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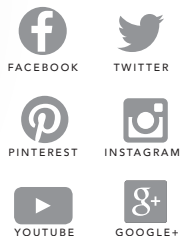


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“THAT’S THE POINT I WANT TO GET ACROSS TO YOU. THE POWER OF GOD IS RELEASED BY YOUR DOING ONLY WHAT HE SAYS TO DO.”

“LORD...?” I said.

Just go do what I tell you to do, He answered.

When I heard that, I got excited! I learned a long time ago that simply listening to The LORD and doing what He says is the surest way there is to get supernatural results. It’s the key to releasing God’s miracle-working power—not only in church services but in every area of life.

Think about the ministry of Jesus and you can see what I mean. His first miracle took place at a wedding. He, His mother and His disciples were guests at the event, and in the middle of the festivities the hosts ran out of wine. You remember the story. Mary took the problem to Jesus.

“They have no more wine!” she said.

“How does that concern you and me?” Jesus asked. “My time has not yet come” (John 2:4, *New Living Translation-96*).

Determined to get the results she wanted, Mary seemingly ignored His question (mamas can get away with that; other people can’t) and, instead, turned to the servants who were standing nearby.

“Whatever He says to you, do it,” she said (verse 5, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Now there were six waterpots of stone standing there...holding twenty to thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to [the servants], Fill the waterpots with water. So they filled them up to the brim. Then He said to them, Draw some out now and take it to the manager of the feast [to the one presiding, the superintendent of the banquet]. So they took him some. And when the manager tasted the water just now turned into wine, not knowing where it came

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

- 1 Jesus’ mother, Mary, wanted a miracle at the wedding and she got one by saying these simple words: “Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.”
[John 2:5](#)
- 2 When the servants did what He said, the water was turned into wine.
[John 2:11](#)
- 3 Mary knew what to tell the servants because she had watched Jesus for years and He lived His entire life listening to and obeying His Father.
[John 5:19](#)
- 4 The Israelites missed out on a miracle in the Promised Land because they were afraid of the giants and wouldn’t do what God said.
[Numbers 13:33](#)
- 5 They didn’t realize until 40 years later that God had already melted the hearts of the giants and had a miracle waiting for them.
[Joshua 2:11](#)

A few months ago, I was fellowshiping with The LORD before an evening service out in Anaheim, Calif. I was having so much fun with Him that before I knew it, it was time for the meeting to start, and I hadn’t yet inquired about what He wanted me to preach. Realizing I didn’t have any idea what I was going to say to the people, I asked Him for direction.



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But you don't!

from—though the servants who had drawn the water knew—he called the bridegroom and said to him, Everyone else serves his best wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then he serves that which is not so good; but you have kept back the good wine until now! This, the first of His signs (miracles, wonderworks), Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory... (John 2:6-11, *AMPC*).

Jesus hadn't even preached the gospel in that situation. He was just a guest at the wedding, yet the glory of God manifested there. A miracle happened simply because Mary told those servants to do whatever Jesus said.

How did she know to give them those instructions? How did she know that if they did what Jesus said, everything would turn out all right?

She'd been watching Him for years, and that's how He lived His entire life! He said it time and again: "I only say what I hear My Father say, and I only do what I see My Father do." (See John 5:19, 8:28, 14:10.)

That's a glorious way to live! I can testify to it, not only from the Scriptures but from my own personal experience. Over the years, every time I've been diligent to listen to The LORD and do what He said, the results have been marvelous. More times than I can count, I've seen the impossible happen simply because I heard Him and obeyed.

Where on Earth Is 'The Revival Capital of the World'?

That's how this ministry ended up out here at Eagle Mountain. I had forgotten this place even existed back in the early 1970s; and I certainly didn't have the money to buy it. Yet one day, as I was

flying over it, heading toward Meacham Field, I heard a voice say, *Coming to you from the Revival Capital of the World!*

It sounded to me like a radio announcer. So, at first, I assumed it was audible. I thought the cockpit audio selector had been bumped up somehow from the high frequency band used for flight transmissions to the low frequency broadcast channel. But when I checked, I saw that wasn't the case.

I realized then, I must have heard the voice within my spirit. *Revival Capital of the World?* I thought. *I know where the Entertainment Capital of the World is. It's in Hollywood. I know where the Country Music Capital of the World is. It's in Nashville. But where is the Revival Capital?*

I didn't have time to think anymore about it right then because I was coming in for a landing and I had to call the approach control. But some while later, one of my board members called me. "There's a piece of property out here north of town you need to go look at," he said.

I went out to see it, and the moment I set my foot on it, I heard the voice again. *This is the Revival Capital of the World, and you're going to build it.*

I found out afterward that the owner of the property was a man by the name of Pruitt. He was 89 years old, had never married, and was in the oil and gas business. He was also a big supporter of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and he loved God.

Although I'd never met him, I could have easily contacted him. But The LORD hadn't said anything to me about that and I didn't want to jump out ahead of Him. I didn't want to try to do something on my own, because that always works to the detriment of the kingdom of God and gets things in a mess.

I'd only been in the ministry a handful of years back then, but I had learned from my time working for Brother Oral Roberts, to be patient and let God take the lead in such situations. So, I said, "LORD, this is Your deal," and waited for Him to give me further instructions.

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Whenever it would come to my mind, I prayed in the spirit about it. I didn't get over into the mental arena and try to figure things out. I didn't go around wondering, *How am I going to build a revival capital?* I didn't even know what a revival capital was! So, I kept it over in the faith arena and after praying in tongues about it, I'd just say, "Thank You for it, LORD!"

Eventually, in 1979, while I was shaving one day I heard The LORD say very clearly, *Go see Mr. Pruitt and tell him, "The LORD has need of that property."*

I made an appointment, went to his house, and after we introduced ourselves to each other, I said exactly what The LORD told me to say. I didn't add anything to it. I didn't put a lot of other words with it to make sure he understood what I meant. I just said, "Mr. Pruitt, The LORD has need of that property."

"Well..." he replied, speaking very slowly, "it's for sale."

I didn't initially know how to respond to that. I'd already said what The LORD had given me, and I didn't want to go beyond His leading, so, I just turned inward. That's what you do in those situations. You don't just start spouting whatever comes to mind. You listen for the next word from The LORD. Sure enough, it came to me.

"Sir, I don't have any money right now," I said, "but God will get it for me."

We sat there for 15 or 20 minutes after that without either of us saying anything. The only sound in the room was the ticktock of the clock on the mantle. Mr. Pruitt rocked back and forth silently in his rocking chair, and I was determined to not say anything until he did, so I stayed quiet too.

Finally, he said, "You come back to see me."

"OK," I answered, and I made another appointment.

When I came back a few weeks later, we went through much the same thing again. This time, at the direction of The LORD, I told Mr. Pruitt, "I don't borrow money." Then, just as before, we

both sat in silence for about 20 minutes.

Eventually, he said, "You come back to see me."

So, I made another appointment.

Don't Push Forward.

Just Hold Steady.

In between the appointments I kept inquiring of The LORD about what else He wanted me to do, but He didn't say anymore to me about it. It seemed like He was talking less about the matter right then than Mr. Pruitt was. So, I just held steady.

That isn't easy to do. As you know if you've been in that position, your flesh tends to get antsy and wants to push forward. You get concerned about how things are going to turn out and think you have to do something.

But you don't!

That's the point I want to get across to you. The power of God is released by your doing only what He says to do. So, once you've done what He said, just stay in faith and roll the care of the situation over on Jesus. He's everything! It's all through Him, for Him, by Him and under Him. So, keep looking to, and waiting on, Him.

When I say wait on Him, I'm not saying, of course, you just sit around and twiddle your thumbs. You keep studying The WORD and strengthening your faith. You keep inquiring of Him and praying in tongues, expecting to receive wisdom. That way, if The LORD wants to give you further instructions, you'll hear Him and be ready to obey. You'll be perfectly positioned for Him to do the impossible for you.

That's what He did for me with the purchase of this property. He kept leading me to show up at the meetings with Mr. Pruitt and repeat what God had told me until at the third meeting, Mr. Pruitt presented me with a plan.

"I know you don't borrow money," he said, "but do you have anything against paying rent?"

"No, sir. I haven't found anything in the Bible that's against rent."

"All right, then. I'm going to divide the property into four equal parts. All

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More times than I can count, I've seen the impossible happen simply because I heard Him and obeyed.

That's a glorious way to live!"

your rent will go toward the fourth quarter. When you pay for that quarter, I'll deed it to you, and your rent will start going toward the next quarter. I won't charge you any interest on the rent. If God tells you to do something else, all you need to do is give me two weeks' notice and you can walk away. Does that suit you?"

Certainly, it suited me! It was a marvelous plan. On my own I would have never come up with it. But, then, I didn't have to. The LORD was leading him to come up with it, and He was leading me to be quiet.

At Mr. Pruitt's request, my ministry board members were present at that meeting and he asked one of them to write up a contract, setting the total price of the property at several million dollars, divided into quarters. The contract was so simple it fit on a single sheet of letter-sized paper. Mr. Pruitt and I both signed it and then he handed it back to me. "Now rewrite that exactly like it is except take a million dollars off the price," he said. "I'm going to be the first donor."

I was totally stunned. I hadn't seen that coming! Then, he added something else. "Kenneth, there's a lot of gravel on this property," he said. "A major cement company has been after me to mine it, and I told them they should talk to you about it."

"Does that mean I should call them as soon as I get the first quarter paid for?" I asked.

"No, son. I've given you all the mineral rights. Sell some gravel and pay for some land!"

Notice, he didn't tell me about the gravel upfront. He waited until I had

signed the contract and committed myself to the deal. Why was he led to do it that way? Because that's how God works. He gives us step 1, and we have to believe and act on what He says about that step before we can get to step 2.

Remember how God dealt with the Israelites in the Old Testament when He gave them the Promised Land? He told them He'd defeat their enemies before them, but before they could see how it was going to happen, they had to sign the faith contract, so to speak. They had to believe what God said and go into the land.

But they refused to do it! When 10 of the spies Moses sent into Canaan came back and reported that the giants there were too big to conquer, the Israelites got scared and drew back. Rather than stepping out in faith, they got into mental reasoning. They believed what the spies said instead of what God said, so they never took possession of their land.

Forty years later, the next generation of Israelites found out what a tragic mistake that had been. They learned from the two spies Joshua sent into Jericho that the giants had been terrified of them from the beginning. "Where have you been?" Rahab asked them. "We heard what your God did at the Red Sea, and our hearts melted in us!" (See Joshua 2:10-11.)


The giants would have surrendered 40 years earlier, when the Israelites first crossed the Jordan, if they had done what God told them. They could have marched into the Promised Land virtually unopposed if they had believed Him and taken the first step. God already had step 2 lined up for them. He was already working on the other side of that deal, preparing the way for their miracle.

He's doing the same thing for you!

So, if you're facing an impossible situation, don't be intimidated by it. Have faith in God (Mark 11:22) and let Him show you His plan. Feed on His WORD, fellowship with Him in prayer, and whatever He says, do it.

He has a promised land of miracles waiting for you! 🕊





by Mac Hammond

Change. We've heard a lot about it lately.

There's regular prophecy about change happening in our nation and the Body of Christ. Right now, we're in the midst of some of the most dramatic change we've ever seen. There's an expectation for it. Of course, we don't want change just for the sake of change. We want change for our betterment.

As a nation, we face a lot of challenges—the economy, foreign policy, immigration. But as I've prayed, I believe the biggest change that's needed in America is regarding the horrendous division that exists in our country. In my lifetime, our nation has had no greater challenge. We are divided, and it's shameful that most of it is along racial lines. Jesus said, "If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:25). That's why the enemy loves division.

But what can we really do about big problems like this? What is our

responsibility as Christians?

Whenever we need change—whether it's nationwide change or personal change—it all starts with developing a *vision*.

Change Requires Vision

For the majority of what God does in this world, He doesn't sovereignly manifest Himself. For instance, if finances are needed, He doesn't drop a bag of money out of heaven onto someone's head. He uses *people*. He uses the Body of Christ. *We* are His change agents in the earth.

To be effective change agents, we need *vision* directly from God, or what the Old Testament calls *revelation*. It's a mental understanding of what the future holds, revealed by the Spirit. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." You can't get more plain and simple than that. >>>

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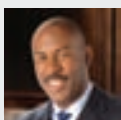
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Vision is vital because it affects your decision-making process and pushes you toward God's end result.

Of course, many people read that verse without considering the second half. The full verse says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Keeping the Word of God—embracing it as your standard of living—is a prerequisite to receiving a divine revelation. There's no point in seeking God for great vision without first basing your life on His Word.

Vision Comes From the Holy Spirit

Under the new covenant, vision comes through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. First Corinthians 2:9-10 states: "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

You and I are called according to God's purpose. And you can bet that what God has prepared for us, by the Holy Spirit, is *far* greater than what we can imagine for ourselves. So, pray and see what He has prepared for you.

First, Write the Vision

Of course, receiving a vision for change and implementing it are often two different challenges.

When you want to implement change, the first step is to write it down. Habakkuk 2:2 says, "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." There's something supernatural about writing your vision down. It's easy to hear a vision you believe is from God, get excited about it, *not* write it down...and then see it fade over time.

If you want momentum to run with the vision, you must write it down. Put it on your refrigerator door and read it daily. Write it down so you can speak to it. Write it down so the Holy Ghost can add to it and make it clearer each day.

After you've written down the vision, set what Philippians 3:14 calls *marks*—intermediate goals and objectives that take you toward your high calling. These are actions that push you in the right direction. They may be small,

insignificant tasks, but they're small on purpose...because they're seeds. You're planting seeds toward your harvest.

Philippians 3:14 says, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." *To press* means "to pursue hotly." In other words, you should press toward the mark with what I call "maximum sustainable effort." Anyone can pursue a goal for a minute or two. You need to put forth your maximum sustainable effort *indefinitely*.

Facing Resistance

Of course, none of this is easy. Your flesh won't want to cooperate. It doesn't matter whether it's a diet, exercise or something else that applies to your high calling. Your flesh will wake you up at 1 a.m. thinking about the pecan pie in the refrigerator. Only your commitment to your diet will carry you through that battle.

There are other types of resistance you'll face, too. One of the biggest is demonic resistance. Make no mistake about it; there are demonic assignments against every believer. It's nothing to get nervous about, because Satan is a defeated foe. But you must be vigilant because there are subtle assignments against you that are designed to thwart your part in God's unfolding plan.

The enemy loves to pressure you. He wants to challenge what you believe concerning healing, finances, marriage and God's will for your life. But the enemy can't stop the promise! That's why James says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:2-4). In other words, get excited when the devil tempts you, because if you're *patient*—if you don't quit—you'll step into your high calling. The grace of God will carry you through!

Fighting Back

Faith comes from hearing the Word (Romans 10:17), so to make sure you don't quit, you need to hear the Word regularly. When the enemy tells you something that opposes what God has said to you about your high calling, cast down that vain imagination (2 Corinthians 10:5).

As Brother Kenneth Hagin used to say, "You can't do anything about the birds

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that fly over your head, but that doesn't mean you have to let them build a nest in your hair."

If you have a thought that's contrary to what God has spoken to you, cast it away. Don't let it fester. Conform your thoughts to the Word of God. Only speak what the Holy Ghost has spoken to you. Bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Manage your thought life by consistently hearing and speaking the Word. Then your faith will remain strong.

How We Bring About Change

You need strong faith and a no-quit attitude because change *is* coming. Our country and our churches need it, and you and I are a big part of it.

As a pastor, I know each church is a piece of God's plan to unify America. A big part of our high calling is to unify people with different backgrounds, perspectives, giftings and talents. We're to bring them together to release a corporate anointing that will change this earth!

Knowing that, here's how our church started putting these principles into practice.

First, we received a vision from the Lord. He said, *Take steps as a church to be as racially diverse as you can possibly be.* So, we started moving in that direction. Many churches say they're diverse, but really their diversity is a small percentage of their congregation. The fact is, we're most comfortable with people who look like us, talk like us, and have the same life experiences. But that's not God's best for us. The Body of Christ should be as culturally diverse as the earth's population.

So, knowing diversity was our vision, we started setting marks. One intermediate mark was to invite people who might not have otherwise heard about our church to join us. Instead of putting door hangers on the houses in the white suburban neighborhood around our church, we ventured into areas that were different than where

we lived. We pressed on with maximum sustainable effort and today, on any given Sunday morning, the diversity of our congregation is wonderfully apparent.


Then, we set another mark. We started a Spanish-speaking service so people who didn't speak English could still feel like they're a part of our body. Next, we started cultural sensitivity training, a fancy term for sitting down and investing time with people of different cultures to learn how they live and view life. We get together—whites, blacks, Asians, Latinos—all of us, and we talk regularly. It's continual dialogue, and we've begun to see significant change.

We've had to invest a lot, but it's the fulfillment of the vision God gave us. Because of our obedience, I believe that corporate anointing will come and destroy a yoke in America that will set us free!

It's Your Turn

What is the change God has laid on your heart? What's your high calling? What part do you have in God's vision for His Body?

Take time today to pray about it. Write down the vision God gives you. Set your marks. Then press on with maximum sustainable effort—no matter what resistance you face.

If you're consistent, you'll enter into your high calling. And we need that... because as we obey Him together, our whole world will change! 



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JASMINE YAWNED AS HER FINGERS DANCED ACROSS THE COMPUTER KEYS, CALCULATING AND THEN RECALCULATING THE FINANCES FOR ONE OF THE LARGEST CASINOS IN THE WORLD IN LAS VEGAS, NEV. SHE PAUSED, CLOSING HER EYES. RELENTLESS DAYS OF WORK WITH LITTLE TIME OFF HAD TAKEN ITS TOLL—FATIGUE LEAVING HER DIZZY.

by
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Yawning again, Jasmine reminded herself that she would have the weekend to rest and regroup. Besides, she was living her dream. After earning a master's degree in accounting, she had been sought after by three of the top four accounting firms in the country. When Deloitte, considered the No. 1 firm, offered her a job, she accepted.

Jasmine loved the work and excelled at it. But the hours were grueling. First, she was working 40 hours a week. Then, her schedule had increased to 50 hours. Then 50 became 60, and soon she was working 70-hour weeks. Now, the entire team was working 90 hours per week.

Jasmine longed for a day off to rest—to go to church and immerse herself in the Word of God. And she desired to teach her fitness classes and strengthen her body after days on end sitting at a computer.

Glancing out the window, she realized it was already dark. Closing her files, she sighed with contentment. It was Friday evening, and the team had been given the whole weekend off. A few minutes later, Jasmine froze as she listened to the announcement. The time off had been canceled! Everyone was going to have to work through the entire weekend...again.

Slipping out of the building, Jasmine ignored the chilly January weather as she walked to the parking garage. Climbing into her black Chrysler convertible, she locked the doors, fell against the steering wheel and sobbed.

She was only 25 years old. How could she have worked so hard to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting only to be this miserable?

After a while, Jasmine dried her eyes and trudged back into the building. *I've sold myself into slavery*, she thought. Her dream had turned into a nightmare.



“My life is wonderful. I drive nice cars, and last year, at the age of 30, I bought a beautiful new home. I travel wherever I want to go. I’ve learned to live by faith.”



Taking a Stand

“I worked on a team of 40 people for Caesars Entertainment Corporation, the largest gaming corporation in the world,” Jasmine recalls. “We didn’t work at the Deloitte offices. We worked at our client’s facility.

“For someone born and raised in Las Vegas, I had led a very sheltered life. My

parents were Christians and Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries, and were attending the conventions before I was born. When I was about 5 years old, my father became addicted to cocaine. My mother got him into a Christian rehab program and he got clean. Then, he slid back into using drugs. This became a way of life for him. It was

heartbreaking to watch my parents’ marriage dissolve, but eventually my dad was gone from our lives.

“My mother ran to God to be healed and to gain the strength and wisdom to raise me alone. My goal in life was to live for the Lord and not cause my mother any problems. I never smoked, drank or acted out and although we lived in Las

Vegas, my mom didn't allow me to go into casinos, and I respected that.

"While struggling as a kid with my dad's disappearance, I fell into emotional eating to cope, which resulted in my being overweight. In time, I learned to handle feelings of rejection without overeating. I learned to eat healthy foods, got fit, and discovered my passion for teaching group fitness.

"To say that I didn't fit in with my team at work would be an understatement. Their attitude was, 'We're going to work long hours, eat bad food, and then go out to bars to drink and act crazy.'

"I had a great work ethic and did excellent work. What I didn't do was eat bad food and go out clubbing and drinking with the team. They resented that. I was the only African-American on the team, and my Christian beliefs were a contradiction to their culture. They ostracized me, and I was miserable."

Though she wanted to be free of the situation and the environment, Jasmine chose to not quit her job.

"To get my CPA license, I had to work for an accounting firm for two years," she explained. "I needed to get those two years in."

In her second year with the firm, the persecution went from personal rejection to a point where Jasmine's team members refused to work with her.

"They sent me back to the home office and told everyone there I wasn't a team player. I had eight months left before I would have logged my two years. No other team would pick me up, so month after month I sat alone in the Deloitte office with nothing to do."

The Prayer of Agreement

Needing a break, Jasmine and her mother, Sandy, took vacation time to attend the Southwest Believers' Convention in Fort Worth. They arrived late Monday night, but Jasmine was up bright and early Tuesday morning to attend the first session of the day. She arrived at the convention center just as Jerry Savelle had begun teaching.

"If you're looking for a new job," Jerry

said, "I want you to stand up."

Jasmine jumped to her feet, as did many others.

"Those of you around them, hold out your hands to those standing and agree with them in faith," he instructed.

Then, Jerry prayed over the job status of everyone standing.

One month later, Jasmine was back at work when she was called into a meeting with the head partner of the accounting firm and its human resources director.

"You've been here for a while," the partner said, "and it looks like no one will pick you up on their team. It's time for us to go our separate ways. Today will be the last day you have to come into the office. For the next 10 weeks, you'll draw your

regular salary and benefits."

Though the sudden dismissal came as a surprise, Jasmine immediately saw the silver lining it brought with it.

"I knew when they offered me 10 weeks of salary and benefits, that it was the hand of the Lord," Jasmine remembers. "It was a result of Jerry Savelle's prayer.

"The first thing I did was make a list of prayer points for what I wanted in my next job. I asked the Lord that my new job would offer more money than I made before, that it be on the same side of town where I lived, that I work on a team that valued and respected me, that I'd have reasonable hours and great benefits.

Faith for a Job

"Getting jobs had always been easy for me," says Jasmine. "When I was in college, I'd been hired as the manager and accountant for

a large appraisal company. Now, with Deloitte on my resume, I thought getting another job would be easy.

"I applied, applied and applied for jobs, but every time I was their second choice. One month passed. Then two months. Soon, my 10 weeks of salary and benefits were gone. The only income I had was from teaching fitness classes. It was enough to put gas in my car.

"The next time I was told that I was a company's second choice, it got to me. I cried and said, 'God, You said I would be the head and not the tail. The first and not the last. Why do I keep coming in second; why can't I get a job?'"

Looking online, Jasmine saw a potential job and applied for it. Two

"I'm so grateful to have been raised by a mother who was a Partner with KCM and taught me to live by faith from a young age."

weeks later, she received a call from a woman in Florida.

"I'm the financial reporting manager for Diamond Resorts," the woman said. "I'd like to talk to you about your application."

The woman did a phone interview, and then sent Jasmine for a face-to-face interview at the company's Las Vegas office.

During the interview, Jasmine noticed that the word *overtime* kept cropping up. Her heart sank. She didn't want to get back into another sweat-shop situation.

Pressing on, she continued her job search.

A couple of weeks later, Jasmine was asked to meet with the chief accounting officer at Diamond Resorts. Her heart hammered a staccato rhythm as she walked into the office. She knew the chief accounting officer had at one



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time worked for Deloitte. *Did she agree with their policy of overtime?* Jasmine wondered. *Had someone there spread the story that I wasn’t a team player?*

Jasmine received no follow-up after the interview.

First Choice

“One of my friends suggested that I dumb down my résumé in hopes of getting a job—any job,” Jasmine says. “But I thought that would be like saying God wasn’t big enough to give me the desire of my heart. I refused and acted out my faith—picking out what clothes I would wear on my first day and planning how I would decorate my cubicle.”

On Feb. 6, 2014, Jasmine received yet another call from the manager at Diamond Resorts.

“I know it’s been a long time,” the woman said, “I’ve interviewed a lot of people since we spoke and found myself comparing all their answers to yours. I realized that you were my No. 1 choice. I want to offer you this job.”

Surprised and pleased, Jasmine accepted the position.

“I was her first choice!” Jasmine remembers. “Finally, I was the head and not the tail! I was first and not last. The salary they gave me was \$10,000 more than I had made at Deloitte, and it was \$8,000 more than what I had asked from God.

“The job hit every box on my list,” Jasmine recalls. “The benefits, the hours, the location and even the dress code were perfect. The culture was totally different than what I had experienced at Deloitte. It was like a family. They embraced me for who I am and made me feel welcome.”

The only downside to the job was the fact that Jasmine wasn’t doing what she was trained to do. Instead of working in the day-to-day accounting function, her duties involved working with financial reports and creating financial statements to send to the SEC and to investors.

After a year and a half in that position Jasmine realized that, even though she loved the company and the culture, her true desire was to return to working in operational accounting.

“I’d been looking for positions outside the company and was offered a position

with the local energy company that paid a lot of money,” Jasmine said. “But I felt such unrest that I turned it down.

A Step Up

“When a position within a different department of the company became vacant, I sent an instant message to a friend asking about it. She messaged back and said, ‘The director just asked me about you. Come talk to me.’

“Although I had not applied, I was offered the job.

“I’ve been in that position as a supervisor now for about three years, and am working toward becoming a manager,” Jasmine said. “We run the financial functions for 10 resorts around the country. I have a KCM calendar hanging in my work space, and on it I have scripture confessions posted. No one persecutes me for my faith. They let me be me. This is my dream job, and it’s nothing but God.

“Some people think my life must be dull and boring because I live it for the Lord. But my life is wonderful. I drive nice cars, and last year, at the age of 30, I bought a beautiful new home. I travel wherever I want to go. I’ve learned to live by faith.”

Last year, the Lord instructed Jasmine to sow a certain amount into KCM each month and believe Him for increase. It was a stretch, she admits, but Jasmine obeyed—wondering how God would bring about more increase.

She used up all her vacation time going from one KCM meeting to another—first to a meeting in Anaheim, Calif.; then to the Southwest Believers’ Convention; and to the Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign.

A Surprise From God

On the flight to the Anaheim meeting, Jasmine sat next to the window with her left arm on the armrest. Without warning, a woman sitting behind her took off her shoes and shoved her bare feet onto Jasmine’s armrest. Jasmine stared wide-eyed at the feet that had encroached on her personal space.

Knowing that she wanted to stay

JULY READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

		Old Testament	New Testament
Sun	1	Ps. 78; Prov. 16:18-33	
Mon	2	1 Chr. 7-8	Rom. 14
Tue	3	1 Chr. 9-11	Rom. 15
Wed	4	1 Chr. 12-14	Rom. 16
Thu	5	1 Chr. 15-16	1 Cor. 1
Fri	6	1 Chr. 17-20	1 Cor. 2
Sat	7	1 Chr. 21-23	

Sun	8	Ps. 79-81; Prov. 17:1-18	
Mon	9	1 Chr. 24-26	1 Cor. 3
Tue	10	1 Chr. 27-28	1 Cor. 4
Wed	11	1 Chr. 29	1 Cor. 5
Thu	12	2 Chr. 1-3	1 Cor. 6
Fri	13	2 Chr. 4-6	1 Cor. 7
Sat	14	2 Chr. 7-9	

Sun	15	Ps. 82-85; Prov. 17:19-18:9	
Mon	16	2 Chr. 10-12	1 Cor. 8
Tue	17	2 Chr. 13-15	1 Cor. 9
Wed	18	2 Chr. 16-18	1 Cor. 10
Thu	19	2 Chr. 19-20	1 Cor. 11
Fri	20	2 Chr. 21-23	1 Cor. 12
Sat	21	2 Chr. 24-26	

Sun	22	Ps. 86-88; Prov. 18:10-24	
Mon	23	2 Chr. 27-29	1 Cor. 13
Tue	24	2 Chr. 30-31	1 Cor. 14
Wed	25	2 Chr. 32-33	1 Cor. 15
Thu	26	2 Chr. 34-35	1 Cor. 16
Fri	27	2 Chr. 36; Ezra 1-2	2 Cor. 1
Sat	28	Ezra 3-6	

Sun	29	Ps. 89; Prov. 19:1-17	
Mon	30	Ezra 7-8	2 Cor. 2
Tue	31	Ezra 9-10	2 Cor. 3

in her love walk and not cause strife, Jasmine didn't confront the woman. Instead, she laughed at the humor in the situation. Wanting to share the moment with a few of her friends, Jasmine took out her phone and filmed a short video of her face...and the foot and posted the video on Facebook™. Friends immediately wanted to share the video and asked if she would make it public.

Between meetings, Jasmine checked her phone and was stunned to see that the video had been viewed 50,000 times. Then 60,000 times. By the time she got back to the office on Monday, it had been viewed 500,000 times, and by the end of day, it had gone viral.

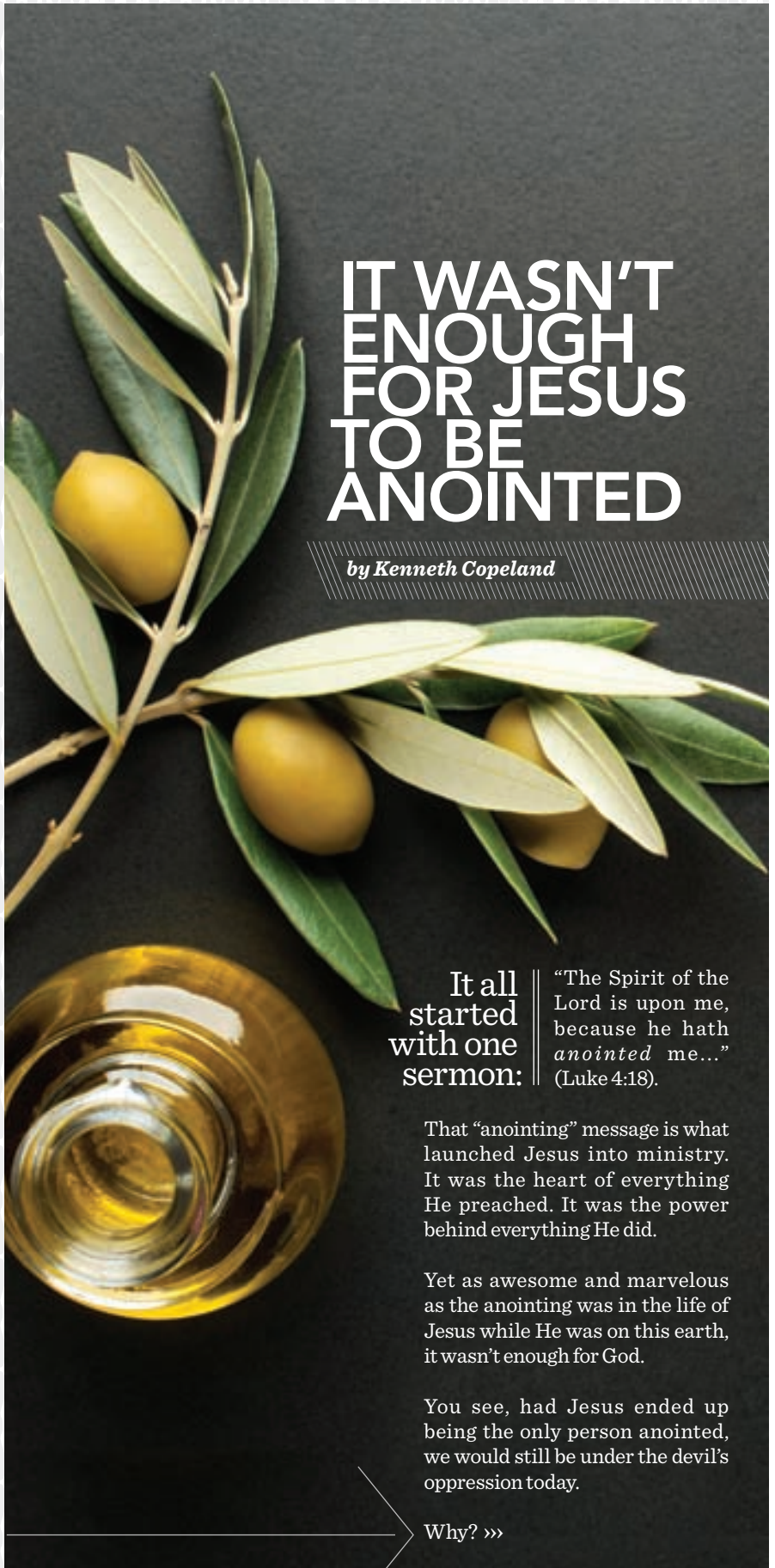
Within the week Jasmine got a call from Jukin Media, the global leader in viral video licensing, offering to buy the rights to license the video.

"They offered me a chunk of money up front to license it and actively solicit it to media companies," Jasmine explains. "Then they pay me every time it is used. So far, it's been viewed on Facebook 27 million times. It's been viewed on YouTube® 300,000 times. It was also posted on Instagram."

In addition, the video was shown on the *Inside Edition* television show, was featured on CBS's *The Talk* with Julie Chen, and a German TV network flew to Las Vegas to interview Jasmine about the video.

"I'm *still* getting money from that video," says Jasmine. "I believe it's the harvest from the seed I planted into KCM. Sowing into KCM means I get an impartation of THE BLESSING on their lives. They are my family in the faith. They've already been where I desire to go, so why should I try to reinvent the wheel? I'm so grateful to have been raised by a mother who was a Partner with KCM and taught me to live by faith from a young age."

Jasmine Mays used her faith to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. She used her faith for her dream job and for increase. Whatever the need, Jasmine has learned to operate in faith for breakthrough. ▼



IT WASN'T ENOUGH FOR JESUS TO BE ANOINTED

by Kenneth Copeland

It all started with one sermon:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me..." (Luke 4:18).

That "anointing" message is what launched Jesus into ministry. It was the heart of everything He preached. It was the power behind everything He did.

Yet as awesome and marvelous as the anointing was in the life of Jesus while He was on this earth, it wasn't enough for God.

You see, had Jesus ended up being the only person anointed, we would still be under the devil's oppression today.

Why? »»

Because all that anointing would have gone with Jesus when He returned to heaven. And it's only by the Anointing of God that burdens are removed and yokes of oppression—sickness, disease, poverty, fear, death and so forth—are destroyed (Isaiah 10:27).

No. God was not satisfied for Jesus to come into the earth, manifest the awesomeness of His Anointing and then leave, taking all that power with Him. Had that been the case, we would still be in a mess today.

God had a “new birth” in mind. Through Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection, God made it possible for each one of us to be born again. He made it possible for us to become “a new creature” in *Christ*—a new creature in the Anointed One, a new creature in His Anointing (2 Corinthians 5:17).

That’s why to this day we are called *Christ-ians*...“little anointed ones.”

You Have That Anointing

The moment you received Jesus as your Lord and were “born again,” you received access to the very same power of Almighty God that Jesus Himself demonstrated and manifested during His earthly ministry.

The Apostle John tells us “the *anointing* which ye have received of him abideth in you” (1 John 2:27). In other words, you have the Anointing of God inside you right now. And that anointing is the power of God that enables you to live a life free of all burdens and yokes of oppression. All you have to do is feed that anointing with The WORD of God and connect your faith to it so it can be released into your life.

First John 2:27 goes on to tell us that this Anointing of God inside us will also teach us. I call it the “knowing anointing.” And it has many applications in life.

For instance, when this *knowing anointing* is fully engaged in your life, you do not need someone to tell you what you believe. Neither do you need to be told if someone is accurately preaching The WORD. You can know these things by the anointing. The Holy Spirit will give you an inward witness as to whether or not someone is teaching the truth.

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Let’s say your child is in the backyard and gets hurt while playing—and it’s not really a time when you can call your pastor for a “word from God.”

Don’t panic. Just turn inward to the Holy Spirit. Get counsel from the Counselor Himself. Find out from Him how you should minister to your child in that situation. I cannot tell you how many times I have done that where my own children were concerned.

Apart from all the crises in life, this knowing anointing can help you in raising your children, conducting your business affairs, keeping your marriage on course and so on. And it’s all by the Anointing of God that abides within you, enabling you to live everyday life.

But now there is another aspect to the anointing. And that is the anointing that comes on us to minister God’s burden-removing, yoke-destroying power. The anointing to meet the needs of people.

Remember what Jesus said in Luke 4? “The Spirit of the Lord is *upon me*, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (verses 18-19).

We know God’s Spirit had been *in* Jesus since forever past—long before He was born of Mary. Yet, the Spirit of God came *upon* Him after He was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River (see Luke 3:21-22).

This anointing that came upon Jesus was the anointing to minister. It was the anointing to lay hands on the sick, cast out demons, raise the dead. It was the anointing to preach The WORD in power and to prophesy. It was the anointing of the gifts of the Spirit and the manifestations of the Spirit. It was the anointing of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher.

So where is all that anointing to minister today?

Ministry Within Your Reach

The power of God to meet the needs of people lies predominantly in the men and women called by God to fill what we usually refer to as the fivefold ministry

offices—apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Though no one minister of the gospel carries the fullness of the anointing for all five of those offices, all of us together have every bit of it. If only the apostles had been anointed by God, as many people have been deceived into thinking in the past 2,000 years, we would still be in one, big mess.

And what if in today's Church only the pastors were anointed, and maybe a few evangelists?

It wouldn't be any different.

In fact, it's that kind of religious tradition that has cheated the Church out of the full manifestation and demonstration of God's Anointing.

Meanwhile, what about the majority of people sitting in the congregation? Where is the anointing for them to minister to the needy people they encounter every day? What about the farmers and business managers, the police officers and schoolteachers in life? Where is their anointing to minister—like the apostle, the prophet, the evangelist, the pastor, the teacher?

The answer to these questions is found in *partnership*.

The Apostle Paul wrote to his partners in ministry at the church in Philippi and said, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5).

Here the word *fellowship* is an Old English translation of the Greek word for *partnership*. It means "equal part in a single endeavor."

Paul, who ministered in at least three of the offices—apostle, prophet and teacher—considered these believers in Philippi to be his "equal partners" in ministering the gospel. And that's why he went on to say: "Even as it is meet for me [even as I am able] to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace" (verse 7).

Partakers of my grace.

When you see the word *grace*, particularly in Paul's writings, don't just think of it as "God's unmerited favor," which it is. But also see it as a reference

by Paul to the anointing. Because he equates the two as one and the same.

And why not?

The very fact that the Anointing of God can be in us and on us is an ultimate act of grace on God's part.

So Paul was saying, "Because you supported me in every way possible—not only when I was with you in Philippi, but when I ministered in other places—you can expect the same anointing that's on me for ministry to be on you and your household. You are equal partners—equal partakers—of my anointing."

Applying that to our lives today, the businessman or businesswoman who is plugged into a local church should have the same anointing for ministry on him or her that is on the pastor of that church. For that matter, every believer should be equal partakers of the anointing that is on the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers of our time.

How? By joining those in fivefold ministry in equal partnership in the gospel. By getting in there and praying and supporting their ministries in any way God directs them.

Remember God is not satisfied for Jesus to be the only One Anointed.

What good would it be for all that

anointing to remain "sitting at the right hand of the Father" in heaven when all the burdens and yokes are down here on earth?

What's more, He is not satisfied for just a handful of apostles to have been anointed 2,000 years ago. They're no longer in the earth where ministry anointing is needed. No, God will not be satisfied until every member of the Body of Christ—the Body of His Anointed ones in the earth today—is walking in the fullness of His power.

So, let the Spirit of God connect you with the ministries He is calling you to support. Then get into "covenant partnership" in the gospel with them. Once you do, start partaking of their grace. Draw on the fullness of those anointings. Expect the anointings to minister, that are on their lives and ministries, to rest on you and your household.

You have the anointing to live life. Now step over into that anointing for the lost and dying world around you.

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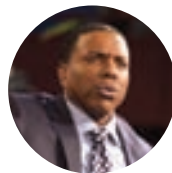
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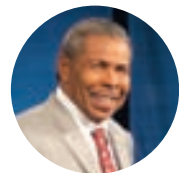
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grace, or their anointing.


When Paul wrote to his covenant partners in Philippi concerning their “fellowship in the gospel” (Philippians 1:5), he went on to tell them, “Ye all are partakers of my grace [my anointing]” (verse 7).

In other words, the same anointings and giftings that were in full manifestation in Paul's life and ministry were available to those who were in covenant partnership with him. All they had to do was lay hold of them by faith, place a draw on them and receive them.

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The Role of the Prophet

Also known as *seers*, prophets serve as the eyes of the Body of Christ. They perceive deep spiritual revelation, and see far out in the distance, with a view best likened to that of an eagle. As beholders of visions, prophets have the ability to see the future through a tunnel of time, meaning that what seems impossible or unlikely to those around them is easy for prophets to envision.

Imagine what those around them must have thought when the prophets from Genesis to Malachi declared, “The Anointed One is coming! The Anointed One is coming!” There was no sign to back up their claims, and it certainly didn’t seem likely. Yet, these prophets were looking beyond what made sense and seeing ahead to what God had revealed to them.

But beyond simply seeing ahead to the future plans and purposes of God, prophets also serve as the mouth of the Lord. The Hebrew word for prophet, *Nabi*, is also translated as *spokesman*. Prophets today say whatever God tells them to say, just as the prophets in the Old Testament obeyed Him when He told them, “You must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you” (Jeremiah 1:7, *New Living Translation*).

In the Old Testament, the prophets were mouthpieces for the Lord—delivering His Word into the earth. God revealed this to Jeremiah, saying, “Look, I have put my words in your mouth!” (verse 9, *NLT*).

The message of God, delivered by way of many prophets, announced the coming of Jesus—the foretold King—hundreds of years before the event took place. Why would God leave a roadmap to Jesus through prophets?

The Bible tells us it is a prerequisite, as “surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7, *New King James Version*).

In other words, without the prophets, Jesus could not have come. In the book of Matthew alone, there are at least 16 references to Jesus where attention was turned back to the fact, “that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet.”

The role of a prophet is to see what is revealed by God, then speak it, declaring God’s plans on the earth. Revelation delivered via prophets will come in the form of a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom or the discerning of spirits. In addition, prophecy, as defined in 1 Corinthians 14:3, edifies, exhorts and comforts—it is speaking inspired by God.

Prophets Warn

Make no mistake—prophetic words are not all edification and comfort. Old Testament prophets—just as modern-day prophets—declared judgment. The heart behind such warnings did not come from a heart of condemnation, but from the love of the Father giving opportunity to those in jeopardy to repent, turn around and change their ways. In Ezekiel 3:17, He said to His prophet, “I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me” (*NKJV*).

There was a reason that God constantly endeavored to teach His people to obey Him: He wanted them to live in victory. So all through the Bible, you’ll find Him talking to His people, sending them prophets as witnesses of Himself and revealing His good plan for them. God always did His best to cause Israel to hear what He was saying so they could obey and live free from bondage.

God sent prophets to Israel to tell them how to avoid defeat, year after year after year. It’s amazing to see how much God cared for Israel. And He still cares that much for us today!

The book of Jeremiah provides another clear and accurate picture

of God’s history with His people. The Scripture says He continually sent prophets to tell His people what they should do for their own good (Jeremiah 7:25, 35:15). Yet, again and again, the people refused to listen to what God said through those He sent.

God still warns through His prophets today. It can be a word of correction, judgment or warning to an individual, the Church or even a nation. No matter the recipient, when a word of warning comes through the ministry of the prophet, one thing is sure—we need to listen.

Prophets Prepare the Way

The great prophet Isaiah announced things to come, to prepare the hearts of the people, invoking them to open their spiritual eyes and expect a move of God. Isaiah 40:3, 5 says, “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.... And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”

The voice of the prophet Isaiah was creating a highway for the coming of the Lord. And in John 1:14, we find that “the Word became flesh” (NKJV). The prophetic word was now reality. This is an example of the fulfillment of prophecy after a long wait, and an illustration of how we are to view prophecy in our personal lives. When you receive from the ministry of a prophet, whether it be a personal word for you or a declaration over the Church or your nation—don’t ever give up on a prophetic word—and don’t let the passage of time weaken your faith.

Years before it actually took place, Brother Copeland spoke a prophetic word about the Berlin Wall coming down. At the time, people may have thought, *Well, that wall has been around for a long time!* There was no natural sign that it was even close to coming down. Yet, on Nov. 9, 1988, the wall came down. It was a prophetic word in action.

That’s how prophets prepare the way. A prophetic word tears down and

roots out. It changes and builds up. It can take a divided city and make it whole again. We participate by believing, receiving, interceding and taking action, when necessary.

The Lord will do nothing until He reveals things to His prophets. He will reveal to His servants the words that need to be declared, and those words will begin to produce a highway to the fulfillment of those words.

How to Receive From the Ministry of the Prophet

The Bible says, if you *believe* His prophets, then you will prosper (2 Chronicles 20:20). That means to receive from this ministry, first you must believe the words a prophet speaks. And naturally, if you believe the words of a prophet, you will receive them, intercede and take action.

As you prepare to attend the 2018 SWBC, pray that the prophet’s ministry will come forth, and that the Church will receive the benefits. God said He will tell the prophet what is to come, and the prophet will tell the Church. We need to know what’s coming! That’s why Kenneth E. Hagin said the prophet’s ministry is above the teaching ministry.

When Kenneth Copeland steps over from the gift of teaching to the office of the prophet, he will deliver a message by the Spirit. It becomes a time of revelation, warning and instruction. It is a treasure of God’s words being delivered in audible form to you as a believer.

You Can Partake of the Prophet’s Reward

A prophet’s reward is waiting for you at the SWBC this year. Jesus said, “If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet” (Matthew 10:41, *NLT*). What is the prophet’s reward? The anointing—the equipping to do what you’re called to do. Prophets have the keys that can open doors within you—and open doors for the entire Body of Christ.

The ministry of the prophet is an accelerator. It moves God’s people forward more quickly through

revelation, warning and instruction. It gives us direction for prayer and action in our lives and in our world. It prepares the way for things to come and keeps our expectancy where it belongs—high!

What is your part? You must simply receive the prophet—believe that his words are from God and act on them. You can act on these life-changing words by being open and eager, and valuing the ministry of the prophet.

We are connected to a great prophet in Kenneth Copeland, and as we embrace him and his ministry, lives will change—circumstances will change. We need to believe, receive and act on what is spoken. Just because we mentally agree with the Bible does not mean we are hearing it with the intent to do it. **Our victory is in the follow-through.**

This year, come to the Believers’ Convention expecting to receive a word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland, as he stands and preaches from the office of the prophet. ⑦

What is your part?

You must simply receive the prophet—believe that his words are from God and act on them.



HOOKED ON JESUS

Praise our awesome Abba Father for drawing me closer to Him every day! I thank you, Kenneth Copeland Ministries, for being such a big part of my journey in coming to know God. I struggled for more than 55 years trying to fix myself. I was a hard nut to crack. I didn't believe anyone could love me. Depression, abuse, poverty and a deep sense of loneliness were all I knew. KCM online was the turning point! Your free and accessible teachings opened my eyes to the message of faith, grace and love that has changed my life from the inside out.

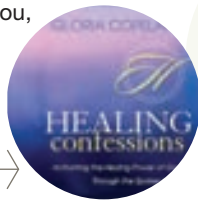
Thank you, Kenneth and Gloria, for your obedience to God, and for sharing His gospel in a way that has encouraged me to trust Him enough to "let Him in." His unending love and powerful peace have shone His light through the cracks of my once-hardened heart, and given me a new life in Him that I never imagined possible! Praise God, I finally see who He made me to be. I know and believe in His love and I just want to share it with others. Because of your ministry, my family is growing stronger and stronger in Jesus every day. I'm now hooked on His faith and love and, by faith, so are my children! May God continue to bless you and your ministry abundantly.

Geraldine S.
New South Wales, Australia

NO MORE PAIN!

For a few years I had been suffering with pain in my esophagus, making it hard to swallow my food—especially rice and hot foods. I began to use the confessions from the *Healing Confessions* CD by Gloria Copeland—taking the scriptures like medicine. One day I was eating my food and realized that I was no longer having pain while eating. I don't even know when it stopped hurting. The manifestation of my healing had finally come to fruition. I began to thank God! I believe that I received everything that GRACE had made available for me. Thank You, Jesus, and thank you, Gloria!

D. L. | Loganville, Ga.



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I AM ALIVE, THANKS TO KCM

I want to testify for what God has done in my life. When I was sick, the scriptures that kept coming to me were Mark 11:22 and Psalm 103:22. I know I'm alive today because KCM was praying for me. In the hospital I could not read the Bible because my hand was frozen. The nurse was

feeding and washing me. I want to thank Jesus for what He has done in my life. I thank the Lord Jesus for allowing me to be alive.

"I want to thank KCM for standing by me."

E.C. | Great Britain

'ALL THE CANCER WAS REMOVED'

At the beginning of December, I called for prayer because I had been diagnosed with a cancerous breast tumor. A gentleman prayed with me and gave me a scripture to stand on, which was just what I needed. Dec. 8, I had surgery and the tumor was successfully removed. All the margins were clear and the lymph nodes were clear. Praise God! All the cancer was removed and is gone! Thank you for standing with me in prayer. Paula M. | Decatur, Ill.

GOD'S WORD WORKS

His Word is medicine. Recently you agreed with me that testing would find no plaque or blockage in my arteries and my heart functioning as normal, even though they said there was a murmur. I did what Kenneth and Gloria said—I took the Word of God three times a day and listened to healing tapes and PRAISE GOD! NO blockage, and my heart is functioning as designed! To GOD be the glory...thank you for your faithfulness and love. Barbara R. | El Mirage, Ariz.

HEALED WATCHING SWBC LIVE

April 2017, I got pneumonia really bad, coughing so much my lung started to rub against my ribs. I was in so much pain that every time I coughed it would almost put me on my knees. When I got over the pneumonia, my left side still hurt. I couldn't lay on my left side, raise my left arm or pick up my daughters. This went on for months.

My wife and I prayed and stood in faith that my side was whole and well. One night, I was on Facebook™ and saw a live broadcast of the Southwest Believers' Convention. I started

watching it in bed. At the end of the broadcast Kenneth started to pray for healing. He said, "Someone is getting healed from a side injury." Right when he said that, my left side got warm and I could feel something was happening. When the warmth went away, I heard the small still voice, *Lay on your side, I have healed you.* I rolled over to my left side. There was no pain! Thank You, Lord. Thank you, KCM, for broadcasting live events.

Jason G. | Broken Arrow, Okla.



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” —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, “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” and “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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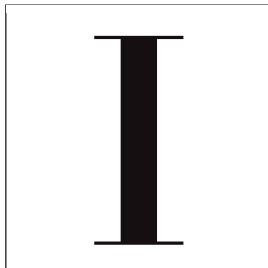


WHAT AN INHERITANCE!

*by
Gloria
Copeland*



THROUGHOUT HISTORY, THE JEWISH PEOPLE
 HAVE BEEN FAMOUS FOR THEIR ABILITY TO PROSPER. NO MATTER WHAT
 THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ARE IN THE WORLD, OR HOW MUCH THE
 DEVIL TRIES TO OPPRESS THEM, THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO RISE TO THE TOP.
 EVEN WHEN THEY'VE BEEN FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES AND MOVE
 TO OTHER COUNTRIES, WHEREVER THEY'VE GONE, AS A PEOPLE, THEY'VE
 ADVANCED AND ACHIEVED FINANCIAL SUCCESS. >> WHY IS THAT?



t's because in the Jewish faith, children are taught very early that they're the seed of Abraham. They're taught from the scriptures that he had a covenant of BLESSING with God and that, as his

heirs, that BLESSING belongs to them. So, they grow up expecting to prosper.

If we, as Christians, had grown up that way we'd have the same expectation. If we had been told from the time we were toddlers how THE BLESSING of God operated in the life of "Father Abraham," and how it will operate the same way for us, we would be famous for prospering too!

Most of us, though, weren't raised in that kind of environment. We didn't have THE BLESSING mindset instilled in us as children. So, if we're going to have the same attitude toward prosperity that most devout Jewish people do, we have to play catch-up! We must get into the Word, find out more about our scriptural ancestors, and learn how to follow in their footsteps of faith.

"But Gloria," you might say, "I'm a born-again

gentile living under the New Covenant. I don't have any Jewish ancestors."

According to the New Testament you do! It says:

"If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29).

"They which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham" (verse 7).

"Christ hath redeemed us...that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (verses 13-14).

"Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed...which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all" (Romans 4:16).

It doesn't matter what your natural ancestry is; through Jesus, your spiritual genealogy stretches all the way back to Abraham. You're his descendant just as surely as if you had been born of his physical lineage. You're also

"They grow up expecting to prosper."

**POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:**

1 One of the first ways THE BLESSING manifested in Abraham's life was by making him financially wealthy.
Genesis 13:2

2 No matter what your natural ancestry, as a born-again child of God, you're a descendant of Abraham.
Galatians 3:29

3 Therefore, the covenant of BLESSING God gave Abraham also belongs to you.
Genesis 12:2

4 As Abraham's seed and heir of his covenant you should expect THE BLESSING to make you wealthy too.
Genesis 17:7

5 THE BLESSING of Abraham prospered Isaac even during famine, and in the hard places of life, it will do the same for you.
Genesis 26:12

an heir of his covenant of BLESSING and, as such, you ought to have the same attitude toward prosperity he did.

He never had any trouble expecting to prosper! He walked in wealth as easily as a bird flies or a fish swims because he understood that God was his Source. He knew God had promised to make him rich and he believed He could do it.

That's the perspective we ought to have as believers! God can make us rich just like He did Abraham. He isn't limited in His ability to prosper us, except by our believing. But our believing is where the problem has been. We've limited our faith by our natural reasoning and by the financial lack we've experienced in the past.

If, for example, we have always driven old, junky cars because that's all we could afford, we might not even think of believing God for a new one. On the other hand, if we haven't lacked for cars in the past, we might have high expectations in that area and yet still limit God in other ways. We might stumble over the idea that God could pay off our house, for instance. Or we might not be able to envision Him prospering us enough to finance a ministry.

Whatever our experience might be, however, if we'll get into the Word and get the Word into us, our faith level will rise. We'll see things more like God sees them and be able to more freely receive the abundance He's provided for us.

So, let's take some time right now to look at the Scriptures. Let's take some of the limits off God by studying a little of what the Bible says about Abraham.

Not Just Rich, but *Very Rich*

His faith story as recorded in the Bible, begins when God visited Abram in Genesis 12. "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and

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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. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran" (verses 1-4).

According to Vine's Bible Dictionary, the word *BLESS* means "to cause to prosper, to make happy, and to bestow blessings upon." Webster's says it means "to make successful, to make prosperous in temporal concerns pertaining to this life, to keep guard and to preserve." The *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, describes a *blessing* as "an abundant increase of favors, and a dispensing of good."

When God said, "I will BLESS you," He was saying a lot! He wasn't just giving Abraham a little pat on the head or trying to make him feel good. He was empowering him to prosper supernaturally in every aspect of life.

One of the first areas where that empowerment manifested was in Abraham's finances. He became "very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold" (Genesis 13:2). So did his nephew, Lot, who was traveling with him. THE BLESSING multiplied both of their households to the point where they had to split up. "The land was not able to

support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great..." (verse 6, *New King James Version*).

Abraham didn't want there to be any strife in the family, so he gave Lot first pick of the land. He put his confidence in THE BLESSING and said, "Lot, you choose where you want to live, and I'll go someplace else."

Lot responded by selfishly taking the best part of the land for himself. (He apparently didn't understand much about how THE BLESSING works.) He chose the fertile plain around the city of Sodom that "was well watered everywhere, like the

garden of the Lord.... He went there with his flocks and servants and parted company with his uncle Abram" (verses 10-11, *New Living Translation-96*).

It looked like Abraham got the worst end of the deal! But right after Lot departed, the Bible says the Lord spoke to Abram and gave him a different perspective. He said: "Look as far as you can see in every direction. I am going to give all this land to you and your offspring as a permanent possession. And I am going to give you so many descendants that, like dust, they cannot be counted! Take a walk in every direction and explore the new possessions I am giving you" (verses 14-17, *NLT-96*).

In other words, the Lord turned that whole situation around! He took Abram from the one who was being taken advantage of...to being the one who came out on top. He made Abraham the biggest landowner around by giving him not only the fertile plain where Lot chose to live, but the entire land of Canaan.

That's the kind of thing THE BLESSING always does! It takes circumstances that appear to put you at a disadvantage and causes them to work to your advantage. It makes "all things work together" for your good (Romans 8:28) so that you not only wind up being BLESSED, you're able to become a

greater BLESSING to others.

That's what happened with Abram in his relationship with Lot. He had to draw on the resources the Lord had BLESSED him with, shortly after Lot moved to Sodom, when a devastating situation arose: The city was attacked and plundered by the combined armies of four kings, and Lot and his family, along with many other citizens of Sodom, were taken captive.

Abram heard about it and went after the invaders himself. He defeated them with the trained servants from his own household, liberated Lot and all the other captives, and retrieved everything that had been stolen. Afterward, he brought all the people and the goods back to Sodom and the city's king tried to reward him by giving him the riches he'd recovered. But Abram declined the offer and said: "I have solemnly promised the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, that I will not take so much as a single thread or sandal thong from you. Otherwise you might say, 'I am the one who made Abram rich!'" (Genesis 14: 22-23, *NLT*-96).

I love that, don't you? Abraham didn't turn down the king's offer because he thought God wouldn't want him to be that wealthy. He turned it down because he knew who his Source was. "God is the One who makes me rich," he said, "and I want Him to get all the glory for it."

Your Shield, Abundant Compensation and Reward

Right after that, in Genesis 15:1, God spoke to Abraham yet again and told him something else about his covenant. Appearing to him in a vision, he said: "Fear not, Abram, I am your Shield, your abundant compensation, and your reward shall be exceedingly great" (*AMPC*).

That was one of the first scriptures I put on my confession list many years ago when I was first learning about prosperity! I wrote it down and put my name in it, so that it read, *Fear not, Gloria. God is your Shield, your abundant compensation, and your reward shall be exceedingly great.* Then I put it in my Bible and declared it over myself every day.

Why did I do that? Because God said that verse belongs to me! He gave me the scriptural right to claim it for myself when He said to Abram, just

two chapters later, in Genesis 17:7, "I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee."

According to that verse, as Abraham's seed under the New Covenant, I can expect God to be for me everything He was both to Abraham himself and to his natural descendants. I can believe Him, for instance, to do for me the same kind of things He did for Isaac.

Do you remember what happened to him?

Genesis 26 says that after his father died (very rich and at a very old age), he found himself facing an impossible situation. A drought-induced famine hit the land of Canaan where he was living and no one in the country had enough to eat. Canaan was Isaac's homeland and his covenant inheritance! But it looked like he and his family would starve if they stayed there, so he decided he'd have to move to Egypt.



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“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.”

Romans 8:24-25

by *Kenneth Copeland*

For example, one of the hardest things I ever had to do was face the fact that the inner image I had of myself physically was fat. It didn't matter how hard I tried to change, it wouldn't go away. I was always on a diet. I must have lost (and regained) hundreds of pounds over the years.

I finally had to admit that as long as my inner image of myself was fat, my outer self was going to match it. Remember, it's faith that changes things, and without the inner image of hope, faith cannot work.

So I decided to fast for seven days. I searched my Bible for every scripture I could find on food and eating, and I found many.

I meditated on every one of those scriptures and prayed in the spirit for seven full days. What was I doing? I was laying hold on a different inner image.

This is not something

you can do overnight. It takes time. Especially if the inner image you're changing has been there for years.

But you *can* do it. Go to The WORD of God today and begin to change the images inside you. Change them from images of despair to images of hope. Get a blueprint in your heart and your faith will build on it! 📖

Before he could get his things packed up, however, God appeared to him and changed the plan. He said: “Go not down into Egypt...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 I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 26:2-4).

Isaac responded to those words of covenant BLESSING the same way Abraham had responded when he first heard them. He believed and acted on what God promised. He canceled his plans to move to Egypt, remained in Canaan, and during the most contrary circumstances imaginable—“Isaac sowed seed in that land and received in the same year a hundred times as much as he had planted, and the Lord favored him with blessings. And the man became great and gained more and more until he became very wealthy and distinguished; he owned flocks, herds, and a great supply of servants, and the Philistines envied him” (Genesis 26:12-14, *AMPC*).

Those are good verses to remember when you find yourself facing hard places in life. When you start wondering, *How could God ever BLESS me in this situation?* think about Isaac. All around him, people's crops were failing. All around him, people were running out of water. Yet because of his covenant with God, his land flourished and produced an abundant harvest.

Isaac wasn't the only one of Abraham's descendants who experienced that kind of thing, either. THE BLESSING of the Lord worked the same way for all of Abraham's seed. All throughout the Bible, it worked for anyone anywhere who would believe and walk with God!

It worked for a prisoner named Joseph and promoted him from the prison to the palace. It worked for an unknown shepherd named David and turned him into Israel's king. It worked for the Israelites when they were enslaved by Pharaoh and “brought them forth...with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes” (Psalm 105:37).

For generations, THE BLESSING has been passed down to Abraham's seed. It's an everlasting covenant. It's still working and it's still available to us today.

So, let's step up by faith and take what belongs to us. Let's believe and receive THE BLESSING we've inherited in Jesus...and take the limits off God! 📖

JUMP & RUN!



Happy July, Superkids! In the United States, we celebrate the freedom we enjoy in our nation. If you are in another nation, I hope your country is free too! Even more so, I hope YOU are FREE! We've talked a lot about this over this last year. I pray you are getting freer and freeeeeer!

One thing that happens to us when we grow freer in Jesus is, we start telling others about Him. Superkid, ask yourself, "Am I ready to tell people about Jesus?" The last thing He told His disciples (His followers) in Mark 16:15 was, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone" (*New Living Translation*).

If you got a little nervous at the thought, no worries! That's part of my job as your commander; I stretch you like a rubber band sometimes. What I love about life with Jesus is, He never expects us to do ANYTHING alone, but to allow HIM to do something through us. This is no different. We talked recently about coming to Jesus, and I pray that you've been developing this in your life, Superkid. Because this is the key to the bold act of telling someone about Him. I hadn't thought of it this way before, but today, I was reading in Matthew 9 and I saw something really awesome! Read verse 9 with me from *The Passion Translation*: "As Jesus left Capernaum he came upon a tax-collecting station, where a traitorous Jew was busy at his work, collecting taxes for the Romans. His name was Matthew. **'Come, follow me,'** Jesus said to him. *Immediately* Matthew jumped up and began to follow Jesus."

Think about Matthew—he was a tax collector! Not only did he not know Jesus, tax collectors were considered to be evil cheaters. But when Jesus said, "Follow me," Matthew JUMPED up right away! Many times, our expectation is way too low about what it means to follow Jesus. We should JUMP at His call, His voice, His leading. Why? Because ADVENTURE is ready to begin!

We should be more like a little boy I met many years ago. He came to see me when I was signing autographs at our convention. He could barely see over the table. It looked like he was about to cry

when he said in the most hungry, yearning voice, "Commander Kellie, I want adventure sooooo bad!" That stuck with me all these years because all he wanted was a life of adventure with Jesus.

Matthew must have been ready for that too, because when Jesus came, he jumped! I know you may be like that little boy and want adventure and excitement in your life. The next thing that happened to Matthew, is where life as he knew it was OVER.

"Later, Jesus went to Matthew's home to share a meal with him. Many other tax collectors and outcasts of society were invited to eat with Jesus and his disciples" (verse 10, *TPT*).

Think about that, Superkid. Jesus went to hang out with Matthew! This is what happens in our lives when we jump as soon as He calls. He likes to be with people who want to be with Him. Those are the kind of people He called to follow Him (like Peter who JUMPED out of a boat!).

Hey! I'm not done with Matthew yet! Look at how he affected his whole group of friends—tax collectors and people no one else wanted. Because Matthew decided to follow Jesus, his friends got to know Him too. And even though they weren't the popular people, Jesus loved them, and He made their lives better...and more FUN!

If you keep reading Matthew 9 (and you should!) you'll see that Matthew gets to

be part of some amazing adventures with Jesus! In just one chapter we see Him do five BIG MIRACLES: He healed a long-term disease, raised a dead girl, opened blind eyes, cast a demon out of someone and made him able to talk. Matthew was there to see it all! He heard Jesus teach the Word and watched Him heal every kind of disease. Isn't that awesome! Imagine it. But even better is what Matthew gets to see in verses 36-38. I think this is my favorite part: "When he saw the vast crowds of people, Jesus' heart was deeply moved with compassion, because they seemed weary and helpless, like wandering sheep without a shepherd. He turned to his disciples and said, **'The harvest is huge and ripe! But there are not enough harvesters to bring it all in. As you go, plead with the Owner of the Harvest to thrust out many more reapers to harvest his grain!'**" (*TPT*).

Matthew got to experience firsthand the WHY of Jesus. He didn't heal to be a big shot or to be popular or so people would know He was GOD. He didn't heal people because they deserved it or obeyed all God's rules. Because Matthew saw Jesus up close and behind the scenes, he could see the LOVE He had for people. Jesus was moved to heal because He saw the people hurting, sick and helpless. He knew they needed a shepherd, and because He loved them, He offered Himself as their shepherd. To be so close that you see His heart, Superkid, is the REAL door to adventure in Jesus.

You see, because Matthew JUMPED, he got to RUN with Jesus. Because he got to RUN with Jesus, Matthew got to KNOW Jesus. When you get to KNOW JESUS....

OOPS. Out of space! See you next month!

STAY TUNED! 📻

Commander Kellie



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