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During 2019, the Lord spoke through Kenneth Copeland on several occasions about the year 2020. The following is part of what the Lord said. Take the time to meditate on these powerful words.

What About 2020?

"What about 2020? Many things will be said about vision in 2020 because of the natural nature of 20/20 eyesight. But you and I, and those who seek the face of God and know the voice of God...will have vision, insight, ideas and concepts." And it will be a time of the fulfilling of the word that was spoken in My WORD that said, 'The young men and the old men shall have visions and dreams.' My dream, saith The LORD, is the continued rebirth of this nation. It has already begun, and it will continue. For you see, in these last days, I have taken over the politics of the United States. This is the only nation ever founded by a people specifically because they loved Me and wanted to worship Me. And I have never forgotten it, and I never will forget it...I am the God of this country.

And it will be reported far and wide, and people will come from far and wide, and they will say things and they will do things that they have no idea why they said them or why they did them. For, in 2020 the continued rebirth of this nation is a surety. It is a good thing. And you will see it come to a place...that is more than you have ever dreamed or wanted in a place. This is Mine. I promise you and I give you My solemn word, saith the Spirit of grace....

I knew what to do with the Pharaohs. And these little politicians of today, ha, ha, ha, oh, they are so easy to deal with compared to the Pharaohs of old. But I knew how to deal with them. I know how to deal with politicians today. Oh, there are those who think they know. They think they're doing what they're supposed to do, ha, ha, ha, all over the world. Oh yeah. I know them all. I understand them all. I have insight into their thinking....

You hear Me now. You understand what I'm saying. From the top of the world and all over the world, wherever there's a government, wherever there are people, wherever there's voting, wherever the people can't vote, I'm there. Wherever people seek My Name, I am there. And those who don't think I hear, don't misunderstand a word I'm saying. I hear it, and I move in behalf of it whether you think I do or not, or whether they think I do or not. I hear the cries of My people. And there are certain things that are taking place today that would never have taken place had My people not prayed and cried out to Me. Oh, these are the days, saith The LORD.

These are the days of mighty grace. These are the days of wonder grace. Certain lines have been drawn. Certain things that can't be crossed. Certain things that cannot be changed. Other things that can be and will be changed. Certain lines have been attempted to be crossed, but they can't because they are established in My WORD, saith The LORD. And I know what I'm doing.

2020 The Year of New Visions

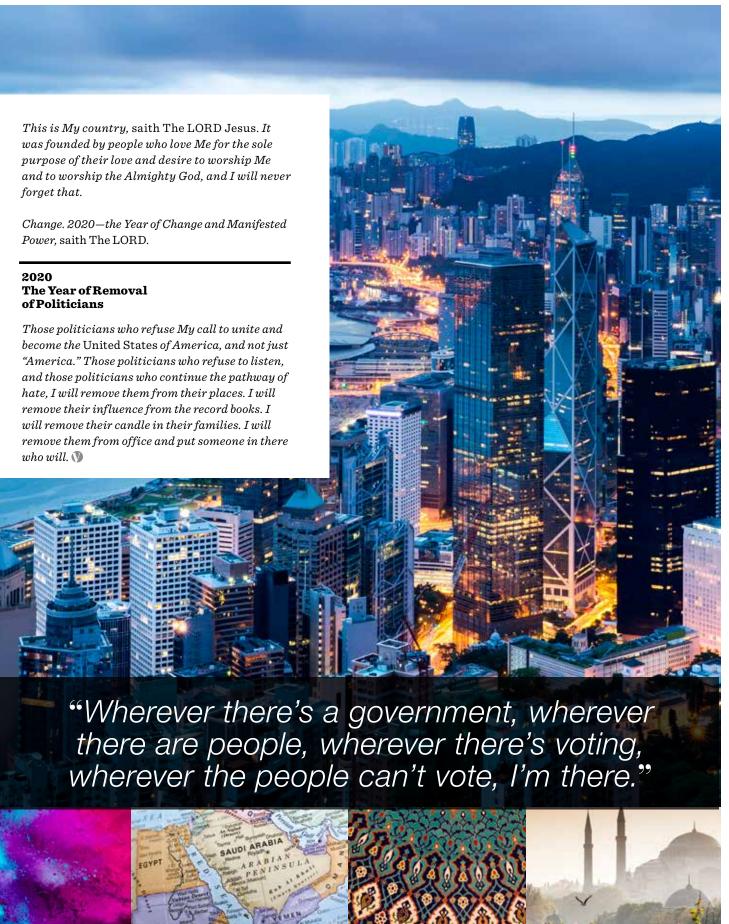
"The LORD is revealing new visions this coming year that will be absolutely stunning. They will include insights, ideas and concepts that have never been heard of before. Joel 2:28-29 (and Acts 2:16-18) tells us, 'It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit."

2020 The Year of Change and Manifested Power

"2020 will be a year of great change. Wonderful and magnificent changes in the kingdom of God in the earth. Changes that will come because of insights, ideas and concepts directly from Jesus to His Church by His mighty Spirit. Glorious concepts of how His laws work; the laws governing increase and financial prosperity; the laws of the Spirit that release miracles and divine healings and manifestations of His Almighty power on the earth. New concepts of His love; His very person; for He is love. Insights into the true power and strength of His joy.

"It will be days of political change, great victories and great defeats. For the spiritual enemies of God and His people shall be crushed—spirits, not flesh and blood. But there are those on both sides of the political divide who refuse to listen to The LORD Advocate General of the Church. Their dreams shall be dashed, their desires shall be wounded, and they will be removed from their offices and replaced, some by the ballot, some by tragedy, and some who in despair will quit and go do something else."

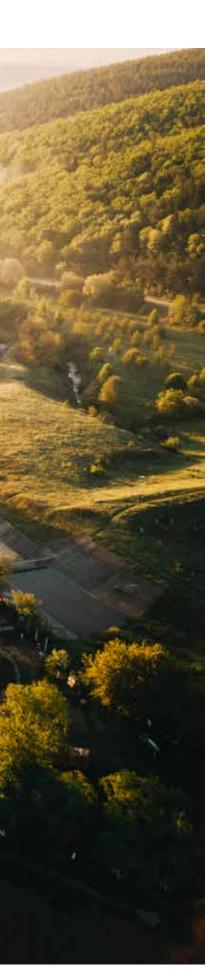












by Kenneth Copeland

Faith That Heals Nations

Christians these days have a lot of different opinions about what it's going to take to save this nation. Some say it's going to take a massive win by their favorite political party. Others, who favor the opposite party, say it's going to take a win by theirs.

More than a few, discouraged by the constant negative news they see on TV, are of the opinion that no matter which party wins, the future of this country is bleak. :: The devil is taking over everything and all we can do now is just try to hang on until Jesus comes.

Which opinion should we believe?

None of them!

When it comes to the future of this nation (or anything else) we should believe only what God said about it. He's the only One who's 100% right about the matter and He settled it once and for all by what He said in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble

themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

"But Brother Copeland, if that's the case, we're sunk for sure! We'll never be able to get everyone in this nation to pray and seek God!"



We don't have to. God didn't say if everyone in the United States will pray, He'll heal this land. He didn't even say if everyone in Texas, or California, or wherever you're living will seek Him He'll heal it.

He said, "If My people...."

"I know, but doesn't there at least need to be more people seeking God than rebelling against Him in a nation for Him to preserve it? Doesn't He need His people to be, if not the majority, at least a sizeable percentage of the population?"

No, He doesn't. He made that clear in Genesis 18 by what He said to Abraham about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Those cities were as wicked as they come. They were so full of sin that the cry of it had come up before God, and He had decided to destroy them.

When He told Abraham what He was about to do, however, Abraham interceded for them. Because his nephew lived in Sodom, he said to The LORD: "Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?... And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes" (Genesis 18:23-24, 26).

After The LORD agreed to spare the city for the sake of 50, Abraham took things even further. Concerned there might not be 50 righteous people left in Sodom, he asked if God would save it for the sake of just 45. God said He would, so Abraham, not certain that number was low enough, whittled it down even further to 40, then 30 and then 20.

The LORD agreed each time to the lower number, until finally Abraham said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake" (verse 32).

Think of it! In this case, "My people" referred to only 10. That's all God needed to find to save the entire city from destruction!

I've always been a little disappointed that Abraham didn't go even further. If he had, I think the outcome would have been different. I think God might have agreed to spare Sodom for the sake of two—or even one.



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God doesn't need everyone in the country praying and seeking Him in order to heal the land, He just needs His people to do it.

2 Chr. 7:14



Even one believer standing in faith and praying for the nation can make a massive difference.

Ezek. 22:30



Instead of joining in with the nay-sayers when they're neighing about how the country is going downhill, speak words of faith about it.

2 Cor. 4:13



Seek The LORD about how He wants you to vote and how you can actively bless your neighborhood, your city and your state.

Jas. 2:18



Make praying for those in authority in the nation a part of your daily prayer life.

1 Tim. 2:1-2

What makes me think that?

Ezekiel 22:30. There, God said, "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." In other words, if He could have found just one *My people*—just one person who would pray in faith and intercede—God would have honored that person's prayers, and the nation could have been saved.

We Make the First Move and Heaven Backs Us

These days, more than one born-again child of God can be found in most any nation. In the United States, particularly, there are millions of us. So, when it comes to praying for the healing of this nation, we have more than enough to get the job done. We just need to stick with it and have faith that God will do what He promised. We just need to believe Jesus meant it when He said: "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:18-20).

Notice in those verses it's not heaven that makes the first move, it's the people of God here on earth. We take The WORD of God, the blood and the Name of Jesus and bind and loose things on earth; then heaven steps in and backs us. Jesus comes into our midst to carry out whatever we've agreed on in prayer.

What does it mean to agree in prayer?

It means to believe, instead of just hope. To take a solid stand of faith on God's WORD and say, "This is the way it's going to be and no other!"

"But Brother Copeland, sometimes it seems like we pray and agree for God's will to be done in our country and it doesn't look like it makes any difference."

So what? We don't go by what things look like in the natural. We go by what God said in the Bible. Every word in that Book is blood-backed and blood-bought. The words in the Old Testament There's nothing more powerful than The WORD of God! It can change anything. It can turn the biggest mess you've ever seen into something so wonderful it's beyond your ability to imagine.

The LORD reminded me of this a few years ago in a way I'll never forget. He kept saying to me that the troubles we're seeing in the United States right now are birth pangs. "This nation is being reborn," He said.

I told Him I couldn't envision such a thing, and He said, Kenneth, do you think this nation's founders—men like George Washington, Ben Franklin, and John Adams—had any idea what it would look like a hundred years down the road?

Of course not! I thought. They didn't have a clue. They didn't even know what it was going to look like in 20 years.

You don't either! The LORD said. You don't have any idea of what this nation is about to look like after it gets reborn. It's going to be as far from what you can see and understand as it is now from what its founders could see back in 1776.

Sonny boy, you haven't seen anything yet!

Just a handful of years have passed since He said that to me, and this nation has already taken giant steps forward that for decades have seemed all but impossible. When we dedicated the American Embassy in Jerusalem, for instance, and when our president formally recognized Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, we saw a major advancement in God's plan for this nation. Heavenly stakes were put in Holy Ghost soil that can't be removed.

Those developments, and others too numerous to mention, are signs that the rebirth The LORD spoke to me about is underway. Although it's still a work in progress, it's happening. We're in it right now, and all of us, as believers, are responsible to help keep it going.

This is not just a little political thing. This has to do with the most world-changing outpouring of the Holy Ghost and fire to ever hit this planet, and everything in our lives is connected to it. Our finances are connected to it. The welfare of our families and our homes are connected to it, and we



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all have a part to play in bringing to pass its full manifestation.

Even a Child Can Do It

This needs to be in our prayer life every day. We need to be talking about it with other believers. When we come to church, we shouldn't waste our time jawing about our opinions and griping about the latest silly statement some politician has made. We should be using those opportunities to obey the instructions in 1 Timothy 2: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (verses 1-4).

Not only when we're in church but in our own personal prayer times we should be praying for our city, our state and our nation. We should be doing for them what the Apostle Paul said in Galatians 4:19 that he did for the church in Galatia: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you."

How do you travail in prayer?

You do it in the Holy Ghost. You spend time praising and worshipping God over the great outpouring He has in store for this country. You stand on His WORD and pray in other tongues until you get over in the spirit where the Holy Ghost can take hold together with you and make intercession through you according to the will of God. (See Romans 8:26-28.)

You don't have to be a spiritual giant to do that. My daughter Terri started doing it when she was just a child. She decided as a sixth grader to fast her lunch and pray for her school, and amazing things happened. Other students started joining her and asking her to pray for them in between classes to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Such a move of God broke out in that school that one day the principal felt it necessary to announce over the loudspeaker, "There will be no more praying in tongues in the girls' restroom!"

Of course, if you want to see those kinds of results from your prayers, you do have to be praying in faith. You can't get anywhere whining to God in unbelief. Faith is where everything starts. It's the key to unlocking the storehouses of the spirit.

That's why Jesus said in Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God." Or, as that phrase can also be translated, "Have the faith of God."

"Brother Copeland, I just don't have that kind of faith!"

Sure, you do. God gave it to you as a gift the moment you were born again. Just as He does every believer, He dealt to you "the measure" of His very own faith (Romans 12:3).

His faith is powerful stuff! It's what He used to create the heavens and the earth. He didn't just make them out of nothing, as religion sometimes teaches. He did it by speaking words that were filled with "the substance" of faith (Hebrews 11:1). He said by faith, "Light be!" and light exploded into the darkness and created 16 billion miles of universe within 24 hours.

That's the kind of thing God's faith can do, and now you have a measure of it. You may not have done a lot with it yet, but it's there in your spirit to be fed with The WORD, developed and used.

So, go ahead and put it to work. Put these four faith fundamentals into operation and help bring forth the will of God, not only in your own life and circumstances but in your nation.

First, take your stand on what God promised in His WORD He would do when His people pray. Meditate on verses like 2 Chronicles 7:14 and believe God will respond to your prayers and heal our land.

Second, give voice to your faith. Don't join in with the naysayers when they start neighing about how the country is going downhill. Say what God said about it. Follow the Apostle Paul's example and say like he did in 2 Corinthians 4:13: "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."

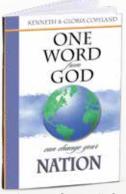
Third, act on your faith. Seek The LORD about how He wants you to vote and then do it. Ask Him how you can actively BLESS your neighborhood, your city and your state, and do whatever He says.

Fourth, forgive. Faith won't work in an unforgiving heart, so refuse to stay in strife with anyone, including the politicians whose policies annoy you. Instead, let the love of God flow through you as you pray for them.

If we'll do our part and pray in faith and love, God will certainly do His part. He'll fulfill to the max what He promised in His WORD. He will heal our land!

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Message of Hope

Sweat rolled down his face as Sergio Alvarado dropped two more cinder blocks onto the dry, parched ground. Working under the hot, scorching sun as it glistened in the morning sky was something he had become used to growing up in Juárez, Mexico.











Only this time it was different. This time, the work wasn't for *his* survival. It was part of an assignment he had received from God to help others survive.

"I've found my purpose," Sergio said, smiling brightly as he unashamedly wiped away sweat that masked an occasional tear. "God has called me to take the message of hope to a hurting, dying world—to throw out a lifeline to the children of Juárez—to reverse the curse in their lives, just as He did for me.

"I was a product of my environment, and there was no one there to help pull me out. Finding out about God—that He loves and cares for me—is what saved my life," said Sergio, now a minister and part of the ministry team at Kenneth Copeland Ministries. "His Word gave me new life. It gave me hope and victory. That's what these children need. They need to be shown the way out—the way to escape. That's what we're here to do!

"The city of Juárez is considered one of the most dangerous cities on earth. Many of its children are still trapped in a vicious cycle surrounded by drugs with no way out. God has called me to help, and one of the ways He is helping me do that is by building a church right here in Juárez—a place where young children can find hope through God's Word."

We first told you about Sergio and his plight in an article we published in March 2014. As a child growing up in the heart of drug-infested Juárez, Sergio watched helplessly as his alcoholic father abandoned the family when he was 2, and his heroin-addicted mother turned to prostitution—lifestyles that eventually led to early deaths for both of them. Like almost everyone born into that culture, Sergio never saw himself living any way other than in poverty—surrounded by drugs and early death.

"We lived in an area called Heroin Alley," Sergio recalls of his plight in his recently released book, *Prophet of My Own Life.* "Hundreds of people routinely crossed the Mexican border almost daily

is still considered one of the most dangerous cities on earth.

That, I believe, is why God has called me to go back there: to help make a difference.

from the U.S. to buy heroin in Heroin Alley. The entire area was, and still is to this day, drug infested—littered with bars and brothels, and crawling with prostitutes. On any day, people could be seen sitting in public—smoking dope, shooting up with needles and syringes, or cooking crack cocaine in spoons over open flames.

"As a child growing up in Juárez, this is what I saw every day. By the time I was 6, I understood what poverty was. I also realized that we were steeped in it. We moved around a lot because my mother had problems paying the rent. One of the houses we lived in had no roof, no cement floors and no windows. When it rained, we got soaked. We got heat from kerosene lanterns and the cooking stove. There was also no refrigerator.

"Most of what I know about my mother is firsthand. I lived it," Sergio says in the book. "But there's so much I don't know, and so much more I sometimes wish I didn't know." About his father, he writes: "To say my dad was an absentee father would







be too generous. My dad left us when I was 2 and moved to El Paso. I saw him less than a dozen times after that. One of those times was the night he died."

A Life of Hope

After spending over 20 years battling his own drug and alcohol addictions, watching helplessly as his life sank deep into a dark abyss spawned by the environment he grew up in, Sergio met the woman he would later marry, who introduced him to a life of hope, freedom and deliverance—through a relationship with Jesus Christ. That relationship, he says, not only changed his life for the good, but placed a burden on his heart to help the people of Juárez—and especially the children—come to know that same hope, freedom and deliverance.

Years later, in March 2014, Sergio returned to Juárez a new man—not just as a former citizen but as a minister of the gospel. At the Lord's direction, he had rented the stadium where he used to work and was there to host a Christian crusade that included pastors from Lima, Peru; Venezuela; and the U.S. It was during that time, the Lord began to talk with him about building a church in Juárez.

Not questioning God, Sergio began putting a plan together. After making several trips to Juárez to meet with city officials, purchase land, obtain building permits and organize a team to oversee construction, Sergio returned to Juárez in October 2019 to begin construction of a single-story, cinder block church building. Ironically, the building, which will be roughly 130 feet long and 43 feet wide, sits on less than a quarter acre that is about 1 mile south of the community where Sergio lived as a child.

When completed, the church will seat about 400 people. It will be equipped with a kitchen, where up to 250 children can receive free meals each day, Sergio said. When funds become available, a second story will be added for an orphanage.

Step of Faith

Admittedly, a project such as this is costly. But Sergio says he's not concerned about the financing.

"This is all one giant step of faith," he said. "It's like when the skies open up and you just know what your purpose in life is. I now know what God made me for, and that's to be a conduit to help these people. A few people have heard what we're doing and have sown seed into the project, and I'm very grateful to them. We're taking that seed and starting the process."

All proceeds from the sale of his book are also going toward the project, Sergio added.

"Ultimately, God is in charge of this and He will see that it's completed," Sergio said. "I don't know how the money will come, and I'm not trying to figure it out. I just know this is something God has put in my heart to do and it will happen."

Already, they are seeing positive results, Sergio reported.

"I spoke with a young lady there recently who was about 19 and had one small kid. They lived in a room about 10 feet by 10 feet, that had a little bed on one side of the room, a restroom on the other side, a makeshift kitchen and a small kerosene heater. As I was talking with her, I could see the despair in her face. At 19 years old, she had given up! She was so glad to see us there!

"I spoke with another young woman who just broke down crying," Sergio shared.

"Finally," she told me, "we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. We have no hope. All we see here is despair, hunger and lack."

"All I could say to her was that God is about to put a stop to that."

The children are already beginning to benefit from the presence of Sergio and his team as well.

"We're already having church services on Sunday, on the grounds where the church is being built," he said. "On my last visit there in October, we purchased tennis shoes and distributed them to 73 kids."

Standing off to the side, watching as the workers dug trenches and began stacking cinder blocks to form the walls of the church, Sergio appeared awestruck.

"I have to pinch myself when I see that this is really happening," he said.

"This is big in the heart of God," said Sergio. "For these people's sake, it has to happen!"

Confident that it will happen, Sergio is moving ahead.

"Juárez is still considered one of the most dangerous cities on earth," Sergio says. "That, I believe, is why God has called me to go back there: to help make a difference."



To read our earlier story on Sergio in the March 2014 issue, go to kcm.org.uk/magazine

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Healed of Leukemia

I placed an order for some books and CDs on healing for my niece who was diagnosed with leukemia 18 months ago. They had a problem with some of my books, so I called from Geneva, Switzerland, and the lady who took the order asked if I was ill. I told her it was my niece. After taking the order, she asked for my niece's name and joined her faith with mine and prayed for my niece. My niece went through chemotherapy treatments, and last month she was cleared from having any trace/ cell of cancer in her system. She is healed completely! I just want to praise the Lord and thank Him for His faithfulness. Thank you, KCM prayer team, for availing yourselves to the work of the Lord.

H.A. | Geneva, Switzerland

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The Believer's Voice of Victory magazine has gotten me through some of the darkest and most traumatic times of my life. I was first introduced to the publication in 2001 and have been subscribing to it and reading it ever since. It has been such a blessing. The stories and testimonies have helped me grow as a Christian and have helped increase and fortify my faith in God. Thank you for your free gift! I speak THE BLESSING over your family, ministry and everything that is connected to you. In Jesus' mighty Name. Amen!

A.C. | Lawrenceville, Ga.

Testimonies of Real-Life /ICTORY

'The Tumor Had Shrunk!'

I called and asked for prayer for my husband who received a negative doctor's report. He has been confessing the Word day in and day out. When he went back to the doctor yesterday, he was told that the tumor had shrunk!

I am sowing my \$25 seed into your ministry believing God for continued healing for my family, and God's blessing and favor. I thank God for your ministry, which has been a blessing for my life.

C.B. | Washington, D.C.

'The Cancer Is Gone'

I want to thank you for your prayers. I had the operation, and everything went fine. I don't have to go for any treatment. The cancer is gone. I give God all the glory and thank you for standing with me.

M.J.S. | Canada

ON OUR WAY TO DEBT FREEDOM

Praise the Lord! After believing God for my family harvest, we stepped out on faith. We sowed a seed for debt freedom, and the Lord gave us a glimpse into what is to come. He blessed us with \$10,000! We believe there is more where that came from. The transfer of wealth is manifesting in our lives. Thank you for sharing the Word of Faith—tangible manifestations of the glory of God. A.A. I Sandersville, Ga.

Obedience Brings Blessing

On Sept. 29, 2019, I was finishing up at work for the day and the Lord dropped into my spirit to give \$1 a day to KCM. I couldn't deny it was the Lord, but I waited a couple days for a confirmation and never received one. So, I made up my mind to obey the Lord in faith. On Oct. 8, I gave \$8 in total—going back to Oct. 1 and called in a return on my giving.

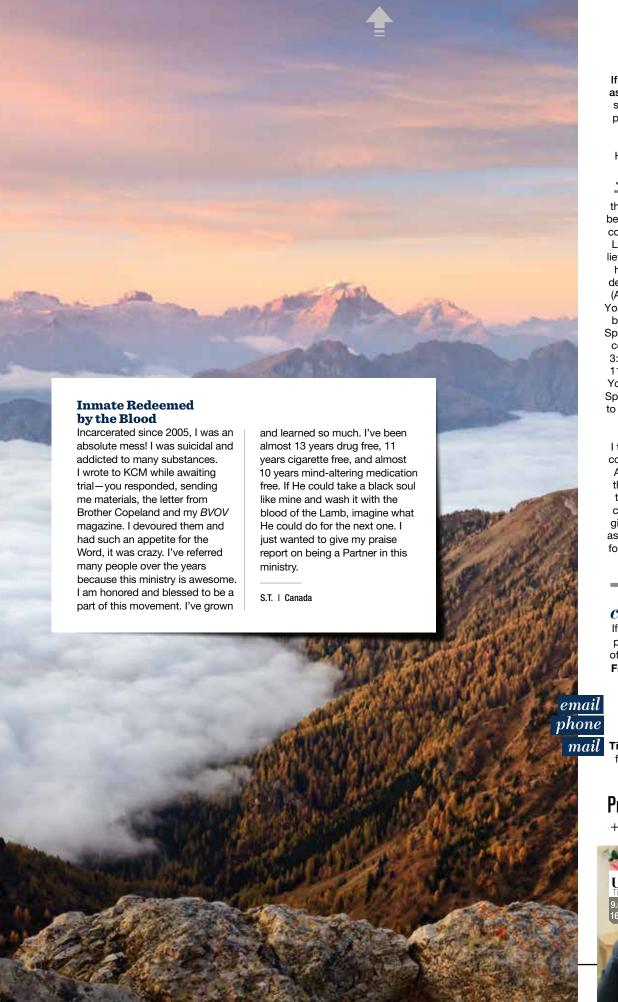
One of my professors from college asked me to help him move some boxes to his attic in his home and he paid me \$50—for less than an hour of work! WOW! Look at the Lord! Out of that \$50, I was able to tithe and give more! God can be trusted to keep His promise on blessing those who dare to believe and obey.

C. C. | Tulsa, Okla.

Prayer That Brings Results

I called in Monday to request prayer for someone who was in a coma. The prayer minister at KCM prayed and commanded life to return to his body. Today, which is Wednesday, he opened his eyes and recognized people. I want to thank the prayer warriors at KCM for praying with me. May God be exalted and praised!

T. J. | Mint Hill, N.C.



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

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

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

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Creating a New Reality

by Melanie Hemry

CAMERON ARNETT DROVE DOWN THE SUN-KISSED STREETS OF HOLLYWOOD

WITH A SONG IN HIS HEART. PALM TREES SWAYED IN THE GENTLE BREEZE, STANDING LIKE SENTINELS ALONG THE SIDEWALK THAT FRONTED HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND THEATERS. PEOPLE STROLLED DOWN THE BUSY STREETS WEARING SUNGLASSES AND CARRYING SHOPPING BAGS.

Cameron smiled as the traffic light ahead turned green. He felt as though he was being carried on angels' wings.

Life, for him, had been good.

Now, he was back in California after shooting a TV "Movie of the Week" in Canada, where Cameron had received a phone call that would forever change his life. He had auditioned for a role in an upcoming TV series and got the part. As he contemplated signing the contract, he basked in the goodness of God that was so evident in his life—a goodness that had surrounded him for as long as he could remember. Even before he'd become a Christian it had been there.

It was there when he was born Camy (pronounced Kah-*mee*) Arnett in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. And it was there when his mother immigrated to the U.S. and, though she had been unable to speak the language, had earned enough money to send for the entire family.

It was there when he was growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and his mother decided to take a job in Long Island to get him away from gangs. It was there when she decided to move to Miami, where he excelled in sports—once even being named the athletic achiever of the year in high school.

God's goodness even followed Cameron through his years in college, where he continued his athletic prowess, and went from studying pre-med to deciding on a career in modeling and acting.

It was during that time that he remembered an encounter he'd had with God at 8 years old. Standing in front of a large





window in their home on Long Island, Cameron had asked, "What am I here for?" and God had shown him a vision of himself standing on a stage speaking to a sea of people while skyscrapers rose behind him.

Unsure what it meant, Cameron kept it to himself, eventually forgetting it.

When Atlanta became a boomtown for models, he'd begun traveling there for jobs. Having been blessed to find an agent, he made a lot of money. When the casting director for the film *The Last Dragon* suggested to Cameron that he move to New York City, he did. He didn't get the role, but the casting director became his manager, and signed him with a modeling agency that wanted to send him to Milan, Italy, prior to establishing him in New York.

Not wanting to go to Milan, Cameron switched to the Wilhelmina agency and stayed in New York City. While in New York, he met a group of theatrical models in love with Jesus. Attending one of their meetings, he heard a Messianic Jew speak, and Cameron gave his life to Christ.

The change had been cataclysmic. He became evangelistic overnight.

Then he found out something that changed him even more.

While in Miami for a brief period to play a role in the TV series *Miami Vice*, Cameron's mother told him about the ministry of Dr. Fredrick K.C. Price, a Spirit-filled minister in California. Through Price's ministry, he was introduced to Kenneth Copeland Ministries and began watching KCM's daily TV broadcast.

As far as his acting career went, Cameron had seen much success. His nearly 50 acting roles included a number of appearances in TV series and TV movies, including *Doogie Howser, M.D.; Star Trek: The Next Generation; China Beach; The Equalizer* (1986); and *Miami Vice*, as well as several movies.

Home now, Cameron got a call from his agent to discuss terms of the contract.

"There is partial body nudity in this role," he said.

"I don't do nudity."

"OK, I'll talk to them and get back to you."

When his agent called back, he told Cameron: "We've worked out a deal. They've agreed to use a body double."

Then, Cameron heard the voice of the Holy Spirit.

You have to shun even the appearance of evil.

"I'm sorry, I can't do it."

Losing a Career; Accepting a Call

"Standing by my convictions changed everything," Cameron recalls. "I didn't just lose that role. The agency dropped me. Jobs dried up. No one hired me. The bright spot in all this was that I received a call into the ministry, and I accepted it. But for my wife, it was all too much. She filed for divorce and took our children back to Florida with her. I was devastated.

"I tend to look on the bright side of any situation, but not being able to live with my children was the hardest thing I'd ever endured. I went through bankruptcy and lost everything. I ended up living in the back room of a house belonging to someone on welfare."

Despite the troubles he found himself facing, Cameron didn't give up on his newly found faith in God. Over time, things began to get a little better.

One day, while sitting alone at home, Cameron had an encounter with God.

What do actors do? he heard a voice say.

"I don't know, Lord. You're God. Tell me, what do actors do?" Cameron answered.

Actors create a new reality. They allow people to suspend their own belief system in favor of a different reality.

Then, he heard these words:

Camy, you've been on stage and won many awards for acting. You create a different reality. What I want you to do is teach My people how to act like Me. I want you to teach My people that the Bible is the only script. Jesus is the only character. The Holy Spirit is the writer. Embody that. Be Christ in your skin. Have the mind of Christ.

My people are disciples. Sons. Duplicates. Portray Jesus to society. When He saw something that didn't line up with heaven, He infused His reality. He opened blind eyes. He commanded God's will on earth.

"One day after that happened, the Lord orchestrated that I would be at a Kenneth Copeland meeting," Cameron recalls. "I thought of the way he leaves the pulpit and walks down the aisles. His eyes are so piercing. He goes back to the pulpit and points his finger, commanding God's will to be done. I said to myself, He is acting like Jesus. Suddenly, it all made sense to me. We're all actors, creating a new reality. The only script is the Bible and the only character is Jesus.

"Kenneth Copeland doesn't do religion. He acts like Jesus. That's what God called me to do. I put Christ first in my life, and I left Hollywood behind. I never thought I'd act again."

Finding Family

One day the Holy Spirit spoke to Cameron and told him, Check on your godson. You haven't seen him in six years.

Those words eventually put him back in touch with the boy's mother, BJ Rucker. A force to be reckoned with in Atlanta, with a degree in fashion merchandizing and an MBA, BJ had done commercial acting and modeling. She'd entered beauty pageants—and won them all.

Then she'd started doing television and set the ratings ablaze.

She anchored the noonday news for NBC. She spun the wheel for Dialing for Dollars. And prior to MTV, she was a music jockey for a station owned by Michael Green. She had also hosted two shows on Georgia Public Television and had interviewed the likes of Cicely Tyson, Rosalyn Carter and Lena Horne.





"For two weeks, I kept getting a story in my dreams. I later discovered that I was dreaming the storyline of the book that was being made into a movie."

Cameron as Ensign Mandel in Star Trek: The Next Generation (left), and as Thomas Hill in the movie Overcomer

A brilliant businesswoman, BJ built her own production company. She owned the company that had hired Cameron back when he modeled in Atlanta. She'd been his boss.

Cameron would never forget the first time he met her.

She'd been arrogant. She'd said something to put the young model in his place.

Leaning across her desk, Cameron had looked her in the eye and said, "I'm not going to take that."

Having set the record straight, the two established a good working relationship. Years later, after the two had gone their separate ways, BJ contacted Cameron with a special request. Having come out of a tumultuous relationship, she was expecting a child and had decided to raise him alone, and she wanted to name him after "the only two men I know with integrity," BJ told Cameron.

The men were her grandfather, who was a former pastor, and Cameron.

When her son was born, he bore Camy's acting name, Cameron, and the middle name of her grandfather, which was Clay. Cameron flew from New York to Atlanta to attend his godson's dedication ceremony. Five years had passed and he had not spoken to BJ since. Though he had called her numerous times, she never returned his calls.

Obedience to God

"I'd listened to Cameron's calls for weeks, but I hadn't answered," BJ remembers. "My stepfather had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and I stayed with him until the end. He was the dearest man, and he'd been a wonderful father to me. He kept saying, 'BJ, your husband and children are coming.' I said, 'Dad, that's the drugs talking.'

"I had given myself completely to the Lord. I wore a wedding band and told everyone that I was married to Jesus until He brings me one just like Himself.

"After Dad passed, I was at his house one day cleaning when Cameron called. God must have shoved me, because one minute I was in the hall and the next I nearly fell over the phone when it rang. We talked for five hours, and by the time we got off the phone, we were getting married."

Cameron boarded a plane and flew to Atlanta. He knew the Lord's voice. He knew he'd been told that BJ was to be his wife. In truth, they didn't know each other very well. They'd been friends for a few years when they worked together. Otherwise, the only contact they'd had was when he attended her son's christening.



"I was broke and had lost everything," Cameron remembers.

"BJ, having lived a powerhouse life, on television, having her own business and dating millionaires, was also now alone devastated by loss. And yet, she was with God.

"I asked her to marry me, and she accepted. This wasn't alove match. We were both simply being obedient to the Lord. After we got engaged, we spent the next nine months getting to know one another. We married in November 1998, surrounded by all our children. It was bliss, and we fell in love with each other more each day."

Growing a Church

In 1998, Cameron and BJ started New Light Dominion Church as a Bible study. They went from holding services in their house to a movie theater in the affluent Buckhead area of Atlanta.

"We cleaned up beer bottles and popcorn before each service," Cameron recalls. "As the church grew, so did we."

Staying connected with KCM, they scheduled their vacations so they could attend the ministries' Believers' Conventions and Victory Campaigns, traveling to Washington, D.C.; Fort Worth; and Nashville, Tenn. "We both had already been strengthening our faith for years by reading KCM materials, including the magazine, and watching the BVOV broadcasts. We were teaching people to live by faith, act like Jesus and do exploits for God. I was so happy preaching the gospel."

In 2013, BJ was on her way to meet a friend for tea when she heard the Lord



Kenneth Copeland doesn't do religion. He acts like Jesus. That's what God called me to do.





JAN READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

		Old Testament	New Testament
Wed	1	Gen. 1-3	Matt. 1
Thu	2	Gen. 4-7	Matt. 2
Fri	3	Gen. 8-10	Matt. 3
Sat	4	Gen. 11-15	
Sun	5	Ps. 1-5; Prov. 1:1-19	
Mon	6	Gen. 16-18	Matt. 4
Tue	7	Gen. 19-22	Matt. 5
Wed	8	Gen. 23-25	Matt. 6
Thu	9	Gen. 26-28	Matt. 7
Fri	10	Gen. 29-30	Matt. 8
Sat	11	Gen. 31-33	
Sun	12	Ps. 6-9; Prov. 1:20-33	
Mon	13	Gen. 34-36	Matt. 9
Tue	14	Gen. 37-39	Matt. 10
Wed	15	Gen. 40-41	Matt. 11
Thu	16	Gen. 42-44	Matt. 12
Fri	17	Gen. 45-47	Matt. 13
Sat	18	Gen. 48-50	
Sun	19	Ps. 10-13; Prov. 2	
Mon	20	Ex. 1-2	Matt. 14
_	21	Ex. 1-2 Ex. 3-4	Matt. 15
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Thu	23	Ex. 7-8 Ex. 9-10	Matt. 17 Matt. 18
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Sat	25	Ex. 11-12	
Sun	26	Ps. 14-17; Prov. 3:1-18	
Mon	27	Ex. 13-14	Matt. 19
Tue	28	Ex. 15-16	Matt. 20
Wed	29	Ex. 17-18	Matt. 21
Thu	30	Ex. 19-20	Matt. 22
Fri	31	Ex. 21-22	Matt. 23

say, That's who you want. Who you need is Cameron Arnett!

During tea, BJ's friend pulled out a book she'd written that was being made into a movie. She mentioned the name of the man she wanted to portray a character. "That's who you want," BJ said. "Who you need is Cameron Arnett."

"BJ! Do you think he'd do it?"

"I won't ask him," BJ replied. "You'd have to approach him through an agency."

Back home, Cameron asked BJ how things went. She described the conversation.

"No!" he said, walking away.

A Change of Plans

"For two weeks, I kept getting a story in my dreams," Cameron recalls. "I later discovered that I was dreaming the storyline of the book that was being made into a movie. It was a Christian film called *Stand Your Ground*. The Lord told me to go to the audition. I said no at first, but of course I obeyed and I got the part.

"Afterward, roles kept coming to me. I told God that I would never chase another role; that if He wanted my life to take this direction I didn't want to do auditions. Since then, I've acted in 18 films and only auditioned twice."

In 2018, while in Nashville for a meeting with the board of the International Christian Visual Media, Cameron had just stepped off the escalator when he heard someone shout his name. It was Alex Kendrick who, with his brothers, Stephen and Shannon, are the well-known producers and directors of such popular Christian films as *Flywheel, Facing the Giants, Fireproof, Courageous* and *War Room*.

Alex took Cameron to dinner and told him the storyline of their newest film script; a movie titled *Overcomer* and the role of a character named Thomas Hill.

"I didn't know this guy knew who I was or that I was even on his radar," Cameron recalls.

"I'd like you to consider this role, but you have to go through the process," Kendrick told him. That meant, if he wanted the part, Cameron would have to audition. He did, and the role of playing the part of a blind man was his.

"I really saw God show up in the auditions," Cameron says. "I hate auditioning, and I knew it was all God."

When *Overcomer* was released this past August in over 1700 theaters, it was among the Top 5 movies in theaters. "Movies usually have a shelf life of about two weeks," Cameron explained. "We're currently in our fifth week and expanding to another 300 theaters. So far, it's been translated into 71 languages and is about to cover the world.



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"Christian films are the fastest growing genre in the industry. Sony has established Affirm, which is the banner under which the Kendrick brothers' movies are made. Lionsgate now banners Kingdom Studios for their Christian films."

After having the career he so desired taken away from him for standing by his convictions, and then watching as God restored all that he had lost, but on a much higher level, Cameron now understands why God asked him those many years ago, *What do actors do?*

"This hasn't changed what we do, just the field in which we do it," Cameron says. "God has transitioned us out of the four walls of the church into a global ministry. Instead of calling ourselves a church, we do what we've always done under Camy Arnett Productions."

Through the medium of film, Cameron and BJ Arnett are taking the message of the gospel to the world. In December 2019, Camy Arnett Production Studios released its first feature film, *Mattie: The Discovery*, as part of a trilogy.

"I believe that God is using these films to help bring in the last great harvest of souls," says Cameron. "



God does not intend for you to have to struggle to live a holy life. Sadly, a lot of Christians think He does, but they're mistaken. Holiness is important to God, certainly, but He never meant for His born-again children to spend their lives striving to measure up to His standards by keeping a seemingly endless list of religious rules. He never told us in the New Testament that we must try to attain holiness by working really hard on our behavior and doing everything just right.

No, He told us in the New Testament that we're already holy!

He said that the moment we were born again the old, unholy sinner we used to

be on the inside died, and we became a new creation. Our inner man—the real us that 1 Peter 3:4 calls "the hidden person of the heart" (New King James Version)—was reborn in the image of God and we became partakers of His holy nature (2 Peter 1:4).

For us, as believers, holiness is no longer something we're struggling to get. It's part of our new identity. Inwardly, it's part of who we are.

"But Gloria," you might say, "if that's true, why do I still sin sometimes and



"YOU DON'T DO IT BY BEATING YOURSELF UP OVER ALL THE WAYS YOU'VE MISSED IT.... NO, THAT'S LEGALISM AND THERE'S NO LIFE IN THAT."

fall prey to ungodly attitudes and habits? Why doesn't the holiness that's on the inside of me show up more on the outside?"

Because for that to happen you must let what's in your spirit affect your soul and your body. As Ephesians 4 says, having put off "the old man," you must "be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and...put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (verses 22-24, *NKJV*).

Unlike getting born again, which happens instantly, being renewed in the spirit of your mind involves a process. It takes place as you spend time in God's Word and let it change your soul.

Made up of your intellect, will and emotions, your soul is in the middle—between your spirit and your body. It decides what you're going to do and how you're going to live. As you renew your mind with God's Word, you start thinking like God does and being willing to do what He wants you to do. Your soul starts aligning with your spirit. Your new man dominates your flesh, your body comes in line, and you begin to change. You start growing up in the Lord and looking more and more on the outside like the person you are on the inside.

This doesn't happen automatically though, just because you're a Christian. It requires a decision. Just as you decided to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior when you got saved, if you want to grow up in Him you must decide to put God's Word first place in your life.

Many Christians never do that. They go to church on Sunday, but they never spend enough time in the Word to find out who they are in Christ Jesus, so they get stuck living carnal, fleshruled lives. They know they're not supposed to sin, but they can't seem to help it, so they're miserable and frustrated. They try to live right

but wind up failing and feeling condemned.

Because they don't know what the Word says about things like healing and prosperity, if sickness or lack comes their way, they just have to put up with it. Although, when they're faced with serious trouble, they pray for God to help them, but all they know to do is beg and plead. They aren't established firmly enough on God's Word to just believe and receive by faith what He promised. So, although sometimes God finds a way to bless them in spite of their doubts, at best, their prayers don't produce consistent results.

Anyone Can Become a Faith Giant

That's no way to live! I know, because I did it myself for a short while right after I became a Christian. I didn't have to do it for long though. A few years after Ken and I were born again, we moved to Tulsa and got connected with the ministries of Oral Roberts and Kenneth E. Hagin. We learned from them that the Word of God is the foundation for a victorious faith life, and we went after the Word with everything we had.

There was no Bible school for me to attend (Rhema didn't exist in those days), but I got books and tapes of anointed preaching and absolutely saturated myself in them. While Ken was out preaching, since we didn't have the money for me to go with him, I went to Bible school all by myself just staying at home listening to messages and taking notes.

Talk about changing! The Word I got hold of back then revolutionized my whole life. I began growing in God, and because I've continued in that Word I've never stopped.

That's God's intention for every believer. He doesn't just pick out certain people and do something special for them. Any believer can become a faith giant if they'll make a decision to do so. It doesn't matter what our occupation is or what else is going on in our lives, if we'll decide to make God's Word our first priority and our final authority, we can keep growing and developing in faith. As Ephesians 4:13-15, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, says: "Until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the

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fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him. So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro...[but rather] grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."

This is where God is taking us, Church! His plan is for us, as the Body of Christ on the earth, to keep changing by faith so that we keep looking more and more like Jesus.

"But you don't know how far I have to go," someone might say. "I don't look anything like Jesus right now! Even though I know I'm saved, my life is still an unholy mess."

It isn't too big of a mess for God! He can straighten out anything.

He's already straightened out your spirit by doing away with your sin-deadened old man and re-creating your spirit in true righteousness and holiness, and He's able to finish what He started. You just need to cooperate with Him. You just need to keep beholding in His Word as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, and as you do you will be "transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18, *NKJV*).

Notice it's the Spirit of the Lord that transforms you into Jesus' image so that you look on the outside like who you are on the inside. You don't do it by beating yourself up over all the ways you've missed it, and trying in the flesh to live under a set of laws. No, that's legalism and there's no life in that.

Life, Jesus said in John 17:3, comes from knowing God. It comes from spending time with Him in the Word and in prayer, maintaining a living connection with Him and walking in the spirit. For if you "walk in the Spirit...ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

When you're walking with God in the spirit, you don't live legalistically. You aren't thinking all the time, I can't do this, and I can't do that, and struggling to put off the old man. You're focused on the can-do's and putting on the new man. You're seeing yourself in the Scriptures and thinking, I can live righteously

"THE WORD WAS THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS' ENTIRE LIFE AND CALLING."

because I'm the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I've been made holy with His own holiness, so I can live a holy life and let others see His glory in me!

Years ago, I heard Sister Clara Grace, a prophetess who used to minister sometimes with Brother Hagin, say this is how Jesus Himself lived when He was on earth. I found Myself in The Book, He said to her once during a spiritual visitation. Every time I laid My head down and rested on the bed, I meditated on what God's Word said about who I am.

Jesus Had to Live by Faith, Just Like Us

Many Christians have the idea that Jesus was able to live as He did when He was on the earth because He had special divine power. That He could be holy because He's God. But that's not correct. Jesus laid aside His divine privileges as deity when He left heaven and took on flesh. He came to the earth as a man. As a man He had to overcome sin and temptation, just as we do. He didn't just live a holy life automatically. He had to resist the devil, stand on God's Word and "live by faith" (Romans 1:17).

Since "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," the Word was the foundation of Jesus' entire life and calling. Remember how He first introduced His ministry in Nazareth? He quoted from the Scriptures. He opened to what



1 **Holiness** and righteousness are not something you work to attain, they're part of your new spiritual identity

in Christ.

2 Cor. 5:17-18



Your old, sinful spirit man died the moment you were born again and your spirit was re-created in God's image.

Eph. 4:22, 24



As you feed on God's Word, it will affect your soul and you'll begin to act on the outside like who you are on the inside.

Eph. 4:23



Jesus lived His life on earth by finding Himself in God's Word and walking it out by faith.

Heb. 10:7



The more you look in the Word and find yourself there, the more the holy, glorious image of Jesus will be revealed in you.

2 Cor. 3:18

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Isaiah prophesied about Him and said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.... And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:18-19, 21).

According to Hebrews 10, Jesus even quoted Scripture when He was fellowshipping with His heavenly Father. In praying about His call and His destiny, He said, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.... Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of Me—to do Your will, O God" (verses 5-7, NKJV).

Just as God prepared a body for Jesus when He came to earth the first time, now God is preparing a Body on earth for Jesus' second coming. He's preparing the Body of Christ to be "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27).

As members of this Body, we're to be participating in its preparation by finding ourselves in the Book as Jesus did, and saying to our heavenly Father much the same as He said: I am who Your Word says I am. I have what it says I have. I can do what it says I can do. And I'm here to do Your will.

The more we do that, the more holiness we'll walk in and the more glorious we'll become. The more glorious we become, the more the world will be attracted to us.

People in this world are hungry to see God's supernatural glory! They're looking for it all the time. I read a news story once about someone who claimed they saw the image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a window. When word about it got out, hundreds of thousands of people came to that window to try to see the image of the Madonna themselves.

Most of those people probably weren't even born again. They were just hoping to see something supernatural. They just wanted to believe that God exists and that He's still manifesting Himself in some way to people today.

Of course, even if Mary's image did appear in that window, it wouldn't compare to the glorious image that's on the inside of us, as His children. We have the image of Jesus Himself in us-and if we'll make the decision to stay in the Word and keep believing and acting on it, that image can be revealed through us. We can literally become walking miracles.

Here at KCM we've seen it happen. We hear the testimonies all the time.

I remember one young woman wrote us some years ago that, as a teenager, she'd had a disease that caused gangrene. She'd lost her fingers, and both her legs had been amputated so completely that the doctors didn't think she'd ever be able to walk, even with artificial limbs.

With no hope at all of a normal life, she tried to commit suicide. She thought her life was over. Then one day, she got hold of a Bible. She started reading it and got excited.

Her parents didn't like that. They thought she was going off on a religious tangent and would end up disappointed. So they took her Bible and put it on the top shelf of her closet, too high up for her to reach. They didn't take away her television though, and one day she found the daily broadcast of Believer's Voice of Victory. She started watching it, stuck with it, and before long she began to change.

Instead of wanting to die, she started wanting to live. Hope arose in her and then faith, as she found herself in the Word and heard about the abundant life that belonged to her in Jesus. Long story short, the last time I heard from her she was in her 20s and not only was she on fire for God, she was walking, and driving her own car.

If she could believe what God says about her and overcome the kinds of obstacles she was facing, certainly you can overcome whatever you're facing. Having put off the old man through the new birth, you can put on the new man that is created in righteousness and true holiness. You can live by faith from the inside out and walk in the glory of God! V

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lob Interview with a Superkid



Interviewer: "So, what experience do you have that qualifies you for this job?"

Superkid: "None."

I: "OK. What skills do you have?"

S: "Hmmm, I'm not really sure yet."

I: "What is your current employment?"

S: "I play, talk to my friends, have fun. The pay's not that good, but I go to school and learn stuff."

I: "And how old are you?"

S: "I'm 12 years old."

I: "Well, I don't see much here to qualify you to work at Kingdom of God Adventures. Can anyone recommend you or give you a character reference? If not, I'll have to look for someone else."

S: "Oh, yes! I belong to Jesus! I am called by His Name! In fact, He's the One who asked me to come work here!"

I: "Well! That's all I need to know! You are fully qualified and officially HIRED!

Superkid, this is how I picture you being interviewed to work in the kingdom of God. I'm being funny, but seriously, knowing Jesus is the only qualification you need to work the best job in the universe! Let me tell you about a boy who worked for His Dad. He was your age when He really began to take His job seriously.

Many years ago, a young girl named Mary was visited by an angel of the Lord: "Do not yield to your fear, Mary, for the Lord has found delight in you and has chosen to surprise you with a wonderful gift. You will become pregnant with a baby boy, and you are to name him Jesus. He will be supreme and will be known as the Son of the Highest" (Luke 1:30-32, The Passion Translation).

She was young and engaged to Joseph the carpenter. How could she become pregnant and how could He be the Son of God? Mary had many questions, but was willing to serve God in any way He asked. So she said, "Yes, Lord."

Fast forward. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem, and all of heaven worshipped Him. Kings, shepherds and even animals

bowed down before Him.

When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to be dedicated, lovers of God Simeon and Anna recognized Him as the Messiah they had been waiting for. They prophesied over Him, telling His parents all He would become and what He would do.

Simeon said, "'With my own eyes I have seen your Word, the Savior you sent into the world. He will be glory for your people Israel, and the Revelation Light for all people everywhere!' Mary and Joseph stood there, awestruck over what was being said about their baby" (2:31-33).

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and warned Mary of some difficult things she would face as Jesus' mother. Anna sang choruses of praise to God. She left the Temple that day and never stopped telling people that their Savior had come.

Thanks to Simeon and Anna, Mary and Joseph truly realized Jesus was the Son of God. What was it like, raising God's Son? What was their home like? What was life like for Jesus? Do you think Jesus was perfect? Did He like games and outdoor

Talk with your family and explore such questions. Go even deeper and ask Jesus some other things. Here's one: Did Jesus automatically know everything? Let's talk about that. Jesus was human AND the Son of God. He lived in the earth as a human man, but he started as a human baby. Verse 40 tells us, "The child grew more powerful in grace, for he was being filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him."

If he GREW more in grace and He was BEING FILLED with wisdom then what does that mean? It means that Jesus wasn't automatically everything He became. Jesus grew in these things, JUST LIKE YOU.

We can see in His Word how Jesus grew up. We see a snapshot of one of His early adventures in verses 41-46: "Every year Jesus' parents went to worship at Jerusalem during the Passover festival. When Jesus turned twelve..." WAIT! 12? Jesus was 12? Of course, He was! I told you! Keep going.... "his parents took him to Jerusalem to observe the Passover, as was their custom. A full day after they began their journey

home, Joseph and Mary realized that Jesus was missing. They had assumed he was somewhere in their entourage, but he was nowhere to be found. After a frantic search among relatives and friends, Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After being separated from him for three days, they finally found him in the temple, sitting among the Jewish teachers, listening to them and asking questions."

Look at that, Superkid! Jesus wasn't always talking and preaching. When He was a boy, He was listening and asking questions! He was learning about the Father, the Scriptures and His own calling. He was finding out who He was in His Father's house! "His parents were shocked to find him there, and Mary scolded him, saying, 'Son, your father and I have searched for you everywhere! We have been worried sick over not finding you. Why would you do this to us?" (verse 48).

Jesus knew who HE was and it gave Him direction, focus and confidence. Verse 49 in the New King James Version says, "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

His parents didn't understand what He meant, but today we know Jesus came so His Father could have His lost children back. He depended on Jesus to save us, much as you and I do. Why? So we can hang out in the house of God, learn, ask questions, listen to our pastors, our teachers and parents like Jesus did. Most importantly, stay close to Jesus, ask HIM questions about His Word, about life.

This is what YOU are called to do! Verse 52 (TPT), "As Jesus grew, so did his wisdom and maturity. The favor of men increased upon his life, for he was loved greatly by God." As you grow, your wisdom and maturity will increase, and YOU too can be about your Father's business. He's got an important job for YOU in the family business!

Pick up your Bible, Superkid. Everything you need to know is in this employee handbook, including your first assignment....

More on that later!

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God wants to fill the chambers of your spiritual and natural house with precious and pleasant riches.

Your part is to walk in His wisdom and to hold fast to your faith in Him of your spiritual and natural house

> hen I read through Proverbs 24, I come across verses that remind me of some spiritual landmarks in my own life where I "fought the good fight of faith" and won.

> For instance, this chapter includes what I call my "house scripture"—a key passage that we stood on years ago to receive our first home debt free: "Through skillful and godly Wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation, and by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches" (verses 3-4, The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition). Isn't that a marvelous Word from God?

> So let's look at some faith principles in Proverbs 24 that will help fill our homes and our lives with God's precious and pleasant riches!

Believing for a Home

By 1968, Ken and I had never owned a home. Actually, we hadn't even rented a home that was really desirable!

This was about the time we began to learn how to apply the Word to our lives. This was also the time we found the scripture that says to "keep out of debt and owe no man anything, except to love one another" (Romans 13:8, AMPC). Kenneth and I had already made a commitment to obey God's Word no matter what, so when we saw this verse, we immediately stopped charging any purchases or borrowing money.



AFTER SIX YEARS OF GROWING IN THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, WE PURCHASED OUR FIRST HOME—WITH CASH!











Well, the one material thing in this life that I really wanted was a nice home. When I was a little girl I didn't play with dolls much but I did play "house."

In 1968, to buy clothes or to have a car without debt looked impossible for us. But to pay cash for a home? I had never heard of such a thing. My mother and dad never even owned a home of their own, and at this time I was in my mid-20s.

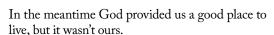
But I found scriptures to build my expectations and to make my stand for a home. And one of the main scriptures I stood on was this passage in Proverbs 24. This verse bought the house and then filled it up!

I'd tell the Lord, "By faith I see both our family and our house built by the wisdom of God! I see the knowledge of God filling every chamber with precious and pleasant riches." When the situation looked impossible, I would hang on to that scripture. The devil would say things like, "You sure can't ever have a new house now." "Whoever heard of paying cash for a house?" "How could you ever get the money?" But I had also found another scripture: "And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]" (2 Corinthians 9:8, *AMPC*).

Because of this scripture I could say in faith, "God is able! I don't have to know how He will get our new house. All I have to do is trust that He is able, and He will do it."

For a long time it looked as if there was no way we could ever own a house. Until our decision to "get out and stay out" of debt, we had borrowed money for everything we bought. In the natural, paying cash for a home seemed so impossible.

But I kept confessing, "God is able. I see my house filled with precious riches!" I didn't give up.



Well, it took patience to stand in faith for that house. It didn't happen in a year. It didn't happen in two years. But after six years of growing in the wisdom and knowledge of God, we purchased our first home—with cash!

The first house took six years. The next house (principal residence) took three weeks (1980). At this writing we are preparing to build our dream home. Before the plans were finished, the money was there. GLORY TO GOD—HE IS ABLE!

For over 30 years this home has been prepared by faith in the Word of God and by sowing seed for it with words and money. Harvest time is here!

We didn't go from a little rented house to a dream home in one step. God has, over these 30

exclusively for His children. God has title deed to the earth except for that which He has already given. I believe it is important to Him that His children possess it. Remember that God wanted Israel, His covenant people, to possess the land. That was a major part of His BLESSING.

He didn't create this earth for the devil and his crowd. He made it for His family. His desire for us is to enjoy His provision and rejoice while we give Him all the glory.

By faith we are to: 1. Ask Him for what we desire according to His Word; 2. Believe we receive it when we pray; 3. Act and talk like our prayers were heard and answered.

"Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real

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years of faith, given us every home we asked for, and we have been so blessed. In the walk of faith you can't despise small beginnings. Through faith and patience you inherit the promises (Hebrews 6:12).

Earlier, I discussed the law of gradual or progressive increase, and that law has been my and Ken's experience. You walk in progressive increase because you walk in progressive revelation. Your faith works according to the Word that *you* understand and live by.

Job's friend told him, "Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would greatly increase" (Job 8:7, *AMPC*). That is exactly what came to pass. "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job and restored his fortunes, when he prayed for his friends; also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before" (Job 42:10, *AMPC*).

I'm convinced that God made this earth

fact what is not revealed to the senses]" (Hebrews 11:1, *AMPC*).

Though we started small, now we are able to build according to Isaiah 54:2-3, AMPC: "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; spare not; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes, for you will spread abroad to the right hand and to the left; and your offspring will possess the nations and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

There are other house scriptures that you can stand on as you believe for the perfect home for your family. God promises that the seed of the righteous "shall be mighty upon earth.... Wealth and riches shall be in his house" (Psalm 112:2-3). He also says that "the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish" (Proverbs 14:11).

I saw two more house promises while working

on this book: "Every wise woman builds her house" (Proverbs 14:1, AMPC) and "God places the solitary in families and gives the desolate a home in which to dwell; He leads the prisoners out to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land" (Psalm 68:6, AMPC). (This is also a great scripture for those in prison who are believing God for their future.) These scriptures will produce a harvest of blessing in your home and in your life as you hold fast to your faith and do what you know to do according to the Word. God will give you a home filled with the love of

A Word for Tough Times

Sometimes refusing to faint is a hard thing to do when you're facing difficult circumstances. However, God says, "If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small" (Proverbs 24:10, *AMPC*).

In other words, we should be able to endure pressures and trials in faith until victory comes. We are to hold fast to the Word of God without wavering until we see our answer manifested in the natural realm. If we can't do that, then our strength is small.

But God's Word says we *can* do it! God promises in Psalm 94:12-13 *(AMPC)*, to give us the power not to faint in the day of adversity: "Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whom You discipline and instruct, O Lord, and teach out of Your law, that You may give him *power to keep himself calm in the days of adversity*, until the [inevitable] pit of corruption is dug for the wicked" (italics mine). I have that passage bracketed and marked with stars in my Bible because it's so good!

It takes patience to stay calm through the days of adversity. When pressure comes, when impossibilities loom before you, when you hear discouraging reports—that is *not* the time to faint or cave in. That's when you need to stand on the Word and depend on God's power to keep you calm until victory comes!

Don't Fret About Sinners

In order to stay calm in the day of adversity, you have to heed God's admonition to "fret not because of evildoers, neither be envious of the wicked" (Proverbs 24:19, *AMPC*). Psalm 37:1, 3 says the same thing. Don't fret about evildoers, but trust in the Lord and do good.

It will stir up your flesh and make you faint in

your faith if you allow yourself to start thinking envious thoughts about sinners. For instance, at one time or another you may have thought, Lord, just look at those heathen people. They live like animals, yet they have so much.

Well, those people may have material

Well, those people may have material possessions. But if they don't know God, they don't have peace and joy. So they can't truly enjoy even the material things they do possess.

Really, evildoers don't have anything for you to envy. They may look good; it may seem as if they're having a good time. But if they don't belong to God's family, they aren't happy inside because there is no peace outside of God. God says that there is no peace for the wicked (Isaiah 57:21, AMPC).

Sometimes believers not only fret against evildoers, but they fret against the Lord because they think sinners are more blessed than they are—and they don't like it! When people fret against the Lord, God tells them, "Your words have been stout against me" (Malachi 3:13).

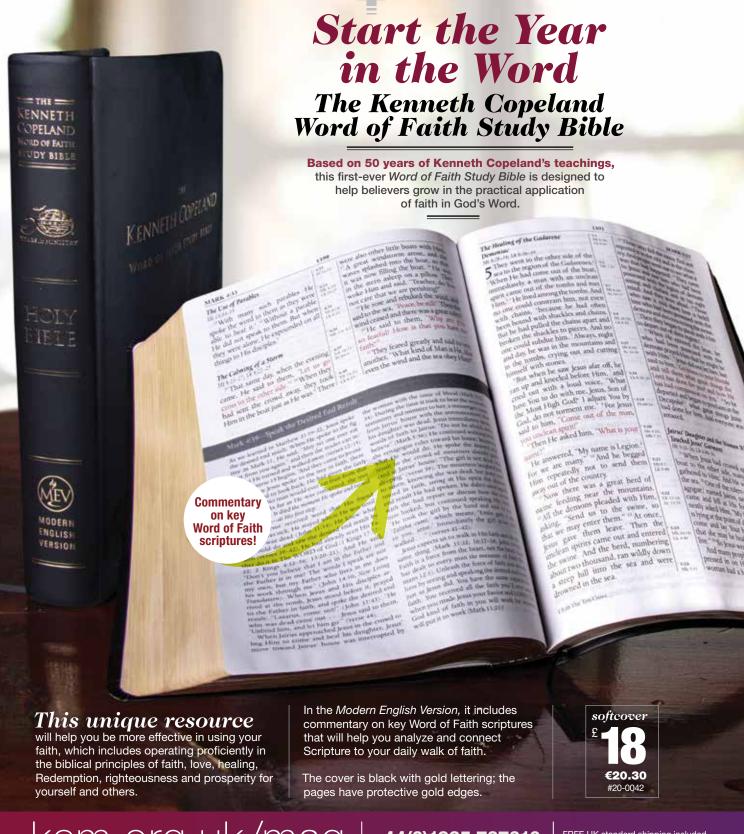
The Bible explains what kind of words God considers to be "stout" against Him: "Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance...? And now we call the proud happy...yea, they that tempt God are even delivered" (Malachi 3:14-15).

God doesn't appreciate your chiding Him for treating someone else better than you think He has treated you. That's not trust! So when you ask God, "What good is it to serve You?" He says, "Those words are stout against Me."

Then Malachi 3:16, AMPC, shows us the way we *should* act toward the Lord: "Those who feared the Lord talked often one to another; and the Lord listened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who reverenced and worshipfully feared the Lord and who thought on His name."

You see, the Lord hears us when we talk to one another. He doesn't just hear us in church. He is with us all the time. He hears stout words against Himself when we murmur and complain, or He hears words of reverence and worship.

Not only that, but God remembers what He hears. He never forgets to reward you when you walk in honor of Him and hold fast to your confession of faith in His ability and goodness. Your part is to keep walking in God's wisdom—what He says is right. God's commitment is to fill the chambers of your spiritual and natural house with precious and pleasant riches! •



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