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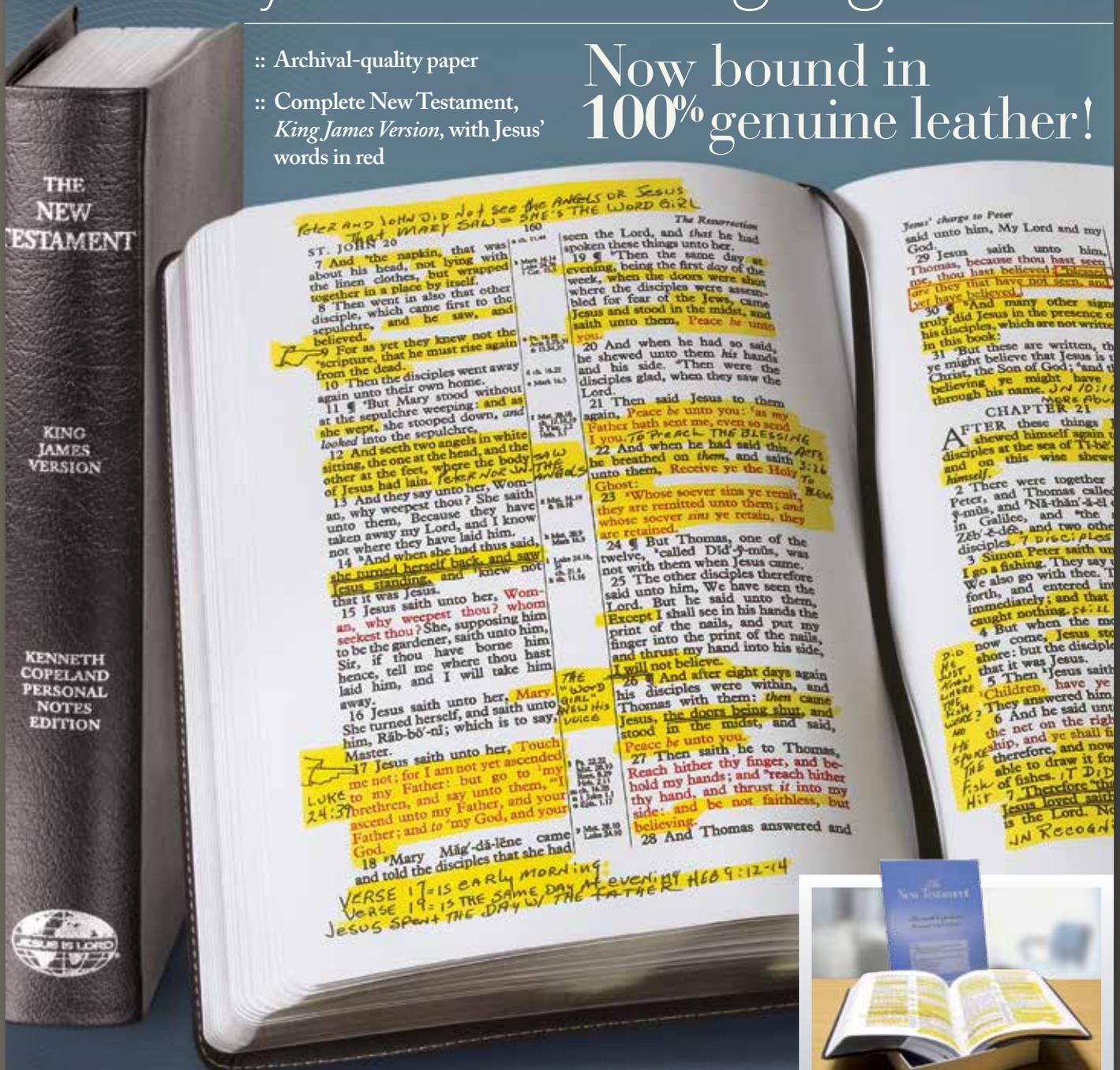
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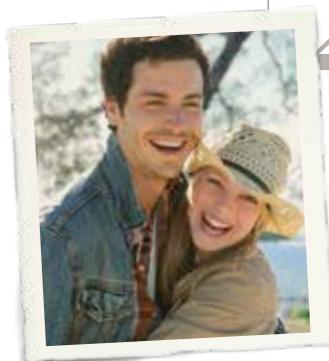
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by Kenneth Copeland

Faith that gets the job done

Faith is designed by God to change things.

So let me ask you: What has your faith been changing lately?

For those of us who consider ourselves WORD people, that's a very important question. And if we truly believe God's WORD, we'll always have an answer. We'll have stories to tell about how faith is moving mountains in our lives.

We'll have testimonies to share about how God is pouring out His BLESSING, not only upon us but *through* us in wonderful ways.

If we don't have any such things to report, it's an indication we need a faith adjustment. Something is out of line. For one reason or another, our faith isn't doing what God created it to do.

I began to understand this many years ago when I was on Oral Roberts' ministry team and a man who'd been struggling with sickness asked Brother Roberts about it. "I just don't understand this," he said. "I can't get my healing and I haven't been able to figure out why. I know I've got faith. In fact, I've got all kinds of faith."



"That's the problem," Brother Roberts replied. "You've still 'got' your faith. You need to release it so it can go to work and get the job done."

In those days I was still spiritually wet behind the ears. I didn't know much about faith at all. But the more I studied the Bible, the more I realized what Brother Roberts said is true: Faith, as powerful as it is, won't accomplish anything as long as it's just sitting inside us. For it to change things, we have to activate it and send it out on assignment. We have to release it.

"But Brother Copeland," someone might say, "I don't think I can do

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that. I'm not like the man who talked to Brother Roberts. I don't have all kinds of faith. In fact, I don't think I have any faith at all!"

Are you a Christian?

"Well, yes, I'm a Christian all right. I've received Jesus Christ as my LORD and Savior."

Then you have faith because faith is a "fruit of the spirit" (Galatians 5:22). Spiritual fruit, just like natural fruit, comes from a seed. It's a product of the seed of God's WORD which is the seed of your new birth. As 1 Peter 1:23 says, you've been born again, "not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

The seed of God's WORD has the fruit of God's own faith in it. If it were corruptible seed, you might not have gotten as much of that faith as He has. You might have come up short in some way. But God's WORD is incorruptible seed. It reproduces itself perfectly every time, which means your faith is of the highest quality. It's the faith of God Himself.

In other words, you have the same faith Jesus has. It's alive in your spirit right now

and it's there to bring to pass in your life what He promised in John 14:12: "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."

The Right Spiritual Mix

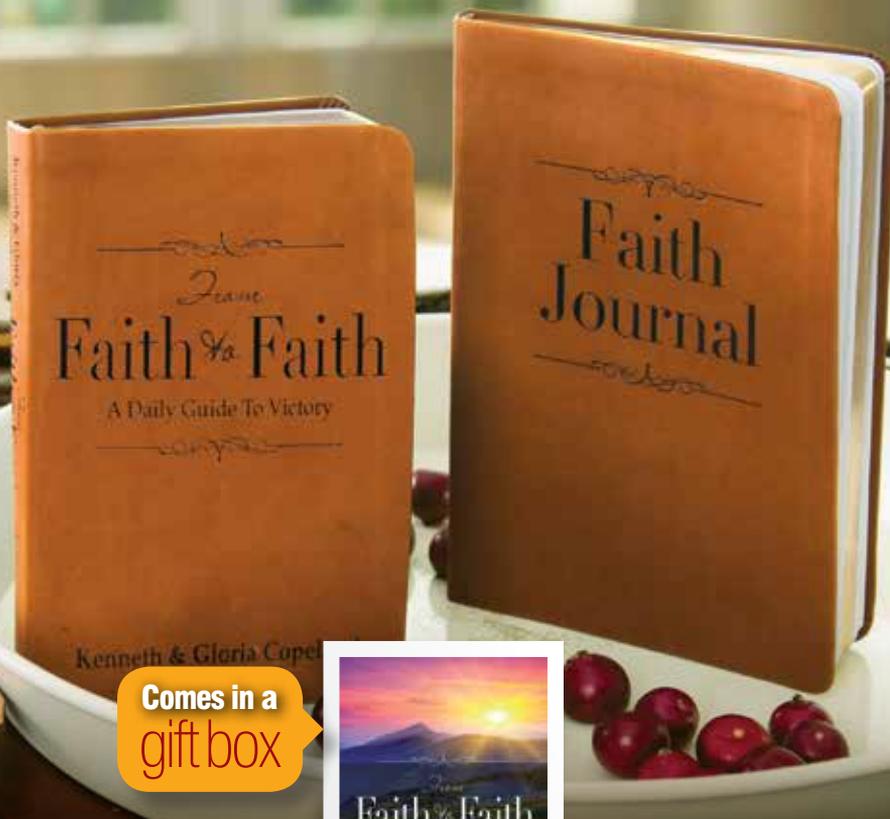
"But if I have such high-quality faith," you might say, "why isn't it changing things for me like it did for Jesus? How come I seem to be stuck?"

Maybe you have the same problem the Israelites did in the Old Testament. They got stuck in the wilderness for 40 years because they didn't put together the right spiritual mix. As Hebrews 4:2 says, "The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

Mixing faith and The WORD is vitally important because it's the two of them working together that produces results. The best way I know to describe the process is by comparing it to the digestive system of the physical body. When you chew and swallow a bite of food, gastric juices are released in your stomach. The food

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mixes with those juices and becomes nourishment which results in physical strength.

Spiritually, much the same thing happens when you feed on The WORD of God. First you take a bite of it, so to speak, by reading it or hearing it preached. Then you chew (or meditate) on it, and ultimately you swallow (or believe) it. In this way, you mix The WORD with the force of faith that's already been deposited in your spirit. As a result, spiritual strength is produced.

It doesn't matter if you were raised going to Believers' Conventions and you've heard about faith since you were a little child, you have to continually feed your faith for it to work. A low WORD level makes faith feeble; and feeble faith has trouble believing.

This is where a lot of believers make a mistake. They let their WORD level slip. They start eating the wrong kind of spiritual food. Instead of mixing their faith with God's WORD, they mix it with something else. They get their attention on money, for example, and start thinking, *If I could just get enough money, it would change my life.* Or they put their faith in people and think, *They're going to fix this problem for me.*

That kind of thinking falls flat. It doesn't really change things because it's based on the wrong stuff. Money is a bad god. People are a bad god. They don't have the power to do what God can do.

Only He can "supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). Only He can guarantee that when you seek Him first, and His righteousness, "all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). That's why His WORD is the only thing that will activate your faith.

When you put your attention on that WORD and start the mixing process, something powerful happens

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inside you. Your faith, which has been idling in your spirit, gets revved up and ready to go into action. Then, all you have to do is release it and let it go to work.

You can see an example of this in the New Testament account about the woman with an issue of blood. She heard the Word about Jesus, mixed it with faith, and then released it by “saying to herself, If I only touch His garment, I shall be restored to health” (Matthew 9:21, *The Amplified Bible*).

Sure enough, what she said came to pass. When she pressed through the crowd to Jesus and touched the hem of His garment, “Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour” (verse 22).

“Yeah, but Brother Copeland, that was Jesus!”

I know it. But He’s not the one who activated the miracle-working power in this situation. It was the woman’s faith that got the job done. Jesus said so Himself.

Don’t Get Scared of the Storm

Of course, not everyone in the Gospels who came to Jesus mixed their faith with The WORD and released it like that woman did. Sometimes even Jesus’ own disciples mixed their faith with something else and got things in a mess. Take, for instance, the time they were sailing with Jesus across the Sea of Galilee. Right in the middle of the trip, “Behold, 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?” (Matthew 8:24-26).

Considering how much of God’s WORD the disciples had heard, it

seems strange they had such “little faith.” They followed Jesus everywhere He went. They were hearing everything He preached. They’d most certainly heard Him when He said, “Let’s go to the other side of the sea.”

Since Jesus only said what He heard His Father say, that command was as much God’s WORD as everything else He said. The disciples could have chosen to mix faith with it. But on this particular occasion, they didn’t.

Instead they focused on the storm and got scared. They put fear in the mix and it crippled their faith. It overrode every sermon they’d ever heard Jesus preach.

Although they still turned to Him for help, they did it scared. They essentially said to Him, “Don’t You care that we’re dying?”

Those aren’t the kinds of words that release faith!

On the contrary, faith talks like this: “Sir, we need a moment of Your time here. You said we’re going to the other side and we believe it. There’s no way we’re going to drown out here in the middle of the lake with You in our boat. So we’re inquiring of You, Sir, how should we conduct ourselves in this situation?”

That’s the kind of thing the disciples could have said if they’d mixed faith with the words of Jesus, and it’s the kind of thing you can say too. After all, you have the words of the Master available to you just like the disciples did. If you feed on those words, they’ll be the first thing to come up on the inside of you when the waves start slapping over the sides of your boat.

But remember, no matter what happens, you have to stick with God’s words! Even if you’re facing something that’s got you so rattled your knees are knocking together, don’t let the devil see you sweat. Don’t let him hear you moaning about how bad your situation is. Instead, stand up and shout as loud as you can, “Jesus

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said, 'Go to the other side of this' and I'm going to the other side if I have to walk!"

Then follow the Master's example. Release your faith by speaking God's Word to the storm, and change things.

Get Your Engines Roaring

"Brother Copeland, are you saying I can do the same thing Jesus did in that story?"

Yes. But if you're going to do His works, you have to do them His way: by hearing, believing and speaking The WORD of 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 11:23).

This is a major key to the Kingdom: Faith that changes things believes what it says comes to pass! Why? Because words do more than just communicate. Words are tools of power release. They're much like the fuel in an airplane. They supply the power to get us where we're going.

As a pilot, when I get into the Citation X and load it to the gills, there's 13,000 pounds of fuel on it. I have only 6,000 feet of runway to get the whole thing off the ground. So if I'm lined up to take off with a plane full of people, I don't want that fuel to be contaminated. I need all the power coming out of it that I can get.

I'm planning on pushing the throttles forward, pinning everyone to their seats and taking off. That's what the

plane is designed to do. Like one of my first instructors told me, "Copeland, when you push the power up on this thing you better have it pointed in the right direction because something is going to happen."

The same is true for us as believers. We have the power of life eternal inside us and we don't want it to be crippled and contaminated by bad fuel. We want to be able to push the faith throttles forward with full confidence, knowing our words are going to come to pass.

The secret to having such confidence is revealed in Hebrews 3:1. It says: "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus."

The word translated *profession* there literally means "to say exactly the same thing as." It indicates that when we say the same thing Jesus said, when we speak The WORD of God, He backs it. As our High Priest, He brings to pass what we say.

Just think: Jesus Himself is waiting to hear what you have to say!

If you'll consider that fact, your respect for Him will mix with your faith and your spiritual engines will begin to roar. You'll start shouting, "Greater is He that is in me than He that is in the world! By His stripes I am healed, debt free and BLESSED!"

Before long, mountains will be moving, storm clouds will be scattering, and things in your life will be changing. Your faith will take off like a jet and do exactly what God designed it to do. 📌



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by Creflo Dollar

grace is...

The topic of grace is a hot-button issue in the Body of Christ right now. On one side, some believers are trying to impart a revelation about grace that is true and God given.



On the other side, there are those who seem to be angry because grace messes with their religious traditions. They hear someone preaching grace and assume, “Uh-oh, he’s talking about grace. That means everyone can go and act wild

and do anything they want to do!”
I don’t know what kind of grace they’re talking about, but the grace I live by doesn’t give me a free pass to sin. The grace I live by—and the grace I hope you live by—is about a *relationship*. It doesn’t ask, “What can



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I get away with?" It says, "How can my life honor the One who has given me so much?"

If you don't understand the grace I'm talking about, then you're about to discover a powerful truth. It's time for you to get free—free from the old covenant thinking that will keep you tied to the old way of doing things. It's time to live the life grace provides. And to do that, you've got to know exactly what grace is.

Grace Is New Covenant

Two of the covenants in the Bible are the covenant God gave by Moses (the Law) and the covenant that came by Jesus (John 1:17). The dispensation,

or the rules by which God operated, changed from the old to the new covenant. How God operated in the old covenant when dealing with Adam, Cain and Abel, and Moses, and how He operates today is based on specific, yet different, agreements.

If we don't understand the difference in dispensations between the old and new covenants, we could find ourselves mixing a little of the old with a little of the new—a little law with a little grace. Instead, we need to see the love and mercy of God through the eyes of the new covenant. Understanding that will allow us to embrace the life afforded us through the New Testament.

Grace Is Jesus

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (John 1:14-17).

The Law, which God established under the old covenant, was given by Moses, but grace and truth—two words that are synonymous in the Word of God—came by Jesus. Understand that grace is more than a subject. Grace is a *person*, and His Name is Jesus. Jesus showed up full of grace and truth, because that's who He is. He *is* grace and truth.

Galatians 4:4-5 says, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

Jesus was born under the Law so that He could perfectly fulfill the

Law and deliver God's people from it. He was born so they could understand and receive His Father's love and, as a result, be able to fulfill anything that needed to be fulfilled.

Jesus didn't come to give us *more* law; He came to redeem you and me *from* the Law. *The Amplified Bible* says it this way, "To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God's sons]" (verse 5).

The sons of God—you and I—are led by the Spirit of God. We don't need to be led by what was written on stones because the Spirit of God moves on the inside of us and leads us.

Grace Is Righteous

When you get under the grace of God, you don't sin more, you sin less. Titus 2:11-14 says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

The grace of God empowers us to live godly and righteously. When we're under the grace of God, the love of God is so strong that it constrains us. We don't want to do what we used to do because we're so focused on Jesus and what He has done for us. Things that we are unclear about now, will be opened up to us as we depend on the Holy Spirit to show us His truth. He will

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Grace Is Redemption

Galatians 3:10 and 13 says:

And all who depend on the Law [who are seeking to be justified by obedience to the Law of rituals] are under a curse and doomed to disappointment and destruction, for it is written in the Scriptures, Cursed (accursed, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment) be everyone who does not continue to abide (live and remain) by all the precepts and commands written in the Book of the Law and to practice them. Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified)" (AMP).

In other words, if you're convinced that you need to live by the Law, you've got to make sure you do all of it. You can't just keep a few commands and miss the others. No, if you miss even one, it's as though you miss them all.

Some people think, *God was just so in love with us that He gave us the Law so we could have 10 steps by which to live life.* Others believe He looked down and said, "Oh, the people are so sinful. I'd better give them the Law." Neither is correct. God gave the Law to bring us to the end of ourselves.

Galatians 3:19 (AMP), answers the question of the Law's purpose: "What then was the purpose of the Law? It was added [later on, after the promise, to disclose and expose to men their guilt] because of transgressions and [to make men more conscious of the sinfulness] of sin; and it was intended to be in effect until the Seed (the Descendant, the Heir) should come, to and concerning Whom the promise had been made."

Man had no understanding

of sin until the Law was given. That understanding brought sin-consciousness, guilt and condemnation. God was trying to bring us to a point where we recognized that we couldn't keep the Law. We were never going to be good enough. We needed a Savior. We needed Jesus!

Grace Is Undeserved Favor

In today's dispensation of grace, we enjoy a wonderful covenant of the unmerited favor of God. There's nothing we can do to earn it. God gave it to us free and clear. Even when we don't deserve His favor, it shows up anyway. God gave it because we didn't deserve, earn or work for it.

Begin to believe God for an abundance of undeserved favor. Under the old covenant, you had to work to deserve God's favor and be found righteous and blessed and prosperous, but no more. Hebrews 8:10 says, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."

God was revealing the law of love. When He said, "I'm going to be your God," He was saying, "When you're sick, I'm going to heal you. When you need deliverance, I'm going to deliver you. I'm your God, and I'm committed and faithful to you!"

This Is Grace

We serve a God who wants us to want Him. He wants us to be saved because we're in love with Jesus, who paid the ransom for our freedom and has been merciful despite all our unrighteousness.

Grace can be summed up simply like this:

Under the old covenant, you were in bondage to the Law. But under the new covenant of grace, you've been delivered from the Law.

Under the Law, you had to obey a code of written regulations. But under grace, you obey the

“When you get under the grace of God, you don't sin more, you sin less.”

We don't want to do what we used to do because we're so focused on Jesus and what He has done for us.”

promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Under the Law, you had to do good to get good results. But under grace, you get good results because Jesus, not you, is good.

Under the Law, you got what you deserved. But under grace, you get what you don't deserve.

It takes faith to grasp what grace has made available. Instead of focusing on sin and how to avoid it, look at what the love of God has given you. Receive His love by grace, and you'll receive the necessary restraints to withstand sin. You'll be motivated to live a godly life because you're focused on the God who loves

you so much that He paid a ransom for you before you were ever created. It's the new covenant gift of grace, and it's available to you! 📖



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by Melanie
Henry

a flame that lights the
world



Thirteen-year-old Jenni Johnson watched the last of her belongings being loaded onto a truck. She walked back to her bedroom, the sound of her footsteps echoing through her family's empty house. It was as though she had stepped onto a SuperTranslator and her old life in northern California—her home, her school and all of her friends—had already vanished.



As the family car pulled away, she felt the stirrings of excitement and anticipation, as she looked forward to the unknown surprises that lay ahead. Most girls her age would have been crying over the life she was leaving, but Jenni was not most girls. In fact, she thrived on change.

Jenni's thoughts wandered to Commander Kellie and *The First Adventure* Superkid cassette she and her brother, Tyler, had listened to over and over again. The story had set their imaginations on fire as they dreamed of joining the Superkids and doing great exploits with God. Jenni and Tyler already considered themselves Superkids ever since they had attended the children's meeting at the West Coast Believers' Convention in Anaheim, Calif., two years before. And now, as their family was embarking on a new life in Texas, Jenni realized that this would be her very own "First Adventure" with God!

For Jenni, who was already assisting her parents who were pastors over the children's ministry of their church, the Superkids concept had initially represented both a personal challenge and a way to reach other kids. But in 1989, the Lord had taken the challenge to a whole new level. He had said to her parents, *Move to Texas and make Superkid Academy a real place where kids can have encounters with Me.*

Realizing that one word from God can change your life forever, the Johnsons had uprooted everything and moved to Fort Worth.

Excited and filled with anticipation, Jenni's heart was hammering as they stepped into Eagle Mountain International Church at Kenneth Copeland Ministries for the first time. But the transition didn't happen as quickly as the Johnsons had hoped. It would be three years before their proposal to establish

A whole generation of children didn't have to wait until they were adults to do the work of the ministry.

Superkid Academy would become a reality.

In the meantime, Dana and Linda busied themselves by connecting with the EMIC children's ministry as volunteers. Soon, they were

put in charge and had Jenni and Tyler working with them.

Not by Sight

“Those were difficult years,” Jenni recalls. “My dad left a great career and moved to Texas with enough money for us to live on for six months. However, it took a year and a half for him to find work. We not only

ran out of money, but there were times when we had no food. My parents understood the power of their words so they never spoke about our problems to anyone.

“Years before, an older man had mentored my dad. He gave him a tape by Kenneth Copeland and told him to listen to it. Dad was also told to memorize 100 scriptures and the man drilled him on them every week, promising that it would change his life.

“Not long afterward, when I was 4 ½ years old, one of my legs stopped growing and I couldn’t walk. The doctor said, ‘Your daughter will end up in a wheelchair and there’s nothing we can do. Find a support group.’ My parents were new to the faith message but they dove into healing scriptures. They listened to Gloria’s *Healing School*. They flooded me with scriptures and told everyone I was healed. After six months, I was *worse* and they lost most of their friends. Gradually, over the next six months, my leg began to grow. After a year, I was healed.

“My parents knew how faith in God’s Word worked, but they’d never been in a situation where they had no income, no friends and couldn’t even find their place in the church. Even worse, we had left a church we loved! They wanted nothing more than to go back home to California. Instead, my parents held family meetings so we could all talk about the situation. In the end, regardless of our circumstances, they each believed they had heard from God about moving to Texas. Besides, my dad reminded us that faith doesn’t quit and we weren’t quitters.”

The Test of Time

For three long years there wasn’t a single sign in the natural suggesting they had made the right decision to move to Texas. In the intervening years the first Superkid movie, *The Intruder*, had been filmed.

Then in 1993, Dana and Linda got a call from George and Terri Pearsons.

“We’re taking over as pastors of EMIC,” they said. “Do you still want to make Superkid Academy a real place?”

The answer was a resounding, “Yes!”

Now in high school, Jenni became part of the core team that launched Superkid Academy. They were given the small airplane hangar on the property of KCM, which had also been used as the set for the movie. Although the hangar had no heat, air conditioning or insulation, Jenni gasped with delight when she saw the tall, black SuperTranslator portal that had been used for the movie. The movie set looked similar to the command center from the TV series *Star Trek*, complete with keyboards and blinking lights. They found Techno the robot and dusted off the wings for the Superkid logo.

The message they taught was groundbreaking: You don’t have to wait until you’re grown to make a difference with God. It was a new concept at the time, unheard of in most churches. The idea was to train and empower children to do the work of the ministry *now*.

Fulfilling the Call

“We instituted our Cadet Training Program on Wednesday nights,” Jenni remembers. “We created stations and divided the children into squads. A squad would go to the Sword Sharpening Station, to the Prayer Power Station and to the Physical Challenge. We even taught them etiquette. They were scored and tested at the end of each cycle and they earned things like their Cadet Training hat.

“Each time they moved up in rank, they qualified for different levels of ministry. Age had nothing to do with it. We taught them that God was entrusting more ministry responsibility to them as they matured in Him. For instance, it didn’t matter if a child was only 8, once he or she had reached a certain level they were moved into Sunday morning ministry.

“We trained, mentored, encouraged and empowered them and the fruit

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		Old Testament	Psalms
Sat	1	Jer. 50-51	Ps. 88
Sun	2	Jer. 52; Lam. 1	Ps. 89
Mon	3	Lam. 2-3	Ps. 90
Tue	4	Lam. 4-5	Ps. 91
Wed	5	Ezek. 1-3	Ps. 92-93
Thu	6	Ezek. 4-5	Ps. 94
Fri	7	Ezek. 6-7	Ps. 95
Sat	8	Ezek. 8-9	Ps. 96
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Fri	14	Ezek. 21-22	Ps. 103
Sat	15	Ezek. 23-24	Ps. 104
Sun	16	Ezek. 25-26	Ps. 105
Mon	17	Ezek. 27-28	Ps. 106
Tue	18	Ezek. 29-30	Ps. 107
Wed	19	Ezek. 31-33	Ps. 108-109
Thu	20	Ezek. 34-35	Ps. 110
Fri	21	Ezek. 36-37	Ps. 111
Sat	22	Ezek. 38-39	Ps. 112
Sun	23	Ezek. 40-41	Ps. 113
Mon	24	Ezek. 42-43	Ps. 114
Tue	25	Ezek. 44-45	Ps. 115
Wed	26	Ezek. 46-48	Ps. 116-117
Thu	27	Dan. 1-2	Ps. 118
Fri	28	Dan. 3-4	Ps. 119:1-24
Sat	29	Dan. 5-6	Ps. 119:25-49
Sun	30	Dan. 7-8	Ps. 119:50-72

was incredible. God put the gifts in them and we gave them a place and a voice where they flourished. Those with technical gifts ran cameras and put worship lyrics on the screen. Some sang on the praise and worship team and others played instruments. On 'Kids' Preach Day,' they were powerhouses. Most importantly, they had regular encounters with God.

"We showed them through scripture that it was a child who gave his fish and loaves of bread to Jesus. We explained that no gift is insignificant because when Jesus touches it, it multiplies."

In 1994, Jenni graduated from high school. After working for the KCM production department for a few months, she became associate pastor in the children's ministry, working under her parents. That summer, Superkid Academy debuted at their first convention in Birmingham, England. It was a rough introduction to conventions, Jenni recalls.

"We had the kids for 14 hours at a time!" she says. "When it was over we teased Dad that he needed therapy."

A few years later, in 1997, they leased a campground site in Waxahachie, Texas, where they hosted a Cadet Training Camp for children from EMIC and KCM. They ran the camp until 2002. And in 1998, at the West Coast Believers' Convention, they were tested by fire. That year they hosted 2,334 children in the Superkid services. They were so full they had to turn children away as the fire marshal monitored attendance to make sure they didn't overfill the facility.

A New Season

"In 2001, the Lord directed my dad to launch Dana Johnson Ministries in order to share the spiritual truths we'd learned with other children's ministries," Jenni explains. "In 2002, we resigned as pastors over the children's ministry at EMIC and began traveling and hosting conferences to help churches reach children. We had no idea if KCM would want us to continue leading



"Because of KCM, and what Jenni we all learned about faith, I'm choreographing dance instead of sitting in a wheelchair. Through KCM, our family discovered our destiny."

Superkid Academy at the Believers' Conventions. We cherished the long-term friendship that had developed with Brother Copeland, Gloria, Kellie and John. When they asked us to continue running the children's ministry at the conventions we were thrilled."

In 2004, Dana had a heart-to-heart talk with Jenni.

"I feel like change is imminent," he said. "I keep getting Charlotte. We're supposed to move there."

"I don't want to move," Jenni replied.

"Jenni, your future husband is there."

"What?"

"I'm telling you, I *know it!*"

Until now, Jenni had never wrestled with God. But she had built a wonderful life with fabulous friends in Texas, and she didn't want to leave. When her father stopped urging her, the Lord picked up the slack. She couldn't resist Him.



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In January 2005, the Johnsons moved to Charlotte, N.C. That fall, Jenni met Matt Drennen, and less than six months later, they married. Her father laughed and said, "I told you so!"

A Trio No More

They had been in Charlotte only three years when Dana got a call from Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas. The church had never had live praise and worship for kids, and wanted Dana to come on staff as their children's worship pastor. He accepted the position and Jenni's parents moved back to Texas. Although Dana and Linda were now busy with their responsibilities at Gateway, the family still rallied to orchestrate the Superkids' ministry at conventions.

Though now living in Charlotte, Jenni was one of a team of five people who wrote the material to launch the first Superkid Academy Children's Church Curriculum in 2009.

In 2011, Dana's schedule was becoming overwhelming. Between

overseeing eight worship teams and producing his first children's worship album at Gateway Church, he didn't know how much longer they would be able to work with

Superkids at the conventions, which took months of preparation. 2013 marked the Johnsons' 20th Superkid Academy at a convention. They allowed that milestone to be their last. After a family discussion, Dana and Linda met with Kellie and gave her their resignation. It was time to turn the reins over to a new generation.

Back home in Charlotte, Jenni felt as though she was a balloon that had been untied from its anchor, adrift. It felt strange as she prayed to hear the Lord's next plan for her life.

A New Door

The tables were laden with sumptuous foods at Thanksgiving in the home where Jenni and Matt were celebrating with his family in West Virginia. Jenni's phone rang, and she answered. It was Kim Stephenson from KCM.

"Hey, guess who'll be coordinating Superkid Academy at convention next year?" Kim said.

"Who?" Jenni responded.

"They asked me! Want to help?"

Jenni froze, the hustle and bustle around her fading into the distance. *Working with Kim would be a dream*, she thought. Kim's administrative gift would take the burden off of her and allow Jenni to do what she loved without carrying the full responsibility.

"I prayed about it and told Kim I'd do it," Jenni says. "I realized that I wanted to keep Superkids alive. When I realized that this had been the Lord's plan all along, I started laughing and called my dream team: my parents. What I suggested was that they carry no responsibility for planning, staffing or oversight. What we needed was for Commander Dana to preach the evening messages and direct the praise and worship. We needed Commander Linda as our morning speaker.

"I thought it was a win-win situation, but they just said they'd pray about it. I didn't hear from them for three weeks. I sweated, but refused to put any pressure on them. Finally, they

heard from God and agreed to do it. While they minister the Word, I'm the creative director. I write the scripts, train and direct the team. During the 2014 convention, we ministered to more than 900 children."

Today Matt and Jenni Drennen are raising a new generation of Superkids. Their children, Rhett, age 7; Macy, 5; and 3-year-old Cora-Jane, are already dreaming about becoming cadets.

To date, through the ministry of Superkid Academy, Dana, Linda and Jenni have empowered Superkids at 795 services over 21 years at 48 conventions. They have planted the Word of God into the hearts of 53,614 children, of which 2,313 received Jesus as Lord and Savior and 3,185 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

"None of us ever planned on working in children's ministry," says Jenni. "Back in California, my dad led a men's Bible study before our pastor asked my parents to take over as children's pastors. My dad thought, *Man, I don't even like kids. They annoy me. The Lord must be testing me just to see if I'll obey, so I'll do it.*

"Thank God, he answered that call, fell in love with children's ministry and learned to live by faith. Because of KCM, and what we all learned about faith, I'm choreographing dance instead of sitting in a wheelchair. Through KCM, our family discovered our destiny."

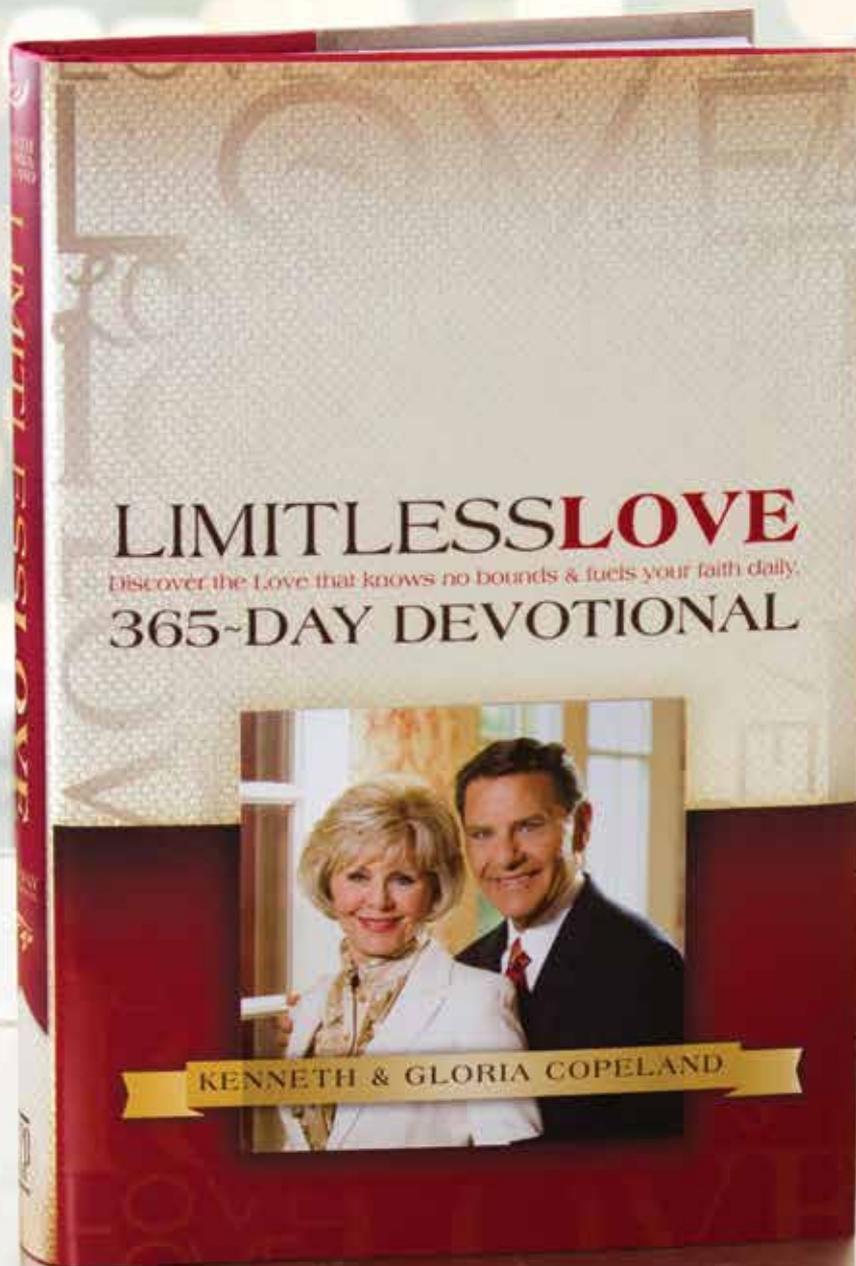
Over the years, through Superkid Academy, KCM has planted faith into the hearts of boys and girls who've grown up to be mothers, fathers, pastors, teachers, evangelists, doctors, attorneys, educators, politicians, military leaders, pilots and scientists. A whole generation of children didn't have to wait until they were adults to do the work of the ministry. By the time they reached adulthood, they knew their gifts and who they were in Christ. Jenni, her parents and all those who worked with Superkids lit a flame that is shining the light of God into the world. 🕯



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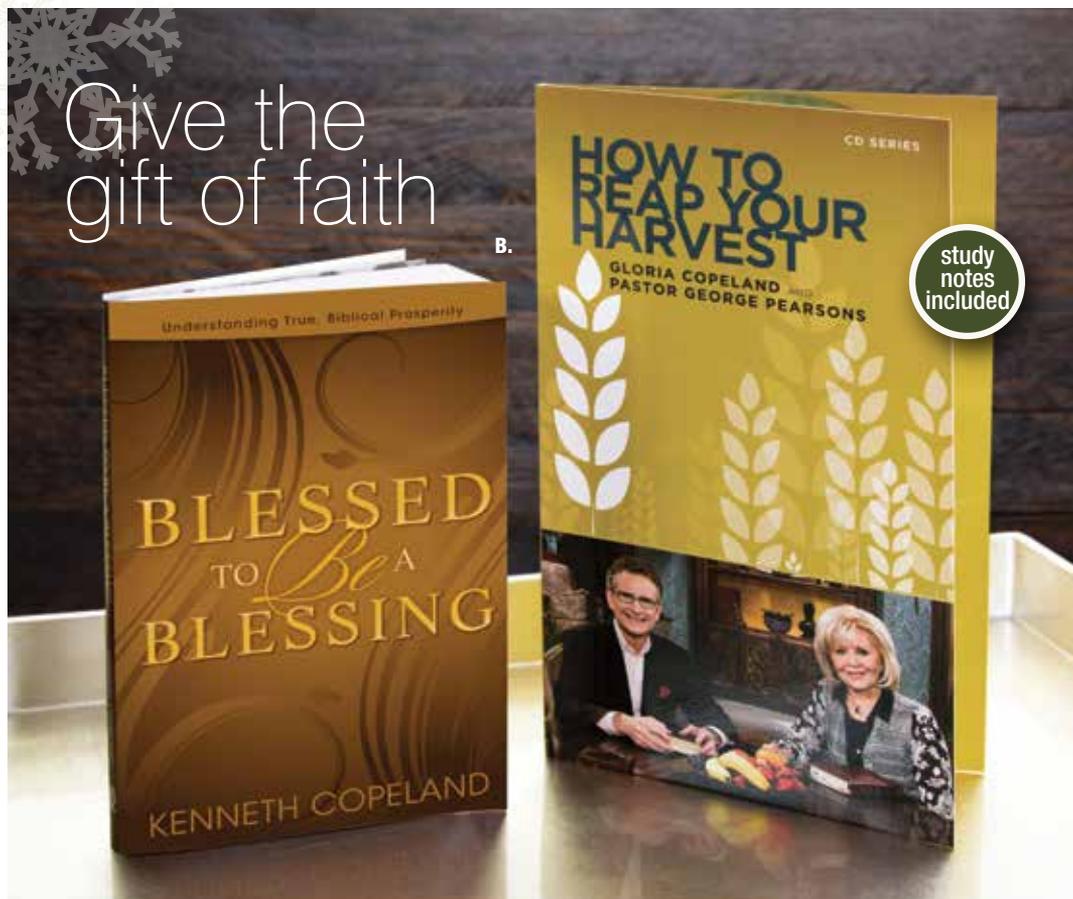
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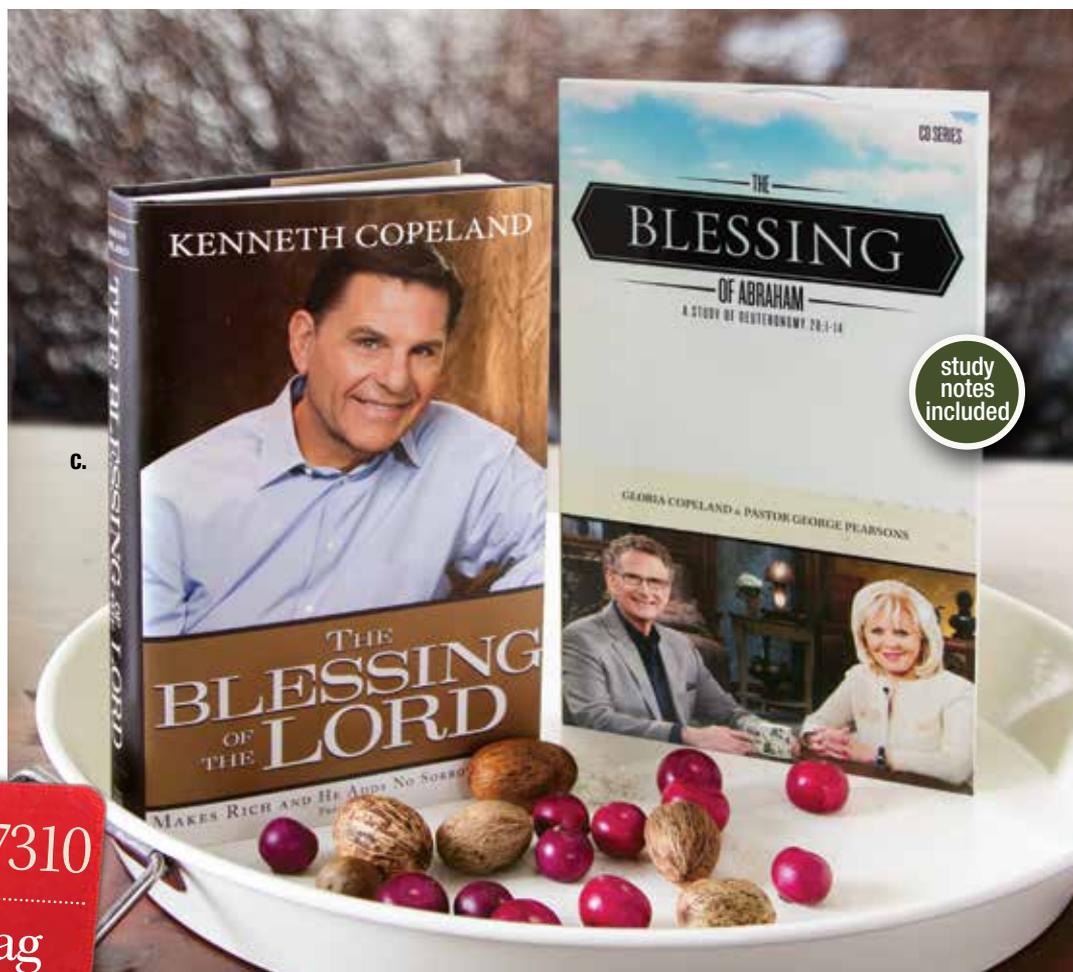
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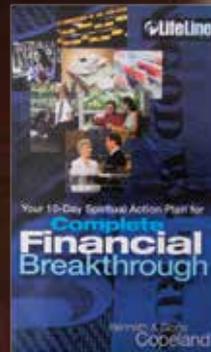
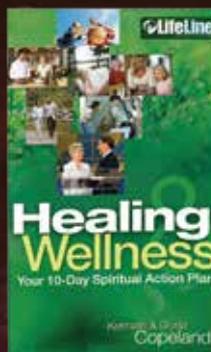
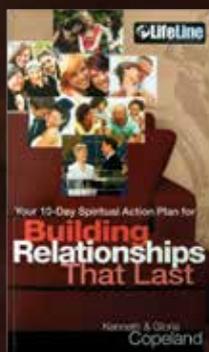
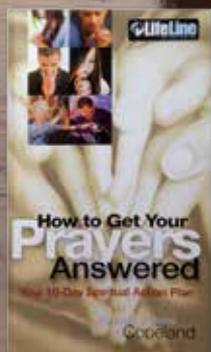
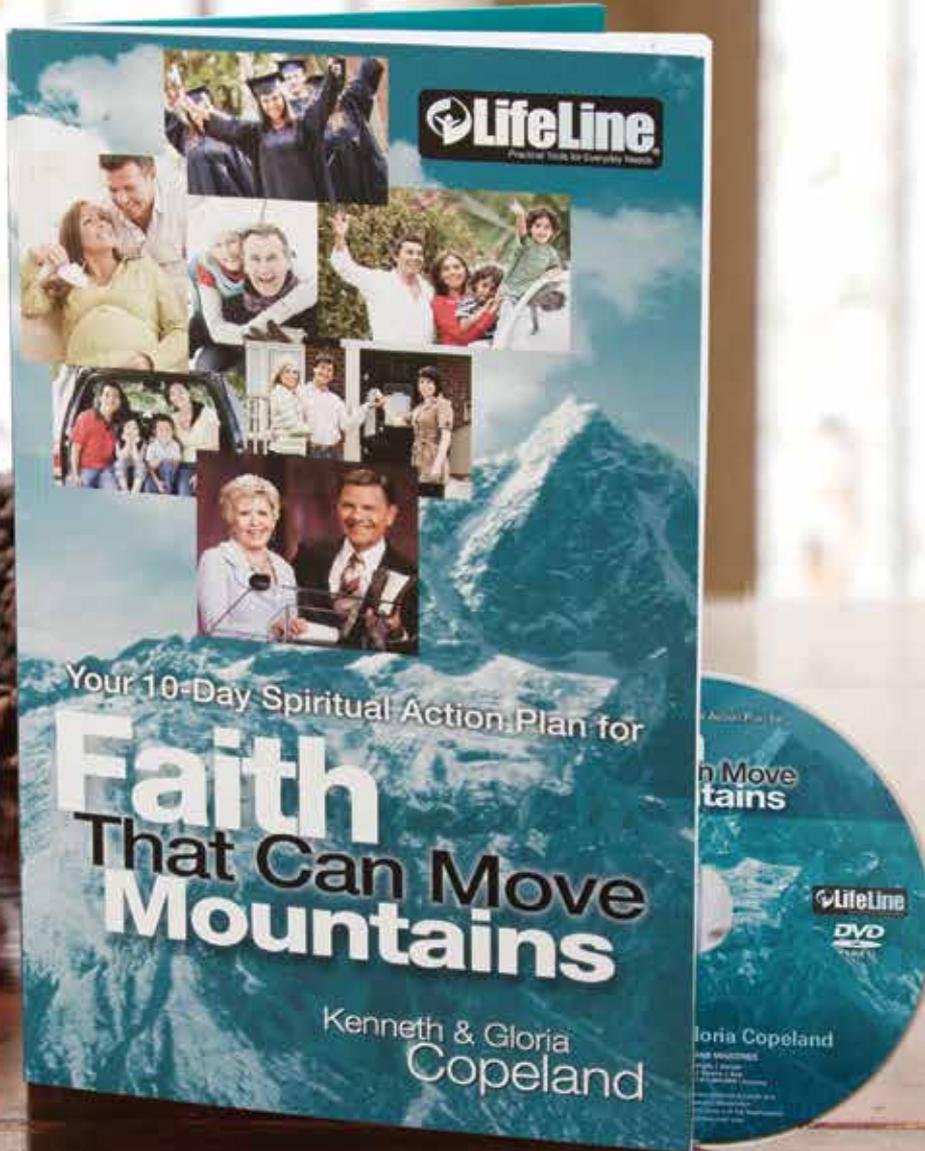
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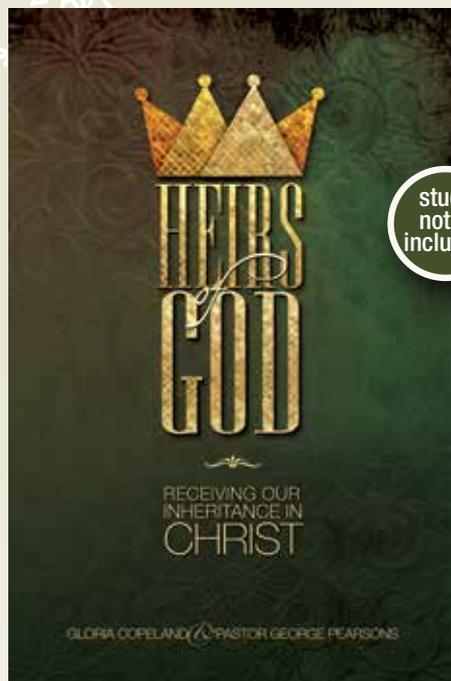
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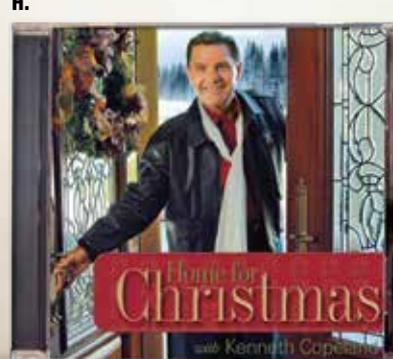
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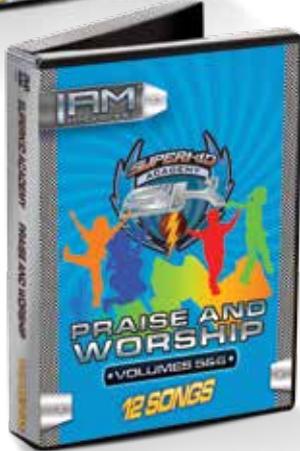
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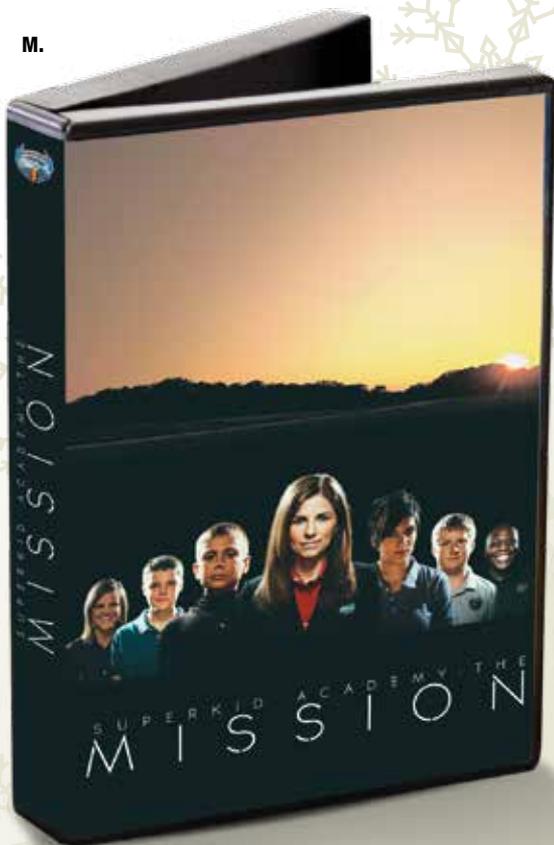
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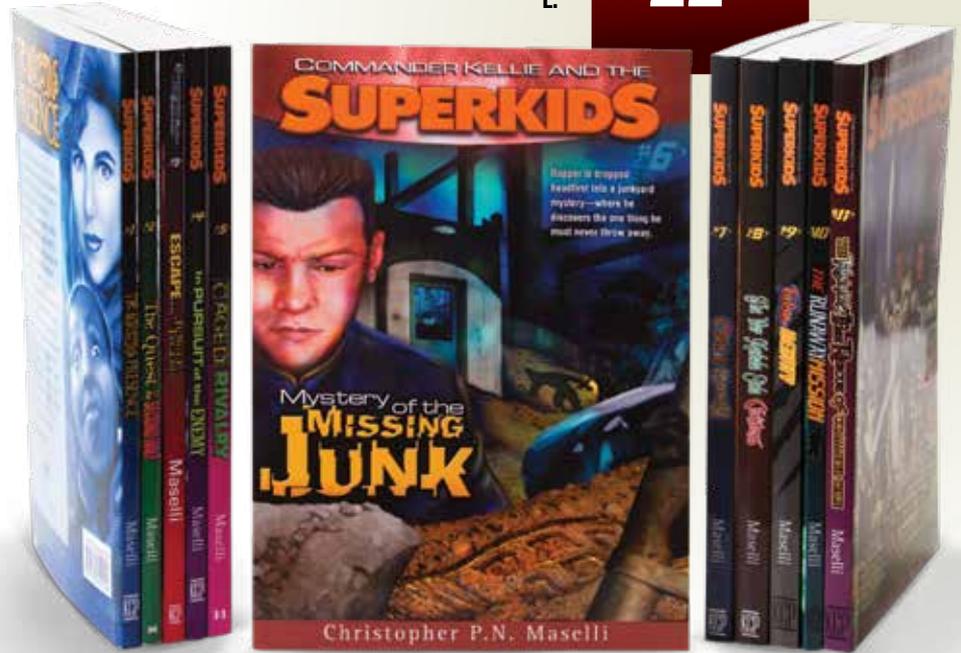


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“Then [Jesus] arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.”

Luke 8:24, *New King James Version*

Employed and Praising God!

My husband was laid off for over a year and a half and when his unemployment ran out, I called KCM for prayer and agreement that our situation would turn quickly around. For a few months we had to go to nearby food pantries to help us get by, since we didn't have enough to both pay utilities and buy food. Then out of the blue, Bob was

hired for a part-time position. His boss then hired another person and cut Bob's hours back to nothing. That boss was soon replaced and the new boss has been much more favorable toward Bob...he is now working 32-plus hours a week, and we are gradually paying off the debt we accumulated. We are grateful to our heavenly Father and to KCM. Lynn S. | California

Debt Forgiven I sent in a prayer request about a piece of property in short-sale status. For a year and a half, people kept telling me it wouldn't go through, but I stood on God's promises and believed the debt would be resolved. The main scriptures I stood on were Deuteronomy 15:1 and Proverbs 11:8. The bank finally accepted the sale and cleared me of \$165,000 in debt—completely forgiven! To God be all the glory! R.B. | Florida

No More Hepatitis C!

I sent prayer requests by fax for my brother Doug, in 2012 and 2013, as he was diagnosed with hepatitis C. In January 2013, a liver biopsy revealed he had stage 4 cirrhosis, so he qualified for a state funded treatment program of 48 weeks of intensive chemotherapy to treat the hepatitis. He began treatment in May, and four weeks later his blood test showed no virus and ever since then, no virus has been detected. After 11 weeks, however, his doctors discontinued treatment due to him experiencing some serious side effects. A nurse

told him he might be clear of the hep C, but it was unlikely since he didn't complete the full treatment. Doug did not accept that and kept standing on the Word as your ministry has taught him. Subsequent testing continues to confirm it and the doctors declared him cured after six months—and now, almost a year later, he still shows no sign of hep C! Praise be to God!

I want to thank everyone at KCM for such wonderful care. Every time I have sent a fax, someone has called and left prayers on my voice mail. I thank God for Kenneth and Gloria and especially all the faithful prayer warriors. V.J. | Canada

In the Name of Jesus!

We had a lifesaving victory in Christ. I'd been listening to your messages in recent days about the authority that has been given to the Church by Christ and that we're to exercise that authority here on the earth. I heard Gloria say over and over, "Oh, no, you don't! That's not coming to my house in the Name of Jesus!" At your cabin, I heard Kenneth speak about the recent hurricane in Oklahoma and how we even have the authority to rebuke storms. Well, that word really got down inside my spirit and recently saved my husband's and my life from destruction.

We were driving down the street and as we came less than a car length from an intersection the light turned yellow. We were too close to stop safely and proceeded to go through. As we did, a car opposite us decided to turn left across our path. My husband turned the car quickly to the right to avoid colliding with it, which put us right alongside another car. As my husband tried to get control of the car, something came up out of my inner man. I put my hand up toward the car that was careening toward us and said, "In the Name of Jesus! In the Name of Jesus!" Both cars immediately stopped, side by side, less than a foot apart—no one was hurt. Glory to God! Praise His Holy Name! Thank you for getting that word to me! C.M. | Nevada

Your Magazine Is Impacting My Life

I just want to let you know how I came to know about Kenneth Copeland Ministries. I was traveling to a rural community with a colleague. On our table, she left a copy of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine. I wanted to read it so I asked if I could borrow it. The words, Bible verses, testimonies and all that was written were so interesting that I asked my colleague to subscribe me.

I have been receiving the *BVOV* magazine for almost three years now. I thank the Lord for KCM. I was brought up in a Christian home and accepted Jesus when I was a child, but I still struggled to understand the Word of God.

Since I started receiving *BVOV*, I have seen tremendous change in my life, my husband and my children. The Bible is becoming more attractive to me. I feel I am growing stronger in my daily walk with Christ Jesus.

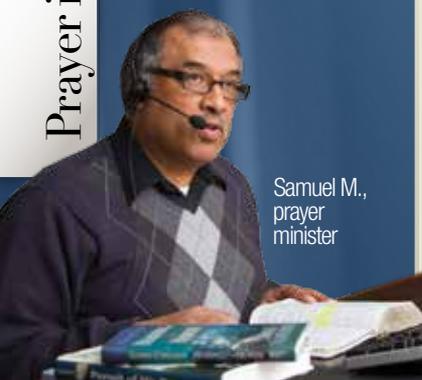
I treasure the *BVOV* magazine. It has had a lot of impact in my life and in the lives of my friends and relatives. Thank you so much and may the Lord God Almighty continue to bless Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

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At 90, She's Been a Partner for Nearly 40 Years



‘KCM is my lifeline.’

If you want to know what it means to have a long-standing partnership relationship with Kenneth Copeland Ministries, just ask Mrs. Lyndle Waters of Abilene, Texas.

Since the mid-1970s, this energetic, 90-year-old woman has faithfully followed the teachings of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, first through the 15-minute *Believer's Voice of Victory* radio programs, and today on television. But even before then, she had the privilege of attending Bible study groups led by Brother Copeland's parents, A.W. and Vinita Copeland.

“I may not have been the first Partner they ever had, but I was probably one of the first,” says Mrs. Waters, who adds she still watches the *BVOV* broadcast on TV nearly every day, and usually begins her day reading from one of the Copelands' popular daily devotionals, *From Faith to Faith* or *Limitless Love*.

The first Partner?

Probably not.

But that doesn't bother this feisty woman, who says what's most important to her is that her decision to partner with KCM has been the best thing she could ever do.

“They have given me such fullness in life,” says Mrs. Waters. “Brother Copeland has taught me so much that I would never consider not being part of this ministry. It's a part of me, and who I am.”

Though she sometimes struggles to recall exact dates and specific details, Mrs. Waters is clear about her early years as a believer, and the first time she heard Kenneth Copeland on the radio.

“I got saved when I was in sixth grade, but growing up there was so much I didn't know and understand,” she said. “I went to church, but all I

knew was that I didn't want to go to hell. I believed that if I accepted Jesus, then He was going to keep me out of hell.

“When I was about 30 years old my late husband, who was in the military, was shipped overseas and was going to be gone for 18 months. I knew I didn't want to live the kind of lifestyle I had seen other women live when their husbands were shipped out.”

Mrs. Waters said she began to learn how to live a godly lifestyle when she started listening to Brother Copeland on the radio.

“His command of the Word was one of the most impressive things to me,” she said. “I wasn't that well-versed in the Word. I wanted to be, but I wasn't that knowledgeable. Over and over, time and time again, he would teach and help me understand the Word.

Brother Copeland taught with the same intensity as his mother, Mrs. Waters recalls.

“I remember the intensity of her desire to get the Word into people,” she said. “That was who she was. She wanted you to get the Word, to live the Word. It was your life and she wanted to get it into you. Just listening to Kenneth teach the Word, my husband and I were very

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much in agreement from the very beginning that we needed to be Partners with this ministry.”

The Meaning of Partnership

While some ministries cloud the subject of partnership with suggestions that partnership is connected with how much money someone gives, Mrs. Waters said she learned through KCM that partnership is much more.

“It’s about us being one together,” she said.

“I’ve never been overseas, or to any of those foreign places they go to,” she said, “but I get excited when I hear what the ministry is doing because I know that I’m part of it. I give my little ‘widow’s mite’ each month and I can know that I have a part in what KCM is doing. I have gotten to be a part, even if it’s a tiny, little part, because I am a Partner with this ministry. It’s a part of me. Even though my little bit is a tiny part, I can rejoice that I am part of what KCM is doing. Brother Copeland has gotten that through to me more clearly than anyone else, and I rejoice when I sit and hear what the ministry is doing.”

Today, nearly 40 years after first connecting with KCM, Lyndle Waters says she could not have survived were it not for what she has learned through KCM.

“I’m just a little sharecropper’s daughter from Oklahoma, but I’m a Partner with Kenneth Copeland Ministries. KCM has become my lifeline,” she said. “There have been many times when I needed guidance and I would pick up one of their books and it would give me the direction I needed.

“Had I not found them, my life

would not have been as full as it is today. Listening to them, and following their teachings through tapes and books has given me such a fullness and understanding. It has helped me to be a better servant, and to overcome some things that I needed to overcome in my life.”

Nearly 40 years ago, KCM helped change Lyndle Waters’ life through partnership. And today, at age 90, she is still experiencing change. Partnership does make a difference! ♡

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That's Why It's Called the Good News

Nothing will make your faith grow faster than learning about the goodness of God. The more revelation you have about it, the more you can flourish in every area of life. That's why back in 1998, the Lord specifically told me to preach about His goodness, and not to fear the reproach of men.



He had to add the part about fearing not the reproach of men, because the truth about God's goodness can be controversial. People have been arguing about it for years. Back in the 1950s, for instance, when Brother Oral Roberts started preaching about it, even some in the full-gospel crowd got upset with him.

Especially those in ministry!

Preachers had spent years developing sermons about Job, and teaching that God puts sickness and poverty on people as a "blessing in disguise." And Brother Roberts was messing up their sermons.

I remember Kenneth Hagin Sr. telling about some ministers who came to him and complained about the situation. "It makes me mad when Oral Roberts says, 'God is a good God!'" they said.

"What do you want him to do?" Brother Hagin answered. "Say that

God is a bad God?"

"Well, no," they'd reply, "but he's giving people the wrong impression!"

The wrong impression?

Brother Roberts was just telling people that God wanted them to be healed and blessed. He was just preaching the truth to them, and he was getting it straight from the Bible. It says in Psalm 145:

The Lord is 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. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them





The devil stole from Adam and Eve the most wonderful life anyone has ever known—*simply by getting them to doubt the goodness of God.*

(verses 8-9, 14-16, 18-19).

Talk about a good God! According to those verses, it wasn't Oral Roberts who was giving people the wrong impression about Him, it was the critics! Instead of preaching the Word they were just repeating religious traditions.

They had no idea those traditions were started by the devil, but they were. He does everything he can to stop the Word of God's goodness from getting out to people. He has spent thousands of years telling lies about the Lord and trying to ruin His reputation.

That's what he did in the Garden of Eden. He questioned God's Word and suggested to Eve that God had lied to her and Adam about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He told her, in essence, "God isn't really good. He doesn't have your best interest at heart."

It's amazing Eve didn't just laugh at that lie. After all, her whole life in the Garden of Eden absolutely overflowed with God's goodness. She and Adam were perpetually surrounded by it.

She had the perfect husband; he had the perfect wife. They ate perfect food that grew abundantly on perfect trees. The best dressed couple that ever walked the face of the earth, they were clothed in garments of light. The Bible even says they had plenty of gold, "and the gold of that land [was] good" (Genesis 2:12).

What's more, God paid them a personal visit every day. He walked with them and talked with them in the cool of the evening. The Scriptures don't tell us what He said during those visits, but I'm sure He always revealed something marvelous. Maybe He told them secrets of the universe. Or maybe He talked about His wonderful plans for their lives.

Whatever the content of His conversation, I imagine every time Adam and Eve heard Him coming, they said, "Oh, He's here again! Let's go see what exciting things He has for us today!"

Sometimes, you have to wonder how Eve could have experienced so much of God's goodness and still ended up believing the devil's lies. I can't figure it out, can you? Yet that's what happened.

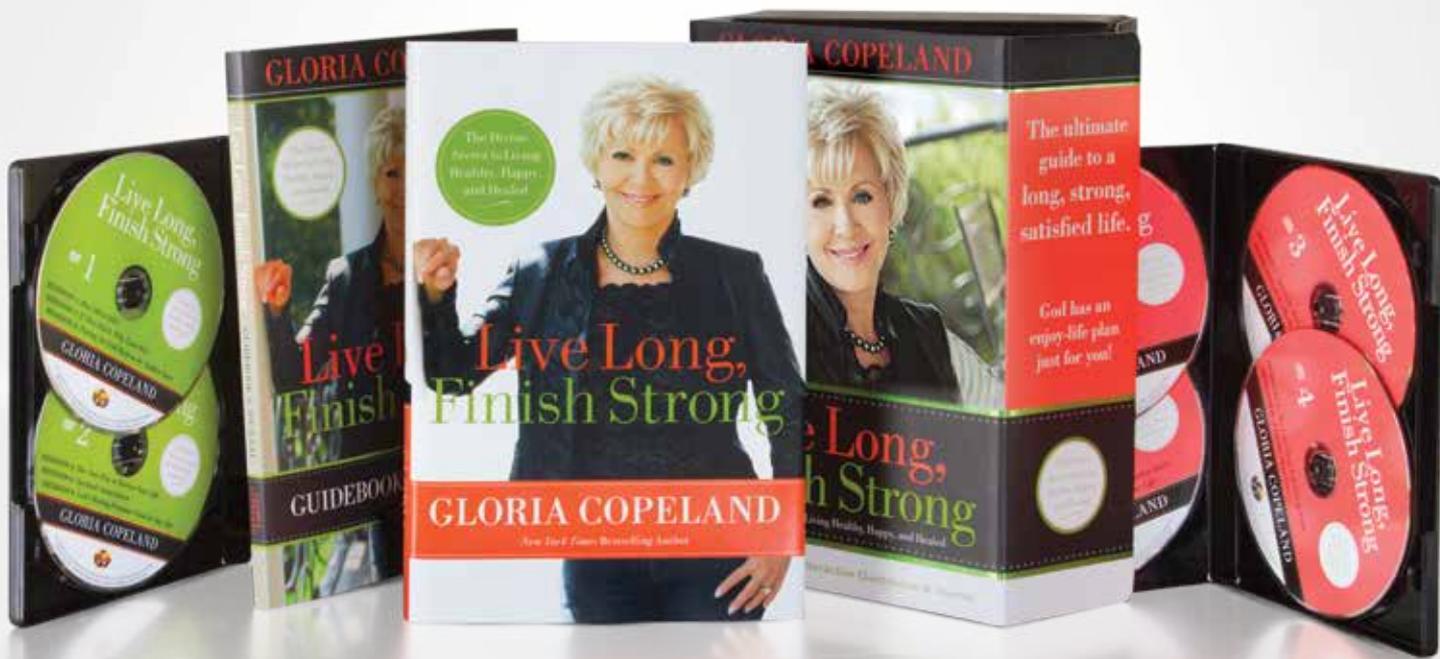
Adam wasn't out somewhere playing golf at the time, either. He was right there beside her, so they made the same choice. They both sided with the devil and disobeyed the Word of God. As a result, they died spiritually. They lost their garments of light. When God came to speak with them in the Garden, they ran to hide because they couldn't bear His presence anymore.

Fear cut them off. They could no longer walk with Him in His glory and hear the marvelous things He had to say.

Think about what a devastating loss that was. The devil stole from Adam and Eve the most wonderful life anyone has ever known—simply by getting them to doubt the goodness of God.

The Sky's the Limit

Although it's a very sad story, for us as New Testament believers there's good news at the end of it: What the devil accomplished in the Garden has now been undone! As



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Ephesians 2:4-7 says: “God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”

This means we can do exactly the opposite of what Adam and Eve did. We can put our faith in God’s goodness, obey His Word and the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and start seeing the Garden of Eden restored in our lives. We can live in the place God designed us to live—a wonderful place, an exciting place, a place where we wake up every day thinking like Adam and Eve did: *What marvelous thing does God have for me today?*

“Gloria, that sounds too good to be true!”

I know. But it’s the way God is. His goodness toward us surpasses our wildest imaginations. That’s why the Bible says in Psalm 31:19, “Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!”

First Corinthians 2:9-10, *The Amplified Bible*, says, “What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him. Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit...”

On our own, we can’t even dream up all the goodness God has stored up for us. If we didn’t have the Word and the Holy Spirit to reveal it to us, we wouldn’t be able to wrap our minds around it. One Hebrew Bible scholar said in his commentary on Psalm 31 that God is so good, “there is no limit to His giving, save His creatures’ capacity of receiving.”

In other words, the sky’s the limit. We can each have as much of God’s goodness manifesting in our lives as

Vessels of GLORY

“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one.”

John 17:20-22, *New American Standard*

Every once in a while I hear someone say, “God will never share His glory with any man.”

They usually say it in a deeply religious tone of voice. And if you don’t know better, you’d think it was not only very spiritual but absolutely true.

The problem is, it contradicts the Bible.

Difficult as it is for our minds to comprehend, God loves us so much that in Jesus, He has given us His glory. We can’t take credit for it, of course. We didn’t do anything to earn it or deserve it. It’s part of our divine inheritance. It’s a gift to us from our LORD Jesus Christ—The LORD of glory and The LORD of love.

When God’s glory is in manifestation, great and unusual things happen. Overwhelming life comes on the scene and changes things suddenly. Romans 6:4 says that Jesus was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father. Ephesians 1:19-20 says that same glory power is at work in and for us who believe.

The Hebrew word translated *glory* means “the heaviness of God—His heaviness with everything good, the heaviness of His splendor and majesty.” In His goodness, splendor and majesty

is the hiding place of His power. In Luke 2, it was the glory of The LORD that shone round about the angel who announced the birth of Jesus. It’s the glory that made the face of Jesus shine on the mount of transfiguration.

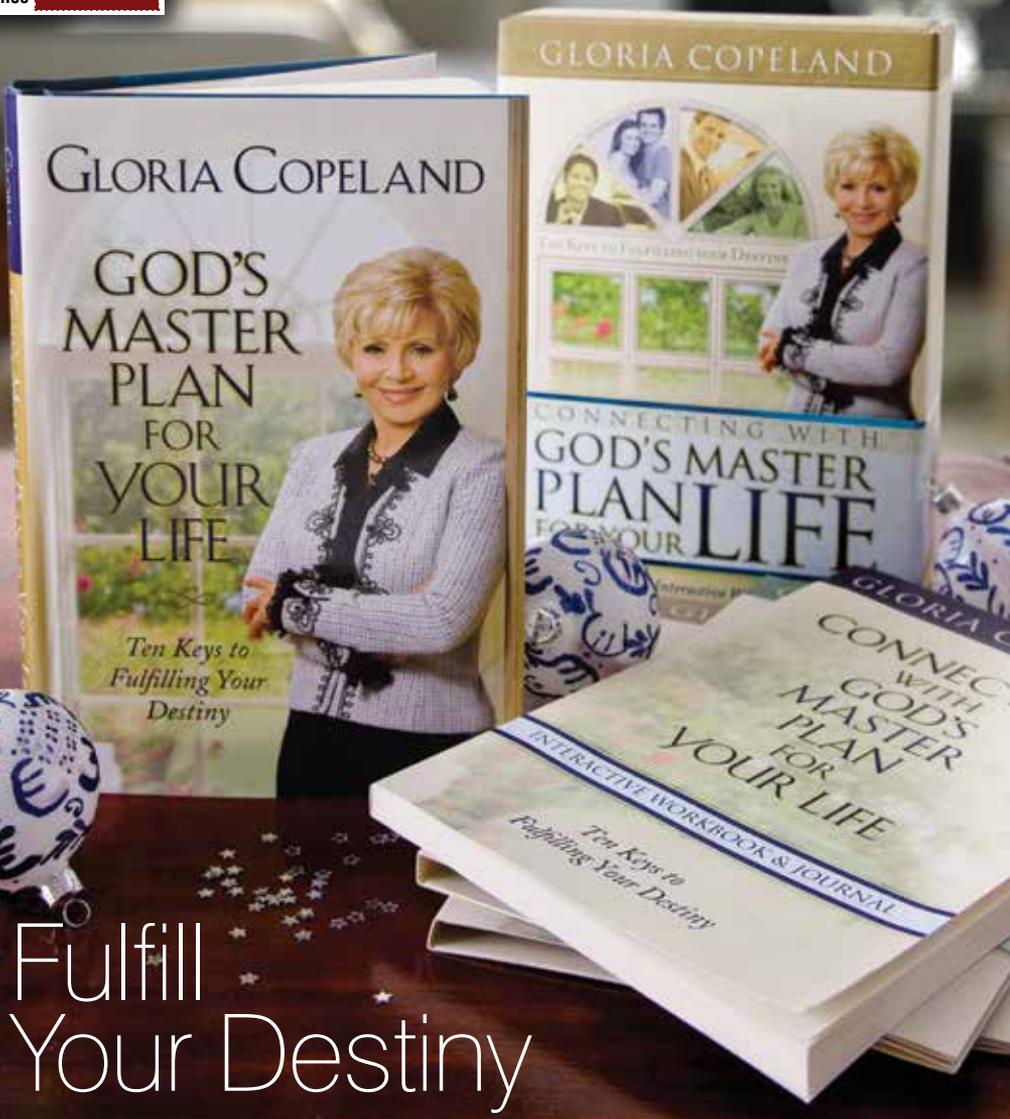
It’s the glory of The LORD that blinded the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. It’s the glory of God that Stephen saw when the Jews began stoning him. Revelation 15:8 says it’s the glory that fills God’s heavenly temple!

Our natural mind staggers at that. It says, “What could that glory possibly have to do with a nobody like me? I can’t even understand it!”

Yes, you can! You can not only understand it, you are a container of it. Second Corinthians 4:6-7 says: “God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”

Remember that next time you hear someone say God will never share His glory. Give a shout of praise for the amazing God of love and grace who chose to put His glory in you. ①

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we can receive.

What determines how much we can receive?

The things we believe! As Jesus said, "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

How do we increase our believing?

According to Romans 10:17, faith comes by hearing the Word of God. So we increase our faith by digging into God's Word and finding out what it says. The more we fill our hearts with the Word, the more we can be like the "good soil" people in the parable of the sower in Mark 4: They heard the Word, accepted and welcomed it, and bore fruit—some thirtyfold, some sixty and some a hundredfold.

This is the reason spending time in God's Word is so vital. It opens the door to all the good things God has for us. In Mark 4:24, Jesus put it this way: "The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear" (AMP).

No One Else Can Do It for You

"Well," someone might say, "I leave the Bible reading to my wife. She has more time for it than I do."

That's good for her but bad for you. You can't live on the Word your wife puts in her heart any more than you can live on the food she eats. She could eat a meal for you three times a day. She could polish off one plateful for herself and another plateful for you. What would happen? She would get fat and you would starve.

The same is true with God's Word. If you want to benefit from it, you have to get it for yourself. You have to put time into it. I'm not saying you have to study it for years before you see results. The Word can start changing things in your life very quickly, especially if you'll concentrate on it and keep it in front of your eyes and in your ears every day.

"But Gloria, I can't do that! I have a full-time job and family responsibilities to handle. My schedule is booked to the hilt."

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Maybe so, but most likely you still have several hours of the day available. For instance, when you get home from work, instead of watching the nightly news or staring at sitcoms on television, you could spend your evening in the Word.

That's what Ken and I did. When we first found out about the goodness of God and how to access it by faith, we spent almost all our free time listening to preaching tapes and studying the Bible. There were wars being fought in the world and economic upheavals going on at that time, but we missed them because we were too focused on the Word to read the newspaper or watch TV.

I will admit, we did have a bit of an advantage over other people.

For one thing, we were desperate. We were like the men who gathered around David when he was being persecuted by Saul in the Old Testament. We were discontented, in distress and in debt (1 Samuel 22:2). In fact, not only were we in debt, we were without. We didn't have a lot of the things we needed, and we were tired of living that way.

For another thing, we had very little else to do. Although Ken was a student at Oral Roberts University and was busy in the daytime, I was home with the children. I didn't have a car and I didn't have any money to spend. (It's amazing how much free time you have when you have no car and no money!) So when we realized we'd finally found the answer to our problems, we sold out to God's Word. We listened to it, read it and talked about it night and day. We went after the wisdom of God like other people go after gold and silver.

We didn't get everything we wanted overnight, but our hearts began to change immediately. Within less than a year we were out of debt and were increasing financially, as well as in every other way.

We've been proclaiming God's

goodness ever since! In one way or another, for more than 47 years now, we've been saying what the Bible says in Psalm 145:1-4, 7: "I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness."

Over the years, we've discovered such praises are extremely evangelistic. People get interested in God when they hear about His goodness and His blessings. They're drawn to Him when they see Christians living in joy, prosperity, health and peace—especially when they find out God wants them to have those things too.

Most unbelievers (and even some Christians) think God is the one who's been causing them problems. Like Eve, they've fallen for the lie of the devil. But when they hear about and witness the goodness of God manifesting in our lives, they discover the truth: It's not God but the devil who has been ruining everything for them. He's the one who's been making them sick, and tying up their money so their family doesn't have enough food to eat, or clothes to wear or a good place to live.

Once people see how mean the devil really is, they'll turn against him and run straight into the loving arms of God. They'll make Jesus the Lord of their lives and come out from under the devil's dominion. If they keep growing in faith, before long they'll be talking just like you and me and Oral Roberts.

They'll be preaching the good news and saying to everyone who will listen, "God is a good God!" 🗣️

points to get you there

God's goodness

Nothing will make your faith grow faster than learning about the goodness of God. When you have faith in God's goodness, you can wake up every morning with joy and excitement, thinking, *What marvelous thing does God have for me today?* Here are some points to get you there.

1 God's original plan for mankind had nothing bad in it.

Genesis 1:31: "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

2 The devil messed up that plan by convincing Eve to doubt God's goodness.

John 8:44: "There is no truth in [the devil]. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

3 Jesus has undone what the devil did.

1 John 3:8: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

4 The goodness God has stored up for you in Christ surpasses your wildest imagination.

1 Corinthians 2:9: "What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him" (*The Amplified Bible*).

5 The more you fill your heart with God's Word, the more of those good things you can receive from Him.

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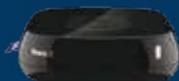
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