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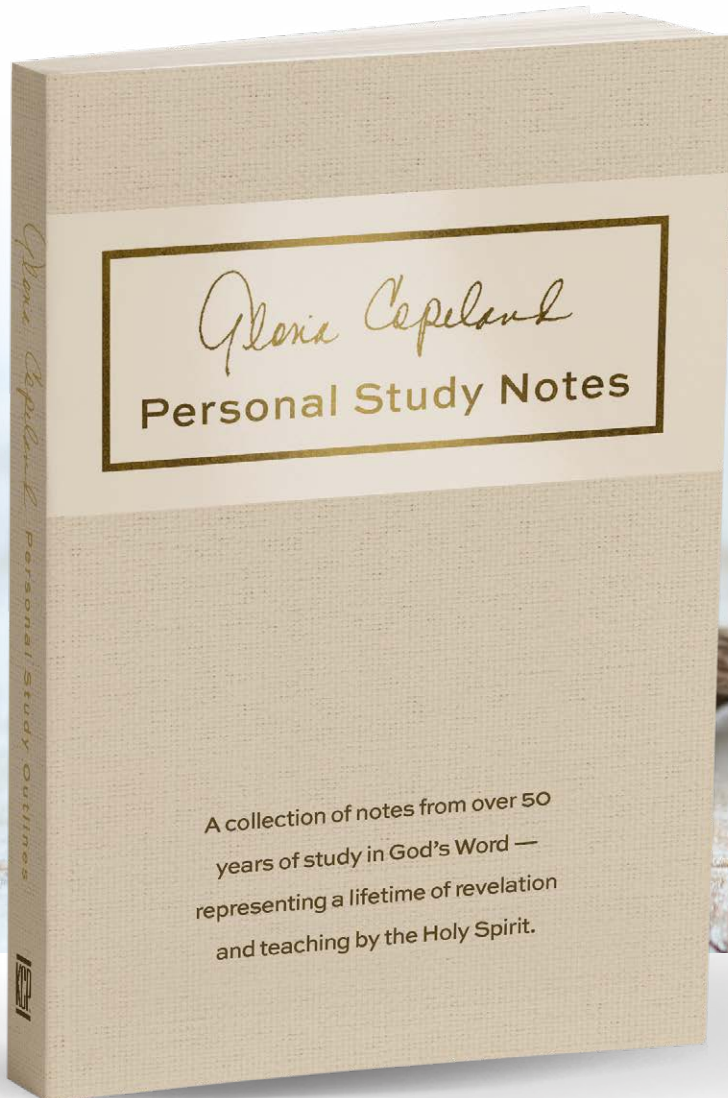
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'Kids Will Be Kids!'

I sometimes have to remind myself of that while watching our 7-year-old grandson, Zion, get into mischief or start doing what I consider "crazy things." But more than simply justifying his actions as "something kids just naturally do," I often use those moments to reflect on my own childhood.

I recall some of the foolish things I did as a kid, and can't help but wonder what my mom must have been thinking about me (like the time she took off her shoe and threw it at me!). Those reality checks help me to understand the innocence of Zion's actions during those times. They remind me that kids really will be kids.

Fortunately for all of us, we eventually grow up and, as the Apostle Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 13:11, we stop doing silly, childish things and begin to act more responsibly. Paul actually says it this way in the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*: "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways and have put them aside."

Understanding the truth behind that scripture encourages me to know that God isn't so quick to get upset when I, as an adult, choose to revert to my childish ways—pouting, murmuring and maybe even crying when things don't go my way. Is He disappointed? For sure. But He understands there may be times when I become unreasonable and start thinking and acting like a child. It doesn't surprise Him if I make a wrong decision or do something foolish. He's just glad that I don't choose to remain in that place.

God looks at us through His Son, Jesus—with eyes of love, compassion and forgiveness. He sees our potential—our ability to eventually grow up and use the gifts and talents He has placed inside us for good. He looks ahead to the time when we will forever put away childish things and exercise those gifts and talents, and walk in His fullness as mature Christians.

At the same time, He's gracious enough to recognize there will always be just a sliver of "kid" in us!

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—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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Set Your Faith Free

“Understanding our identity in Christ liberates us from the devil’s lie that we’re unworthy to walk in God’s power and BLESSINGS.”





by Kenneth Copeland

Do you know what the devil dreads?

He dreads the day we, as believers, find out who we really are and what we really have in Christ Jesus. When we get that revelation, we become hell's greatest nightmare.

We stop seeing ourselves as just “old sinners saved by grace” and realize we’re “more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Romans 8:37). We get a 100% smile on our faces that nothing can get rid of—we stop putting up with defeat, and start operating in world-overcoming faith in God.

Why?

Because understanding our identity in Christ liberates us from the devil's lie that we're unworthy to walk in God's power and BLESSINGS. It releases us from condemnation and sets us free to believe for and receive everything God's WORD says is ours.

Sadly, many dear, sweet Christians have yet to experience such freedom. Oh, they've seen in the Bible the rich inheritance God has provided for us as His children, and in prayer they've asked for His BLESSINGS. They've even endeavored to believe they receive when they pray, as Jesus said in Mark 11:24. But they just don't seem to receive.

They find their faith hindered by a sense of spiritual inferiority. They struggle to believe, not because they doubt God's ability to give them what they ask, but because they're not confident they qualify to receive it.

We all know what that's like because every one of us has been there. You may even be there right now. But you don't have to stay there.

You can leave the lies of the devil behind!

You can take the scriptural truths about your born-again identity and meditate on them until they dominate your thinking. By renewing your mind, and keeping it renewed to the reality of who you are and what you have in Christ, you can break through every hindrance to believing and set your faith free. Let's look at three of those hindrances to your faith.

Hindrance No. 1: A Lack of Understanding of the New Creation

“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.”
—2 Corinthians 5:17-18

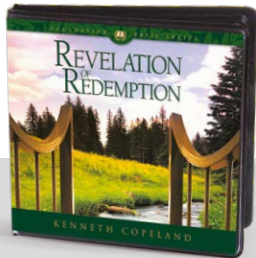
I'm going to say something here that's not very religious at all, but it's the truth. The old sinner you were before you were born again no longer exists. The moment you received Jesus as your LORD and Savior, that old sinner died and you became a *new creation, a new species of being that never existed before.*

If you were a murderer, the murderer passed away. That old identity was blotted out forever. Reborn in the image of Jesus, you aren't any more a murderer (or an adulterer, liar or whatever kind of sinner you used to be) than Jesus is, because you've been re-created of God. Spiritually you've been made brand-new.

“But Brother Copeland, shouldn't I still feel sorry about my sinful past?”

No, you should forget it and see yourself as a new creature just like God does. You'd never look at a newborn baby in the natural and say, “Oh, he's a sweet little thing, but isn't it a shame about his past?” That wouldn't make sense. A baby doesn't have any past, and when you're born again into the kingdom of God, you don't have a past either.

So refuse to look back. Focus instead on the person you are now. Not only have your sins been wiped out by the precious blood of Jesus, you now have within you His very own nature. He's



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moved into your spirit and brought with Him His faith, His righteousness, His love, His forgiveness and all His other attributes.

You've been reborn into greatness!

According to the Bible, you're "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23). You are part of "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9). You're one of those who can say with the Apostle John, "[Jesus] loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God" (Revelation 1:5-6).

Say this out loud right now: "I'm a king and a priest!"

That's who we all are, as believers. We're spiritual royalty, born of our heavenly Father: "Who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.... delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.... For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself... in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight" (Colossians 1:12-13, 19-22, *New King James Version*).

Talk about BLESSED! Everything in those verses has already been done for us by God. We really are new creations in Christ. We just need to start thinking and acting like it. We just need to start saying *no* to the devil's lies, and saying *yes, amen*, to the truth of God's WORD!

Hindrance No. 2: A Lack of Understanding of Righteousness

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." —2 Corinthians 5:21

This second great hindrance to faith holds more Christians in bondage than anything else: They don't understand that they've been made the righteousness of God in Christ.

They may have heard it said. They may have read verses about it in the Bible. But they missed the revelation because they don't really know what righteousness means. Because it's rarely used outside of church, most Christians

think righteousness is just an old-fashioned word that refers to being religiously correct enough to earn God's approval.

The one who taught me faith, Kenneth E. Hagin, used to say that's what he thought in his early years as a Christian. He would read in James 5:16 that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," and think, *If I could become righteous—whooo, boy!—I'd be a real praying whiz!* Then he'd shake his head because he figured it would take two lifetimes to ever do enough to be right in God's eyes.

I used to think the same thing because that's what the religious world has taught. But the religious system is wrong! I found that out when I finally received the revelation that I'm the righteousness of God in Christ and recorded a song about it. The Christian radio stations (which back then were still in bondage to religion) wouldn't play it. To them, that sounded like heresy.

Bless their hearts. The disc jockeys at those stations were good people but, like me, most of them had been brought up in churches where the one verse everyone knew was Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

That's a sorrowful verse when you take it out of its setting! It leaves the impression that we're all destined to be sinners forever. That we're all doomed, with no hope of ever being anything but unrighteous before God.

Read the verse in context, however, and you get a whole different picture. You realize verse 23 is sandwiched between verses 22 and 24, and those verses don't doom us to unrighteousness at all. On the contrary, they declare: "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference... being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Notice that says *the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ*. It's by faith, not by deeds. It's not something you have to earn or attain. Righteousness is a free gift that's been provided at God's expense for all mankind.

This is what I call "The Great Exchange!"

Jesus was made sin with our sins to make us righteous with His righteousness. He suffered our shame to give us His glory. He was condemned to set us free. He was made sick with our sicknesses so we can be healed and live in health. He was cast out of the presence of God to make us welcome there. He went to hell to take us to heaven.



The blood of Jesus solved the sin problem! It broke sin's power and made His right-standing with the Father available to all....

“(For if by one man’s offense [the sin of Adam] death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of *the gift of righteousness* shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so *by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life*” (Romans 5:17-18, emphasis mine).

In other words, the blood of Jesus solved the sin problem! It broke sin's power and made His right-standing with the Father available to all. His rightness before God is hanging low, like a glorious shining cloud, over every living human being on this planet right now. It's come upon all men.

All you have to do is take it by faith!

Once you do, you're no longer a sinner who's come short of the glory of God. You're a saint who, having “been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all,” has “no more consciousness of sins” (Hebrews 10:10, 2, NKJV).

“But Brother Copeland, I'm not perfect. Even though I'm a Christian, sometimes I still sin. What do I do then?”

Repent immediately! Run to your heavenly Father, confess your sin and receive His forgiveness (1 John 1:9), and put that sin and the consciousness of it behind you.

A sin consciousness identifies with Adam. A righteousness consciousness identifies with Jesus the resurrected LORD, and it's your union with Him that empowers you to keep sin under your feet. So even when you stumble, stay conscious of your righteousness in Christ.

To do that, of course, you'll have to spend daily time in The WORD. You'll also have to stay vigilant because the devil will continually try to beat you down. “You're not the righteousness of God!” he'll say. “I know some of the things you've done. You're a mess, and God has been mad at you for a long time.”

The devil says that to all of us. But it's a bald-faced lie! God told the Body of Christ in Isaiah 54:9, “As I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.”

God isn't mad anymore! He's disappointed sometimes, but He's never mad at any believer. He poured all His mad out on Jesus when He became our Substitute, and now neither one of them are mad at anyone but the devil.

Remind the devil of that the next time he comes around. When he tries to tell you that you're in trouble with God, turn the tables on him

All you have to do is take it by faith!

and remind him he's the one who's in trouble. Then just go on your way rejoicing that you are the righteousness of God in Christ!

Hindrance No. 3: Lack of Understanding of Our Place In Jesus and His Place In Us

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” -1 John 4:4

Since I can't possibly list here all the scriptures that I'd like to, I want to give you an assignment: Get a concordance and look up all 130 verses in the New Testament, from Romans to Revelation, that contain these phrases: *in Christ, in Him* and *in Whom*. (If you don't know how to use a concordance, Google it.)

Make a list of those verses, taking the time to write them out in longhand. Then go back and read each of them in context. Read the whole chapter that surrounds them, or even the whole book. It will absolutely change your life.

Your faith will skyrocket!

Instead of thinking in terms of Jesus being up in heaven and you being down here on the earth, you'll become increasingly God-inside minded. You'll grow in your awareness that you're in Jesus and He is in you 24/7, and that awareness will make you a fearless warrior for the kingdom of God.

When you look in the mirror in the morning, you'll see yourself in the light of scriptures such as 2 Corinthians 6:16 where Paul wrote, “Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” You'll see yourself and think, *There's a person who is indwelt by God!*

Once that way of thinking becomes the norm for you, you'll become a nightmare for the devil. You'll blast through every hindrance to your faith and say with boldness when you pray: “I've been made the righteousness of God by the sweet blood of Jesus. I'm supposed to be healed! I'm supposed to be prosperous. I'm supposed to be BLESSED and a BLESSING to others. And because I know who I am in Christ—I BELIEVE I RECEIVE! 🙏



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1

As a believer, you are not just an old sinner saved by grace. (2 Cor. 5:17)

2

In Christ, you have been born into greatness. (1 Pet. 2:9)

3

You have the same right-standing with God that Jesus Himself has. (2 Cor. 5:21)

4

Righteousness is not something you earn. You were made righteous when you were born again. (Rom. 5:17)

5

God loves and esteems you so much, He has made you His dwelling place. (2 Cor. 6:16)



Taking Back, Moving Forward

Possessing Our Land!



Headquarters building, Feb. 14, 2021

We knew we were in for a very cold, snowy Sunday on Feb. 14, 2021.

Preparations were made in advance to cancel church services. Pastor Terri and I, and our team prerecorded our Sunday church service in the Believer's Voice of Victory Studio on Saturday. That would ensure that EMIC would be on the air the next morning.

We all thought we would simply experience a nice blanket of snow, then head back to work on Monday or Tuesday. What we did not know at the time was just how severe that Valentine's Day weather would turn out to be.

A Major Winter Storm!

Snow, sleet and freezing rain began to move into southeast Texas Sunday afternoon. By the end of day, every square inch of Texas was under a winter storm warning. What was unfolding would very quickly turn out to be a historic winter event.

Roads became impassable throughout the region Sunday evening, due to ice and snow. Temperatures plunged Sunday night into the teens and single digits. Wind chills lowered temperatures to below zero.

"Hard freeze" and "Wind chill" warnings went into effect Sunday night into Monday morning. A combination of the icy conditions and extreme cold temperatures caused widespread power outages.

I remember being snug in my bed when the power went out at 2 o'clock on Monday morning. I thought power would be restored within a few hours. I did not realize that the power, both in our home and at the ministry, would be out for several days to come.

Our KCM head of maintenance and construction called Monday morning. It was not a good report.

The cooling towers that provided heat and air to the church, Student Life Center, Partner Service Center, power plant and our headquarters building had experienced severe freeze damage. All four generators at the power plant had been destroyed. The heads on the water wells were frozen, as well as many above-ground pipes.

An Immediate Evacuation!

Fire sprinkler heads and pipes in the headquarters building had burst because of the extreme cold. All three floors on the north side of the building were completely flooded. Water cascaded from the ceilings and down the walls. Desks, chairs, filing cabinets, carpet and walls were all ruined.

As a result, the building had to be closed.

I am so thankful for our ministry staff and church pastoral team. For the next several days, they checked on our staff and congregation. We relocated families needing safe shelter. Pastors hosted individuals in their homes. Wellness checks were made by staff and volunteers. They dispatched and supplied needed items to people who were unable to leave their homes.

The staff stayed in faith and did everything it took to "right the ship."

Our TV department kept VICTORY Channel on the air. Gene Bailey's house was used as a studio to keep *VICTORY News* on the air! The IT department kept the ministry connected to our Partners. The security department braved the freezing temperatures to protect the ministry property.

Our maintenance team was heroic and self-sacrificing. They stood in faith over every challenge. They held blowtorches to pipes in minus 5-degree weather to prevent millions of dollars of loss. Being led by the Spirit, they would

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walk into a building or area at the very moment a pipe burst, allowing them to minimize the damage.

By the next week, we successfully evacuated the headquarters building and began relocating 250 staff members to every open usable space around the campus. Even with this enormous upheaval, we never stopped preaching the uncompromising Word of Faith from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle. And we never will! No matter the challenges! Glory to God!

A Plan To Rebuild

On that first full day of the freeze, The LORD gave Terri a word about the situation.

He told her, *This is your Golden Gate Bridge of Opportunity! You are not only to repair and replace, but to expand for the future.*

The LORD impressed on her that it was not an option to just restore the building to its previous condition. It was time to improve and upgrade everything on campus—including the headquarters building.

This was our opportunity to believe God and use our faith. It was our opportunity to believe for newer, better-performing equipment with updated, cutting-edge technology. This was our opportunity to repair what needed to be repaired, replace what needed to be replaced and expand what needed to be expanded.

The LORD told us to *Repair, Replace and Expand!*

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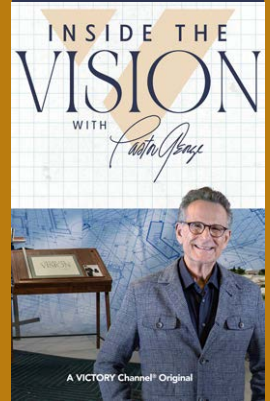
but to expand for the future.”

So, that’s where we began. Repair. It wasn’t as simple as it sounded.

The age of the headquarters building presented another set of problems. Major infrastructure needed replacing. This included water and sewer pipes, electrical wiring, HVAC units (all 110 of them!), security and data systems. They all needed to be replaced. Of course, that was in addition to the destroyed furnishings, carpet and equipment. Much of that seriously needed to be updated anyway. The building is almost 40 years old; a full renovation might better describe what we were looking at.

Repair. Replace. Expand.

If The LORD had only said, *Repair*, we would have started immediately to do that. But just what did He mean by *Replace* and *expand for the future*?



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We had to expand our capabilities as well as our vision for the future. Terri challenged us to stop and rethink the way we do business. That's why she's our Chief Visionary Officer! How can we be more effective and efficient in getting The WORD out? The staff can no longer fit in the headquarters building. There are another 200-plus staff members in several locations around the campus. How can we optimize every inch of our current space and also plan for our continually expanding vision and staff?

We purposed to make the simple repairs to the least-affected side of the headquarters building. Somehow, we managed to pack about two thirds of the HQ staff into that space. Hallways and executive offices were filled with cubicles—and to this day, no one complains!

While that was being done, our executive team worked with a marvelous team of experts to assess everything from office procedures to desk locations. The design team evaluated workflow needs and space for our 50 departments. It took us a while to pray through, think through and determine how the new interior should function.

After nearly a year of in-depth studies and department evaluations, the reengineering process began.

The new design will take KCM, EMIC, KCBC and VICTORY Channel well into the future.

During the remainder of 2021, the funds came in to repair the campus utilities and all systems essential to continue operations.



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But, of course, this major renovation will take considerably more finances than were received in 2021.

You might be wondering, *Didn't the ministry have insurance?*

Absolutely.

And that was a help.

But insurance only covers damage specific to the ice storm. It doesn't cover replacing anything with upgrades.

However, we know The LORD is our Source, not insurance. This ministry, as you know, tithes and gives, so our faith seed is sown.

The plans for the newly designed World Headquarters of Kenneth Copeland Ministries are done and we have made some progress. But it was too slow to please The LORD.

A few months ago, I was praying over the headquarters building. You see, many of the staff members remain squeezed together in other buildings. They are still working in the conditions brought on by the 2021 storm. We had inadvertently acclimated to our "squeeze."

Clearly, The LORD told me to begin renovating the building.

This is a faith project and you need to activate your faith to get it done! Now!

Apparently, we were so busy keeping The WORD going out that we had allowed the situation to "normalize."

Thank God, He woke us up!

He then said, *The devil kicked you out of that building. It is time to TAKE BACK WHAT THE DEVIL STOLE FROM YOU!*

This is the scripture The LORD led me to read.

Joshua 18:1-3 says, "And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them. And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance. And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?"

How long are you slack to possess that headquarters building?

The word *slack* in the Hebrew means, "idle, slothful, lazy, slow to move and negligent." Wow! I don't want to be described as any of those words.

Verse three in *The Message* says, "How long are you going to sit around on your hands, putting off taking possession of the land that GOD, the God of your ancestors, has given you?"

Taking Back, Moving Forward!

By faith, we are going to take back the World Headquarters of Kenneth Copeland Ministries! We are going to aggressively take back and possess what originally belonged to us.

I am very pleased to report that the new parking lot and grand entrance have been completed. And it is beautiful! Praise God! In addition, we are rejoicing that we have the finances to pay for the first phase of the interior. Glory!

So, work recently began on the north side of the second floor. Walls have come down and the old is being torn out. Hallelujah! Seventy staff members will be in their new "home" by the end of the year! After that, we have five more phases to go and our HQ project will be completed.

We are prepared to complete this building one phase at a time. But by faith, we are calling the entire building complete in Jesus' Name! With enough finances in hand, we can work on more and be done sooner.

Here is the scripture we are standing on for the seven phases.

Proverbs 6:31 in *the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* says, "But if he (the thief) is found out, he must restore seven times [what he stole]; he must give the whole substance of his house [if necessary—to meet his fine]."

We are taking back what the devil stole from us. And he has to pay us enough to totally complete the seven phases (exterior and six interior phases).

We are possessing our land...and so are you! What has the devil robbed from you? What land do you need to go in and possess? What has the devil "kicked you out of" that belongs to you? Whatever it is, I encourage you right now—get aggressive with your Bulldog Faith and take back what the devil has stolen from you!

Join us, and together we will take it all back—in Jesus' Name! 🐾



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‘The Pain Is GONE!’

I am 64 years old, and work as an EMT. For the past year, my lower back has been bothering me. At times, the pain gets so bad I cannot walk and need to sit down. This morning, when I got off work, I came home and turned on my laptop to watch segments of the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* TV broadcasts.

I also turned on VICTORY Channel and *God Wants You Well* was on. As I was watching, Kenneth had a word of knowledge that someone was sitting at their computer with lower back pain. He said, “Stand up from your desk and praise The LORD for your healing.” Well, I did just that. I had been reading and confessing healing scriptures for months. Today, the pain is GONE! PRAISE THE LORD. God is good, all the time!

— J.F. | Wyoming

He Perfects What Concerns Us

Praise God, I have been believing God for a breakthrough in my career for the past three years. I decided to contact the KCM prayer line last year and was prayed for.

Just recently, God blessed me with a good job that comes with career growth. Hallelujah—to God alone be the glory! Indeed, He is faithful.

— N.U. | Nigeria

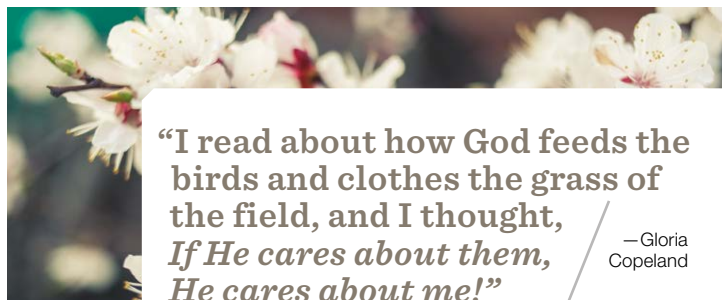
Free Indeed!

I was in prison for over 27 years and while in, Kenneth and Gloria taught me everything I now know about the Word of God. They are my spiritual father and mother. Their prayers and love for me helped me survive inside the wire. I was released last year, and I

wanted them to know that I am as free physically as I am spiritually.

Thank you all at KCM, for all your love and prayers throughout the years. Jesus is Lord!

— D.S. | Texas



Take That Step of Faith

I called the prayer line because I was having sharp pain in the back of my knee. Not even a minute after prayer, the Holy Spirit told me to get up and walk. So, I stood up and the first step was a lot better, then on the second step the pain was totally gone! M.D. | Ohio

‘Words of Life’

Brother Copeland has preached words of life from God’s Word that have given me great insight into faith, the Word and who Jesus is. God bless, and blessings on your family and ministry.

— T.W. | North Carolina

A Double Miracle!

A week apart, both of my parents were hospitalized—a trying time for my faith. I sent my prayer request to *Morning Prayer* on VICTORY Channel. My father’s

biopsy for cancer was negative, a remarkable miracle! My mother was also released—breathing on her own without an oxygen tank and able to use a walker without assistance.

I thank God for her full recovery and wholeness. This is my testimony to the glory of Abba. He always hears us.

— M.O. | Illinois

The Wonder-Working Blood of Jesus

I recently called for the prayer of agreement for healing. My daughter had breast cancer five years ago and had one breast removed; she was 29 years old. The latest mammogram was done and they saw something in her other breast. Three different imaging tests were ordered. We got a letter afterward that said she is clear and has no signs of cancer. Praise God!

Thank you for praying with me and helping me to learn how to pray with the authority I have been given.

To God be the glory.

— D.E. | California

Good Ground Yields Good Fruit

I have been watching VICTORY Channel for about two years and also receiving the monthly magazine; as well as other literature by request. I see a change in my spiritual life because of some of the things that I have learned by watching and listening to various teachings.

— I.A. | South Carolina

Vows Restored
I called for prayer months ago for my daughter and son-in-law. They wanted to get a divorce; now they’re back together serving the Lord.

— D.A. | Ohio

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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It's His Breath In Our Lungs

I submitted a prayer request for the KCM prayer partners to stand with me that there will be nothing found on the right side of my lung. My test results revealed no nodules. Thank God for healing and thank you for your prayers!

E.P. | Michigan

God Has the Final Say!

Dear KCM prayer partners, I called earlier in the month with a desperate request. My husband laid dying in ICU with advanced lung disease. Three days later, our doctor declared his lungs were actually getting better. My husband has been recovering daily! HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD.

Thank you so much for being there with prayers that avail much.

R.S. | Texas

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Pat Huppert (left) and Mary Ellen Anderson

by Melanie Henry

Focus Your Faith

Two news stories fought for television time in the early 1960s: the war in Vietnam and the Cold War between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. At the same time, a different kind of war was playing out in Barstow, a small town in California. Barstow was home to the Marine Corps Logistics Base.

Pat Huppert wore her game face as she fed her three young children breakfast. She left them with a hug and a kiss, holding them a little longer than usual.

Pulling up to the intersection of Route 66 and 91, she asked herself, *Where should I go?*

Las Vegas!

She would drive there and then return home.

That way she could scream, wail and weep without scaring her children.

Pat's husband, a Marine who'd served in both Cuba and Vietnam, had explained some things to her.

He'd met the love of his life.

He had left Pat, saying he wanted nothing more to do with his family. He had also drained every penny from their checking and savings accounts.

All she had left were three soon-to-be-heartbroken children.

With no marketable skills, how would she support them? Feed, clothe and educate them?

Pat drove for miles, wailing like a wounded animal.

Maybe she should kill herself, she thought. After all, her mother would be more than happy to raise them.

Pat smiled through her tears as she thought about her mother. She'd never known anyone like her. When her mother prayed, God answered.

Pat's tears dried as she thought of her mother. Her life had been much harder than Pat's.

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Pat had been one of six children—the only one who survived to adulthood.

Pat and her twin brother had been born early in 1934, after their mother fell and broke her pelvis. Her twin had died. Weighing just over two pounds, Pat wasn't expected to live.

That's probably when her mother learned to pray through to an answer, Pat had reasoned. That was most likely when she learned to get grape juice and a cracker to take Communion when she prayed.

She liked reminding God of His promises. She'd taken Communion and prayed until Pat thrived and grew. Pat's father was a commander in the Navy. Pat only remembered seeing him 14 times in her entire life.

When she was 2 years old, another child had hit Pat on the head with a hammer. Her mother had prayed her through brain surgery. When Pat was 5, she suffered two bouts of double pneumonia. The second time, she went to heaven and saw Jesus.

You have to go back, He told her.
"I don't want to go back!"

She did go back because her mother refused to let her stay. She had prayed Pat through rheumatic fever, malaria, and being unconscious for five days and nights after her appendix was removed. She'd even prayed her through when Pat's pajamas once caught fire.

Pat still remembered all the times her mother had paced the floor praying, "Lord, You promised!" She'd even prayed away the scar tissue.

By the time Pat returned home to her children, she was calm. She had no idea why churches didn't teach on miracles. But she'd been raised witnessing one miracle after another. She might not have faith like her mother, but she served the same God. He would help her grow in faith and provide for her family.

Leaning on the Lord

"I graduated from high school when I was 16," Pat recalls. "I attended Azusa Bible School for a year. I had to come home because I had severe headaches for six months. An ophthalmologist said I needed surgery on my eyes. They took my eyes out and worked on the muscles. Then they sewed my eyes back into the sockets. I was bandaged and didn't get to go back to school."

When she recovered, Pat got a job, and met and married a career Marine.

She was 18.

"I had an adopted sister who had a son, Richard. When he was 2 1/2 years old, his mother wasn't emotionally able to take care of him," Pat recalled. "My husband and I talked it over and agreed that we would raise Richard. I always said he was the son of my heart.

"We had two more children, Marcella and John. Now, I had to find a way to support them all.

"God helped me get a job on the base," says Pat. "IBM had come out with what was considered the first real computer. The Marine base had one of the largest data processing groups anywhere. In order to work there, I had to pass a test with a score no lower than 90. I only missed one question and made a 98.

"In 1963 I was put on a team with a warrant officer, a master gunnery sergeant and a lieutenant. I was the only civilian. We were tasked to study what would happen at Y2K. Everybody was worried that things would blow up.

"I knew nothing would blow up. We finally all agreed that nothing would blow up, and wrote our report. We figured that if there was a problem, sometime in all the years to come, someone would simply change the coding.

"When Y2K was about to happen, my son Richard was working in data processing in Chicago. They were worried that everything would blow up. Richard told them that I was one of the people who wrote the report. They told him to call and ask me to come inspect their computers and see if I thought they'd blow up.

"I refused to go. I told them everything would be all right. Richard called me back and said, 'They're offering you \$500 an hour, but they'll pay whatever you want.'

"I told Richard I couldn't take their money because it would be stealing. Nothing was going to blow up. And, of course, it didn't."

A Family Man

One thing she knew for sure: If she ever remarried, she would make sure the man she married was a Christian.

When David, another Marine, proposed, there was no question about his salvation. Together they added two more children to their family, Rachel and David Jr. David hoped to serve his time in the Marines and then return to his home state of Minnesota. They'd prayed about it for a couple of years since his discharge.

One Monday morning, a realtor came knocking at their door.

“Would you be willing to sell your house?” he asked Pat.

“I don’t know. I’ll have to pray about it and ask my husband. If we’re interested, what could we get for it?”

They closed on the sale of their house the following Friday.

By Sunday, they had packed and were on their way to Minnesota.

When they arrived around 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 4, 1974, the temperature was a freezing 60 degrees below zero. No one had warned Pat about the weather. None of them had hats, gloves or coats.

Soon after, Pat saw a notice that someone named Kenneth Copeland was going to speak in Minneapolis. She’d heard the name but knew nothing of the man. He was only scheduled to speak for one night.

Pat and David talked it over and decided to go, taking the kids along with them. Although there were fewer than 100 people in attendance, their entire family loved the message, Pat recalled. When Brother Copeland came back to Minneapolis the second time, John and David Jr. ran toward the front to make sure they got good seats for the family.

It wasn’t long before Pat and David became Partners with KCM.

“Being a Partner with KCM, we were notified when they were having their first convention,” Pat explains. “It was to be held in Anaheim, Calif., in 1979. We all wanted to go, so David got a motor home and we drove there.

“The teaching was so deep we didn’t want to miss a moment of it. Yet we heard people say they wouldn’t be back because they were going to Disneyland. I couldn’t figure out why anyone would want to miss any of the convention for that. We didn’t want our focus divided.

A Path to Victory

“One of the things I love most about KCM is that what they preach isn’t taught in most churches. Almost every church I’ve ever attended taught salvation. Praise God for that. But salvation just opens the gate for the journey ahead.

“There is a path to all those marvelous promises. The Copelands and all those who preach with them teach us how to access them.”

One night at the dinner table David said, “I don’t care what anybody says. I’m not going to be a preacher.”

“I don’t know who said anything about that,” Pat replied with a puzzled look.

Not too long after that he said, “You can’t get away from God in this house.”

A week before the next convention, David told Pat he was going to divorce her, although he would live in the house for a year.

“Well, I still want to go to the convention,” Pat replied.

“We can’t afford it.”

“Marge wants me to help drive her car. I can stay in her room, but she is going to Colorado after the convention. I’ll need a flight home.”

He gave her a ticket home and \$7.93 for expenses.

“I didn’t understand it as well as I do now,” Pat says, “but I knew I needed to sow a seed. All I had was \$7.93, so I put it in the offering. During the entire convention I only drank water. It satisfied me. I didn’t get hungry. I wasn’t weak or tired. God just kept me.

“I don’t know what I would have done without that convention. They taught long and hard about loving, forgiving and the power of our words. I knew I’d need to hear those messages a lot, so I asked God to provide them for me.”

On the last day of the convention, a woman walked up to Pat and handed her a set of all the messages that had been preached at the convention.

“She said God told her to give them to me,” Pat recalled.

Walking In Love

“Back home, sometimes when I felt angry at my husband I would walk into the bathroom, look at myself in the mirror, and say, ‘You *will* walk in love. You *will* walk in love.’ David drained all the money out of our accounts and left home for the last time during Rachel’s birthday party. I walked to the bathroom and said, ‘You *will* walk in love.’

“From that time on, God has helped me continue getting to the convention every year. The only year I missed was 1982. KCM held their worldwide Communion service that year. I couldn’t get to Fort Worth but attended at the convention center in Minneapolis.”

That same year, Pat met Mary Ellen Anderson, a registered nurse. Mary Ellen and her husband attended the same church where Pat attended. Pat and Mary Ellen became best friends and every year since then for the past 41 years, together the two have driven from Minneapolis to Fort Worth—nearly 1,000 miles one way—to attend SWBC together.

One Wednesday night, Pat and Mary Ellen attended the church’s prayer service in



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someone's home. In attendance was a young man from Haiti named Prosper; it was his 21st birthday.

"Prosper, if you could have anything you wanted for your birthday, what would it be?" Pat asked.

"I'd like to go home with enough money to buy a German shepherd puppy."

"I hope you get the money."

Almost instantly, Pat heard the Lord say, *Give \$5 to the pastor and ask him to take up an offering for Prosper.*

Pat froze.

"Lord, you know that's all the money I have. My children need milk...and food."

Just do what I told you.

When Pat handed her \$5 to the pastor he said, "Pat, can you afford to do this?"

"I can't afford not to do it."

Returning home that night, Pat walked into the kitchen. The table was covered with food. There were eggs and milk in the refrigerator. Meat in the freezer.

"Who did this?" she asked her son.

"Some lady named Elsie."

Standing on God's Word

Pat had worked on a campaign for a woman named Elsie. That was the only Elsie she knew, so she called her. At the exact moment she'd given her \$5, God told Elsie what He wanted her to buy for Pat. He even told her what Pat's preferred brands were.

When Pat was three months behind on her mortgage, the company asked her to come in for a meeting. They said they would foreclose the property by the end of the month if the payments weren't caught up.

"OK, I can do that," Pat said.

"How?"

"My dad will give me the money."

"That's great!"

On the way home, the friend who'd gone with her said, "Pat, your dad is dead."

"I wasn't talking about him."

Pat felt so angry when she got home, yet relieved that all the kids were in school, she put her Bible on the floor and stood on it.

"Devil, I want you to hear this! Every demon in hell and out of hell, listen! Every angel, Jesus, Holy Spirit and Father God, please listen. I'm standing on the Word of God, and I'm not going to budge off of it. Father, You know what I need."

The next day, people started showing up at her house and giving her \$100 bills. By the end of the month, she had paid all three back payments—

and one extra. From that day, she was never late on a payment again.

Great Exploits of God

After attending the Believers' Conventions for more than four decades, Pat and Mary Ellen have seen and experienced the mighty move of God in some miraculous ways—personally and through others.

"Going to the Believers' Conventions all these years has had a huge impact on my life," Mary Ellen explains. "I had a deviated septum which made breathing through my nose difficult.

"In 2008, we were in Gloria's Healing School when I felt something warm pour over my head and nose. That deviated septum was healed without surgery!"

"One year, another of our friends went with us. He was about 65 and had been born with something wrong with his spine. His back hurt all the time. In one of the services, backs were being healed. He started running up and down the steps. His spine was totally healed.

"I worked as a nurse for 50 years. What I learned at the conventions about speaking to the problem, I applied to my career. For instance, I had a patient who was close to a hypertensive crisis. Her blood pressure kept going up, and the medicine wasn't working. Using my authority, I spoke to her blood pressure and told it to return to normal. It did just what I said.

"It's hard to imagine what God will do for you when you set time aside to go to the conventions and seek Him," Mary Ellen says. "At home, you plan to sit down and watch but there are a lot of distractions. Your attention is divided. The enemy always fights to keep us from going. He doesn't want us there. But every year we go and receive just what we need."

Over the years, Pat has taken her children and grandchildren to the conventions. She often gets a hotel with a pool. Sometimes they go a day or two early to visit the zoo or some other attraction. She has also taken many friends.

"I'd like to say that every time I prayed and stood on God's promises, the answer came in the time it takes to snap your fingers," Pat says. "I can't say that. God's timing is better than mine. Being a Partner with KCM has changed my life in countless ways. I've had people praying for me who know how to touch God. That means so much to me.

"This year I turned 90 years old," says Pat. "I've already made plans to be at the convention this year. I can look back over my life and admit that I've had problems. But the Lord has delivered me out of them all." 🙏

“When we ‘wake up’ and realize diligent obedience to our heavenly Father is ‘the way to go,’ life becomes a blessed adventure.”



The High Price of Disobedience

“God has great and mighty things planned for your life.”

“God has laid out His purpose for you since before you were born.”

We have heard statements like these since the day we were born again, and they are true. God’s Word backs them up. How wonderful it is to know God has

a plan for each of us, a good plan to give us a good future (Jeremiah 29:11).

He *will* fulfill His plans for you and me. But how disappointing it would be to miss any of the details along the way.

Missing a Step

The plans He has for us work out step by step—obeying Him in the little things leads us right up to the big things. Now, we may miss a step from time to time. We may disobey something He tells us, then look back later and say, “If only I had...”

Sometimes the result of missing a step or disobeying may seem



insignificant. But I am convinced there is no insignificant disobedience. We must approach every moment in tune with His voice and obedient to His Word.

We sometimes go through life not paying attention. And then there are times when we miss those wonderful steps in His plan because we are out-and-out disobedient. When we do that, we are missing some of the precious moments of God's glorious plan for us—moments we cannot afford to miss.

This side of heaven we will not know how different our lives might have been if we had obeyed. If we knew, we would see that the price of disobedience is much higher than we thought.

The Bible contains several accounts of people who disobeyed God and paid a dear price. Probably one of the most important stories is that of Moses—the lawgiver. He preached, “Obey the Lord!” day after day, year after year to the children of Israel. Then we read in Numbers 20, the day came when they needed water. Moses disobeyed the direction God gave him for providing water, and paid a high price for that disobedience. God kept him from leading the children of Israel into the Land of Promise. Something he had been looking forward to for 40 years vanished in that one misstep.

More Than Rules

If we had God's total plan for our lives laid out before us, we would see that *any* disobedience costs more than we can afford. Disobedience takes us off track, sometimes causing us to wander around and around when we really didn't have to. Sometimes when we disobey, we miss a glorious part of His plan that could only occur at a particular place or time in our lives.

God has given us His written Word and placed His Spirit within us to provide moment-by-moment direction for our lives. And when we “wake up” and realize diligent obedience to our heavenly Father is “the way to go,” life becomes a blessed adventure. Even mundane, daily activity becomes a magnificent journey when we live guided by His Spirit and His Word.

As the Body of Christ, our lives are not to be guesswork. God has a purpose for each of us individually, and for the Body as a whole. All we have to do is obey. It couldn't be any clearer than He spoke it to the children of Israel in Deuteronomy 30:11-14:

This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach. It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must

ask, “Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can hear it and obey?” It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, “Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey?” No, the message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it (*New Living Translation*).

And Paul reminds us in Romans 10:8 that faith is rooted in obedience: “The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.”

That's where faith is—in your mouth and in your heart. Faith is hearing God and obeying Him—it's as simple as that. The only way any of you will be obedient is to put your faith in God. Obedience doesn't work because you think God's Word is a set of rules. Obedience works because you know in your heart and confess with your mouth that God's Word is your very life. Then you do it!

Getting There— Step by Step

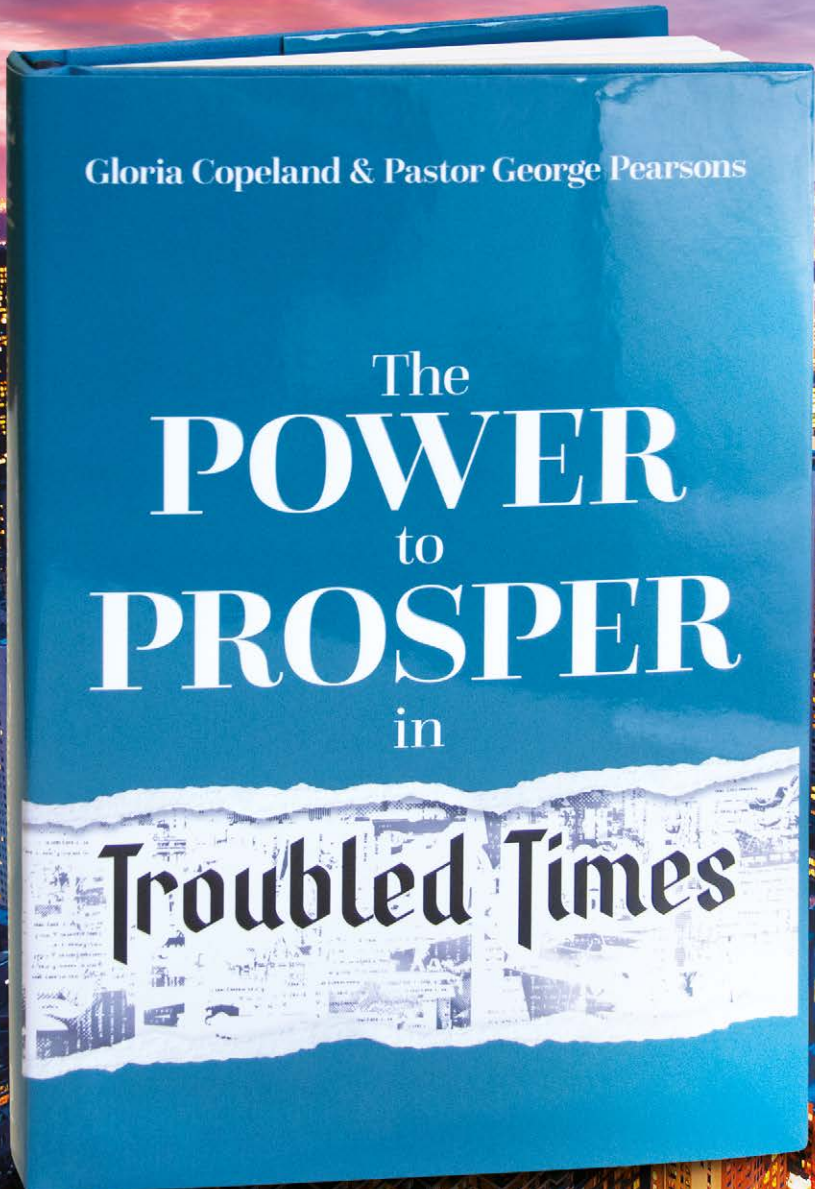
We obey whether it's easy or hard, whether we like what we hear or not. I was sure I would never like to preach. I had no desire to preach. I didn't think I could do it. And I couldn't have done it in my own strength. But God gave me the job anyway! And He has been faithful to see me through the assignment.

His plan and purpose for your life is not dependent upon what you can or cannot do. It depends on your doing what He tells you to do when He tells you to do it. He anoints and enables you to do whatever He directs you to do.

Every day of my life is like a treasure hunt! Why? Because I am totally committed to being obedient to God's voice to me—through the Bible and His Spirit. I stay close to Him. I listen! I hear! I can hardly wait to know what His next step is for me. Whether He says, *Go to Tokyo*, or *Go to the grocery store*, every step is significant in fulfilling His purpose for my life.

Your future is tucked away in your heart because God put it there. He gives you insight, and every day He desires to reveal direction to you. Arriving in your future according to the plan of God is totally dependent on hearing and obeying Him, moment by moment, step by step, every day.

When we think of obedience in these terms, it is clear to see that the price for any step of disobedience is more than any of us can afford. And the rewards of obedience—well, every step to His glorious plan for our lives depends on it. (V)



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Get In the Habit of Believing

I'VE BEEN CALLED A LOT OF THINGS OVER THE YEARS, AND GULLIBLE IS ONE OF THEM. MAYBE I AM GULLIBLE. BUT I WOULD MUCH RATHER BE GULLIBLE THAN HARD-HEARTED.

For instance, if a guy came up to me and said he had fallen out of the space shuttle last week, drifted through outer space a couple days, then reentered the earth's atmosphere, splashed down in the Pacific Ocean and swam to California under the power of the Holy Spirit...of course, in the natural I'd pay no attention to a wild tale like that. But when the Holy Spirit is brought into it, that changes everything—I would believe him. At least,

I would believe him until someone proved otherwise.

Now, I realize some people might think it would be foolish to believe a story like that. But they can think what they like. I just make it a habit to always believe. I choose to live on the *believing* side of life.

I purpose to stay on the positive side...the side that says, "All things are possible!"

Have the Heart To Believe

We know of at least one time when Jesus got on to His disciples for being hard-hearted. It all started when Thomas made a faithless decision after hearing reports about Jesus being raised from the dead. Thomas told his fellow disciples, "Except



You have to realize that The WORD is actually God speaking to you...personally. It's not just a lot of information for your head to carry around.



I shall see [Jesus]...I will not believe” (John 20:25).

Well, not long afterward, Jesus “appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and *hardness of heart*, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen” (Mark 16:14).

Jesus called Thomas “faithless” (John 20:27). And rightly so. Thomas rejected The WORD of God. He rejected the things Jesus had said for the past three years. And he rejected the testimonies he had heard of Jesus’ resurrection.

Thomas wasn’t the only one, however. The other disciples didn’t believe what Jesus had told them concerning His death and resurrection. They, too, rejected the testimonies of those who said they had seen Jesus alive.

So Jesus rebuked them all for their “hardness of heart.” Their hearts were hard because none of them was in the habit of believing.

Like many believers today, the disciples had processed almost everything they heard and saw through their minds, instead of their hearts.

Faith Is an Action Word

A lot of Christians fail to understand that faith is a definite, purposeful act of the heart. It is not a mental exercise.

Accepting something as fact is not *faith*. That’s merely giving mental assent. It’s reasoning with your mind. You can mentally acknowledge that something is true and still never really believe it in your heart.

Real Bible faith is a matter of the heart, and it carries with it God-given responsibilities.

A man once went to Jesus for some help with his son.

“Master,” he called out to Jesus, “I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; and wheresoever he taketh him, he tearth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away...” (Mark 9:17-18).

Then he challenged Jesus with this statement: “If thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us” (verse 22).

When the father pleaded for compassion, Jesus threw the responsibility back on him, saying, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth” (verse 23).

The boy’s father was trying to get Jesus to do *his believing* for him. But Jesus cannot do that.

Finally the man broke down in tears and cried out, “Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief” (verse 24). He was believing in his heart, yet he was having trouble with it in his head. His heart was saying, *I believe, I believe, I believe!* But his mind was resisting.

Had this man known Proverbs 3:5, “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding,” there would have been no problem with his head. He could have trusted more in his heart and less in his head.

In the end, when the father cried out in faith, “Lord, I believe,” he enabled Jesus to cast the deaf and dumb spirit out of his son, and the boy was healed.

Jesus will do the work for you, but He cannot do the believing for you. You have to do that.

But remember, heart faith grows out of God’s WORD.

If you want to condition your heart to be in the habit of believing, then you must give God’s WORD first place in your life. You must feed it into your heart constantly. And you have to realize that The WORD is actually God speaking to you...personally. It’s not just a lot of information for your head to carry around.

Then, you must make the quality decision that your body and all its physical senses will never override The WORD of God in any given situation.

If your body screams, *I’m sick! I’m sick! I’m sick!*...don’t allow that natural, physical evidence to be the final authority about what you believe. Go to The WORD as your final authority. And The WORD says, “By [Jesus] stripes ye were healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

So abide in The WORD and let The WORD abide in you (John 15:7).

It will get out of your head and into your heart. It will get you out of the *impossible* and into the *possible*. You will get into the habit of living on the believing side of life. 🕊

A man and a woman are standing in a desert landscape, looking out over a vast, hazy horizon. The woman, in the foreground, is wearing a red and black plaid shirt and a light-colored backpack with a patterned flap. She is holding binoculars to her eyes. The man, slightly behind her, is also wearing a plaid shirt and glasses, and is looking towards the horizon with his hand to his forehead. The sky is a mix of blue and white, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The overall mood is one of exploration and discovery.

Praying Out

THE PLAN



by Gloria Copeland

“The Holy Spirit is leading you in the way you need to go. He’s helping you to make the right decisions and telling you how to receive God’s blessing.”

Next time you’re tempted to get discouraged over some problem you’re facing, and you start to wonder if you really have what it takes to overcome it, here’s something I suggest you remember: As a born-again believer, “You are the temple of God and...the Spirit of God dwells in you” (1 Corinthians 3:16, *New King James Version*).

Think about that for a moment.

You have, living on the inside of you, the Spirit of Almighty God Himself!

The God who moved into you when you received Jesus as Lord, the God who filled you with His power when He baptized you in the Holy Spirit, is the same God who worked all the signs and wonders in the Bible. He’s the One who delivered the Israelites out of bondage and poured out fire and hail on their enemies. He’s the One who engulfed the land of Egypt in so much darkness that no one dared move for three days. He’s the God who dried a path through the Red Sea so the children of Israel didn’t even get their feet muddy as they walked through, and then He drowned Pharaoh’s army behind them.

This same awesome, all-powerful God has made you His mobile temple! And He’s saying to you every single day, “Come fellowship with

Me. Spend time in prayer, talking to Me and receiving from Me so I can help you. I want to strengthen you and give you divine wisdom about that problem you’ve been having. I want to apply My supernatural power to it so that it disappears and gets out of your life.”

Talk about having what it takes to be an overcomer! All you have to do is spend time with God every day and obey Him, and your victory is guaranteed.

“But I’m so busy right now,” you might say, “I just can’t seem to fit time with God into my schedule. My days are absolutely packed.”

That may be true. But let me ask you this: If Jesus physically came into your house and offered to talk to you, do you think you could make time for Him?

Sure you would!

If you got up one morning and found Him sitting at your kitchen table, you wouldn’t just rush past Him. You wouldn’t just wave goodbye to Him on your way out the door and say, “I sure wish I could visit with You awhile, Jesus, but I have to get to the office. I’ll just have to catch You later.”

If you got home from work tonight and found Jesus there waiting for you, it wouldn’t matter what you had on your schedule, you



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1

Even if you don’t know what to pray, by praying in the spirit you can pray the perfect prayer.

(Rom. 8:26)

2

Praying in tongues enables you to talk to God about aspects of His will that are hidden from your understanding.

(1 Cor. 14:2)

3

Praying in tongues builds you up spiritually so that you’re strong enough to do what God has called you to do.

(Jude 20)

4

When you pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit teaches you and refreshes you.

(Isa. 28:11-12)

5

If you’ll pray daily in other tongues, God can prepare you in advance so you’ll never be without an answer.

(Prov. 16:1)

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wouldn't just ignore Him. You wouldn't say, "Lord, I appreciate Your stopping by but I've had a really hard day and I'm just too tired to talk to You tonight. I'm just going to lie down here on the couch and watch TV for a while."

No! If Jesus was physically sitting there in your living room so you could literally see Him with your own eyes, you know what you'd do? You'd fall on your face before Him. You'd forget about work and television and your hard day, and you'd worship Him. You'd enjoy times of refreshing in His presence and you'd pay attention to what He had to say.

This is the opportunity you have as a believer. Although Jesus may not be visibly sitting at your kitchen table every day, the Holy Spirit is with you and in you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He's ready and waiting to commune with you anytime, day or night, and He has some things He wants to show you. Things you've been beating your head against the wall trying to figure out. Things that will enable you to live like the overcomer God has created you to be.

How To Pray the Perfect Prayer

"But Gloria, sometimes I feel so overwhelmed by the situations I'm facing, I don't even know how to pray about them. Sometimes I want to fellowship with God but I don't know what to say." Then take advantage of the ability to pray in other tongues that God gave you when He filled you with His Holy Spirit. That ability is a tremendous blessing! As Romans 8:26-27 says, when we pray in tongues, "the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

The word *infirmities* in that passage actually means "weaknesses." It refers to the inabilities of our flesh. It speaks of the fact that although we as believers are spiritually unlimited, we still live in a natural body that has a lot of limitations. One of those

limitations is that we don't always know what God's will is in every situation, other than what His written Word tells us—which, of course, is vitally important.

The Holy Spirit, however, knows everything! He not only understands what we need, He knows our hearts and the heart of God. If we'll give Him place and pray in other tongues, He'll take hold together with us against the weaknesses of our flesh and help us with the circumstances we're facing. He'll pray through us the perfect will of God and bring us to the place where, as Romans 8:28, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, puts it, "We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose."

That scripture is often taken out of context. People tend to quote it by itself as if God promised everything would always automatically work together for our good. But that's not what the Bible says. It attaches a condition to the promise. It says that when you give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to pray God's will into your life, and into the lives of the people you love—*then* all things are going to work for your good!

This is the absolute truth. God has things for you and me that are far better and greater than anything we could ever figure out with just our own natural intellect. He is able to do for us, by "the [action of His] power that is at work within us...superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]" (Ephesians 3:20, *AMPC*).

But for us to walk out everything He has planned, we have to do our part. We have to release the power of the Holy Spirit that's at work within us, and one of the most effective ways we do that is by spending time praying in other tongues, which is praying in the spirit.

Advancing the Plan of God

It's no wonder that throughout Church history praying in tongues has undergone such persecution and been so maligned. The devil hates it! He wants to stop us from doing

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it because he realizes that when we pray in other tongues, we pray beyond what we know. As a result, we can advance the plan of God in the earth in a much more powerful way. We can break through our natural limitations and pray supernaturally, not only on our own behalf but on behalf of others. We can give God the opportunity to use our mouths and our authority to help bring to pass mysteries that, in our natural minds, we simply can't understand.

Take, for example, the mystery about what's going to happen to the Church before we're caught up in the Rapture. The Bible says we're going to grow up in the fullness of the stature of Christ. We're going to rise up as a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle.

How exactly is that going to happen? How are we going to walk it out on a day-by-day basis?

We don't know. It's a mystery!

Yet by praying in other tongues, we can pray all about it. We can get over into the realm of the spirit and pray out not only God's great big plan for the Church, but also our part of that plan. We can build ourselves up spiritually and enter into the rest of God so that by His power we can do everything we're called to do.

Can simply praying in other tongues really make that much difference? you might wonder.

Absolutely! The Bible confirms it time and again in scriptures like these:

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries" (1 Corinthians 14:2).

"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.... as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.... that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the

Holy Ghost teacheth" (1 Corinthians 2:7, 9-10, 12-13).

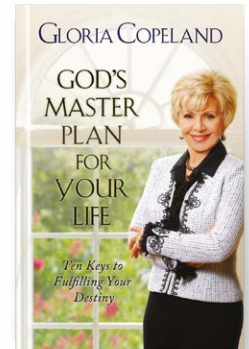
"But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit" (Jude 20, *AMPC*).

"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing" (Isaiah 28:10-12).

Notice that according to that last verse, praying in other tongues will bring you into a place of spiritual rest and refreshing. That's exactly what you need when you're tempted to feel discouraged and overwhelmed by the challenges of life. You need to stop stressing out about them and start tapping in to the "rivers of living water" in your innermost being, praying in the Holy Ghost (John 7:38).

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You'll Never Be Without an Answer

The more you pray and let those rivers flow, the more the Holy Spirit will be able to teach you and lead you, and the more you'll find yourself picking up on His promptings, not just in matters of life and death, but on a daily basis in simple things. You'll find yourself thinking of adjustments you need to make in one area or another. It will just come to you: *I ought to make a change here. Now I can see there's a better way to do this.*

What's happening in those instances? The Holy Spirit is leading you in the way you need to go. He's helping you to make the right decisions and telling you how to receive God's blessing in that area.

"Well," you might say, "if God would tell me something to do, I'd do it."

That may be true. But you have to remember, He's not usually going to speak to you in flashes of lightning and a burning bush. He's not generally going to communicate in a voice you can hear with your physical ears.


Most of the time God communicates directly with your spirit. Your spirit is His temple. That's where He lives in you. So by praying daily in the spirit you can stay tuned in to that realm and position yourself to hear what He's telling you.

If you give Him the opportunity, the Holy Spirit will even get you ready for any trouble that might be ahead of you by helping you pray about it in advance. As Proverbs 16:1 says, "The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD." Praying in tongues prepares your heart so you'll never be without an answer.

Don't ever forget this: God knows exactly how to deliver His children out of every kind of trouble and into His perfect will. He always has a plan. And not once in all of human history has He ever worried about whether or not He could bring His plan to pass.

Thousands of years ago, when He delivered the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage, even the greatest nation on earth couldn't stop Him. He released so much of His mighty power on behalf of His people that even Pharaoh, in all his splendor and glory, had to bite the dust.

Now that same power and that same God are at work in you. If you'll just be obedient to His Word and spend time every day praying in the Holy Spirit, the devil won't stand a chance against you. He'll end up biting the dust in your life while, just like the Israelites, you keep marching forward in triumph into God's glorious plan for your life. 🍷



*Don't pray
for more power,
get more
God-inside minded.*

You have Almighty God Himself
living inside you. He's in there to empower you
to do the works of Jesus and even greater.

**JESUS WORKED MIRACLES
BY OBEYING GOD AND
BELIEVING IN THE POWER
OF THE FATHER WITHIN
HIM. WE, AS BELIEVERS,
CAN OPERATE THE SAME
WAY.**

We can do the (John 14:10, 12)
works of Jesus just as
the apostles did because
we have the same power
on the
inside of us.
(1 Cor. 3:16)

The devil is afraid of us
because He's already
been defeated by the
power that's within us.
(1 John 4:4)

The early apostles believed on
Jesus' Name, did what He taught them,
and the Father did the works through them
just like He did through Jesus.
(Acts 5:12)

The SUPER SOURCE!



Superkids, our study of Ephesians continues to open new doors of discovery for us.

Last month we invited Jesus to lead us into a bold new life with Him. That boldness is not based on how great or big WE are, but in the reality that God has chosen to put Himself—His power and His love—on display IN us. God's great plan to make us ONE with Jesus was so that the world would see Him through us.

YOU, Superkid, are called to be the body that carries the Spirit of Jesus around—doing the works of God, loving people, and bringing joy and peace wherever you go (see Ephesians 2:21-22). This truth is the open door for us to continue to discover the mysteries Paul talks about all through this letter, which was written to YOU.

I stressed this today so you will understand that in Ephesians 3:14-15, *The Passion Translation*, Paul is bowing down to pray for you as well as all believers in every age and generation who will come to pray by the inspiration of Jesus: "So I kneel humbly in awe before the Father of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, the perfect Father of every father and child in heaven and on the earth."

In verse 16, Paul says, "I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods your innermost being with his divine might and explosive power." Let your heart grasp the reality of this!

To unveil is to uncover. That means that His UNLIMITED riches of GLORY AND FAVOR are already inside you, waiting to be revealed, uncovered, unveiled, or in other words, SHOWN to be SEEN. That's happening right now! Now is the time, Superkid, to believe this is true. A supernatural strength is flooding you, from the inside, with the same strength and explosive power that created the universe! Wow! Yes, I know this is BIG, but it's God's Word. Can we CHOOSE to believe this? Let's go for

it! Just say, "Yes, Lord. I believe this."

Verse 17 says, "Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you, and the resting place of his love will become the very source and root of your life." This is how we do mighty works for Jesus. It's not just being filled with His power, but by connecting with Jesus, Himself BY FAITH, we choose to believe these words of His. When we do, His life is released in us. What does that mean to me and you? This is where we become truly ONE with Jesus.

Imagine a life where Jesus is real to you. Not as a Bible character, or someone you hear about and will meet one day in heaven, but your actual friend, guide, help, counselor, shepherd who talks to you and encourages you every day. When the Bible says, "the life of Christ," it includes everything He is as the Son of God, and everything He is as a human like you. When you know Him like this, you will begin to understand and feel how much He loves you. That love will become more real to you than any other love. His love will become your life! When you KNOW you are loved by God Almighty, His promises are easy to believe! That makes the next two verses of this prayer make sense to me.

"Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences—the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding—this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness



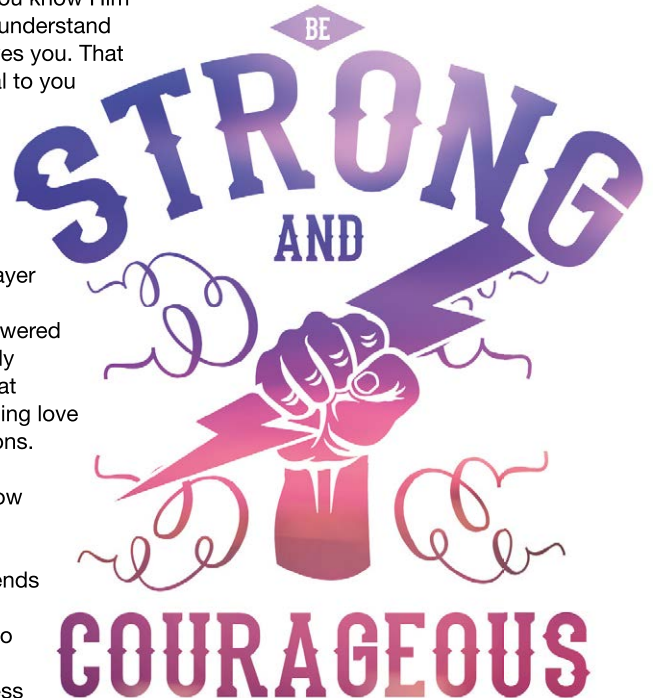
of God!" (verses 18-19).

Superkid, you are about to discover how big His love is. How deep, wide, long and powerful is His love for YOU. When you are full of His love, what will happen? OVERFLOW! Then His life and love pours out to others. A life of miracle-working power and being Jesus on display sounds like a lot of work with lots of perfection required, until you truly understand it is just living in His love with HIM on display, not yourself.

"Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you.... He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for His miraculous power constantly energizes you" (verse 20).

We'll talk more next month about this, so keep these truths in front of your eyes, read this several times over the next few weeks, and keep talking to your bestie—Jesus!

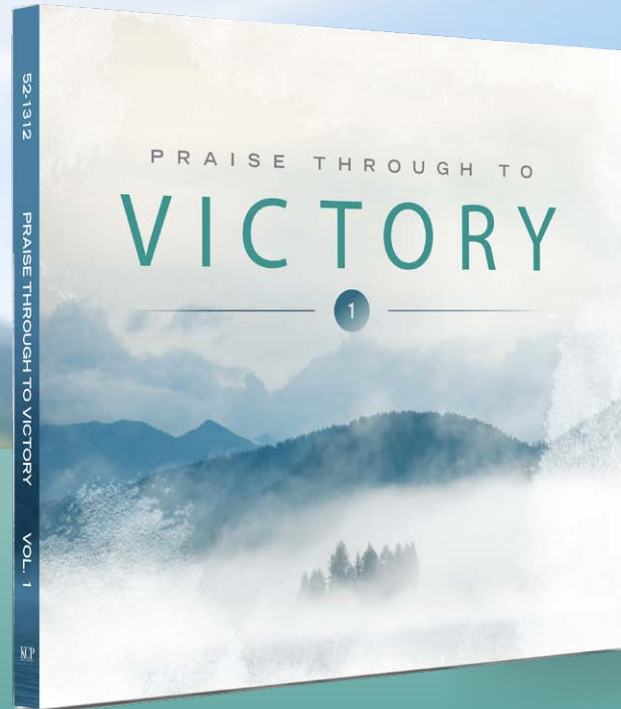
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