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Doing Business God's Way

Most people these days don't really know what a job is. They think a job is where you work to make a living—something you have to do so you can pay your bills.

Really though, a job is an opportunity to help someone.

The reason you have a job is because someone had a problem that they needed solved. So, by definition, a job is where you work to meet the needs of people.

In times past, more businesspeople understood this. In fact, in the early 1900s, when Andrew Carnegie helped set up interviews of some of the wealthiest and most successful businessmen of his day, they

found it was the one trait they all shared. They were all in business to help people, and they knew it.

Today, things are different. Now, a lot of the so-called “rich” are just poor people with money. Except for their bank accounts, they're no different from the unemployed guy who, instead of looking for a job, sits at home saying, “I'm not working anywhere for that pitiful minimum wage.” They have nothing on their minds but themselves!



1
Business isn't “secular.” God created Adam to be a farmer, not a preacher.
(Gen. 2:15)

2
As the number of people on the earth grew, they could do different things and help one another.
(Eph. 4:28)

3
God gave Abraham the job of being a BLESSING to all men.
(Gen. 12:2-3)

4
God says if you seek Him first, you will prosper not only spiritually but financially.
(Matt. 6:33, AMPC)

5
God's economic principles will work anywhere, anytime; all He needs is your faith and obedience.
(Phil. 4:19, AMPC)



That's one of the reasons business has gotten a bad reputation. It's why even many believers view it as totally unspiritual. While they esteem the work of preaching and full-time ministry, they have the idea that business is (at best) just a secular necessity and (at worst) downright evil. Neither of those things, however, are true.

The truth is, *God* created business!

He created Adam to be a farmer, not a preacher. (See Genesis 2:15.) His intention was that as people multiplied on earth, they'd each go into whatever line of work He called them to and then get together to do business. They'd trade with each other whatever they produced and be a BLESSING to one another.

Of course, when Adam and Eve sinned, that idea, along with everything else on earth, got messed up. The curse came into the earth, human beings fell prey to a fear-and-lack mentality, and instead of helping each other, they began to mistreat each other. But that doesn't mean God gave up on His original plan.

No, He put it in motion again. He found a man named Abram who would believe and cooperate with Him and said to him, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3).

Notice God not only promised to BLESS Abraham, He gave him a job to do. What was it? To be a BLESSING to others. As he did that job, he himself would be BLESSED and promoted. What's more, anyone who wanted could get in on that BLESSING program. If they came up alongside Abram and helped him, they too would be BLESSED.

This is a principle of God: When you stop working "for a living" and start working "to be a BLESSING," you are going to be BLESSED! God will see to it. He will back you and no one in the world will be able to keep you from prospering.

It doesn't matter if the only job you can find is flipping hamburgers. If you say, "Glory

to God, I'm going to be the best hamburger flipper in the whole world!" you'll keep being promoted. Eventually, instead of just working at that hamburger joint, if you want, you'll be able to buy the franchise.

From No Pay to Highly Paid

I'm not just theorizing. I've met people who proved this out in their own lives. One man I knew started out his career with nothing but a desire in his heart to be an airplane mechanic. He didn't care anything about flying airplanes, he just wanted to work on them. So he went to the airport near where he lived to apply for a job.

"We don't have any openings," the man in charge told him. "We have all the mechanics we need."

"Could I work here if I work for free?" the young man asked.

"I don't care," said the boss. "If you're dumb enough to work without getting paid, go ahead."

The next morning the young man showed up ready to work and did anything he could to help the other mechanics. He continued doing that day after day, and after a while the chief mechanic took him under his wing, got him a uniform, and made him an apprentice mechanic. Over time, the young man kept getting better at the job and became a bigger and bigger BLESSING.

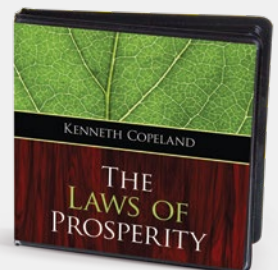
Finally, one day the apprentice mechanic went to the boss and said, "I've been working here for some time now with no pay. I think it's time you hired me." The boss refused, so the next day the young man took a day off.

When the other mechanics found out what had happened, they practically mutinied. "We need this man!" they told the boss. "He's as good as any of the rest of us, and if he doesn't come back, we're all going to quit."

The boss agreed to hire him, and he worked there for some time. Then he came to work for us at KCM for several years. From here he went to American Airlines where he was hired to supervise 250 mechanics. Think of it! That young man went from making no money at all to being paid very highly just by

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So? In John 6, Jesus' disciples didn't have much to offer either. You probably remember what happened in that situation:

When Jesus...lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? (John 6:5-9).

Andrew's question sounded reasonable. After all, there were upward of 20,000 people in the crowd that day, including women and children. Five barley loaves, each about the size of a cracker, and a couple of little fish looked like nothing in comparison. Yet with no other options, the disciples put that little dab of food in Jesus' hands. He told them to have the crowd sit down and...

Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten (verses 11-13).

The word translated *baskets* there is the same word used to describe the basket in which the Apostle Paul hid in Acts 9:25 when the Jews in Damascus were intending to kill him. These were man-sized baskets of leftovers! So, the little boy's lunch fed the whole crowd, and he got

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a big-time BLESSING in return.

Notice, though, that the first thing Jesus did in this situation was ask a question: Where shall we get food for these people to eat? The disciples never did answer that question. Instead, they immediately started talking about how much money it would cost. Jesus didn't ask them to come up with the money. He said, "Where will we get the food?" But they weren't listening.

As believers, we've often had the same problem. We haven't listened to Jesus when He tried to talk to us about heavenly economics. We just looked at our financial situation and tried to figure out in the natural what we should do.

In assessing a job opportunity for instance, rather than seeking The LORD, we based our decision strictly on how much it was going to pay. Or at offering time on Sunday morning, we ignored the Holy Spirit's leading and just gave what seemed to us to be safe and reasonable at the time.

God can do a lot more for us if we pray about those things and listen to what He has to say about them. He has a plan, and if we'll find out what it is and operate accordingly, it will work!

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How To Prosper Anywhere, Anytime

Take, for example, what God did for Jerry Savelle. When he first came to work with this ministry 50-plus years ago, in the natural it didn't look like the most financially advantageous thing to do. He had to leave the automotive body shop business he'd built, move his family to a different state, and take what looked like a financial step down.

I'll never forget the suit he wore when he initially came on staff. It looked like something Al Capone would have worn. His next-door neighbor had given it to him when he moved to Fort Worth, and it was the only one he had. Up to then, his entire wardrobe had consisted of work uniforms with Jerry's Paint & Body Shop embroidered on the front.

During the first series of meetings we did after he joined us, he wore some version of that Al Capone suit every day. He'd wear the shirt and trousers during one service, then he'd change the shirt and add the jacket the next. My dad was with us in those meetings and after watching Jerry show up in the same clothes day after day, he bought him another suit.

What did Jerry do then? He listened to The LORD, who led him to go into the "business" of sowing clothes. I remember one time he gave his shoes in an offering and had to walk back to the hotel in his socks. A few weeks later, a man brought him 10 pairs of fine-looking shoes, including two pairs made of alligator.

When Jerry started training missionaries overseas, he started giving them his suits—not old, worn-out suits but brand-new ones. One day after he began doing that, a clothing company gave him 1500 pairs of slacks, a whole truckload full of them fresh off the rack.

Whether you're a businessman or a preacher, that's the kind of thing that happens when you do business God's way! His ways are very different from the world's. The world's mindset is to look out for yourself first; to get all you can and keep all you get. But God says:

Seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides (Matthew 6:33, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

He who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he



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who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings (2 Corinthians 9:6, *AMPC*).

And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19, *AMPC*).

“But Brother Copeland, you don’t know my situation. I live in an impoverished community. All the businesses have boarded up and moved out. I don’t even think God could get anything to me here.”

Sure He can! His economic principles will work anywhere, anytime. All He needs from you is faith and obedience. He can and will do the rest.

I’ve seen Him prove it time and again in places such as Shonto, Ariz. That used to be one of the poorest areas around! A seemingly forsaken stretch of desert, when Pastor Kenneth Begeishi started preaching the gospel in Shonto, the people there didn’t have much of anything and Pastor Begeishi didn’t either. He just painted the words *White Post Church* on a shingle, nailed it to a post and stuck it in the ground. Then, he went from hogan to hogan telling the Navajo people about Jesus and winning souls.

By the time Jerry and I came to preach at White Post Church a few years later, the members had begun learning about faith. They’d learned about living to be a BLESSING, giving and believing God to prosper. Initially, they didn’t have any money, but they’d pick up pebbles off the ground, polish them and put them in the offering on Sunday. Or they’d wash and iron a treasured velvet shirt and make it their gift to Jesus.

Before long, industry moved into the area and jobs became available. Companies began to hire employees and the White Post Church members got the best positions because they’d been taught how to serve and meet the needs of people. In a place where prosperity looked all but unachievable, they began to prosper. Eventually that place became White Post Church, Arizona!

Why? Because they’d learned how to do business God’s way! 🙏



by Creflo Dollar

**“If you close your church
and your community
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The Pursuit of Character



**As believers, we
have a desire to
pursue excellence.**

**We have a
desire to pursue
supernatural
power, and to find
the path that leads
to the greatest
ministry impact
on others.**

We have a desire to grow and mature in our faith and God’s grace. But as good as all these desires are, nothing is more important than desiring growth in our *character*. When we grow and mature in our character, all those other areas fall into place.

I’ve heard it said that our character will determine how high we’ll go. I’ve seen that firsthand. I’ve had the opportunity to sit and speak to musicians and professional athletes who seem to have massive success...and yet they find themselves wondering, *Why does it seem like I’m stuck?* or *Why does it seem like I can’t go any further than where I am right now?*



Quite often the answer is that they need to take a closer look at their character. God is getting ready to do amazing things, and He's not going to do it for those who just want big ministries. He's going to do amazing things through the people who want to know God *simply because they want to know God*. He's going to do it through people of character.

What Is Character?

Thirty years ago, Kenneth Copeland said something about character so profound that it forever settled its definition for me. I remember him standing at the podium with his piercing eyes when he said: "Character is doing what's right, because it's right, and then doing it right."

That's it right there! Character is doing what's right for no other reason than because it's the right thing to do. Then it's doing it right. If you're a pastor and God tells you to put carpet in your church, don't go all-in on the cheap, raggedy carpet. Do it *right*. If God tells you to bless someone with lunch, don't get them a 99-cent cheeseburger. Do it *right*.

Character is what defines you. It's something that you hold fast to on the inside and that people see on the outside. A.W. Tozer taught that just as the excellence of gold is its purity, and the excellence of art is its beauty, the excellence of man is his character. A person's character is the sum of his or her disposition, thoughts, intentions, desires and actions.

It's worth noting that character is gauged by general tendencies rather than isolated happenings. You've got to be careful not to look at someone's isolated action and then judge their character based on that one incident. We live in a world where people love to shame people for their mistakes, but people are more than the sum of a few mistakes. People make progress. When God sees us fall, He doesn't shame us. He encourages us to keep walking, to try again. God knows how to take every bit of our mess and turn it into a masterpiece.

Grieving the Spirit

It's no wonder that Colossians 3:12-13 says, "Since God chose you to be the holy people

he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you" (*New Living Translation*).

Paul was emphasizing that how we treat one another is important. You know what grieves the Holy Spirit? When we treat one another in a way that's not in line with the Word of God. Our character is the consistent manifestation of Jesus in our lives. It's shown in how we deal with situations where forgiveness is required.

I've spent some time judging myself in how I treat others. It matters to me how I treat the waitress at Cracker Barrel, or the guy who parks my car, or the people on our maintenance team at World Changers. Do I greet them and ask them how they are? Or do I act like I'm "all that" and put on a facade?

How we treat the people we interact with each day is important. Titus 1:16, *NLT*, says that some "people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live." I don't want people to hear me say I serve God, but then see me living a different way.

If you've done some introspection and still don't know how you're doing with your character, ask God. He'll let you know.

Integrity and Character

Our character is demonstrated by our actions. In fact, the primary difference between integrity and character *is* action. Integrity adheres to a code: the Word of God. Character acts. Integrity recognizes that a behavior is bad and doesn't join in. Character does something about it.

You can see the difference between these qualities even in elementary school. When our kids go to school, if they see someone bullying someone else and refuse to join in, that's integrity. But if they take it a step further and act, attempting to *stop* the bullying behavior even if it means they'll go to the principal's office, that's character. Integrity says, "I'm not going to get involved in the bad," then character adds, "and I'm going to do something about it."

As we grow up, the situations may change, but how we respond shouldn't. When we see hungry people in our communities, are we



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going to stand aside, or will we act, stepping in to do something about it?

Our church is in a neighborhood that, at times, has been a bed of gang activity. We didn't shut the gangs out and pray they'd go away. Instead, we found the leaders and said, "Your entire gang is welcome here. C'mon in and get clothes for everyone. Get some food. We even have places you can get help for your addictions. If you'll let us, we're here to love you."

We saw a need and were willing to act. When those gang members saw character welcoming them in, it made a difference.

When we discovered we had a community of single mothers who had lost their jobs, we reallocated money. We defunded the choir and moved money over to get food to those hungry mamas. The last thing they need to worry about is feeding themselves and their babies.

God works through the local church by working through us, the Church. When COVID hit and churches had to close, much of the Body of Christ didn't know how to be the Church outside their buildings. They only knew how to be the Church when they stepped into a building. It shouldn't have taken a pandemic to teach us how to be the Church outside our buildings.

The way I see it, if you close your church and your community doesn't miss you, something's wrong. It's time we rethink what we do and how we do it. It's time we lead with character.

A Natural Product

Our Christian character can be summed up by the fruit of the spirit: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things" (Galatians 5:22-23, *NLT*).

Notice Paul says the Holy Spirit produces this fruit in our lives. Why did he use the word *fruit* here? Because it's a natural product of a living thing. This fruit is a natural product of the Holy Spirit living inside us. It's not produced by us; it's produced by Him. So often we try to produce these things in our lives,

“Integrity recognizes that a behavior is bad and doesn't join in.”

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and we completely ignore what the Holy Spirit is producing in us. This fruit naturally manifests out of us as we mature and grow in Him. Like physical fruit needs time to grow, the fruit of the spirit also needs time to grow.

Growing in the Lord isn't based on how long we've been born again or how many Greek words we know. Maturity is based on our relationship with Him. Instead of freaking out when times get tough and creating another to-do list, it's being able to say, "I am now at rest when I used to be stressed because I trust Him. What He has done is enough."

God Is Not Through With You

This is an exciting time to be alive. The Body of Christ is discovering the power of growing in our character above all else. As we mature in Him, I believe God is going to work through us in miraculous ways. He's going to work through us at our homes. He's going to work through us on the job, and in the street. Get ready because God Almighty is going to show Himself strong through His Body like no one's ever seen before.

"I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO HEAR ME SAY I SERVE GOD, BUT THEN SEE ME LIVING A DIFFERENT WAY."

I believe in you. I believe amazing things are about to take place. I believe we can walk in greater love than we've ever walked in. We can have greater impact than we've ever had.

No matter what has happened in your life, God is not through with you. You may want to quit, but He's not going to let you quit. You have the godly character it takes to do everything God has called you to do. You have the Holy Ghost living on the inside of you!

It's your time. Take a deep breath and recall what you've been called to do.

Then do what's right.

Do it because it's right.

And then, do it right!

As you continue to develop your character, I believe you're going to be amazed at what God is able to do as a result of your trust in Him! 🙏



by Kenneth Copeland



Recall God's Mercies

"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:21-23

God is faithful. He's full of compassion. His mercies are new every morning. As a believer, you know all that. But simply knowing it is not enough.

For it to do you any good, you have to recall it. You have to remember it again and again in order to rekindle your hope and stir up your faith.

So, make it a point to remind yourself of God's faithfulness every morning. Remind yourself of the benefits that are yours in Jesus.

What are those benefits?
Psalm 103 spells them out:

- 1 He forgives all your sins.
- 2 He heals all your diseases.
- 3 He redeems your life from destruction.
- 4 He crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.
- 5 He satisfies your mouth with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 He executes righteousness and judgment for you against oppression.
- 7 He sets you free.
- 8 He makes known His ways to you.
- 9 He gives you His grace and mercy in times of need.

Make it a point every morning to say those things out loud to The LORD. Stand before Him in prayer and recall His mercies to you. Keep it up and you'll be stronger in faith and more confident of God's love than you've ever been before.

Don't just settle for *knowing* God's BLESSINGS. Remember them every day and watch them come alive in you. 

by Melanie Hemry

Any Deadly Thing



Dan Staudacher sat on an exam table at a medical clinic, shivering and thinking about his Aunt Janice. Since his parents had passed away, she was one of his closest relatives. She was the one his father always referred to as the Holy Roller in their Catholic family.

Aunt Janice invited him and her son Adam, when they were both 13, to attend a Halloween haunted house sponsored by a Baptist church. Dan remembered the dark, bumpy dirt road, and the bus they were on breaking down in the middle of nowhere. He also recalled the brightly lit lanterns he and the others saw in a nearby forest, swaying in the dark as the lights moved slowly toward them.

In the moments that followed, the nearly 30 kids from the bus were hastily ushered to a nearby

“haunted” house. Once they reached the end of the house, the floor gave way—landing them ultimately in a “graveyard.”

It was a harrowing and frightening experience, Dan admits.

Afterward, the pastor looked at their stricken faces. “I know that was pretty scary,” he said. “But it’s nothing compared to hell. Hell is about a thousand times worse. How many of you want to go through something a thousand times worse?”

None of them.

The pastor’s altar call resulted in

a 100% salvation response. That had been Aunt Janice’s endgame, Dan recalled: to get her son and nephew born again. When they returned home she said, “Let’s celebrate by praising the Lord.”

“She put on a Kenneth Copeland album and we danced and praised the Lord for what He had done,” Dan said.

Sitting here now, decades later, Dan felt horrible about his aunt. He’d flown her from Ohio to Lantana, Texas, for a much-needed vacation. Instead, Aunt Janice had become



a nursemaid when both Dan and his wife, Valerie, had been diagnosed with COVID-19.

The first week they were treated with ivermectin, steroid shots and antibiotics. After a few days on ivermectin, Dan felt great. However, on day six, after the medicine wore off, he'd crashed.

Thinking he just needed another steroid shot, Dan asked Aunt Janice to take him to the clinic.

Just then the doctor came into the room. "The normal level for oxygen saturation is 95-100%," the doctor explained. "Yours is in the low 80s, which is very dangerous. You need to get to a hospital now."

As Janice rushed Dan to the hospital, he felt as though he was in an adult version of a haunted house, someplace like a house of mirrors where the earth shifted on its axis and he lost his equilibrium. A place so alien, and with such thin air, it was impossible to take a deep breath.

Not Enough Oxygen

"On Aug. 16, 2021, I was admitted to the hospital, diagnosed with COVID-19 with acute respiratory failure and pneumonia," Dan remembers. "They started me on remdesivir, an antiviral medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of COVID."

The next day Dan learned that his niece, a physician's assistant, had stopped by to check on Valerie. Her oxygen saturation was in the 50s! The niece and her husband rushed Valerie to the hospital, where she was admitted to the intensive care unit.

"Valerie had pain in her shoulder and they wanted to give her morphine," Dan said. "With her respiration so compromised, she was afraid to take it. Our pastors, George and Terri Pearsons, were standing with us. Pastor Terri called and prayed Mark 16:18, where Jesus said that if they drink any deadly thing it would not hurt them. Valerie took the morphine and it didn't hurt her. Thank God that Pastors George and Terri prayed that over us. We would need it many times."

Getting oxygen turned out to be a challenge for Dan.

"They put a cannula in my nose, but it

didn't work. My nose had been broken three times and I had a deviated septum. It would bleed and clog up the cannula. I told everyone I couldn't breathe through my nose but they didn't listen.

"Next they put an oxygen mask on me, but my oxygen levels dropped so low that alarms rang constantly. After that, they put me on a CPAP machine, like people use for sleep apnea. It was supposed to push oxygen into my lungs, but it wasn't working right."

When Dan told the technician the machine wasn't working properly, he was told, "I don't try to tell you how to do your job, so don't tell me how to do mine. Just put that thing on and be quiet," Dan recalled.

"I told him I was an electrical engineer and that I know when something isn't working right," Dan said. "Finally, they got me another CPAP machine and realized that the first one really wasn't working."

The Blood of Jesus

Within a week, the circulation below Dan's knees was so compromised he couldn't feel his toes. "It felt like I had frostbite, and it was very painful," Dan said. The staff kept saying they couldn't do anything about it, but one nurse put warm compresses on his feet to ease the pain. When she went off duty, no one else would do it.

"By the next morning, the pain was so severe, I began shouting praises to God. Over and over, I asked for a blood transfusion of Jesus' blood to restore the circulation in my legs. That went on for hours, until I finally passed out in exhaustion.

"On Monday, Aug. 23, Valerie sent me a link from EMIC's service the previous day. I watched Pastor Terri thank God for the blood of Jesus over the nation, the congregation and *every hospital room....*" Then, Brother Copeland called Pastor George on his cellphone and shared the following word:

"This morning as we prayed, just suddenly I saw a blanket of blood. It rippled like it had like a slight breeze on it. And as I watched this blanket of blood, it was everywhere—particularly over the United States and over our Partners everywhere.

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Sun	14	Ps. 97-101; Prov. 20:16-30	
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Tue	16	Ezra 8:24-10:44	2 Cor. 13
Wed	17	Neh. 1-3	Gal. 1
Thu	18	Neh. 4-6	Gal. 2
Fri	19	Neh. 7:1-65	Gal. 3
Sat	20	Neh. 7:66-9:38	
Sun	21	Ps. 102-103; Prov. 21:1-15	
Mon	22	Neh. 10:1-11:24	Gal. 4
Tue	23	Neh. 11:25-12:47	Gal. 5
Wed	24	Neh. 13-Est. 2:18	Gal. 6
Thu	25	Est. 2:19-6:14	Eph. 1
Fri	26	Est. 7-10	Eph. 2
Sat	27	Job 1-3	
Sun	28	Ps. 104; Prov. 21:16-31	
Mon	29	Job 4:1-6:13	Eph. 3
Tue	30	Job 6:14-8:22	Eph. 4
Wed	31	Job 9-10	Eph. 5



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And then a golden layer...this golden aura and cloud, a golden cloud right on top of the blood. Then I realized that it came up out of the blood and [was] just stunningly beautiful. And then angels began to crisscross over the top of all of that, and these golden rainbows came up out of that. And I saw all of the healing, the healing of lungs. And then the scriptures this morning as they came out of that song, and then the lungs and breathing You, breathing God down into our lungs and people rising up. And I knew in my spirit, and I said it out with my mouth, ‘Our breakthrough has come and glory to God the destruction, the final takedown of this synthetic virus that has been made by men as a weapon has, has fallen. It’s destroyed, and thank God we’re through this thing if we will take hold of these words and this vision—by faith.’

A Very Dangerous Step

The very next day, Valerie was discharged from the hospital. The following day, one of Dan’s lungs collapsed. Rushed to an MRI, a tube was inserted through Dan’s chest wall and into his lung to help it reinflate.

With only one functional lung, his situation grew even more grim. Doctors kept warning, “We need to put you on a ventilator.”

By now, Dan was so weak and exhausted that he agreed. “All right, whatever. I’ll go on the ventilator.”

His son David called. “Dad, you’re not going to let them put you on a ventilator, are you?”

“Son, I don’t have any choice at this point. I can’t breathe.”

As soon as Dan got off the phone, he was wheeled to the ICU and put on a ventilator and given medication to induce a coma.

David had taken a leave of absence from work to be with his parents. His sister, Mindy, had flown in from Arizona. But because no one was allowed to visit COVID patients, they were not able to see their father.

David and Valerie researched online and found a statement issued by the CDC saying that 20 days after being diagnosed with COVID, the disease was no longer transmissible.

“This is it!” David said. Printing out the statement, they presented hospital officials with the letter. “It’s been over 21 days since my father’s diagnosis,” David told them. “I want to see him, now!”

Although Valerie was still on oxygen and using a walker, she too visited Dan in the ICU.

Organs Shutting Down

After two weeks, the tube doctors had inserted had to be removed, and Dan was given a tracheotomy for long-term use with the ventilator. In the middle of one night, David got a call from the hospital: “You’d better get back up here. Your dad’s kidneys stopped functioning. He might not survive the night.”

To keep him alive, doctors put Dan on a dialysis machine. His kidneys responded and started working again.

A few days later, David got called to his father’s bedside again.

“His liver is shutting down. We don’t think he’ll make it through the night,” doctors told him.

Dan was given three blood transfusions that boosted his liver function.

In a drug-induced coma, Dan had no idea what was happening. He did, however, have a conversation with God. *Lord, why is this taking so long?... I can’t take anymore. I’m going.*

No, you’re not going anywhere. Pictures of Valerie, Mindy and David scrolled across Dan’s mind. *You’ve experienced miracles every year of your life. Let Me show you....* A film clip of miracles showed like a movie in Dan’s mind. *Later, I want you to write a book about the miracles.*

As Dan approached six weeks on the ventilator, doctors explained to the family that there was only a 1% chance of him surviving. Meanwhile, David became convinced that he



needed to get his dad out of the hospital. But nobody would take a patient on a ventilator.

A Whole New World

After extensive research, David found a long-term care facility that agreed to accept Dan on the ventilator. He was transported there on his 40th day in the hospital. Staff there weaned him off the ventilator and the drugs.

Dan opened his eyes and looked around. “What’s going on here?” he managed to say around his tracheotomy.

A nurse walked to his bed. “Oh, you’re awake!” She wrote her name on a whiteboard. Then she added Oct. 5.

“Why are you writing Oct. 5?” Dan asked. “They put me under on Aug. 31, so today must be Sept. 1, right?”

“No, it’s Oct. 5.”

Stunned, Dan realized he’d been in a coma for six weeks. He’d missed his birthday. He’d missed a deep-sea fishing vacation in Florida. Worse, he couldn’t move anything below his neck. He couldn’t move his toes, pick up his hands, or lift his head. And he’d lost 60 pounds.

“I had to go through rehabilitation,” Dan recalls. “I had to learn to sit up in bed, how to eat again and how to walk again. Physical therapists tried to sit me up, but I was so weak I just fell over onto the bed.

“It was a long, slow process, but the Lord taught me to focus on the trees outside as I struggled to lift my head. Eventually, I was able to stand and take a few steps with the walker. On Nov. 1, 2021, I was discharged with a walker. Valerie and I both needed lots of help. Nurses came to the house eight hours a day.

Trauma Strikes Back

“I’d developed post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from my experiences in the hospital. At night I’d knock over lamps in my sleep. My thrashing about caused me to fall out of bed numerous times.

“Then on Dec. 3, Pastor Terri suggested to Valerie that we go see a doctor who treats patients with platelet-rich plasma. Within days of the treatment, all the symptoms of PTSD were gone. It also stopped Valerie’s COVID-related hair loss.”

As the new year approached, Valerie

sensed she and Dan should attend the New Year’s Day service at EMIC, where Brother Copeland would be speaking.

“One thing that hadn’t stopped was my constant coughing,” Dan recalled. “Between that, dragging my oxygen tank around and fatigue, I didn’t think I’d have the stamina to go.”

Dan and Valerie attended the New Years’ service anyway. Afterward, they were taken to the ushers’ room.

“The next thing I knew, Pastor Terri and Brother Copeland walked into the room. When I saw him, I immediately stood from great respect, but he told me to sit. Then Brother Copeland opened his Bible to James 5:14 and asked me to read the verse, ‘Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.’

“Brother Copeland asked me to read it again, so I did. Then he asked if I believed it. I said, ‘Absolutely.’ So he poured oil over my head, prayed and spoke to the crystallization of my lungs and commanded them to obey and bow their knees to the Name of Jesus, and that I would have new lungs. Then, Pastor George prayed for me. Although I hadn’t yet seen the manifestation, I knew right then that my lungs were completely healed. It was done.” I then said, “If it’s OK, I’d like to share my testimony of when I asked the Lord to give me a blood transfusion from Jesus. The next day Brother Copeland had a word for me when he called Pastor George in the service.”

Brother Copeland chuckled and said, “You know, when I said that, I asked The LORD if I’d get to meet the person I was praying for and here you are. Praise The LORD!”

The Power of a Liver Molecule

Dan had asked Pastor Terri to talk to Dr. Don Colbert and see if he thought they needed stem cell injections. Instead, he suggested that Dan and Valerie go to a clinic where they could get glutathione IV treatments. Glutathione is a molecule produced in the liver. Doctors believe that a deficiency later in life may very well be the cause for many diseases.

The next Tuesday, Dan and Valerie

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drove to Dallas to a clinic to receive the IV glutathione. As far as Dan could tell, it hadn't done any good. The next day neither of them felt any better. However, on Friday Valerie told Dan, "I haven't heard you cough all day."

Shocked, Dan realized that he hadn't.

Before he got sick, Dan had ridden his bicycle 10 miles a day and played tennis a couple times a week. By Sunday, he felt so good that he stuck his oxygen tank in his backpack and rode his bike 3 miles.

The next week, after another treatment, Dan called his tennis buddy and suggested they play; they did—for 2½ hours. After his third treatment, Dan was able to do yardwork. After his fourth treatment, he played tennis with his son and beat him all three sets. At that point, Dan took off his oxygen, saying he didn't need it anymore.

"We'd never heard of KCM until a friend invited us to EMIC to hear Charles Capps speak in the mid-'90s," Dan recalls. "We joined EMIC, and the teachings here have been life-changing. When Brother Copeland prophesied about lungs being healed, the blood of Jesus and that COVID had fallen, I grabbed it and never let go. I know that word was for many people, but it was also for me.

"In addition to almost 26 years of partnership and enjoying the benefits of this ministry, the relationships have been crucial. I'm humbled by how much time Pastors George and Terri spent standing in faith and praying for us. They arranged to have Brother Copeland pray for me, and followed the leading of the Lord to provide God-led medical help.

"One of the greatest things they did was pray that no deadly thing would harm us. Without a doubt, Satan was trying to kill us. These days, it's no secret that remdesivir was not the answer to COVID. That drug is what doctors now know shut down my kidneys and liver.

"Another thing that is no secret is the dangers of drugs like fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 80-100 times stronger than morphine. Imagine my shock when I ordered a copy of my medical records and found written there that during the six weeks I was on a ventilator, I was given fentanyl every day at twice the fatal dose.

"Valerie and I thank God that He not only healed us of COVID. He protected us from every deadly thing." 📌



Partners Helping Partners through the Relief Fund

The Relief Fund is a special ministry of Kenneth Copeland Ministries Europe that sees Partners helping Partners in difficult situations. This fund has been established to respond to immediate relief needs typically arising at short notice.

Through wars, pandemics, food shortages and natural disasters, KCM Europe is so grateful to God for the generosity of our Partners and Friends, because of whom, we have been able to provide financial support to various Ministries and Partners, over the years. Most recently we have been able to provide relief to those affected by the war in Ukraine.

"And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

(Corinthians 9:8 *NLT*)

In the month of August, we are going to look at what we've achieved **together**, as we share new blogs, testimonies, and website content throughout the month.

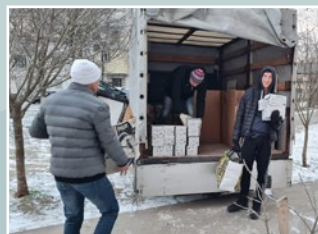
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Hey, God, Are You There?

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Kellie's Corner

Have you ever had this question? It's a common one for both kids and adults. Maybe they aren't experiencing His love or His help.

Does Jesus mind when you wonder about Him being there? I believe He wants to answer so you don't wonder.

When Jesus told His disciples to go and teach people to follow Him (Matthew 28:18-19), He knew they couldn't do it without His help! He also knew they, and others who would follow Him later, might wonder if He was really there. So He made a promise: "And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (verse 20, *New Living Translation*).

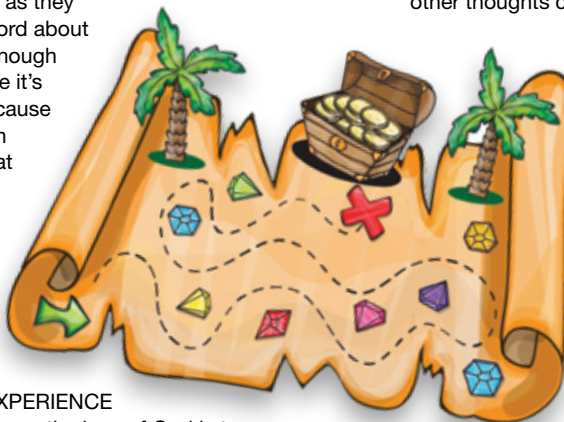
Jesus KNEW it would be hard for them (and us) to tell people to follow Him when they themselves couldn't see Him. Why do you think He told them to **be SURE?** Because they needed to be SURE He was with them ALWAYS. Superkid, He wants us to be just as sure about this as they were. God's Word about something is enough for us to believe it's true! That's because we have faith in Him and in what He says! But God wants more than for us to just BELIEVE He is with us. He wants our believing to lead us to EXPERIENCE Him! To experience the love of God is to experience His power!

In Ephesians 3:18-19, Paul prayed: "May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God."

Paul not only prayed for power to know God loves you, but also for the power to UNDERSTAND. *Knowing* something is not as good as *understanding* it. You can know in your head that Jesus loves you, but when you experience His love, you begin to understand that being loved by Him is so much more fulfilling!

Have you ever experienced Jesus and His love—just knowing He was there? That's called His *presence*: being present with Him. Jesus is with us.

Many times He has been the peace I needed in difficult times. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Do you see the promise He has given us? We can tell Him everything that worries us. He tells us to thank Him for all He has done. Keep focusing on Jesus until you experience a peace that won't let other thoughts come in.



In Ephesians 3:17-20, there are several proofs that God IS there. I've highlighted them here so you can see His presence with you.

"Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be **released deep inside you**, and the

resting place of his love will become the very **source and root of your life**. Then you will be **empowered to discover** what every holy one **experiences**—the great magnitude of the **astounding** love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! **Endless love** beyond measurement

that transcends our understanding—this extravagant love pours into you until you **are filled to overflowing** with the **fullness** of God! Never doubt God's **mighty power to work in you** and **accomplish** all this. He will **achieve** infinitely **more than your greatest request**, your **most unbelievable dream**, and **exceed your wildest imagination!** He will outdo them all, for his miraculous **power constantly energizes you**" (*The Passion Translation*).

Superkid, I challenge you with this: Dare to believe so you can dare to ask—so you can dare to listen—so you can dare to experience Him! Right now, close your eyes and say out loud, "Jesus, are You there?" Now, be quiet and listen to what He is saying inside. What did He say? Believe what you heard because it is real! Then, dare to experience. Remember all the ways He's been involved in your life? He is always faithful to us. Jesus called this way of hearing Him speak "having ears to hear." As you connect with His voice, you will be more confident to ask Him for help, believe what He tells you, and experience more of His involvement in your daily life.

Paul spoke about this very thing in Acts 17. He stood on a big rock called Mars Hill, and told them that the God who made the world, made us to **seek** Him that we might **find** Him. He goes on to tell them why God made us: "He has done this so that every person would long for God, feel their way to him, and find him—for he is the God who is easy to discover! It is through him that we live and function and have our identity" (verses 27-28). Not only is God definitely here with us, He made us with the natural ability to look for Him and find Him so we can know we are connected with Him!

So, Superkid, just do it! Dare to believe, ask and listen. Dare to experience Him! He's right there with you!

Commander Kellie 





TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

Stiffness Gone!

I watched the Southwest Believers' Convention. Kenneth Copeland ministered on healing and asked people to do what they couldn't do before. Due to stiffness, I could not bend sideways, so I started bending and can now move freely! Praise God. A.W. | Cincinnati, Ohio

Prayers Answered

I called in for prayer over a job interview I was about to have, and also to plant a seed for what I thought was going to be that job. However, the job I applied for wasn't mine to have. Though disappointed, I was reminded I'd planted a seed for a job—don't throw your seed away! I applied for another job and was offered the position. I had been believing for a new job and a pay increase. Both of those were answered! ALL the praise and glory go to God. Thank you, KCM, for having amazing prayer warriors. My boss calls her team "warriors" and she's correct. I am a warrior because I have God on my side.

J.M. | Indiana

Over and Above

I was watching *FlashPoint* while waiting for my next work assignment from the Lord and my \$1400 check from the government. At the end of the program Tony (Suarez) said, "There's someone waiting on your stimulus check. I'm sending you another miracle check. While you're waiting and looking to Capitol Hill to be your source, lift your eyes to Me, and you'll testify to VICTORY Channel™." I knew God was speaking to me.

Within a few weeks the Lord gave me my new work assignment

in Washington state, where I really wanted to go, with the best family I've worked for since I've been doing live-in caregiving. My salary is generous, the family takes great care of me, and they appreciate everything I do. I also get to help care for the son's dog, part of my prayer request. The Lord provided all and more than I asked for, as He always does, plus I did receive my stimulus when I stopped waiting for it. God is awesome.

J.P. | Colorado



"You don't have to look to your employer, the government or anyone else. Jesus is your Shepherd and He will provide for you."

—Kenneth Copeland

Inspiring Resources

I watch the programs on VICTORY regularly. I go to sleep listening and wake up to it. I get so much information. I also watch EMIC on Sunday mornings when I'm unable to be in

regular church. I pray for y'all and all the other ministries daily. I thank you for all the resources and teachings. They are a blessing and inspiring.

E.T. | Texas

Multiple Blessings

During the VICTORYTHON™, I desired to sow but did not have as much as a dime. God miraculously released money that a client owed and I was able to sow the amount God laid on my heart. The week before that, God had blessed me with a promotion at work!

M.N. | England

'So Grateful'

From the very first time we saw you in person in 1977 until now, your teaching through books and *BVOV* magazine in particular have helped, boosted, strengthened and saved our spiritual lives more than once.

We are so grateful for you helping us in our faith. I just got *One Word From God Can Change Your Destiny*. It was so timely, I felt it was only right to thank you for everything you've invested in ministry to help take care of us all.

L.O. | Ohio

Blessed

I am so thankful for all the blessings I receive from this ministry; for all the words of wisdom, hope and power; and your honesty and prayers. I read the words of encouragement and watch on YouTube® and TV. I can never thank God enough for such a loving and caring ministry.

B.P. | Atlanta, Ga.

Healing Received

At the end of today's EMIC service, as the pastors prayed for our healing, I took my healing by faith. Immediately, I had no more discomfort

from taking deep breaths, which I had been experiencing all day. I continued to inhale deeply, and the previous pain and discomfort I had experienced substantially

subsided. Now, hours later, I am still feeling much better, and breathing without any discomfort. Praise God!

S.S. | Brooklyn, N.Y.



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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'Pain Free!'

While I was watching the Believers' Convention, I sent in a prayer request for my right sinus to be cleared. About 10 minutes later, the numbness and pain left my face, and I was healed. So when Brother Copeland finished his message, I watched another one on YouTube, pain free! God bless your ministry.

S.S. | Australia



All About the Heart

KING SOLOMON LEFT US BURIED TREASURE IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS: 31 CHAPTERS OF WEALTH AND WISDOM STRAIGHT FROM GOD'S HEART. BUT TO ME THERE IS ONE GOLD NUGGET THAT STANDS OUT ABOVE THE OTHER GEMS.

“
You don't have to live another day with a broken heart.
”

Proverbs 4:23 begins with these three attention-gripping words: “Above everything else” (*International Standard Version*).

Now we know that whatever words are about to follow this phrase must be extremely valuable and have the power to alter the course of our lives. So let's take a minute to dig up the stash that God has hidden for us and is longing for us to find.

Here it is: “Above everything else guard your heart, because from it flow the springs of life.”

We have been not only encouraged but also commanded to guard our hearts. Why? Our lives depend on it. A guard has the responsibility to watch over, to make secure and to protect from danger. Some people may

passively skim over this verse and think, *Oh, that's nice and sounds easy enough*. But take a closer look. Some translations say to guard your heart with *diligence*. A diligent guard is always on duty.

But how do we guard our hearts? Let's back up a few verses.

Verses 20-22, *New King James Version*, say, “My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.”

We guard our hearts by keeping the Word in our hearts.

In this passage, Solomon is not referring to the physical heart—the organ that pumps blood throughout the body. He is talking about your core, the very essence of who you are.

I love verse 23 in the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* that reads, “out of it flow the springs of life.” God designed His healing springs to flow from Jesus to our physical bodies—through



by Sarah Pearsons



every vein and every organ—providing restoration to every cell. Jesus said that out of you would flow rivers of living water. Those cleansing, healing rivers will flow freely and strong unless there is a blockage or a break in the flow. You could call it heartbreak.

Breakdown in the Heart

I am convinced that sickness and disease are the result of a breakdown in the heart. Every sickness has a spiritual root—a hurt that led to a doubt, a doubt that led to wrong thinking and wrong believing. A break in the flow of life from the heart (i.e., heartbreak) is any form of hurt in you that hasn't been healed.

Before there was unforgiveness, someone broke your heart. Before bitterness or resentment, you experienced heartache. All soul sicknesses, including insecurity, bitterness and rejection, are not just feelings. They are serious issues of the heart that can only be healed by an encounter with Jesus.

A dear friend of mine was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma at the young age of 23. Doctors told her there was a mass wrapped around her heart. She could barely breathe. It was literally suffocating her. I asked her about the years leading up to the diagnosis, and she expressed to me that they were full of hurt and heartbreak. When she was 15, her parents went through a traumatic divorce. Her life as a teenager was never peaceful again. Growing up, she was always very close to her father. But as the years went by, he slowly began to resent her with no explanation. He became verbally and psychologically abusive.

When she moved away to college at 18, she sought help through counselors in an effort to make sense of it all. She said her soul stayed in a constant state of turmoil trying to figure out why her father, who had always loved her, suddenly despised her.

When my friend told me her story, there were two words she used to describe the five years leading up to the cancer: *heartbroken* and *rejected*. But several weeks into the treatment, she had a life-altering moment when she heard the Lord say to her, *I'm healing your heart, so I can heal your heart*.

In that moment, she said, all the heaviness completely lifted, and she hasn't shed a tear over that situation since. She has been cancer

free for several years now, and is enjoying life and her ministry with her husband and their new baby.

Jesus had to heal the condition of her heart before He could heal her heart condition.

His Heart Broken So Yours Wouldn't Be

We can all learn from my friend's story that thoughts of rejection—feeling unloved, unwanted, unvalued or never good enough—are dangerous heart conditions and must not be left to linger. When you know the truth, the truth will set you free. And the truth is, “You are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted” (1 Peter 2:9, *The Message*).

We may not always be able to control what others do to us, but we do have the ability to control how we respond. Isaiah 53:3 says Jesus “[was] despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.”

Let's face the facts: If you haven't already, you will one day face rejection. But you're in good company. Jesus did too. But look at what the next verse says; “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows” (verse 4, *NKJV*). If you look up the word *grief*, you'll find that it can also mean “heartache or heartbreak.” Jesus' heart was broken so that yours wouldn't have to be.

Jesus revealed the assignment on His life from the Father when He found Himself in the pages of Scripture, stood up, and declared, “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me...to heal the brokenhearted” (Luke 4:18, *NKJV*). The healing and health of your heart is a big deal to God. You don't have to live another day with a broken heart. Pray this prayer right now:

“Lord, I open my heart and make myself tender before You now. I ask You to let Your healing love wash over me and heal every hurtful memory, and I choose to forgive those who have hurt me. I receive Your love shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit, filling the height, the width, the length and the depth of my heart. Your perfect love is forcing fear out of me, and I am anchored and secure in You.” 🙏



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by Gloria Copeland



God Always Has a Plan

Have you ever been tempted to give up on the dreams and desires God put in your heart? Have you ever been tempted to think you just don’t have what it takes, or that too many years of your life have gone by for you to do all that He called you to do?

If so, here’s a word of encouragement for you: You’re in very good company. Abraham, one of the greatest faith heroes in the Bible (the man the New Testament calls *the father of all them that believe*) once faced the same temptation. At 99 years old, he reached a point where it no longer looked possible for God’s plan for his life to be fulfilled.

After waiting decades for the son God had promised him, Abraham’s wife Sarah was still barren and at 90 years old her childbearing years were behind her. They’d made a mess of things by substituting their plan for God’s. And now Abraham had to confront the natural reality: Time had run out. It was too late for him and Sarah to ever have a child.

Talk about having reasons to give up on your God-given dreams!



POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:

1

God told Abraham to keep believing when he was tempted to give up on the promise.
(Rom. 4:17)

2

When circumstances are shouting, “It’s impossible!” follow the faith of Abraham.
(Rom. 4:18, *AMPC*)

3

Abraham turned his attention to God and His Word.
(Rom. 4:19–20)

4

Abraham focused on the fact that God is all-powerful and can do anything.
(Rom. 4:21, *NLT*)

5

Abraham and Sarah found themselves standing in the fulfillment of their God-given dreams.
(Gen. 21:2–3)



Abraham had plenty of them. The devil was whispering in his ear and all his circumstances were shouting, *There's no way God's promise can come to pass for you now. You've blown it. It's too late!*

God, however, showed up at that point and told 99-year-old Abraham just the opposite. As Genesis 17 records, He appeared to him and said:

I am the Almighty God; walk and live habitually before Me.... And I will make My covenant (solemn pledge) between Me and you and will multiply you exceedingly...and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee" (Genesis 17:1-2, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*; 4-7, *King James Version*).

Notice, the first thing God did there was remind Abraham that he was in covenant with Almighty God, the One for whom nothing is impossible. Then He repeated the promise He'd given Abraham years before and assured him: *My promise is still good. My plan for you hasn't changed. Just keep walking with Me in faith and I will bring it to pass.*

If you've been facing a situation like Abraham's, God is saying the same to you! It doesn't matter how hopeless the circumstances around you may look, or how long you've waited for them to change, He wants you to know: His plans for you and His promises for you can still become a reality.

There is a way.

You haven't blown it.

It's not too late.

You just have to take a page from Abraham's playbook. At 99 years old, he believed the Word of God and acted on it. He put it in his mouth, fixed his attention on the fact that he had a blood covenant with the Almighty, and started calling himself the father of many nations.

He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which

was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deadened] womb. No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God, fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised (Romans 4:19-21, *AMPC*).

What happened as a result?

The impossible!

Ninety-year-old Sarah got pregnant. Isaac, the son of promise was born to her and Abraham, and at 90 and 100 years old they both found themselves standing in the fulfillment of their God-given dreams.

You Have Something Abraham Didn't

"But Gloria," you might say, "I just can't figure out how the impossible could happen in my situation. And unlike Abraham, God hasn't appeared to me and given me a word."

He doesn't need to appear and give you a word! You have His Word in a form that Abraham didn't. You have it written down for you in your Bible. And as for not being able to

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figure out how His Word can come to pass for you, what difference does that make?

God is GOD! He can do anything. He's all-powerful. He's faithful to His promises. He always has a plan, and He always has a way.

You just need to keep your eyes on Him. You need to stop staring at natural circumstances—at your bank account, the economy, the natural condition of your body, your age, or whatever else in this world that's been discouraging you—and remember you have a covenant with the Almighty One; the One who knows the end from the beginning.

The One for whom all things are possible. He doesn't need you to tell Him how to bring to pass the vision He's put inside you. He's not depending on you to figure out a way the promises you see in His Word are going to become a reality in your life. He already knows how it's going to happen.

"It's the Word of God in your heart that brings the supernatural on the scene."

He knows what He's promised you and what He's called you to do. He knows what you will need, where it's all going to come from, and how He's going to get it to you. All He needs is for you to keep looking to Him in faith—to keep believing, speaking, and acting on His Word, and He can do great and mighty things for you.

I'm telling you, Ken and I have seen God do the seemingly impossible repeatedly over the years, not only in our lives but in the lives of others. I think about what he did for Brother Kenneth E. Hagin for example. He was already about 50 years old when Ken and I first began going to his meetings in Tulsa. He'd been in ministry close to 30 years and yet the group that showed up to those early faith seminars we attended was still relatively small.

The room where we met only seated about 150, and I don't ever remember it being packed out. What's more, the bunch that did come didn't necessarily show much promise. Ken and I, for instance, drove to those meetings in an old, rickety car that looked like it was being held together by bailing wire and duct tape.

We were financially broke, deeply in debt and just getting started in ministry.

My friend Billye Brim often tells about one of those early meetings in which a prophecy came forth about the people there being the future chiefs of the faith movement. Billye says looking around at that group you almost felt sorry for God that this was all He had to choose from.

God, however, did for us what in the natural looked like couldn't be done. He took that little group and touched the world with it. Within a few years, Brother Hagin had founded Rhema Bible Training Center and was sending out hundreds of ministers to preach the Word of Faith. In addition, a number of us who were in those early meetings had launched ministries as well, and faith conferences and churches had started springing up all over.

Looking back at it now, what happened is really amazing. Satan fought the message of

faith with everything he had, but it wasn't enough. God was with us, and like Abraham and the Israelites we just kept multiplying and being blessed. By the time Brother Hagin finished his race and went home to be with the Lord in 2003, the message of faith was being heard by millions of people around the world—and it's still multiplying.

"But I can't expect God to move like that in my life," someone might say. "I don't have a special calling like Brother Hagin did. I'm not even a preacher. I'm just an ordinary believer."

There's no such thing as an "ordinary believer," or a Christian without a calling! According to Romans 8:28, all who love God "are called according to [His] design and purpose" (AMPC). We are all "God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus...that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live" (Ephesians 2:10, AMPC).

**MORE WAYS
TO WATCH**





It doesn't matter whether you're called to preach the gospel from behind a pulpit, to work in an office, to stay home and raise your children, or something else, God has a supernatural plan for your life. He's called you to light up the world around you with His love and His power:

To live out the dreams He's given you.

To experience the fulfillment of His promises.

To be a veritable billboard of His goodness, so that people in your sphere of influence will see what a wonderful Father He is, and start wanting to know more about your covenant with God and this Jesus you keep talking about!

A Covenant of Peace

The Bible calls the new covenant we, as believers, have with God a covenant of peace (Isaiah 54:10). The word *peace* in Hebrew is *shalom*. It means "to be whole, with nothing missing and nothing broken; to have not only peace of mind but wholeness or soundness in every area of life—spiritual, relational, physical and financial." It includes healing and health, prosperity, fruitfulness and success in all endeavors.

All those things are included in God's plan for you. While the details of what He's called you to do are unique, His plan is for you to be blessed and a blessing, in everything you do and everywhere you go.

How can you be sure that's true?

Look again at what God told Abraham: "I will...bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous *and* distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others]...And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee" (Genesis 12:1-2, *AMPC*; 17:7 *KJV*).

"But Gloria, God was referring to the Israelites there. The Jews are Abraham's seed."

Yes, and as a believer so are you.

Galatians 3:29 says it very plainly: "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." In other words, through Jesus, you've inherited THE BLESSING of Abraham. So, the covenant promises God made to him and his seed now belong to you.

Take for example what God said to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 28. He told them if they'd hearken to His Word, ALL His blessings would overcome them and overtake them. He said: "You'll be blessed in the city and in the country. You'll be blessed coming in and going out. Your children will be blessed. Your storehouses will be blessed, and you'll be plenteous in goods. You'll be the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. The works of your hands will be so richly blessed that all the people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord." (See verses 1-14.)

Notice God didn't say He'd just do those things for priests and prophets (or as we'd say today, for preachers). No, those blessings were for all God's people back then, and they're for all His people today, including you. So take them for yourself. Apply them to the dream God has put in your heart and the things He's uniquely called you to do.

Don't try to figure out how they're going to come to pass. Bringing them to pass is God's responsibility, not yours. Your part is to keep going back to what God said: to find scriptures in the Bible that promise you what you're believing for. To keep them before your eyes and in your ears so that they get down in your heart.

It's the Word of God in your heart that brings the supernatural on the scene. It's not just the scriptures you know with your head. It's the Word that's living in you—that you're believing, speaking, acting on and expecting by faith to come to pass—that opens the door for God to do the seemingly impossible in your life.

He can change everything for you in a single day if necessary. He did it for His people in the Bible time and again. David went from being an unknown shepherd boy to being anointed to be king of Israel in less than 24 hours. Jericho was a fortified city with walls so thick they couldn't be breached and in a moment of time, those walls crumbled before God's people, and they took possession of the city.

You may have been waiting for years for some God-given dreams and promises to come to pass. It may look to you like time is growing short. But don't give up. Look to God, think about Abraham, and remember: It's not too late. You haven't blown it. God always has a plan, and He always has a way.

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“The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.”

—Job 33:4

LET'S BREATHE: SUPERKID ACADEMY 2022

The last few years have brought an onslaught of upsets. COVID—along with civil, political and racial unrest. Mental illness and gender identity have taken center stage in conversations. Around the world, parents are having uncomfortable conversations with their children about topics that are typically left until adulthood. The result? A general uneasiness has permeated society.

For Commander Jenni Drennan of Superkid Academy, the unease was at every turn. A mother of three, she noticed that all around her it seemed as though children were holding their collective breath, wondering what to do and what else would be coming. The need was clear every day in her own city of Charlotte, N.C., in her children's schools, even in the churches. The more she saw it, the more she knew that Superkid Academy at the Southwest Believers' Convention was a prime place to put aside these difficult matters and help children breathe in the presence of God.

“The past two years, our kids have been forced to deal with very grown-up issues that normally children do not have to deal with or be aware of,” explains Commander Jenni. “Not just with COVID, but politically and culturally, there has been extreme pressure coming from all sides. And, whether parents have open conversations with their children about these intense adult-driven topics or not, the children are feeling it.”

That led Commander Jenni to pray and consider how to minister to the children within her reach. The idea of “breath” and “breathing” began to settle in her spirit.



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—Commander Linda

“When pressure doesn't let up for a substantial amount of time, we sometimes don't even realize we're holding our breath,” she says. “Kids don't even know that they've been holding their breath [over the last two years]—inside, in their soul.”

When Commander Jenni did a study on breath in the Bible, she found it wasn't a new concept. Even from the beginning, when God formed man, the first thing He did was breathe life into him (Genesis 2:7).

Breathing is crucial to life.

Commander Jenni approached Commanders Dana and Linda Johnson, her parents and the leaders of SWBC's Superkid Academy, as well as Superkid Academy founder Commander Kellie Copeland. Together, the team prayed and quickly sensed a divine moment.



Breathe, teaching children to connect with and be restored by God's presence and His Word, became the new theme for 2022's Superkid Academy at the Southwest Believers' Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. At the convention, which takes

place Aug. 1-6, children ages 6-12 will learn what it means to breathe in God's presence so they can experience joy, peace and freedom, Commander Jenni explained.

"It's only by taking a deep, spiritual breath that they will connect with God, the One who makes breathing and enduring possible."

A Specific Word for a Specific Time

Understanding what is happening in the culture, and ministering that to children in a way they can grasp, is essential to Superkid Academy. Since SKA first opened its doors at the Southwest Believers' Convention 29 years ago, the leaders have made a point of being Spirit-led in all they do, so they can speak to children right where they're at.

This can be a challenge since there's a



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temptation in children's ministry to value efficiency and production above the daily, even minute-by-minute, leading of the Holy Spirit. With decades of experience, Commander Dana admits that it's easy to plan children's meetings months in advance. He's learned, though, that leaders must be willing to put their own plans—which are made with the best of intentions—aside for what the Lord wants to do in each moment, for how He wants to reach the children with a specific word.

For Commander Dana, children's ministry is more than simply a break for parents or a way to keep children occupied. Children's ministry can be life-changing.

"Children belong to our heavenly Father," Commander Dana says. "If we bear that in mind, it affects what we do for those kids, and how we prepare for those kids who only have minutes or hours with us."

This commitment to children has guided Dana and Linda in ministry for 37 years. It's something they come back to again and again—measuring their own plans against what the Lord wants them to do in each service.

"I believe Jesus is hoping, more than



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anything, that we, [the Church], will get His heart for kids because He always took time for them,” Commander Dana says. “In fact, there were just a few times in the Scriptures that any of His disciples received a stern rebuke from Him. One of the classic ones was where kids were concerned” (see Matthew 19:13-15).

Children were important to Jesus.

Immersing Children in the Word

Commander Linda agrees with her husband’s sentiments. She’s seen firsthand what Superkid Academy can mean to the children who attend. She remembers one boy, in particular, who came to KCM’s convention in Birmingham, England, years ago. The boy had experienced an abusive past and wouldn’t even come out from under his chair at the start of the meeting. By the last day, he was a different child. He’d given his life to the Lord, become Spirit-filled, was hearing the voice of God, and wanted to be baptized. All that happened in six days at Superkid Academy!

“The Holy Spirit is building things in the hearts of these kids,” says Commander Linda. “One of the things that I see every single year is a hunger for being in His presence. That hunger goes home with them.”

These leaders know this to be true because they see the same children return year after year, and each time they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Those same kids eventually begin ministering to the younger, newer believers in the services. That kind of discipleship makes an impression on those younger and newer to the faith. They see someone who’s only a few years older than them teaching from God’s Word, leading worship or praying with students at the altar, and it changes their perception. They no longer see a church service as only for adults. Instead, they know they can be used by God, too.

“Superkid Academy is so immersive,” says Commander Linda, comparing it to a day camp. “Kids have six days of being in this atmosphere, away from their electronics, with other kids.” It creates the ideal environment for spiritual growth.

What Children Can Expect

The program, which is free to attend and occurs at the same time as SWBC’s adult services, builds throughout the week and reflects KCM’s mission to take believers “from the milk of the Word to the meat, and from religion to reality.” Children are introduced to the Lord. Then, as the week progresses, they learn how to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit and what it looks like to

spend time with God on a daily basis, so they can grow in their understanding and relationship with Him.

And there’s something for everyone. Students who love praise and worship will especially enjoy that

portion of the service. Those who love games will have a chance to compete in Bible quizzes, individual races and team competitions. There are also cooking segments, science experiments, sketch performances, dramatic storytelling and more.

Commander Kellie Copeland loved hearing the plans that the Superkid Academy team is putting together for the children at this year’s Southwest Believers’ Convention. It’s a theme that is close to her heart. She says, “The Lord has been showing me, personally, too, how to breathe.”

Of course, over the years she’s seen how dedicated the other leaders of Superkid Academy are, and she’s thrilled to see what the Lord does at this year’s convention.

“I am so blessed to work with this team because they hear from the Lord, and they carry such an anointing to *really* see [the children] in front of them,” she says. “I value that so much.”

Permission To Breathe

The Superkid Academy live events are an extension of the ministry that began with the release of three audiobook adventures and later with the first video, *The Intruder*, 30 years ago. Since then, Superkid Academy has grown and continues to impact children around the world with books, home Bible studies and a children’s church curriculum.

Children who come to Superkid Academy at this year’s Southwest Believers’ Convention will be given permission to **Breathe**—to breathe in the Word of God, to let go of the anxiety and stress that have become synonymous with the last two years, and to experience the refreshing that comes from spending time in God’s presence. It isn’t enough for them to have a break from normal life. They will be empowered to take the skills they learn back to their homes, their schools, their churches, their communities and their own quiet times.

Superkid Academy has its finger on the pulse of the young members in the Body of Christ. Over the course of the week, Superkid Academy leaders look forward to meeting children, seeing their lives changed and preparing them for the days ahead. They hope families will make this convention a priority, so we can all breathe together! 🙏



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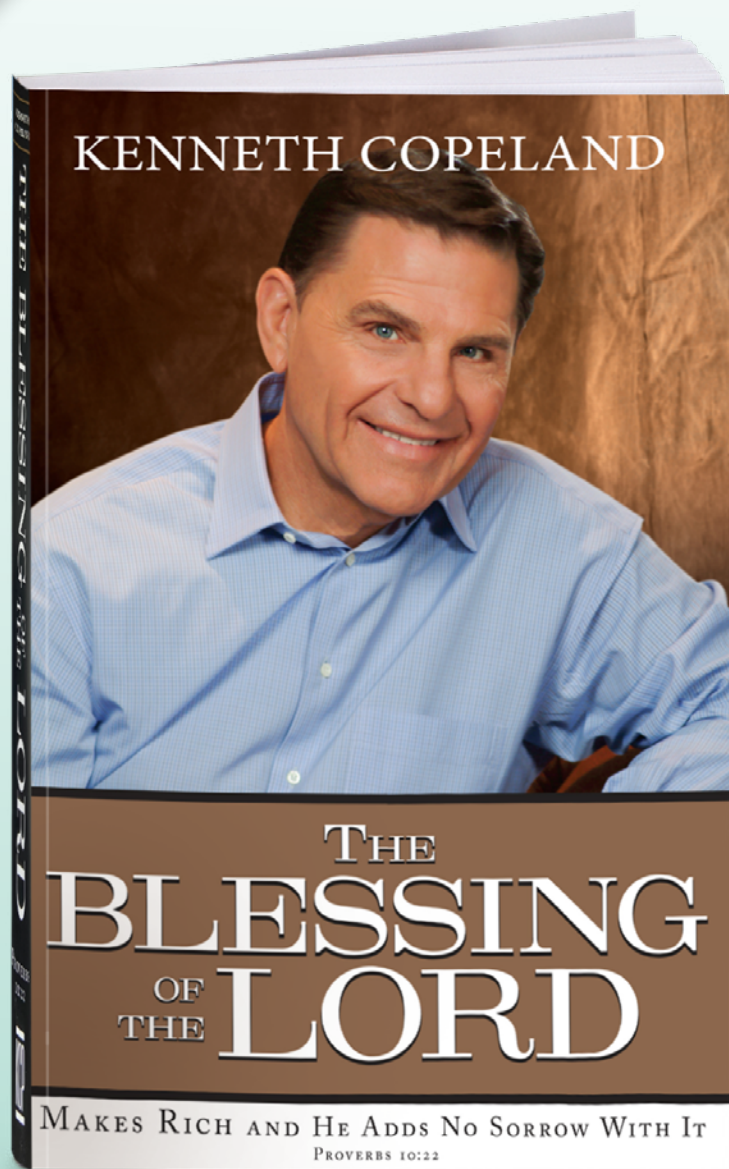
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