BLESSING "maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22).

Poor People Don't Need a Treasurer

"Well, if THE BLESSING makes rich, how come Jesus was poor?" someone might ask.



ON EVERY AVAILABLE VOICE



First BVOV newsletter/magazine was printed

1973

First Believers' Convention Anaheim, Calif.

1978

First Southwest Believers' Convention

1981

Monthly Partner Letter began

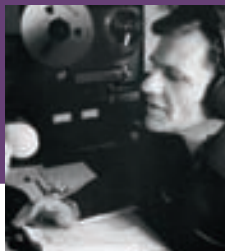
1983

HQ moved to Eagle Mountain property

1986

1967

Kenneth Copeland Ministries began



1976

KCM Canada opened

Radio broadcast began

1979

Sunday broadcast began

First Healing School

KCM Australia opened

1982

First worldwide satellite Communion Service

KCM Europe opened

KCM Africa opened

1989

Daily TV broadcast began



The president's intentions were good; he just didn't realize that poverty, as a spiritual problem, requires a spiritual solution.

He wasn't!

Up until the time He went to the Cross He was extremely prosperous. He not only had the finances to fund His entire ministry team, He was famous for giving money to the poor. His resources were so great He even needed a treasurer to oversee them.

Poor people don't need a treasurer! So, clearly, Jesus wasn't poor during His life on earth. When He became poor was on Calvary when He took on Himself the curse that came on mankind through sin. That curse is threefold: It includes spiritual death, sickness and poverty—and Jesus redeemed us from all three. He gave life to our spirits, He provided health for our bodies and, as Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 8:9, "...though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

This is something we, as believers, need to get clear about: Poverty is not a money problem. It's a spiritual problem. You can throw as much money at it as you want and, when you get finished,

the poverty will still be there. President Lyndon Johnson proved this. Back in the 1960s he spent literally billions of dollars in his "war on poverty," yet more people in this nation are living below the poverty level now, than back then.

The president's intentions were good; he just didn't realize that poverty, as a spiritual problem, requires a spiritual solution. Jesus, however, did. So He provided that solution for us on the Cross. He took on Himself the spiritual curse of poverty and became poorer than the poorest person who's ever lived. He became more poverty-stricken than we can even imagine so that we could be delivered from every trace of poverty and be made rich.

"How rich has Jesus made us?" you might ask.

As rich as He is!

When you got born again and became

His joint heir, you didn't just inherit half of what He owns. You got the whole load! You inherited "richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17), *PLUS* you inherited everything you need to be a BLESSING wherever you go.

When you tap into your inheritance in Christ Jesus, and give with faith and joy, financial BLESSING will flow abundantly through you because "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8).

"But what if a depression hits, Brother Copeland?"

What if it does? As long as you keep walking in THE BLESSING, you can still be *always having*, especially in bad times, so we can be a BLESSING to those who are in such need.



Broadcast began airing in Eastern Europe

1993

Ground-breaking for Eagle Mountain International Church

1997



Disaster Relief team established in response to Hurricane Katrina

2005

24/7 prayer line began

2008

Asia magazine began

Sunday broadcast in German began

2011

Chinese website launched

Spanish radio began

2014

Colombia office opened

Believers' Academy launched

2015

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Believer's Voice of Victory Network began

1994

KCM Ukraine opened

1996

Website launched

2006

Spanish Sunday broadcast began on TBN Enlace

2012

Spanish magazine began

First HD broadcasts

Reaction Tour held first event in Uganda

Believers' Academy launched

Online Partner Community launched

2017
50 years of ministry



My parents proved this in the 1930s and '40s. They prospered all the way through the Great Depression and World War II. They didn't have all the revelation we have today about walking in THE BLESSING, but they believed God and they were tithers and givers from the time they got married. My dad even kept two bank accounts. One was his tithe account, which belonged to God, and the other was his personal account, and he made sure not to mix the two up.

As a result, while a lot of other people in this country were standing in unemployment lines, my dad never went 24 hours without a job. If one

fell through, there was always another, better one, right behind it. I remember him telling me about one time in particular when he found out at the end of the workday that he'd been laid off. He and mother prayed about it that evening and very early the next morning he felt impressed to go down to the cotton gin. When the owner of the gin showed up, he asked my dad what he was doing there.

"I'm here early because you need me," Dad said.

"Can you keep books?" the owner asked.

"Yes," he answered.

My dad had never done accounting

in his life, but he was a good mathematician and he thought, *If I can just see this company's books I'll be able to figure out their system and keep it going.* Sure enough, he was right. He liked the job so much he ended up enrolling in an accounting course at Draughon's Business College. When he finished the course, Draughon's hired him to teach it. They kept promoting him and he kept prospering. Why? Because THE BLESSING of The LORD makes rich.

Eventually, Draughon's offered him a sales job. They didn't expect him to take it because it was commission only, but he said, "Yes! That's the job I want!" The work required him to travel, and because of the war, tires and gasoline were hard to come by, but he always had what he needed.

Because of THE BLESSING working in his life, Dad also saw possibilities that other people didn't. One day during the war, for example, he was in a small town on business and he spotted a guy who had a huge cone of cheese. Because cheese was in short supply at the time it was expensive, but Dad bought the whole cone. He took it back to his car, cut it up into blocks, and sold it piece by piece to the shop owners around the square, at three or four times what he'd paid for it. I know, because I was with him.

What was happening? He was always abounding. Always having all sufficiency for every good work.

That's the way it was all the time as I was growing up. My dad and mother were always giving, always helping someone. Every evangelist who came to town stayed at our house. Even in the hard times, Mama fixed them fried chicken. They'd eat so much I used to think they were going to clean us out. But it never happened.

There was never a famine at the Copeland house. There never will be, either, because we're still walking in THE BLESSING of God.

The same can be true for you. No matter what the conditions are around you, you can keep on believing The WORD, giving and prospering. You can have all sufficiency in all things and be a BLESSING in the midst of a world that desperately needs for you to be BLESSED! 🙌

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NEW YEAR, NEW ATTITUDE



Happy New Year, Superkid!

I HOPE YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT THIS YEAR AND WHAT'S AHEAD OF YOU.

I'm sure you had a wonderful New Year's Eve and a fun New Year's Day with your family. Hopefully, you enjoyed Christmas. One thing I know for sure, the "new" can begin to wear off of the "New Year" pretty fast. School begins and the routine kicks back in: Mom and Dad are working hard to make their New Year's resolutions a new way of life. For me, my new ideas and decisions for a better, more organized life, home and future always ended up in a "Family Meeting." Have you ever had those? Mom and Dad are tired of your messy room, dirty dishes in the sink, having to feed the dog, and the constant fussing amongst the kids. The list goes on.

Just think, as you read this they could be planning that meeting right now! You might be thinking, *Hide Commander Kellie's Corner so Mom and Dad don't call a "COME TO JESUS" meeting!* Have you ever heard it called that? Somehow, that term doesn't make coming to Jesus sound too fun. And that's what I want to talk to you about.

When the thought of correction comes, what is your first reaction? Do you want to run and hide, get angry, immediately think of excuses, or blame others? Or do you just tune the correction out and do things your own way? At some point, we've all had one or more of those responses. But if we really understood correction, we would LOVE it!

There is an instance in the Bible that shows us God's view of correction.

Moses had led the Israelites out of Egypt into the

wilderness, and they camped at Mount Sinai, where the presence of God dwelt. God told Moses He wanted to talk to His children, so Moses said, "Clean yourselves up, come and listen to God." Think about it: They had been slaves in Egypt for 400 years. Do you suppose they knew what it was to be free? How to act and think? Egyptians worshipped many gods—all of them false gods. Do you think they knew what it meant to worship the One True God? They really had never met their God! Imagine that. It makes perfect sense to me that God would call them to a place and introduce Himself as the only God they would ever need. It's logical that they would need to know how to live as free people, worshipping one faithful God. So what did God do? He called a "COME TO ME" meeting. Sound familiar?

God said in Leviticus 26:1, 11-13 (*New Living Translation*): "Do not make idols or set up carved images, or sacred pillars, or sculptured stones in your land so you may worship them. I am the Lord your God... I will live among you, and I will not despise you. I will walk among you; I will be your God, and you will be my people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so you would no longer be their slaves. I broke the yoke of slavery from your neck so you can walk with your heads held high."

Sounds good, right? Not to the children of Israel. They got so scared when they heard God's rumbling voice that they ran from THE RULES OF THE HOUSE (the Ten Commandments). They NEEDED to know the new way to act and think to be able to enter into the new land God had promised them. After all, how could they trust God to defeat the giants in the new land if they still acted and thought like they had in Egypt—like slaves? Sadly,

instead of understanding how much God was for them, they ran away from changing their thinking and their ways. They told Moses, "You talk to Him, we don't want to."

So, instead of giving the Ten Commandments directly to His kids like He desired, God gave them to Moses. NOT TOO EFFECTIVE, as we find out in the rest of the story.

Superkid, the same choices are before you today. God is calling YOU! What He said to the Israelites, He is saying to you in 2 Corinthians 6:16-18 (*NLT*): "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

How will you respond to the voice of God, the voice of Jesus, the voice of your parents and leaders? The next time your parents call a "COME TO JESUS" meeting, think about what I've said. Remember: You are coming to the One who loves you, the One who knows how you should think and act so you can walk in His blessings. If your parents, or anyone else cares enough to correct you, then *they* LOVE you too. In a Jesus household, correction comes from the Spirit of love—Jesus Himself.

So don't be afraid, defensive or angry. Just come to Jesus. It's the best place to be. More on that next month, so stay tuned!

Love,
Commander Kellie

Kellie Copeland



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Editor's Note:

In December 2006, in honor of Kenneth Copeland's 70th birthday and the 40th anniversary of KCM, the late Brother Oral Roberts wrote the following congratulatory letter to Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

TRIBUTE FROM ORAL ROBERTS

1966: Kenneth Copeland, center, ministering with Oral Roberts, far left



Oral Roberts

The late Oral Roberts, founder and chancellor of Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Okla., is recognized as one of the most famous and influential Christian leaders of the 20th century. He was the author of more than 130 books and founder of the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association. Through the years, he conducted more than 300 healing crusades in more than 35 countries on six continents.



Well, hello everybody. I just wish that I could be there with you today, to be there in person on this 40th anniversary of our beloved friends, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

Forty years ago, I guess back in one year, thirty-nine years ago, they drove into the entrance of Oral Roberts University. They drove through the flags that represent the different nations where all of our students come from—more than 50 nations. And Kenneth enrolled as one of the oldest freshmen that we had. And later, the first brush I had with Kenneth was through my crusade associate, Bob DeWeese, who was also our pilot. And he said, “Oral, I need another pilot and we’ve just had a crack pilot enroll at ORU.”

“What’s his name?”

“Kenneth Copeland from Fort Worth, and I think your wife, Evelyn, knows his mother.”

And later I found out that Evelyn did know his mother and they were good friends.

Well, we hired Kenneth to fly us to our crusades and other places, and Kenneth ended up doing more than being a pilot. He became my driver from my hotel to the crusades, or if a city was near enough to Tulsa, we would drive. And Kenneth also became the one to prepare the invalids in a special place, a special tent that we had alongside the big 10,000-seat tent for the ambulances and others that brought the sickest people you ever saw to receive prayer. And Kenneth’s job was, when I was preaching, to be listening. And at the end of it, while I was getting ready to come into that special tent and lay hands on each invalid, to get up and rephrase in about five minutes, maybe ten, what I had said and to tell them what I was going to do.

I was going to touch each one in the Name of Jesus.

And as the months went by I saw that Ken was doing such a great

job which, by the way, was the first experience he’d ever had in anything like this. I would know that Kenneth was always by my side, sometimes whispering something in my ear about a particular sick person. And I remember once, when we came to a severe cancer case and I turned to Kenneth and I said, “Kenneth, you lay your hands on this person.” And Kenneth had never done that, but he was courageous and he went over and prayed at that time the best he knew how and I wasn’t quite pleased with the strength and the enthusiasm of his prayer. So he remembers this: That in a very strong voice, I said, “In the Name of the lion of the tribe of Judah, rise up and be healed!”

He said that was one of the most impressive things for his life and for his future ministry.

Kenneth was like that. When we were driving from the hotel to the crusade and auditoriums under the big tent, he had been told by my men, “Don’t talk unless Brother Roberts addresses you,” because I had my mind on my message and on my attitude. Sometimes I did engage him. And if I had something burning in my heart, and I saw he was going into the ministry, I would lay it on him. I had no idea what a fantastic memory this young man had. I think Ken was maybe 28 or 29 at that time.

But I got to know Ken and Gloria.



They had a merging of my ministry, of the healing ministry, of the seed-faith ministry that I had introduced to the world, and Brother Hagin’s fantastic ministry on faith and the Word of God.”

—Oral Roberts





1966: Kenneth Copeland with Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association's plane

Later on in their life at Oral Roberts University, they came in contact with the different ministries. Brother Hagin had a tremendous influence on them, and I remember Gloria telling me of the tapes she had gotten of this tremendous prophet of God and they would listen for hours, especially Gloria. And so they had a merging of my ministry, of the healing ministry, of the seed-faith ministry that I had introduced to the world, and Brother Hagin's fantastic ministry on faith and the Word of God. And there were other ministries that affected their lives.

Well, when it came time for them to leave and to go into their own ministry, we met. One time Evelyn and I went out to the little house that they were renting, which was far below the standards that they had been living in. But they made out because they had a purpose for their lives.

There's so many things I could say about Kenneth Copeland, and about Gloria, but I don't want to take a lot of time. I would like to say a couple, maybe three things, before I'm through.

It was two or three years after he left campus that I began to hear about his ministry. It was emphatic. He had a strong prayer voice. He and she had a passion for the healing of the sick. Their main emphasis was the Word of God. If God says it, that's it. And he went out to fulfill the Word of God and to get as many people as they could.

They got a young man, Jerry, saved down in Louisiana, who later joined their ministry. And the crusades started out small, just like mine did. But they began to grow, and after a while they became a formidable couple for the glory of God.

I met and knew their children, Terri, who later graduated from Oral Roberts University and married one of our male students, George Pearsons, who's now on the Board of Regents of ORU. He's a very, very close friend of President Richard Roberts. Kenneth called me down to the Southwest Believers'

Convention in the auditorium in Fort Worth, which was packed to the rafters. And I preached and I watched him as he ran this great meeting for four or five days. It didn't take long for me to understand that here is a rising man of God. And a rising woman of God in Gloria, very quiet and conservative, who was able to take in what she heard, what she read in the Bible, and of tapes of Brother Hagin, of myself, and various others, and she was growing in the Lord. I didn't realize that someday she was coming to her own powerful ministry and would have healing schools in their crusades and conferences.

I think a turning point came in Kenneth's life after his ministry had become very strong and he had not caught on yet to the power of a letter—of writing a letter to the people who were becoming his partners, which I had done for many years, and he had gotten my letters and appreciated them. But once he and Gloria were spending days with Evelyn and me in the desert, and I took him in a room and sat down with him and opened my Bible. And I said, "Kenneth, you've not yet seen the value of sharing your life and your ministry with the people that are involved in your ministry."

He said, "That's right."

"Well," I said as I thumbed through the New Testament, "do you realize what these books are?"

"Well," he said, "what do you mean?"

I said, "They're letters. They're the letters of the Apostle Paul who wrote maybe 12, 13, 14 of the books. Peter, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John wrote various others. They sat down and they wrote, and these letters were read in the churches and other places. And

that's what we have now as our New Testament."

I could see that Kenneth was not absorbing this, and we kept on talking and I could see that he wasn't really getting it. I've laughed about this many times. I had my Bible in my hand and I threw it at him. And he reached out and picked it up off the floor and I gave it to him. I said, "Kenneth, it's wrong to have a ministry as anointed and powerful as yours and Gloria's and not write letters to your people and share your heart and your faith and your compassion. It's wrong."

"Well," he said, "I'll pray about it."

A few months passed, and I received a letter and it was special. It was just like Kenneth—like listening to him preach or sitting down and talking with you. And to date I've told him this many times. There is no letter from any man of God that I've ever received that surpasses his letter. You who receive his monthly mail know what I'm talking about. It's special. It's anointed and it has taken their ministry to new heights.

Well, I love Kenneth and Gloria. I love their children—John, Terri and Kellie. I love their grandchildren, most of whom are at Oral Roberts University now. I love them as their family. Kenneth is one of the backbones of the Board of Regents of Oral Roberts University and so is his son-in-law, George. Kenneth has a strength, a solidity, a character, a knowledge of the Word of God, a spiritual faithfulness, a brotherly love. And Gloria, in her own quiet, beautiful way, is strong and loving and open to the Spirit of God.

I say to you, Kenneth and Gloria, I love you. I believe in you. I'm proud that you began your ministry and your life at Oral Roberts University. I'm proud, Kenneth, that you were our co-pilot. You were my driver. You were the one who handled my invalid room. I'm proud that you're my friend. And Gloria, I'm so proud that you and this man of God are so strong in our generation. The Lord bless you and the Lord anoint you more and more in the Name of Jesus. Amen and amen.

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LEAVING THE TEARS BEHIND

by Jerry Savelle

THE VALLEY OF BACA. IT'S A LOUSY PLACE TO SPEND THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. YET, IN SPITE OF ALL THE SEASONAL "CHEER," A GREAT MANY PEOPLE END UP THERE THIS TIME OF YEAR. // IF YOU DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE "VALLEY OF BACA" IS, YOU CAN READ ABOUT IT IN PSALM 84.



It's a phrase that means a place of "weeping or misery." A place of crisis and pain. An emotional desert where the dry winds of disappointment constantly blow. And whether it's at Christmas or another time of year, it's a place all of us eventually go.

All of us. Even faith-filled, Holy Spirit-baptized believers.

Somebody may say, "Yes, Brother Jerry, God creates those painful places for us to help us grow."

No, He doesn't. The devil, not God, is the one that brings misery. He's the one

Remember that if you keep talking your misery, you're going to be stuck there.

who comes to kill, steal, and destroy. And that's exactly why he designs those Valleys of Baca—to destroy us. All too often he succeeds.

That's right. Many believers don't make it through the Valley of Baca. They go in there, suffer setbacks and disappointments, and are never heard from again. They give up hope and allow misery to become their permanent dwelling place.

But I'm here to tell you, that's not how the Word of God tells us it should be!

Psalm 84:5, 6 says, "Blessed is the man whose strength is in God...Who *passing through the valley of Baca...*"

Did you notice that last phrase? *Passing through the valley of Baca.* Passing through! The valley of misery or weeping is not meant to be a permanent dwelling place. It's simply a place the people of God occasionally pass through.

You've got to remember that. Baca doesn't last forever. So don't lay down your faith and die when you get there. No! Stand up and say, "This is not where I live. This is not God's best for me. I'm just passing through!"

Here's something else you need to know about Baca. It can be a place of blessings! Psalm 84 says those who trust in God *make [the Valley of Baca] a place of springs; the early rain also fills [the pools] with blessings. They go from strength to strength—increasing in victorious power... (Amplified).*

Blessings Await You!

Did you hear that? There are blessings for you in Baca if you'll trust God as you pass through it. What's more, you can come out the other side stronger than you've ever been before.

If you'll stand on the Word, that battle with sickness, that financial trouble, that time of misery the devil puts you through will just give you another story to tell about how powerful God is. It will just give you

another testimony about how He gave you the victory. You can come out of Baca so full of faith and rejoicing that the devil will be sorry he ever messed with you.

You may be thinking, “Well, that all sounds great. But I’ve been in Baca, brother...and it can be rough!”

I know it. That’s why I want us to look at the writings of the psalmist David. He was a man who knew what Baca was all about. He knew what it was like to be betrayed by people he thought loved him. He knew what it was to live as a fugitive under a threat of death and to be unjustly accused. Every aspect of misery that you and I go through, this man experienced in

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some way or another.

In Psalm 3, verse 1, he says, *Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God.*

David found that when he was in Baca, there seemed to be a lot of people who thought their call in life was to talk him out of believing God. And when you’re in Baca, you’re going to find the same thing.

You’re going to find an abundance of people, most of them sincere Christian people, who are eager to convince you that there is no help for you in God.

“All this faith stuff won’t help,” they’ll say. “Why, we know Brother So-and-so, and when he was in Baca, he believed what you believe and he died. We know Brother Such-and-such, and he was believing God for finances when he came to Baca and he lost everything he had. Went totally bankrupt.”

David heard that kind of junk when he was going through rough times; I’ve heard that kind of junk when I’ve been going through rough times; and you’re going to hear it too. The question is, How are you going to respond to it?

Start Talking Faith!

Are you going to hang your head and agree with it? Are you going to say, “Well, I guess you’re right. I guess I’d just better learn to live with this misery. After all, it looks like it’s here to stay.”

That’s not what David said! He started talking faith. He said, “Many are they that say of my soul, there is no help for him in God. BUT THOU, O LORD, ART A SHIELD FOR ME; MY GLORY, AND THE LIFTER OF MY HEAD!”

As you read through the Psalms, you’ll find David always did that. There were many times when he was in such deep misery that he couldn’t help talking about it. But his psalms never end with misery. No, before it’s over, he always starts talking about his covenant with God. He always starts talking faith.

You can see an example of that in Psalm 6:6. There David is talking about his pain. “My bed is swimming in tears,” he says. But then, right in the middle of his anguish, he gets hold of himself. It dawns on him that talking his misery isn’t helping him.

Suddenly he says, “Depart from me!” He’s talking to his own head and his own soul. He’s talking to all the people that have told him faith’s not going to work. *Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. Let all mine enemies be ashamed....*

Next time you’re in Baca, remember what David did. Remember that if you keep talking your misery, you’re going to be stuck there. But if you start talking your covenant with God and talking faith, you can keep moving on through!

Now, let’s look at David in one more situation. Let’s look at how he handled a Baca that was designed by the enemy to destroy him. And let’s see how God turned it around. The story of it is found in 1 Samuel, chapter 30. David and his men had been away from their homes on a military mission. When they got back, they found their whole town, all their homes, had been burned to the ground and every member of their families had been taken captive. There was no one left.

When David and his men rode up and saw that devastating sight, the distress and discouragement that came on them was so overwhelming that the Bible says, “[They] lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more strength to weep.”

These were all grown men. Mighty men of valor. But they were so distraught, they cried until they couldn’t cry anymore. Then, for David, the situation got even worse because while they were crying, his men decided he was to blame for it all.

So there was David. Not only had his home been burned and his family been taken captive, but his men had decided they wanted to kill him. That’s Baca folks, any way you look at it. Bad Baca!

Verse 6 says, “David was greatly distressed; for the men spoke of stoning him, because the soul of them were all bitterly grieved, each man for his sons and daughters; but David encouraged himself.”

BUT DAVID ENCOURAGED HIMSELF! Notice that didn’t say, “God encouraged David.” It didn’t say, “The pastor came by and encouraged David.” It said, “David encouraged himself.”

One other translation says, “He strengthened himself.” How did he do it? He started talking his covenant. He started remembering his covenant. David was a covenant-minded man. And when he sat there in all that pain, that agony, that misery, knowing that his men wanted to stone him, instead of just accepting defeat, he sat there



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and began to think about God.

He began to think, "Hey, God is the lifter of my head! God is my shield! God is my fortress! If God be for me, who can be against me?"

Then he stood up and asked a crucial question. "God," he said, "what do You want me to do?"

And God answered him and said, "PURSUE: for you shall surely overtake them, and without fail recover all!"

Notice, when David inquired of the Lord saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" God didn't say, "No, son, you're pretty torn up about this. You'd better just sit there and lick your wounds."

No, He said, "Pursue!"

Next time you find yourself in Baca, you need to ask God the same thing David did. You need to say "God, shall I just take this sitting down? Shall I just sit here and die? Do I just sit here when the enemy has invaded my home and let him carry off my family and my health and my money?"

If you do, God will tell you just what He told David every time. He'll say, "Pursue!"

When David and his men followed that command, they did just exactly what God said they'd do. They recovered all! They got back their wives and their sons and their daughters, all the goods that were stolen, and they took the enemy's livestock as well. So they returned home with more than they lost!

Take a lesson from that. When you're in pain and misery, don't sit there until you die. Get up and be aggressive. Take charge! Do what David did and encourage yourself, strengthen yourself in the Lord your God.

Go back in there and get those faith tapes and listen to them again. Get your Bible out and start reading again. Get yourself to church and let somebody preach to you.

Encourage yourself! Don't wait for somebody to come along with a special anointing for encouragement. Encourage yourself! PURSUE and you shall surely overtake them, and without fail, recover all! 🙌



1970: Jerry Savelle, right, ministering with Kenneth Copeland

TRIBUTE FROM JERRY SAVELLE

Where do I begin in expressing how much Kenneth and Gloria Copeland mean to the Savelle family?

As most of you know, it began way back in 1969 when I was running from the call of God on my life, and Carolyn said to me these now famous words: "If you don't like this preacher, then I'll never ask you to go again, but I promise you, he's not like the rest."

Of course, she was speaking of Kenneth Copeland. And she was right. He was not like the rest! Not only his message, but also his boldness immediately got my attention. I thought to myself, *Finally, John Wayne has come to the pulpit!*

My life was never to be the same after that night, and I certainly had no idea at that time that it would begin a lifelong journey with these wonderful people of faith.

Our entire family was, and still is to this day, deeply affected by their unwavering commitment to the Word and their

uncompromising stand upon it.

Forty-eight years have come and gone, and the Savelle family is still declaring that throughout eternity, "beautiful are the feet" of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland for bringing us the good news of the gospel that changed our lives forever.

Congratulations, Brother Copeland and Gloria, on 50 years of powerful ministry that have impacted hundreds of millions of people all over the world. And please know that Jerry Savelle will continue to be one of your biggest fans!

With much love,
Jerry and Carolyn Savelle



FOR MORE ABOUT JERRY SAVELLE, AND TO SEE A VIDEO TRIBUTE TO THE COPELANDS, GO TO: KCM.ORG/JERRY

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STEPPING INTO GOD'S SUPPLY

SHANNON STEWART COULDN'T HELP SMILING AS SHE LET HERSELF INTO THEIR BEAUTIFUL NEW APARTMENT IN ST. CHARLES, MO. ALTHOUGH SHE AND MICAH HAD BEEN MARRIED FOR JUST UNDER A YEAR, THINGS COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MUCH BETTER. SHE ENJOYED HER JOB AS A BANK TELLER, AND MICAH LOVED HIS JOB IN THE IT DEPARTMENT AT AN INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOGETHER, THEIR COMBINED INCOME HAD BEEN MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THEM TO SIGN A LEASE ON THIS STUNNING TWO-STORY APARTMENT.

by Melanie Henry

Shannon looked around her new home and decided to clean a little before Micah got home from work. Humming, she skipped up the stairs.

In some ways, they couldn't have been more different.

Micah loved volunteering at church, even taking his vacation time to do it. He embraced his church family as if they were blood. He enjoyed being the first to arrive at church and the last to leave. He'd probably live there if it were possible.

Shannon grew up in a church family, but

it was so dysfunctional that they'd fought all the time. Disillusioned, she'd stopped going to church altogether for a few years. Then, six months before meeting Micah, she'd rededicated her life to the Lord and started going back to church. Unlike her husband, though, she preferred arriving five seconds after service began and leaving right after it ended. She didn't want to get involved and become disillusioned again.

As Shannon reflected, Micah stepped into the bedroom. Tall, dark and handsome, he still took her breath away. But he



had an odd look on his face.

“I have two months left to work,” he said. “They’re closing down the IT department.”

A Second Hit

“Micah looked shell shocked,” Shannon remembers. “He’d worked for State Farm® for seven years since graduating from college. He loved his job and losing it sent him into a depression; it changed him. He sent his résumé out everywhere.

“Before his job ended at State Farm, he was offered a position with GMAC Insurance. They hired him on a contract basis, but we weren’t worried about that. My brother had been hired on a contract basis for another company and he worked there a long time. The job at GMAC came with an increase in pay, so we took out a \$15,000 loan and bought a Jeep to replace my car which had died and wasn’t worth repairing.

“During this time I’d had a miscarriage and stopped working. A few days after Micah started his new job, I found out I was pregnant again. We were thrilled! Everything seemed to be working out well. Since Micah made so much money, I didn’t rush out and look for a new job. If possible, I hoped to take a year to stay home with the baby.”

Six months later, Shannon had just started dinner when Micah walked into the kitchen. “You’ll never guess what I was just told,” he said.

“What?”

“I’m getting laid off again. They’re going to outsource their IT work to India.”

Shannon felt numb with shock. She was entering her third trimester of pregnancy and Micah was about to be out of work.

Again!

“You know what?” Shannon said with more confidence than she felt, “God will make a way.”

No Bouncing Back

In December 2007, six months before Micah lost his job at State Farm, the U.S. housing bubble had burst to the tune of \$8 trillion. That loss thrust the country into what was later termed the Great Recession. It was the worst financial crisis in the country since the Great Depression. Although the worst of it lasted until June 2009, its effect on the economy lasted until 2010 and beyond. This time, when Micah sent out his résumé there wasn't so much as

a nibble of interest. Companies weren't hiring. Many were downsizing or going out of business.

"By the time Micah worked his last day at GMAC, I was eight months pregnant," Shannon says. "The first thing we tried to do was get out of our apartment lease. We explained that I was pregnant and we were both out of work. It didn't matter; they wouldn't release us. We were soon behind on all of our payments and were using credit cards to survive. I felt as though God had abandoned us. We knew we must have done something wrong, but had no idea what it was.

In addition to the baby Shannon was carrying, she had a son, Jared, who was 5 years old, and Micah had a son and daughter, Levi and Abigail, from a previous marriage.

"Micah was so depressed that his father and I were worried about him," Shannon recalls "I felt so alone. The stress had taken a huge toll on our marriage. Things were so bad that I felt certain the rest of my life would be miserable. I had no idea where to turn."

Step of Faith

One day, as the two worked to get the nursery ready for their new baby, Micah asked Shannon, "Are you familiar with Kenneth Copeland Ministries?"

Micah had grown up reading books by E.W. Kenyon, a minister and Bible scholar who'd lived from 1867 to 1948. He had studied all of Kenyon's teachings, especially those on healing. During that time, the Lord told him to start listening to Kenneth Copeland as well.

"No, who is he?"
 "He's a minister I grew up listening to," Micah explained. "We can get his teachings on our computer and I think we need to start listening to them."

Going to the computer, Micah pulled up the video of one of KCM's most recent conventions and they listened to the first session. Then the second. And the third. Before long, they were listening to messages on faith 24/7.

Kenneth Copeland talked a lot about prayer, which convicted Shannon that she should pray more and expect results. She had a prayer language, but seldom used it. From that point on, every day

she started going into their closet with a CD player and listening to Kenneth Copeland. Then she prayed asking, "Lord, what's our next step?"

On Feb. 1, 2008, Shannon gave birth to a son, Kaden Kenyon Stewart, named for E.W. Kenyon.

"I had gotten a GED, so I didn't have a lot of marketable skills to help us earn a living," Shannon recalls. "When Kaden was 3 months old, Micah and I both went to work in a restaurant as servers. We staggered our shifts so that one of us was always at home with the children. Then I added a second job at another restaurant. I would work one job from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., go home and take a nap, and then work the second job from 4 p.m. until 10 or 11 p.m."

Still, their combined income wasn't enough to pay the rent.

"We would have lost everything except that Micah's dad helped with our bills," said Shannon. "We were both so confused, stressed and frustrated that we argued and fought. More than anything else we wondered what we'd done to get ourselves in such a mess."

The Next Step

In the fall of 2008, Micah and Shannon heard that a church in Farmington, Mo., was hosting Kellie Copeland, Kenneth Copeland's daughter, as a guest speaker. They visited the church, and the Lord told them to join. In retrospect, Shannon recalled that it didn't make sense financially. The church was two hours away from where they lived. However, they'd been asking God for their next step and this was all they'd been told to do.

After joining the church, the Lord told Shannon to begin volunteering, so Shannon offered to clean the church. Instead, the pastor asked her to work in the church office as his secretary. One perk included in her volunteer position was that she got to take Kaden to work with her, which meant she didn't have to be concerned about paying for child care.

In 2009, the lease on their apartment was up. With no ties left, Micah and Shannon moved from St. Charles to Farmington, where they had found a worn little mobile home that rented for \$300 a month. The first night in their

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Sun	1	Gen. 1-3	Matt. 1-2
Mon	2	Gen. 4-5	Matt. 3
Tue	3	Gen. 6-7	Matt. 4
Wed	4	Gen. 8-9	Matt. 5
Thu	5	Gen. 10-11	Matt. 6
Fri	6	Gen. 12-13	Matt. 7
Sat	7	Gen. 14-15	Matt. 8
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Sun	8	Gen. 16-18	Matt. 9-10
Mon	9	Gen. 19-20	Matt. 11
Tue	10	Gen. 21-22	Matt. 12
Wed	11	Gen. 23-24	Matt. 13
Thu	12	Gen. 25-26	Matt. 14
Fri	13	Gen. 27-28	Matt. 15
Sat	14	Gen. 29-30	Matt. 16
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Sun	15	Gen. 31-33	Matt. 17-18
Mon	16	Gen. 34-35	Matt. 19
Tue	17	Gen. 36-37	Matt. 20
Wed	18	Gen. 38-39	Matt. 21
Thu	19	Gen. 40-41	Matt. 22
Fri	20	Gen. 42-43	Matt. 23
Sat	21	Gen. 44-45	Matt. 24
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Sun	22	Gen. 46-48	Matt. 25-26
Mon	23	Gen. 49-50	Matt. 27
Tue	24	Ex. 1-2	Matt. 28
Wed	25	Ex. 3-4	Mark 1
Thu	26	Ex. 5-6	Mark 2
Fri	27	Ex. 7-8	Mark 3
Sat	28	Ex. 9-10	Mark 4
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Sun	29	Ex. 11-13	Mark 5-6
Mon	30	Ex. 14-15	Mark 7
Tue	31	Ex. 16-17	Mark 8

“Through all those dark times, we often called KCM for prayer. They not only prayed for us, they taught us, they encouraged us and they stuck by us.”

new home, Shannon woke to check on the baby and found the entire place covered in cockroaches. The mobile home park, they learned, was famous for drug addicts and meth labs.

Every day when Shannon pulled into the gravel driveway after work, she wept.

“Our pastor started teaching from Malachi 3:8,” Shannon remembers. “It says, ‘Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.’”

As we listened to him teach on tithes and offerings, we realized why we were in such financial straits,” Shannon recalled. “We’d been robbing God! The church we had attended before had taught that tithing was optional. If you could afford to tithe, you should. If not, you shouldn’t. We got confused and thought that it must not matter, so we had stopped tithing. Now that we knew better, we had no income.

“Soon afterward, Micah got a job at the Southeast Missouri Mental Health Facility and tithed on his first check. About that same time, a cute little apartment opened up for \$500 a month and we rented it. The church where I worked appreciated what I did, but couldn’t afford to pay me. Two months after we started tithing, the board met and decided to take over the lease on our apartment!

Effective Doors of Ministry

“I worked as a secretary for 18 months, until our pastor left, and I was asked to fill in as the praise and worship leader. They asked Micah to preach on Wednesday evenings and paid us \$200 a week.

“A few months later, I was asked to be the youth director. The church brought in an interim pastor and Micah became his right-hand man. The pastor asked Micah to teach healing school on Tuesday evenings. Micah loved doing it and put together a packet of information

on healing. Another pastor got a copy of it and was healed. The pastor was so delighted that, with Micah’s permission, he asked his graphic artist to turn the information into a book called *Healed, Healthy and Whole in Jesus’ Name*. They bought the first 500 copies and Micah gave them away as well, blessing people even in other countries. Micah put it on iBooks for free.

“During that same time, the administrator of E.W. Kenyon’s twitter account offered to let Micah take it over. It has now reached 4,000 followers and is growing daily as people are blessed.”

In 2011, Shannon was pregnant again and praying for her replacement as youth director. God had given her a heart for the kids who hung out at the skate park, many who lived in difficult circumstances. They welcomed them into the youth group and it had grown to a large, fun group of kids. Just before the baby was due, God sent a couple to take over the youth.

On Dec. 19, 2011, Micah and Shannon’s son, Logan, was born. Afterward, Shannon was asked to start a singles group. Gone were the days of slipping in and out of church unnoticed. Like Micah, she now considered her church as almost a second home.

Free of Debt

By the time they’d started tithing again, in addition to their credit card debt, Micah and Shannon had another \$44,000 of debt. Once they started tithing, they paid off one credit card with a tax refund, and got rid of another \$11,000 debt by trading their car in for a minivan, which left them with no car payment.

Two years after they started tithing, they were out of debt.

“We now had five children and were living in a three-bedroom house. I started praying and believing for a big house with five bedrooms, and land.



My brother-in-law was single when he bought a five-bedroom house on three and a half acres, which needed a lot of work. After remodeling it, he married and they wanted something different. He let us buy it for less than \$100,000.

“In January 2015, the Lord impressed me to volunteer in the community. I started helping at the Pregnancy Resource Center. In June of that same year, they hired me as their Director of Development. My role is to raise funds and God gives me creative and witty ideas. I speak at churches and organizations and get to help save babies by empowering their parents. We teach them parenting skills to help their children grow into productive adults.

“As I look back over our journey, I can honestly say that without partnership with KCM, our marriage would not have survived. Through all those dark times, we often called KCM for prayer. They not only prayed for us, they taught us, they encouraged us and they stuck by us. Learning to live by faith saved our marriage, changed our lives and is now impacting a new generation.”

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ULCERATED LEG MIRACULOUSLY HEALED

God is so good and faithful! I've been standing on God's Word, Jesus' Name and His finished works and shed blood, in the midst of some long-standing health challenges and other fallout as a result. However, I've been doing your studies at bvov.org with the Holy Spirit's help.

In December 2015, I had a blister show up on my lower left leg. It became seriously ulcerated, and by the time the nurse saw it, it was a large, festering, heart-shaped wound. Before it was unwrapped, Jesus had already reassured me I would heal well. The infection was causing severe pain throughout my body. Miraculously, from one Friday to the next, it was completely healed over with new skin. There was no drainage and my body was not bloated. In surprise, the nurse stated, "It's healed! Look!"

I prayed, stood on the Word and the finished work of Jesus, and I'm healed. Sara at KCM prayed for and with me and stood in agreement for my healing. I am so grateful! I just want to thank all of you at KCM for your wonderful, marvelous efforts, support and faithfulness to God and your brethren. May God bless all of you beyond measure always in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Katherine H.
Cambridge, Ontario

Thank God for the Believer's Voice of Victory Network!

Such quality programming with an uncompromised gospel. It has changed me, that's for sure!"

J.N. | Ohio

YOU HAVE TOUCHED THE HEART OF A TEXAS RANCHER

Brother Copeland, I have been an avid viewer of all religious programs on satellite TV. Then one day, BVOVN showed up.

During your Believers' Convention broadcast I heard Jerry [Saville] explain how it all transpired. Immediately, I felt God manifest Himself to and through me. When BVOVN began, I literally stopped watching almost all of the other programs.

For years I had yearned for something more. Even though most of the programs provided me with something my spirit needed, they just did not get into the Word and preach. Today, I seldom watch anything else. I have no doubt that God is using your ministry to reach millions before His triumphant return. Please know that you have touched the heart of another old Texas rancher who needed to hear the

Word. One of these days I know God will help me find a seat at a Believers' Convention. I've put it on my bucket list. My ranch is your ranch. May God continue to bless you and yours. I love you, brother.

Mark D. | Leona, Texas

FRACTURED WRIST HEALED IN FOUR WEEKS!

My husband and I listen to the KCM broadcast every morning. In January, I fractured my wrist and this was while I was caring for my mother who had advanced Alzheimer's. We were listening to Kenneth Copeland and Terry Mize when Terry Mize said someone is getting healed from a broken wrist. I believed and received the healing. I had seen the doctor after two weeks and he had said

surgery was still on the table. He wanted to see me again in two weeks. After I received the healing, I went back to the doctor, he X-rayed my wrist and told me the fracture had completely healed...in just four weeks! Praise God!

Our faith has been strengthened through the time we spend in the Word with Kenneth and Gloria and their guests. We look forward to it every day! Thank you!

Jo Anne L. | Hoover, Ala.

HEALED—NO OPERATION NEEDED!

A few months ago, I asked for prayer for my daughter regarding her eyes. I am excited to testify that today she went for her follow-up appointment at the hospital and the report we received is that she does not need an operation. There has been a huge improvement in her vision! We thank God for her complete healing!

G.P. | Essex, England

'OUT OF THE HOSPITAL'

Thank you for the prayer when I phoned the prayer line Sept. 8, 2016. My grandson came out of the hospital the next day. Praise God!

P.M. | England

ENCOURAGED AND UPLIFTED

The Partner Community has been very uplifting and strengthening of my faith. A friend was given the ultimate healing when he went home to the Lord a few weeks ago. He was a staff member of our Healing Team, and we had been believing for his healing for over 18 months when he was sent home with three weeks to live. My faith took a dive and when I updated the prayer team at KCM, they were very encouraging and uplifting. The day of his memorial service, Monarch butterflies were flying up and down the ramp and all around us as we walked to the church for the service. We really felt it was a sign from the Lord. It was like we all knew that our beloved friend was in total freedom. It was beautiful and peaceful.

Christine G.
Auckland, New Zealand

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WHAT YOU KNOW
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The WORD is true. It works every time.



—Kenneth Copeland

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, “Whoever 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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Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (money). Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:24-33).



SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

IN THESE VERSES OF SCRIPTURE, JESUS STATES THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN LIFE: *SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS*. :: WHAT EXACTLY IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD? SOME PEOPLE THINK IT IS HEAVEN, BUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN ITS LITERAL SENSE IS NOT HEAVEN.

Heaven is the place where God resides, but the kingdom of God involves more than that. The kingdom of God is basically God Himself because He cannot be separated from His kingdom. He *is* the kingdom. Without Him, the kingdom would not even exist.

The kingdom of God includes more than heaven, just as the kingdom of earth is more than this planet. The kingdom of earth includes the atmosphere around it and the laws that

govern it. The kingdom of God is the world of the spirit. It is governed by God and by the laws of God.

As Christians, we operate by spiritual laws—the same laws that govern God’s kingdom. In Romans 8:1-2 the Apostle Paul wrote, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and



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death.” We are to live on this planet, in this time and hour, by the law of life that governs the world of the spirit, rather than by the law of sin and death that governs the world of the natural.

When you made Jesus The LORD of your life, you were reborn from death to life. First John 5:1 says, “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.” Being born of God entitles you to citizenship in the kingdom of God. In Luke 12:32 Jesus said, “Fear

not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” You don’t own a part of the kingdom of God, you own it all!

But Jesus named two things in Matthew 6:33 that we are to seek. He told us to seek (1) the kingdom of God and (2) His righteousness. Knowing we are citizens in the Kingdom is tremendous, but without a revelation of righteousness, we will never know the reality of our kingdom rights.

Righteousness is right-standing with God. It is a free gift that is received by faith, not by feelings. Romans 3:21-22 says righteousness has been made manifest by faith in Jesus Christ. It has already come.

Looking Through God’s Eyes

Let’s look at this through God’s eyes. God sees the believer through His WORD. He sees us in Christ Jesus. He doesn’t look at us the way we look at ourselves. We need to see ourselves the way God sees us, then we will be able to act like what we see. What God sees is what we really are. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, we have been made the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ. We may not feel like it or look like it, but nevertheless it is true. We are the Body of Christ in the earth today—one spirit with Him, bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh, filled with His mighty Holy Spirit.

It is strengthening to realize that we have a right-standing with God. It causes us to expect results when we pray. I have learned to put confidence and faith in my right-standing with God—not because of anything I have done, but because of what Jesus has done for me.

We have been given the kingdom of God and we have a standing in that kingdom that is equal to Jesus’ own standing. God loves us as much as He loved Jesus during His earthly ministry. The Bible says that in God there is no variableness or shadow of turning (James 1:17). He does not vary. He is the same today as He was 2,000 years ago. He loves you



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and me right now with the same love, the same dedication, the same devotion that is beyond all human understanding. He loves us with that abounding, abundant, powerful love with which He loves Jesus right now. In Ephesians 2, we can read a magnificent description of God's love toward His Church. Verses 6 and 7 tell that He has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places with Jesus for *one* reason: "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Verse 10 says "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." We need to allow our place in Christ Jesus to take its place in us.

God's Will

It is God's will for us to own the Kingdom. Remember what Jesus said: "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

It is God's will for us to live above this present, evil world. Colossians 1:12-13 says, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (or able) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

It is God's will for us to walk in newness of life and in the likeness of Christ. Paul wrote the church at Galatia, "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you" (Galatians 4:19). We are predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son.

As citizens in the kingdom of God, we have been given rights and privileges and freedoms to enjoy—every single thing that right-standing with God will provide—not as servants, but as sons (Galatians 4:7). Romans 8:16-17 says, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,

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JESUS is LORD

that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." Our citizenship is in the kingdom of God. We are not citizens of this world. We are *in* the world, but not *of* it. Living in the kingdom of God is a pleasure and privilege that is almost more than the human mind can comprehend. God didn't have to bring us into His kingdom. He didn't have to send Jesus to die for us. But He did! And we will be able to spend eternity with Him. Praise God!

Jesus said in John 16:13-15, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." This is an open invitation for the Spirit of God to show us the very insides of God Himself.

Man was created in God's class and we are capable of receiving revelation and knowledge directly from God. By living in His kingdom, away from the authority of satan, with Jesus as our LORD, we are open to the teaching and training of the Holy Spirit. The nature of man is trainable: His spirit is trainable, his mind is trainable, and his body is trainable. He was created that way so that he can expand his ability. God created the human being with the capacity to increase in productivity. We are capable of developing God's unlimited capacity of success.

It is a magnificent blessing to be a citizen of the kingdom of God and have such a close relationship with the Father. He is the God of the universe and we are His very own children! He wants to bless and prosper us as His family, so that we can go forth in His power—not only to rule over the evil in the world, but to feed the world.

JESUS IS LORD 📌

"Jesus Is Lord!"

If you've been connected with Kenneth Copeland Ministries for any length of time, you probably recognize that slogan as a vital part of every Believer's Voice of Victory television broadcast, every BVOV magazine and every KCM meeting held around the world.

It's been that way for 50 years now, as Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have declared, "Jesus Is LORD!" over the world and its nations time and again. They have confessed it over families and individuals. They have boldly declared it over national elections and government leaders on every level. They have used their faith year after year to profess *Jesus is LORD* over every kind of sickness,

disease, famine and global calamity.

It began when, as Brother Copeland was reading his Bible in his bedroom, 1 Corinthians 12:3 exploded with meaning in his heart: "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." At that moment, Brother Copeland decided he was going to declare those words all the time, and over every situation. The rest of that afternoon he walked around declaring the lordship of Jesus: "Jesus is LORD. Jesus is LORD over my body. Jesus is LORD over my mind. Jesus is LORD over my spirit. Jesus is LORD over this bedroom. Jesus is LORD over my clothes. Jesus is LORD over my car. Jesus is LORD over this ministry. Jesus is LORD over anything that has to do with me, because I make Jesus The LORD over my life." He wrote "Jesus Is LORD!" every time he had a pen in his hand, and ended his letters with the same confession. He even had a plaque made for the front door of his home,

announcing to every person who stepped onto the porch, "Jesus Is LORD!"

"Jesus Is LORD!" not only became the theme for his ministry, it is the theme for his life.

The Bible says every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11). The day is coming when everyone, Christian or not, will bow and confess *Jesus is LORD*. He is the undisputed Savior of the universe.

Every person on earth can be saved by believing and making that declaration now! We hope you have had your own personal moment when you came to the same conclusion Brother Copeland did 50 years ago.

The entire staff of KCM joins Kenneth and Gloria in declaring: "God loves you. We love you. And, JESUS IS LORD!" 📌

by
Gloria
Copeland

HOW TO GET HEALED— Anytime

IT'S REALLY NOT HARD TO RECEIVE HEALING. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BELIEVE GOD'S WORD AND REFUSE TO LET THE DEVIL TALK YOU OUT OF IT.

WHAT MAKES HEALING SEEM DIFFICULT SOMETIMES IS THAT WE TRY TO RECEIVE IT OUR OWN WAY.

Instead of just going to the Word and accepting what God says, with childlike simplicity, we get tangled up in past experiences and unscriptural ideas. We get our attention over

on symptoms and give in to the devil's deceptions. Then, when we fail to get results, we think God is the problem and we pray up a storm trying to get Him to change.

As most of us have discovered, however, that just doesn't work.

God never changes (Malachi 3:6) because He's always right. His ways are always perfect. He's never the One who's missing it, so when our prayers for healing aren't producing results, where the change needs to take place is in us.

This is what Jesus told His disciples in Matthew 13:15. He said the reason the religious people of His day were failing to receive from His ministry was because "...their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted [or changed], and I should heal them."

While that's a sobering statement, it actually gives us some very good news about healing. It tells us that any time we see, hear and understand with our heart what the Word of God is saying, if we will change our thinking in accordance with it, we'll be healed.

Think of it! Anytime we'll agree with God, we can receive healing!

Anytime we're willing to set aside the circumstances, or the doctor's report, or the religious doctrines we've been taught and just take God at His Word, His healing power will be released in us. We don't have to wait for our church to have a special healing meeting or for some special anointed person to come pray for us. We don't have to wait for anything. We can just find out what the Bible says, change what we believe so that we're in agreement with it and be healed. Anytime!

"What does the Bible say about healing that I need to agree with?" you might ask.

For one thing, it says that healing is always God's will; He always wants His people well. He's always saying to us, as His people, the same thing He said to the Israelites in Exodus 15:26, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Contrary to what some have been taught, the Scriptures don't say anywhere that it's God's will for His people to be sick. There's not one verse in the Bible that indicates He

ever gets glory out of sickness, or that He puts it on people to teach them something. Those are just religious traditions the devil concocted to make the Word of God "of none effect" in our lives (Matthew 15:6).

What the Bible reveals is that wherever God's will is done unhindered, sickness doesn't have any place at all. There's no sickness in heaven, for instance, where everything goes exactly the way God wants. And in the beginning, when things on earth were going according to God's will, there wasn't any sickness here, either. God didn't put any diseases in the Garden of Eden when He created it for Adam to live in. He created everything on earth to be "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

That goodness got messed up, of course, when Adam sinned and the devil usurped his authority. But when Jesus came on the scene He showed us God's perfect will once again. He did things exactly the way God wanted, which meant when great multitudes of sick people came to Him for help, "he healed them all" (Matthew 12:15).

I've never understood how anyone could read about the ministry of Jesus and still think it's God's will for some people to be sick. It doesn't make sense. If God wants some people sick, certainly Jesus would have come across at least one of them when He was on earth. He surely would have said to at least one of the multiplied thousands who asked Him to heal them, "No, I'm sorry. It's not My Father's will for you to be well. You'll have to stay sick."

But Jesus never said that! Not to anyone, anytime, anywhere. Instead, He responded to everyone who reached out to Him in much the same way He responded in Mark 1:41 to the leper who said to Him, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."

"I will," Jesus answered, "be thou clean."

Not One Feeble Among Millions

Another thing the Bible says about healing is that, no matter what the circumstances, God has more than enough power to get the job done. Just look at

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE



It's really not hard to receive healing. All you have to do is believe God's Word and refuse to let the devil talk you out of it. Here are some points to get you there:

1

Find out what God says about healing and agree with it and you can be healed anytime. Matthew 13:15

2

Healing is always God's will. Psalm 103:2-3

3

When Jesus was ministering on earth He never refused to heal anyone. Luke 6:19

4

Not only did Jesus pay the price for sin, He liberated you completely, spirit, soul and body. Isaiah 53:5

5

Sickness is as much a work of Satan as sin itself, and Jesus has defeated it and given you dominion over it. 1 John 3:8

what He did for the Israelites in the book of Exodus, for example. When He delivered them from the bondage of Egypt there were several million of them, and He healed them all at the same time. He brought them out of captivity, as Psalm 105:37 says, with “not one feeble person among their tribes.”

Isn't that amazing? Those people had been living for years as slaves. They'd been underfed, overworked and mistreated. Yet, after God poured out His healing power on them, every single person, from the oldest grandma to the tiniest newborn, was well and strong.

If God could heal a whole nation under those conditions in Old

lovingkindness and tender mercies.” (Psalm 103:2-4)

“My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.” (Proverbs 4:20-22)

As Much Satan's Handiwork as Sin Itself

“But Gloria, those verses are all in the Old Testament. Are you sure they still apply to us today?”

Of course they do. God wouldn't make a way for His people to be healed

who does that, and the thief is Satan, not God. As Jesus said in John 10:10, “The thief comes...to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)” (*The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

The whole purpose of Jesus' ministry was to “destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8)! That's why, when He was on earth, He dominated the devil at every turn: He made crooked bodies straight that Satan had bent over. He cast out demons. He raised from the dead people the devil had killed. He made “the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the

FORGIVENESS & HEALING ARE PART OF THE SAME SPIRITUAL PACKAGE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS REPENT AND YOU CAN RECEIVE THEM BOTH.

Testament times, before people were even born again, He can certainly heal us, as believers, today. His power has not diminished. He isn't wringing His hands, wondering what to do about whatever new disease currently has the experts in an uproar. For anything and everything, God still has the cure.

I think sometimes we as believers forget this! We get so wrapped up in natural facts and medical diagnoses that we lose sight of who God actually is. He's not only our Great Physician, He's Almighty God. He's the Omniscient, Omnipotent Creator of heaven and earth—and it's His power that backs every healing scripture in the Bible. It's His infinite ability that's behind scriptures like:

“Ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.” (Exodus 23:25)

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with

for thousands of years under the Old Covenant and then, after sending Jesus to pay the price for our sins, cut off healing under the New Covenant. That would be absurd! What's more, it would be impossible because, as we've already established, God never changes. With Him there is “no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17). So if He was ever the healer, He still is.

God always has been and always will be an enemy of sickness and disease because it originated with the devil. It's part of the curse that came into the world when Adam fell. It's evil and destructive and it's as much Satan's handiwork as sin itself.

Man-made religions have gotten this wrong. They've told people that God is sometimes the author of sickness. But that's totally untrue. God is the author of righteousness and goodness. He's “gracious, and full of compassion...and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works” (Psalm 145:8-9).

God doesn't go around stealing people's health. He doesn't go around putting diseases on them. It's the thief

blind to see” so that people “glorified the God of Israel” (Matthew 15:31).

For three solid years during His earthly ministry, Jesus was the devil's worst nightmare—and that was just the beginning!

Once He finished His work on earth, He went to the Cross, purchased our complete Redemption, and got back everything the devil had gained through Adam's Fall. He didn't just destroy the work of sin to leave sickness and disease in dominion. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus liberated us completely—spirit, soul and body.

“He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). Or as 1 Peter 2:24 puts it, “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

The Bible actually says if the devil had understood what Jesus was really doing when He went to the cross, he would never have crucified the Lord of glory. That was the worst mistake Satan ever

made. He had no idea that, through Jesus' death and resurrection, He would open the way for people to be born again in Jesus' likeness. He never dreamed that after the crucifixion he'd have to deal with multiplied millions of believers who would walk in Jesus' authority and do the same works.

It was a mystery hidden in God.

A Bad Day for Hell

Don't you know Satan went into shock three days after the Crucifixion when, right before his very eyes, that mystery began to unfold? I'm telling you, that was a bad day for hell!

Just imagine it. The devil and his demonic hoards thought they'd put an end to Jesus. They had Him down there in the pit and they were celebrating because they had the Redeemer of mankind in their clutches. Then suddenly the glory of God came storming in, raised Jesus from the dead and, right there in the devil's own domain, Jesus whipped him! He "spoiled principalities and powers, [and] made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:15). He stripped Satan of his armor and all the authority Adam had given him in the Fall, took away from him the keys of hell and death, and left him with nothing—absolutely nothing at all!

Ever since that moment, the devil has been utterly defeated. The only weapon he has left is the weapon of deception.

That means the only way he can stop you from receiving healing is by lying to you. He has to talk you out of believing the Word of God and into thinking that your condition is hopeless, or that God doesn't care about you, or that for some reason you don't deserve to be healed. If you believe those lies, the devil will continue to dominate you. He'll keep your body sick. But if you'll believe the Word and resist him, he has no recourse, except to flee.

"But Gloria, what if I've sinned? Won't that stop me from receiving healing?"

No! Forgiveness and healing are part of the same spiritual package. All you have to do is repent and you can receive them both at the same time. You can act on James 5:15 and simply believe that "the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

God is quick to forgive and quick to heal. So don't make healing difficult. Make it simple by doing it God's way. Receive His Word, believe it, and don't let the devil talk you out of it.

Agree with God and be healed...anytime! 📌



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