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IN HIS NAME

One of the first times I saw with my own eyes the power that’s in the Name of Jesus, I was with Brother Oral Roberts at one of his healing crusades. We were standing in the invalid tent, surrounded by the sickest people I’d ever seen.

Right in front of us lay a little woman on a stretcher who was practically eaten up with cancer of the stomach. Except for the tumorous bulge of her belly, she looked like just skin and bones.

I hadn’t expected to be the one praying for her.

As a 30-year-old freshman at Oral Roberts University and part of Brother Roberts’ transportation team, my assignment that night had been to simply recap for the people in the invalid tent what Brother Roberts had preached in the main meeting so they would be ready for him to pray for them. When he’d walked into the tent that evening, however, Brother Roberts had changed the plan.

He had grabbed my coat, pulled me up in front of him and said, “Kenneth, tonight you’re going to do the praying and the laying on of hands.” Seeing the color drain from my face he laughed and told me not to worry. “I’ll be right here behind you,” he said. “If you make a mistake, I’ll

fix it. But don’t touch them until you’re ready to release your faith.”

The woman with the stomach cancer was the closest, so we started with her. Because I’d been studying in the Scriptures about the power of Jesus’ Name, I decided that would be my point of contact. When I said, “In the Name of Jesus,” I would put my hands on her and release my faith.

Just as I started to do that, however, I suddenly heard what sounded like the roar of the Lion of Judah. “In the Name of Jesus whose I am and whom I serve,” Brother Roberts bellowed, “you foul, unclean spirit, take your hands off of God’s property right now!”

Immediately, the woman spit that cancerous tumor out at our feet. The devilish power holding that nasty, putrid thing in place fled and she was healed!

That was my introduction to what the Name of Jesus can do!

“But Brother Copeland,” you might say, “it doesn’t seem to me the Name of



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1

A believer who has faith in that Name can do anything Jesus Himself can do.

(Acts 3:16)

2

The Name of Jesus terrifies the devil. It reminds him of the defeat he suffered when God raised Jesus from the dead.

(Col. 2:15)

3

It was through Jesus’ victory over sin and the devil that He inherited from God His great Name.

(Heb. 1:3-4)

4

There’s no name anywhere that’s more powerful than the Name of Jesus.

(Phil. 2:10-11)

5

Jesus Himself endorses the prayers you pray in His Name.

(John 16:23)



Jesus always does that. I've heard lots of prayers prayed in His Name that did not produce those kinds of results."

Me too. But it's not because the Name of Jesus didn't work. It's because most Christians don't know how to put it to work. They don't have enough revelation to use it the way Brother Roberts did. He understood the authority Jesus' Name carries. His faith in that Name was so strong that when he used it, he fully expected the power of Jesus Himself to come on the scene and do what needed to be done.

In other words, Brother Roberts used Jesus' Name like the Apostle Peter did in Acts 3. When he and John encountered the lame man at the temple gate and the man looked to them expecting alms, Peter said to him: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God" (verses 6-9).

When the astonished crowd asked by what power the lame man had been healed, Peter said, Jesus' "name through faith in his name hath made this man strong" (verse 16).

Notice according to that verse, Peter spoke Jesus' Name by faith. He didn't say it just hoping something might happen. He had a revelation of

the power that's in it. He fully believed that Name would do exactly what Jesus Himself would do in that situation.

This is where we, as believers today, have often missed it. We've revered and loved Jesus' Name, but we haven't developed much faith in the power of it. We haven't understood the kind of spiritual weight it carries and what it represents.

Demons Bouncing Off the Walls of Hell

Do you want to know who *does* understand what Jesus' Name represents?

The devil.

The Name of Jesus absolutely terrifies him. Every time he hears it, he's reminded of what happened to him in hell 2,000 years ago. It was the worst experience of his life, and it took place right after he thought he'd won his greatest victory.

He and his demons had just succeeded in getting Jesus crucified! Seemingly having conquered Him, they'd dragged Him into hell and tortured Him for three days and nights. Then something horrifying happened that turned the tables. They heard the sound of God's voice thundering down out of glory as He spoke to Jesus the words recorded in Hebrews 1:5-6:

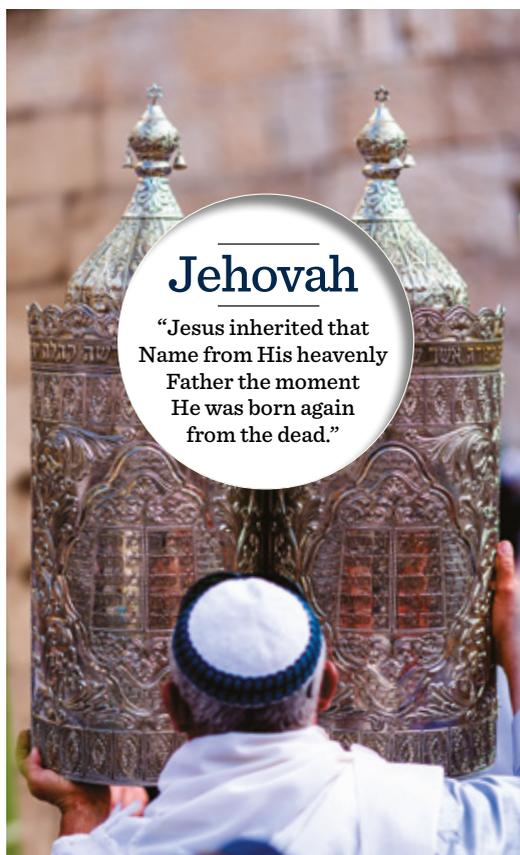
"Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee[!] And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son[!]... And let all the angels of God worship Him."

Those words hit Jesus' whipped, emaciated human spirit, that had taken on the sin of the whole world, and raised Him from the dead! His spirit filled with the righteousness and power of Almighty God, and He became the first Man in the history of this planet to be born again.

While devils bounced off the walls, Jesus dethroned satan and took from him the keys of death and hell. He stripped him of his power, made a spectacle of him triumphing over him in it, and rendered him powerless (Colossians 2:15, Hebrews 2:14).

Talk about a humiliating defeat! Jesus—one born-again Man—conquered hell all by Himself. As Hebrews 1 says, He "by Himself purged our sins." Then, after reducing the devil to an absolute zero, He ascended back into heaven, "sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [and] having become so much better than the angels...He...by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they" (verses 3-4, *New King James Version*).

What is that more excellent name? The name of the Most High God! The name *Jehovah*, as we say in English. Jesus inherited that Name from His heavenly Father the moment He was born again from the dead. It became His, not only as God's Son but in honor of what He'd done. According to Philippians 2:8-11: "[Because] he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him



Jehovah

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▲ Jewish man with Torah scroll during Simchat Torah.

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the name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things [names] in heaven, and things [names] in earth, and things [names] under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

The reason every knee must bow at the Name of Jesus is because in addition to that Name having been conferred on Him, He won it by conquest. He passed every test, overcame every temptation, conquered the devil, and proved Himself LORD of all. Therefore, God “set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come” (Ephesians 1:20-21).

What does all this have to do with us? you might wonder. As believers, Jesus’ Name belongs to us, too. It’s ours just as it’s His, and He intends for

you’ve been given by Jesus is worth whatever God is worth.

How do you measure what God is worth? You can’t! It’s incalculable!

Fill Out the Check

When I think of the worth of a name, I’m often reminded of Brother Roberts’ oldest son Ronnie. As a young man he got tired of being known as Oral Roberts’ son, so the first time he tried to borrow the money to buy a car he applied for the loan just in his own name. After looking over Ronnie’s application, the banker to him: “Son, you’re evidently a nice young man, but you don’t have any credit history. I can’t loan you the money for a car unless you have a sizeable down payment.”

“Would it do any good if I were to tell you that Oral Roberts is my dad?” Ronnie asked.

“Of course!” exclaimed the banker. “You should have told me that before. If you’re Oral Roberts’ son,

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He owns all the resources in heaven and earth!**
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us to use it. That’s why just days after He’d been raised from the dead He said to His disciples: “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore...into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 16:15-18).

In John 16:23-24, Jesus put it this way: “Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.” In other words Jesus said, “You pray in My Name, and I will endorse your prayer.”

In legal terms that’s called power of attorney. Because it authorizes one person to fully access and draw on another person’s resources, a power of attorney is worth whatever the person is worth who issued it. That means the power of attorney

certainly I can loan you the money!”

Why did the name Oral Roberts make such a difference in that situation? Because of what that name represented. Behind that name was Oral Roberts University, the City of Faith hospital, and all kinds of other assets.

Think about the assets Jesus’ Name represents! He is LORD of *all*. He owns all the resources in heaven and earth. As Brother Kenneth E. Hagin used to say, “Jesus has given you and me a blank check that’s already signed with His Name.” He’s just waiting for us to fill it out!

To confidently fill out the check though, you have to know what belongs to you in Christ. You have to find out what He’s provided for you in His Will. What is His Will? The New Testament! Jesus’ Last Will and Testament says that in Him all the promises of God are to us yes and amen (2 Corinthians 1:20). Contrary to what religious tradition has sometimes taught, you don’t have to wait until you get to heaven to claim those promises either. That’s not how wills work.



by Keith Moore



When my dad, A.W. Copeland, put it in his will that I was to inherit his property, he arranged for that property to be transferred to me when *he* died, not when I die. Jesus made the same arrangements. He set it up so that when He died, we could inherit everything His Will says belongs to us. Then, He rose again and became the executor of His own Will!

The problem for most of us is we haven't learned enough about what's in the Will to claim all that belongs to us. To some degree we've been like the woman Charles Spurgeon, the great British preacher, encountered many years ago. He'd been told she was in dire need, and when he went to check on her, he found her living in a tiny shanty with no heat to ward off the winter cold.

She was so malnourished that without medical help it was clear she would soon be dead, so Mr. Spurgeon called for a doctor. As the doctor was tending to her, he noticed a framed document hanging on her wall. "Is this yours?" asked Mr. Spurgeon, pointing to the document.

"Oh yes," she said. "M'lady gave me that. I served her for more than 50 years, and before she died, she gave that piece of paper to me. I'm so proud of it."

"Do you mind if I take it and have it examined?" Mr. Spurgeon asked. "No, I don't mind, as long as you give it back," she said.

As it turned out, the document was part of a will left by the woman's wealthy former employer. It stipulated that after the employer's death her faithful servant was to be richly provided for. She was to be supplied with a handsome stipend, a home fully staffed, and enough income to keep up the property for the rest of her life. Since the woman couldn't read, however, she thought the will was just something to hang on her wall, a wonderful memento that bore her beloved employer's name.

In that name, everything the poor woman needed, and more, was hers. But she didn't know about it, so she couldn't claim it.

The same can be said of you, as believers. Everything we need and more is ours in Jesus' Name. There is healing in that Name. There are miracles in that Name. The Anointing—God's burden-removing, yoke-destroying, devil-dominating power—is in that Name. But you can't claim what you don't know about.

So, keep pressing into The WORD and finding out what Jesus has provided for you. Keep studying His Last Will and Testament and developing your faith. Then claim everything that belongs to you in His Name! 📌



DON'T
GIVE THE
ENEMY

ACCESS

“ONE OF THE BIGGEST WAYS HE GAINS ACCESS IS WHEN WE JUDGE OTHER PEOPLE. HE ALSO GAINS ACCESS WHEN WE DON'T JUDGE OURSELVES.”

A few years ago, I watched a documentary about World War II and the Battle of Iwo Jima. The program showed how that brutal, five-weeklong battle unfolded. There were so many casualties that the battle had become unpopular in the U.S.

To most Americans, Iwo Jima was nothing but a tiny speck of rock out in the Pacific Ocean—a mere 8 square miles. What the average person didn't know was that our bombers lacked the reliability for long-range missions. We needed a stopping point. Iwo Jima's location made it of the utmost strategic importance to ending the war.

When I heard that, the

Spirit of God prompted me: *Pay attention to strategic importance.*

I typed that phrase into my phone. Strategic importance is a phrase that every believer who's proclaiming the Word of God ought to be familiar with.

The enemy will taunt us, saying things like, "You're not doing much. You're in a stinky, little place that's not very big." But we must recognize the Lord's *strategic importance* for our situation at any given time. If the Lord sends us somewhere, we're right where we're supposed to be, doing important work. We need to go where we're sent, and stay where we're stationed. We can't give up. We must believe



God, knowing that He'll give us whatever we need.

Stand Against the Enemy's Ploys

In every battle, there's an enemy. For us—believers who are committed to fulfilling God's plans—that enemy is the devil. He's sneaky, and he has a whole lot of weapons in his arsenal. He'll do whatever he can to keep us from taking new ground. In any battle, we're not only standing against him, but we're also standing against his wiles, tricks and deceit.

Ephesians 6:10-11 says, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (emphasis added). A lot of Christians view the devil like he's the Hollywood image of an evil monster. But that's the opposite of how he presents himself. He transforms himself into an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). That's why we need to be on the lookout for his crafty lies.

First Peter 5:8-9 says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

Now the enemy is not able to devour just anyone. Instead, he crisscrosses the planet seeking "whom he may" devour. Believers in the Church can take a stand to become those he "may not" devour.

Resist the Enemy's Accusations

Another name for our enemy is "the accuser." He tries to harass us, saying things like, "You've got bills due. You've got symptoms. You've got trouble with a capital T. So...what are you going to do?"

Why would the enemy spend all his time and resources making accusations? Because he's not simply interested in slandering us. He's trying to build a case against us so he can gain access to us and devour us. That's his mode of operation. That's why so many of the terms associated with the enemy are legal terms: justification, redemption, advocate and accuser.

One day the enemy was pulling that junk with me, asking me what I was going to do, when the Holy Spirit spoke up inside me and said, *Why don't*

you ask him what he's going to do?

Suddenly, I got sassy. I remembered Revelation 12:7-10:

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

That was all I needed. I said, "Yeah, devil! What are *you* going to do? Have you read the back of the Book? Have you noticed your time is short? Tick tock! A great big angel is going to come down and grab you and throw you into the pit!"

We don't have to put up with the enemy's harassment. We can resist him. He'll fight, of course, but the end is already written. When he accuses, it's up to us to deny him access.

Judge Yourself, Not Others

In 1 Corinthians 5, we read about Paul's rebuke of the church at Corinth after a member had begun an immoral relationship with his stepmother. Some in the church body had taken the stance that it was no big deal. Then Paul straightened them out; he talked about turning that member over to the enemy (verse 5). This is important because it shows us that believers can be judged, not by God, but by the destroyer, Satan.

The enemy doesn't have the right to destroy a believer without first gaining legal, spiritual access. One of the biggest ways he gains access is when we judge other people. He also gains access when we *don't* judge ourselves.

Jesus told us to "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" and to "love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39). Those glorious commandments are key to preventing the devil from gaining access. That's why it's so important to keep strife out of our relationships. The Word tells us that "where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every



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evil work” (James 3:16).

The Lord once told me, *Strife is the manifest presence of the devil.*

We can feel that, can't we? If we walk into a room where two people have been fussing and fighting and cussing each other, even if we didn't hear or see what was said or done, we can still feel it. That manifest presence of the enemy is real. He gained access through their yelling and screaming and hateful speech. They were judging each other and he found a way in.

We've always known judging is serious, but it's more serious than we thought because it allows the enemy to achieve his ultimate goal—to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). It gives him access to devour.

We're to revere our spiritual body, the Body of Christ, of which all of us are a part, because it is precious to our Lord. We're not to judge it. And while we shouldn't judge other people, we *should* judge ourselves. First John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Some of the sweetest news any of us will ever hear is that, even though we have messed up big time, we can judge ourselves and receive the cleansing and washing that's always available.

Forgive and Have Mercy

Rather than judging, we can extend mercy to those who have wronged us and stop the enemy in his tracks. We can follow Jesus' direction: “Love ye your enemies, and do good.... Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.... For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again” (Luke 6:35-38, emphasis added).

Three words stand out in this passage: *judge*, *condemn* and *forgive*. When we judge and condemn, we're acting as judge and jury. We look upon someone and decide that they are wrong and guilty. Instead, we should acknowledge when we don't understand people's hearts, motives, decisions or actions, and pray for understanding. Then we must realize that since we don't know those things, we can't form an intelligent opinion. We don't know how someone got to where they are. All we need to know is that God loves them. We must forgive.

So Much at Stake

Our enemy is seeking whom he may devour. We can prevent him from gaining access by recognizing his ploys and resisting his judgment. Instead of judging others, we can judge ourselves.

Keeping him from gaining access into our lives takes us out of the “whom he may” devour category and places us squarely in the “whom he may not” devour category—ensuring that the enemy may not steal, kill or destroy us or anything under our authority.

There's too much at stake. There are lost people to reach with the gospel and believers to train for future battles. Nothing can stop us from taking the land God has set before us. We are each in a place of strategic importance. Let's resist the enemy with the tools God has given us. The battle is simply too important to lose! 🙏



WORDS OF FAITH:
HOLINESS

THE MORE WE WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD, THE LESS ROOM WE GIVE THE DEVIL TO OPERATE IN OUR LIVES. (Prov. 16:7)

Separating yourself unto God opens the door for Him to be the Father to you He desires to be.

(2 Cor. 6:17-18)

God created you to be a vessel of His glory and walk in the light.

(1 Thes. 4:1)

Walking in holiness is part of your divine calling.

(1 Thes. 4:7)

HOLINESS DOESN'T COME FROM STRIVING LEGALISTICALLY TO KEEP RULES AND REGULATIONS. (Gal. 5:16)



GLORIA COPELAND

Christian Woman of the Year '94



MARILYN QUAYLE, SHIRLEY DOBSON, EVELYN ROBERTS, DEDE ROBERTSON, BEVERLY LAHAYE AND RUTH GRAHAM. WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE. WOMEN OF FAITH. WOMEN HONORED AMONG EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS ACROSS THE NATION AND AWARDED THE ACCOLADE CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF THE YEAR.

In 1994, Gloria Copeland's name was added to this esteemed list as she was voted "Christian Woman of the Year," an honor conferred on women whose example of faith and excellence "exemplifies godly character and leadership."

Founded in 1983, the Christian Woman of the Year Association recognized one outstanding Christian woman annually through nominations and votes of evangelical women in leadership. Recipients of this award were considered outstanding achievers among their peers—women whose activities, attributes and accomplishments reflected a life of devotion to God, to the principles of His Word, and to meeting the needs of people.

Gloria received the honor because her impact for the kingdom of God has been felt worldwide through her teaching at conventions and meetings, on television and radio, in books, and through audio and

video materials. Her range of ministry has extended from ministering at Believers' Conventions and Victory Campaigns, and a variety of special meetings in convention centers and churches across the country and around the world, to include prison ministry and conducting Healing School. To date, more than 2 million copies of her books are in print, with titles translated and printed in other languages.

In addition to a special award presentation conducted in the company of family, friends and the KCM staff in Fort Worth, Gloria was honored with a trophy, a certificate of recognition, and a photo album filled with congratulatory letters from family, friends, and church and world leaders. Among those congratulating her were former President Bill Clinton, and then-Texas Governor George W. Bush.

In his letter, President Clinton wrote: "Congratulations as you are honored by





“It doesn't matter what our denomination thinks. It matters what God thinks.”

—Gloria Copeland



Happy Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to Gloria Copeland who celebrates her 80th birthday this month.



the Christian Woman of the Year Association. Your energetic work to share your faith through speeches, television and the printed Word exemplifies the ideal of service that has always been central to the American character. Bringing a message of hope, love and tolerance, you are an inspiration to countless individuals.”

Governor George W. Bush sent a handwritten note which said: “Congratulations on being named the 1994 Christian Woman of the Year. What a great honor and testimony to your heart.” And Congressman Strom Thurmond wrote, saying: “This great nation was founded on faith in God and has been supported throughout its history by the faith and prayers of its citizens. You have contributed to this great tradition by your devotion to your church and your determination as a minister. Your work as an author and minister has benefited the lives of many.”

Perhaps the most heartwarming tribute to Gloria’s life and ministry was found in a letter from her husband, Kenneth, who wrote in part:

DID YOU KNOW?

ONE WORD FROM GOD CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER

Long before Kenneth and Gloria Copeland ever began declaring, “One Word From God Can Change Your Life Forever” into the lives of the thousands they minister to each day, Kenneth had seen his own life completely revolutionized by “one word” he heard in a teaching by Kenneth E. Hagin titled “You Can Have What You Say.”

In his quest for faith, Kenneth knew he needed to know more of what Brother Hagin preached, but he didn’t have the money to pay for it.

“What I needed next was every tape by Brother Hagin that I could get my hands on,” Kenneth recalled, looking back on that time in the late 1960s. “I drove my old car over to Brother Hagin’s headquarters. His son-in-law, Buddy Harrison, was his general manager. I’d never met him, but I introduced myself and told him I’d been called to preach.

“I need Brother Hagin’s tapes,”

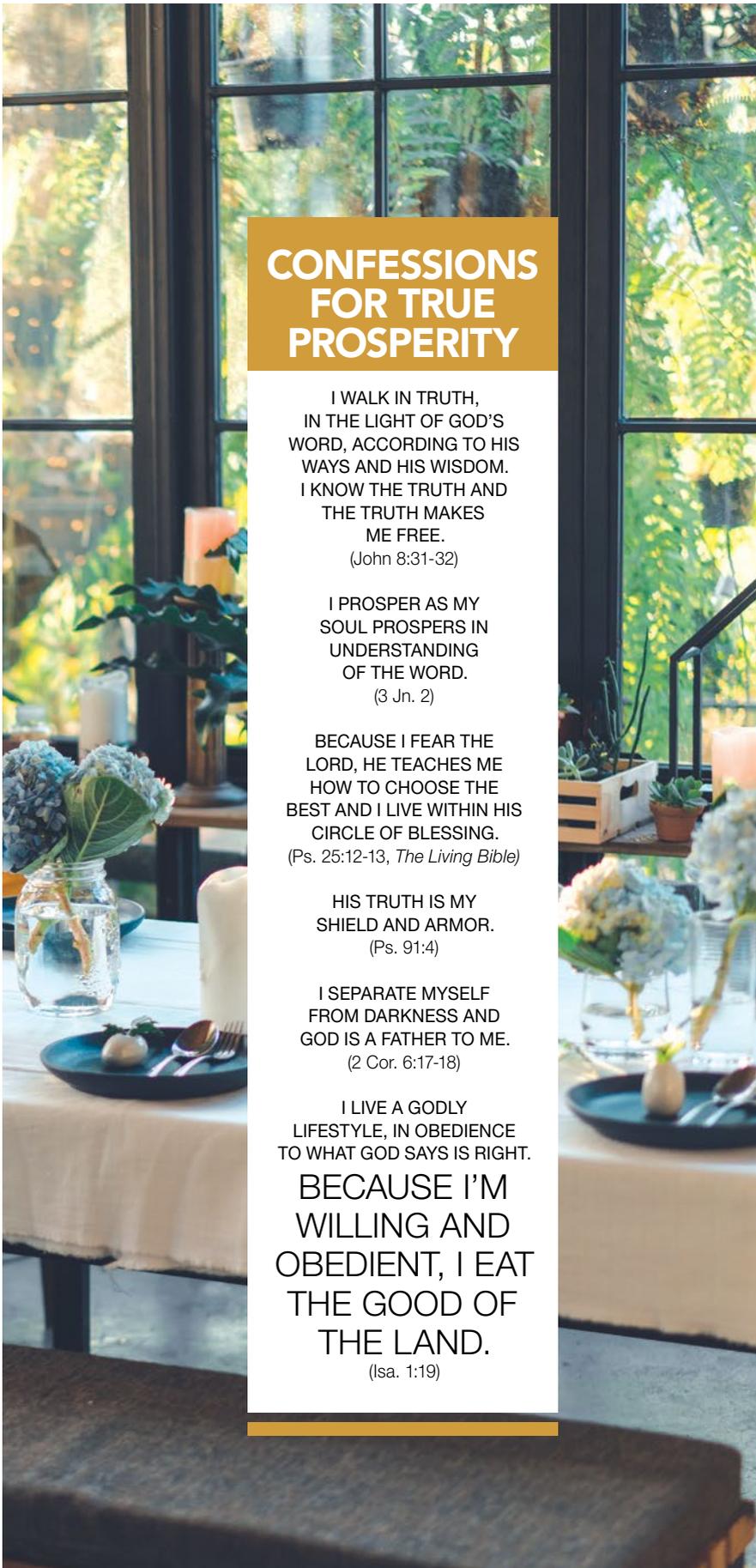
Kenneth told Harrison. “Here is the title to my car. I’ll send you every offering I get until I pay for them.”

Recognizing the hunger of this young preacher for the Word of God, Harrison did something unexpected. He refused to accept Kenneth’s car as collateral, but graciously gave him copies of all Brother Hagin’s teaching tapes. Soon after, Kenneth locked himself away for a solid week to study his newfound treasure—determined to hear from God.

“I knew my heart needed to be filled to overflowing with The

WORD,” he remembers. “I took my Bible and my tape player to the garage and made myself available to God. I stayed out there for seven days. The first day, I listened to tapes for 13 hours. The second day, I was out there for close to 15 hours. From then on I averaged 18 hours a day.”

What followed was the beginning of a transformation in Kenneth’s life—a transformation that would be the catalyst for change in his and Gloria’s lives, and the lives of hundreds of thousands of souls for the Kingdom. Only eternity will reveal the abundance of that harvest, which began with a single gift, and “one word from God.”



CONFESSIONS FOR TRUE PROSPERITY

I WALK IN TRUTH,
IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S
WORD, ACCORDING TO HIS
WAYS AND HIS WISDOM.
I KNOW THE TRUTH AND
THE TRUTH MAKES
ME FREE.
(John 8:31-32)

I PROSPER AS MY
SOUL PROSPERS IN
UNDERSTANDING
OF THE WORD.
(3 Jn. 2)

BECAUSE I FEAR THE
LORD, HE TEACHES ME
HOW TO CHOOSE THE
BEST AND I LIVE WITHIN HIS
CIRCLE OF BLESSING.
(Ps. 25:12-13, *The Living Bible*)

HIS TRUTH IS MY
SHIELD AND ARMOR.
(Ps. 91:4)

I SEPARATE MYSELF
FROM DARKNESS AND
GOD IS A FATHER TO ME.
(2 Cor. 6:17-18)

I LIVE A GODLY
LIFESTYLE, IN OBEDIENCE
TO WHAT GOD SAYS IS RIGHT.
**BECAUSE I'M
WILLING AND
OBEDIENT, I EAT
THE GOOD OF
THE LAND.**
(Isa. 1:19)

"I have watched you go from a little, small seedling, reluctant to speak up, into a mighty, giant oak among ministers of the gospel. You are unparalleled in strength, commitment, determination, faith and obedience to the heavenly vision. It has been a marvelous experience to watch and be part of this unfolding of God's miracle power in the life of someone who has been and continues to be totally committed to His Word...I love you with all my heart."

Brother Copeland later expressed the occasion's truest intent when he rose to bless "the gift" God had given him through her life.

"This occasion is very special to me," he said. "I owe so much of my life to Gloria. I'll never forget when The LORD said, *Your wife is very precious to Me. I have given her to you and she is to you what temper is to steel.* The tempering process is what gives steel its strength and brilliance. Until steel has been tempered with oil, it remains brittle and will shatter like glass. Untempered steel is sharp, but not strong. That's what The LORD was telling me. Without Gloria, I would shatter like a piece of glass. But He intended for the 'oil' of His Spirit through her to temper me and bring out my true God-given strength.

"This is a rare and wonderful opportunity for me to have other people help me give thanksgiving to God for what He has given me through Gloria—to stabilize me, to temper me, to watch over me, to mother our children, to bless my life. And I thank God for this wonderful moment to have a chance to say publicly what is in my heart."

Gloria Copeland's life exemplifies the victory she unwaveringly proclaims is available to all who'll commit themselves to the Word without reservation. Every heart that has ever been touched by the compassion of God flowing through Gloria's life agrees that her greatest attribute is her living, tangible example of the love of God. As a result, Gloria Copeland is indeed qualified to be named Christian Woman of the Year, as much today, as she was then.

Through her love of God, family and others, we find a way to walk that will ultimately lead to life. 🍷



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by Melanie Henry



His Father's Business

Six-year-old Jesse Duplantis had business on his mind the day his daddy taught him to strum three chords on an old guitar. He bit his lip in concentration as he struggled to stretch his fingers across the strings. His parents, Paul and Velma, thought the guitar was just a childish diversion for the boy.

Jesse knew better. That guitar was his salvation.

He knew it as surely as he knew his name was Jesse Duplantis. He knew it as well as he knew every rattletrap house his family had rented in the past six years of his life. He knew it as surely as he knew that chasing work from oil field to oil field around Louisiana wasn't the life for him.

He wasn't ashamed of that kind of work, or poverty. He just wanted a way out.

His daddy handed it to him in the form of a guitar. Most 6-year-olds don't have a personal

philosophy about being responsible for their own success. But then, Jesse Duplantis wasn't like most 6-year-olds. He practiced the guitar until his fingers were raw and his arms quivered. While the other children played, Jesse practiced. He practiced in the house until the noise from his guitar and his brother's trumpet compelled Velma to drive them both outdoors. He practiced on the porch. And when the other kids played in the nearby fields, Jesse played guitar.

Jesse started from three basic chords, and before long he was making music.

Music Was Business

He'd always expected to succeed, but Jesse was stunned when people walking by began throwing quarters to him. In a city famous for street



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		Old Testament	New Testament
Tue	1	Ex. 8-9	Matt. 22
Wed	2	Ex. 10:1-12:28	Matt. 23
Thu	3	Ex. 12:29-14:14	Matt. 24
Fri	4	Ex. 14:15-16:21	Matt. 25
Sat	5	Ex. 16:22-18:27	
Sun	6	Ps. 19-21; Prov. 4:1-19	
Mon	7	Ex. 19:1-21:11	Matt. 26
Tue	8	Ex. 21:12-23:9	Matt. 27
Wed	9	Ex. 23:10-25:22	Matt. 28
Thu	10	Ex. 25:23-27:8	Mark 1
Fri	11	Ex. 27:9-29:9	Mark 2
Sat	12	Ex. 29:10-30:21	
Sun	13	Ps. 22-24; Prov. 4:20-5:14	
Mon	14	Ex. 30:22-32:29	Mark 3
Tue	15	Ex. 32:30-34:35	Mark 4
Wed	16	Ex. 35:1-36:30	Mark 5
Thu	17	Ex. 36:31-38:20	Mark 6
Fri	18	Ex. 38:21-39:43	Mark 7
Sat	19	Ex. 40:1-Lev. 2:10	
Sun	20	Ps. 25-27; Prov. 5:15-23	
Mon	21	Lev. 2:11-4:35	Mark 8
Tue	22	Lev. 5:1-7:14	Mark 9
Wed	23	Lev. 7:15-8:36	Mark 10
Thu	24	Lev. 9:1-11:19	Mark 11
Fri	25	Lev. 11:20-13:28	Mark 12
Sat	26	Lev. 13:29-14:32	
Sun	27	Ps. 28-31; Prov. 6:1-19	
Mon	28	Lev. 14:33-15:33	Mark 13

musicians, Jesse was an unusual sight in New Orleans. Short for his age, he didn't look big enough to hold a guitar—much less play one. The tinkling sound of coins hitting the sidewalk was all the motivation he needed. Soon, he began sneaking out of the house to play in the street.



Music wasn't a hobby for Jesse. It was business.

By age 10, Jesse was more than just a cute kid with a guitar. The music that echoed from his street corner was *good*. People weren't smiling and tossing quarters anymore. They stopped, listened and paid handsomely for the privilege.

When Jesse's dad asked him to play his guitar in church, his response was simple and pointed: "What will they pay?" Jesse had business on his mind, and he had no interest at all in God.

His parents had dragged him to Catholic Mass for years. Then, when they had a personal experience with Jesus, they joined the First Baptist Church. After that, Jesse's dad experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and joined an Assemblies of God church. Jesse attended services because his parents insisted, but he never joined.

Churches and church people disgusted Jesse. They preached love, but slandered one another. They preached tolerance, but refused to let Black people join them. Jesse saw them as a bunch of sick, broke, bitter people.

Of all the churches he'd attended, Jesse respected the Catholic Church most. He couldn't remember ever seeing a church split in a Catholic congregation. Still, he stepped into the confessional each week and lied like a dog to avoid penance.

Drugs and Drinking

He had reason to lie. By the time he was 11, Jesse was drinking regularly. He started with beer, moved to whiskey, and settled for vodka because his parents couldn't smell it.

By age 14, he was a professional musician in every sense of the word. He brought the house down in clubs and strip joints on

Bourbon Street, and rubbed shoulders with "persuasion people" in organized crime, entertaining in their clubs and on their yachts.

He carried gin to school in a thermos and drank all day, then took diet pills to stay awake. Jesse used marijuana, then graduated to speed, cocaine and a little PCP.

While his dad brought home \$100 a week, Jesse was making \$40,000 a year in cash.

Jesse Duplantis knew he was a success. He also knew something else—he had become an alcoholic.

He had fought his way out of poverty to success. But success would surely kill him.

"I auditioned for the choir when I was in the ninth grade," Jesse recalled. "When the choir director heard me play the guitar, she assumed I knew how to read music, but I didn't. I didn't play notes on paper, I played notes in my head. If I heard a song, I could play it. She sat me down at the piano and showed me a few notes. By the end of the day, I had figured out the chord structure. Within six months, I was playing in piano bars.

"Whenever my friends and I ran out of money, I'd find a piano bar. I could make \$250 in tips in an hour or two. You make your money by having a large repertoire of songs," Jesse said.

He knew over 3,000 songs.

"My parents always told me that my musical ability was a gift from God," Jesse recalled. "I rejected that idea. As far as I was concerned, it was *my* ability, *my* hard work and *my* success."

Mrs. Hubley, the choir director, also taught Jesse to sing. When he did well on a solo performance during a concert his senior year, the director asked Jesse to play guitar.

Later, a man emerged from the audience to talk with the director, and offered to pay for Jesse to study at the Julliard School of Music in New York. The idea of learning to be a serious musician appealed to Jesse. But the money he could make playing rock music appealed even more. He turned down the offer.

After high school, Jesse devoted more time to playing nightclubs, lounges and dance halls. Soon afterward, he and a friend entered a talent contest where one of the prizes was to be the opening act



for singer Anita Bryant. They performed a duet, and won.

Miss Bryant's show was scheduled for the following year. Meanwhile, Jesse continued playing clubs in the evening, but with his days free that summer, he took a day job as a lifeguard.

He also had lots of time for girls.



His Future Bride

"I want you to see this girl I like," Jesse's friend, Matt, told him one day while at the pool. "She's in the dressing room with her four sisters. I'll point her out to you when they come out."

A few minutes later, the Carrere sisters stepped from the dressing room, and Matt pointed to the third sister. "That's *her!*" he said. "Her name is Cathy. What do you think?"

"She's too skinny," Jesse said.

Jesse did like Cathy's sister, Deborah, though, and asked her out. They had dated occasionally, when Deborah told Jesse she had agreed to go steady with someone else.

"That's OK, who else is around there?" Jesse asked during a telephone conversation.

"Cathy's here," Deborah answered.

"Put her on!"

"Cathy had just turned 16 when I asked her out," Jesse recalled. "I usually tried to keep all girls away from my mother because she was likely to call them Jezebel or Delilah. Once, Cathy and I were on a date when I realized I had forgotten my money. Back home, I introduced Cathy to my mother. Mama didn't call her names, but she made me furious."

"She's the *one!*" Jesse's mother had said.

"What are you talking about, Mama?"

"She's the one you're gonna *marry!*"

"I'm *not* going to marry the girl, Mama! I'm just *dating* her!"

"I done heard from God!"

"Will you *stop it* with the God stuff?"

She wouldn't.

Jesse was 21, and Cathy was 17 when they married in 1970. Three days later, they packed their car to move to Dallas. Cathy's mother, who wasn't very fond of Jesse, followed her daughter outside to say goodbye. "Honey," she said, "just remember, you can always leave that trash."

"There was no love lost between Cathy's mother and me in those days," Jesse said. "Neither of us knew the Lord, and there

wasn't much we agreed on. She would have been surprised to know that I agreed with her about the difference between Cathy and me.

"As far as I was concerned, Cathy was pure and I was trash. I had no illusions about myself. Cathy was like a China doll to me—beautiful and good. I needed her because she was the opposite of who I had become," Jesse recalled.

"I tried to live a divided life. I had my professional life, which included all the drugs and alcohol I could handle. But I tried to protect Cathy from that part of my life.

"She didn't know I was an alcoholic or drug user when we married, but it didn't take long for her to realize things weren't what they seemed...I was drinking a fifth of whiskey a day."

In spite of that, Jesse's stage name, Jerry Jaxon, had become a common sight on marquees. The William Morrison Agency was booking him for shows all over the country. And his income jumped from \$1300 to \$13,000 a week.

Change on the Way

In Jesse's eyes, he had it all. Then something happened that would change his life forever. On Oct. 25, 1971, Jesse's daughter, Jodi, was born. Standing there looking at his beautiful, little girl, Jesse Duplantis, the man who was always comfortable performing before audiences of thousands, found himself breathless.

This is the first good thing I've ever done in my life, Jesse thought.

"I couldn't understand Jesse's insistence that we have Jodi dedicated to God," Cathy remembers. "God had no place in our lives, and besides that, I'd never even heard of dedicating a baby. As Catholics, we baptized babies, but Jesse was insistent that we dedicate her to God.

"It was years before I understood that Jesse realized he was headed down a road of certain death. Since he knew he wouldn't be around to help her, he wanted to find some way to give Jodi a chance in life."

A year and a half later, while Jesse was doing a show in Minneapolis, Cathy was watching television in her hotel room when she came across a man named Billy Graham. The words he spoke about a God who loved the world so much He gave His Son, pierced her heart. At the close of the message, Cathy

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bowed her head and invited Jesus into her heart.

"I was very bold about the Lord," Cathy remembers. "I talked to Jesse about God all the time, but he wasn't interested. I witnessed to the whole band.

"I knew more every day that Jesse was in over his head where drugs were concerned. Even as a new believer, I understood that his only hope was Jesus. For the next year and a half, I prayed daily for Jesse's salvation."

On Sept. 4, 1974, Jesse was preparing for a show in Boston. While he got dressed, Cathy turned on the television to a Billy Graham crusade.

"Why don't you watch this program?" Cathy asked.

"I don't want to hear Billy Graham!" Jesse said.

Then the Holy Spirit spoke through Cathy to say the only thing guaranteed to get Jesse's attention.

"Well," she said, "he pulls a bigger crowd than you do."

Jesse stopped, and stared at the television screen.

"Look at that," Cathy said as the camera panned the audience. "You don't fill stadiums like that."

Jesse sat down to hear what someone had to say about God that would fill a stadium. The message he heard cut through his criticism of churches. It cut through denominational differences. It boiled down to Jesse...Jesus...and eternity.

For the first time in his life, Jesse understood that he didn't have to be good enough for God. Jesus already was.

A New Creature

Jesse locked himself in the bathroom and sobbed his repentance before his Savior. Moments later, he stepped out of that bathroom a new creature.

"The change in Jesse was so drastic that when he got to the show that night, the drummer asked what had happened to him," Cathy recalled. "Before his salvation, Jesse used curse words like it was the king's English. When he walked out of there, he never cursed again. He never drank again. He never took another drug.

"Those things were a part of his old man, and that man was simply gone," she said.

"The next morning, he got us up and found a church to attend in Boston. He had just signed an \$80,000 contract, and although he knew nothing

about tithing, he gave the church \$8,000 that morning simply because he loved God. From that day forward, no matter where we were, our family attended church whenever the doors were open.

"God never told Jesse to get out of the music business," Cathy recalled. "But three weeks after he'd given his heart to Jesus, the Lord asked him a question."

Jesse, do you love that more than you love Me?

The question troubled Jesse for days. Finally, he knew the answer.

"Lord," Jesse said, "I love You more than the music business."

"That day Jesse told his band he was quitting," Cathy said. "He agreed to finish four months of contracts before ending his career in music. When he walked away from the business, Jesse sold all his instruments. He didn't want them to pull him away from God.

"We moved back to the New Orleans area and Jesse took a job in the pipe office at Patterson Truck Line. He walked away from \$13,000 a week and worked for \$1.75 an hour, because he never wanted to love anything more than he loved Jesus."

Two years later, Jesse went to work for Shell Oil Co. Over the years, he gave his testimony in churches.

Jesse, the Preacher

In 1976, Jesse preached his first sermon. He preached about Lazarus coming up out of the grave. He described how people are like Lazarus, wrapped in the trappings of religion. As Jesse spoke, twitters and chuckles echoed through the sanctuary. *They must not be getting this*, Jesse thought, preaching harder.

Finally, the whole congregation burst into laughter.

"I was *furiosus*," Jesse remembers. "I couldn't ever remember being madder than I was at that moment. When I didn't think it could get any worse, I looked at Cathy for support and *she* was laughing! When we got in the car that night, I let her have it."

"But Jesse," she said, "you were *funny*."

"I'm not a funny man! I was being serious!"

He *was* being serious. Still, when Jesse preached, people laughed.



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“I finally realized that the humor was a gift from God, just like being able to hear a song and play it,” Jesse said. “But I can’t make myself be funny. It only happens when I’m preaching the gospel. God does it in spite of me. I’m not a funny man.”

When Jesse accepted the call to full-time ministry in 1978, he committed never to ask anyone for a place to preach. The first year of his ministry, he preached 51 straight weeks. Since then, he has received thousands of invitations to preach.

“I didn’t know anything about the faith message when I started preaching,” Jesse said, “I just preached the Bible. Then, in 1978, I turned on the radio and heard these words for the first time: ‘Hello, I’m Kenneth Copeland.’ I sure did like what that man had to say.

“In 1980, the Lord gave me a vision and told me I would preach with Kenneth Copeland and Jerry Savelle. I never tried to make that happen. In fact, over time I forgot about it. Then, Jimmy Hester asked me to speak at the Full Gospel Motorcycle Rally. Kenneth and Jerry spoke there, too. We were on the platform while Jimmy prayed. I stood between Kenneth and Jerry. Each of them held one of my hands.

“The Lord interrupted me and said, *I told you that you would preach with those two men.* During that meeting, Kenneth asked me to pray about preaching at his convention. We’ve been together ever since.

“The Lord knit them in my heart and my life. Not only did I need a prophet of God to speak into my life, and a teacher to teach me, I also needed a friend. God gave me a true friend in Kenneth Copeland. These friendships God forged are refreshing because I am accepted

exactly as I am.”

Although there is *nothing* ordinary about Jesse Duplantis, or his ministry, the most extraordinary event of all is easy to identify. It took place in 1988, in Room 105 of the Best Western Motel in Magnolia, Ark. It was there that Jesse was caught up to heaven for five hours.

During his miraculous visit, he spoke with Abraham. He met King David and the Apostle Paul. He talked to Jonah. But the purpose of his journey was a divine appointment at the Throne Room of God. There, he met with Jesus, who gave him a message for the Church.

Jesse, go tell My people I’m coming.

“Lord, they know that,” Jesse answered.

Jesus’ voice became stern as He said, *No, they don’t. You go tell them I’m coming.*

In the years since, Jesse has done all he knows to carry out Jesus’ command. He’s taken that message around the world.

Some people think he should take more time off, that he should rest more. That’s difficult for Jesse to do because now, as in the beginning, he has business on his mind.

But it’s not his own business anymore. It’s his Father’s business. And that’s the most important business of all. ♡

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TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

God Made a Way

I have been believing God for a home for many years. As a single mother near Washington, D.C., it looked impossible. Nothing happened in the homebuyer's program I was in; then I felt strongly impressed to get back on my faith. I constantly listened to *Faith Steps* and *Bulldog Faith*—and was selected for the house drawing! Then the pandemic hit. Now, with no job, it looked impossible. But I refused to consider anything other than that God would come through. He put it on my dad and brother's hearts to help me pay for the home in cash and I can pay them back with no mortgage. God came through in a pandemic when it looked like there was no way. Thank you so much for your ministry and partnership!

D.M. | Maryland

International Reach

My wife and I are Iranian, and have been following your programs. We thank God for your EMIC services and your teaching. Our faith has been changed and established. We are proud to be your ministry Partners and to be blessed by the Word of God through you.

Germany

An Over-and-Above Answer

I contacted the KCM prayer team to join me in believing for a new job. A recruitment process that had been suspended for a year was suddenly reactivated, and I resumed work with a salary increase of about 175% over my previous job. There's even a staff bus that comes to pick

me up; I don't have to spend money on transportation to and from work. Thank you, KCM, for joining me to believe for this new work.

T.T. | Nigeria

A Word for Me

Brother Copeland, on TV, when you put your hands around your hip area, you said someone was in pain, then, "Who am I talking to?"

I said, "It's me!"

You looked right at me and prayed for that area and said, "You are healed." I had been seeking God all week about this, and wasn't sure if I should return to work or not; but after your prayer, I'm going on. Thank you and thank God! D.K. | Florida

'Beacon of Hope'

FlashPoint has been such an inspiration to me; a beacon of hope and truth, as well as a prophetic voice. Along with *VICTORY News*; faith teachings from Kenneth and Gloria Copeland; and the KCM, EMIC and the VICTORY crew, it has been a lifeline for me!

A.C. | California

Truth Prevailed

I was involved in a contentious business split. I called the prayer line and we prayed that the judge would see the truth, and the evil in what was done, and grant us victory in what we were trying to get resolved. We received the final order by the judge and were granted all we prayed for. Praise God that He heard our prayers. Thank you for being there for me and others who call in.

L.U. | Sarasota, Fla.

Unforgiveness Gone

Your article on unforgiveness was just for me! I didn't even know I had a blockage, but you explained it so thoroughly I could see it and now I am free! Praise God.

E.M. | Virginia

Glorious Homecoming

I praise the Lord for VICTORY Channel™ and the service you broadcasted on death, grief and heaven. That very day we had entered my mom, age 94, into hospice. Her body was frail but her love for Jesus was strong. We frequently talked about the glory she was entering into. Your words of wisdom encouraged me and gave me strength and peace through it all. Mom grinned and took her last breath, then met Jesus face to face as I sang "Jesus Loves Me." It was glorious! The Holy Spirit empowered me to witness and share even with the nursing home's chaplain. Jesus is truly Lord and He does walk through the shadow of death with us. Thank you again so much for addressing a difficult issue for many.

D.S. | Iowa

God Our Caretaker

We have learned about sowing seed and twice-sown seed from your ministry. We had \$150 stolen from us, and pursued it with the bank, knowing that ultimately it was up to the Lord. The bank turned us down, but guess what—God was still at work. We received a notice from one of our incomes, saying that our monthly income would be increased by—you guessed it—\$150 per month, EVERY MONTH! God is taking such good care of us.

P.B. | Delaware

'Fresh Hope'
While calling to order some books, a prayer minister prayed and released fresh hope into my relationship with my spouse.

A.K. | Florida

Stronger Than Before

Friday night before Thanksgiving I got COVID. I thought to myself that I could understand how people who are very ill want to go home to be with the Lord. Keith Moore had been doing a series:

No Place for the Devil. I realized that thought came from the devil who wanted me to give up. I also remembered Brother Copeland telling how he had symptoms, but didn't quit and went on to preach. So, at 77,

I realized I had to act. By Thanksgiving I was able to help cook. Afterward I was stronger than I had been in some time. Praise the Lord!

F.S. | Lakeland, Fla.



SALVATION PRAYER

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

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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No Distance in the Spirit

On a Kenneth Copeland podcast, Greg Stephens prayed for healing of knees. I put my hand on my knee, which had been waking me up at night with significant pain, and prayed in agreement. The pain has steadily diminished and I am now able to climb stairs, walk 10,000 steps per day, exercise doing squats and walk normally. To God be ALL glory!

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FOR FOUR DECADES, THIS OFFICE HAS MINISTERED TRUTH AND FAITH TO BELIEVERS ACROSS EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA. From Norway to Algeria, from the United Kingdom to Afghanistan, the faithful ministers of the gospel who call this office home have sought to fulfill KCM's mission: "To minister the Word of Faith, by teaching believers who they are in Christ Jesus; taking them from the milk of the Word to the meat, and from religion to reality."

Twenty-four staff members at KCM Europe reach diverse groups of people who live in distinct geographic locales, speak different languages, have unique cultures and submit to various forms of government. In fact, this office that calls Bath, England, home, reaches Partners and Friends in more than 30 different countries with many different languages. While it's second nature for our European brothers and sisters to travel between countries, ministering across borders requires extra considerations.

"We endeavor to be nation-sensitive, culturally

sensitive and language-sensitive," says Martin Hawkins, Executive Director of KCM Europe. It's this awareness, the leading of the Holy Spirit and the principles of faith that have made their work successful for 40 years.

Partner Churches

Today, KCM Europe ministers directly to more than 25,000 Partners and Friends. In 2006, KCM Europe established a new office in Germany, which specifically meets the needs of our German-speaking Partners and Friends in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and elsewhere. Each month, KCM Europe's staff reaches out through the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast, the *BVOV* magazine, Kenneth Copeland's monthly Partner Letter, social media and other online pursuits.

Additionally, KCM Europe has taken the principle of partnership and applied it to more than 200 churches and organizations. These connections allow KCM Europe to build on the work of faith that is already in progress. The churches and organizations understand the areas they serve. And with the help they receive from KCM Europe through prayer, finances, teaching materials in their native languages, and sometimes even food and clothing, they're able to succeed and reach even more people with the gospel.

"We tend not to have the tornadoes and wild weather that occurs in some areas of the United States," says Martin. "We often see a different story, but we're able to step in, in our own way."

In the past few years alone, KCM Europe has connected with relief organizations that already have established contacts in refugee situations, places affected by manmade disasters, and areas with increased risk of religious persecution. KCM Europe also helped families in Bulgaria receive clothing and food, provided safety and care for those in Beirut displaced by the 2020 explosion, and translated books into local languages in Pakistan.



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Throughout its area of influence, KCM Europe looks for ways to make a difference and fulfill the Bible's command: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).



KCM Europe also helped families in Bulgaria receive clothing and food.

Growing and Adapting

KCM Europe has also ramped up its own direct ministry efforts over the last two years of intermittent lockdowns caused by the COVID pandemic. As Martin said, "It's forced us to adapt. Although our office has been closed at times, we're always open for ministry."

KCM Europe's staff worked hard to convert books and other materials into digital formats so Partners and Friends could access them through any device in the comfort of their homes. It was a project they had already started, but lockdowns accelerated the need for high quality KCM teaching materials. "It's been a blessing to have the ministry's teaching available on more digital titles than ever before," Martin said.

As one Partner, Phil from the U.K., wrote, "The quality of the resources that KCM provides is excellent! For years now you've been at the forefront of excellence.... The way you put things together is for growth."

Another new Partner wrote, "Thank you for your prayers. I was unable to pay my school fees; however, as I trusted in God, a £8,000 debt was canceled. I am also deeply grateful for the teachings on faith and what I am learning about the basis for God's blessing-based prosperity. So much wisdom."

The ministry has grown in other areas too. Through the office's social media, more people are learning about the integrity of God's Word and the Lord's goodness and faithfulness in real time. This is evident in the video prayer meeting that KCM Europe hosts each week, which allows Partners to not only receive prayer, but also to join in praying for others.

"It just takes a few seconds to connect with people by either providing them with an encouraging word or an online prayer, or sending them a PDF of a teaching," Hawkins said.

This kind of direct, online ministry has extended to the staff, too. During the last two years, the office's

leadership has launched events with speakers such as Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis, Pastor George Pearsons, Rick Renner and others.

These online events have trained and built up the Partner pastors and leaders as well as KCM Europe staff.

Bright Future

The future is bright for KCM Europe. In honor of its 40th anniversary, KCM Europe will be celebrating each month by focusing on different aspects of the ministry, launching new live and online courses, campaigns and events for our Partners and Friends.

Of course, the office and its staff welcome the faith-filled prayers of the KCM family-at-large as they work to support those in their area. This includes believing for them to have wisdom, clearly hearing the Lord's direction on new initiatives, and having open doors in the nations they serve.



More than anything, Martin wants the KCM family to know that the Europe office is ready to do whatever God leads it to do. "We're here. Our staff team is strong in faith, and we love to hear from and pray with our Partners and Friends. We want to hear their testimonies and give them an opportunity to sow into the work of the ministry."

God is moving through KCM Europe. He's used this office over the last 40 years to bring the Word of Faith to believers, and He's positioning them to reach even more in the next 40 years! 🙏





by Gloria Copeland

“You can’t disconnect your love walk from the manifestation of God’s blessing in your life.”

You Are A Precious Treasure



“Because God is Love, everything He says to us is for our good.”

To hear some people talk you’d think the secret to walking in ever-increasing measures of the power of God is a deep and hidden mystery. You’d think it’s very difficult to figure out what it will take for us to open the door to greater manifestations of His glory.

But really, it’s not.

It’s clearly revealed in the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation, God repeatedly tells His people that to experience His manifest glory, power and blessing, they must simply do this: Let Him be God in their lives.

What does it mean to let God be God in our lives? It means we make Him and His Word our first priority and final authority. That rather than just telling Him all the time what we want Him to do for us, we listen to Him to find out what He wants us to do...and then we obey Him.

Talk about a wonderful way to live! Because God is Love, everything He says to us is for our good. So you’d think that all through history, His people would have always been eager to hear and do what He said. But they haven’t.

In the Garden of Eden, for instance, God gave Adam and Eve just one commandment: Don’t eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If they’d obeyed that command, they could have spent eternity walking in the glory and dominion of God.

But they chose not to do it. They chose to do things their own way instead. They disobeyed God, listened to the devil, and exchanged the blessing for the curse.

Tragic as that was, though, God didn’t give up on His dream of having a people who would let Him be God to them. He started again with Abraham, raised up the nation of Israel for Himself, and said to them:

If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people...And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.... *It shall come to pass*, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God (Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

The phrase *it shall come to pass* in Hebrew means there was no doubt about this. It was going to happen. If the Israelites diligently hearkened to God’s voice and obeyed Him, it was inevitable—they would be blessed. God would come down in their midst in His manifested glory (Exodus 19:18).



He would see to it that they perpetually prospered in everything they did. No enemy would be able to stand before them. They'd be the head and not the tail. "All people of the earth," God said, "shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee" (Deuteronomy 28:10).

God held nothing back from Israel! If they would let Him be God in their lives, He would be everything to them. They could have Him in total manifestation in their lives and be His precious treasure.

We think of precious treasure in terms of material things, like gold. But God makes streets out of gold. His treasures are His obedient people. And the Israelites could have been those people. His only requirement was that they hearken diligently to His voice—that they take heed, listen to Him carefully and attentively with intense effort—and do what He said.

Jesus Had To Fulfill the Same Conditions

Those were the conditions God laid out in order for the Israelites to experience His glory and blessings; they were the same conditions He laid out for Adam and Eve; and those conditions have never changed. Even Jesus had to fulfill them when He was on earth. God's blessings and power didn't just fall on Him automatically because He was God's Son. They manifested in His life because He hearkened diligently to God's Word.

Even as a child, at 12 years old, Jesus knew more about the Word than the religious scholars of His day. (See Luke 2:47.) As a grown man in ministry, He sometimes spent entire nights praying and hearing from God about what He was to do. That's how Jesus lived His entire life! Everything He did was in obedience to God's Word.

"I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me," He said. "I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things...for I do always those things that please him" (John 5:30, 8:28-29).

If Jesus had to live that way to walk in God's best, then for you and me to walk in God's best, we must live that way, too. What's more, we should want to live that way because that's where victory is. It's where the manifestation of God is. It's how we walk unhindered in the glory of God—by walking in obedience to Him.

I'm not saying we have to be perfect, or that we have to earn God's blessings. Jesus earned God's blessings for us, and we receive them by faith. But since faith works by love (Galatians 5:6), for our faith to be strong we must walk not only in love toward one another but toward God. (See Mark 12:30.) We walk in love toward God by giving Him our hearts and by obedience. By reverencing

Him enough to hear and heed what He says.

"But Gloria," you might say, "I don't know everything God said in the Bible! I don't know everything He wants me to do."

God understands that. He realizes you're still learning and growing in your knowledge of Him. We all are. He just asks that we walk in the light of what we do know and continue to seek more light. If we stick with that program, we'll be His precious treasure and we'll keep progressing. We'll keep advancing from faith to faith and from glory to glory.

It's when you stop hearing and obeying God that you get into trouble. That's why I recommend that you regularly check up on yourself.

In fact, take a moment right now and examine your heart to see if maybe you've been holding back on something He's told you to do. Maybe He's spoken to you, either through the written Word or by His Spirit, about giving more, or ministering more to people. Maybe He's talked to you about spending more time in prayer and the Word, or moving to another city, and you've procrastinated. Maybe you've thought, *I couldn't do that! I'm not able. It would be too hard.*

If so, wipe those thoughts out of your mind. God will never tell you to do something without giving you the ability to do it. Even if it's beyond your natural capabilities. The Bible says in Matthew 19:26, *New King James Version*, that "with God all things are possible." Mark 9:23 tells us, "All things are possible to him who believes."

Remember in the Bible when God told Moses to go speak to Pharaoh? Moses initially said he couldn't do it because he didn't have the ability. "I am not eloquent," he argued. "I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue" (Exodus 4:10). His argument didn't sway God, however. God simply replied, "Go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say" (verse 12).

When God is with you, it doesn't matter who you are! If you'll obey Him, He can take you anywhere He wants you to go and enable you to do anything He wants you to do.

Oral Roberts was one of the greatest orators the world has ever known, yet when God called him to preach when he was a dying young man, he couldn't even talk. He stuttered miserably. Like Moses, he could have argued that he was slow of speech and refused to go into the ministry. But he didn't. He hearkened to God's voice and obeyed, and millions of people were blessed as a result.

If we will say yes to God and do what we *can* do, God will do what we can't do. If we'll do our part and obey Him, He will most certainly do His part. But He will not make us obey.

He won't make you tithe, for instance. He'll tell

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YOU CAN MAKE FAITH CONFESSIONS...BUT APART FROM LOVE YOUR FAITH WON'T WORK.



you that tithing opens the windows of heaven so He can “pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10). But you get to decide: *Do I want to act on what God said and be financially blessed...or not?*

The answer to that question is not up to God. He doesn't decide whether the windows of heaven are going to be open over you. You do. Financially, as in every other area of life, that's just how God's system works: He gives you His Word, and if you choose to listen to and obey Him, you are blessed.

Put Down the Remote and Pick Up Your Bible

To be clear, when I say God gives you His Word, I don't mean He will come in while you're watching TV, slap the remote out of your hand and start quoting the Scriptures to you. No, you must take the initiative. You must hearken to Him by seeking Him in the Word and in prayer.

That's why lazy Christians can't walk in God's blessing and glory. To hear His voice and do what He says we must spend time in His Book—finding out what's in it. We must spend time getting quiet and listening to Him.

This is where diligence comes in. It takes diligence to make sure you keep God and His Word first place in your busy life and schedule. It takes intense effort to keep pressing in to Him in this crazy, mixed-up world because the world is going just as hard and fast as it can in the opposite direction.

People in this world, it seems, are trying to get to hell as quickly as they possibly can.

So if we want to experience “days of heaven upon the earth” (Deuteronomy 11:21), we must separate ourselves from the ways of the world. We must do spiritually what God told the Israelites to do naturally in Exodus 19.

When He wanted to manifest Himself to them, He said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people” (verses 10-11, NKJV). God wanted the Israelites to be ready for Him to come into their midst. He wanted them to separate themselves from everything that was unholy so the manifestation of His holy glory wouldn't destroy them.

“But the reason the Israelites would have been destroyed by God's glory was because they lived in Old Covenant times,” someone might say.

I don't know about that. Ananias and Sapphira lived in New Covenant times, and their church was so filled with God's glory they dropped dead because they lied to the Holy Spirit and refused to repent. That wouldn't happen in most churches today! These days people can lie in church and survive just fine.

I'm telling you, if we really want God to manifest His glory in our church services, we had better have things right with Him! We'd better get the worldly trash out of our lives and live as God's precious treasures.

For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?...

for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

God's glory and sin don't mix today any better than they did in Ananias and Sapphira's day. So, if you've let sin creep into your life, get it out. Clear the way for God's power and blessing to operate full throttle in your life. Hearken diligently to God's Word, and the moment you realize your life isn't lining up with it in some area, make the necessary adjustments. The moment you realize there's something you've been holding back from Him, give it up.

Above all, make sure you're walking in love. You can't disconnect your love walk from the manifestation of God's blessing in your life, because love is our New Testament command. If you're praying for finances and God says to you, “Forgive Aunt Sophie,” and you refuse to forgive, your prayer will go unanswered. You can make faith confessions until your tongue falls out, but apart from love your faith won't work. You won't get your manifestation.

On the other hand, if you do walk in love toward God and others, your faith will work. You will get your manifestation. It shall come to pass. It will happen. If you let God be God in your life, He will be a Father to you.

The Hebrew word translated *father* is *El Shaddai*. El Shaddai refers to the One who is everything to you. The One who takes care of you. The One who does miracles for you and shows up in your life in His power and glory. The God of manifestation who lifts you high above all the nations of the earth and treats you as His precious treasure.

Let God be God in your life and He will be all that to you—and more! 🙌



1
To experience God's glory and blessing, you simply have to listen to what He says and do it.
(Ex. 19:5)

2
Jesus is our example, and He lived His entire life in obedience to God.
(John 8:28-29)

3
If you'll obey God, He can take you anywhere He wants you to go and enable you to do anything He wants you to do.
(Matt. 19:26)

4
For God to fully manifest Himself among us, we must cleanse our lives of sin and worldliness.
(2 Cor. 6:17-18)



Electric Love

Commander
Kellie's Corner

What is Electric Love?
When the Lord first mentioned it, I didn't know. As I thought about it, an image of a Lite-Brite® toy came to mind.



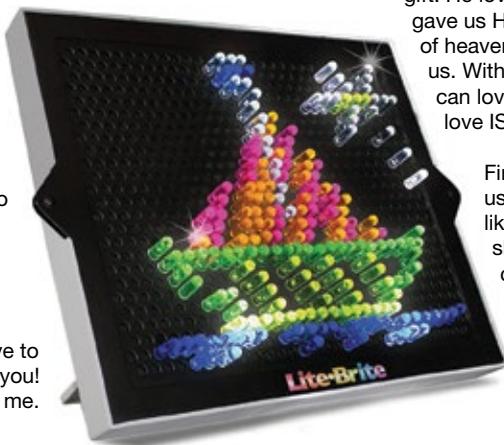
I had wanted one so badly when I was a kid, I made sure my kids got one! Maybe your parents can show you one, but in any case, let me describe it to you.

A Lite-Brite is a toy with lights inside a rectangular-shaped box. The front of it is black with holes all over it. It comes with colored pegs that you put in the holes to create a picture. When you turn it on, the light shines through the colored pegs of your picture. It is a lot of fun! But what does that have to do with love?

Do you know what God was trying to tell us? Superkid, I want YOU to ask Him first. If you are reading this as a family, discuss it. He may show you something that's just for you! Hit the pause button on reading this and let's discover what Electric Love means to HIM!

(Playing some nice elevator music in my head now as we listen to what the Lord is saying to us. Talk it over as a family or just talk it over with Him.)

...Unpause...I would love to hear what the Lord told you! Here's what He showed me.



First John 1:5, The Passion Translation says, "...God is pure light. You will never find even a trace of darkness in him."

Pure light was the very beginning of our universe! He said, "Light be!" and it was. Did you know that Jesus is the One who created all things? John 1:3 tells us He made everything. That should give you an idea of how powerful His light is.

John 8:12: "Then Jesus said, 'I am light to the world, and those who embrace me will experience life-giving light, and they will never walk in darkness.'"

Superkid, this light is in you when you have Jesus in your heart! The Lite-Brite reminds me of Jesus because that light shines through the pegs. You and I are like the pegs on the dark board. I like what Ephesians 5:8 says about us, "Once your life was full of sin's darkness, but now you have the very light of our Lord shining through you because of your union with him. Your mission is to live as children flooded with his revelation-light!"

Our mission! That sounds like something a Superkid should know about. Our mission is to be people who have light flooding in AND shining out of us. First John 2:9-10 tells us what that looks like. "Anyone who says, 'I am in the light,' while holding hatred in his heart toward a fellow believer is still in the darkness. But the one who truly loves a fellow believer lives in the light, and there is nothing in him that will cause someone else to stumble."

So living as a child of the light looks like loving people. Being loved by God is the greatest gift. He loved us so much he gave us His Son, the light of heaven, to be the light in us. With His love in us, we can love like He does. That love IS His light.

First John 4:7-13 tells us what love looks like, acts like and shines like when it comes out of us.

"Those who are loved by God, let his love continually pour

from you to one another, because God is love. Everyone who loves is fathered by God and experiences an intimate knowledge of him. The one who doesn't love has yet to know God, for God is love. The light of God's love shined within us when he sent his matchless Son into the world so that we might live through him. This is love: He loved us long before we loved him. It was his love, not ours. He proved it by sending his Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins. Delightfully loved ones, if he loved us with such tremendous love, then 'loving one another' should be our way of life! No one has ever gazed upon the fullness of God's splendor. But if we love one another, God makes his permanent home in us, and we make our permanent home in him, and his love is brought to its full expression in us. And he has given us his Spirit within us so that we can have the assurance that he lives in us and that we live in him."

His love is brought to its full expression in us! Wow! When we love people, all of Jesus is shining through us. First John 5:20 says He has made our understanding come alive. Superkid, when we plug in to Jesus, it's like plugging in that toy, and the light comes on. We begin to see the picture of who we are. Then others begin to understand and see the light of His love in US.

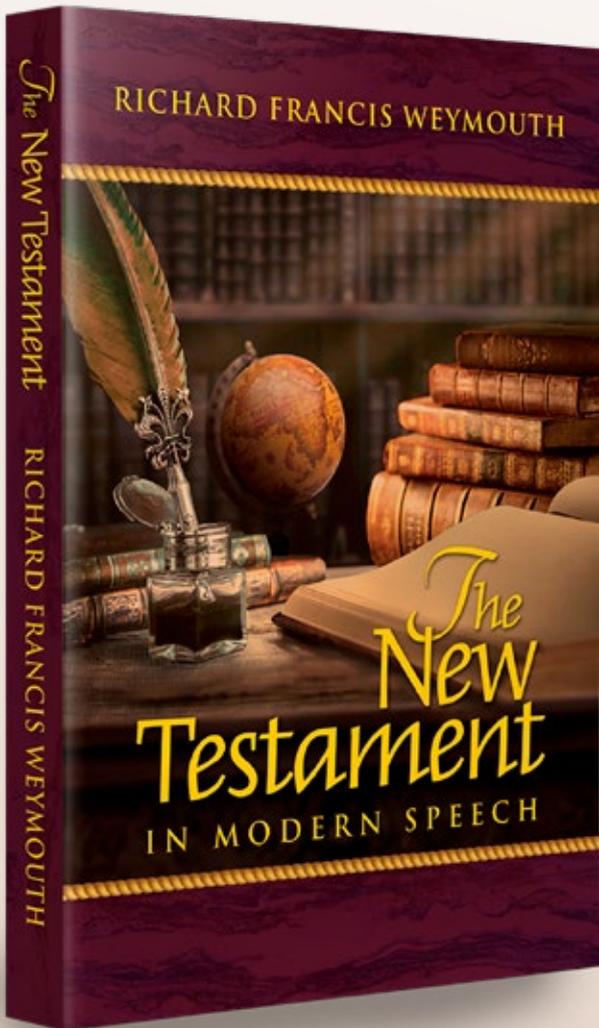
There are many "Lite-Brite" words in the Bible. It's all about shining that Electric Love to everyone around you. Remember, Superkid, it's God's power to love others, not our own. His love never grows tired like our own human love, so we can stay "ON" all the time! Just stay plugged in to Jesus. I will let Him have the last word, since He started this conversation in the first place.

"And who would light a lamp and then hide it in an obscure place? Instead, it's placed where everyone in the house can benefit from its light. So don't hide your light! Let it shine brightly before others, so that your commendable works will shine as light upon them, and then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:15-17).

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