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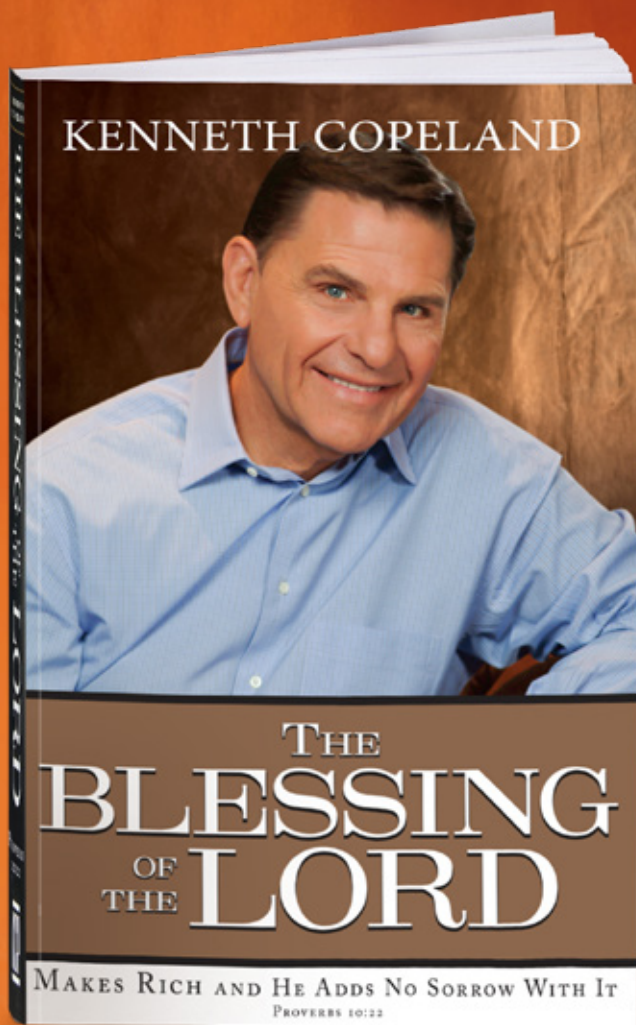
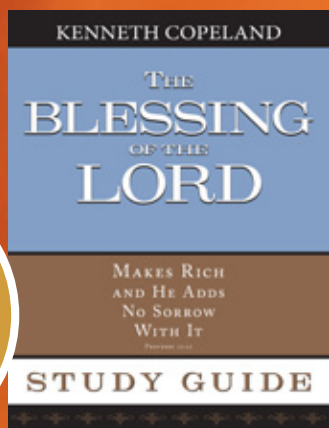
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Those four words have been ringing in my spirit lately, and I'm sure I know why. They describe how, I believe, God wants you and me to see ourselves—not just as we begin this new year, but every day. That way we can truly know what He has called us to and go on to fulfill our destiny.

Life is not easy; we know that. Each day brings challenges that can stress even the most patient person. But when we allow God's Spirit to lead, guide and direct us, we won't so easily become stressed, confused or anxious.

As believers, we are all destined to succeed. That's God's plan for each of us. He even tells us how we can obtain that success. He says, "Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do" (Joshua 1:8, *New Living Translation*).

Praying and studying God's Word positions us to hear clearly from Him and know what He says about every situation we face. As we take our eyes off the world and focus on God, we will be encouraged, inspired and motivated to step out in faith, trusting Him for clear direction.

Many are glad to see January arrive because they regard this month as their new beginning—their start-over point to getting back on track in certain areas of their lives. You may be one of those who have made new, exciting resolutions about 2023. And that's OK. Only, don't try to face the challenges that will come your way in your own strength. Instead, build your "new beginning" on solid ground by arming yourself with God's Word.

Speaking of new beginnings, last month we told you about the ongoing work here at KCM to fulfill the mandate the Lord gave Brother Copeland to establish The Revival Capital of the World®. This month Pastors George and Terri Copeland Pearsons, the ministry's CEO and Chief Visionary Officer, take us inside the vision as they share more about The Revival Capital and the plan for major expansion. You can read about it on Page 10.

Happy New Year!

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—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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by Kenneth Copeland

*“The force of faith can do what medical science can’t. It can cure anything!”*

# A Powerful Prescription

Faith is an extremely powerful force. In the natural, we think about nuclear power being great, but faith power is far greater.

Just think about it. The Scriptures tell us that *by faith*, God created the universes and solar systems. He released His faith with the words, “Light be!” and not only did those words come to pass, today the universe is still expanding at the speed of light.

It’s no wonder 1 John 5:4 says, “This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith”! Faith is the force that gave birth to this natural world. So it can change or overcome anything in it—including and especially sickness and disease.

“But Brother Copeland,” someone might say, “I’ve been diagnosed with a disease the doctors say is incurable.”

Medically speaking, their diagnosis may be correct. But the force of faith can do what medical science can’t. It can cure anything! All you have to do is put it to work the same way you did when you received the new birth. You remember how you did that, don’t you? You heard the good news that Jesus

saves and acted on it by believing it in your heart and confessing it with your mouth.

As simple as it sounds, that’s how God’s faith system always operates. You find out what His WORD says about the area of your life that needs changing, believe it, speak it and take corresponding action. Then faith is on the job! Its creative power is released to heal you, deliver you or provide for you whatever else you might need.

*If receiving divine healing is that straightforward, why are so many Christians still sick?* you might wonder. Primarily because they’ve been taught that whether or not they get healed is totally up to God. They’ve been told that if it’s God’s will, they’ll get healed—and if it’s not, they won’t. So they just wait around to see what He’s going to do. While suffering as sweetly as they can, they keep talking about how sick they are and how if Jesus would only come down from heaven and put His hand on their fevered brow, they know they’d be healed. I know that because that’s where Gloria and I were before we learned the “WORD of faith” in Romans 10.



**“God’s WORD is spiritual food. It feeds your faith just like natural food feeds your body.”**





Romans 10:6-10 says:

The righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The words *saved* and *salvation* in that passage are both translated from the Greek word *sozo*. Unlike the English word *salvation*, which we use to refer primarily to the new birth, *sozo* has a very broad meaning. It speaks not only of deliverance from the penalty of sin but of deliverance from all harm or danger, spiritual and physical, temporal and eternal.

It's the word used in James 5:15 that says, "the prayer of faith shall save the sick." James used *sozo* to refer to healing there, because he

understood what many believers today don't—that both healing and salvation are wrapped up in that one Greek word. This is the reason the crippled man in Acts 14 (verses 7-10) received faith to be healed while he was listening to the Apostle Paul preach about salvation. He spoke Greek! In Romans 10, when Paul said believe on and confess The LORD Jesus and thou shalt be *saved*," that man heard "thou shalt be saved and *healed*." So, when Paul said to him, "Stand upright on thy feet," he leaped and walked.

In other words, according to the original language in which the New Testament was written, the new birth and healing are both included in salvation. They were never meant to be separated. Deliverance for the spirit, deliverance for the body and deliverance for the soul are all part of the same package, and they're all received the same way—by faith!

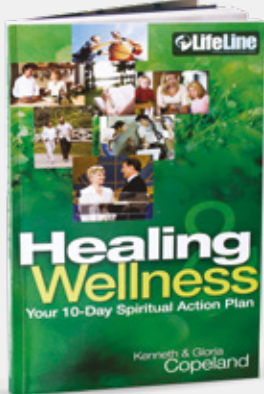
### **Faith Always Comes**

"But what if I don't have faith for healing like I did for the new birth?" you might ask. "What should I do?"

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Faith always comes in response to The WORD! Even now, as you're reading this article, faith is coming to you. It isn't something you feel with your body or your soul. Faith is a spiritual force that comes through your spirit. It is the inevitable result produced by the Anointed WORD and covenant of the living God.

Faith for healing comes from hearing, reading and meditating on scriptures about it. It comes through verses like Exodus 15:26: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I AM The LORD that healeth thee."

Talk about a marvelous healing scripture! That verse removes all doubt about the fact that healing is always God's will for His people. It tells us that healing is so much a part of who He is that one of His covenant names is *Jehovah Rapha*, which is Hebrew for *I AM The LORD that heals you*.

Healing couldn't have possibly passed away with the first apostles, as some people have claimed. For that to have happened, God would have had to change His Name, and that's a scriptural impossibility. He said it Himself: "I AM The LORD, I change not" (Malachi 3:6).

Of course, as Exodus 15:26 confirms, to walk in the healing He has provided for us we do have to hearken to His WORD and keep His commandments. But that's OK because, as born-again believers, we're well-equipped to do both. We not only have a Bible, we have the Holy Spirit living in us so we can always hear God's voice. And because the Love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts (Romans 5:5), we have everything it takes to walk in Love, which fulfills all God's commands.

Will we miss it sometimes? Yes. But God made provision for that. He said, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). So when you miss it, just be quick to repent. Receive God's forgiveness and put that sin behind you. Then get on with the business of serving God and thank Him that He said in Exodus 23:25-26: "Ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he (your angel, see verse 20)

shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil."

I remember one morning after I'd been meditating on those verses, the truth in them went off in me anew as I was driving out of my driveway. Right there in my car I hollered, "I'll never be sick another day in my life hereafter forever! Sickness has been taken from the middle of me. Glory to God!"

It's not that those verses were new to me. I've read, heard and preached on them countless times. But there's always more revelation to be gained from even the most familiar scriptures. You can go back to them again and again, and they'll reenergize your faith every time.

This is why God said in Proverbs 4: "My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh" (verses 20-22, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

The Hebrew word translated *healing and health* can also be translated *medicine*. So I call these verses God's prescription for divine healing. They won't do you any good though, just sitting unread in your Bible. For God's WORD to heal you, you must take it as prescribed.

### Get It in the System

I learned this lesson many years ago when, during some meetings I was preaching in Shreveport, La., I noticed something was wrong with one of my legs. At first, it just felt like a tightness and it didn't bother me much when I was ministering. In between meetings, though, it would get worse. Eventually, one night when I finished preaching, as I stepped off the platform, it hit me so hard it nearly knocked me to the floor.

I knew the healing scriptures, of course, so when I got back to my room I stretched out across the bed and asked The LORD why my faith wasn't working. "LORD, You can't miss it," I said. "So the problem must be with me. Where am I missing it?"

He answered by taking me to Proverbs

4:21, where He told us not to let His words depart from our sight. *You've been quoting the healing scriptures by memory, He said, but you need to do more than remember them. You need to put your eyes on them. You need to open your Bible and read them.*

God's WORD is spiritual food. It feeds your faith just like natural food feeds your body. As The LORD explained it to me, *You can remember what a potato tastes like, but remembering it won't nourish you. To get nourishment from a potato you must eat it and get it into your system. That's what you need to do with My WORD. You need to feed on it and get it into your system.*

To help me do that, I started putting tabs on the pages of my Bible to mark where all the healing scriptures are. They make it easy for me to flip from one to the other. I've found that if I'll read those verses often and keep them before my eyes, I'll be able to see myself healed. Regardless of any symptoms of sickness that might show up in my body, I'll see myself well and speak and act accordingly.

Even if there's nothing wrong with your body right now, practice that. Teach your children and grandchildren to practice it too. Tell them, "The WORD of God says in 1 Peter 2:24 that by the stripes of Jesus we were healed, so we don't talk sickness in our house. No matter how we feel, we say, 'I am healed!'"

Is it easy to keep releasing your faith and saying you're healed when you're hurting? No. But do it anyway. Grit your teeth if you must and keep believing and declaring God's WORD until the force of faith finishes its job and the pain disappears.

It's worth the effort. I can assure you from personal experience. Not only did I get healed from the pain that hit my leg that time in Shreveport (which I realized later was probably the result of a blood clot), I've been healed by faith in The WORD many other times as well. Once, late at night, I was walking across our living room in the dark without my shoes on and rammed my left foot into a big ottoman. I heard a loud pop and knew I'd broken my toe. Although I immediately claimed my healing, when I went to bed

that night, my toe was so tender that even the weight of the sheet hurt it.

The next morning, as soon as I opened my eyes, the devil was right there waiting for me. "Your toe isn't healed!" he said. "Look at it and you'll see, it's all black."

"What do I care if it's black?" I replied. "I have some very good friends whose toes are black all the time. So I am not looking at that toe." Hobbling over to the dresser, I got my socks out of the drawer. I put one on my right foot, then closed my eyes and put the other sock on the left foot.

Afterward, I hobbled into the kitchen where Gloria was preparing breakfast. She saw me limping but didn't say a word about it. We exchanged good mornings, and I said, "Gloria, I want you to agree with me that I'm healed. Last night, I kicked that big green footstool in the living room and broke my toe." She responded by reaching over and laying her hand on me. "Well, you're healed!" she replied.

That morning I had an appointment to talk to a man about an airplane I was planning to buy. So after breakfast I drove out to the airport and hobbled up to the receptionist's desk. "Is Mr. Spinks in, please?" I asked. The receptionist said she'd get him and then nodded toward my foot and asked me what happened.

I replied, "I broke my toe last night, but Jesus said in Mark 11:24, 'Whatever you desire when you pray, believe you receive it and you will have it.' So, I prayed and—praise God!—I want you to know I am healed!"

By that time, she'd already backed off a few steps. So I went on in to see Mr. Spinks. Once we finalized the deal on the airplane, I drove around behind the hanger where the plane was sitting, and when I stepped out of the car, my foot felt fine. I turned it first one way and then the other and the pain in my toe was gone. When I looked at it later, it was still black and blue, but it was healed.

That's how you take God's healing prescription and put the force of faith to work in your life! 📖

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**1**

In the natural, we think about nuclear power being great, but faith power is far greater.  
(1 Jn. 5:4)

**2**

God's faith system operates the same way in every area.  
(Rom. 10:10)

**3**

The Greek word *sozo*, which is translated *save* in English, speaks of healing as well as the new birth.  
(Jas. 5:15)

**4**

Healing is so much a part of who God is that He identifies Himself in Scripture as The LORD who heals you.  
(Ex. 15:26)

**5**

Faith comes by hearing God's WORD, and God's WORD is powerful medicine when you take it as prescribed.  
(Prov. 4:20–22)



# Inside the Vision

Everybody knows the standard answer to the question, “How do you eat an elephant?” It’s easy. One bite at a time.

Applying that proverbial wisdom in real life, however, is not quite as easy as it sounds. Especially when the metaphorical elephant in front of you is a massive God-given vision. Just ask Pastors George and Terri Copeland Pearsons.

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They’ve been waking up to that kind of vision pretty much every morning for the past 47 years—ever since they first went to work for Terri’s family at Kenneth Copeland Ministries. And over the years they’ve found that, while huge parts of the vision have become a reality, instead of getting smaller it keeps expanding.

So does their to-do list.

These days, not only do the Pearsons pastor Eagle Mountain International Church on the grounds of KCM, but Pastor George serves as KCM’s Chief Executive Officer, and Pastor Terri as Chief Visionary Officer. In January 2017, when they took on the roles of CEO and chief visionary officer, Brother Copeland had just received two words of instruction from the Lord concerning KCM. One of those instructions was to *get your house in order*. In other words, get every part of the ministry, its property and facilities in top shape.

The second instruction was to bring the staffs of KCM and EMIC together as one. They were no longer to function as different branches of the ministry. Instead, they were to be brought

together *as one*—under the leadership of one man, George Pearsons.

As Pastor George acknowledges, taking on those two mandates in addition to his true passion, pastoring and pursuing KCM’s mission to get the uncompromised Word of God to people around the world, was a lot to take on.

“People ask us, ‘How do you do this?’” he says. “How do you handle the enormity of the ministry and the vision?”

His answer is simple:

“First, we have the Anointing of God that makes everything easier. And second, we’ve had the opportunity to grow up in it. That’s really helped because operating in the anointing is like playing an instrument. You learn and get better with practice.”

How much practice have George and Terri Pearsons had?

Working with a visionary and prophet like Brother Copeland, they’ve had plenty. According to Pastor Terri, “It’s been this way since 1976 for us: Dad will come in and say we’re going on television...or we’re going to have international





offices...or we're going on every available voice. There's no paragraph. It's just sentences. Then, 'Thank you very much. You're dismissed.'

"From the moment we stepped into this, our job has been to put meat on the bones of those sentences. So, although the scope of what we do has changed and broadened, our basic job is still the same—only bigger. Now, it's not just how do you eat the elephant one bite at a time, but at which end do you start?"

**From Getting Started To Going Full Speed Ahead**

The week Pastor George became CEO, the Lord directed him to start by bringing the KCM/EMIC staffs together for weekly staff chapels.

"He told me to rally the troops. Communicate the vision. Build their faith to believe for and receive the finances for that vision and to meet their own needs."

Pastor George started conducting chapel services immediately, and in the six years that have passed since then, what's happened has been nothing short of supernatural.

"We've been amazed," he says. "Certainly, Terri and I have done our best to help bring everybody together, but what's happened is beyond anything we could have done. It's a work of God. Increasingly all of us—the church, the Bible college (Kenneth Copeland Bible College®), VICTORY Channel™ and all the various departments of KCM—are working together as one and seeing great results. We're exploding in outreach and in the acceleration of being able to accomplish what we have before us.

"We've never been where we are right now spiritually, production wise, and in every way. The LORD has helped us get our house in order. Plus, there's so much excitement in the air about where we're headed. The future is bright. It's clear to us; we're going forward and not drawing back."



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As chief visionary officer, going forward is what Pastor Terri is all about. Like her husband, she's passionate about helping people worldwide learn to live victoriously and develop an uncommon faith, so she's constantly watching and praying over how to get more of the Word of God to more people, in more places, in more ways. And she always has plenty of plans on the drawing board. They don't just involve one area, either.

Pastor Terri's vision includes ministering to people of all languages and all walks of life—bringing the Word and power of God to those in political, educational, entertainment, ministry and missions circles, as well as blessing the nation of Israel. But it goes even further than that.

"God told Brother Oral Roberts to take the gospel to every man's world," she says. "We're to do that, too. So we're working on plans right now to reach more targeted groups; to teach them how faith is relevant and applied in every area of their life and calling.

"Our biggest responsibility is to create an organization whose structure, personnel and culture are conducive to the fulfillment of our mission

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### The Word, The Spirit and Each Other

How do Pastors George and Terri keep up that pace? How do they manage to keep going full speed ahead without burning out?

As Pastor Terri puts it, "By practicing what we preach. By the Word and by the Spirit. We keep the Word going in our ears these days more than ever and we spend plenty of time in Word-fed, Spirit-led prayer."

Another key to their success is their relationship with each other.

A match quite literally made in heaven, they've shared the same mission ever since they met in 1975. As students at Oral Roberts University (she was there to study television production; he was a graphic artist with a call to pastor), even when they were dating, Pastor George says, "We talked about our vision to preach The WORD, do television and art for the gospel, and help Terri's father."

They both readily admit, however, that learning how to do the work of carrying out that vision together has been a process. And it hasn't always been an easy one.

"We've struggled at times over the years," says Pastor Terri. "The two of us have wrestled back and forth over things. But we made it through by sticking with it and believing God to figure this thing out even when it was hard."

Today, they're enjoying the dividends—both in marriage and in ministry.

"We function well together," says Pastor George. "We know our roles. We know our strengths

and our weaknesses. She submits to me on some things, and I submit to her on others. There's no separation between what we do in pastoring the church and how we carry out our responsibilities at the ministry. In everything we do, we always operate out of our pastoral calling. As chief visionary officer though, Terri also operates out of a prophetic anointing. Her job is to look over

into the spirit realm and see what's next. What's happening and what needs to happen? And then to say it.

"In the 45 years we've been married, I've come to recognize that gift in her. And when it starts operating, I just sit back and watch. Then, because of the anointing of administration that comes with my office as a pastor, my responsibility is to take hold of what she sees, shape it, organize it and budget it so that it can get done.

"It's even that way at home," he adds, laughing. "As the visionary, she's the purchasing department. I'm accounts payable. Sometimes in the morning when it's still dark and we're just waking up, she'll say, 'I just saw something!' And I brace myself, wondering, *What am I going to hear next?*"

### The Image of God in You

As Kenneth Copeland's eldest daughter, Pastor Terri's visionary anointing has enabled her to glimpse some aspects of her father's ministry even before he did. Take television for example. In 1974, Brother Copeland had no plans to develop a television ministry, but she could see it coming. So she went to ORU to learn all she could about TV.

What she didn't foresee at the time, however, was how hard that would be. She struggled with the material presented in her classes. When it came to the principles of television production, "I didn't comprehend what the teacher was saying," she recalls. "It was just a blank to me." Wondering if somehow she'd misunderstood the leading of the Lord, she thought, *How could I possibly have made this mistake?*

Then she began listening to a new series of messages her father had just released, entitled *The Image of God in You*. The truths he taught in it made all the difference. She realized that God has put His image, His picture, His vision of and for us, on the inside of us—in our spirit.

"I'd been lifting that revelation to the Lord, when one day as an 18-year-old, just walking down the sidewalk at school, suddenly something tangibly touched my head! It felt almost like something had fallen off a tree onto me and dropped down in me. I froze right there on the sidewalk and thought, *That's the wisdom for TV!*"

"The Bible ties wisdom, understanding and knowledge together. I hadn't been comprehending the knowledge about TV that was presented in my classes because I hadn't had the necessary wisdom or understanding. But now I had it! It was like a light went off on the inside. From that point forward, I began to see the whole scope of television and what it can be in the hands of God. I saw that through television we



George Pearson and Terri Copeland, ORU, 1976

could paint an image on the inside of people—not only with the words that Dad spoke, but with the camera shots, the audio and the timing that pulled it all together.

“Just like you get a picture with your physical eyes when you watch TV, I saw that my job was to make sure the image God was painting when Dad preached was imprinted on people’s spirits. Once I understood that, everything I was learning about television became a tool to make that happen.”

Promotion should not be so much a reward as it is a response to the anointing’s demand for more room to express itself. So do all it takes to increase the power at work within you. Jesus promised that if you’ll be faithful in a little, He will “put you in charge of much” (Matthew 25:21, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). Or as Pastor Terri puts it, “If you will be faithful in what He shows you, faithful in what you see, you will see more.”

Faithfully, she walked in the light the Lord gave her about television and, sure enough, it kept expanding—from a one-hour weekly *Believer’s Voice of Victory* broadcast that aired nationally... to an international broadcast... to a daily half-hour broadcast.

### From the Church to The Revival Capital of the World®

In 1992, the light expanded to include Eagle Mountain International Church.

“Until then, pastoring the church had never been on my radar,” Terri says. “But God dropped it in my heart the same way He’d dropped TV in my heart years before, and suddenly I saw it. George did too. Shortly thereafter, the opportunity to pastor was handed to us and we stepped into it.

“The same kind of suddenly happened again in 2014. After the Lord began reminding me about our future, He repeated what He’d said to Dad about Eagle Mountain being *The Revival Capital of the World*. In a flash, The Revival Capital dropped in my spirit. I saw what it would be and what it meant. I saw that whatever we do—at KCM, in the church, at Kenneth Copeland Bible College®, on VICTORY Channel™—we must do with The Revival Capital in mind.”

That’s something Pastor George has done for a long time. He’s kept the vision for The Revival Capital in mind ever since the day in 1979 when he got his first glimpse of it. Having been on staff at KCM for three years, he’d been tasked with developing the ministry’s publications department when one day, Brother Copeland sat down with him. “George,” he said, “I’m going to share with you the vision I had of The Revival Capital of the World.”

Sensing the sacredness of the moment, George picked up his pen and notepad. Feeling like a spiritual scribe, he took notes as Brother Copeland described the vision in detail. Afterward, he asked George to produce a brochure about it.

Once the brochure was done, Pastor George recalled, Brother Copeland took it to the next Victory Campaign to share with those in attendance. “The Lord had told Brother Copeland that, ‘People will call it The Revival Capital of the World,’ so after that meeting he never mentioned it again.”

“Sometime later, I was preaching at Eagle Mountain Church when I mentioned Revival Capital. Driving home after the service, Terri said to me, ‘Do you realize what you said from the platform during service? You said Revival Capital of the World. The Lord told Dad that people would call it The Revival Capital of the World.’”

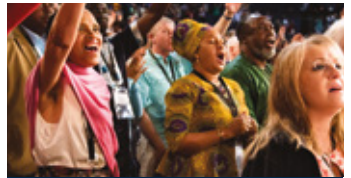
“I gave the only response I knew to give. I told her, ‘Well, I’m a people.’”

“I always kept it in my office. Even though it seemed like it would never happen, I never really let go of that vision. It’s on me. It’s in me, and I dare not give up on it because watching over it is part of my responsibility in perpetuating the heritage of faith. It’s part of the vision God gave Kenneth and Gloria starting back in 1967. Helping see to it that vision is fulfilled is what I’m called to do. My purpose here is to take care of what is precious to Kenneth and Gloria. To watch over it. To make sure that we don’t stray from the founders’ original intent and see to it that we stay the course.

“Early in my life I dreamed of following in the footsteps of my father,” Pastor George says. “An extremely successful graphic artist, he used to take me with him to his office in New York City when I was a little boy. Throughout my childhood and teenage years, I planned to attend school and work in New York, just like he did. But when I came to work here, that vision got swallowed up in Brother Copeland’s vision. I’ve gone much further than I ever dreamed because I submitted my vision to his.”

One of the desires that’s burning brightest in Pastor George’s heart these days is to share that vision with others—especially the KCM Partners. That’s why this month he’s launching his new TV program on VICTORY Channel, called *Inside the Vision*. His mission is essentially to do for the ministry’s Partners, both current and prospective, what the Lord instructed him to do for the KCM/EMIC staffs when he first became CEO: *Rally the troops. Communicate the*

## EVENTS 2023



**Sacramento**  
**Victory Campaign**  
March 23-25  
North Highlands, Calif.

**Branson**  
**Victory Campaign**  
April 13-15 | Branson, Mo.

**Chattanooga**  
**Victory Campaign**  
June 22-24 | Chattanooga, Tenn.

**Southwest**  
**Believers’**  
**Convention**  
July 31-Aug. 5  
Fort Worth, Texas

**St. Louis**  
**Victory Campaign**  
Oct. 26-28 | St. Louis, Mo.

**Omaha**  
**Victory Campaign**  
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Holy Ghost Meetings  
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Word of His Power Conference  
Feb. 24-26  
North Miami Beach, Fla.  
[wordsoflife.com](http://wordsoflife.com)

Word of Faith Convention  
Aug. 9-11 : Southfield, Mich.  
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vision. Build their faith to believe for and receive the finances for that vision as well as for the vision they have for their own lives.

“One of the things I’ve endeavored to do in the Victory Campaigns in recent years is to give our Partners what I call *vision slivers*. Through those slivers, I’m able to give them just a quick glimpse of some of the thrilling things that KCM is doing. For instance, I share with them about how we’re helping evangelistic outreaches win hundreds of thousands of souls to The LORD...and about the \$8.5 million KCM gave to help get Ukrainian Jews to Israel this past year.

“You did those things! I tell our Partners. ‘Kenneth Copeland didn’t pull that money out of his pocket and neither did I. Your giving is what made it possible. It’s written in heaven that *you* won those 100,000 souls. That *you* funded the return to Israel of 40,000 Jews.’

“When the Partners hear that, I can see it in their eyes: They get it!”

Through *Inside the Vision*, Pastor George looks forward to expanding those vision slivers. He’s excited about not only telling, but showing through video updates, interviews and testimonies, more of the thrilling things that are happening through KCM. About bringing to life, right before people’s eyes how, through their partnership with this ministry, they are dramatically changing people’s lives.

“I want all our Partners to know how much we appreciate and love them,” says Pastor George. “I want them to know that every time we do something, they are right there with us. That it’s because of their giving that we are able to accomplish what we do.”

“We also want them to realize,” adds Pastor Terri, “that when they connect to our vision, they become partakers of our grace, as the Apostle Paul said in Philippians 1:7. They not only partake of the grace of God that’s imparted to them through the teaching they receive from KCM. They not only share equally in the reward for every soul saved, every person healed, every life changed through the outreaches of this ministry. They partake of the grace that’s on us to receive vision. The grace that causes the light to shine on what God has called them to accomplish in their own lives.”

These days, both Pastors George and Terri are believing God more than ever before for all the ministry’s Partners and Friends to catch this revelation: When you give into the vision God has given KCM, you draw from it a greater capacity to receive your own vision. You connect to the same anointing that’s on Kenneth and Gloria, and Pastors George and Terri, to see the big plan God has for you—and to keep walking it out...one step at a time. ⑦



“Our biggest responsibility is to create an organization whose structure, personnel and culture are conducive to the fulfillment of our mission statement, and which is measured by the goals that we set and the efficiency with which we meet them.”

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# Jump Into the Deep

Commander  
Kellie's  
Corner

## Happy New Year, Superkid!



I believe 2023 is going to be very different.  
I don't know what life will be like for  
everyone, but it can be different for you and  
me if we decide we are going to be different.

The word *different* means “not alike, ordinary or usual.” What kind of different will we be? Here are a few kinds:

Different than we have been. Different than the world. Different than others (unique). Different from what we look like on the outside. Different than yesterday. Different than others expect us to be. Or what about being different in ways we can't even imagine?

Let's call it a year of exploration: looking for new and exciting worlds and wonders. I'm talking about entering new realms and seeing things the Bible talks about happening, now. Like the glory of God filling up a room and miraculous things happen! A realm is a kingdom or domain where anything prevails or takes charge. We really belong to the kingdom of heaven. As we begin to walk in greater faith and glory, Jesus will take us into the deep things of God!

Superkid, this isn't just for grown-ups. If the miraculous is for anyone, it is for you! Read what Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 18:1-4, *The Passion Translation*:

“Who is considered to be the greatest in heaven's kingdom realm?... Learn this well: Unless you dramatically change your way of thinking and become teachable like a little child, you will never be able to enter in. Whoever continually humbles himself to become like this

little child is the greatest one in heaven's kingdom realm.”

Superkid, you don't have to change your thinking to be like an adult. They must change (be different) to be like YOU to “enter in” and be great in the kingdom of heaven!

I remember a sudden “entering in” at the swimming pool when I was a kid. Standing on the diving board, I was afraid to jump. I wasn't on the high dive, but it sure felt like it to this 6-year-old! My swim teacher stood on the side of the pool encouraging me and saying, “Kellie! You'll be fine! You can do it!” I stood there, not ready for the diving board or the deep end of the pool. I looked to find my swim teacher, but she wasn't there. Suddenly she was behind me, pushing me in! The next thing I knew, I had “entered” the deep end! Afterward, I realized I had nothing to be afraid of, the jump and the water were fun!

Superkid, the Lord wants us to jump into life with Him, like my teacher wanted me to jump in the water. He's not

on the sidelines but He's right there—leading, teaching and encouraging us to follow. Jesus isn't just shoving us in, He is preparing us to flourish in this adventurous life.

As Jesus fills us with new thoughts, courage and adventures, we should keep the picture of the diving board in mind. As the disciples followed Jesus, healing, power, signs and wonders followed THEM everywhere they went. What about you, Superkid? Will you jump in with me? Can we explore new thoughts and the reality of being true children of the Most High God? Are we willing to go beyond our past ideas of what it means to be a Superkid and jump into 2023 ready to be a super-natural kid?

Yes?

Well, hold your nose and jump in! The Kingdom is ready for a bold explorer like you! We are going to discover just how different we can be.

Commander Kellie ❤️



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# TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

## Turnaround!

I asked your prayer warriors to pray for the salvation of my granddaughter. Well, it worked. God took this young lady who was so bad and filled her with love and compassion. She is now a minister traveling all over testifying to children and saving souls. I'm so proud that now she is praying for Grandma. Thank You, Jesus!

C.M.

## FlashPoint Partners

My wife and I have been Partners with KCM since 2006. We have always had a hunger for more of God and for more revelation knowledge of His Word.

Since we started watching *FlashPoint*, this hunger and desire has grown a lot! During one video Gene Bailey told how to donate online to *FlashPoint*. I thought to myself, *We*

*should do this.* So I said out loud, "Lord, we will partner with *FlashPoint* specifically, just as we are Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries." Something seemed to ignite in my spirit! I could feel and sense a fresh anointing and power permeate me and our home.

D.K. | Iowa

## No More Pain

*When Nancy Dufresne prayed for healing and mentioned hip, I didn't notice anything right away, but the next morning, I was pain free and have been ever since.*

G.P. | Maine

## 'Continuing To Grow'

Two years ago, I started to grow spiritually. I know that I am continuing to grow and it's because of you and other ministries on VICTORY Channel™.

D.W. | Michigan

## Sowing and Reaping

The Holy Spirit impressed on me to call the prayer line and to sow £20 in regard to my A-Level results, which would determine whether I got accepted into university or not. I just found out that I have been firmly accepted. Praise God!

C.C.

## Record Cleared

I requested prayer for my husband regarding a work problem. His name was cleared and he's back at work. Glory to God for answered prayer, and thank you, Partners.

M.B. | Ohio

## Online Blessings

Dear Pastor George, Ever since your message on the goodness of God, I have found myself praying in the spirit. What a glorious message you gave us. Thank you for the loving words you shared with us. I am an online member and have received so much from your teaching. Thank you for all you and Pastor Terri do for the Body of Christ.

A.P. | California

## Grateful and Blessed

I am grateful that I can call KCM, and someone who has faith for healing, finances, family or any other concern will pray. For many years I have turned to KCM for believing prayer. Today has been one of those days I wanted to bow under the weight but the Word filled me up! I am blessed.

A.N.

## Everything I Asked For

I sent in a prayer request after learning I needed a tooth extracted. I was concerned about pain because no dentist had been able to completely numb my mouth. I felt the Lord directed me to have it done while visiting in another state.

An unusual name kept coming to my mind. When I looked up dentists in that area, one of them had that name. By faith, I made an appointment with him. I am so glad I did—he was an expert. I was done in 20 minutes, had no pain during the procedure, and didn't need anything for pain after. It was everything I asked the Lord to provide.

Thank you for your prayers and for teaching your Partners how to pray, hear the Lord and trust Him. It has certainly blessed me.

N.O. | Texas

## Covenant Benefits

I slipped on the staircase one night and my foot and ankle were very painful the next morning. I watched EMIC's broadcast while they ministered on healing. As they prayed, I received my healing and was able to walk. Though still a bit tender, I knew the completion was happening! I thank God for my covenant and for EMIC.

R.C. | California

## Faith in Action

I've been watching *BVOV* all week. I asked the Lord for an eye appointment for cataract removal. I said and believed that this would happen before we were to leave for Europe. I kept

calling but the phones weren't working at the office, so I went there in person. (I said it, I did it and I believed it.) I received it by faith and it became manifest with an appointment four days before

we were to leave. According to the office, there were no appointments available. God, in His mercy and grace, made a way. S.M. | California

## 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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# Be 'All-In' With the Word

Mark 4:23-25 in the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, reads: “If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening and let him perceive and comprehend. And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue (power) and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear. For to him who has [ears to hear] will more be given; and from him who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away [by force].”

We are the ones who determine how much power and knowledge flows in our lives—not God. The greater the place we give the Word, the greater the degree of power that will flow. In other words, how we treat the Word

will determine how much we receive from God. How we treat the Word will determine whether or not we will receive our answer and our miracle.

No matter what belongs to us in Christ, we will only partake of it to the measure we are *interested* in it. None of us want to fail simply because we aren't interested enough to give the Word first place in our lives.

## Neglecting the Spiritual

For example, Esau wasn't interested in the birthright that belonged to him and traded it for a bowl of soup—something natural. Sometimes, we are robbed simply due to our lack of interest in that area. We get distracted by the natural things of life and neglect the spiritual inheritance that is ours to possess. We must stir ourselves up toward what is ours in Christ and focus on the plan God has for our life.

Caleb was interested in what God had for him and his nation. His interest showed in that he was *wholehearted* toward God and His Word. In other words, he was “all-in.” When his whole generation died prematurely he didn't die because he was wholehearted toward God's Word.

The Word is not a common book. When people treat the Word as a common book, their lives will break down and the adversary will have no trouble overthrowing them in a crisis. If people treat the Word as common, they don't receive what they need—healing, prosperity, victory, etc. Lightly esteeming the Word is dangerous because God meets our needs and delivers us by the Word.

First Samuel 2:30 says, “For those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed” (*AMPC*). God and His Word are one. How we treat the Word is how we treat God. When we show honor for the Word, we are honored by it.

Some are suffering today because they don't give the Word first place in their lives.



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When the Word is important to us, it will direct what we fill our days with. We are to be interested enough in receiving our help and answers to give the Word first place in our lives.

When we are believing God for a miracle, there can be no room in our thought life, or in our words, for anything but what He says. Especially when faced with a need, we are to give an all-out effort to be all-in with the Word. By that, I mean give it your all, give it your best. Put the Word first in your life. In every situation ask yourself, *What does the Word say about this?*

Proverbs 4:20-22 tells us, “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.” When we're in need of a miracle, or anything else for that matter, we cannot allow our attention to go toward anything other than what God said. We must be interested enough in what God provided for us to give it our full attention. We must put the Word first.

Lilian B. Yeomans was a medical doctor who ended up on her deathbed. She connected with God through His Word and began believing Him for healing. Even though she had troubling symptoms, she would sit day after day and feed on healing scriptures—filling her spirit with

the healing Word. After a short while, she realized that every symptom was gone. She didn't even know when they had left, because her attention was focused on God's Word and not the symptoms.

### Give the Word Full Attention

Victory comes when the Word gains our full attention—when we get fully into the Word. Be interested enough in your victory to give the Word your *full* attention. Get full of the Word. When we give the Word our full attention and are all-in toward the Word, it won't take long for our answer to show up!

As we feed on the Word, God can show us the remedy for our situation. Sometimes, the remedy is just to give the Word its proper place in our life and in our attention.

What has God been dealing with you about lately? Whatever it is, that's His Word to you today. To not address what God is dealing with you about can be costly.

There have been times when God has said to me, “The window for you to make that correction is closing.” It's dangerous not to make changes when God gives you the opportunity to do so. As Jesus stated in Mark 4:24, “The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue (power) and knowledge] that comes back to you” (*AMPC*).

As we give the Word first place in our lives, we increase the measure of power and knowledge that flows in our lives. So let's decide now to be *all-in* with the Word! 📺



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# NEVER TOO LATE

Denver Urlaub stepped outside, his breath forming clouds in the frigid air. He stood still, taking in the gorgeous scenery surrounding where he and his wife, Stacey, lived on 20 acres of stunning Alaskan wilderness.

Located in the center of the state, they were 30 miles from the Denali National Park, where sun glinted off snowcapped mountain peaks. At night you could see the neon colors of the northern lights. Secluded from most people, their land was alive with all kinds of wildlife.

Ice and snow covered the ground as Denver worked on the log house he'd built. Sweeping snow away, he froze as pain gripped his shoulder. At 49, he was healthy and strong. Yet now, in addition to the shoulder pain, he felt weak.

Inside, the pain kept him from finding a comfortable position. He couldn't get relief sitting or walking. It got so intense

that he cried out to God for mercy.

"Do you want to go to the hospital?" Stacey asked.

That was a drawback to living in one of the most beautiful places on earth. It was 100 miles to the nearest hospital.

"If this comes back, I'd better be closer than 100 miles."

"Let's go," Stacey said.

Getting him into the car, she started the long drive on icy roads. Several times Denver insisted that he felt better and asked her to take him home.

"No," she said, "you need to be checked out."

The long, slow journey gave Denver



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		Old Testament	New Testament
Sun	1	Ps. 1-5; Prov. 1:1-19	
Mon	2	Gen. 1:1-3:7	Matt. 1
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Wed	4	Gen. 5:21-8:5	Matt. 3
Thu	5	Gen. 8:6-10:19	Matt. 4
Fri	6	Gen. 10:20-12:20	Matt. 5
Sat	7	Gen. 13-15	
Sun	8	Ps. 6-9; Prov. 1:20-33	
Mon	9	Gen. 16:1-18:21	Matt. 6
Tue	10	Gen. 18:22-20:13	Matt. 7
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Thu	12	Gen. 23:1-24:49	Matt. 9
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Thu	26	Gen. 44:18-48:16	Matt. 19
Fri	27	Gen. 48:17-50:26	Matt. 20
Sat	28	Ex. 1:1-3:12	
Sun	29	Ps. 18; Prov. 3:19-35	
Mon	30	Ex. 3:13-5:21	Matt. 21
Tue	31	Ex. 5:22-7:25	Matt. 22

time to reflect on his life. Somehow the pain in his shoulder had loosed memories better-off forgotten.

He'd been raised in northern Michigan. His parents always went to church, and at 9 he'd been saved at church camp. At 14, he'd received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and was called into the ministry.

At 15, Denver had left home and traveled 758 miles to attend a Christian school. After high school, at 16 he had enrolled for one year in Evangel College and later graduated from North Central Bible College at 19.

After working as a youth pastor and assistant pastor, he'd accepted the pastorate of a church in Michigan. He'd married and had five children. It hadn't been a marriage made in heaven, Denver remembers. Most wives tell their husbands how much they love them. His wife told him on a regular basis that she *didn't* love him.

Things started coming apart at the seams in 1986, when he'd fallen and cut his foot under a lawn mower. Then a fire destroyed the parsonage where he and his family lived. They lost everything.

At a conference, Denver shared what had happened with another attendee. "God is after you," the man said. "You'd better duck or He's going to kill you."

That confirmed what Denver had always suspected.

God didn't love him either.

He resigned from pastoring and went to work for the Michigan State Police. A while after, his marriage ended in divorce. Wounded and unloved, he'd worked hard in other businesses until he'd met and married Stacey. Moving to Alaska, they had started over.

Now this.

Arriving at the hospital, Denver was rushed to the emergency room. In a blur of activity, he had an EKG, X-rays and bloodwork. Then the doctor laid it on the line.

"You had a heart attack," he said. "Your heart is screaming for oxygen. You need a stent. If you don't get it, you'll be dead by morning. You could die before we get it in. Your body could reject the stent after the procedure. But without it, you don't have a chance to live."

Denver knew that in the next second he could see God.

He had no idea what God would say to him—and no time to make it right.

### Facing Eternity

"When you come within one heartbeat from seeing God, you don't care what anybody else thinks," Denver recalls. "You just want to know what God thinks. I'd heard a lot of people talk about what they believed God thought. I'd been among the Lutherans, the Assemblies of God and the Baptists.

"Everyone had an opinion: Once saved always saved. You could backslide. You could lose your salvation. But when you come close to seeing eternity, you just want the truth. I believed in Jesus, but I was spiritually conflicted. I'd made so many bad choices. So many wrong decisions. Did God love me? Could I be forgiven?"

As soon as Denver returned home from the hospital, he did something he hadn't done in 20 years.

"I turned on Christian television," Denver recalls. "I was feeling sorry for myself. I kept thinking that if I hadn't made so many mistakes, I might have impacted people for Jesus. T.D. Jakes was preaching, and I liked him. When the camera panned the audience, my bitterness spewed out.

"I pointed at a man and said, 'He's a drug dealer, yet he's sitting in church!' I looked at a lady and said, 'She's a hooker.' To the next guy I said, 'He must be a pimp!'

"I heard the Lord say, *I love those people.*

"Sure, You love everybody,' I quipped.

"God grabbed me by the collar and sat me straight up on that couch. I felt His finger in my face. He said, *I love those people just like I love Jesus! Like I love you! How do you think you can get people to come to Jesus when you don't even like them? I need you to start loving people.*

"For the next 30 minutes, God shined a light on my prejudices," said Denver. "I had reasons for not liking people. I didn't like Germans because they killed the Jews, even though I was of German descent. I didn't like



the Japanese because they bombed Pearl Harbor. I didn't like the South because they fought against the North in the Civil War. For some reason, I didn't like Black people. I didn't know why.

"The Lord reminded me that I wasn't alive during the Civil War. I wasn't alive when Pearl Harbor was bombed. My life was being controlled by bitterness against whole groups of people and events that had nothing to do with me. I didn't hear another word that T.D. Jakes said. I picked up the remote and turned off the television. I was stunned.

#### Infusion of Faith

"Then the Lord said one more thing: *Do you think you could get Kenneth Copeland on that television of yours?*"

Denver had heard Kenneth preach once in 1979. He'd preached from Ephesians on being seated with Christ in heavenly places. Picking up the remote, Denver searched for Brother Copeland's program and set it to record. From that morning forward, he got up each day and listened to Kenneth teach on faith.

Over time, faith rose in his heart. Faith that God loved him. Faith that he could be forgiven. Faith that it wasn't too late to serve Him.

One day Denver turned to Stacey.

"You know how we go somewhere every year to celebrate our anniversary? I've got a great idea. This year let's go to the Southwest Believers' Convention."

Stacey listened, staying quiet. There were some things she'd never told Denver. He had no idea that she wasn't a true Christian. That she'd committed the unpardonable sin and couldn't be forgiven.

"I wasn't raised in a Christian family," Stacey explains. "My father was an alcoholic and we never went to church except for one brief stint when my uncle talked us into going. At age 9, I was born again. There was a lot of cursing in our house, which I repeated. One day I visited my Sunday school teacher and cursed.

"She sat me down and showed me in the Bible that I'd just committed a sin that

couldn't be forgiven. I grew up believing in God and Jesus, but I knew I'd messed up so bad that I could never be forgiven.

#### Truth Revealed

"Years later, when I was an adult, I met a woman who went to a Pentecostal church. She talked me into going. I'd never heard about the Holy Spirit or speaking in tongues. They had special services where everyone in church prayed for me to speak in tongues. They told me, 'You'll just start praying in other tongues.' It never happened, and I had no idea what was going on. I felt so much pressure that after a few weeks I stopped going to church.

"I concluded that my Sunday school teacher had been right. I wasn't saved because I couldn't be forgiven. That's why I couldn't pray in tongues. Whenever I had occasion to be in church, I always looked at Christians as a special group of people. They were the ones God loved.

"Since I wasn't really a Christian, I didn't want to go to the Believers' Convention. I stayed busy while Denver watched the broadcast. One morning I was washing dishes when Kenneth began preaching on Romans 8:1, 'There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.'

"Kenneth said that the sin we committed happened *then*. But the Bible said that *now* we weren't condemned. I thought that couldn't really be in the Bible. Then I realized that I'd never read one. I'd taken other people's word about what it said. I went to a shelf and blew the dust off a Bible. Then I found Romans 8:1. It said just what Kenneth said it did.

"I could hardly grasp the concept that maybe I wasn't condemned. That's when I started watching the broadcast with Denver and looking up scriptures. A 30-minute program might take us two hours to watch. We paused the recording and looked up each verse."

"One day Kenneth said that God would give us the desires of our hearts," Stacey remembers. "I thought, *I don't know what the desire*

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*of my heart would be. I don't have any desires. I'm content.* Then something stirred in me, and I heard these words come out of my mouth: "Well, there is one thing I desire. I'd like to go to Africa."

Where had that come from?

Every day, Denver and Stacey read one chapter from the Old Testament and another from the New Testament. They also began attending church and memorizing scripture. One verse in particular grabbed Denver and wouldn't let him go.

It was James 1:27, which says, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" (*New King James Version*).

A couple in their church had visited an orphanage in South Sudan and supported some of the children there. Denver and Stacey had sent money, sponsoring three children. They got a letter from Oliver, a 10-year-old orphan they'd sponsored. He ended the letter saying, "Please come to Africa and visit me."

Tears streamed down Denver's face. He didn't know what to say. He wasn't even sure where South Sudan was located. However, he knew there was war there and people were dying.

He and Stacey contacted the orphanage to ask about visiting. They were told that because of the war, no one was being allowed to visit. "But since your friends have already been here, we'll make an exception. You can come in February of 2013."

The following February, Denver and Stacey began making plans to go to Africa.

### **An Explosion of Truth**

In 2012, Denver and Stacey attended the SWBC. They listened intently as Brother Copeland taught on how righteousness is from Jesus.

"My senior year in high school," Denver said, "I'd memorized 471 verses from the Bible. I believed in Jesus. I knew He rose from the dead. I tithed and honored God. But somehow I trusted in myself to be enough to please God. Therefore, I believed that my works could also displease God. During that message, all of those wrong beliefs blew up like the explosion of the Hindenburg. Every lie the devil used to hold me captive disintegrated and I was set free.

"We arrived for Pre-Service Prayer and found

they'd broken us up into groups. When we found our assigned group, the sign read: *Today we're praying for widows and orphans.* During prayer, I had a vision of a little boy laying alone in the dust. He looked weak, dirty and torn. Somehow, I was there to help him. Soon, other children of all ages joined him. By the end of the vision, they were standing with raised hands, worshipping God. Afterward, we knew we were called to go to Africa."

The first evening they attended Pre-Service Prayer, Terri Copeland Pearsons explained that everyone was supposed to listen to her while praying in the Holy Spirit. *Here we go again!* Stacey thought. *Now what am I going to do?* She would have left, but she'd purposed in her heart not to miss anything during the meeting. So she decided to stay and pray in English. Except, when she prayed, the words didn't come out in English.

She prayed in other tongues as if she'd done it all her life.

"I finally got my prayer language!" Stacey says. "But that wasn't all God did for me. Sixteen years earlier, I had been in a skydiving accident and crushed some vertebrae in my back. I had been in pain every day since. If I sat too long, it hurt. If I stood too long, it hurt. If I lay too long, it hurt.

"It wasn't until Friday of the convention that I realized I hadn't experienced pain all week. I believe the Lord healed me at the beginning of the conference. With knees shaking and my heart pounding, I went forward and gave my testimony."

### **The Miracle of a New Heart**

Denver received a miracle too. During the conference, the love of God so filled his heart that he fell in love with people. He loved them so much that he tried to talk to everyone.

"Hi, my name is Denver," he said to a stranger. "What's yours?"

"My name is David, and I'm from Uganda."

David Condole, a pastor, was a longtime Partner with KCM. The men quickly became friends.

Later, David called Denver.

"Will you preach at my home church in Mukono?"

With that call, Denver and Stacey's trip to South Sudan to visit an orphanage grew to include preaching in Uganda. Denver hung up the phone and swallowed hard.



and wanted me to come teach the pastors in their villages. That began our ministry, Loving the Majesty Ministries. It grew from six weeks the first year to three months the next year. Now we go for six months each year.

“Over the last 10 years, we’ve ministered in 37 villages in Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya, using interpreters to translate our messages in 10 different languages. Stacey, who used to be shy, takes the microphone and preaches her heart out. In addition to pastors’ and believers’ conventions for adults, we’ve also developed children’s crusades. Like the vision God gave me, we’ve seen thousands of children worshipping God.

“All over Africa you see signs saying that God is great. But they’re referring to Allah. We tell them the truth. ‘There is no God named Allah. You pray the same words five times a day. Nobody hears you

because Mohammed is dead. We pray without ceasing because Jesus was raised from the dead. God is with us.’ In the last five years, we have seen 2,974 accept Jesus.”

During KCM’s Anchorage Victory Campaign, Kenneth Copeland laid hands on Denver and Stacey, and prophesied that they function in the fivefold ministry. “You are apostles to the nations, and you are pastors to pastors and apostles to children,” he told them.

“The uncompromising Word of God taught by KCM changed our lives,” Denver says. “The anointing on this ministry is so strong that I’ve gone to Africa and preached sermons I’ve never heard. Later, back home, I hear the same message being taught by Kenneth, Jerry Savelle and Jesse Duplantis. That’s the anointing that comes on me through partnership with this ministry.”

If there’s one thing that Denver and Stacey Urlaub want you to know, it’s this:

It’s *never* too late to live by faith. ♡

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He hadn’t preached in 25 years.

In February 2013 they arrived in Uganda, enroute to South Sudan, with suitcases filled with shoes, Bibles and sheets. After fulfilling their commitments there, they were driving through the city of Mukono when Denver looked at the mass of humanity. In a city of 2 million, the streets and sidewalks were crowded with traffic, pedestrians and heat.

“As I looked out over all those people, I felt overwhelmed with the love of God,” Denver remembers. “I preached on the finished work of Jesus. Before we left, we were asked to come back the following year and preach an eight-day believers’ convention. I knew in that moment God was giving me a second chance to answer the call on my life. My answer would change our lives and change eternity. I would never turn away from that call again.”

When they returned home, Denver recalls, people in Africa started contacting him on Facebook. “They said they heard me preach



by Gloria Copeland



## GOD'S SHINING PATH

Initially, most people are excited when they realize God has a Master Plan for their lives. Their hearts leap at the thought of discovering their divine calling and destiny.

Eager to pursue their God-ordained purpose, they lace up their spiritual running shoes and get ready to go for it.

Sadly, however, many of those people stumble and fall before they even get started. They trip over the same obstacle that has stopped countless others from wholeheartedly following God's Master Plan.

They are stopped cold by fear.

What are they afraid of?

Any number of things. They're afraid God's plan will be too hard, that it will cost them more than it will pay. They're afraid His plan won't be any fun, or that it will leave them unfulfilled, dissatisfied and deprived of the pleasures of life. They're afraid God will ask more from them than they have the strength to give.

But, according to the Bible, nothing could be further from the truth. It tells us again and again that God is good, and that His plans for us are glorious. It assures us He will give us

the desires of our hearts and, when the going gets tough, He'll substitute His strength for our weakness.

I've done a lot of studying and preaching about the goodness of God and found that many people are totally shocked when they realize how good God actually is. For years, they've believed all the pain and heartache they've experienced in life has come from Him. Some have been religiously taught that God sends those hurts and hardships to teach them something. Some think God could help them if He wanted to, but He just doesn't care. Others have been hurt and disappointed so many times, they've come to the conclusion God is simply against them, that He truly *is* knocking them in the head.

But the fact is, God is not the source of pain and suffering in the world. He's not our problem.

Satan, the enemy of God, is the problem. He is the one who has bad plans for people. He is





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the one who is trying to steal from them and destroy them every time they turn around. God is endeavoring to bless us and give us abundant life. Jesus Himself told us that in John 10:10: "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that [you] may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)" (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Jesus said if we would just connect with His plan by loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves, we would live and "enjoy active, blessed, endless life in the kingdom of God" (Luke 10:28, *AMPC*). He didn't tell us that God would do bad things to His obedient children in order to teach them something. On the contrary, Jesus said: "Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:9-11, *New King James Version*).

The Apostle Paul later echoed those truths when he wrote, "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17, *NKJV*).

Clearly, God isn't the one trying to make us miserable. He isn't the one hounding us with sickness, lack and destruction. The Bible flatly contradicts such thinking. It assures us that because we're His children and He is a loving Father, God wants us to enjoy life. He wants to give us good gifts. As 3 John 2 says, He wants us to prosper and be in health, even as [our] soul prospers.

**Don't Buy the Same Old Lie**

The devil, however, has been lying to God's people about Him since the world began. He's been talking them out of God's Master Plan by telling them that God can't be fully trusted, that He wants to rob them of the best life has to offer.

Ever since the Garden of Eden, the devil has been slithering around telling people God isn't really good, after all. He's been saying, "If you'll just follow me, I'll show you a better way. I'll free you from the bondage of God's command so you can truly live the good life."

That's what he told Adam and Eve.

Amazingly enough, they believed it. That, in itself, is a marvel. After all, God had already demonstrated His goodness to them in every conceivable way. He had created a world for them where everything was good. He'd put them in a beautiful place where their every need was abundantly supplied. Their food grew on trees. They didn't have to sow or reap. They didn't even have to cook or wash dishes. Adam had a perfect wife. Eve had a perfect husband. There was no pain, sickness or grief in their lives. God had given them full fellowship with Him and complete dominion on the earth. His Master Plan for them was to enjoy His blessings, be fruitful, multiply and reign as kings over this planet.

Talk about a great plan! What else could anyone want?

But they let the devil deceive them out of it. Then listened to him when he told them the one command God had given them was meant to deprive instead of bless them. They believed God was trying to keep them from blessings by telling them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

They let the devil convince them he had a better plan.

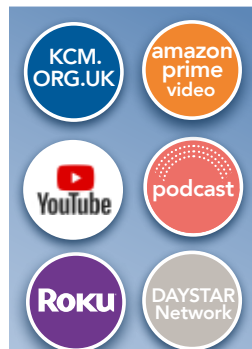
Before the day was out, Adam and Eve found out what his "better plan" included: spiritual death and separation from God, the darkness of sin, and the curse that comes with it. If Adam and Eve had chosen God's path, they would have never experienced sickness, sadness or death. There would have been no murder, homelessness or lack in their family, as they later experienced.

But they made the wrong choice. They stepped off God's shining path onto the devil's—a slippery slope that always leads to sorrow and death.

That's the difference between God's

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path and the devil's. The devil's path often looks good initially: Sin does offer passing pleasures (Hebrews 11:25). But the longer you stay on that path, the darker your life becomes.

The path of God's Master Plan is just the opposite. Initially it may seem less inviting. It may require you to make some choices that seem difficult. But the longer you stay on God's path, the better and brighter your life will be and the more of His blessings you will enjoy.

As Proverbs 4:18 says, "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more until the perfect day."

**“His Master Plan for them was to enjoy His blessings, be fruitful, multiply and reign as kings over this planet.”**



### **Get Ready for Some Surprises**

God's shining path—glorious as it may be—is anything but predictable. There are always surprises along the way. Some of the things God has planned for you may even shock you at first. They may be entirely different from what you had in mind for your life. I'm living proof of that.

The last thing I ever thought I'd be was a Bible teacher. I had other ideas for my life. When I was in high school, I set my sights on a job that would allow me to travel and make a little money in the process. Compared to what I do now, that job looks so pitiful and low it seems almost silly. But I was excited about it back then. I hadn't been anywhere. I hadn't done anything much. So it looked big to me.

I didn't plan on marrying for a while, either. I wanted to be on my own, and when I did marry, I certainly didn't want to marry a preacher. I always said that was one thing I'd *never* do.

In a way, I kept that promise because Ken appeared to be anything but a preacher when I married him. He didn't look like a preacher, he didn't talk like a preacher, and he didn't act like a preacher. Professionally, he was a pilot. Socially, he was a comedian and the life of every party. So the preacher part of him was well-disguised.

Still, it was a miracle that we ever got together. I'm convinced that the only reason it happened was because it was a part of God's Master Plan for our lives.

Although neither of us was born again back then, God knew our hearts. He knew we were going to respond to Him down the road. He knew the end from the beginning (as only He can), so in His mercy and grace He was maneuvering us into place even before we committed our lives to Him.

Actually, Ken and I would never have met had my father not insisted on it. He met Ken at a party one Saturday night, was impressed with him, and wanted to introduce me to him. As a college girl, I couldn't have cared less about meeting my dad's friends. But he insisted, so Sunday morning we went to meet

Ken at the insurance company penthouse where he was staying.

When Ken opened the door, it looked to me like a light was shining behind him. At the time, I assumed it was natural light coming from a window. But years later, when I went back to that place, I realized there was no window there. The light I had seen must have been a supernatural kind of light.

While the others chatted inside, Ken and I went out on the balcony that overlooked the city and talked for a while. It was amazing how comfortable I felt with him. Later, when we took him to the airport, we were walking side by side and I just patted him on the back like I'd known him forever. Then he went home to Texas and I went back to college.

About six weeks later, I was home from college one weekend. Though I had not heard anything from Ken since we'd met weeks earlier, I *knew* he was going to call me that weekend! My parents were going out of town and invited me to go along, but something—now I realize it was the Spirit of God—told me not to go because that guy I had met weeks before was going to call.

So I stayed home and, sure enough, he called. We had our first date and when we got home that night, he walked me to the porch and then did something that totally stunned me. He asked, "Will you marry me?"

Dear heavens! He hadn't even kissed me. I was so shaken by his abrupt proposal that before I even thought about it, I said, "OK." Then I went into the house and closed the door. (We still laugh about that abrupt proposal and acceptance.)

After I went to bed that night the reality of what I'd done began to dawn on me. I lay awake for hours thinking, *Why did I say that? I don't want to get married. I hardly know this guy. I've only been with him a few hours. What was I thinking?*

As I finally drifted off to sleep, I shrugged the whole thing off. *Oh well*, I thought, *I can get out of it later.*

More than 60 years have come and gone since then and I'm not out of it yet. I'm in

deeper than ever...and I wouldn't have it any other way.

### God May Have a Better Idea

Perhaps today you're like I was when I first connected with God's Master Plan. Perhaps you have some ideas of your own that you hope will be included in God's plan for you. That's OK...but be ready for some surprises because God may just have a better idea.

Marrying Ken wasn't in my plan, but it was in God's Master Plan for me. Preaching the gospel wasn't on the path I had mapped out for myself, but it was on the shining path God had prepared for me. Those things came as a surprise, and they've turned out to be wonderful blessings.

The life God had planned for me is more that I could have dreamed of as a 19-year-old college sophomore from Arkansas. That little career I had my eye on back then would have been a total bore compared to what God had in mind. Looking back at it now, I realize it would have left me tired, empty and unfulfilled.

God knew that. He understood my heart better than I did.

Now, after years of following God's shining path for me, I can't even think of anything I'd rather do than what I'm doing right now. I wouldn't trade places with anyone else on earth. I am as thrilled with my life as I could possibly be.

I've literally seen the promise God gave in Psalm 25:12-13 come true in my life. It says, "Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best. He shall live within God's circle of blessing, and his children shall inherit the earth" (*The Living Bible*).

I live in a circle of God's blessing...and that circle just keeps getting better every day! 🙏

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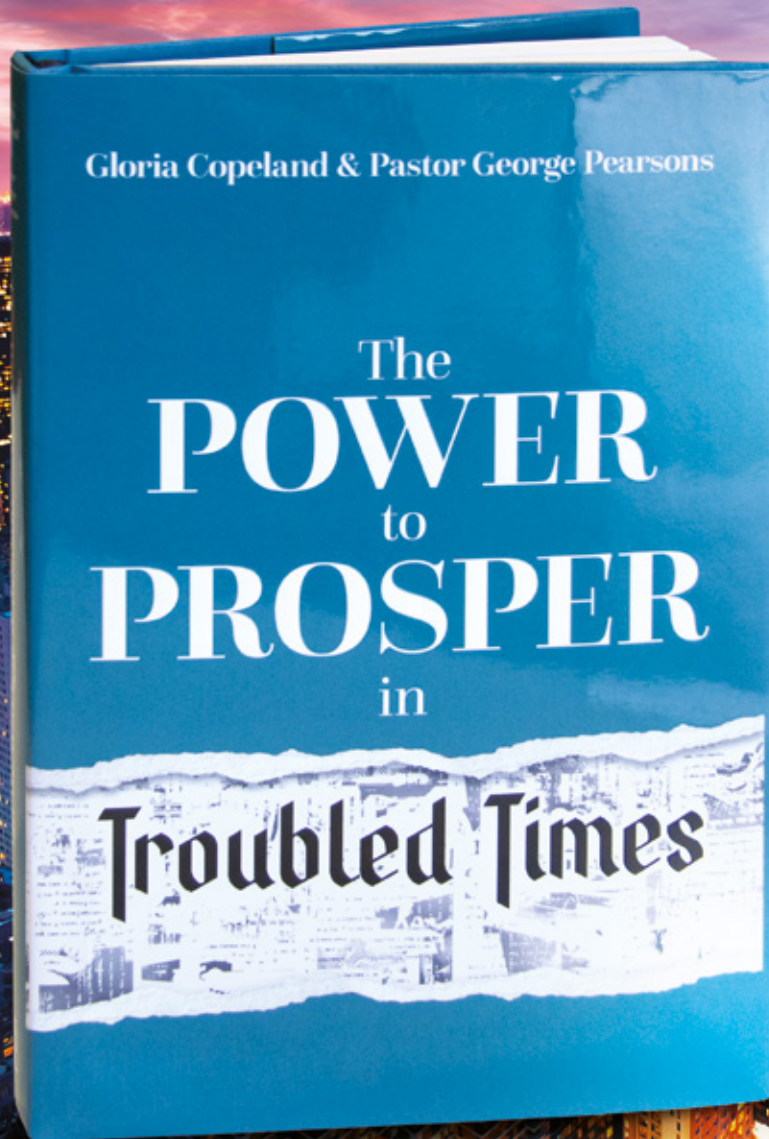
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