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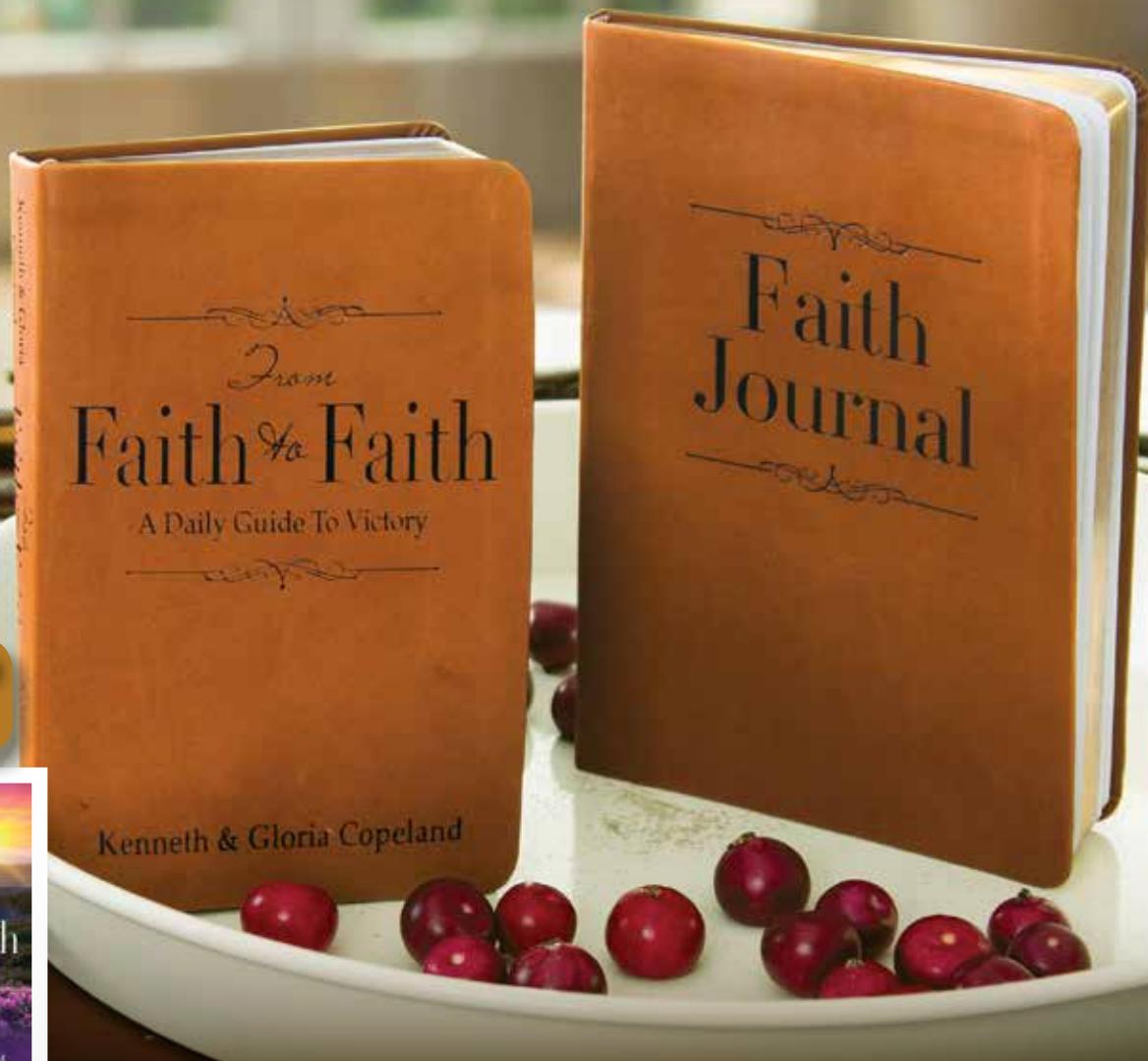
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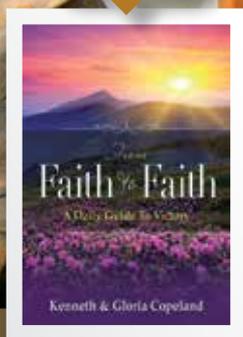
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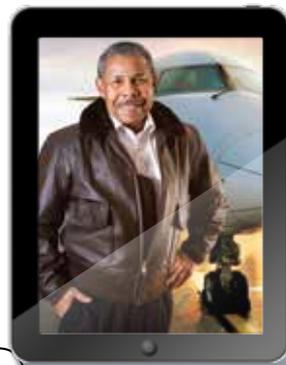


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# Young, Strong, Blessed!

If you're interested in staying young, pay close attention to what I'm about to say, because I'm going to give you an anti-aging secret that's not only effective, it's straight from the Bible. Gloria and I, both, have lived it out and are living in the results.

I turned 77 years old last year and I feel better today than I did 20 years ago. My eyesight is so good I can still fly jets. My hearing is good. I'm not on any medications and I don't have time to be sick. I'm too busy preaching all over the world and enjoying life with Jesus.

**L**ongtime friend and faith preacher Stanley Black, who is my age, was ministering alongside me a few months ago during a meeting in Venezuela. We decided we're the furthest thing imaginable from being "old men." We're both Psalm 103 youth-renewed men of faith.

"Well, Brother Copeland," you might say, "that's a commendable attitude. But you know how it is. Eventually we all just get old and tired. It's inevitable."



*by Kenneth Copeland*





“Listen here, body!” I’d say. “I am not an old man! My youth is being renewed like the eagle’s. That’s one of my benefits as a son of God. What’s more, Genesis 6:3 says the days of man on the earth shall be 120 years, so I’m still in my prime!”

Nope. I refuse to agree with such statements. In fact, I haven’t said anything like that in 40 years. It’s not because I haven’t had opportunity, either. There’ve been times in years past when it seemed like my whole body was screaming at me about getting old and wearing out.

There were days when my back was talking to me about it...and my knees were talking about it...and my head was talking about it. But when they did, I didn’t just sit around listening to them. I talked back! I quoted those scriptures in Psalm 103: “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” (verses 2-5).

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I’ve been saying those kinds of things every day for

decades now. Why? Because I know that when I do, every cell of my body hears it. My bones hear it. My joints hear it. My eyes and even my hair hear it.

They respond, too, because I didn’t come up with those words myself. They came from my heavenly Father. They’re His words and His power is in them. He said them to me through the Bible and quickened them to me by His Spirit; and when I speak them, He backs them with His power and brings them to pass.

So there you have it. That, in a nutshell, is the most effective anti-aging secret anyone has ever discovered—and here’s the best part: It will do more than just keep you young. It will work on your finances. It will work on your circumstances. It will remove the effects of the curse that are listed in Deuteronomy 28 and cause THE BLESSING to manifest in every area of your life.

### The Tree That Talked

“Well, I just don’t see how talking to things like bones and knees and money and circumstances can make any difference,” someone might say. “After all, it’s not like they can actually hear.”

According to Jesus they can.

That’s why in the New Testament accounts of His



earthly ministry, we frequently see Him talking to things. Take the time He went to Simon Peter's house, for example. When He got there and found Peter's mother-in-law sick with a serious fever, "He stood over her, and rebuked the fever" (Luke 4:39).

Although most people would laugh at the idea that fevers can hear, this one clearly did because "it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them."

On another occasion, we find Jesus

speaking to the natural elements of the earth. You probably remember the story. Jesus was crossing the Sea of Galilee with His disciples one night when:

...there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the

winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! (Matthew 8:24-27).

Let me ask you something: Can wind hear? Can water hear? Yes, it's obvious they can because they heard Jesus...and the minute they did, the storm was over.

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, that was *Jesus!* He's the eternal Son of God."

Yes, He is. But that is not the reason the storm responded to Him. It would have obeyed the disciples too if they had talked to it like He did. Jesus told them as much when He asked them why they had such little faith. What He was saying was, "Why did you have to wake Me up? Why didn't you just use your faith and take care of the storm yourselves?"

If you want further confirmation of this, look at what happened in Mark 11:13-14. There we see Jesus, once again, talking to something. This time it's a fig tree. "And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it."

I know I'm being repetitive here, but to drive home the point, let me ask you one more time. Can trees hear?

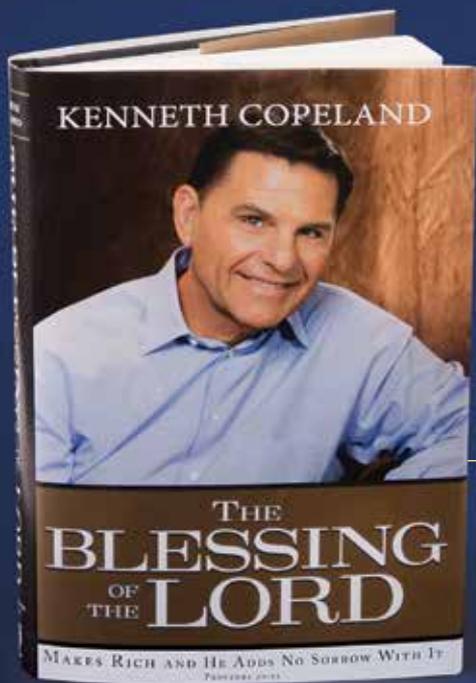
Yes, they can. In fact, not only can they hear, they can talk.

This particular fig tree was saying to Jesus, "You're not getting any food from me today." But instead of just walking away and letting the fig tree have the last word like most other people would, Jesus answered that tree.

How did He know what His answer should be?

He listened down on the inside of Him, heard what His Father was saying, and repeated it. That's the way Jesus always operated. As He explained in the Gospel of John:

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# Tune out the chatter of the outside world.

If you keep listening to them, you'll end up repeating what they're saying, which is exactly what the devil wants you to do.

“The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge...I am in the Father, and the Father in me...the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works” (John 5:19, 30, 14:11, 10).

This means when Jesus was talking to the fever and the storm and the tree, He wasn't just saying something He came up with Himself. He was not speaking His own words. He was speaking the Father's words. When He did, the Father who dwelt within Him did the work.

This is the process by which the entire kingdom of God operates, and it will work for us the same way it worked for Jesus.

## Tune Out the Chatter

“I just don't think that's true,” someone might say. “I'd never be able to operate like Jesus did.”

Why not? As a born-again believer, haven't you been re-created in His image? Don't you have the same Holy Spirit dwelling in you that indwelt Him when He was on earth? Don't you have the ability to hear and speak THE WORD of God?

Certainly you do!

Then why wouldn't the Father within you back up His WORD when you speak it in faith? Why wouldn't He do the work necessary to bring it to pass for you just like He did for Jesus?

The answer is obvious. He will! That's why Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” (John 14:12).

It's also why He said what He did to the disciples when they saw the fig tree and exclaimed, “Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have

faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith” (Mark 11:21-23).

Notice, Jesus didn't say, “Now wait a minute, boys. Don't you be trying to do this. Don't go around talking to trees. Trees won't listen to you. The wind won't listen to you. The water won't listen to you. They'll only listen to Me because I'm the Son of God.”

No, He said the exact opposite. He said even mountains will listen and move for “whosoever” will speak to them by faith!

Add to this the fact that faith comes by hearing THE WORD of God (Romans 10:17) and you'll quickly see, if you want to do the works Jesus did, the first step is to get still and have ears to hear what God is saying. Tune out the chatter of the outside world. Stop listening to the fig tree and the fever and the storm.

If you keep listening to them, you'll end up repeating what they're saying, which is exactly what the devil wants you to do. He wants to trick you into talking like you're getting old by age 30. Every time you forget something, he wants you to say things like, “Well, I always heard that the memory is the first thing to go. Ha! Ha! Ha!”

That's not funny! It opens the door for the devil to use the Kingdom process in reverse. When you say what he says, you license him to do the work and bring those negative words to pass.

So don't do it! If a disease has attacked your body and it's telling you it's going to take your life, don't agree with it and repeat what it's saying. Tell that disease to shut up! Then tune in to God because He is saying

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something entirely different. He's saying, “By Jesus' stripes you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

Not only has He said it in the Bible, He's saying it directly to your spirit. He doesn't have to speak to you from some far-off place in heaven, either. He's talking to you right there on the inside of you because that's where He lives, and if you'll listen on the inside you will hear Him.

God won't condemn you with the curse, like the fevers and the storms of life do. God will speak THE BLESSING to you. He'll talk to you about Galatians 3:13-14 that says, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ.”

You, as a born-again child of God, have a blood-bought right to live a BLESSED life. But if you're going to do it, you must hear and speak the words of THE BLESSING. You absolutely must incline your ear to God and take this attitude: “I know what the circumstances are saying; I know what my neighbors are saying; but the only thing that matters is what God is saying because what He says is the truth!”

That's the attitude I chose to take a number of years ago, when I was preaching on the island of Jamaica in the West Indies. I'd been ministering almost seven days a week for months, and after preaching one day from

There was no sickness in THE BLESSING God breathed into Adam when He created him.... And there is no sickness in the salvation God offers all men through Jesus.

9 a.m. until 5 p.m., about halfway through my next meeting—which was also scheduled to last all day—my voice gave out.

Since it was about lunchtime anyway, I told the people to go eat and I went back into the prayer room to pray about the situation. As I did, these words came up in my heart: *By His stripes ye were healed.* I opened my Bible, read that verse, and whispered, “Amen!” I declared it to be truth and said, “Father, as far as I’m concerned, I am healed so I am going back out there and preach.”

At that moment, there wasn’t yet any perceivable change in my body. When I stepped back up to the podium in the afternoon meeting I could hardly make a sound. But I held the microphone right next to my mouth so the people could hear me, and began to say the words God had given me to say.

“If I were to ask my voice if I’m healed, it would say no,” I whispered. “If I were to ask you if I’m healed, you’d say no. But I’m not asking you. I’m not asking my body.” As I was speaking, my voice began to get louder.

“I have asked The WORD of God!” I continued, and as I spoke my voice continued to get louder.

“And it says I am healed!” I shouted.

By the time I finished that last sentence, my voice was so strong I was able to preach another three hours. After I closed the service, I drove to the next meeting and preached for another two hours. I’m glad I did, too, because at the close of that last two-hour service, a totally blind woman was healed.

Why did it happen that way? Because my body was listening and so was hers, and when I said what God said, the Father within, He did the works!

The same can happen to you.

Every day your life is listening. So give God the opportunity to work. Tune in to His voice, open your mouth and let the fevers and the fig trees and the storms hear what He is saying.

Say what God said and stay young, stay strong and be BLESSED. It’s a wonderful way to live! ♻



by Jeremy Pearsons

# THE GREATEST COMPLIMENT

Other than the Word of God and listening to the Holy Spirit, I believe there is no greater teacher in life than life itself.

The things we *experience* often serve as building blocks that help shape who we are. As we celebrate Father's Day this month, I would like to take the time to share some personal experiences with my dad that have impacted my life.

Let me begin by saying my dad would be the first to tell you he is far from perfect...but not in my eyes. Not only has he taught me to love God and the Word, but he is also responsible for my love of music. As a baby, I sat on Dad's shoulders watching and listening to him play the piano. And eventually, I sat next to him while he patiently taught me to play.

Because of my parents, I know how to believe God for healing in my body. As a child when I'd get sick, 1 Peter 2:24 was always the first medicine I was given, followed by a healthy dose of Papa Kenneth's healing tapes!

Yet another building block in my faith was set when Dad announced we would be giving our house away—a house that was completely paid for! This was a shining example to me of how to give God our best seed.

I also remember Dad in his pajamas, struggling to stay awake at 2 a.m. while he helped me complete a science project that was due the next day. Not only did that experience teach me about a father's unconditional love, but it also taught

me not to procrastinate!

Dad also loved me enough to spank me and ground me for wrong behavior. For that, I'm thankful! He taught me what *not* to do...and that is often the most valuable thing a person can know.

I see in George Pearsons a man being made perfect through a life devoted to the Word. The building blocks of honor and integrity are set in my life because they count for something in his. By seeing him walk in humility, I've learned the value of preferring others. And

possibly some of the greatest lessons he's taught me came when he said, "Son, this is where I've missed it."

As you can tell, I love him! And when someone says, "Hey Jeremy, you remind me so much of your dad," it's one of the greatest compliments I could receive! ♥

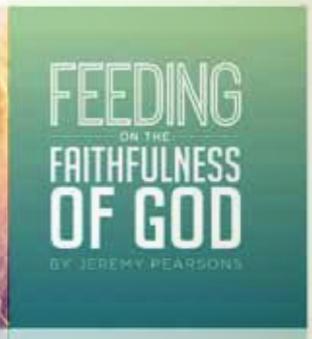
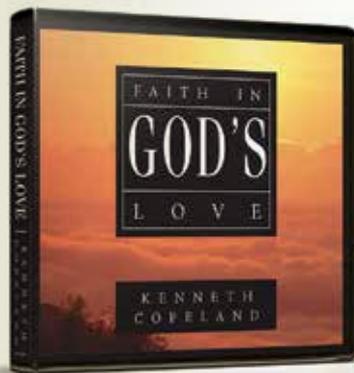
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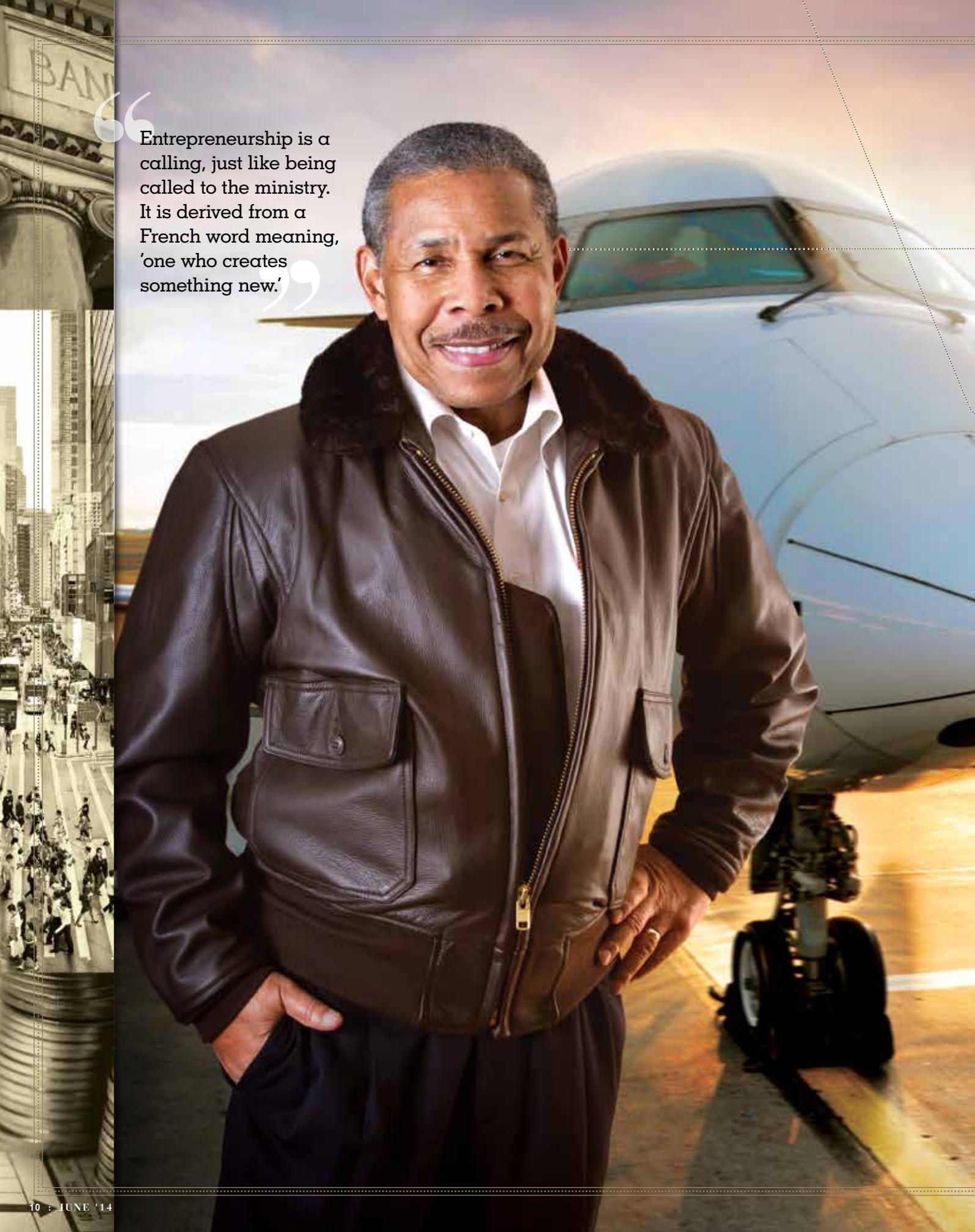
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“Entrepreneurship is a calling, just like being called to the ministry. It is derived from a French word meaning, ‘one who creates something new.’”

by Melanie Henry

# A New Order of Living by Faith

Phones rang, copy machines hummed and the IBM office in downtown Chicago buzzed with activity as the workday neared its end. Thirty-year-old Bill Winston cradled the phone with a sigh. *Nothing. Zero. Nada.* That's what he had to show for six months of hard work. ∴ Grabbing his coat, he said goodbye to co-workers and stepped outside. Wind whistling between high-rise buildings blew his collar up and pushed against his back like an unseen hand. The sound of a jet engine roared overhead and he paused on the crowded sidewalk to look up.

A white contrail streamed across an azure sky. Like a message from his past, the sight of it filled Bill with memories of his childhood in Tuskegee, Ala., and the heroes who had surrounded him there. Their high-flying example had often inspired him to fight through hard times like this.

*The Tuskegee Airmen*—they were America's first African American pilots.

During World War II, when many people thought African Americans lacked the intelligence, skill, wisdom or courage to fly in combat, they had flocked to the Tuskegee Army Airfield from across the nation and proved their critics wrong. Hundreds had served overseas in World War II with such distinction that their names would go down in history.

Bill had been in the second grade

when one of those renowned airmen, the father of his friend Danice James, had returned from Africa. Meeting Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. had changed Bill's life.

Even now, some 20 years later, he could remember the spark of excitement and the vow he'd made after that encounter with the combat pilot who would become the first African American four-star general.

"I *will* fly!" Bill had said.

He'd done it too. He'd attended college at Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) and enrolled in ROTC, taking his pilot qualification exam his senior year. Pilot training in



the military had been challenging. There were still few African American pilots, and racism had reared its ugly head. But Bill had refused to be distracted from his goal. He'd learned to fly propeller planes, light jets and finally supersonic jets.

After a temporary duty assignment

to Korea for jungle survival school, Bill had been deployed to Vietnam. He had returned home one year later having been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for acts of heroism in aerial combat.

Bill Winston had grown up believing anything was possible. The African American pilots, entrepreneurs, scholars, professors and leaders who had surrounded him for years on a daily basis had left him with no doubt. That's why he had succeeded at almost everything he'd ever attempted to do.

Until now.

In his first nonmilitary position, Bill had joined IBM, gone through computer sales training and was put on the IBM sales team where he was paid primarily on commission...and he wasn't making many sales. Pulling his paycheck out of his pocket, he opened the envelope and groaned.

He wasn't earning enough to survive, and the stress was giving him stomach problems. What's worse, he felt anger simmering below the surface of his soul remembering the experiences he'd had while growing up in Tuskegee, when he hadn't been allowed to swim in white men's pools and couldn't attend their schools. While his white friends walked through the front door of a restaurant, he'd had to slip through the screen door in back. This lifetime of swallowed injustices was eating him alive.

Bill looked up to the wide blue sky where the jet's contrail faded into oblivion, much like the success he'd hoped to achieve at IBM. There was nothing better than being 40,000 feet above the earth.

If only he could be there now.

### Tapping In to God's Power

"It was one of the lowest points of my life," Bill recalls. "I'd been raised in a Christian home, but never accepted Jesus as my personal Savior. When everything in my life started falling apart, I thought about going back to church but I had no idea where to go.

"I met a Catholic charismatic woman who invited me to a meeting on the north side of Chicago. I got born again at that meeting. When I did, the love of God renewed my heart and all the anger disappeared.

"Another woman prophesied, 'You're going to preach!'" Bill recalls. "I didn't want any part of that so whenever I saw her I ran in the other direction."

Even so, Bill's spiritual appetite had been whetted. One day he tuned the radio to a Christian station while he was driving to a sales call and heard a voice say, "Hello, this is Charles Capps...." Listening to the man preach, Bill was hooked. From then on, he listened to Charles every chance he got. On the radio he also discovered Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Fred Price and Lester Sumrall. From them, he learned about the integrity of God's Word, the laws of faith and the power of his own words.

At home he watched Kenneth Copeland's *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast, and became a Partner with KCM. He listened to messages by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, and read their books. Little by little, he learned to handle problems in his life by faith.

### The Word Works!

Soon, Bill's sales began to take off, and before he knew it, he was the top salesman in the office. Then, he was promoted to a first-level sales manager. The Word of God was working in his life!

Things rocked along until an economic drought dried up sales for the whole company. Toward the end of the month the manager was desperate to see some revenue come in.

From God's Word, Bill had learned that when you're working the law of faith, you have to *say something*. So early in the morning on the last day of the month, when his sister phoned to ask how he was doing, Bill chose his words with care. "I'm doing fine, thank you," he replied. "If you call me back

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Sun	8	2 Kgs. 19-20	Col. 4
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Tue	10	2 Kgs. 23-24	1 Thess. 2
Wed	11	2 Kgs. 25; 1 Chr. 1-2	1 Thess. 3-4
Thu	12	1 Chr. 3-4	1 Thess. 5
Fri	13	1 Chr. 5-6	2 Thess. 1
Sat	14	1 Chr. 7-8	2 Thess. 2
Sun	15	1 Chr. 9-10	2 Thess. 3
Mon	16	1 Chr. 11-12	1 Tim. 1
Tue	17	1 Chr. 13-14	1 Tim. 2
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Fri	20	1 Chr. 20-21	1 Tim. 6
Sat	21	1 Chr. 22-23	2 Tim. 1
Sun	22	1 Chr. 24-25	2 Tim. 2
Mon	23	1 Chr. 26-27	2 Tim. 3
Tue	24	1 Chr. 28-29	2 Tim. 4
Wed	25	2 Chr. 1-3	Titus 1-2
Thu	26	2 Chr. 4-5	Titus 3
Fri	27	2 Chr. 6-7	Philem.
Sat	28	2 Chr. 8-9	Heb. 1
Sun	29	2 Chr. 10-11	Heb. 2
Mon	30	2 Chr. 12-13	Heb. 3

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this afternoon at 5, I'll have more business than I can put on the books.”

Around noon, Bill's salesmen started phoning in orders. By 5 p.m., he had generated so much business that his boss looked over his shoulder and said, “Hey Bill, that's enough! Save some for next month!” There was enough to meet not only Bill's quota, but the other sales managers' as well.

Bill soon climbed to the top sales-manager position.

## Fulfilling the Call

“I worked for IBM for 14 years and learned a lot about business and organization,” Bill says. “During those years I often shared my faith, but I finally realized the Lord was calling me to preach.

“I left IBM, and in 1985 my wife, Veronica, and I moved to Tulsa where I attended Oral Roberts University. I believe God sent me there to learn something that changed my life. It was Isaiah 48:17: ‘Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.’”

Until he discovered that scripture, it had never occurred to Bill that God was interested in profit. But the more he meditated, the clearer the truth became. Profit—or increase—was God's plan for His people and He had promised to teach them how to do it.

This was the difference, Bill realized, between just “having church” and operating in the kingdom of God. According to the Bible, there would be no end to the increase of God's kingdom.

His whole paradigm shifted.

That verse birthed a dream in Bill's spirit: a dream to build a business school that would teach Christian businesspeople how to operate using Kingdom principles—and how to profit God's way, regardless of the economic climate.

## Birthing a Dream

In time, Bill and Veronica started having Saturday meetings in a hotel near downtown Chicago. People stayed away in droves. Bill visited one of his old colleagues at IBM who offered him his job back. It was tempting, but instead of giving up, Bill pressed in to God and his divine assignment. Then a door opened—he was offered a small storefront church facility in one of the highest crime areas in Chicago. Bill took it. He continued to teach the principles of faith and taught people to see themselves as blessed. Line upon line, precept upon precept, he declared the Word of God. He operated in the laws of faith, and the Word did not return void. Living Word Church became Living Word Christian Center and moved to the Chicago suburb of Forest Park, where people

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started coming in great numbers.

As Bill continued to meditate on Isaiah 48:17, his vision for the church grew into a Kingdom mandate. The Lord began revealing to him the roles of kings and priests in the kingdom of God. He realized that under the old covenant, when God wanted to build the Temple, He didn't send the priests out to wash camels. They were never required to raise funds.

It was the kings who provided the finances.

King David gave Solomon all the money he would need to build the Temple. King Solomon bought

were pilots, and pilots like hanging out together. Kenneth invited Bill to preach at his meetings, and Bill did the same.

In 1999, Bill gave birth to his dream. He established Living Word School of Ministry, designed to train "priests" or full-time clergy for the Kingdom. He also established the Joseph Business School, which was designed for the "kings"—businesspeople who desire to be entrepreneurs. Classes are offered on Saturdays for nine months each year. Its goal is to take back the economics of the world and eradicate poverty wherever it is found.

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the materials and oversaw the building project. The priests blessed it, dedicated it and ministered to the people. Sure, that was old covenant, Bill reasoned, but we have a new covenant built on better promises. Should priests/pastors suffer lack? Should they be trying to raise money?

No, they shouldn't—not in the Kingdom culture. “Who are the kings of the new covenant who have been called, anointed and appointed to bring finances into the Kingdom?” Bill asked God. The answer: *Mainly, they are entrepreneurs and business leaders.*

### He's One of Us!

As his revelation grew, Bill expanded his ministry to include television. One day, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland were in Chicago when Kenneth saw Bill's broadcast on TV. After listening to him, Kenneth said to Gloria, “He's one of us!”

Not long after that, the two men met and an enduring friendship was established. Not only did they share a love for God and His Word, but both

“Entrepreneurship is a calling, just like being called to the ministry,” Bill explains. “It is derived from a French word meaning, ‘one who creates something new,’ and is meant to bring growth and advancement to a community or nation. When God transforms a city or region for His kingdom, one of the things He does is set entrepreneurs and business leaders in place along with missionaries and priests. They both have a grace to turn the economy around and advance the kingdom of God.”

The Joseph Business School was recently awarded national accreditation. In addition, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has approved the school for qualified veterans to receive Montgomery GI Bill education benefits to pay for their tuition.

But the church didn't stop with business and ministry schools.

“We bought a 33-acre shopping mall,” Bill says. “We needed a miracle, and the Lord directed me to sow a *big* seed, and we reaped *big!* We took ownership and now retailers

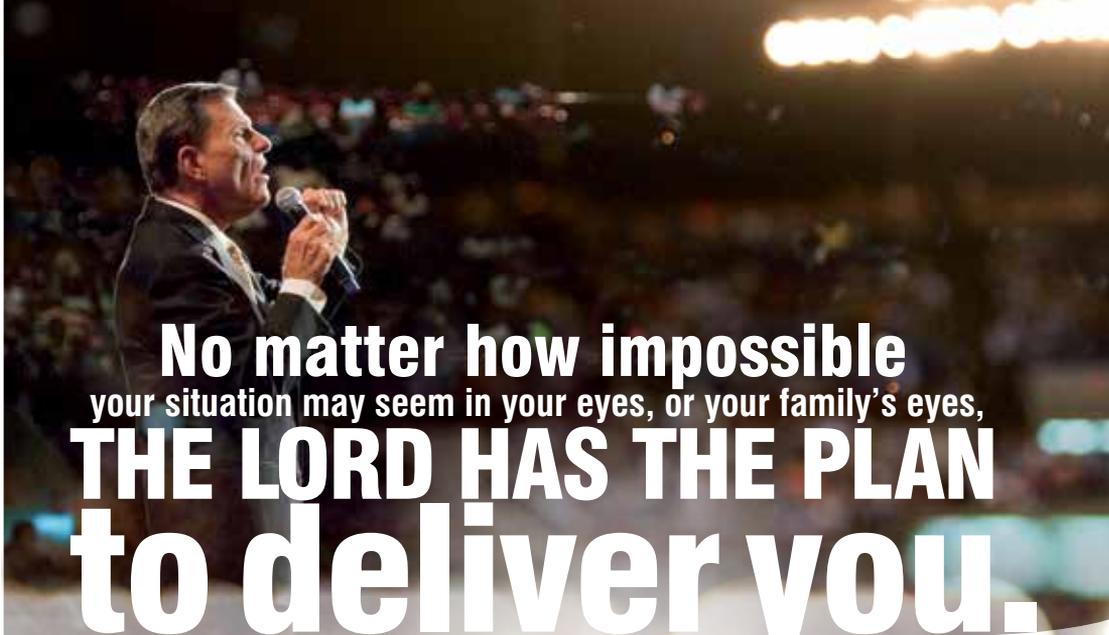
are paying us rent, and providing over 400 jobs for the community. We also have a water-bottling plant. We're working to make it portable enough to take to areas that need clean water. We deal in gold and silver through the Great Lakes Monetary Consultants company and we have Golden Eagle Aviation at historic Moten Field in Tuskegee. Through sales profits, we've contributed millions of dollars in taxes and helped boost the economy in our local community and state.”

### In Order to Go Up, Sow Up

“Part of the reason things grew so quickly for me was partnership with KCM,” says Bill. “The law of association with successful ministers brings that same anointing on me. I've discovered that if you want to go up, you have to *sow up*, not just to the needy. Gloria's book on prosperity (*God's Will Is Prosperity*) was another turning point in our lives. I believe Kenneth and Gloria's integrity has made them both end time models for today's Christian ministry.”

Each year Bill Winston hosts two conferences: the International Faith Conference and the Missions and Marketplace Empowerment Conference, bringing kings and priests together. In addition, through Faith Ministries Alliance, he oversees more than 540 churches and ministries worldwide and teaches faith around the globe.

What's next? “We're going to add a patent department to our Joseph Center because there is a tremendous explosion of new inventions that are about to be released to the Church,” Bill explains. “The kingdom of God is not just a government, but a new order of living by faith. It is not just a future hope, but a present-day reality where men and women are born into it, and empowered by The Blessing to transform the most devastated environment into a Garden of Eden. It is time to get excited, even radical, because phenomenal things are about to happen.”



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“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” Ephesians 6:10-11

## A Wedding Gift From God

I recently got engaged, and my fiancée and I decided to start tithing together to get a head start on activating God’s prosperity and THE BLESSING in our lives. Together, our monthly tithe was R4,632. After six months of faithfully tithing (not bucket plunking) the Lord began to prove His faithfulness and started pouring out His BLESSING on us.

At a wedding expo, we won our honeymoon valued at R46,000! Our God truly knows how to give a good wedding gift. There was no way I could afford a honeymoon at that price, but THE BLESSING could! Then, we both received a 7-percent increase in our salaries and got paid back over R10,000 from the tax man. This all occurred over three months. Our God is a faithful God and a giving God! Praise be to the GOD of THE BLESSING! T.E. | South Africa

## Delivered From Addiction and Bulimia

Since you sent me the book *How to Discipline Your Flesh*, I have been delivered and healed from my addiction to pills and bulimia. I now sleep in my own bedroom, which I

haven’t done for 30 years, and I’m eating healthy and losing weight. Thank you. M.R. | Australia

**2.2 M** salvations last year through KCM and the ministries we support

## Being Freed From Debt

We have been following the programs with Gloria and Pastor George on being free from debt. Since June 2012, we have been set free from credit-card debt. Praise God! We are now believing for our truck and house to be paid in full as well. Thank you for these programs. We watch them over and over! R.W. | Canada

## Psalm 91 Protection

I want to say thank you for your partnership and prayers over my family. My younger son was recently involved in a car accident. His car was totaled, yet he walked away with a scratch and a small

bruise. The police told me, “Lady, you are lucky to have your son.” The tow-truck driver told me, “God was with your son today.” Praise God for His mighty protection as per Psalm 91. A.L. | Canada

## The Final Word Was God’s

In November 2011, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and scheduled for an operation. Immediately after getting the evil report, I went to the Word of God concerning my deliverance and healing. I got a lot of tapes and books of Kenneth and Gloria and listened and read them day and night, claiming my healing in Jesus’ Name. The doctors removed the lump in my breast and one of my nodes.

The doctor found cancer cells in the node and needed to take out more because he believed the cancer had spread. I continued to stand on the Word that by the stripes of Jesus I was healed, that the Lord would deliver me, and that I will not die but will be satisfied with long life. I had the second operation and the doctor removed 17 more nodes. To his surprise, all were free of cancer, and there was no evidence of any more cancer in my body. Praise the Lord!

Next I was asked to see an oncologist who wanted to give me chemotherapy that would only be of 10-percent benefit and the side effect would shut down my ovaries permanently. I refused it because I have always believed God for more children, and I believed that I was healed by the stripes of Jesus. I continued to take the Word of God daily. I went for a mammogram a year after and all was completely fine and normal. Jesus set me free! A.S. | United Kingdom

## The Blood of Jesus!

My wife and I listened to the broadcast of Gloria and Billye from Feb. 6-10, 2012.... We ordered Kenneth Hagin’s book *The Authority of the Believer* that Billye referred to on the broadcast and, after the third reading of it, ordered 30 copies to give to others.

A couple weeks later, I met with my cousin and shared with her how my wife and I are using our authority as believers to pray the blood ring of God’s holy protection around our family each day.

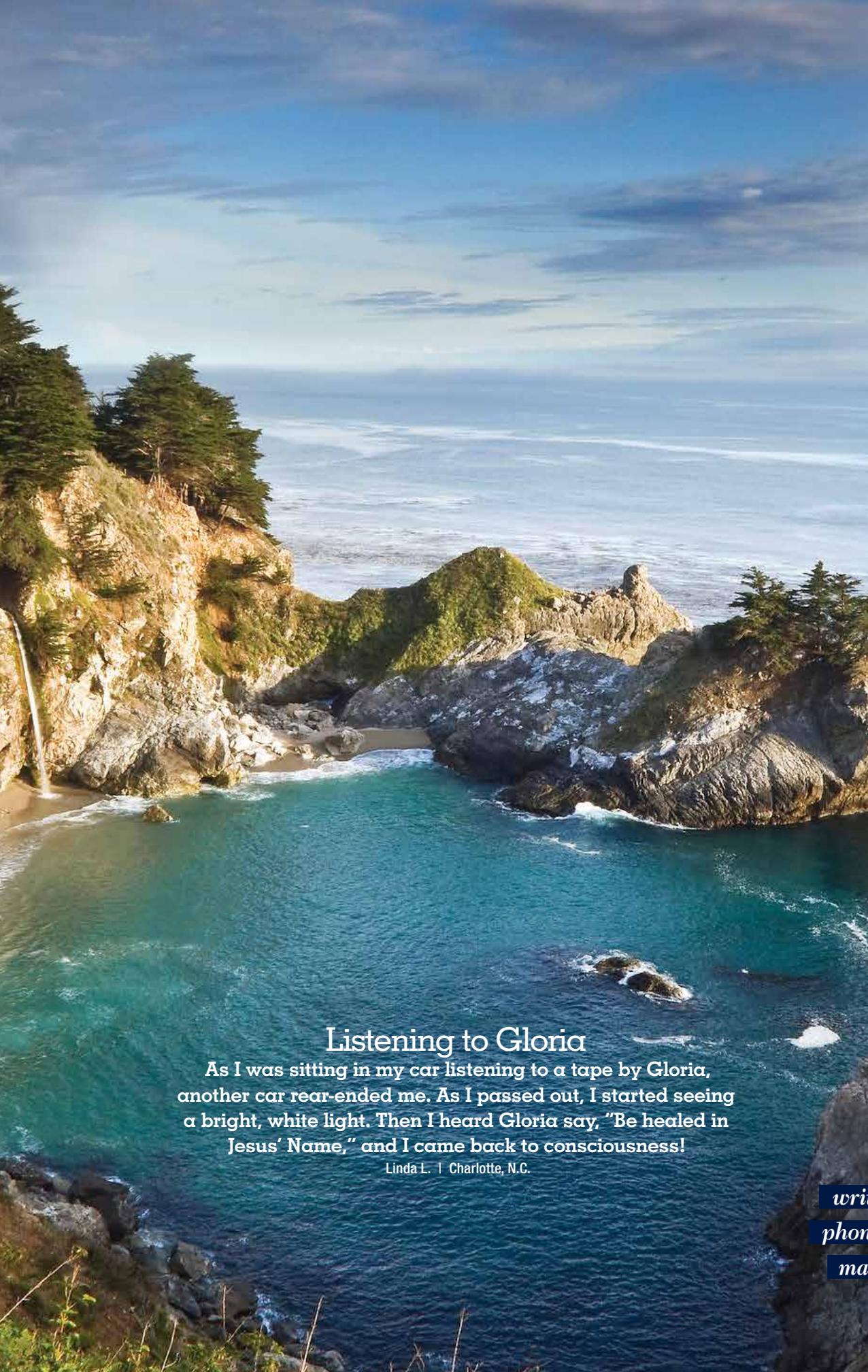
The next morning my cousin said, “What you shared with me yesterday saved my daughter’s life! After you left, I prayed the blood ring around my family. Fifteen minutes later my daughter was driving down the road behind a huge crop sprayer. The driver, who did not know she was behind him, put the machine in reverse and backed right over her car! The tire missed her by inches and she walked away from the accident with only two small scratches! All praise to our God!”

Ken and Olive R. | Canada

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## *salvation prayer*

If you do not know Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

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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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## Listening to Gloria

**As I was sitting in my car listening to a tape by Gloria, another car rear-ended me. As I passed out, I started seeing a bright, white light. Then I heard Gloria say, "Be healed in Jesus' Name," and I came back to consciousness!**

Linda L. | Charlotte, N.C.

# Turning Up the Power

**O**h, God, I need more power! Please...please...please give me more power, LORD! :: Have you ever prayed a prayer like that? :: I have. In fact, some years ago I was praying along those lines, earnestly beseeching God to give me greater power to minister. It was a fine, very spiritual-sounding prayer. But The LORD interrupted me right in the middle of it. :: *Kenneth*, He said, *where would I go to get you more power?* :: The question stopped me cold.

*No one has more power than I do, He continued. And I've already filled you with My Spirit. I've put within you the same miraculous force that created heaven and earth, the same supernatural strength that raised Jesus from the dead. Where am I going to go to find something greater than that?*

The point was clear. As born-again, Holy Spirit-filled believers, you and I don't need more power. We simply need to more fully release what we've already been given. We need to allow the Spirit of God *within* us to flow *through* us in greater measure.

If we're not seeing miracles in our lives and ministries, it isn't God's fault. He isn't the One who is limiting us. We are!

That may not sound to you like good news—but it is.

Here's why. If you're the one who is keeping a lid on the power of God in your life, then you're the one who can take that lid off! You don't have to sit around waiting for some super-anointed prophet to come to town and lay hands on you. You don't have to wait for God to send an angel to hit you with his glory stick. You don't have to wait for anything.



You can make a quality decision to increase the flow of God's power in your life—starting today!

## God Is Always On

"Now, Brother, I don't believe we can just turn God's power on at will."

I don't either. But thank God, we don't have to! His power is always on! He turned it on and made it available to every one of us almost 2,000 years ago on the Day of Pentecost, and He hasn't turned it off since. It's me I turn on and off. God is always on!

He's just waiting for *us* to get fully turned on to that power. He is waiting for us to get with the program and start doing the works that Jesus did, and even greater works (John 14:12).

The problem is, we've kept Him

waiting for a long time. That's because, despite what the Bible says, most Christians don't actually think they could ever do what Jesus did. After all, He is the divine, firstborn Son of God, and He clearly had a greater measure of God's power flowing through Him during His earthly ministry than any of us do.

It's true. Jesus did operate in greater power than we do. But not for the reason most people think. His great anointing was not due to the fact that He is the Son of God. It couldn't have been! For Philippians 2:7 says when Jesus came to earth, He stripped Himself of His divine privileges. He laid aside the rights of deity and ministered as a man.

What then was the secret of His astounding power?

You can find it in John 3:34: "For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God...God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure, but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit!" (*The Amplified Bible*).

According to that verse, the reason Jesus was able to operate in unlimited power was because He spoke The WORDs of God.

He didn't just speak God's WORD when He was ministering. He didn't just speak it when He was feeling spiritual. He didn't stand in church and say, "Well, praise God. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but The LORD delivers him out of them all!"...and then walk outside and say to His disciples, "Boys, things are really looking bad. Judas is stealing our money. The religious leaders are trying to kill Me. I just don't know if we're going to make it."

No, Jesus didn't speak words of faith one moment and words of doubt the next. He *always* spoke God's WORD: "As my Father hath taught me," He said, "I speak these things" (John 8:28).

## More Than a Black Leather Book

"I know The WORD is important," you may say, "but I just can't see how it



Despite what the Bible says, most Christians don't actually think they could ever do what Jesus did.

can turn up the power of God in my life.”

That's because you don't understand what The WORD actually is. You think it's just a black, leather book you wag to church on Sunday and then leave on the coffee table the rest of the week. But the truth is, God's WORD isn't a book. It has been recorded in a

book, but The WORD itself is what God has said to us.

Set your traditional framework aside for a moment and look at it this way. If someone said to you, “Kenneth Copeland has given you his word,” how would you respond? Would you get all religious about it?

No, you'd want to know what I had said I would do. You'd also want to know if my word is any good. You'd want to know if I'm the kind of person who keeps my word or not.

Those are sensible questions. Why is it then, that so many Christians who claim to esteem God's WORD have never asked them?

“Yes, amen, Brother,” they say, “we believe The WORD of God.” Yet they cannot tell you precisely what God has said He'll do for them. And once they find out, they consider it presumptuous to expect Him to follow through. They seem to think that because God is *God*, He has the option of breaking His WORD if He wants to, without any reflection in any way upon His nature.

That is absurd. A person's word is his bond. It is the measure of his character. If a man honors his word by keeping it, then he is an honorable man. If he dishonors his word by breaking it, he is a dishonorable man. Like it or not, everyone's integrity—including God's—is judged on the basis of whether or not he keeps his word.

No doubt, that statement would ruffle the feathers of a few religious folks. “Who do you think you are,” they'd say, “to set up a criteria by which to judge God?”

I didn't set up that criteria! God did. He is the One who taught us to judge integrity on that basis. He invented the integrity of words. He set the standard.

God and His WORD are One, not because *we* say so, but because *He* said so. He has made it clear that we cannot separate Him from His WORD. Just as He never changes, His WORD never changes. They are both the same—yesterday, today and forever.

What's more, God's WORD is as powerful as He is.

That may sound shocking to you, but if you'll stop and consider it a moment, you'll realize it makes perfect sense. A word is always and only as powerful as the person who gave it.

For example, if Joe Smith, the

# God's WORD is eternal. It is sovereign.

grocer from down the block, promised you a job at General Motors Co., there wouldn't be much power in that word because as well-meaning as Joe might be, he has no authority to back it up. If, however, the president of GM called and said you could have a job there, you could take his word to the bank because he has the power to cause that word to come to pass. His word in a letter would have the same power to get you the job as his word when he spoke it to you.

## The WORD Came First

Since God is all-powerful, His WORD is all-powerful. He can and does back up everything He says.

Since He is the Creator, His WORD contains the power to create. You can see that truth borne out in the very first verses of the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (Genesis 1:1-3).

Notice that the Spirit of God was moving before God spoke, but nothing happened until *God said*. Creation did not take place until God released words of faith.

Everything in this material creation, everything you can see, touch, taste or smell came into existence as a result of The WORD of God. That means God's WORD is the parent substance of all matter. Think of it! The paper this magazine

is made of came from a tree that can be traced from tree to seed, to tree to seed, all the way back to God's WORD, "Let it be."

In light of that

fact, do you think His WORD still has the power to change this natural, physical world? Do you think The WORD that created the dirt your physical body was made from has enough power to heal that body? Do you think The WORD that brought into being all the silver and gold, all the wealth of this entire earth, has enough power to supply you with the resources to pay your electric bill?

Of course!

God's WORD is eternal. It is sovereign. It cannot be changed. (We tried to change it by saying it didn't really mean what it said. But, thank God, it does mean what it says and there's nothing we can do to alter that fact.) Psalm 119:89 says, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

This material universe, on the other hand, is temporal. It can and does change. As Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31).

If you take something that is unchangeable and use it to apply pressure to something that is changeable, it's obvious which one of them will yield—the *changeable one!* Therefore, whenever you take The WORD of God and apply it in faith to this temporal realm, that realm must give in and conform to The WORD.

Jesus understood that truth. He lived His life by it. He had such faith in God's WORD that when He spoke it, this material creation bowed its knee and obeyed Him. Demons fled. Diseases disappeared. Death gave up its grip. Bread multiplied. Winds stopped blowing. Waves ceased.

In fact, by the power of God's WORD, Jesus was able to live and minister on this death-bound planet, and yet be completely free from all its bondages. Then, before He left, He told us how we could do the same thing.

He said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth

shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

Most of us have given such a religious meaning to the word *disciple* that we've lost the impact of what Jesus said there. A disciple is simply someone who follows after or becomes like someone else. So Jesus was actually saying, "Continue in My WORD and you'll be like Me. You'll know The WORD (see John 17:17) and it will make you just as free as I am."

## Containers of Power

To understand how God's WORD can have such a profound effect on your life, you must realize that words do more than convey information. They serve as containers of spiritual power. They have the ability to carry faith or fear, blessing or cursing, life or death (see Proverbs 18:21).

Men sometimes speak idle or empty words, but God never does. Every word He has ever spoken has been filled with faith, power and life. Hebrews 4:12 says His WORD is "quick," (or alive) "and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit..."

In fact, God's WORD actually contains within it the power to bring itself to pass. For example in Isaiah 55:11, He says, "My word...shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Every word God has ever spoken is backed by His faith, and is as full of power today as it was the moment He said it. So when you believe that WORD, and then your faith comes together with His faith, the power of that WORD is released, the Holy Spirit goes into action, and The WORD explodes into this natural realm and becomes a reality in your life!

That's how you got born again. You heard or read God's WORD, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in



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thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:9). You believed that WORD, spoke it in faith and the power of the Holy Spirit was released, transforming your dead, fallen spirit into a reborn spirit, re-created in the image of Jesus Himself.

My, what a miracle! You were snatched from the dominion of darkness and there was nothing the devil could do to stop it. The words of God did the same thing for you they did for Jesus when He was in the pit of hell. They demolished the devil’s power over you and raised you up together with The LORD Jesus to sit together in heavenly places with Him! (See Ephesians 2:6.)

### Turn the World Upside Down

Even though you were the one speaking The WORDs, they had the same power they would have had if Jesus Himself had spoken them. That’s because they are God’s words, and when spoken and acted upon in faith they always release His power!

Peter and John proved that the day they walked up to the lame man at the Beautiful gate in Acts 3. At the time, they only had a few words of the New Covenant. They just had the words Jesus spoke to them before He ascended:

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover (Mark 16:15-18).

But those were all the words they needed. When they believed and acted on those words, the Holy

Spirit went into action for them just as He had for Jesus—and a miracle happened. When they opened their mouths and said, “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk,” that lame man “leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God” (Acts 3:6-8).

They didn’t stop with that one miracle either. Peter and John and the rest of the early disciples took those first few WORDs of the New Covenant and turned the whole known world upside down! (Acts 17:6)

“Well, Brother Copeland, you know those men were apostles. That’s the reason they were anointed to do such miracles.”

No, it’s not! If that were the reason then Acts 19:20 would say, *mightily grew the apostles and they prevailed*. But it doesn’t say that. It says, *“mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.”* Those early apostles were anointed to do such miracles because they spoke and acted on The WORD of God. It was The WORD and the anointing released by that WORD that did the work.

Since The WORD never changes, we can be confident that it will prevail for us just as surely as it prevailed for Peter and John. It will prevail for us as surely as it prevailed for Jesus. It will prevail for us as powerfully as when God Himself said, “Let there be light!”

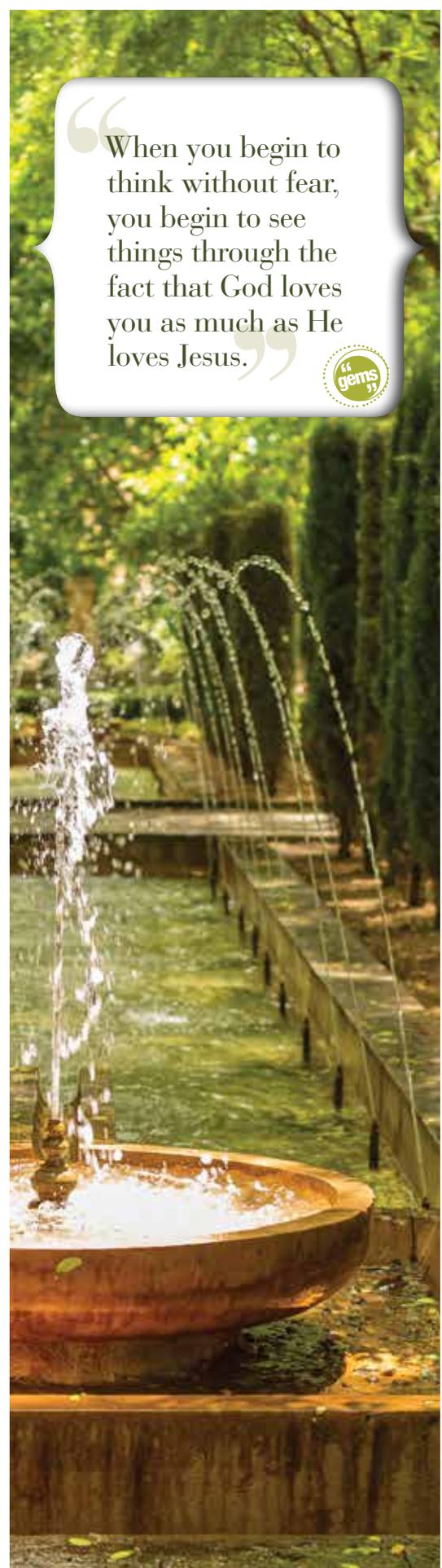
What are we waiting for?

We have the very power and Anointing of God Himself moving in our reborn spirits. We have The WORD of God at our fingertips. And the more we fill our heart with that WORD, the more we act on it and speak it out in faith, the more freely that anointing can function through us.

We have everything we need to turn up the power of God in our lives. We have everything we need to heal the sick, cast out devils, open blind eyes and raise the dead. We’re not waiting on God. He is waiting on us.

Glory to God, let’s not keep Him waiting any longer! Grab your Bible, take your stand on it and let’s go! 🙌

“When you begin to think without fear, you begin to see things through the fact that God loves you as much as He loves Jesus.”





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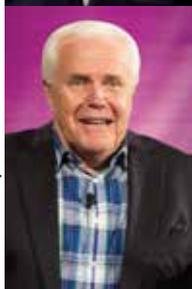
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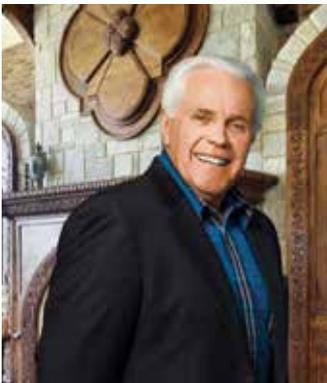


# SPEND TIME at the Throne

People often say to me, "Brother Jesse, you have such a unique relationship with God. Why is that?"

I think they are expecting a big philosophical answer, but that's not what I give them. I simply tell them what I'm telling you: "I spend time with God. I spend time at the throne."

I love being with God.



**W**hen we're alone I ask Him, "What are Your aspirations, Lord? What do You want to do today, God?" I just talk to Him. I ask Him how He is feeling.

You see, I know God so well and I fellowship with Him so much during my throne time, I can sense when He isn't feeling right. For example, the other day I went into my study to do my Bible study and talk to the Lord a little bit, and God just wasn't Himself. So I said, "Lord, is something wrong?"

He said, *Yeah...you know Me, Jesse.*

I asked, "What's the matter, Lord?"

He said, *My people have disobeyed Me today.*

I could sense He was hurt the same way I can tell when my wife, Cathy, is feeling hurt, because I know God. I have spent many hours with Him. I've heard Him laugh. I've heard Him talk. He has shared secrets with me.

Now, that may shock some of you and make the theologians downright mad, but that same kind of close relationship is available to anyone who will invest in throne time.

You don't have those kinds of experiences while sitting in a pew at church, because you're too busy learning about God. That's school time. Church is where you learn about God so you can do His will, His commandments and His statutes





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on earth. Throne time is not church time. Often, people mistakenly think just because they went to church or attended a special meeting, they have spent quality time with God. No, they spent time with a *teacher* of God—not one-on-one time with God Himself. Of course, you may feel God's presence in a church service, and I hope you do. You may run and holler and shout in church, but that still doesn't qualify as throne time.

When you first met your best friend, you started learning all about him or her. As time passed, you began to know them better. The same is true in your relationship with God. As you get closer to Him, you begin to know Him in a whole new way.

#### God Wants to Fellowship With You

Living out the will of God on earth requires throne time, otherwise known as fellowshiping with the Father. First John 1:3 says: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." John, the beloved disciple, fellowshiped with Jesus. He rode donkeys with Him. He ate dinner with Him. He even slept in the same house as Jesus. You would think John truly knew the Lord. But, there are so many dimensions of the Lord that we will never know them all.

Notice the expression of his writing when he is on the Isle of Patmos. John writes in Revelation 1:10-11, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last..."

John says, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day," because he had never seen or heard Jesus like that before. He says he saw Him high and lifted up and His train filled the Temple. John was fellowshiping

with Jesus on that Lord's day. It wasn't school time; it was John and Jesus time.

When I am in the Spirit, it's fellowshiping time for Jesse and Jesus. I say, "Hello, Jesus," and He says, *Hello, Jesse*. Once you've experienced some throne time, you'll long for it.

Throne time is not designed for you to have a prayer meeting. When I have throne time, I don't ask God to answer this prayer request and meet that prayer need. I just go into the throne room to talk to God. He likes that, and He reveals answers to questions I have in my heart and mind. You get great revelations during throne time—not church time. Church time is where you are educated in the things of God to complete the mission of God. Throne time, on the other hand, is just you hanging out with God, talking about whatever the two of you decide to discuss.

### Refuse to Be Confused

When you visit the throne on a regular basis, clarity of mind will come. Many people become confused when God gives them understanding, because spiritual truths must be spiritually discerned. In other words, you can't intellectualize a spiritual truth. As you spend more time at the throne and refuse to be confused, decisions will be made before you have the chance to debate them with God. You'll know what to do and you'll just do it without reasoning or doubting.

This happened to us not long ago. I asked Cathy to shop for a piece of land and find a nice building while I was away. She found a great piece of property with a million dollar building on it. When she showed it to me I said, "Cathy, that's a million dollar building!"

She said, "Yeah, I know, but we can get it for \$250,000."

I laughed and said, "You couldn't even buy the bottom floor of that building for \$250,000."

Then I heard the Lord tell me

to be still because Cathy was on a mission. You see, Cathy had heard from God. So when she talked to the owners of that building, they were anxious to sell, and actually agreed to \$250,000. She told me the news and said, "Now go into your study and pray about it because you're the one who has to release the money."

So, I did. I prayed, "God..." and He interrupted and said, *Jesse, you can pay \$250,000 but I'm going to pay \$240,000.*

I came out of my study and gave Cathy the news. She said, "That's the craziest thing I've ever heard. Go back in there and pray again."

I said, "Woman, that's what the Lord said."

"What does it mean?" she asked.

"I don't know what it means," I answered. "Just cut the deal."

We finalized the deal with our lawyer and there was only one thing left to do—tell the tenants that we wouldn't be renewing their leases. So, we bought the building for \$250,000 but as it turned out, the tenants owed us \$10,000 on the lease so after they paid us what they owed, it was exactly as God had said—we could pay \$250,000 but He was paying \$240,000.

### Throne Time Equals Unwavering Faith

When I originally heard God say, *You can pay \$250,000 but I'm paying \$240,000*, it didn't make sense, but I had no doubt that I heard God because I've spent enough time at the throne that I know His voice. I also have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16), which is a clear-thinking mind. You can experience that same kind of clear thinking if you'll visit the throne more often. When you visit the throne, you won't come back with conflicting ways to

deal with life. So many Christians have conflicting ways of dealing with life. Why? Because they haven't spent enough time at the throne. Romans 12:2 says, "Be not conformed...but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." When I've spent time at the throne, even if God tells me to do something that seems impossible, I will do it because I don't have conflicting thoughts. The more time you spend at the throne, the less time you spend doubting.

That's why I didn't doubt God had said, *I'm paying \$240,000* for that piece of property with the beautiful building on it. I had faith that I heard Him correctly, and I had faith that He would do what He said. That kind of confidence only comes when you spend time at the throne.

Living out the will of God includes a life of unwavering faith. When you spend time at the throne, you won't make debates, you'll make decisions. Your faith never wavers. You'll finally get beyond the realm of belief and into the realm of knowing. Once you're in the realm of knowing, you'll have ability and power.

During one of my throne sessions with God, I asked Him, "Why do You give Yourself so many names?"

He said, *I'm very big.*

I wanted more, so I asked, "Can You explain that further?"

He said, *I have many facets that the human brain cannot understand and the way I get to them is through words. That way, My children can get a concept of Me because most of them never visit Me; they just visit My house.*

Take time to visit God at the throne today. Spend agenda-free time with Him so you can begin living out the will of God on earth. He's waiting. ⑦



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by Gloria Copeland

# STANDING IN YOUR DREAMS



**B**elievers should be famous for dreaming big dreams.

As dearly beloved children of Almighty God, who have a Bible brimming with promises from Him, we ought to walk around with great big smiles on our faces all the time, expecting something good to happen to us.

We should be so full of Word-based, Holy Spirit-inspired visions of our future that when we walk into a room, people say the same thing about us that Joseph's brothers said about him in the Old Testament: "Here comes the dreamer!" (Genesis 37:19, *New Living Translation*). »»»

I don't know if anyone has ever said exactly those words about Ken and me, but I'm sure they've come close because we've been dreaming big dreams in God for more than 45 years now. Ever since we found out about living by faith in the Word, we've had great expectations.

Take what we started expecting in ministry back in 1967, for example. That was the year the Lord first told Ken to preach the uncompromised Word "from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around." Ken accepted that calling and from then on that's what we expected to do.

Never mind that we were flat broke at the time. Never mind that Ken didn't have a single preaching invitation. We were faith dreamers. We saw ourselves with a worldwide ministry before we had enough money to get out of town!

In addition to our dreams of ministry, we also began to have natural dreams back then. One thing I personally dreamed of was a home of our own, one that satisfied my heart's desires. Naturally speaking, it looked like it could never happen—especially since Ken and I had made a commitment to God that we'd never

borrow money. But even so, I refused to let go of my dream.

Over the years, while I waited for it to come to pass, the Lord took good care of us. We weren't out on the street. God provided good houses for us to live in and I appreciated them. But because I never quit on that dream, the day came when I actually got to move into my dream home—debt free.

Oh, what a blessing that home has been! I'm so grateful to God for it. But I could have easily missed out on it.

If I'd just believed God for 10 years and then said, "Well, if I were ever going to get that house I would have gotten it by now," the outcome could have been entirely different. If I'd quit on my dream and dropped the Word I'd been standing on concerning that home, I might still be living in a rent house today.

But, praise the Lord, I didn't do that. I stayed with it and kept believing. I decided my dream was worth waiting for.

Yours is too.

So don't let yourself get discouraged if you've been believing God for something for a while and you haven't seen the results yet. Don't give up on your dreams just because they're taking more time than you expected to become a reality. As long as they are based on God's Word and you stay with the faith program, you can be sure God is working on them. He is bringing your dreams to pass and when they manifest you'll be glad.

#### Aim First to Please God

"But Gloria," you might say, "I'm not sure I know exactly what it means to 'stay with the faith program.'"

It's simple, really. The faith program is just believing, saying and obeying God's Word. It's living life according to what the Bible says.

I don't mean just living on what it says about your dreams (although that's important) but about other things as well. Things like walking in love and holiness, for instance. We can't live a

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loose and immoral life and truly believe God for the fulfillment of our dreams, because disobeying God in any area will undermine our faith. As supernatural receivers, our heart's desire must be, first and foremost, to please God. Everything else must be secondary.

This means we can't just pick out the scriptures we like best and focus only on them. We can't just concentrate on verses about increase, for example. Although it's fun to increase (especially if you've been living in lack for a few years) if you want to have strong faith you must also pay attention to verses about tithing and obedience in every area of life.

In other words, you must dedicate yourself to the whole will of God and follow the instructions in Romans 12:1-2: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

As faith people, we aren't supposed to be conformed to this world because it's trying to go to hell fast. People who don't know God are putting so much trash in front of their eyes and in their ears they hardly even know the Ten Commandments exist anymore. They watch so many ungodly television programs and movies they think sin is the normal way of life.

But for us, as believers, sin is not normal. Holiness is normal. Obeying God and living by faith in Him is normal. That's why another vital part of the faith program is spending time feeding our hearts and minds on God's Word. The Word teaches us how God wants us to live. It provides us with exceedingly great and precious promises, makes us partakers of His divine nature, and empowers us to escape the corruption that is in this world (2 Peter 1:4).

What's more, "Faith cometh by

hearing...the word of God" (Romans 10:17). So, as we read and meditate on the Word our faith grows stronger—and faith is what God needs from us to bring our dreams to pass.

#### The Choice Is Yours

The Bible is truly a supernatural book. No matter what is happening in your life at any given time, you can open the Bible every day and the Spirit of God will quicken to you the words you need to empower and sustain you. He will direct you to the scriptures that will move you toward the fulfillment of your dreams.

Yet, as vital as the Bible is to your success, God won't make you read it. He will let you choose your own level of faith. He'll let you go as far with His Word as you choose. It depends on how much or how little attention you give it—how much you keep it in front of your eyes and in your ears—and whether you receive it, believe it and act on it. You can either have faith that's strong enough to make your biggest dreams a reality, or you can limp along on just enough faith to get you into heaven.

As God said in Deuteronomy 30:14-16: "The word is very near you, in your mouth and in your mind and in your heart, so that you can do it. See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil. [If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which] I command you today, to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you" (*The Amplified Bible*).

One thing about God is He doesn't stutter. He just tells it like it is, and this is how it is: We have a choice. God has given us His Word and through it He has set before us life and good, and blessing and cursing. Now it's up to us to decide what we're going to do about it. What do *you* choose?

I don't know about you, but by the time I got saved, I was fed up with

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doing things my own way and eager to choose God's way. Even though I was young, I was desperate. Ken was too. Both of us were tired of being broke. We were tired of sleeping on a rented rollaway bed. We were tired of cooking potatoes in our coffeepot. And we were tired of looking at unpaid bills.

We wanted out of that situation. We wanted out of lack. We wanted a decent car to drive—one that we knew would actually get us where we wanted to go. We had a dream of being BLESSED!

So, when we saw in those verses that all we had to do to receive THE BLESSING was to believe and obey God's Word, we dove headfirst into the deep end of the pool. We totally immersed ourselves in the Word.

We weren't satisfied just to go to church and listen to a sermon once a week. We spent time reading the Bible every day. We were continually looking in the Scriptures and listening for the promptings of the Holy Spirit to find out what God wanted us to do.

#### Take the Next Step

I'll never forget those early days in the Word! One of the first things the Lord showed us was that He wanted

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# The BLESSING is working in our lives



I have learnt from Kenneth Copeland Ministries and others like Kenneth E. Hagin that we can have what we say (Mark 11:23). So I started to put it into practice, and from the beginning of March I began confessing "someone is going to give me £30 today". I kept saying this to my wife and children, and about a week later someone put £30 into my bank account. Glory to God! So I stepped it up. "Someone is going to give me £50 today". About a week went past and I received £60. Glory! So my wife and I started to confess "someone is going to give us £1500 today". Well, Glory to God! The £1000 came in today and the £500 is on the way!

*The BLESSING continues to flow:*

The BLESSING is still working in our lives. We have just received a new 40 inch flat screen TV and a full week's shopping, without paying a penny. We have learned that you have to watch your whole body of words, not just say something good at church and then speak bad words at home. You have to stay at it. It may look like there is no way it's going to happen, but don't say anything different; keep speaking your faith. Glory to God!

Praise God! If you believe in your heart and say it with your mouth, it shall come to pass. God is faithful!

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## *realize your dreams*

us to move to Tulsa so Ken could enroll as a student at Oral Roberts University. To this day, that was one of the biggest faith steps God ever asked us to take.

We didn't know much at all about walking with Him back then. What we did know, however, was that we had little children, no money and no idea how we'd survive financially if Ken was in school.

God didn't show us the whole picture, either. He rarely does. He hardly ever says, "Now, if you'll do this, I'll do this, and you'll have this wonderful result." No, most of the time He just gives you a leading to do something and doesn't explain all the good things that will happen if you take that step. That's why it's called "walking by faith."

If God had appeared to us in advance and said, "You go to Tulsa, Oral Roberts will hire Ken to be his pilot and personally train him in ministry, then you'll connect with Kenneth E. Hagin and you'll be more blessed in every area of your life than you ever dreamed you could be," we would have signed on quicker. But He didn't tell us those things.

He expected us to know Him well enough, from reading His written Word, to simply trust Him. He expected us to do whatever He led us to do simply because the Bible says that wherever He leads, that's where THE BLESSINGS are.

Although it took us a while, we eventually did it. We loaded our junky, secondhand furniture into a little trailer, put the kids in the car and drove to Oklahoma. We barely had enough money to pay for the gas to get there!

When we rolled into Tulsa, the obstacles we were facing looked insurmountable. We had no clue how we could overcome them. We rented a rundown house (it cost \$115 a month, if I remember right) that had brown,

peeling paint on the walls. It was such a dump, I couldn't bring myself to unpack for two weeks.

That house was as far as you can imagine from being my dream home, yet God met us there at every turn. He started teaching us how to live by faith in His Word, and what we learned back then we're still living on today.

I'd even go so far as to say that we wouldn't be where we are now, if we hadn't made that move all those years ago. We might be in ministry, but we wouldn't be in the perfect will of God. We would have missed out on seeing some of our spiritual dreams fulfilled. Why? Because for us to stay with the faith program where those dreams were concerned, we had to take the next step, which was going to Tulsa.

Over the years, we've done the same kind of thing in different situations again and again. We've kept repeating the same pattern because this is the way the faith program works. It's how God-given dreams become a reality, not just for Ken and me, but for you.

So stay with the program! No matter how long you have to wait for your dreams to come to pass, don't quit on them. Don't believe for them for a few months or a few years and then say, "I give up. Nothing is happening."

Hold on to your great expectations. Keep your heart set on pleasing God above all else. Faithfully spend time in His Word, building your faith and finding out what He wants you to do in every area of life. Then, when you get it in your heart to do something you know is right—you know it's God but in the natural you can't see any way it's going to work—instead of trying to figure it all out, just take the next step.

Do whatever the Lord is telling you to do because that's where THE BLESSING is. That's where your provision is. That's the place where, one of these days, you will find yourself standing in your dreams. ⑦

God wants you to have great expectations. He wants you to dream big, Word-based, Holy Spirit-inspired dreams, and He wants to make those dreams come true. For Him to do so, however, you must stay with the faith program and be patient. You must keep believing and refuse to quit on your dreams, no matter how long they take to come to pass. Here are a few points to help you:

### 1 Make it your heart's desire first and foremost to please God.

1 Thessalonians 4:1: "Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more." (*New Living Translation*)

### 2 Spend daily time in the Word to strengthen your faith.

Romans 10:17: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

### 3 Act on that Word in every area of your life.

Deuteronomy 30:14: "The word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it."

### 4 When the Holy Spirit shows you the next step, take it.

Romans 8:14: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

### 5 Refuse to be discouraged.

Hebrews 6:12: "Do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (*New King James Version*)

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