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As her husband lay lifeless after collapsing to the floor, Christa Tomlin declared: "In the Name of Jesus, be made whole!"

And Jim began to breathe.



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—Gloria Copeland



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Editor's Letter



Your Vote Matters!

More than 200 years after our Founding Fathers established this country, many of America's citizens still wrestle with their intent—questioning whether our nation was God-ordained. But anyone who knows God knows He established America on purpose. A covenant was made binding America and the Lord together. In the same way the nation of Israel has a covenant with God, the United States does, too. And just like He held every Jew responsible for how the nation of Israel responded to His prophets and His direction, God holds Christians responsible for America today.



I borrowed those words from an article by Kenneth Copeland in this month's issue because I wanted to stress the importance of your participation in the election process. The elections

in November are being viewed by many as the most crucial ones in our nation's history. And we, as believers, will play a major role in the outcome. The Republican Party is not responsible, and neither is the Democratic Party. That duty rests solely on the shoulders of the Church. If we will do what we are responsible to do this November (and in every election for that matter), we will see things change for the good in our nation.

Over the next several months, *Believer's Voice of Victory* will feature articles that share why your participation in the voting process is crucial. No matter how bad things may seem, you, as a believer, have the power to help make them better. How? **First**, by being faithful to pray for our nation and its leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

Second, you can help effect change by exercising your right to vote.

In this month's article, titled **The Responsibility of the American Believer**, Brother Copeland writes: "As His people, we shouldn't just leave the running of this country to the world. Instead, we must stand up for what God desires to do with it and through it." You can read more on Page 10.

I encourage you to read every article, then be led by the Holy Spirit as you prepare to go to the polls to vote. God ordained good government, and He has ordained each of us to be responsible for it. So, get involved. Get out there and VOTE! Because your vote really does matter.



Ronald C. Jordan
Managing Editor



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God Wants You Well

In 1979, the Lord spoke five words to me I'll never forget. He didn't say them audibly. If someone else had been with me at the time, I don't think they would have heard His voice. But to me His words came through crystal clear and full of power.

I want My people well! He said.

Never before, or since, has God dealt with me more strongly about anything. That day He told me that we were to add a healing school to every one of our Believers' Conventions and Victory Crusades. Confirming His instructions with scriptures about how Jesus sent out His disciples to "preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:2), He told me to teach the healing schools myself and, ultimately, to lay hands on people.

I can't tell you how much I didn't want to do that.

Although I'd learned from the Word how to live healed myself and how to raise my children healed, I was very quiet back then, even in our personal life. I preferred to stay in the background, so the thought of standing on the platform in front of people was not appealing to me at all.

Because the Lord dealt with me so strongly

about it though, I did—and I'll be forever glad.

It's been one of the greatest BLESSINGS of my life. (It always pays to obey God! You'll never regret doing anything He tells you to do.) I didn't have any experience back then putting together a sermon, but I did know that faith comes by hearing God's Word. I also knew that Proverbs 4:20-22 says, "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."

Since the word *health* in that verse can be translated *medicine*, I began my healing services by simply telling people, "We're going to take a big dose of God's medicine today. We're going to listen to what He says, let it in our hearts and believe it; and healing will be the result." Then I'd open my Bible and go through the healing



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1 Jesus bore your sicknesses on the cross, just as He bore your sins. Is. 53:4-5

2 God is always ready to heal you because He is a good God. Ps. 145:8-9

3 Jesus never refused to heal any sick person who came to Him for help. Acts 10:38

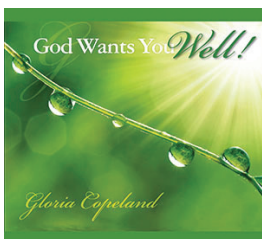
4 God's benefits include healing just as surely as they include forgiveness of sins. Ps. 103:2-3

5 God's Word contains His healing power; if you keep it in your heart and mouth it will set you free from sickness. John 8:31-32



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scriptures one by one, adding whatever the Holy Spirit prompted me to say about them.

Oh my, the wonderful things we've seen happen in those services over the years! Outstanding miracles have taken place. Often, while I was still teaching, before people even had hands laid on them, faith would explode in people's hearts and they would be healed, just sitting in their seats.

I remember one little boy, in particular. During the testimony part of the service his mother brought him to the front, and the first thing I noticed about him was that he kept sniffing. When his mother began to share his story, I understood why—he'd been born with no nostrils!

The doctors had said that when he got to be 12, and his bones were fully formed, they would operate on him and try to fix the condition. But that day the Word of God was made life and health to his flesh. He received brand-new nostrils and went home with a perfectly normal nose.

In another service, there was a little girl who came in with buck teeth and Jesus the Healer straightened them out. Although I don't remember the details, I found in the notes I made later that another person in the same meeting also got their teeth fixed.

Glory to God! The power of the Lord is always present when His Word is being received. He's always there to work miracles for people. Whether we're at home by ourselves reading our Bible, at church, or at a Believers' Convention, God is always ready to heal us because He wants His people well!

A Good, Good Father

Why does He want us well? Because He's a good God! He's "gracious, and

full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works" (Psalm 145:8-9).

Notice that verse doesn't just say God *has* compassion; it says He's *full* of compassion. It doesn't say He's just merciful to a few folks in a few situations here and there. It says His tender mercies are over *all* His works.

Does that include us, as believers? Certainly! Ephesians 2:10 says, "We are his workmanship." What's more, He's our heavenly Father.

As earthly parents, when our children get sick, don't we want them well? Wouldn't most of us rather take a sickness ourselves than see our children suffer? Yes!

And the reason we're that way is because our instincts as parents were instilled in us by God. The tender mercy we have for our children is just a vague reflection of the love He has for us!

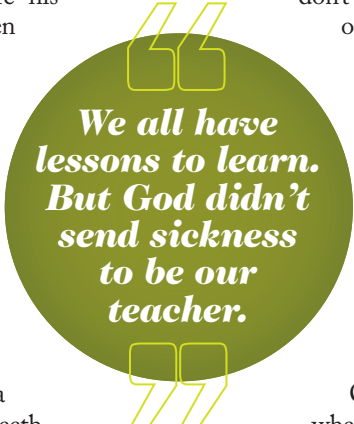
Romans 5:8 says, "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." He loved us even

when we weren't His children. How much more does He love us and want us well now that we're born of Him?

"But Gloria," someone might say, "doesn't God sometimes put sickness on us for our own good? When we sin, or there's something we need to learn, doesn't He make us sick to teach us a lesson?"

No! If He did, everyone in the Body of Christ would be sick.

We all sin sometimes. We all have lessons to learn. But God didn't send sickness to be our teacher. He sent His Word and His Holy Spirit to be the Teacher of the Church. We are more likely to get sick if we get out of the will of God, but He is not the author of that sickness. That's the devil's work. God is always good!



Healing=Good; Sickness=Bad

He's also clear about the difference between good and bad. He's not been confused by religious tradition into thinking that sickness is sometimes a "blessing in disguise." God has more sense than that. He knows, and we should too, that sickness is never a BLESSING. It's never a friend. It comes to steal, kill and destroy. So, it's always bad.

Healing, on the other hand, is always good! God settled that forever through the ministry of Jesus. As Acts 10:38 says, He "anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Jesus only did what He saw the Father do, and He was always ready to heal people. He never told anyone, "You'll have to keep that sickness for a while because God's trying to teach you something." On the contrary! Multitudes of sick people came to Jesus for help, "and he healed them all" (Matthew 12:15).

Jesus even endeavored to get healing to people in His hometown of Nazareth, and they rejected His message! They refused to believe He could be anointed because they'd known Him when He was growing up. Yet He had compassion on them anyway.

He didn't go off in a huff and say, "Well, just stay sick then." Although their unbelief did prevent Him from doing "many mighty works there" (Matthew 13:58), He still did what He could for those folks. He laid hands on them, and a few with minor ailments got healed.

That should be an encouragement to us! It shows us that God never wants to withhold healing from us. He wanted the people in Nazareth to be well, even though they were resisting Him and cutting themselves off from His power. So, clearly He wants every one of us today to be well too.

The devil, however, wants just the opposite. He wants us sick, so he'll lie to us to try to keep us that way. He'll tell us God doesn't care about us. He'll remind us of something bad in our past, or some way we've fallen short, and try to convince us we don't qualify for healing.

But, thank God, we don't have to believe those lies! Because we have a Bible, we can counter those lies with the truth. We can remind ourselves that God is good to ALL and that Psalm 103:2-5 says:

"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 lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Notice just as Psalm 145 emphasized God's goodness to all, Psalm 103 emphasizes the *all-ness* of His benefits. I've found in teaching healing over the years, that's something people in some religious circles don't do. I've heard some of them say with great pride, "We don't preach healing at our church. We just preach the new birth. We think it's more important."

Certainly, the new birth is more important! It's eternal. We can get sick and still go to heaven. But



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we can't go to heaven without being born again. So, if we had to choose between God's benefits, the new birth would be the one to choose.

But God didn't tell us to choose!

He wants us to remember and receive ALL His benefits. As His children, they all belong to us, and He doesn't want us to forget or go without even one. He wants us to receive forgiveness from ALL our sins, healing from ALL diseases, and deliverance from ALL the devil's destructions.

From Redemption, to a life crowned with lovingkindness and tender mercies, to renewed youth—God intends for us to have it ALL!

Loads of Benefits Every Day

Read through the Bible and you'll see this has always been God's intent for His people. It's behind everything He ever said, even in the Old Testament. He didn't give the Ten Commandments to the Israelites so He could dominate them and keep them from having fun.

No, Moses said, "The LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, **to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive....** [He told us] Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess" (Deuteronomy 6:24, 5:33).

That was God's heart for Israel and it's His will for us today. He wants to do us good. He wants us to be well and for our days to be prolonged. He wants us to release our faith every day saying what Psalm 68:19 says, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits."

Seriously! If we want to live a blessed, healthy, long life, that's the kind of thing we ought to be saying all the time!

We shouldn't be going around talking like people in the world do. They've been trained by the devil to speak negatively. They don't know that "death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). They don't know that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks," and that by words "a good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and

an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things" (Matthew 12:34-35, *New King James Version*).

But, as believers, we do! That's how we got born again. We believed God's Word in our hearts and said it with our mouths.

We're to walk in healing the same way. As Romans 10:10 says, "With the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (*NKJV*). We can't live well and healthy while we're going around saying, "I'm sick." We can't have our youth renewed like the eagle's while we're saying things like, "I'm just getting old and forgetful. Ha! Ha!"

We're either digging our graves or rising up with our words. We're to be saying, "Jesus bore my sicknesses and carried my diseases, and by His stripes I was, and am healed" (see Isaiah 53:4-5). We're to be saying, "My body and my mind will be sound and intact all the days of my life. With long life God satisfies me and shows me His salvation" (see 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Psalm 91:16).

"But what about these symptoms in my body?" you might ask. "It seems like they just keep hanging on."

Then double up on the medicine of God's Word. Take it in bigger doses and more often. That's what Joel Osteen's mother, Dodie, did. When she was diagnosed with liver cancer many years ago, she was so far gone the doctors said they couldn't do anything for her. She was so sick and weak she could hardly function. So, she went to Dr. Jesus. She put her faith in Him and took the healing scriptures daily, multiple times a day, just like medicine.

What happened? She received her healing. The Word set her free from cancer, and she's still alive and well, serving the Lord today.

God's medicine will do the same for you if you'll take it as prescribed. Jesus guaranteed it. He said, "If ye continue in my word, then...ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

You can keep your heart and mouth so full of God's Word that you can live absolutely free and blessed in this life—and I have it on good authority, that's exactly what God desires for you. He doesn't want you to be bound up by sickness.

He's good all the time, He loves you and He wants you well! 🙏

by Kenneth Copeland



RESPONSIBILITY



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Today,

many of America's citizens wrestle with the intent of the Founding Fathers when they established this country. More than 200 years after the fact, people debate whether or not our nation was God-ordained.

Well, anyone who knows God knows He established America on purpose. There's no other nation like it on earth. There never has been and there never will be, at least not until other nations are able to place God in control like He is here.

His control of this country goes
back to the beginning. —>

“AS BORN-AGAIN BELIEVERS, IT’S TIME FOR US TO STAND UP TOGETHER AND CLEAN HOUSE.”

There was a covenant made aboard the Mayflower ship, binding America and The LORD together. In the same way the nation of Israel has a covenant with God, the United States does, too. And just like He held every Jew responsible for how the nation of Israel responded to His prophets and His direction, He holds Christians responsible for America.

Ordained and Separated

Let’s compare what The LORD said in Romans 13:1-3 with how God established the United States:

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers [or “civil authority” in the Greek text]. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same.

Years ago, I learned about America’s covenant with God and I approached The LORD about the ungodly leaders in this country at the time. I

wondered how these leaders could be ordained and separated unto us by Him. Everywhere I looked I saw more ungodliness. God reminded me of Israel’s King Saul. He had never planned for Israel to have a king. It was only because of Israel’s covenant with God and their request for a king that He gave them what they desired. Even later, King David’s leadership was not in God’s perfect will because He never planned for Israel to have a king. But out of His mercy, He fixed a bad situation with Saul and called David to be king.

In the same way, God showed me that the ungodly leaders in this country were put in place because His people—Christians—chose them, either by voting for the ungodly or by not voting at all.

He said: *A lot of My people did vote, but they ignored the sin side of that administration on account of money. But it was not that political party nor that person in office that brought financial prosperity to this nation. It was because more people had begun to tithe...since so many people had been preaching about it and preaching about heaven’s economy.*

That’s the reason the economy began to get right. But when My people gave politicians the credit for it, down it went.

If this nation is seeking God, then peace, prosperity and goodness can grow and the gospel can go around the world. This nation has to prosper spiritually, because we have to take The WORD of God to the world. Other nations are also called to do this, but because of how America was founded and because of God’s work here, our nation has become the cradle of the gospel and the cradle of democracy.

It’s Our Responsibility

Government is serious business. Politics, prosperity and the economy have never been political matters. They are spiritual matters



In the realm of the spirit something wonderful is happening.

God wants you to rise up in faith, bring forth His wisdom, and be a positive force wherever you go.

- 1**
No matter how many messes the politicians may have made, God can straighten them all out.
Matt. 19:26
- 2**
He simply needs us to pray and believe He will do it.
2 Chr. 7:14
- 3**
When you don’t know exactly what to pray for, pray in other tongues.
Rom. 8:26
- 4**
After you pray in tongues, ask God for the interpretation expecting Him to give you new insights about the nation.
1 Cor. 14:13-14
- 5**
There’s no limit to what God can do for this nation through people of faith.
Mark 9:23

Congressional seats up for election in 2020

because prosperity comes from God.

We are responsible for this nation because God gave it to us. Remember 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

If you think our government is a secular institution, and you don’t have anything to do with it since you’re a Christian, think again. God didn’t say the whole nation had to repent from evil. He only said His people had to repent. Only then will He heal our land. As one of His people, you will be held responsible for this nation. As born-again believers, it’s time for us to stand up together and clean house.

Part of taking a stand is carefully considering which candidate receives our vote. In doing that, we need to look at fruit in that person’s life and make sure they have the same values we do. And if a candidate or the people supporting a candidate are pushing abortion, sexual sin, pornography or anything like it, we need to reconsider supporting that person.

The people in the world aren’t divided about whom to vote for. They support people who will make it easier for them to sin.

Changing the Course

As Christians in America we haven’t been united, and we’ve done a pitiful job praying for our government. Look at 1 Timothy 2:1-3: “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.”

I became aware of this verse during my first two years in ministry. For more than 50 years I’ve been praying daily for the leaders of the world. In fact, it’s the first thing I bring up before God in my prayer time. Each day I pause and allow God to show me where He desires to use me and my faith. And many times, a short while after I’ve prayed about a situation, I hear about it. It’s an exciting place to be—to pray and see God work in government situations and know that the devil received a knock in the head.

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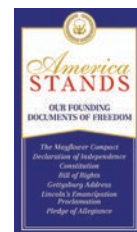
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There have even been situations when The LORD later told me that if I hadn’t been obedient to pray, He couldn’t have moved in an area of my life like He did. *Since you were My partner in that, He said, I’m going to be your partner in this.*

Nothing Apart From God

There is no government apart from God. At the founding of this country, God established a covenant with this nation. He ordained it and He is still in control of it. As His people, we shouldn’t just leave the running of this country to the world. Instead, we must stand up for what God desires to do with it and through it. Remember, God is a God of good government—He ordained it. And He ordained us to be responsible for it. 📌



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Your holiday messages at Christmastime were most inspiring and I watched them all on TV. I felt I had been taught [anti]-impoverishment lessons from your scholarly background of the Word. Thank you for sharing. Then came your January Partner Letter with the 2020 vision! I was *excited* to receive your “vision of 2020.” I pray for our president, our nation and our world every day, and I gladly join with you.

M.W. | Texas

The Great Physician Intervened

The prayer ministers of KCM Africa called me when I was on my way to the hospital for an operation. After prayer, the doctor examined me and told me there was no need for the operation because I was healed. Praise God for His mighty touch!

R.H. | South Africa

Spiritual Growth and Physical Health

November 2018 I was diagnosed with breast cancer, stage 4. Soon afterward, I was browsing the Christian networks on TV and heard you talk about “faith”—the God kind of faith, Mark 11:22. I’ve been drawn to your teaching ever since and have grown spiritually in faith, and initiated action. November 2019, body X-rays showed there were no signs of cancer cells in my body. Glory! Thank God for your teaching.

P.M. | California

91 Years Young

In October my husband had internal bleeding. God told my daughter and me (separately) that it would be all right. We learned the comfort of God is awesome.

At one time, my husband had lost so much blood he was unresponsive. The doctors brought him back. He celebrated his 91st birthday Dec. 25. We praise God for allowing him to come back—a blessing for our whole family. We tell this for the glory of God.

C.T. | Colorado

Back in the Family!

The day after Christmas I received a call from a family member who had blocked me from their life for over two years. This had caused me great pain and distress. However, the Lord has been teaching me about forgiveness and mercy. So I began to pray for this family member and exercise my will to forgive, and ask the Lord to grant them the same level of mercy and grace that He has shown me. My pain level went down and I began to feel the love God has for the one who has been the cause of my pain.

I was invited back into the lives of that side of my family and enjoyed a great time together with them. Oh how I had missed them all so! It absolutely made my Christmas! All the glory to our magnificent God for His wondrous works!

F.J. | East Hampton, N.Y.

Double Blessings

I wanted to share a blessing related to VICTORYthon™ and women in business. One of my clients had the opportunity to purchase another business, and she asked me to provide services to the new company also! Praise God for the double blessing! Then today, five minutes before going to the post office to mail another donation to VICTORY, I received a message on my cellphone. The pastor at the church where I work part time was contacting me about a job opportunity at another church. Praise God for another ‘double’ job opportunity. God is awesome! Praise and glory to God for VICTORY and for corporate prayer in the Body of Christ. Bless you all for all you do!

T.F. | Humboldt, Ariz.

‘Revelation Came’

Today, I watched the Dec. 20 broadcast where Kenneth talks about how praying in the spirit prepares you for the future. Revelation came to me concerning that and asking God for interpretation. I love when the light goes on. It’s such a blessing! I have learned so much and we are blessed to be Partners with a much-trusted ministry.

Love and blessings,

J. and M.W. | Eagle River, Wis.

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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Broken Family Being Restored

Thank you so much for your prayers. I have wonderful news: My ex-husband has made contact with me and we're working through our issues, trusting in the Name of Jesus. After three years we started communicating—he called on my 50th birthday. I give all glory to Jesus. My son also met with me after

three years. I cannot describe how I feel, it seems like a dream. God is restoring my once-broken family, which ended in divorce after 27 years of marriage. Thank you, and the prayer team, for praying for me and my family.

B.B. | South Africa

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WE MUST START LIVING
A LIFE OF ABUNDANCE, BLESSING,
HEALTH AND INCREASE—
A LIFE THAT ACTS LIKE THE
WORD OF GOD IS TRUE.
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—Gloria Copeland

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Success

by
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Jim and Christa Tomlin slid into the pew at church with heavy hearts. They'd just lost their first child to a miscarriage. The music that had always lifted their spirits did little to dispel their sorrow. Thus far in their young marriage, they had never suffered such loss.



Like most young couples, they had encountered the normal ups and downs of life. Before they met, Jim had graduated from Stephen F. Austin University with a degree in math. From there, he'd played professional football for the New Orleans Saints. After discovering that Canadian players earned twice as much, Jim had asked to be traded. He then enjoyed a great career with the Toronto Argonauts. A few years later, he'd asked to be traded to Denver. From there, he'd made the hard decision to end his football career.

It had been disappointing, but not like this. Ending a career was a far cry from ending a life—and initially, life had been good in Edmond, Okla., where Jim worked for Anson Oil.

Now their joy had dimmed.

While leaving the church, several people stopped Christa for a hug and to offer comfort.

"Everything happens for a reason," someone said, patting her back.

"Heaven must have needed that little angel."

"God's probably teaching you something."

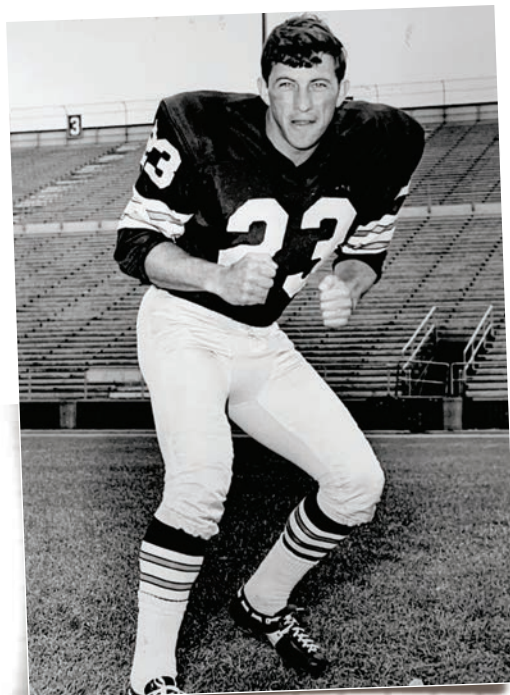
Christa felt those words like a sharp, stabbing pain.

Home alone later, she had a serious talk with God.

"I know I'm not perfect," she said. "I'm not disputing that. But if You have to kill to teach me what I need to know, I'm going to have to give You up."

An Encounter With God

"A while later, Jim left on a hunting trip," Christa recalls. "I went to bed listening to a Christian radio station. Sometime during the middle of the night, I



Jim when he played for the Toronto Argonauts

was dozing and listening. Suddenly a wind swirled up from my belly and came out my mouth. When it did, I started speaking in another language. I had no idea what it was. But after that experience, God started teaching me things. One of the first things I learned was that He didn't take my baby.

"In less than a year, I was pregnant again. During that time, Penn Square Bank failed in Oklahoma City. It caused another 110 banks to fail. Oklahoma went from having 900 oil rigs in operation to less than 20."

Now out of work, Jim accepted a temporary job in Wyoming, Christa recalls.

"While he was there, I went into labor 2½ months early. Ann Marie was born in December 1983 weighing only 2 pounds. Jim didn't get to see her until she was a month old. She came home from the hospital a week from her due date of Feb. 23."

Tired of being separated from his family, Jim moved them to Corpus Christi. He got Christa and Ann Marie settled before going back to pack the rest of their belongings.

A relative came to visit and took Christa to a church that would change their lives forever. At Rhema Fellowship, the family was introduced to Kenneth Copeland Ministries and taught to live by faith. There Jim received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

When Ann Marie was only 10 months old, Christa became pregnant again. Three months into the pregnancy, she began bleeding and was told that she'd suffered another miscarriage.

"Something inside me wasn't settled about that," Christa remembers. "I felt as though the baby had survived. I went to church and asked for prayer. Then I went to see another doctor."

"Let's do an ultrasound," he suggested.

"Sure enough, there was my baby swimming around!"

Christa and Jim's son, Zane, was also born premature. Yet, like his sister, he thrived.

Worked the Word, Even Through Debt

In 1986, Jim started his own affiliate chemical company called Padre Mud Company. The next year, oil prices plummeted again. The family moved to Atlanta and then to Clear Lake, Texas, in search of work. No matter where they lived, Christa stayed connected to KCM, whose teachings had become a lifeline for her.

She worked the Word, putting into practice what she learned. Although they were givers, they had a lot of debt.

Christa stacked all their bills, carefully placing them where she could easily see them. Each time she walked by, she laid her hand on top of the stack and declared, "In the Name of Jesus, this is our year of jubilee and we're debt free!"

Little by little, those words came to pass.

Later that year, the family moved to San Antonio, where they put down roots. Life settled into a routine with Jim traveling a good deal. Christa busied herself taking care of the children and staying involved in their activities. Each morning during the weekdays, she watched the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast on their desktop computer. She also spent hours praying in the spirit.

In 2001, Jim was working offshore two to three weeks at a time. Christa had taken a class and learned to quilt. On one of his trips, Jim left his laptop at home.

"I was thrilled to have the laptop," Christa explains. "During those weeks, I really immersed myself in the Word. An early riser, I listened to the broadcast on the computer in the mornings and prayed in tongues. After dinner, when the house got quiet, I sat in my room for hours quilting and listening to *BVOV* on the laptop."

A Demonic Attack

"When Jim came home after one of his work assignments, I was tired and decided to go to bed early," Christa recalled. "Ann Marie was gone, Zane was watching TV, and Jim was in the kitchen."

Jim walked into the den and saw Zane watching MTV, which was not allowed in their house. They were playing a Marilyn Manson song backward. It was very demonic.

"Jim reminded Zane that we don't allow MTV in our house, and turned off the TV," Christa said. "Then he walked to the half-bath off the kitchen."

"It felt as though someone reached inside and grabbed me between my heart and stomach," Jim recalled about the sharp pain that suddenly hit him. "The pain was incredible. Worse than anything I'd ever experienced."

"I heard a voice saying, *Get out! Get out!* I knew that I was being warned to get out of the bathroom or no one would know I was in trouble."

Inside, Jim could feel a demonic force pulling his spirit downward. Looking around, all he saw was utter darkness. Then he realized that two demons were dragging him deeper and deeper into darkness.

Death Strikes

"I was in bed when I heard a *thud* followed by '*ugh*,'" Christa recalls. "I lay there listening. I thought maybe Jim had run into a cabinet door."

Hearing nothing else, Christa got up and went to the kitchen to see where the noise had come from.

"I didn't see Jim...until I looked down," Christa said.

"He was face down on the floor with his right cheek up. His arms were splayed out. His eyes were rolled back in his head, and he was convulsing. He let out one breath...and that was it. He didn't take another."

"Jim?" Christa said.

"JIM!"

Zane heard his mother's reaction and rushed to the

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kitchen. He stood frozen, wide-eyed, in the doorway. Christa didn't say another word.

She walked across the room and looked at her husband. He wasn't moving. He wasn't breathing.

What kind of life will my children have without their father? she thought.

A voice screamed in her head: *Call 911, now! If you don't call 911 now, he'll die, and it will be all your fault!*

Christa knew that God didn't speak that way. She understood that a spirit of fear was screaming at her to try and make her afraid.

She also knew that what *she* said would be the deciding factor about what happened. Jesus only did what He saw His Father do. He only said what He heard His Father say. In that moment, Christa refused to open her mouth until she heard what her Father said.

Suddenly, standing over her dead husband, Christa declared: "In the Name of Jesus, be made whole!"

Nothing happened.

Christa grabbed Jim's shoulders and turned him over onto his back.

"In the Name of Jesus, be made whole!"

She didn't utter another word.

She knew better.

She and Zane each stood still...waiting.

An Encounter With Jesus

While unconscious, Jim remembers having what must have been an out-of-body experience.

"Two demons are dragging me down, the darkness is getting darker," he said. "Then Jesus speaks, not once, but twice. I turn around and look. There is Jesus! He grabs me and pulls me back into my body!"

"Jim took a long, shuddering breath," Christa says.

"His eyes rolled back around again, but he was very disoriented. So Zane helped me get him to bed. I sat on the side of the bed and asked the Lord what to do. 'Should I sit up with him all night and pray?' I didn't get any direction, so I crawled into bed beside him and we slept all night.

"The next morning, we got up but none of us spoke about what had happened," says Christa. "We were solemn. We didn't know what to say. We just kept looking at one another. I made Jim something to eat. When I walked over to hand it to him, I smelled something so sweet and clean. I'd never smelled anything like it before.

"What's that smell?" Christa asked Jim.

"I had an encounter with Jesus," Jim answered. "I saw Jesus."



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To Jim, the aroma smelled like roses. But to Christa, it smelled more like honey. She went to his bathroom to see if she could find anything that resembled that smell.

Nothing.

She did the same thing in Jim's closet, and his truck.

Nothing.

The aroma remained with Jim for a week, then it went away, Christa said.

A Different Result

As a result of the fall, Jim's face was bruised, and his hand was hurt. X-rays revealed that the bone in his cheek was cracked and three bones in his hand were broken.

"The doctor said that my body was healing itself and we should let it finish the job," Jim said. "A week later, I went back to work offshore. As soon as I arrived, I changed clothes and went fishing for snapper. There was nothing wrong with me. I was in excellent health and have never had any health issues since."

Jim and Christa decided to never tell anyone what had happened.

"We agreed that if someone asked, we'd tell it," Jim said. "Before Christa's brother died, we told him."

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Fri	1	Ruth 1-4	John 20
Sat	2	1 Sam. 1-3	
Sun	3	Ps. 56-59; Prov. 11:24-12:11	
Mon	4	1 Sam. 4-7	John 21
Tue	5	1 Sam. 8-10	Acts 1
Wed	6	1 Sam. 11-13	Acts 2
Thu	7	1 Sam. 14	Acts 3
Fri	8	1 Sam. 15-16	Acts 4
Sat	9	1 Sam. 17	
Sun	10	Ps. 60-63; Prov. 12:12-28	
Mon	11	1 Sam. 18-19	Acts 5
Tue	12	1 Sam. 20-21	Acts 6
Wed	13	1 Sam. 22	Acts 7
Thu	14	1 Sam. 23-24	Acts 8
Fri	15	1 Sam. 25-26	Acts 9
Sat	16	1 Sam. 27-29	
Sun	17	Ps. 64-67; Prov. 13	
Mon	18	1 Sam. 30-31	Acts 10
Tue	19	2 Sam. 1-3	Acts 11
Wed	20	2 Sam. 4-6	Acts 12
Thu	21	2 Sam. 7-10	Acts 13
Fri	22	2 Sam. 11-13	Acts 14
Sat	23	2 Sam. 14-15	
Sun	24	Ps. 68; Prov. 14:1-14	
Mon	25	2 Sam. 16-17	Acts 15
Tue	26	2 Sam. 18-20	Acts 16
Wed	27	2 Sam. 21-22	Acts 17
Thu	28	2 Sam. 23-24	Acts 18
Fri	29	1 Kgs. 1	Acts 19
Sat	30	1 Kgs. 2	
Sun	31	Ps. 69-70; Prov. 14:15-35	

“My business was small, but in 2003 there was a job I hoped to get. I was up against some giant companies,” Jim recalled. “One day Christa said, ‘God wants to know if He gives you that job, will you give KCM 10% of what you make off of it?’

“We’d been giving to KCM since 1984, and I didn’t have any trouble with giving more. I just said, ‘Yes, I will.’ But I didn’t get the job. A couple of weeks later, the guy who owned the company called a meeting and asked if I would attend. The room was filled with brilliant minds, including graduates of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They wanted to drill some wells and had their math on the board. I sat in the back of the room listening.

“Finally, I walked to the front of the room and said, ‘You can’t do this. It won’t work.’ Their math was wrong. It saved them millions of dollars. Before long, my company had their business. We still do to this day.”

A New Assignment

While Jim advanced in his profession, Christa was being promoted as well. A local television station offered her a TV show. A very private person, she wasn’t going to do it. Then, one day she was watching the broadcast when Kenneth Copeland looked at the camera.

“Some of you out there have been asked to go on TV,” he said. “And you need to do it.”

Immediately, Christa decided to accept the challenge.

When the movie *The Passion of the Christ* was released, she was standing outside the theater interviewing people before they went in and after they came out. They were changed. She led some to the Lord right there, on camera.

Later, she was asked to provide scriptural counseling to members of a large church. She did that for more than six years. Driving home one night in 2009, the Lord spoke: *You have a new*

assignment. I need you to take care of Jim. Make sure he’s healthy.

“What I do is called rheology,” Jim explains. “It deals with the chemicals in the mud that’s pumped down a well to the bit. It keeps the gas down. It also keeps the hole the same size, even when drilling down to 20,000 feet and with a change in direction.

“We have a lot of shale here in the U.S., but most companies make their mud out of water and other chemicals which swells the shale. They might have quit drilling shale, except for what God did.

“In 2009, I developed a formula for oil-base mud. I was one of the first chemical companies that pioneered oil-base mud to drill horizontal gas wells in the Eagle Ford Shale. In 2009, I proved that oil-base mud will not swell shale. The technology spread and just took over the industry.

“I’ve been to Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico and all over this country. I’ve been to Kuwait and 17 other countries. It changed things in this country, which is why we’re not dependent on Saudi Arabia for oil now. It’s one of the reasons that this country is so prosperous.”

Jim Tomlin was 54 when he died and had an encounter with Jesus.

Today, almost 20 years later, he’s 74 and in excellent health.

Jim and Christa believe the attack on Jim’s life was an attempt to stop the discovery that he would make in 2009. It’s also the reason the Lord pulled Christa away from her other obligations to pray and intercede with a special emphasis on her husband’s health and safety in 2009.

“Partnering with KCM for all these years has been a spiritual and financial blessing,” Jim says. “It works for us financially, and they’ve been our faith support. I met Kenneth about a year ago and we became friends. About three months ago, I sent him a letter and told him my story. He called me and said, ‘Jim, you need to tell your story.’”

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The Mommy Grace

by Kellie Copeland

Have you heard of it? I expect that if you are a mother, and you know Jesus, you have relied on it daily.

Let's be real. Too often it can be elusive (seemingly), or just downright conspicuous by its absence. Some days can feel like there is no way to get it all done—no way to make everyone happy—and no way to reduce the load. This can feel like a never-ending circle of frustration. And it can feel like God is just not helping.

Every mother has had those thoughts and feelings, but I have good news for you! The problem is not with God. That's a good thing because if the needed change is in your hands, YOU can lay hold of the difference-making power that abounds and exceeds every challenge you face.

Since mommies like lists, let's make a list that will really help!

1. Take every thought captive.

When you are on that frustrating gerbil wheel, the first thing you must do to make it stop, is to

realize that it WON'T stop until you take hold of your thoughts and feelings. Second Corinthians 10:5-6, *The Message*, says, "We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity."

When we THINK and FEEL like we are overwhelmed, there is nothing God's promises can do for us. Our hearts must be prepared to believe His Word of freedom and help. God gave us tools when He created us. He gave us free will so we can decide where we allow our thoughts to go. He gave us a voice to command ourselves what to think.

A feeling is simply an awareness of an emotion. The feelings and emotions we have are fickle and can change moment by moment!

So, put those emotions aside. Make a firm decision to not be led by your emotions.

Here are some truths about our emotions:

Along with our minds and wills, our emotions are an important and God-given part of our souls. So what do you do with your feelings and emotions when they take you in a direction that does not agree with God's Word? You give them to Him. First Peter 5:7 says, "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (*New King James Version*).



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Look again at 2 Corinthians 10:5-6, (*MSG*): “We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity.”

By taking our thoughts captive and submitting our feelings and emotions to God, we direct our lives to fit into the structure of a life shaped by Christ, His Word and what He did for us on the cross! We are smashing the walls erected in our hearts and breaking up the hard, stubborn places that keep us from believing His Truth! That is how we prepare our hearts to hear and receive the promises of God.

2. Receive His grace.

“But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me” (1 Corinthians 15:10).

This should be a “Mommy” scripture! This word is what we need to take in. It is not in ourselves that we are anointed to be the best mothers in the world. It’s by the grace of God. It’s up to us to receive what He has offered—or more precisely what He has already bestowed on us. Otherwise, He has given it in vain for no useful purpose.

Look at the “first mother,” Mary (this is a good title for the mother of our King). Luke 1:28 says, “And he came to her and said, Hail, O favored one [endued with grace]! The Lord is with you! Blessed (favored of God) are you before all other women!” (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

The Lord endued her with the grace she needed before Jesus was ever born! *Endued* means “invested or endowed” with a quality or ability. Mary had much ahead of her that would be difficult as a mother, but from the beginning she had what she needed to face it all! She wasn’t perfect, but she was empowered to be the mother of our Savior. Even though we are not raising the Savior, we are raising sons and daughters of God. That same infusion of abilities and qualities is ours to receive as well.

There is more and more grace. Read what Galatians 5:22-25 (*AMPC*), says:

But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]. And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires. If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]

The fruit of the spirit is grace revealed. Are these not the things that mothers need the most in dealing with everything that comes with the job? BELIEVE it! RECEIVE it! What’s more, pass it along to your children! It’s the gift that keeps on giving, both when it’s coming out of you and when it’s coming out of your family.

Second Peter 1:3-5 (*New Living Translation*), tells us:

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by

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human desires. In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises.

Here we see that we have been given everything we need to live a godly life, which is the life He designed for us. Our part is to come to know Him, and then to make every effort to respond to God's promises. That's another way of saying the just shall live by faith; believe you receive; or as Jesus put it, "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22).

3. Have faith in God.

Romans 4:16 tells us, "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed..."

There is a beautiful grace designed for us to walk in every moment, but it can only be received by faith in God's promises. When we make a daily commitment to receive His promises by faith, the result is that we come to believe those things are ours! Yes, we must walk it out day by day. But the more we live this way, the more going back to our old fleshly way of doing things just seems crazy. The Greek word for *flesh* means "work." Work versus grace—to me, it's a clear choice!

In Romans 11:6 we read: "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

So, I've made my case for the "Mommy Grace." And happily, it is the same process for "Daddy Grace," "Ministry Grace" or the "Anything-You-Are-Called-to-Be-or-Do Grace." Read 1 Corinthians 15:10 once again: "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

This is who we are. The best mommies in the world, not empowered by our own goodness but by the grace of God that lives BIG within us, reaching out to our children to draw them to Him.

With a smile on my face and a laugh in my soul at the good things our Lord has in store for you, I will throw this one in, too. First Samuel 1:18 says, "And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad."

Mother, enjoy your world today. It is a gift from the One who loves you. 🙏



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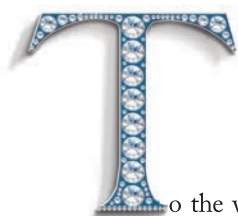
A photograph of a bride from the waist down, wearing a white wedding dress with a lace-up bodice and a full, flowing skirt. She is holding a bouquet of pink roses and white baby's breath flowers. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a stone wall.

The Diamond

On a special March evening,
I spoke over my son, Ryan, and his bride,
a short message God had directed me to share.
I thought the message the Lord had given me
was specifically for the wedding reception, but
little did I know how God was going to develop
and use it. As I held my wife's hand that
evening, feeling the diamond ring on her finger,
I knew God had been preparing us, through
decades of our own marriage, to impart
something special into our son and his bride,
Tessa—his diamond.

Diamonds are beautiful and strong.
They are highly sought after and
increasingly valuable.

by
*Dr. David
Weeter*



To the world, diamonds could almost become cliché when it comes to marriage. But God is never cliché. He created diamonds as marvelous examples of extreme beauty combined with extreme strength.

To this day, diamonds are the most valuable, precious gems of all the gemstones. And what does the Bible have to say about gems? Proverbs 31:10 says, “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.” A diamond’s value—its preciousness and its rarity—is far above rubies. *The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, says it this way, “A capable, intelligent, and virtuous woman—who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels and her value is far above rubies or pearls.” This virtuous woman is the diamond in your household of faith.

Master Gem in Your Household

If the value of a diamond is far above the value of all other gemstones, we can infer the diamond is over all the other gems. Isaiah 54:11-12 says, “I will set your stones in fair colors [in antimony to enhance their brilliance] and lay your foundations with sapphires. And I will make your windows and pinnacles of [sparkling] agates or rubies, and your gates of [shining] carbuncles, and all your walls [of your enclosures] of precious stones” (*AMPC*).

When it says foundations, windows, gates and walls, it is literally talking about your home and your household! These gems in your household are what the master gem—your diamond—will be over. These are the gems that the Lord furnishes your diamond with to build a household. Your home and your family

are designed, built and equipped with each of these gems, and the diamond is set at the top.

In fact, at the beginning of the verse, the Lord talks about the “setting” of the jewels. The setting has two primary purposes. First, the setting is to enhance the stone’s brilliance. A high-quality diamond has many facets; the setting is therefore important to enhance the appearance of the diamond. The many facets affect the reflection and refraction of light; the color and purity of the setting affects the color and appearance of the diamond itself.

Verse 11 says to enhance the stones to “enhance their brilliance.” This refers to how the Egyptian women would use powdered antimony as eye makeup which, when applied around the eyes, made the appearance of their eyes stand out.

The second purpose of a jewel’s setting is a functional purpose. Particularly when choosing an appropriate setting for a valuable gem, such as a diamond, it is vital to select a setting which keeps the stone secure in its location. If the setting is damaged or weakened, you run the possibility of losing a very valuable asset. Notice what the scripture says will happen when the diamond is in its proper setting:

“And all your children shall be disciples [taught by the Lord and obedient to His will], and great shall be the peace and undisturbed composure of your children. You shall establish yourself in righteousness (rightness, in conformity with God’s will and order): you shall be far from even the thought of oppression or destruction, for you shall not fear, and from terror, for it shall not come near you” (verses 13-14, *AMPC*).

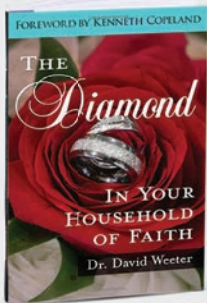
Verse 13 begins with the conjunction *and*. A conjunction takes what comes before it and connects it with what follows. When the stones and gems are in their place, when the diamond is brilliantly and securely set, when the foundations, windows, gates, walls and borders are laid with their gemstones, *then* all your children shall be taught of the Lord and be obedient to His will. *Then* great shall be the peace and



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the vast majority of the Body of
Christ has no idea what God’s
description of a wife really is.”**

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undisturbed composure of your children. *Because* you establish yourself in righteousness, you will be far from the thought of oppression or destruction, for you shall not fear, and terror shall not come near you.

So, what setting will enhance the diamond's brilliance and keep it secure? In other words, what is the proper place in the home for the wife? This question has been incorrectly divided from the Word of God for centuries. We are told to rightly divide the Word (see 2 Timothy 2:15), and this subject has been so unrighteously divided by religion that it has caused a tremendous weakening of the household, the home, and consequently, of the protection, deliverance and salvation of the people who make up those homes.

It is true, because of the natural order in the physical realm on this earth, that the husband is placed as the head and covering of his wife—that's what *head* means, "the leader, the covering, the protector." (See Ephesians 1:22, 5:23-29.) However, as we will see, it becomes clear that the wife is the head of the functioning of the home.

All families have an aspect of business to them. There are certain things that must be handled. Timetables need to be run. The kids need to go to school, practices and appointments. Groceries must be bought. Household items need to be secured. There are certain logistical operations of every home. Essentially, a family is an institution of humans that has to be organized.

People like to think that a "loving family" only needs its members to love one another and everything else will fall into place. That may be partially true. Love is the power that makes everything work. But there are a multitude of logistical issues in a family to be dealt with. This means a wife must be multifaceted.

Think about the cut of a diamond. The diamond's cut is a style used when shaping a diamond for polishing. An example would be the highly valued "brilliant cut." The brilliant cut is a diamond cut into a shape with numerous facets to create exceptional

brilliance through the gemstone. The multifaceted cut provides maximum light return through the diamond so that its shine is magnificent.

Did you catch the significance of that?

The most desirable and valuable diamonds—including the one in your household—are multifaceted to provide maximum *light* return!

As you continue this study, keep this principle of the multifaceted cut in mind.

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Unfortunately, the vast majority of the Body of Christ has no idea what God's description of a wife really is. They even read Proverbs 31 all the time, and still have no clue. There are books and messages galore about the Proverbs 31 woman, but as we dive into the subject of a "virtuous woman," you may be shocked by what it actually means. Most of these teachings are vastly incomplete at best and blatantly incorrect at worst.

If you ask the average member of any church what the characteristics of a virtuous woman are, most of the time you will hear words such as *chaste, timid, quiet, meek, godly, pious, soft-spoken*. But what does virtuous really mean? In Hebrew, which is the language used to write the book of Proverbs, *virtuous* means: "a

force, whether of men, means or other resources; an army, wealthy, virtue, valor, strength, able, activity, army, a band of soldiers, or a company; great forces, goods, host, might, power, riches, strength, strong, substance, train as in training of a soldier, valiant, valor, virtuous, war, and worthy."

Did you hear anything indicating soft-spoken, demure, quiet, pious or chaste? Those words aren't there. As a matter of fact, this very word translated *virtue* is the same word that was used to describe David's mighty men of valor. The words *valor* and *virtuous* are translations of the same Hebrew word. That is how God describes a wife!

No wonder her price is far above rubies. No wonder she's the diamond.





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As we go through the rest of Proverbs 31, we'll see God describing the details of what this virtuous woman looks like.

"The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (verses 11-12). You can trust someone who is worthy and full of valor and strength. They're powerful. They have great might. They are a force of resources and means. You can trust in someone like that.

"She seeks wool, and flax, and works willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she brings her food from afar" (verses 13-14). If she fits this definition, then she is rich. She has the means, resources and ability to do these things.

"She considers a field, and buys it: with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard" (verse 16). She can do so because she's rich, successful and hard-working.


We can't skip over verse 17, "She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms" (*New King James Version*). I like what my spiritual father says, "She ain't no chicken woman." She's strong. She is not scared of anything.

"Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land" (verse 23). This is the description of the ideal family as God intended. In this age of social media, people often point their finger and say, "Those people just post the good things. You never know what's going on behind the scenes. They make themselves look like the perfect family." Well, such a thing *does* exist and it is described in several places in the Bible. This is our goal! We should always be reaching toward the prize that is set before us in places like Proverbs 31 where it lists what the family is supposed to be like.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness" (verse 26). There's a saying that I've heard and spoken often, "One word from God can change your life forever." The virtuous woman can speak a word from God into your life and change things.

"She looks well to the ways of her household, and eats not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her" (verses 27-28). Men, listen up. Her husband praises her! He doesn't deride her. He doesn't embarrass her. He lifts her up and praises her.

"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all" (verse 29). These are the daughters taught by a virtuous woman. Elder women are supposed to teach the younger according to the book of Titus. (See Titus 2:3-4.) "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" (verses 30-31). Not only will the virtuous woman who fears the Lord have favor and beauty, but she shall also be praised.

Remember, one of the attributes of a diamond that determines its value is a multifaceted cut. It is no coincidence that Proverbs 31 seems to be describing some sort of Wonder Woman superhero! She is multifaceted and therefore highly valuable. From manufacturing to real estate, from physical fitness and ferocity to shipping and exports, there seems no end to her God-ordained abilities and anointing! 

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Need Healing? **STICK WITH THE WORD**

by
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Not many people get to visit heaven and then come back to tell about it, but my friend Gary Wood did. He went there briefly after being in a deadly car wreck at age 18. As he was being escorted around, one of the places he saw was a room filled with new body parts—new hearts, spines, eardrums, lungs, everything necessary to make a human body perfectly whole.

“What is this place?” Gary asked.

“This is the parts room,” he was told. “When our people need new body parts and call for them by faith, the angels take them whatever they need.”

It turned out Gary was in that room for good reason. While he was seeing firsthand in heaven just how much God cares about the physical well-being of His people, his sister was back on earth, refusing to give him up. She’d been in the wreck with him, came out unhurt, and was standing on The WORD. Never mind that he was DOA at the emergency room. She wouldn’t turn loose.

When Gary’s body began to show signs of

life, the doctors realized he would survive but gave a grave prognosis. Having determined that his larynx was crushed, and his vocal cords were destroyed, they said, “He’ll never talk again.”

A singer who’d been headed into the ministry, for Gary that would have been tragic. But, thank God, he’d been in the heavenly parts room. So, when he regained consciousness, he confounded everyone by saying, “Hallelujah!” and ultimately wound up preaching, singing and bringing glory to God with a marvelous, booming voice!

Isn’t that wonderful?

“Yes,” someone might say, “but you have to remember, God’s ways are mysterious. When it comes to healing, we can never really know what He’s going to do.”

Sure, we can! We may not know exactly *how* He’s going to do it, but we can know *what* He’ll do because James 1:17 says that in Him there “is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” He doesn’t shift around, taking one position on healing today, and another tomorrow.

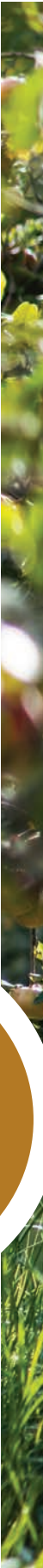
He doesn’t vary from day to day, providing parts for one person and not for another.

God is always the same. His nature doesn’t change. His Name doesn’t change, and His WORD doesn’t change. What He’s said to one about healing, He says to everyone because He is totally unchangeable.

So is Jesus! The express image of the Father, Hebrews 13:8 describes Him as “the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” So, if He healed yesterday, He’s still the Healer today. He’s still responding to us now the same way He responded to those who came to Him for healing in the Gospels.

Remember the leper who came to Jesus in Matthew 8? When he said, “Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean,” without stopping to think about it, Jesus answered without hesitation, saying, “I will” (verses 2-3). And with those

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words He settled the issue forever for all men for all time: Healing is always God's will!

That's a vital scriptural fact. It's foundational to receiving healing because faith begins where the will of God is known. If we don't know what God has said about something, it doesn't matter how much we need it, we can't have faith for it. But once we see in The WORD that it's His will we can believe and receive.

Moved With Compassion

In recounting the healing of the leper in Mark 1:40-41, we get even more insight into Jesus' willingness to heal. It says that when the man came to Him, "kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, *moved with compassion*, put forth his hand, and touched him...." In other words, Jesus didn't just speak to this man matter-of-factly. He didn't just say, "I will," tap him on the head and then shrink back. No, His voice and His

touch were filled with great tenderness and love. In tone if not in these exact words, He said to the leper, "Of course, I will heal you! That's why I'm here. I came here for you!"

Can't you just imagine that scene? According to Luke, who was a physician, this man was "full of leprosy" and was about to die. He was covered with running, open sores and his clothes were filled with the filth and stench of decaying flesh. He hadn't been touched by anyone except another leper in a very long time.

Yet Jesus, instead of running away from the man like most people did, got down in the dirt where the man had fallen "on his face" before Him (Luke 5:12). He reached out with great compassion, caught hold of him, and said, "I will:

be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him" (verse 13).

Is Jesus less compassionate today?

Absolutely not. He's the same yesterday, today and forever. Even though now He's seated in heaven at the right hand of God, He's still a compassionate High Priest who is able "to understand *and sympathize and* have a shared feeling with our weaknesses *and infirmities...*" (Hebrews 4:15, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Don't ever fall into the devilish trap of saying to Jesus, "Don't You care?" He cares so much He went to the Cross for you. He cares so much that He not only paid the price for your sins, He bore your sicknesses and carried away your diseases. He cares so much He had it recorded in His unchanging written WORD that by His "stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24), so you could believe it and receive.

How exactly do you do that?

The same way the next man we see in Matthew 8 did.

A Roman centurion came to Jesus seeking healing for his servant who was lying at home grievously ill.

"I will come and heal him," Jesus said, and the centurion answered:

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and

"Don't ever fall into the devilish trap of saying to Jesus, 'Don't You care?'"



my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.... And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour (verses 8-10, 13).

WORD Faith

Notice Jesus said the centurion had “great faith.” What kind of faith is that? It’s WORD faith. Faith that requires no physical evidence other than the authority of The WORD of God itself.

WORD faith isn’t the only way to get healed, but it’s the best way. It’s better than having to depend on special manifestations of the Spirit, such as working of miracles or gifts of healings, because as wonderful as they are, there’s an air of mystery about them. They’re not always in operation. The gifts come and go as the Holy Spirit wills.

The WORD of God, on the other hand, is always available. It’s always “alive and full of power [...active, operative, energizing, and effective]” (Hebrews 4:12, *AMPC*), and it’s there for you to access whenever you need it, any time of the day or night, which is a major advantage.

Particularly if you’re dealing with a condition that’s acute, you can’t afford to sit around and wait for the gift of miracles to show up. You need to connect with the power of God immediately, and by getting in The WORD you can do that. Simply by opening your Bible or tuning in to The WORD being preached, you can build your faith and receive your miracle when there are no spiritual gifts in sight.

LaShae McKinney can confirm it. One of our ministry Partners, she was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer a few years ago. Given only 30 days to live she needed a miracle and she needed it fast.

Although she was so sick she barely had enough energy to breathe, she remembered hearing Gloria say in Healing School, “Take the Word like medicine, three times a day; and if the situation gets worse, double the dosage.” So, she used that as her prescription. Three times a day, every day, she got her Bible and walked through her house declaring the



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healing scriptures and speaking them over her life.

Twenty-eight days passed, and still, she could tell no difference in her body. The symptoms of lymphoma remained, and she felt exactly the same. “But at the end of that 28 days, something happened,” she said. “Faith kicked in, and I knew I was healed.”

On day 30, she went back to the doctors and they took X-rays again. They brought in two specialists. Then they brought in three more. But none of them could find any cancer. “Where is it?” they said. “It’s not here!”

Stick With The WORD No Matter What

Can you see the similarity between the centurion and LaShae? Like him, she put her faith in the authority of God’s WORD alone. With no physical evidence to rely on, and negative circumstances screaming at her, she pushed through and believed that by The WORD only, she would be healed.

She didn’t do it lying in bed, either. She got up and walked as she declared God’s WORD. She put action to her faith, and although time and again she had the opportunity to give up, she refused to do it.

We all have opportunities to give up when we’re standing in faith, and we all need to be reminded to do what LaShae did: to make the quality decision to stand on God’s WORD, refuse to be moved by what we see or what we feel in the natural, and stick with The WORD, no matter what.

“But Brother Copeland, that sounds hard, and I’m hurting. Why won’t Jesus just do something for me?”

He *is* doing something! He’s right there in you and with you. The Author and Finisher of your faith, He’s right there every time The WORD comes out of your mouth. Every time you say, “By His stripes I was healed,” He’s building you up. Every time you read and declare healing scriptures, faith is coming.

Faith Comes From The WORD

Faith is a spiritual force. You can’t feel it with your physical body. But when you hear God’s WORD, it always comes. The more WORD you get in your heart, the more faith keeps coming, until it boils over and you know that you know that you know: “This belongs to me! It’s mine! Jesus bought and paid for

it, and I have The WORD of the living God on it. In the Name of Jesus, I AM HEALED!”

I remember when that happened to me a few years ago after I was diagnosed by the doctors with plaque in my arteries. I was getting ready to preach, and on the morning of Aug. 12, 2016, as I was fellowshiping with The LORD, I believed I received my healing. Opening my Bible to Mark 11:23, I said, “Plaque, be thou removed.” Turning to Ephesians 5:26, I said, “I receive the cleansing of my arteries by the washing of water by The WORD.” Then I wrote it down in my little book of healing scriptures and tucked it away.

In January 2017, I went back to the doctors for a head-to-toe physical. After examining me thoroughly, down to measuring the thickness of my arteries, do you know what they found? Zero plaque!

I’ve had many experiences like that. So have a lot of other people I know who’ve learned to walk in WORD faith. One of the most outstanding I ever heard about was Brother Kenneth E. Hagin. As a young teenager, he was paralyzed and bedfast with an incurable heart condition.

Back then, he’d never heard anyone preach about faith, but just by the leading of the Holy Spirit, every day for 16 long months, hour after hour he would read and quote the healing scriptures he’d found. One day, as he was reading Mark 11:22-24, it hit him: *I have to believe I have it, before I have it, in order to get it!*

Determined to act on that revelation, he pushed his legs over the side of the bed. As they hit the floor like two lifeless sticks of wood, he grabbed hold of the bedpost, pulled himself up and declared, “I want to announce to God in heaven, The LORD Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, all the angels in this room and all the devils of hell—I am healed from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet!”

Talk about someone who needed new parts! Born prematurely with serious internal deformities, Brother Hagin needed a total overhaul—and he got one. In the twinkling of an eye, not only did his legs come back to life, his heart, digestive tubing and blood were all replaced.

How did it happen?

By faith in the living WORD of God, The LORD Jesus Christ—the same yesterday, today and forever! 🍷

MISSION MOM!

Special Assignment

Commander Kellie and the Superkids REPORTING FOR DUTY

Jesus!—What is our special assignment this week?



Let's take this assignment one detail at a time.

Every spring, mothers are celebrated and appreciated all over the world. The Lord is so pleased, He wants to give us a month-long assignment! If you don't have a mom, trust God to bring a grandmother, stepmom, aunt or mentor to fill that role. If He's already done that, be sure to honor her! If you only have a dad, God can anoint him to fill the place of a mom, as well as a dad! No matter what your mom situation is, trust God and His Word.

The Word tells us how to regard and respect our mothers (and fathers). Since Jesus is giving us the assignment to bless and celebrate our moms, let's make sure we know exactly what He wants us to do!

The first scripture about how to treat your parents is part of the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:12, *New Living Translation*, says to "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Then, Ephesians 6:1-3 (*Living Bible*), gives us details: "Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: that if you honor your father and mother, yours will be a long life, full of blessing."

"Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you."

It can be challenging to accept that God has placed people in authority over us. But doing things our own way makes life hard. Proverbs 13:15 (*Wycliffe Bible*) says, "Good teaching shall bring favour; a pit is on the way of despisers." To despise is "to think little of, to consider unimportant or pay little attention to." When you think little of, or pay no attention to what your mom says, you are despising her wisdom. My definition of a pit is "a deep hole you can't get out of without help." Disobedience leads to a hard and difficult life.

"Honor your father and mother."

When you choose to honor, you have chosen to obey. It is the choice that demands your obedience! The word honor means "to have high respect for, to show regard, revere (to look on with awe)." Honoring your mother includes listening to her and considering her words as valuable and important. This heart attitude will encourage you to obey quickly and easily.

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Best Mom ever



honor your father and mother, yours will be a long life, full of blessing."

God so desires you to live a long and full life that He gave us this assignment with a promise of reward! In fact, it's the only one of the Ten Commandments that comes with a promise attached! When the Bible talks about God blessing people, it tells of great joy, wealth, lands and peace. This is your reward for honoring your mom!

God has such a desire to bless us that He sent HIS own perfect Son, Jesus, to help us! Jesus knows what it's like to obey by doing something you don't want to do. He honored and obeyed His Father when He didn't want to go to the Cross. So, He can help us honor and obey our mothers (and dads), even when it's hard.

Sometimes, moms get stressed or become frustrated. They may be busy and not paying you enough attention. What should you do? Talk to Jesus. He will help you to forgive and see things through His eyes. Best of all, He will help you get your mind off yourself and show you how you can help your mom. You and Jesus can make a difference in her day, like she does in yours every day. Moms have an assignment from the Lord to help keep you on the right path and bless you!

Your job this month, Superkids, will kick off your lifelong attitude of honoring your mother, who is precious to the Lord. You're doing this for Jesus, because He appreciates how she is raising you as the Superkid you were created to be. So, do those dishes, make those beds and love those moms! And while you're at it, throw in some hugs and cuddle time—and maybe even a foot massage. They love that!

Love to all MY kids,
Commander/Mom Kellie



P.S. I'd like to give honor to MY mom, Gloria Copeland. She is a great gift to me and to all God's people. She taught me about Jesus and His Word before she taught the world. Thank you, Mother, for showing me the love of Jesus and His faithfulness. You are a billboard for the fruit of the spirit and the fruit of a life lived for Jesus!



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