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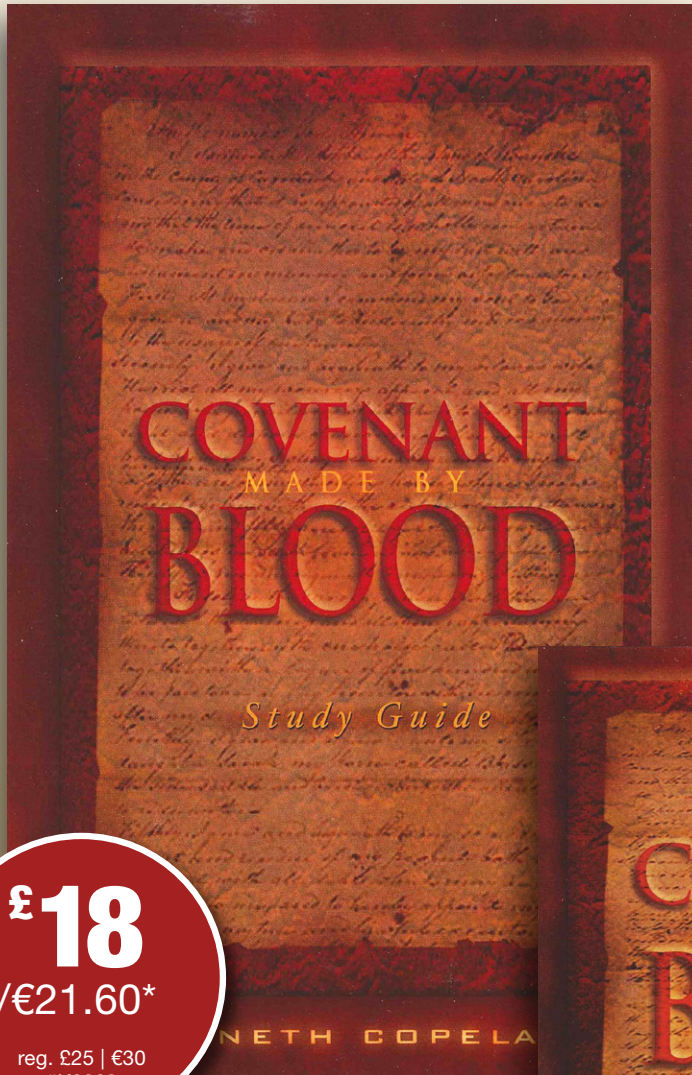
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Editor's Letter



'X' Marks Your Spot!

Recently, I ran across an interesting story of Charles Steinmetz, a German-American mathematician and electrical engineer from Schenectady, N.Y., and how he once "saved the day" at Henry Ford's River Rouge plant in Dearborn, Mich.

Though several versions of this tale exist, they all recount that one day the giant generator at Ford's plant broke down, bringing everything to a screeching halt. When the plant's engineers couldn't fix the problem, Ford called in Steinmetz—a well-known engineering genius who was recognized as "The Wizard of Schenectady."

According to an article in the August 2011 issue of *Smithsonian Magazine*, when Steinmetz arrived at the plant, he rejected all assistance, asking only for a notebook, a pencil and a cot. For two straight days and nights, Steinmetz listened to the generator and made notes. On the second day, Steinmetz asked for a ladder, a measuring tape and a piece of chalk. Then he climbed the ladder, took some measurements, and put a chalk mark on one side of the generator. He descended and told Ford's engineers to remove a plate at the spot where he had made the mark, and then replace 16 windings from the field coil.

They did, and the generator functioned perfectly.

A few days later, Ford received a bill from Steinmetz for \$10,000. Ford reportedly returned the bill, along with a note that read: "Charlie, isn't this bill just a little high for a few hours of tinkering around on those motors?" Steinmetz sent the business mogul a response that read: "Making chalk mark on generator, \$1. Knowing where to make mark, \$9,999. Total due \$10,000."

Ford paid the bill.

Just as Steinmetz knew the inner workings of the generator, God knows every nook and cranny of our hearts and every circumstance of our lives. While others are trying to figure you out, diagnose your situation, and offer advice on how to make you better, God knows just where to go to fix your problems. His Word will go right to the "X" that marks the spot and penetrate it with a transforming power that man could never imagine. And the price has already been paid!

Speaking of "spots," there's one waiting for you at this year's Europe Victory Campaign, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. All you need to do is show up. If you haven't already, make plans now to be with us 1st to the 3rd of June at the Harrogate Convention Centre, and step into the ministry of the prophet!

Blessings,

Ronald C. Jordan
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"What I learned... is that if the God of the universe sends you anywhere, you have all the backup you need."

—Venessa Battle

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—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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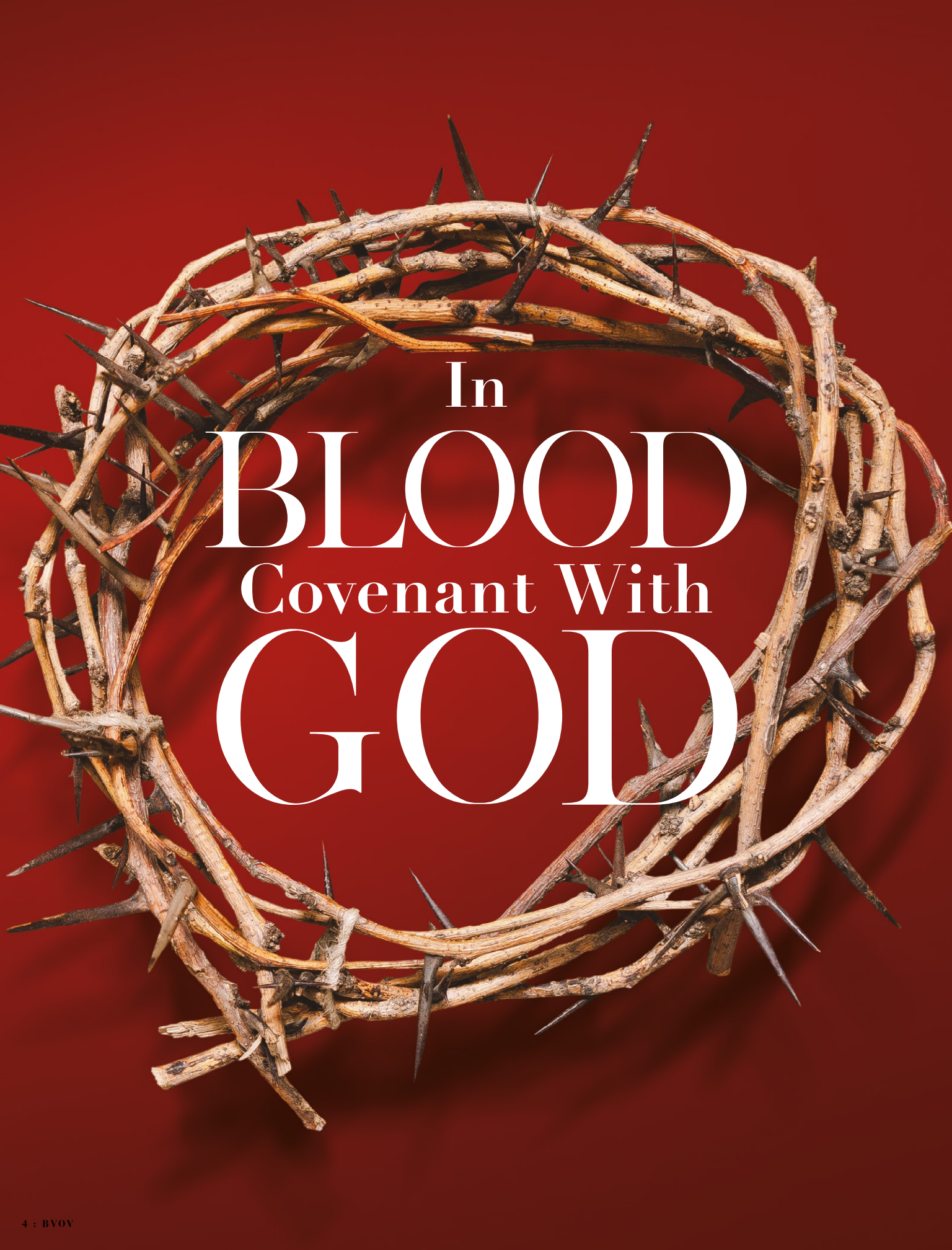
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In
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by Kenneth Copeland

“When God called Himself *El Shaddai*, He was saying to Abram, ‘I am everything you are ever going to need’”



Do you ever stop and remember what life was like for you before you were in covenant with God? Surprising as it may seem, the Bible specifically tells us, as believers, to do so. It says in Ephesians 2:11-12, “Remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh...that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise” (Ephesians 2:11-12).

To remember means “to recall something you know or have experienced.” So, before we, as believers, can “remember” that we were once “without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise”

(Ephesians 2:12), we must first know what that statement means. We must understand what a covenant is and that we now have one with Almighty God.

It’s sad to say, but multiplied millions of Christians all over the world don’t know those things. Even though they’re born again, they’re still strangers to God’s covenants.

They know the Bible is composed of the Old Testament and the New Testament, but they’re unaware that the word *testament* means “covenant.” They don’t know those two Testaments are binding legal documents given by God to His covenant people that declare His will and reveal what He has provided for them.

For years, I didn't know it either. I remember the day the realization first hit me. It was like someone slapped me: *New Testament means New Covenant! It's a will. It's the last will and testament of The LORD Jesus Christ!*

According to the dictionary, a *will* is "a written instrument legally executed by which a person makes disposition of his or her estate to take effect after death." Jesus Christ is the only Man ever to leave a will, then get raised from the dead to probate His own will and cause it to come to pass! That revelation changed my life. Once I caught hold of it, I began reading the Bible differently. I started seeing covenant all through it.

I saw it in 2 Peter 1:3-4, for example. It says that God by His "divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises." These days, when I read those verses, I realize they're talking about exceeding great and precious *covenant* promises!

Most Christians read those verses without ever having covenant cross their minds. They don't think of God's promises in covenant terms because they've never heard covenant preached—and that's tragic. Why? Because to live the victorious, abundant life Jesus has provided, we must be Blood covenant-minded all the time.

I recognized this in a great way when I met Bishop David Oyedepo. He lives in Africa, where the culture is steeped in covenant. He's also one of the most covenant-minded men I've ever known. He stays before God until he receives an assignment and then—because he knows his covenant—he just goes and does what God told him to do, no matter what it is or how impossible it might seem.

The first time I went to Nigeria to visit him, he showed me around his ministry complex. "Brother Copeland, what you see here is Phase 1," he said. "It cost \$250 million U.S.



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dollars and was built debt free with no American money—only faith in God. Phase 2 will cost another \$250 million. The money to build it is already in the bank."

Then he told me how he learned to believe God for finances. He said when he first began learning about faith, although he quickly learned to believe for healing, he struggled to do the same concerning prosperity. "It's when I got Mama Gloria's book *God's Will Is Prosperity*, that I saw it," he said. "Prosperity is a covenant!"

"Once I saw that—no problem. When I read, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God... and all these things shall be added unto you' (Matthew 6:33), that's all I need because it is blood-backed. God said it in His Covenant, so there's no doubt it's coming to pass."

The Pattern for All Blood Covenants for All Time

Bishop Oyedepo's faith reminds me of the kind of faith Abraham had in the Bible. Romans 4:11 calls him "the father of all them that believe," and his covenant with God set the pattern for all Blood covenants for all time. Genesis 17 tells us how it was established.

When Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, 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 (verses 1-5).

Notice, The LORD said to Abram, "I am the Almighty God." In Hebrew, what He actually said was, "I am El Shaddai." Literally



**POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:**

1

To live the victorious life, you must practice being covenant-minded all the time.

(Eph. 2:11-12)

2

Jesus came as our Covenant Representative so that we could be raised again with Him to new life.

(2 Cor. 5:14-15)

3

Jesus is no longer the only begotten Son of God; He is the Firstborn of many.

(Rom. 8:29)

4

Under the New Covenant, you became Jesus' joint heir, so everything that belongs to Him is yours.

(Rom. 8:17)

5

When you're standing by faith on your Blood covenant with God, you are standing on high ground.

(Eph. 6:14)

translated, that means *I am the God that is more than enough*.

The word *Shaddai* can also be used to refer to a nursing mother. That's very revealing. A mother is everything to a baby. She gave life to that baby. She is that baby's food, protection and everything else. So, when God called Himself *El Shaddai*, He was saying to Abram, "I am everything you are ever going to need."

The next thing He said was, "Walk before me, and be thou perfect." One translation says, *be sincerely blameless*. In the Hebrew language it's clear that God wasn't requiring Abram to be perfect as we think of it. He was simply telling Abraham to stay in relationship with Him and, if he missed it, to repent.

God's part, He said, was this: "I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." This covenant is *God's will*. Abraham didn't even have to agree to it. God said, "*As for me...my covenant is with you.*"

Once the covenant terms were laid out and agreed upon, there was a name change. In covenant practice, this is where two become one. It's like what happens today when people get married. When Gloria and I got married, for example, before we said our vows, she was Gloria Jean Neece and I was Kenneth Max Copeland. Afterward, she became Gloria Jean Copeland. Why? Because we entered a covenant of marriage.

When God entered covenant with Abram, He changed Abram's name by putting an H in the middle of it. In Hebrew, H stands for *Hashem*, which means "*The Name*, the Name of God." Abraham's new name signified that he and God were now one, and that they always would be. As far as God was concerned, they would never be divorced. "I will establish my covenant between me and thee," He said to Abraham, "and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee" (verse 7).

Talk about being promoted! When God joined His Name to Abram's, He lifted him up to His own level. Why could God do that? Because He's GOD!

There's an incident in the life of the great general and emperor Napoleon that wonderfully illustrates this principle. As

the story goes, he was reviewing his troops one day, when the massive stallion he was riding bolted and a soldier, risking his own safety, stepped out of line and caught the horse by the reins. After the soldier got the stallion settled, Napoleon said, "Thank you, Captain."

"Sir, I'm just a private," the soldier replied.

"No, you're not, *Captain*," Napoleon repeated. Then, asking the soldier's name, Napoleon said, "Captain, you will ride next to me and review the troops."

Napoleon was the high commander. This man was his soldier. He made him what he wanted him to be because he had the authority to do so.

That's how it is with covenant. Covenant is the greater lifting up the lesser and putting him up on an equal plain with the greater. It's what Almighty God did when He entered covenant with Abraham. And it's what He did for us through Jesus!

Take the High Ground...and Stand

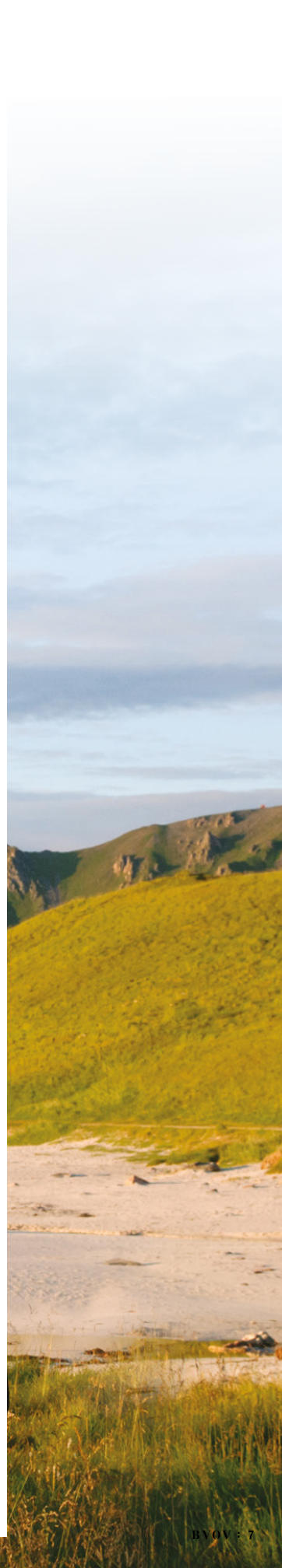
This is what the Apostle Paul was saying in 2 Corinthians 5, where he wrote:

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.... Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation (verses 14–15, 17–18).

That is covenant talk! Paul is reminding us that Jesus came as our covenant Representative. That He shed His blood, died and rose again so that we could die with Him to sin, and be raised again with Him to new life.

Through the New Covenant we've become one with Jesus. He's alive, so we're alive. What's more, He's no longer the only begotten Son of God; He is the Firstborn of many. In the First Covenant, the firstborn got everything. As believers, because we're "in Christ," we've been given firstborn status in the covenant of Almighty God.

Jesus took us from being nobodies and made us somebodies!



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Remember how God said to Abraham, "As for me"? Jesus is saying the same to us: "As for Me, here it is. There's a covenant between My Father and Me, and by believing in Me you can get in on it."

This is why Philippians 2 tells us, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God" (verses 5-6). We're Jesus' joint heirs (Romans 8:17). Through Him, and by His blood, we have been raised up and put on an equal plain with God the Father.

When you, as a believer, say, "I plead the blood," it means something! It's not just a religious phrase. It's legal covenant language. When you say it, you're calling on the covenant status that belongs to you through Jesus. You're standing on the fact that every one of God's exceedingly great and precious covenant promises belong to you as surely as they belong to Jesus Himself.

There are more than 7,000 of those promises recorded for you in the two blood Covenants we call the Bible. Heavenly privileges, they were all bought for you and paid for with Jesus' precious blood.

It's no wonder Revelation 12:11 says we overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. When you plead the blood, you're throwing your covenant with God in the face of the devil and everything he represents. When you stand by faith on your Blood-backed covenant with God, you're standing on high ground.

Military generals have understood for ages that in war you never want to get caught on the low ground. You never want to get in the position where you're looking up at your enemy. So don't ever give up the high ground of your Blood covenant with God: "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus..." That's high ground!

Take your stand on it and "having done all, to stand. Stand!" (Ephesians 6:13-14).

His Hessed Endures Forever

"But Brother Copeland, I'm just afraid that..."

Stop right there!

Let me ask you something: *What do you have to be afraid of?* You're a covenant man. You're a covenant woman. Your blood covenant Brother, The LORD Jesus Christ, died and went to hell for you. He defeated the devil in his own territory, came up out of that pit in victory with the keys in His hand... and He handed you those keys the moment you entered into this Blood covenant.

Fear should be no part of your life!


Even in the Old Testament, the Jews who understood what it meant to be in covenant with God were undefeatable. Read 2 Chronicles 20! It tells about a time when Judah was facing an attack by such a massive enemy army, there was no way in the natural they could survive. What did they do? They prayed and reminded God of their covenant with Him.

In response, He told them to go down to the battle and said, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's" (verse 15). The people of Judah believed Him. They acted on His WORD and prepared for the battle by appointing "singers unto the LORD...that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever" (verse 21).

The word translated *mercy* there is the Hebrew word *hesed*. It's a covenant word! It speaks of obligatory love. The Jews understood that in promising to have *hesed* on them God was saying to them, "Because I am in covenant with you, I love you and am obliged to BLESS you. By covenant, I am obliged to protect you and provide for you. Because we're in covenant with one another, when you go to war, I am obliged to go with you and see to it that you come through it without hurt."

The moment the people of Judah began to sing about and praise God's *hesed*, His covenant Love, the battle was won. "The LORD set ambushments" against the army that had risen up against them and caused the soldiers to turn against one another so that the entire army was destroyed (verse 22).

That's the kind of victory you get to experience when the reality of your Blood covenant with God comes alive in you! 🙌

A man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie, is shown from the waist up. He is holding a thick book in his left hand and gesturing with his right hand towards the left. The background is a blurred stage setting with warm lighting and a tall, thin structure on the right.

HOW TO RECEIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE PROPHET

If you desire to make a total withdrawal from the deposit God gives you, it is important to understand the ministry of the prophet.

When you walk into the Harrogate Convention Centre, and the 2023 Europe Victory Campaign (1st to the 3rd of June), you're not just entering a place where the Word of God will be preached—you're stepping into the ministry of the prophet.

When God calls ministers of the gospel, He anoints them with one or more of the fivefold ministry gifts—apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher—and sets them among us to perfect us through revelation. We can connect with these gifts through partnership, which brings us into covenant relationship with them. Once that divine connection is made, the anointing that is on the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher can be released to us. We can partake of their grace, or their anointing.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to his covenant partners in Philippi concerning their “fellowship in the gospel” (Philippians 1:5), he went on to tell them, “Ye all are partakers of my grace [my anointing]” (verse 7). In other words, the same anointings and giftings that were in full manifestation in Paul's life and ministry were available to those who were in covenant partnership with him. All they had to do was lay hold of them by faith, place a draw on them, and receive them.

If you are a Partner with Kenneth Copeland Ministries, you have access to the same covenant partnership with the ministry of the prophet that Kenneth Copeland has operated in since 1977. When you attend the 2023 Europe Victory Campaign, you will receive powerful teaching. But if you desire to make a total withdrawal from the deposit God gives you, it is important to understand the ministry of the prophet.

The Role of the Prophet

Also known as *seers*, prophets serve as the eyes of the Body of Christ. They perceive deep spiritual revelation, and see far out in the distance, with a view best likened to that of an eagle. As beholders of visions, prophets have the ability to see the future through a tunnel of time, meaning that what seems impossible or unlikely to those around them is easy for prophets to envision.

Imagine what those around them must have thought when the prophets from Genesis to Malachi declared, “The Anointed One is coming! The Anointed One is coming!” There was no sign to back up their claims, and it certainly didn’t seem likely. Yet, these prophets were looking beyond what made sense and seeing ahead to what God had revealed to them.

But beyond simply seeing ahead to the future plans and purposes of God, prophets also serve as the mouth of the Lord. The Hebrew word for prophet, *Nabi*, is also translated as *spokesman*. Prophets today say whatever God tells them to say, just as the prophets in the Old Testament obeyed Him when He told them, “You must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you” (Jeremiah 1:7, *New Living Translation*).

In the Old Testament, the prophets were mouthpieces for the Lord—delivering His Word into the earth. God revealed this to Jeremiah, saying, “Look, I have put my words in your mouth!” (verse 9, *NLT*).

The message of God, delivered by way of many prophets, announced the coming of Jesus—the foretold King—hundreds of years before the event took place. Why would God leave a roadmap to Jesus through prophets? The Bible tells us it is a prerequisite, as “surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7, *New King James Version*).

What is your part?

You must simply receive the prophet—believe that his words are from God and act on them.”

In other words, without the prophets, Jesus could not have come. In the book of Matthew alone, there are at least 16 references to Jesus where attention was turned back to the fact, “that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet.”

The role of a prophet is to see what is revealed by God, then speak it, declaring God’s plans on the earth. Revelation delivered via prophets will come in the form of a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom or the discerning of spirits. In addition, prophecy, as defined in 1 Corinthians 14:3, edifies, exhorts and comforts—it is speaking inspired by God.

Prophets Warn

Make no mistake—prophetic words are not all edification and comfort. Old Testament prophets—just as modern-day prophets—declared judgment. The heart behind such warnings did not come from a heart of condemnation, but from the love of the Father giving opportunity to those in jeopardy to repent, turn around and change their ways. In Ezekiel 3:17, He said to His prophet, “I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me” (*NKJV*).

There was a reason that God constantly endeavored to teach His people to obey Him: He wanted them to live in victory. So all through the Bible, you’ll find Him talking to His people, sending them prophets as witnesses of Himself and revealing His good plan for them. God always did His best to cause Israel to hear what He was saying so they could obey and live free from bondage.

God sent prophets to Israel to tell them how to avoid defeat, year after year after year. It’s amazing to see how much God cared for Israel. And He still cares that much for us today!

The book of Jeremiah provides another clear and accurate picture of God’s history with His people. The Scripture says He continually sent prophets to tell His people what they should do for their own good (Jeremiah 7:25, 35:15). Yet, again and again, the people refused to listen to what God said through those He sent.

God still warns through His prophets today. It can be a word of correction, judgment or warning to an individual, the Church or even a nation. No matter the recipient, when a word of warning comes

through the ministry of the prophet, one thing is sure—we need to listen.

Prophets Prepare the Way

The great prophet Isaiah announced things to come, to prepare the hearts of the people, invoking them to open their spiritual eyes and expect a move of God. Isaiah 40:3, 5 says, “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.... And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.”

The voice of the prophet Isaiah was creating a highway for the coming of the Lord. And in John 1:14, we find that “the Word became flesh” (NKJV). The prophetic word was now reality. This is an example of the fulfillment of prophecy after a long wait, and an illustration of how we are to view prophecy in our personal lives. When you receive from the ministry of a prophet, whether it be a personal word for you or a declaration over the Church or your nation—don’t ever give up on a prophetic word—and don’t let the passage of time weaken your faith.

Years before it actually took place, Brother Copeland spoke a prophetic word about the Berlin Wall coming down. At the time, people may have thought, *Well, that wall has been around for a long time!* There was no natural sign that it was even close to coming down. Yet, on Nov. 9, 1988, the wall came down. It was a prophetic word in action.

That’s how prophets prepare the way. A prophetic word tears down and roots out. It changes and builds up. It can take a divided city and make it whole again. We participate by believing, receiving, interceding and taking action, when necessary.

The Lord will do nothing until He reveals things to His prophets. He will reveal to His servants the words that need to be declared, and those words will begin to produce a highway to the fulfillment of those words.

How To Receive From the Ministry of the Prophet

The Bible says, if you *believe* His prophets, then you will prosper (2 Chronicles 20:20). That means to receive from the ministry

of the prophet, first you must believe the words a prophet speaks. And naturally, if you believe the words of a prophet, you will receive them, intercede and take action.

As you prepare to attend the 2023 Europe Victory Campaign, pray that the prophet’s ministry will come forth, and that the Church will receive the benefits. God said He will tell the prophet what is to come, and the prophet will tell the Church. We need to know what’s coming! That’s why Kenneth E. Hagin said the prophet’s ministry is above the teaching ministry.

When Kenneth Copeland steps over from the gift of teaching to the office of the prophet, he will deliver a message by the Spirit. It becomes a time of revelation, warning and instruction. It is a treasure of God’s words being delivered in audible form to you as a believer.

You Can Partake of the Prophet’s Reward

Jesus said, “If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet” (Matthew 10:41, *NLT*). What is the prophet’s reward? The anointing—the equipping to do what you’re called to do. Prophets have the keys that can open doors within you—and open doors for the entire Body of Christ.

The ministry of the prophet is an accelerator. It moves God’s people forward more quickly through revelation, warning and instruction. It gives us direction for prayer and action in our lives and in our world. It prepares the way for things to come and keeps our expectancy where it belongs—high!

What is your part? You must simply receive the prophet—believe that his words are from God and act on them. You can act on these words by being open and eager, and valuing the ministry of the prophet.

We need to believe, receive and act on what is spoken. Just because we mentally agree with the Bible does not mean we are hearing it with the intent to do it. Our victory is in the follow-through.

This year, come to the 2023 Europe Victory Campaign expecting to receive a word from the Lord through Kenneth Copeland, as he stands and preaches from the office of the prophet. ❶



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Great Faith for a Great Harvest

*The bass from the speakers seemed to strum in sync
with Venessa Battle’s heart. Her system raced with Valium, codeine, barbiturates,
alcohol and hashish. Stepping out onto the balcony of her apartment where she lived
in Baltimore, Md., she looked up into the night sky.*

“God, if You’re there, I want You in my life. But You’ve got to make it real to me.” She had made that cry to God numerous times. In truth, she didn’t believe He was going to answer.

Venessa had decided to commit suicide.

At 29, she felt worn out and ready for it all to end. She never would have thought it would end this way. But then, she’d had a rocky start.

The youngest of five children, Venessa had been raised in Fort Worth, Texas. Her mom had raised her and her siblings in the church—despite the fact there sometimes had been a disconnect between what they heard from the pulpit and how they lived.

At 5 years old, Venessa’s mother had dressed her in a sailor suit and patent leather shoes and, under the watchful eyes of an airline stewardess, sent her to New Mexico to

visit family. That's when Venessa heard a voice say to her: *You're going to fly all over the world.*

That was also around the time that her parents divorced.

A daddy's girl, Venessa didn't think she would survive her dad's leaving. His absence had left a hole in her heart that she could not shake. By the time she started grade school, signs began to show. Pilfering through her sibling's belongings one day, Venessa found and helped herself to Valium. By the time she was 10, she was stealing drugs from medicine cabinets in the homes of people where she babysat.

Though she had started out doing well in school, it was a real struggle for Venessa. But because she was an athlete, her teachers routinely passed her on to the next grade. By the time she graduated from high school, Venessa was functionally illiterate. She read and wrote on a first-grade level. Her problem wasn't just with letters and words. She could neither read nor write large numbers.

Stepping away from the balcony's edge, Venessa went back inside and listened to some music as she contemplated her death. The bass notes seemed to come alive. Through the speakers, she heard these words:

You can die tonight, or you can live for Me.

Free at Last

"I wasn't high anymore," Venessa recalls. "I was instantly sober. I said, 'Yes, Lord. Yes, I want to live for You.'"

"My life changed radically after that. One of the first things the Lord directed me to do was go to the library. I checked out first-grade books. Then second-grade books. I kept going until I learned to read and write like an adult.

"In addition, every yearning for drugs and alcohol left me. When I was saved, God delivered me from even the temptation of drugs. When I said yes to God, I decided that if I were going to live for Him, I would do whatever He said. I determined that my story would be one of total obedience."

Having grown up in Fort Worth, Venessa was familiar with Kenneth Copeland Ministries. When the Lord urged her to study faith, she began to immerse herself in the teachings of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, as well as other faith preachers like Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis and Bill Winston.

"I studied faith until it became my spiritual heritage," she said.

Venessa had lived in many cities, but the Lord directed her to move into the inner city in Baltimore.

"My family had been very multicultural," she said. "We didn't live in an African American neighborhood. We lived around all kinds of ethnicities. Our home was the one where everyone gathered. If you needed food, you came to our house.

"Now in the inner city, I witnessed shootouts in the streets. I saw people getting killed. One night I heard someone screaming. A woman had been locked in the trunk of a car.

"I asked the Lord why He had me there. He said, *You don't know how your people are living.* It made me cry out for the African American people, especially men and boys.

"I asked God what He wanted me to do. He said, *Adopt some kids.* I thought maybe He forgot that I was 33 and single. But I wouldn't say no to God. I became a foster parent for a few years. Then I got two little boys, Jonathan and Joshua, ages 3 and 4. I fell in love with them. I'd had them for about a year when their parents' rights were severed. That's when I adopted them."

Venessa's life was full. In addition to working full time, she was active in church, raising two boys and earning college credits. She was also called into the ministry. Over the years, Venessa earned a bachelor's degree in Christian education, and later a master's degree in Christian counseling.

Now that she was free from drugs and alcohol, she loved to learn.

Coming to understand that people in other countries value education, Venessa eventually earned four doctoral degrees—which she says has opened many doors for her with governments and people.

A New Call

In 1997, Venessa was offered a new job and she and her two sons moved to Georgia. There, she started a Bible study which, over time, grew to become New Gate International Church—a church filled with praying people who heard prayed-out mysteries and often heard deep things from God.

On one occasion, Venessa found herself praying about the American Colonization Society.

What was that? she wondered. She'd never heard of the American Colonization Society.

Upon researching the name, Venessa learned that the society, which was also known as the American Society for

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

JUNE

		Old Testament	New Testament
Thu	1	2 Sam. 6:12-8:18	Acts 20
Fri	2	2 Sam. 9-11	Acts 21
Sat	3	2 Sam. 12:1-13:33	
Sun	4	Ps. 71-72; Prov. 15:1-15	
Mon	5	2 Sam. 13:34-15:23	Acts 22
Tue	6	2 Sam. 15:24-17:29	Acts 23
Wed	7	2 Sam. 18:1-19:30	Acts 24
Thu	8	2 Sam. 19:31-21:22	Acts 25
Fri	9	2 Sam. 22:1-23:7	Acts 26
Sat	10	2 Sam. 23:8-24:25	
Sun	11	Ps. 73-74; Prov. 15:16-33	
Mon	12	1 Kgs. 1:1-2:9	Acts 27
Tue	13	1 Kgs. 2:10-3:28	Acts 28
Wed	14	1 Kgs. 4:1-6:10	Rom. 1
Thu	15	1 Kgs. 6:11-7:39	Rom. 2
Fri	16	1 Kgs. 7:40-8:53	Rom. 3
Sat	17	1 Kgs. 8:54-10:23	
Sun	18	Ps. 75-77; Prov. 16:1-17	
Mon	19	1 Kgs. 10:24-12:15	Rom. 4
Tue	20	1 Kgs. 12:16-13:34	Rom. 5
Wed	21	1 Kgs. 14-15	Rom. 6
Thu	22	1 Kgs. 16:1-18:6	Rom. 7
Fri	23	1 Kgs. 18:7-19:21	Rom. 8
Sat	24	1 Kgs. 20:1-21:16	
Sun	25	Ps. 78; Prov. 16:18-33	
Mon	26	1 Kgs. 21:17-22:53	Rom. 9
Tue	27	2 Kgs. 1-3	Rom. 10
Wed	28	2 Kgs. 4:1-5:19	Rom. 11
Thu	29	2 Kgs. 5:20-7:20	Rom. 12
Fri	30	2 Kgs. 8-9	Rom. 13

“African American people have felt that our only identity was as slaves. Now we read that the father of our faith married an African woman and had six sons.”

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Colonizing the Free People of Color in the United States when it was first organized in the early 1800s, was a national organization dedicated to promoting the release of the enslaved and the settlement of free Blacks in West Africa—specifically in the colony of Liberia. The group transported about 12,000 Black people to Liberia over the course of its existence.

In addition to researching the subject, Venessa also talked to Liberians in her church. Among other things she learned, Venessa was told that once they were in Liberia, the freed slaves did to others what had happened to them.

“Although they didn’t enslave people, they took away their land,” Venessa said. “They destroyed their government. They created such havoc that it resulted in a civil war that killed 200,000 people. The Liberians called those people *Americos*.

“Lord, why are You showing me this?”

You’ve got to fix it.

Wait. What?

“I’m just one woman. I don’t have a government or a huge organization behind me. How am I supposed to fix Liberia?”

The Apology

Years later, in 2012, sun glinted off the window of the airplane as it made a lazy turn to approach the runway in Liberia. Venessa had scheduled an appointment with the first female president of Liberia. However, she was pulled away. Instead, she had meetings with the president pro tempore, the speaker of the house, the House of Representatives and some church groups. In each meeting she was asked, “Why have you come to us?”

Kneeling before them, she said, “I’ve come to apologize. My bloodline is with the *Americos*. I’ve come to apologize for what my people did to yours.”

As she repented, people wept.

One man said, “This is the most beautiful thing I’ve seen in my life.”

The response was so profound that the government officials asked her to come back to do the same thing in a stadium filled with people. She agreed to return.

“What I learned in Liberia is that if the God of the universe sends you anywhere, you have all the backup you need,” says Venessa. “There is no bigger government. No more powerful organization. I believe that my obedience to that assignment set me up for more revelation from God.

“Back in the U.S., I attended a meeting

where I heard the most incredible thing,” she recalled.

“In 2 Samuel 6, King David was moving the Ark of the Covenant when Uzzah touched it and died. Unwilling to take the Ark into Jerusalem, King David sent it to Obed-Edom. This man, the speaker, said that Obed-Edom was African. Most African Americans have never seen themselves having an identity in the Bible.

“Obed-Edom wasn’t Jewish. He was a Gittite, a converted Philistine. Earlier, when the Ark was in the hands of the Philistines, God brought great judgment on them. They returned it to Israel. But here was another Philistine who had a different experience. Instead of judgment, he and his entire household were blessed. This man knew how to worship and be blessed in the presence of the Lord.

“Later, in 1 Chronicles, the Levites were established over the temple. Except for one family. Obed-Edom and 68 of his family members were given positions as gatekeepers in the service of the temple. They weren’t Levites or Israelites. They loved the presence of God.”

Keturah’s Story

Venessa phoned a friend who was a rabbi. “Did you know that Obed-Edom was African?” she asked.

“Yes,” he replied. “If you’re driving, pull over and stop.”

Venessa stopped her car.

“Open your Bible to Genesis 25. Read where it says that Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah. Now listen, Keturah was an African woman.”

Something broke in Venessa as those words dropped into her spirit.

“For years, African American people have felt that our only identity was as slaves,” Venessa said. “That was our lot in life. Now we read that the father of our faith married an African woman and had six sons.

“That chapter goes on to say that Keturah’s sons were strong men. Abraham was afraid that when he died, they would take over. So, like he’d done with Ishmael and Hagar, he sent them away.

“We have a biblical identity!”

From that revelation, Venessa authored a book, titled *Keturah Revealed: Finding Your Jewish Roots*.

Keturah Farms

In 2019, Venessa flew to Kenya where she

spoke at a church of 200 pastors and leaders. As she preached the Keturah message, the people responded with laughter and with tears. One pastor, she said, described what he'd seen in the spirit: "Instead of just standing in God's presence, people climbed into His lap."

"I'd been to Liberia, so I understood poverty," Venessa recalls. "But something was different in Kenya. They'd had heavy rains which potted the roads. As we drove from place to place so that I could preach, I saw children dipping their cups into muddy puddles to drink."

"It broke my heart. I thought, *God, You've got to do something. This can't happen on my watch.*"

"I talked to the local pastors. Most of them had land and knew how to farm. They didn't have money for seed and fertilizer. I knew we had to help them. For a couple of hundred dollars, we bought 50 baby chicks. That's when I got a vision for farms that would produce food to feed many people. I called them Keturah farms. We started several in Kenya and in other places in Africa."

The following year, in 2020, Venessa did not return to Kenya, but the group she had previously traveled there with sent pictures.

"Corn was everywhere!" Venessa said. "The people were almost starving in 2019 when we started the farms. Once COVID hit, without those crops there would have been no food. Those people would have died."

A Deeper Faith

About that time, the Lord impressed Venessa to reconnect with her faith roots.

"Luke 18:8 kept circling my mind: 'Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he really find faith on the earth?'" (*New King James Version*)

"I thought I was a woman of great faith," Venessa says. "Yes, my faith was strong, but it wasn't where it needed to be. God let me know that I needed to take a deep dive back into faith. I became a Partner with KCM. I also began watching VICTORY Channel™ daily. My faith rose immediately. Even more amazing, God began doing supernatural things through me on a regular basis."

In 2021, Venessa was a guest on a TV show. Before they went on air, they reviewed some of the things that would be discussed.

"How many Keturah Farms are you going to have?" she was asked.

Venessa hadn't thought about it.

"Maybe 500," she said.

The mild-mannered host turned into a different man.

"Is that all you can believe for? That's all you can believe the Creator of the



universe to do? No, no, no! You're going to say 1 billion!"

"Afterward, I was shaking and trembling," Venessa remembers. "When he asked me on the air, I shouted, 'A billion!'"

"Later, God let me know that the number of farms wasn't as important as the number of people fed."

Today, Venessa's sons, Jonathan and Joshua, are 30 and 31. Over the past 30 years, Venessa has ministered extensively in 33 nations. She has been the USA Chancellor for Kingdom Covenant Leadership Institute led by Dr. Pat Francis in Ontario, Canada. She is a registered mediator with the Georgia Supreme Courts, where she receives court-appointed cases to mediate for the county and state. She reaches thousands of people through her television program on Preach The Word Network. She has also completed a 50-state tour leading people groups into healing and reconciliation.

Last year, Venessa was visiting at KCM and listening to Kenneth Copeland preach when she heard him say: "I'm going to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. I'm going to preach that He saves, He heals, He baptizes with His Spirit and that He's coming again.... I'm going to preach it from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle. And I'm not going to compromise."

"I knew right then that I would help with that vision," says Venessa. "Those words inspired me to believe God to feed a billion people, and that eventually Keturah Farms will not just be in Africa but in other locations around the world. Based on that, I wrote a new book and filmed a documentary, *Keturah Farms: A Mission To Feed a Billion People*.

"I thank God for this ministry. For the faith they have taught around the world and for the vision to change the world. I will never stop studying faith. It takes great faith to reach a great harvest. And the world is ripe for harvest." 🍷

TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

Flame Sparked

I was given a *From Faith to Faith* book. God used its contents to spark a flame within my soul to set me on fire for His Word, studying it more than I ever had. Rekindling my relationship with my Lord and Savior has put a joy in my heart unlike anything I've ever known. I am now in active recovery from addiction, and rebuilding relationships with my family. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, for being warriors for Christ. I pray that God continues to bless your ministry.

B.W. | Alabama

Healed and Set Free

I called the prayer line because I was having a panic attack and thought I was going to die. The prayer warrior rebuked the demon of fear off my life and today I'm healed.

F.B. | Nevada

Covenant Protection

With more than 10 inches of rain in three days, water began to flood toward my house. I called the prayer line and prayed along with the recorded prayer. I am a Partner with this ministry and a tither, and based on my covenant rights and authority in the Name, called on the water to leave and the earth to absorb it again. The anointing was strong and I could hear the note of victory in my prayer/praise. Within a few hours, despite a couple inches of water standing against my house earlier, the water had receded and we had NO damage inside. Praise God!

G.S. | Pennsylvania

Total Turnaround!

In 2022 I had COVID while trying to close on a home. I was out of work for three weeks and was told I would lose my job because I was not vaccinated. God told me to listen to VICTORY Channel™ around the clock. George and Gloria preached on believing for your home. Nancy Dufresne preached a message on healing which was pivotal when my asthmatic daughter was struggling with COVID. All

the programs were faith, faith, faith.

I was able to close on my home (which had looked impossible) and all our bills were paid. Kansas put a halt on medical job loss in a lawsuit, and then I was granted a religious exemption for my job. Plus, my daughter not only got over COVID, but has not had an issue with asthma ever since. Praise God!

A.B. | Kansas

New Outlook, New Results

I was unemployed for four years. While watching the Southwest Believers' Convention on YouTube®, the messages of seedtime and harvest by Jerry Savelle really changed my outlook. Praise God, I was offered an international job, just in time. I was close to losing my home; and I can now afford my children's school fees.

Z.A. | South Africa

'Tell-a-Vision'

In the midst of all the fear, doom and gloom during the pandemic, KCM spoke life and victory 24/7. The TV is rightfully named 'tell-a-vision'—that's exactly what it does. While other channels were telling Satan's vision, KCM was shouting out God's vision. When they were talking about the end of the world as we know it, KCM was shouting out revival that brings life.

I thank God that Kenneth

Copeland followed his leading and never stopped; there are so many who need the uncompromising Word that stands when all else fails. It led me forward in the midst of a pandemic to cast away fear, seek daily my God, and begin the walk of faith. I could not be more thankful, KCM. God has used your ministry as a lifeline for me!

L.W. | Michigan

Family Benefits

I have been a longtime Partner with KCM and now I'm an EMIC eMember.

Hurricane Ian lasted over 24 hours in my area. Pastor Terri agreed with us during church service that it would amount to nothing, reminding us that we are redeemed from the curse. My EMIC eGroup also agreed with me. I claimed my tither's rights as we have been taught, and declared I would not lose anything, including electricity. I kept standing and speaking, regardless of what I saw, heard or felt.

I never lost electricity and nothing was damaged! My family and I were kept safe and I was able to minister to them and others. I kept saying, "The Copelands, Pastors George and Terri and the EMIC family, and our eGroup are praying for me. Everything is going to be all right." Thank You, Lord, for Your protection and thank you, KCM and EMIC family!

S.K. | Florida

Safe in the Storms

I praise God for the times He has kept me safe in danger, and in fighting for my life and my children's lives. Your prayer Partners and the anointing have seen me through many storms. When I call KCM, I immediately feel faith and power after they pray for me. Thank You, Jesus, for faithful Christians who pray in faith and love!

C.B.

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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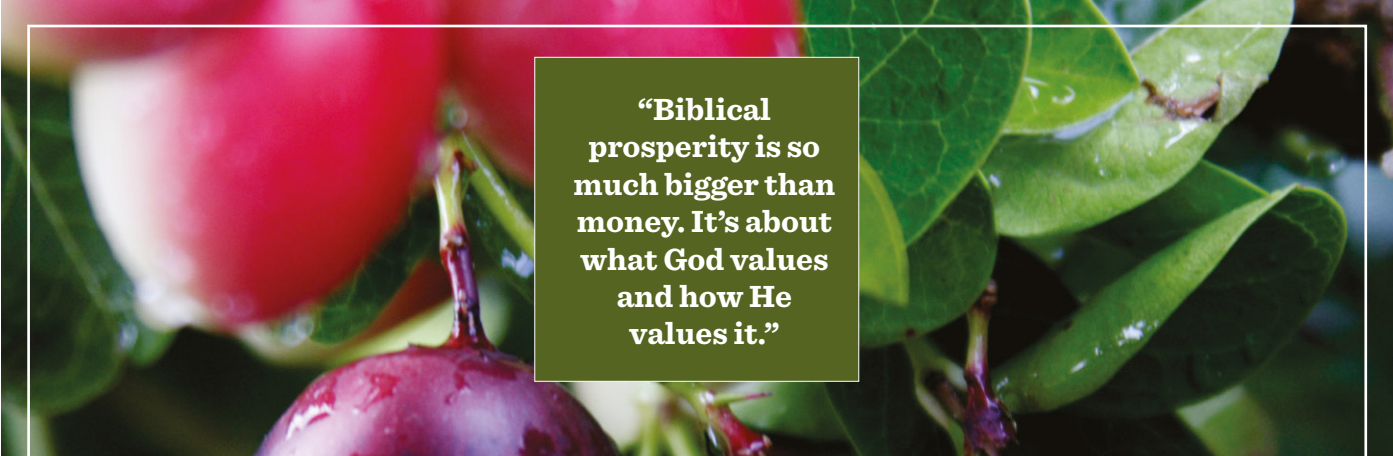
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Are You Weary?



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“I put in 16-hour days. I work seven days a week. I haven’t had a vacation in years.”

Ever heard someone say something like that?

Even believers and ministers can fall into this habit. They talk about how tired they are, convinced that fatigue is proof—to God and others—of how much they’re accomplishing.

It’s one thing to be tired, catch up on some sleep and be ready to go. It’s another to *live exhausted*—to not only be physically tired, but to also become weary deep down inside.

Our society has a name for that kind of weariness: chronic fatigue syndrome.

It’s a disease characterized by sleep abnormalities, widespread pain, profound fatigue that lasts over six months, and other symptoms that are only made worse by activity.

If that’s where you are, then let this be your wake-up call: Chronic fatigue is a sickness to be resisted by faith, not a badge to be worn in pride. As believers, we must deal with living and ministering chronically fatigued. It’s time for a change.

God’s Power for Us

We serve a powerful God. We’re not meant to live in a constant state of weariness—

because He provides all the strength we need to do what He’s called us to do. Isaiah 40:28-29 says, “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to *those who have* no might He increases strength” (*New King James Version*).

God is omnipotent, and He gives His strength to the weak. Verses 30-31 promise that we can access it: “Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” We can count on God to give us strength and freedom from weariness. Jesus was the perfect example of this.

Jesus’ Cure for Exhaustion

Jesus understood what it was like to be weary. In John 4, we read that He and His disciples had been ministering in Judea. On their way to Galilee, they had to go through the city of Sychar in Samaria. They stopped by a well that their forefather, Jacob, had given to his son. That’s where Jesus rested

after “being wearied from His journey” (verse 6. *NKJV*). The *Wuest Expanded Translation* of the Bible puts it this way: “Jesus [was] wearied to the point of exhaustion.”

Jesus was so tired He couldn’t take another step. He sent His disciples into the city to buy food (verse 8) while He rested. His tiredness was understandable, wasn’t it? After a long, exhausting walk, who wouldn’t have been weary? It was while He was there resting that He had His famous conversation with the Samaritan woman.

By the time the disciples returned to where Jesus was, He was refreshed. They didn’t understand. When they had left Him, they thought He’d been unable to go another step. After they returned, He was full of life. They thought someone must have brought Him something to eat. Instead, Jesus said to them: “My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (verse 34). You see, that conversation Jesus had was Him doing God’s will—and it completely refreshed Him, through and through.

Jesus proved that just as food will strengthen, sustain and satisfy the body, discovering and doing the will of God will also strengthen us when we’re weak. But here’s the key: We must be doing what God wants us to do. If we’re chasing after our own plans, we’ll live chronically fatigued. We’ll experience pain, sleeplessness and an inability to be refreshed after we sleep.

It’s easy to get busy doing more and more “stuff.” We look to others and see what works for them, then try to follow their example. Before we know it, we’re doing a whole list of activities that God never called us to do, no matter how good they seem.

When you’re working hard on something, I challenge you to stop for a moment, step back and ask yourself, “Whose idea was this?” If it wasn’t God’s idea, then it’s going to drain you.

That fatigue we wear like a medal isn’t going to have God knocking on our doors and thanking us, saying things like: “Thank you for wearing yourself into the ground, son. Thank you for putting yourself in an early grave, daughter. Yes, your children

hate Me, but thank you. You know, you’ve been cranky for eight years...but thank you.”

No! That’s not going to happen. God’s not thanking any of us for doing a bunch of stuff He didn’t tell us to do. His will should be our only focus.

Finish the Work

Look once more at how Jesus responded to His disciples. He said, “My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (verse 34). In addition to doing God’s will, “finishing his work” was on Jesus’ mind night and day. In other words, He was mindful of time.

Not long ago, as I was reading through the gospels and studying Jesus’ life and ministry, I found myself frustrated. I felt like my ministry wasn’t as far along as it needed to be in some areas, especially when I compared it to Jesus’ ministry.

In only three-and-a-half years, Jesus’ ministry turned the world He was living in upside down. Two thousand years later, our world is still flipped on its head.

“How did You do that?” I asked the Lord.

He answered me in three words: *No wasted time*.

We must be about finishing the work and valuing the time we have. It’s one of the keys to getting rid of chronic fatigue.

Redeem the Time

Galatians 3:13, (*NKJV*) says, “Christ has redeemed us....” The word *redeemed* here means “to have bought back in order to save from loss.” Isn’t that what Jesus did for us? He bought us back to save us from loss. It’s what we’re supposed to be doing with our time—buying up opportunity. The Holy Spirit instructs us in Ephesians 5 to redeem our time. That word *redeem* is the same word found in Galatians 3:13 that says, “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law,” and means to buy back and save from loss. That is what Jesus did for us and that is what we are supposed to be doing with our time.

When many people hear the prosperity message, they understand it only in relation to what the Word has to say about money.



by Jeremy Pearsons

“Chronic fatigue is a sickness to be resisted by faith, not a badge to be worn in pride.”

That's certainly a part of it, but biblical prosperity is so much bigger than money. It's about what God values and how He values it. Here are just some of the things Scripture says have more value than money:

Wisdom: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold" (Proverbs 3:13-14).

Love: "A bowl of vegetables with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate" (Proverbs 15:17, *New Living Translation*).

Peace and unity in marriage: "It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house" (Proverbs 21:9).

What else is a valuable resource? Time. It's worth more than gold. But guess who else knows how valuable time is? Our enemy, the devil. The thief. He's not interested in stealing junk. He's after things of value—including our time. He wants to rob us of our time by getting us to put off God's will—to get us caught up in busyness and fatigue, and keep us from being mindful.

The Way Out

The way you and I resist the enemy and escape chronic fatigue is by doing the will of God and finishing His work. That means understanding and obeying what God has called us, individually, to do—no more, no less. Anything else will open the door to the enemy or lead to chronic fatigue.

If you're feeling weary, then it's time to stop what you're doing and ask yourself those words: "Who's idea was this?" If it wasn't God's, then put a hand on your body and pray this out loud: "Chronic fatigue, I resist and rebuke you! I will not have you in my life. I'm strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. I draw strength from my union with my Lord. He is my light and my salvation. He is the strength of my life. I will follow His will and finish His work alone!"

Then take a deep breath and be mindful of your time going forward. It's one of the most valuable resources you have! 📌



by Kenneth Copeland

Send the Devil Running

Whatever is happening in your life today, you need to stir up your joy.

How can you do that?

For starters, you can begin by studying and thinking about God's promises. When you do that, and you gain insight into what God is saying to you, joy comes! It comes because you begin to have a deeper and clearer knowledge of God. It comes because you realize you can go boldly before Him in prayer on the basis of The WORD, and be confident your prayers will be answered.

If you've been sad about the direction your brother or sister is heading, for example, you can replace your sad thoughts with an understanding of God's promise to your parents in Isaiah 54:13. When you do, joy will come into your heart. Suddenly, instead of crying over what satan is doing to your brother or sister, you start getting excited about what God will do. You'll laugh and say, "You might as well forget it, satan. Just pack it up and go home

because the victory is won. The LORD will teach my brothers and sisters the truth and their peace will be great!"

Then, when satan comes back at you and says, "Maybe so, but aren't you sorry about how much of their life they've wasted?" you can shoot The WORD right back at him. You can say, "No, I'm not sorry. I don't have to be sorry because Jesus took up my griefs and carried my sorrows (Isaiah 53:4). So, I believe I'll just go ahead and have a good time, thank you!"

Proverbs 15:23 says, "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" When you start answering the troubles you're facing with the promises of God, they will release joy in you and run satan off. He can't stand The LORD's joy in you!

So stir up that joy. Pray The WORD. Really think about what it's saying. Replace wrong thoughts with God's thoughts, and enjoy winning! 📌

Standing on Tiptoe!

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Kellie's Corner

June is the month when the people of the United States, as well as other nations around the world, celebrate fathers with their own day. How about we give our dads, granddads, uncles and father figures **extra honor, love and attention!**

I honor my dad, Kenneth Copeland, who has been, and continues to be, an awesome father. He has always shown me unconditional love, and supported my dreams! He had a good example to follow because my grandfather, A.W. Copeland, was the same way. I hope that I am following the example of my father and grandfather. I have learned how to live, love and bless people by watching and learning from these wonderful men. I am grateful to be part of their family!

The other Father I want to honor this month is One we all share—our heavenly Father! Let's honor Him not only with words, but by realizing that He is REALLY our Father! The Bible tells us in Romans 8:15-17, *The Passion Translation*:

...But you have received the "Spirit of full acceptance," (complete sonship or the spirit of consecrated children) enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, "Beloved Father!" (Daddy or Papa) For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, "You are God's beloved child! And since we are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that he is and all that he has..."

Read how *The Message* says it:

It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are:

Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance!

Superkid, as we keep our eyes on Jesus, we will begin to see our Father more clearly. We will begin to know Him like Jesus knows Him. Jesus gave His life so that this could happen! The whole world is waiting for you and me to understand this!

I am convinced that any suffering we endure is less than nothing compared to the magnitude of glory that is about to be unveiled within us. THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE IS STANDING ON TIPTOE, yearning to see the unveiling of God's glorious sons and daughters! For against its will the universe itself has had to endure the empty futility resulting from the consequences of human sin. But now, with eager expectation, all creation longs for freedom from its slavery to decay and to experience with us the wonderful freedom coming to God's children (Romans 8:18-21, *TPT*)

I know this is a lot to take in, but we were created to be just like Jesus, the Son of God. As we become more and more like

Him, the world will see that we not only belong to Him, but we are also just LIKE Him! We are just like Jesus, and we are just like our Father. He is a real Father. And we are His real children.


Remember John 3:16? It says, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (*New Living Translation*).

The Father sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to give all mankind eternal life. The only way people can come to the Father is through meeting His Son. How will they meet Jesus? What if they see Him in you? What if you live, love and bless so much like your heavenly Father that people want to know Him too? What will that look like?

Shall we go with this BIG plan of God? Yes? Let's do it! Let's follow Him into this new and amazing time we live in. Though the world looks kind of weird right now, they are hungry to know Jesus. They just don't know it. They are standing on tiptoe just waiting for us to show up! Are you ready? Let's Go!

"What's next, Papa?!"

Commander Kellie 



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A Living Connection

WOULDN'T LIFE BE WONDERFULLY SIMPLE IF THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING
THAT TRULY MATTERED? WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF ONLY ONE FACTOR
DETERMINED YOUR SUCCESS?

All the confusion and complexity that clutter your life would suddenly disappear. Instead of constantly juggling priorities, you'd always know what to put first.

Well, here's a bit of news that may surprise you.

There is, in fact, only one real key to victory in life. That's right. Just one.

What is it?

A living connection with God.

In years past, I used to say, "If you're not walking in victory, check your love walk." Or sometimes I'd tell people, "If you're not getting your prayers answered, make sure

you aren't harboring any unforgiveness... make sure your flesh is under control... make sure you're flowing in the joy of the Lord." I had learned that by checking those spiritual gauges, you could track down the causes for failure.

But even though such gauges are very helpful, after more than 50 years of living by faith, I've come to realize that ultimately our success stems solely from our vital, continual contact with God. That one factor governs all others.

Please don't misunderstand. I'm not saying you can forget about things like



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love, joy, forgiveness and self-control. They're crucial elements in your life. You'll never get far without them. What I am saying is, if you're in contact with the Lord, those qualities will flow naturally from your heart. If you maintain a living connection with God, you *will* walk in love and joy. You *will* walk in forgiveness. You *will* keep your flesh in subjection to your spirit.

By the same token, if you *don't* stay in living contact with God, you're not going to make it spiritually. No matter how hard you try, you'll fall flat on your face.

Follow Religious Rules

It's amazing how many Christians do that! Like the Galatians, "...having begun in the Spirit, [they try to be] made perfect by the flesh" (Galatians 3:3). They put together a good set of religious rules to follow. Then they try to force their minds, emotions and bodies to obey those rules.

Anyone who has ever tried it can tell you, it doesn't work.

That's because we weren't born again to live by a set of rules. We were born again to live in continual fellowship with God. We were born again to walk in the spirit, and according to Galatians 5:16 that's the way we keep from fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.

Head knowledge won't do it. You can know every word the Bible says...you can know every commandment by heart...you can know what it teaches about how to receive from God and how to live by faith—but you cannot act on that knowledge if you don't have a living connection with God Himself.

What does it mean to have a *living connection* with God? It simply means keeping the lines of communication open between the two of you. It means going about your daily activities in such a way that you're always available to hear from heaven.

Just think, one word from God can change your life forever! And God is continually speaking such words to our hearts by the Holy Spirit who lives within us. The problem is, our ears are often so filled with the noise of the world, we don't listen.

"Oh, Gloria," you say, "that's exactly what's happening to me. But, I don't know how to change it!"

I can tell you how. In fact, it's simple.

Spend time every day in the Word of God and

in prayer. Set aside time to fellowship with Him, and you'll begin to hear more clearly what the Lord is saying to you in your heart. Give Him place by listening. Throughout the day, listen to what your heart is saying—not just your head.

As you commune with God, your spirit will become more dominant. It will grow strong enough to shut out those fleshly voices. Soon, instead of being shoved around constantly by the pressures of the world, you'll find yourself being led by your spirit. You'll be hearing from God and ordering your mind, will and emotions according to His Word!

That's a great way to live. But, let me warn you, it doesn't happen accidentally. You don't just stumble into spending time with God. You'll have to make a quality decision to do it. Then you'll have to act on that decision.

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Let's stop compromising and allowing the things of the world to eat away at our time with God.

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Take the Time To Hear

You see, the Holy Spirit is a gentleman. He isn't going to come into your living room, grab the remote control from your hand, turn off the television and say, *Hey, I have something to tell you. I need some attention here!*

No, if you don't voluntarily take some time away from the busyness of life to spend time with God, you're probably not going to hear much from Him.

What a tragedy that would be! What a waste it would be to have God Himself living inside you—constantly talking to you, giving you direction and bringing you light—and yet to be so busy running from here to there (making mistakes, then trying to correct them) that you never take the time to hear what He has to say!

If you put the same situation in physical terms, it would be unthinkable. Let me show you what I mean.

Suppose you woke up one morning, walked into your kitchen and Jesus was sitting at the



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table. You might say, "Well, Jesus! It's so good to see You. I wish I had time to spend with You today, but I have to run. I'm having lunch downtown, and I have to take care of some business. Maybe I can catch You when I get home tonight."

But when you get home, you have that Little League game to go to. So, as you rush out the door, you say, "I'm sorry, Jesus. I have to go to the game right now. But we'll spend a few minutes together before I go to bed tonight, OK?"

The problem is, when you get back from the Little League game you're so tired, you think, *I just need to watch a little television to relax.*

Let me take a little side trip here and warn you—television will suck the spiritual life out of you if you let it. You'll end up lying on the couch feeling like you have chains on, watching television and thinking, *I ought to get up and do such and such*—but you don't because you feel immobilized.

I'm not saying watching television is all bad. After all, Ken and I are on TV! But I am telling you that if you're watching too much secular television, you're not going to have time for the Word of God. Then, when an emergency hits and you need supernatural deliverance, you'll be in trouble because, instead of being full of the answers of God, you'll be full of the world's voice.

Just imagine, there you are falling asleep in front of the television while Jesus is still sitting, waiting at your kitchen table. Finally, the day slips completely away and you've missed your opportunity to be with Him.

I know what you're thinking. You're thinking you'd never do such a thing. If Jesus physically came to your house, you'd stop everything just to be with Him. Yet, when you understand how real the spirit realm is, you'll see that neglecting fellowship with the Lord through the Word and in prayer each day is the same as leaving Jesus sitting alone at your kitchen table. When you fully realize that His precious Holy Spirit is right there inside you, waiting for you day after day, you'll start making time for Him instead of making excuses!

Reschedule Your Schedule

"That's easy for you to say, Gloria. You don't know how busy my life is. I don't know how I'd fit anything else into my schedule!"

Then don't try. Build your schedule around your time with God instead. After all, it *is* your No. 1 priority.

Why? Because, without that time spent with Him, you cannot maintain your living connection with God. And, as I said earlier, without that living connection—you can't succeed at anything!

Jesus put it this way in John 15: "I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out as a [broken-off] branch, and withers..." (verses 5-6, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

I don't want to be spiritually withered up and useless, do you? I don't want to be like an old dead branch! So I'm going to follow Jesus' instructions. I'm going to abide in Him, living in vital union with Him every day.

Notice, I said "every day." That's important. You see, you can't store up living contact. You can't spend a couple of hours in the Word and in prayer and then live on that for a week.

Your faith has to be fresh daily because the Bible says "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). It doesn't say faith cometh by having heard.

That's the reason Proverbs 4 tells us to continually "...attend to [God's] words.... Let them not depart from your sight; [but] keep them in the center of your heart" (verses 20-21, *AMPC*).

It's also the reason why God told Joshua to meditate on the Word "day and night" (Joshua 1:8). To keep that living, faith connection with Jesus and abide in Him, our contact with Him must be a daily thing.


If we maintain that daily contact, we become like Joshua—we make our way prosperous, deal wisely and have good success in every area of our lives. If we don't make that daily contact, we wither up spiritually. We get weaker and weaker until we start living like the people of the world.

Eventually, we stop dominating the devil and start allowing him to dominate us. Instead of telling him to shut up the moment he opens his mouth, we start listening to him. We think about what he's saying. Ultimately, we'll start to obey him.

I heard one preacher say his grandmother once said, "If you give the devil a ride, pretty

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soon he'll be wanting to drive." That's the truth! You can't afford to give the devil one moment of your time—much less a whole day of it. And you won't, if you'll spend time every day fellowshiping with God.

That's because when you're in living contact with God, the devil can't get you to pay attention to him. He can't get a conversation going with you. You're too busy listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit!

What's more, he can't get enough unbelief into you to stop your prayers. We know that's true because in John 15:7, Jesus said, "If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you" (AMPC).

Do you realize what Jesus was actually saying there? He was telling you that all the power of heaven is at your disposal if you're in constant contact with God!

The Most Important Thing

Think about that for a moment. Think how wonderful it would be to have such harmony with God that He did everything you asked Him to do!

According to Jesus, that kind of prayer power is available to every believer. It's available to you and to me...IF we will make our union with God the most important thing in our lives.

So, let's do it! Let's stop compromising and allowing the things of the world to eat away at our time with God. Let's get His Word into our hearts so deeply that no one else's opinion holds a candle to it.

Then, let's start asking. Let's ask for what we need. Ask for what we want. Ask for God to meet the needs of others.

We won't have to be shy about it. We can be bold, knowing that when we give God priority in our lives, He gives us priority in His life. That's what Jesus meant when He said, "...whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him." (John 14:21, AMPC).

The Lord explained it to Rufus Mosely—a great man of God who died some years ago—in these words. He said, *Life in Jesus is gloriously easy. But it has one responsibility: the responsibility of remaining in union. If you stay in union with Me, I'll take care of everything else.*

Isn't that a delightfully simple instruction? You keep the union. He'll take care of everything else.

It sounds almost too good to be true. But then again, when you think about it, it makes perfect sense. For even in the natural world, it's easy to trust someone you fellowship with each day. It's easy to believe in someone when you're with them constantly, always looking into their eyes, always experiencing their love.

The same is true in your relationship with God. When you haven't been spending time with Him, the devil can lie to you about Him and convince you to doubt His Word. But when you've been in His wonderful presence, those lies don't hold water.

When you have that living connection with God, it's easy to believe what the Bible says about Him. It's easy to believe He's good. It's easy to believe He cares about you watchfully and affectionately. It's easy to roll your cares over on Him.

Listen to me. Faith isn't hard! Love isn't hard! Forgiveness isn't hard! All those things flow naturally when you're walking hand in hand and fellowshiping heart-to-heart with the Father. Everything falls in line when you're in vital union with Him.

So, put first things first. Cut away the confusion in your life and focus on the one factor that truly matters—your time with God. And always remember that your success is guaranteed when you maintain a living connection with Him! 🍷

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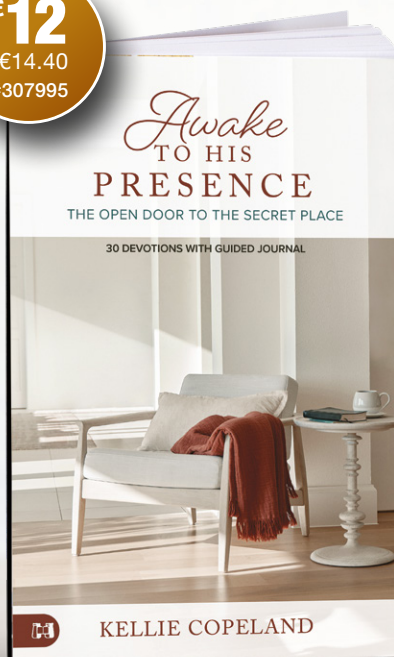
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