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Editor's Letter



It Is Well!

Saved Alone. These two words, sent by telegram to Christian businessman Horatio Spafford in November 1873, might have been interpreted as good news-and they were. Spafford's wife, Anna, had survived the devastating collision of two ships as the vessels crossed the Atlantic Ocean. But the message represented more than just a report of one life that was saved. It delivered the sad news that Spafford's four daughters, who were traveling with their mother, had drowned. Two hundred and twenty-two others also died in the Nov. 22 collision.

As the story surrounding the deaths of his children goes, Spafford and his wife had decided to get away for a vacation in England and visit with their close friend, evangelist Dwight L. Moody. Business matters prevented Spafford from leaving immediately, so he sent his family ahead with plans to join them in a few days.

Several weeks passed before Spafford was able to board a ship to join his grieving wife in Cardiff, Wales. As his ship passed near the spot where his daughters had died, Spafford stood on deck gazing over the mighty waters that had claimed their lives. When he returned to his cabin, Spafford wrote the following words, which later became part of the lyrics of one of today's most popular hymns:

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way. When sorrows like sea billows roll. Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well. with mv soul.

This accident was just one of several tragic events that affected Spafford's otherwise successful life during the 1870s. A prominent Chicago lawyer, Spafford watched all of his holdings go up in flames following the devastating Chicago fire of 1871. In 1880, tragedy struck again when the Spaffords' 4-year-old son died of scarlet fever.

Though written in the midst of sorrow, the words brought solace to Spafford at a time when he didn't know where else to find peace. The words of this timeless song still speak eternal hope to all believers, no matter what the pain, hurt or loss. We still have God's assurance that, no matter how severe the hurt, pain or disappointment, He is with us. We can still say, "It is well with my soul."

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-James Logan

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When The LORD first spoke to us about starting the Believer's Voice of Victory magazine, He said: This is uour seed. Give it to everyone who ever responds to your ministry, and don't ever allow anyone to pay for a subscription to it.

For 50 years it has been our joy to bring you good news through the teachings of ministers who write out of living contact with God, and the testimonies of believers who took God at His WORD and experienced His victory in everyday life.

> -Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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says, I believe it! I have it!
It's mine! Hallelujah!"

One morning not too long ago, I was sitting on the deck behind our house looking out over Eagle Mountain Lake. I had just finished my morning routine, which includes reading the healing scriptures I keep taped to my bathroom mirror. Fresh on my mind were these verses from Psalm 103:

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities;



who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's (verses 2–5).

As I sat there enjoying the view of the trees and the water and praising The LORD, I noticed some buzzards flying around overhead. Suddenly, a bald eagle swooped by



and joined them. Eager to get a better look at him, I said, "LORD, send him back around!" He did, and as the eagle circled by me again, I was reminded of those verses and thought, God is renewing my youth like that bird's! The eagle is a magnificent bird. What thrills me most about them is their aviation skills. As a pilot, when I'm confronted with a thunderstorm I have to go around it (unless I'm flying a Citation X or Gulfstream that has a ceiling of 50,000 feet). Mr. Eagle, however, doesn't have to do that. Instead, he takes flight and uses the updraft in front of that storm to his advantage.

He puts his wings in "climb mode" at just the right altitude and locks them in place, so he doesn't have to flap. Then, he allows the updrafts to keep lifting him higher. He has air sacs in his lungs that enable him to go to high altitudes so, once he's above the storm, he can stay there as long as necessary. He can circle around, looking down on everything and enjoy himself.

Why can he do that? God created him that way.

God created us as believers that way too! He created us to mount up in victory with wings as eagles (Isaiah 40:31). He gave every one of us the measure of faith (Romans 12:3) so that when the storms of life start swirling around us we don't have to run from them. Instead, we can go into climb mode. We can take flight on the exceeding great and precious promises in God's WORD and lock our spiritual wings into just the right altitude.

If a storm of sickness threatens, we can lock into a healing altitude. If lack threatens us, we can lock into a prospering altitude. If clouds of defeat start to gather, we can lock into a victory altitude. We can keep rising higher on the wings of faith and overcome!

When I think of what can happen when a believer locks into God's WORD like that, I'm reminded of Joel Osteen's mother, Dodie. Many years ago, she faced a storm that, in the natural, she had no way of surviving. I'll never forget the day she and John (Joel's dad) called Gloria and me to tell us she had been diagnosed with liver cancer. According to the doctors, her condition was fatal. The cancer had progressed to the point where they said there was nothing medical science could do to help her.

Gloria and I prayed and agreed with her and John for her healing, of course, but Dodie knew better than just to depend on other people's faith. She knew she had to use her own, so she went into climb mode. Once the doctors gave their diagnosis, she never went back to the hospital. Instead, she put together a list of healing scriptures.

From then on, every morning when she got up, she read them. During the day, she read them again. In the evening, she read them again. She didn't quote them from memory. She read them all, out loud, every day, three times a day. She also acted on those verses. She behaved not according to how she felt but according to what she believed—The WORD of God. James 2:17 says, "Faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up)...is destitute of power" (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition). So, even though Dodie felt so weak sometimes she could hardly walk across the room, she refused to go to bed.

Your Most Important Business

Not only did Dodie Osteen end up overcoming that particular storm, but she has also been flying high, in health, ever since. Decades have come and gone, and she is alive and well today. John has already gone to heaven, but Dodie is still going strong. Gloria and I were privileged to be there for her 75th birthday, and we can confirm that she is vibrant and full of the Spirit of God. Dodie eventually published that list of healing scriptures she put together. I have most of them marked with tabs in

my Bible. A number of them are on the list of healing scriptures that I read every day from the list posted on my bathroom mirror.

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "I don't understand why you keep reading those same verses every day. By now, surely you can remember what they say."

Certainly, I can. But God didn't tell me just to remember His WORD. He said:

"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" (Proverbs 4:20–22).

People here in Texas (especially if they're from the country) don't generally use the phrase *attend to* like the Bible does there. Instead, they just say, "tend to." If they're focused on something that's a priority, they talk about having to *tend to* it. If they're on the way to an urgent appointment, for example, and somebody wants them to stop and chat, they'll say, "I'd like to visit with you, but I have some important business I have to tend to first."

For us as believers, God's BOOK is our most important business! We must tend to it first and foremost. How do we do that? By keeping that BOOK in front of our eyes, not only by reading and saying it aloud, but by seeing ourselves in the light of it.

When you read in Psalm 103, for instance, that God forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, you see yourself forgiven, healed and well. When you read in 2 Corinthians 8:9 that though Jesus "was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through

his poverty might be rich," you see yourself very, very prosperous. You see yourself out of debt and "furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation" (2 Corinthians 9:8, *AMPC*). This is how God's WORD becomes life to you and health to your flesh. You see yourself in it. You think about it. You meditate on it. You call yourself what it calls you.

From the time I was a young boy I had trouble sleeping. I'd lie in bed at night, hour after hour, wide awake. After I got born again, however, and started reading The WORD, I found out I can call myself asleep. I saw in Psalm 127:2 that The LORD "giveth his beloved sleep," and realized that sleep is a gift from God. So, I wrote that verse along with some other sleep scriptures on a piece of paper, and put them on my nightstand. Now, instead of lying awake half the night, when I go to bed I call myself what The WORD calls me. I say, "Thank You, LORD, that I am fast asleep." And very soon I am.

"Well, that's just silly," somebody might say.

No, it's not. In fact, it's the opposite. It's operating like God does. He "calleth those things which be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17). That's how He accomplished what He did with Abram. He said to him, "A father of many nations

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Just as the eagle has physical wings, you have wings of faith to lift you to victory. (1 John 5:4) 2

You can lock into God's exceedingly great and precious promises by faith and triumph over every storm. (2 Cor. 1:20) 3

When sickness threatens, you can lock into a healing *altitude* by faith in God's healing promises. (Psalm 103:2-3, 5) 4

When lack threatens, you can lock into an altitude of abundance by faith in God's prosperity promises. (2 Cor. 8:9) 5

Keep reading and declaring God's promises so you don't let them slip. (Heb. 2:1) have I made thee" (Genesis 17:5). Talk about something that, in the natural, sounded silly! At the time, Abram was about 100 years old; his wife, Sarai, was 90; had been barren all her life; and they'd never had a child together.

Nevertheless, God said, "I made you a father of many nations, so that's what you are," and He changed Abram's name to Abraham (which means "father of many nations"). From then

on, Abraham called himself what God called him, and in less than a year he became exactly what God said. God works the same way with us as believers today. He said, "by whose [Jesus'] stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24) and made us well. So that's what we are. As we agree with Him by faith and call ourselves healed, what God has already done manifests in our body and, like Abraham, we become what God said.

"Keep those exceeding precious promises before your eyes, in your ears, on your mind and in your mouth. Keep reading them—and don't let them slip."

you need healing in your body, look up the following verses and read them aloud daily. Refuse to give in to doubt and unbelief. And remember. God's WORD works!

Ex. 15:26	Isa. 41:10	Mark 16:14-18	Heb. 11:11
Ex. 23:25	Isa. 53:4-5	Rom. 4:16-21	Heb. 13:8
Deut. 7:14-15	Jer. 1:12	Rom. 8:2, 11	Jas. 5:14-16
Deut. 30:19-20	Jer. 30:17	2 Cor. 10:3-5	1 Pet. 2:24
1 Kgs. 8:56	Joel 3:10	Gal. 3:13-14, 29	1 Jn. 3:21-22
Ps. 91:9-10, 14-16	Nah. 1:9	Eph. 6:10-17	1 Jn. 5:14-15
Ps. 103:1-5	Matt. 8:2-3	Phil. 2:13	3 Jn. 2
Ps. 107:19-21	Matt. 8:16-17	Phil. 4:6-7	Rev. 12:11
Ps. 118:17	Matt. 18:18-19	2 Tim. 1:7	
Prov. 4:10	Matt. 21:21	Heb. 10:23	
Prov. 4:20-24	Mark 11:22-24	Heb. 10:35-36	

Pay Closer Attention Than Ever

According to Mark 11:22-23, by faith in God we can have what we say. All too often, however, God's people are saying what they have. That's the reason so many are stuck in defeat. They're calling themselves sick when they want to be healed. They're calling themselves broke when they want to be prosperous. Charles Capps used to compare this to calling the cat when you want the dog to come.

"The cat is sitting right here," somebody might say. "Why are you calling the cat if you want the dog?"

"Because I can see the cat and I believe in just calling it like it is."

Now, that is silly! It's also a recipe for failure, because as long as they keep calling the cat, the dog is not coming. When you call things in your life what the Bible calls them, however, you can be sure they are coming! They are going to manifest because the Bible is a BOOK of covenants. Every one of its exceedingly great and precious promises are backed by the precious blood of Jesus. They are all yes and amen in Him (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Next time you pick up your Bible, remind yourself of that. Take a moment to declare with gusto: "This is my Bible. This is my LORD speaking to me. I am what it says I am. I have what it says I have. I can do what it says I can do. Whatever God's WORD says, I believe it! I have it! It's mine! Hallelujah!" Once you've said that, open up your Bible and read it. Return time and again to the verses and promises you're standing on by faith. Go back over them, keeping in mind Hebrews 2:1 that says, "We ought to pay much closer attention than ever to the truths that we have heard, lest in any way we drift past [them] and slip away" (AMPC).

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

by Gloria Copeland

The LORD spoke to me about this where aviation is concerned when I first started flying our ministry airplane. Knowing that because I'd been a pilot for years, my familiarity with flying could lead to carelessness and I could let things slip, He said: You're flying for Me now, and you need to change your attitude about some things. Even if you're just repositioning the airplane from one airport to the other, I want you to plan the flight. Don't just kick the tires, light the fires and take off. Believe Me and plan the flight.

Familiarity can lead to sloppiness, and sloppiness can be dangerous. It's been said that most car wrecks, for example, happen within 25 miles of home. That doesn't mean you need to move. It means that when you get close to home, you need to keep your wits about you. You need to make sure you don't quit watching what you're doing because you're so familiar with the area. I don't care if you're just going around the block, fasten your seat belt. Be aware of what you're doing. Be attentive to the details involved in driving.

Do the same with God's WORD. Find out what it says to you and about you, and once you find it, attend to it. Keep those exceeding precious promises before your eyes, in your ears, on your mind and in your mouth. Keep reading them—and don't let them slip. I've learned from experience how easy it is to quote something over and over without noticing how much I'm altering it. I've done that with songs I've recorded. After years of singing a song, I've gone back and listened to the original recording and thought, I didn't realized I'd changed that. But without being aware of it, over a period of time I did. It just happened.

Don't let that happen with the Scriptures! Go through your Bible and put tabs on the pages to mark the exceeding great and precious promises of God you are claiming by faith. Turn to them often and read them out loud like Dodie Osteen did. Write them on notepaper and index cards and tape them to your mirror and your nightstand. Lock into them so that when the storm comes (and the storms of life come to all of us) you can face it with The WORD in your heart and mouth and overcome it. Like the eagle, you can ride high to victory on wings of faith!

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8

There's an old Full Gospel tradition that says God gets glory from the wonderful way His children bear pain and agony and that the world is impressed by that. What a lie! That's simply a tool of the devil to keep God's children in bondage. People of the world already have all the pain and agony they want. They aren't looking for a way into it. They are looking for a way out. They don't care what you preach. It's the religious people who get worried about that. The world, the sinners, are smarter than that. All they care about are the results.

That's why they'll come to your church when they hear people are getting healed, delivered and set free from suffering. That's what they're looking for, and that's what God wants them to receive.

The Bible says that God gets glory when they see the lame walk and the blind see (Matthew 15:31). Jesus said, "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit" (John 15:8). What is that fruit?

Lives being restored and healed by the power of God.

There was a man who came to one of our healing meetings who was so far gone with cancer he had almost no energy or life about him. He didn't even know the Lord, but he came expecting a miracle. During the miracle service, the Lord told Ken someone was being healed of cancer, in the glands, in the throat and in the chest. When the man came up and received his healing, he said, "I left the hospital this morning with cancer and I'm healed." He went back to the hospital that afternoon and the doctors checked and dismissed him. As a result, the man received Jesus as his Lord, and later that day he was restored to his wife from whom he'd been separated. He got born again, healed and his marriage put back together in one day!

Now that's fruit! That brings God glory. When we minister healing and deliverance like Jesus on the earth, that brings God glory. Let's do away with religious tradition and go with what the Word says. Let's impress the world with Jesus and give God the glory today!



No Middle of the Road

Standing inside his parents' New Jersey home one day, James Logan had an epiphany. For the first time he realized that his life was a mess. He knew his parents were disappointed by his lifestyle. Of course, his lifestyle wasn't all bad.

James lived for football.

Actually, he *loved* football—dreaming of a career in the NFL. But James also liked to party. When he wasn't on the field, he was quick to make the party scene. The truth was, if not for football, James would have partied his way to prison.

Born in Germany to a military family, he had moved around several times. In high school, things hadn't gone well for James. He had experimented with drugs and alcohol, liking them both *way* too much. He had also been arrested for shoplifting.

Following high school, he'd moved to California to play football, but later transferred to Temple University in Philadelphia. While there, James' partying habits kicked in and landed him in trouble. He hosted a keg party in his dorm room, and things got out of hand. James was kicked off the football team for a semester.

After playing for different colleges, James ended up back in California and played ball at Fresno State. Driven to succeed, he dabbled in steroids. He drove across the border and bought them over the counter in Tijuana. Back home, he gave them to his teammates and took them himself.

Somewhere along the line, James heard one of his teammates share the gospel while in the locker room. James had never heard it before. He prayed the sinner's prayer—adding Jesus to his life, but never really letting Jesus be his life. He hoped Jesus would help him get into the NFL. Now, standing there in his parents' home, he knew his life was out of control. Having just scored cocaine and marijuana, James was enjoying a one-man party. When had he become that guy?

Picking a Side

"Back at Fresno State to start a new semester, a guy on the team who'd been trying to get me to go to a Bible study invited me again," James recalls. "This time I said yes. I'd figured some things out about myself. I could either be all-in for the things of God, or I could be all-in as a sinner. I wasn't a middle-of-theroad kind of guy.

"During the Bible study, I made a public declaration that I was dedicating my life to Jesus. That I was going to live for Him completely. I was in my apartment one night not long afterward when I had a vision. I saw the Lord. He said, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel.' That's when I knew I'd been called to preach.

"Different ministers began calling me out at meetings and confirming the call on my life. I found a church and started working for a Christian businessman. The first time he picked me up for work, he had a tape series in the front seat by Kenneth E. Hagin. The title of the series was *How You Can Write Your Ticket With God.*

"I'd heard it called 'name it and claim it.' I said, 'Oh, you listen to that positive confession stuff?' He began walking me through the Word of God. He spoon-fed me, answering all my questions about healing, prosperity and faith.

"During that time, I came across a book by T.L. Osborn called *Healing the Sick*. The things I read in that book were confirmed in Scripture. I realized that I'd changed. Before, I had a passion for football. Now I had a passion for ministry. I spent a minimum of six hours a day reading the Bible.

"I realized that common themes in the Bible included the power of the tongue, your words and the power of God's spoken Word. That same man shared more tapes with me by Kenneth E. Hagin and Kenneth Copeland."

A Divine Appointment

In 1988, James met a young woman at church named Terry Tyler. Terry's life had been the polar opposite of his. The youngest of five siblings, she had been nine months old when her birth mother lost custody of Terry and her siblings. Since there was no official foster care system back then, they'd been placed in a juvenile detention center.

A family God had told to start a Christian home for children and a Christian school, found them and gave them a home. All five children were taught to play musical instruments. When Terry was in grade school, they traveled across the country. Known as the Tyler Kids, they played and sang to the Lord.

Their foster mother, the only real mother they'd ever known, made sure the kids held no grudge against their birth mother. She never said a negative word against her. Quite the opposite, she assured them that their birth mother only wanted the best for them. She even sent their birth mother school pictures and encouraged her to visit. Over the years, she visited at least 10 times. A strong athlete, Terry never had any interest in parties, drugs or alcohol—the things James had clung to growing up. Not caring to be like her peers, she had one goal and one goal only: to serve the Lord.

Learning To Live by Faith

"The faith message was new to me," Terry says, although just before she left for college, her mother introduced her to a book by Francis P. Martin called *Hung by the Tongue*. It was from that book Terry began getting bits and pieces of the faith message. She also learned a lot about faith while dating James.

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"Being Partners with KCM isn't just about finances. There is an anointing that flows into us and our church."

"Let me explain what dating him was like," she says. "We drove to the airport and parked where we could see planes landing at night. While sitting there, we listened to messages by Kenneth Copeland and Kenneth Hagin."

While playing volleyball in college, Terry tore a ligament in her ankle. "It hadn't healed right, and I'd limped on it ever since," she recalled. "Until I met James, I hadn't been taught about healing, so I asked him for one of those cassette tapes. He gave me 'The Exodus' by Kenneth Copeland. The Holy Ghost ministered to me from it and things finally clicked. I called James and said, 'I'm healed by the stripes of Jesus! I just got it!' After that healing, neither of us could get enough of those teachings.

"We married in July of 1989. When I was 8 1/2 months pregnant with our first child, we were too hungry for the things of God to stay home. We drove from Fresno to Anaheim to attend the West Coast Believers' Convention. We made it to one meeting before I went into labor!

"Later, the Lord directed us to attend Rhema [Bible Training Center] in Tulsa, Okla. I had earned an associate degree in theology at West Coast Christian College. We both earned our bachelor's degrees through Life Christian University. In 1992, we moved to Dallas and attended Christ For The Nations. Afterward, we moved to Tulsa to attend Rhema. James attended for two years and graduated. In 1995. I enrolled and graduated in 1997."

During that time, James and Terry were blessed with two more children. A daughter, Sarah, was born in 1993. Then their son, James, came along three years later.

Planting a Church

With plans to start a church, James and Terry asked God to send them to an area where most people hadn't heard the Word of Faith. They ended up in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1997. The following year, they planted Faith World Outreach Center. They sowed the Word of God and love into the congregation for years.

What the church congregation lacked in size, it more than made up for in faithfulness and kindness, says James. In 2016, a group from the church traveled with James and Terry to Fort Worth, Texas, to attend the Southwest Believers' Convention. Their son, James, had been in rebellion, but during one of their trips to SWBC he rededicated his life to Jesus. No one knew, however, that stopping the synthetic form of marijuana cold turkey could cause psychosis. Back home, their son had to be admitted to a mental institution.

Doctors urged James and Terry to read about and study mental illness, James recalled, telling them their son's condition was not drug related. "You'll be dealing with mental illness for the rest of his life," they were told.

"We refused to accept that," James says.

"After a couple of weeks, the Lord told us to stop visiting him. We were told to focus on the church and leave our son in God's hands. That was hard, but we did it.

"One day James called us in his right mind. He asked if we would take him home and help him get rid of any spirit he'd allowed through an open door. We did that and found something interesting. James could confess that Jesus was Lord. He could say everything except one thing. He couldn't say, 'I hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, and a stranger I will not follow.'

"When he finally got those words out, he said he felt something leave him. From that day on, the Lord healed his mind. He listened to Brother Copeland, and his mind became clear. He was able to get off all the medications. It's been seven years, and he loves to tell his testimony. He recently got married.

"In 2017, we planned to attend the Dayton Victory Campaign," James said. "We'd been invited to a prayer breakfast where they asked for volunteers. Sixteen members of our church took off work, and we all showed up to volunteer. We had no idea at the time, but that meeting changed our lives, and it changed our church.





"When the KCM crew packed up their materials, they decided to sow some of them into our church instead. We put the resources into the hands of people on the streets, and sowed some of it into churches."

A Word From God

Though money had always been a challenge for the couple, and the church, they never discussed it with anyone. At a time when they desired to attend a particular church conference, they were 10 payments behind on the church building that they rented for \$1500 a month. Despite that, the couple prayed and released their faith for the \$500 it would cost for them to attend the meeting.

The Sunday before the meeting was scheduled to start, a widow woman showed up at their church, James said. "On the way here this morning," the woman said, "the Lord told me to give you \$500."

They packed and left the next day.

James and Terry had brought with them a \$200 tithe check from their church that they intended to give in Friday's offering while at the meeting. During the service on Thursday, James leaned over and whispered to Terry, "The Lord told me to put the tithe check in tonight." They looked at each other and obeyed God, both holding back tears and wishing they had more to give. Now they were down to their last \$11.

As the service was ending, one of the pastors turned to the congregation and said: "There's somebody here who wants to give with everything that's in you. You can't because you have a huge bill due back home. You just don't have it to give. Raise your hand."

Reluctantly, the couple raised their hands.

"We're going to take another offering and sow it into this church," James recalled the pastor say. After the service, James and Terry were called into an office and handed a check for \$20,000. It was 100 times what they'd given in the offering.

The following Sunday, James and Terry shared the story with the entire church. The faith level of the church soared.

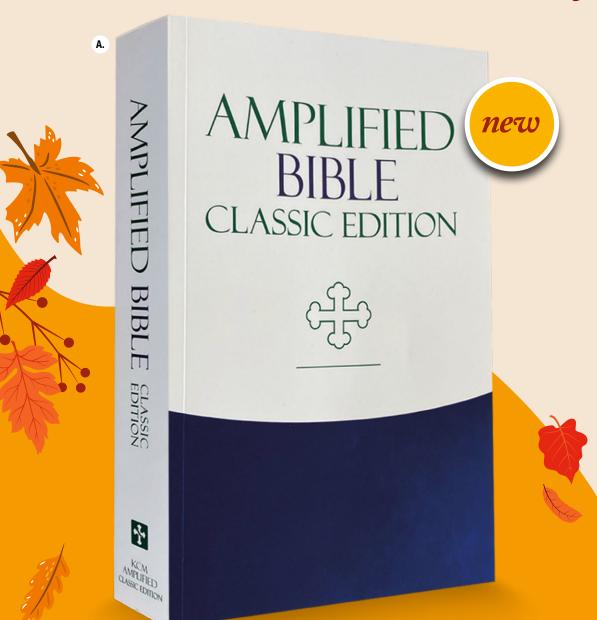
"For years we listened to all of Brother Copeland's teachings and watched him on television," James explains. "We taught faith, but we didn't experience huge breakthroughs until we started attending the meetings in person. It also helped when our members started attending as well.

"We still have the same 50 members who couldn't give enough for us to afford a \$1500 rent payment. Those same people have prospered enough that when we moved to a facility that cost \$4500 a month, we didn't miss a payment. Our current rent is \$9,000 a month. It's a larger facility, but the same small group of people. Today we know we're at our Gilgal, and our next step will be to buy a property.

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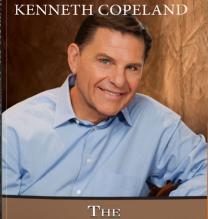
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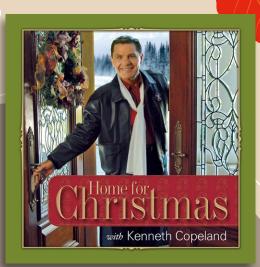
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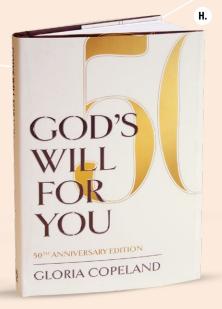
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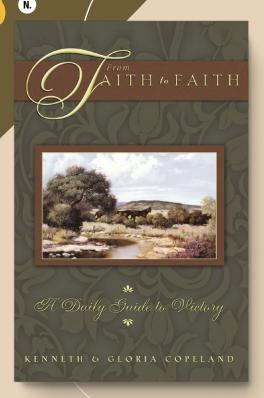
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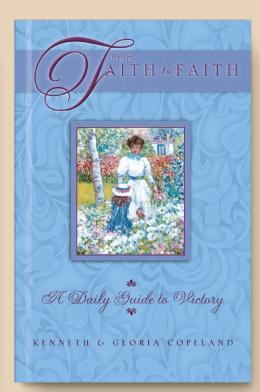
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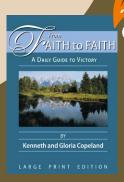




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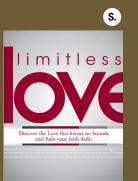


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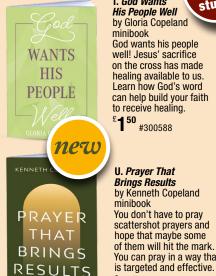
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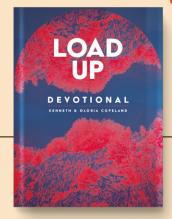
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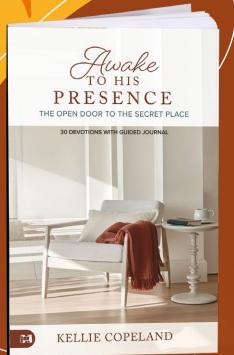
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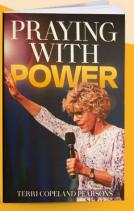
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'Blessed Beyond Measure'

Yesterday, I was watching the EMIC service online, as I live in the U.K. During the offering time. I felt led to give what little I had left in my bank, amounting to just over \$3, to the ministry. However, my card would not go through, despite the funds being available. I still prayed over my offering, and didn't think any more of it until this morning.

I checked my bank account, as I normally do each morning. Overnight, an unexpected deposit of just over \$190 had appeared in my account! I checked with my bank to make sure that this was indeed correct, and they confirmed it was. I am blessed beyond measure with this payment, as now I will have enough to get groceries and other essential items, before my next deposit next week. I know God provided me with this bounty to ensure I would be OK.

H.B. | Great Britain

No Longer Alone

We were feeling a bit lost in the craziness of such great changes in society. We didn't have anyone to turn to who understood how we felt. Watching FlashPoint made us feel like there were others out there just like us. Now we feel like we are not alone. Thank you for all you do.

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'True Prosperity'

I was blessed as I listened to George and Terri talk about true prosperity. When Terri said prosperity is not having money but is walking in the covenant of God, my eyes were opened and I received understanding. I should not judge my prosperity on how much I have but on how strong and sweet is my walk with God and His Word. This gave me great peace. Thank you, KCM, for being a blessing to many.

I.I. | Nigeria

His Masterpiece

I was born with a mild to medium case of autism and went undiagnosed for over 30 years. When I was really showing the signs of it, I was determined to get healed. However, I had been told to embrace it because I was into artwork, so for a while I just let it stay. At a KCM healing service, I said, "I don't care! I want to be healed from

this, and true creativity in artwork comes from God, not a sickness!" So, I went to one of the prayer ministers, who laid hands on me and rebuked that spirit that was causing me to have autism. I am now healed! And not only that, I'm still able to be creative in my artwork.

J.T. | Texas

God's Goodness Revealed

Brother Kenneth's messages in the *BVOV* magazine are opening a clearer vision of God's goodness for me. Thank you. A.S. I Maryland

Good News In Prison

Your materials have been read by many inmates in the Oregon correctional facilities over the past 20-plus years. When my son went to prison, I asked your ministry to send him materials. He has often told me what that meant to him and everyone he shared your messages with. They passed the magazines and newsletters through the bars between the cells until evervone in his block had read them. The other inmates would ask him to tell them stories of what God had done for his family and his testimony of being healed of drug addiction. Once, while telling his story, he looked up; there were nine guys around his table-not a dry eye in the group.

I am writing this to bless you since you have blessed so many. I share your videos, programs and sermons on Facebook™, and am a member of the *FlashPoint* Army. God bless you all!

P.H. | Oregon

"You can't just sit around waiting for God's blessings to drop out of heaven into your

lap. You have to 'believe that ye receive.'"

-Kenneth Copeland



Above and Beyond

Thank you for praying for my son and his friend's business. They are doing quite well and have gone far beyond what is expected. despite the economy. They both are growing closer to the Lord and learning that God is their Source. Your prayers are achieving great results for them. Praise God!

M.G. | Missouri

'Wonderful Teaching'

I thank Brother and Sister Copeland for Dr. Don Colbert and his message from his book *Healthy Gut Zone*. I have learned a lot from reading this book and have come off of almost all medications pertaining

to digestive health. I also read and declare health and healing over my body with healing scriptures. Thank you for this wonderful teaching.

E.P. | Michigan



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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by Gloria Copeland

Lawof Receiving

BECAUSE KEN AND I TALK ALL THE TIME ABOUT LIVING IN VICTORY, SOME PEOPLE GET THE IDEA THAT WE LIVE A TROUBLE-FREE LIFE. BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE! IN OUR YEARS OF WALKING WITH THE LORD, WE'VE BEEN IN TROUBLE MANY TIMES, AND HERE'S ONE THING I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT IT:

Anytime we found ourselves stuck in trouble, it was always because we didn't have enough Word on the inside of us to get us out.

The greatest amount of trouble we've ever been in was when we fell \$6 million behind on our television bills. In the natural, there was absolutely no solution to that problem. Not only did it look like we were stuck with it; as the bills kept coming in, the deficit threatened to get even worse. We needed a supernatural breakthrough in that situation and, praise the Lord, we got one! However, it didn't just automatically fall on us out of heaven. We had to believe God over a period of months to receive the financial supply we needed. We had to overcome that \$6 million shortfall with faith in the Word of God.

Actually, it's what we've learned from the Word about the law of receiving that has always gotten us out of trouble. We've never been in a tight place that it couldn't get us out of. It's enabled us to enjoy victory and prosper in every area of life. The law of receiving is laid out time and again throughout the Bible. It's very simple, and anybody can put it into operation. It will work for you just like it works for Ken and me. No matter what kind of trouble comes along, it will get you out and cause you to triumph in every situation—every time, all the time.

For the law of receiving to work for you, though, you must put it to work. You can't be like Naaman. Have you ever read about



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To continually receive what you need from God you must put Him and His Word first place every day.

(Matt. 6:33)



God's Word reveals His ways and His wisdom.

(Prov. 8:17-19)



God's Word is
His creative power,
when you put it in
your heart and in
your mouth it will
bring to pass what
God said.

(Isa. 55:11)



The law of receiving works on the positive side and on the negative.

(Matt. 12:34b-35)

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Keep the law of receiving working for you on the positive side by constantly giving attention to God's Word.

(Prov. 4:20-21)

him? Second Kings 5 says when he went to the prophet Elisha to receive healing, he didn't want to have to believe and act on the Word of the Lord that was delivered to him through Elisha. He thought Elisha should just wave his hand over him and work an instant miracle. But things don't normally work that way. They didn't work that way in Naaman's situation, and they don't usually work that way for us as believers.

Generally, when you need to receive something from God—whether it's healing, deliverance from trouble, a new home or a better job—it's not going to come just by your pastor laying hands on you. Even if your pastor is anointed, healed and prosperous, more often than not for you to receive those things yourself, you must do the same thing your pastor did to get them—believe and act on the Word of God! I'm not saying you'll never get an instant miracle. But if you're a believer, miracles are supposed to be the norm in your life. As a citizen of the kingdom of God, you're to believe for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

There aren't any miracles in heaven! Why? Because there's no need for them there. God intends for the same to be true in your life. God doesn't want you to have to live on miracles. He wants you to get full of His Word so He can sustain you in divine health and prosperity. He wants the kingdom of heaven to be continually manifested in your life. That's not something somebody else can make happen for you. It's not something you can do just riding on the pastor's coattails. For you to live on earth as a citizen of heaven, you must continually put the law of receiving to work in your life. You must find out what God said about whatever it is you need, put it in your heart and in your mouth, and speak out your own deliverance and victory by faith!

Not Just on Sunday Morning

Sadly, a lot of Christians are doing just the opposite. Rather than speaking the Word of God, they're talking about the trouble they're facing. They're getting themselves deeper into difficulty by speaking words of worry and

For you to live on earth as a citizen of heaven, you must continually put the law of receiving to work in your life.

doubt. Jesus told us not to do that! He said in Matthew 6:31-33, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition:*

Therefore do not worry and be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to drink? or, What are we going to have to wear? For the Gentiles (heathen) wish for and crave and diligently seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need them all. But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

How do you seek first God's ways of doing and being right? You live day by day according to His Word. God's Word reveals His ways and contains His wisdom; and to seek, in Hebrew, means "to tread frequently, to pursue, to follow after, to be diligent about." So, to seek first God's kingdom and His ways, you put His Word first place in your schedule. You not only spend time in the Word but you make it your top priority and final authority, and depend on it for your direction in life. Every morning when you get up, you talk to the Lord first and tell Him, "I'm dependent on You today. You're my Source, You're my Help, my Wisdom, my Health, my Everything."

You don't think about Him only on Sunday morning. You live with Him every day! You worship and honor Him daily. You say, "Lord, whatever I see in Your Word, whatever I hear in my heart from You, I will do it." I've found in my own life that part of seeking the Lord is being pliable. It's listening to Him and being quick to respond to His Word and His voice. I endeavor to be sensitive to the Lord all the time. If I'm driving somewhere and I sense Him prompting me to take a different route than I planned, for instance, I don't argue with Him. I don't try to figure out why He wants me to go that way. I just obey Him.

His direction may not hit me like a big flash of light. It might be very subtle, but if I get a leading in my spirit, I follow it. As long as it's in line with the written Word of God, I know I can't go wrong. "But Gloria," you might say, "I'm not confident I can hear from God like that." Then just take His Book, read it and do what it says. The more you listen to and act on what He says in His Book, the more sensitive you'll become to the leading of His Spirit. By seeking God in His written Word, you'll become increasingly attuned to His voice.

Ken and I are blessed to know a great many mighty men and women of God, and a lot of them started out like we did—with nothing. They had no money. They knew nothing about the Bible or how to hear from God. They started out their walk in the Lord at zero. Yet, now they are prospering. They're richly blessed and a blessing to others, and God is doing great things in and through their lives. I don't know one person like that, however, who didn't sell out to God. They all got where they are today by putting Him and His Word first place in their lives.

No matter what kind of trouble comes your way, that's the thing to do. It's always the key to overcoming because the Bible says about God's wisdom: "I love those who love me, and those who seek me early and diligently shall find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness" (Proverbs 8:17-18, AMPC). When you do things God's way, wealth and riches come to you. You wind up prospering in every area of life. Why? Because when you do things God's way, you're doing them right. You're in the anointing flow and He can move and manifest Himself on your behalf.

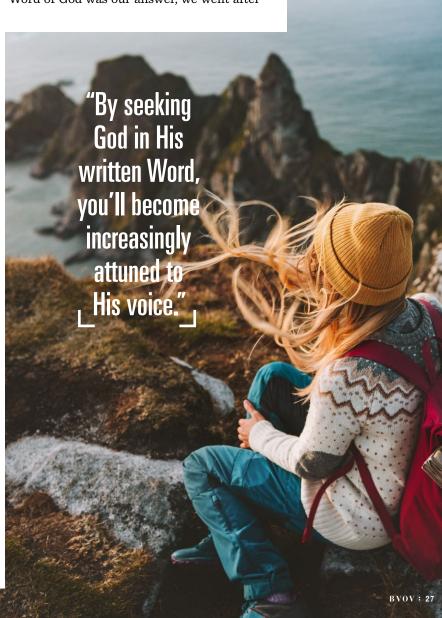
Things will start happening to you like they do for our friend Keith Moore, for example. He's one of the most dedicated people I know. He seeks the Lord with all his heart (Jeremiah 29:13), so he just keeps prospering. He tells about one time when the Lord blessed him with so much stuff—cars, boats and the like—that he couldn't fit them all in his garage. When his neighbor saw it all, he came over to find out what was going on.

It's a tremendous evangelistic tool for you to be prosperous and openly known as

a Christian. Money has a lot of influence on people in this world. They're always looking for ways to get more of it. So, when that neighbor saw Keith prospering, he asked him about it. And Keith was more than happy to tell him that what he was seeing was the goodness of God manifesting in his life!

God Will Meet You Wherever You Are

When we first became Christians, Ken and I didn't know that God wanted to prosper us. But since finances were our biggest problem, when we finally did find out that the Word of God was our answer, we went after



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it. We devoted ourselves to it completely because we were desperate. Did you know desperation can be a good thing? If Ken and I had started out rich, I don't know what might have happened. We might not have pursued God as vigorously as we did. But being rich was not our problem. Being poor was our problem. So, once we realized we could solve it by getting God's Word about it in our hearts and mouths, it was easy for us to do that!

God is so good. He will meet you wherever you are. He won't hold against you the fact that you waited until you got into trouble to start seeking Him. He won't turn His back

> on you just because you didn't think much about Him until you were in dire straits. He's just glad you finally turned to Him. God loves you! He desires to bless you as much as you desire to be blessed. That's why He

gave you His Word. It's through His Word that faith comes and enables you to receive from Him salvation, healing, deliverance, financial prosperity and everything else vou need to live the abundant life Jesus has provided. God declares it in the Bible time and again:

"The Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]" (Hebrews 4:12, AMPC).

"So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11, AMPC).

"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. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:20-23).

God's Word contains His creative power! As long as it's just on your table or your bookshelf, it's just a book. But when you put it in your heart and in your mouth, it becomes the creative power of God to change your body or your bank account or your family-or do anything else God promised in His Word He would do.

For the Word to produce results for you, though, you can't just speak it when you're in church. You can't just get excited when you hear the pastor preach about healing or prosperity, shout amen, and then go home and talk about how sick and broke you are. No, to keep the law of receiving in operation, you must keep the Word in your mouth all the time. "But Gloria," you might say, "that's hard to do when I'm facing trouble. Sometimes the pressure gets to me, and negative words just slip out."

That means you need to get more of the Word in your heart. You need to keep listening to it and reading it and meditating on it. You can't control your tongue just by willpower alone. But you can control what goes in your heart. And if you keep your heart full of God and His Word, your mouth will fall in line, for as Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things" (Matthew 12:34-35).

Look at those verses again. Who determined what those two men got? They did! How did they determine it? By what they put in their hearts. Whatever they put in their hearts came out of their mouths and manifested in their lives. This is the law of receiving, and it works on the positive side and on the negative. You can give your attention to negative things—like sin, sickness and lack-and those things will take you over. They'll get you into trouble and you won't be able to get out. That's the bad news.

The good news is you can give your attention to God's Word and it will take you over! You can keep it in front of your eyes and in your ears until it gets in your heart and your mouth; and it will not only bring you out of trouble, but it will cause you to triumph continually in every area of life!



Hey, awesome Superkids! It's time to begin our list of all that we are thankful for, so I will start!

I am thankful for each of you and blessed to be the one who gets to write to you every month! I feel especially thankful today that we have an open door to not only come to Jesus, but to be able to cry out to Him when we are hurting, sad or needing help. As we learned last month, Hannah cried out to God to give her a son. She was so thankful when Samuel was born that she gave him to God by letting him serve the high priest Eli in the Temple. (You can read more about Hannah in last month's Commander Kellie's Corner.)

Before we pick up the story, I'll remind you of what happened to me that prompted me to tell you about Samuel. The Lord woke me up earlier than normal. I said, "Lord, are You calling me?" I heard Him say, Yes. So, I got up and went to the couch, ready to hear what He had to say. When I sat down, I said, "Here I am." He very quickly said back to me, Here I am. Then He said, So we are together. This is first, this is everything.

That struck me as familiar, and I remembered the story of Samuel.

As we pick up Samuel's story in 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (GOD'S WORD Translation), keep in mind that he was 12 years old—just about your age.

"The boy Samuel was serving the LORD under Eli. In those days a prophecy from the LORD was rare; visions were infrequent. One night Eli was lying down in his room. His eyesight had begun to fail so that he couldn't see well. The lamp in God's temple hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was asleep in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was kept. Then the LORD called Samuel. 'Here I am,' Samuel responded. He ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am. You called me.' 'I didn't call you,' Eli replied. 'Go back to bed.' So, Samuel went back and lay down.

The LORD called Samuel again. Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am. You called me.' 'I didn't call you, son,' he responded, 'Go back to bed,' Samuel had no experience with the LORD, because the Lord's word had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel a third time. Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am. You called me.' Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 'Go, lie down,' Eli told Samuel. 'When He calls you, say, "Speak, LORD, I'm listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his room. The LORD came and stood there. He called as He had called the other times: 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel replied, 'Speak. I'm listening."

Let's look at some important details about this story.



The word of the Lord was rare!
If God wasn't speaking to many
people in those days, why would
He want to talk to a child?



The Ark of God was where they went to meet with God's presence. Samuel slept near His presence. When you go to bed at

night, remember that He lives inside you and that makes YOU the Ark!



Three times God called Samuel and three times Samuel heard God's voice! Can you think of times when you may have heard

God's voice but didn't know it was Him? Say to yourself now, "I hear God's voice, every time He speaks!"



Samuel didn't recognize that it was God because the word of

the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.



Eli was the one who revealed to Samuel that God was speaking to him! I am revealing to YOU that God is speaking to you!



God didn't give up on calling Samuel just because he didn't understand, but He continued to call him until it was clear to Samuel.



When Samuel knew it was God calling, he invited God to speak to Him, saying, "Speak, I am listening." Have you invited God to

speak to you? Are you ready to listen?

This encounter with the Almighty God, the One who speaks to children, changed Samuel's life forever. Many times, we think of conversations with God being about what we might want or need. But if you read on in verses 11-18, you will find out that God wanted to talk to Samuel about His own desires and plans! He told Samuel some serious things about Eli and his disobedient, ungodly sons, and He trusted a 12-year-old boy to listen. The next day, Samuel obeyed when Eli asked what God had said, and told him all that God had said about him and his sons. Verse 19 says, "Samuel grew up. The LORD was with him and didn't let any of his words go unfulfilled."

God trusted Samuel and appointed him to speak for Him, and every word Samuel spoke came to pass. Even though the word of God had been rare before, Samuel's "Here I am. Speak, I am listening" became the open door for the word of the Lord to be heard by all.

Superkid, Jesus is calling you. Will you answer? This is everything....

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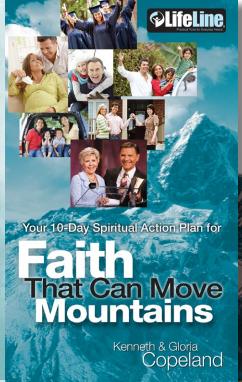




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