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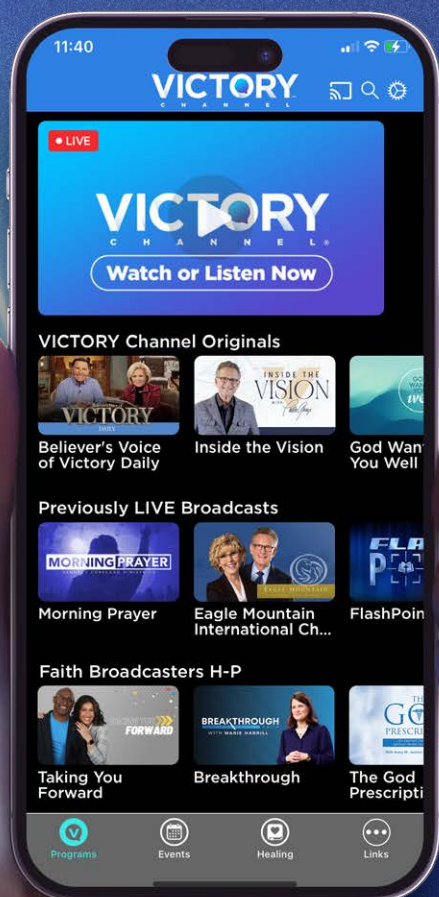
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Editor's Letter

'Never Again!'



Those were my words back in early 2021 after much of the nation found itself in want and need during a pandemic that nearly brought us to a grinding halt. After driving around town from one store to the next in search of something as simple as toilet paper, I had become angry, frustrated, and yes, feeling a deep sense of helplessness.

When the pandemic finally began to slow down; when grocery shelves were restocked and toilet paper was in abundance, I made one strong decree: *Never again will I allow myself and my family to be put in such a desperate position!*

Imagine my thoughts a few months ago when reports were spreading that, as a result of a pending strike by dockworkers, our nation was about to undergo yet another toilet paper shortage! News outlets posting videos online showing empty shelves in the grocery stores didn't help to dispel the rumors—neither did they ease my concerns. Like many others, I rushed out to quickly stock up—only to learn a day later that the rumors of an impending shortage had nothing to do with a strike, but rather were fueled by what was described as “panic buying.”

Today I have an abundant supply of toilet paper—not to mention bottled water. But I also have something else: a stronger appreciation of God's Word that tells us to seek Him first in every situation—to trust Him as our Source and our Provider! In Psalm 23:1, David declared: “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.” And in Philippians 4:19, the Apostle Paul said, “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Obviously, my first reaction to the rumors was the wrong reaction. In retrospect, I should have first gone to the Word of God, which is where we can always find peace and guidance in difficult times.

If you didn't read Gloria Copeland's article in the January issue of *BVOV*, titled “God's Limitless Supply,” I encourage you to go back and read it. Speaking about God's limitless supply, she wrote: “There truly is no limit to God's giving except our capacity to receive.... We increase our capacity to receive by finding out what He said in His Word and believing it enough to act on it.... God is rich! He is the Creator and Possessor of heaven and earth. His resources are unlimited.... No matter what you need—whether it's for you personally, for your family, or for the work of His kingdom—God has a way of getting it to you. He can provide and prosper you in every area of life, and He will do it as you walk with Him and keep yourself full of His Word.”

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“It's not so much where you start out in life. It's where you finish that matters.”

—J.B. Whitfield

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When The LORD first spoke to us about starting the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, He said: *This is your 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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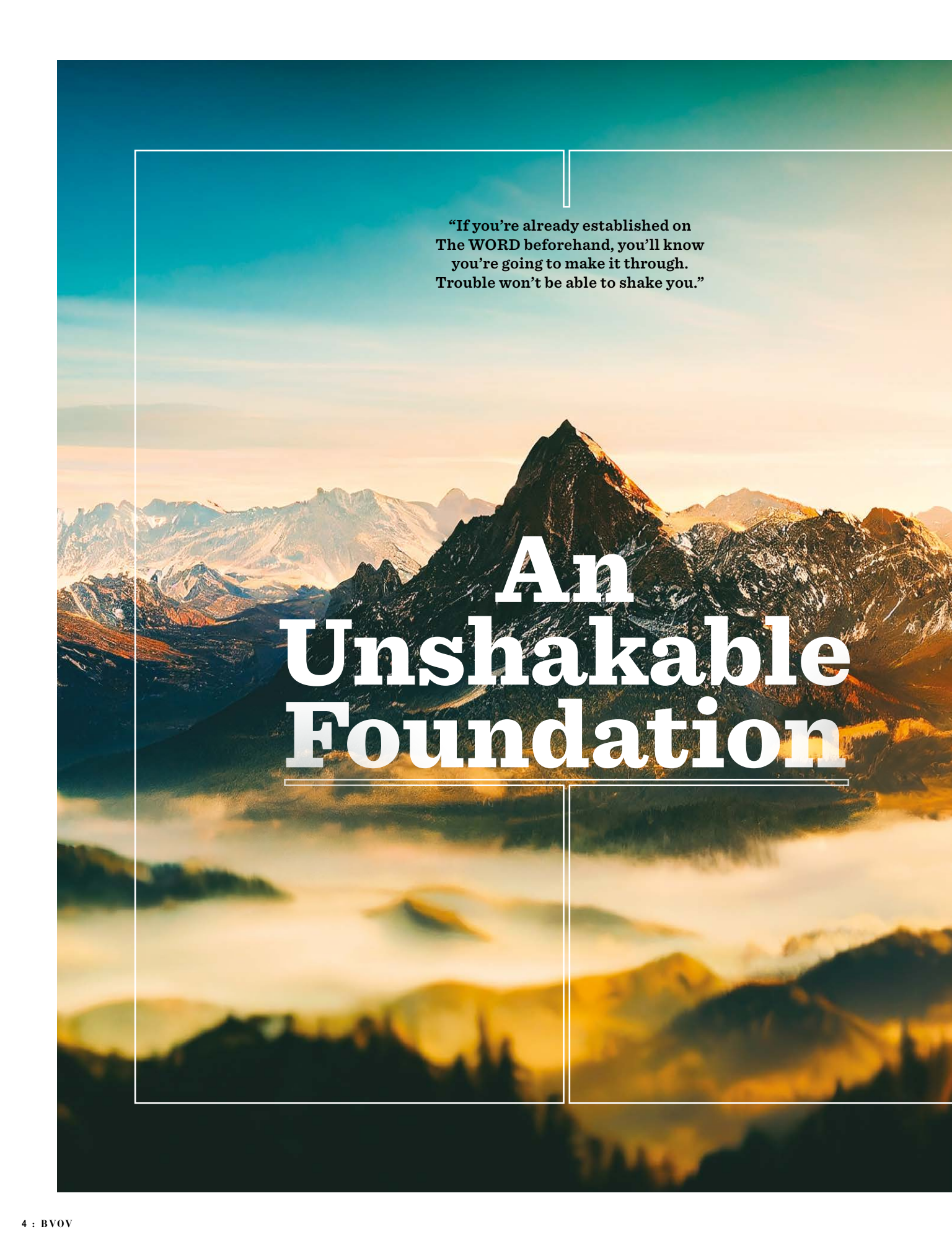
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**“If you’re already established on
The WORD beforehand, you’ll know
you’re going to make it through.
Trouble won’t be able to shake you.”**

An Unshakable Foundation



by Kenneth Copeland

**There's more than one way
to live the Christian life.**

**The way many Christians live it is by just
going along day by day, taking whatever the
devil and this world throws at them. By doing
their best to deal with trouble whenever it
arises and saying every morning when they get
up,
“I sure do hope I make it again today!”**

That's a dangerous way to live.

I've seen dear, sweet people who live their lives that way get hit by things they were totally unprepared to handle. I've seen satan come riding into their circumstances, do a lot of damage, and leave them wondering why God didn't do more to help them.

Some who have suffered severe financial loss have come to me afterward and said things like, “I don't understand. How was the devil able to rob me? I dedicated everything I have to God. I prayed and asked Him to get the devil off me.”

BLESS their hearts. I knew right away what the problem was—they didn't know The WORD of God. If they had, they would have known that the New Testament doesn't tell us to ask God to get the devil off us. It says *we* are to “put on the whole armour of God,” that *we* “may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11).

Those precious believers got robbed because they hadn't renewed their minds to what the

Bible says and acted on it. As a result, when the devil came—as he always does—to steal, kill and destroy, they weren't prepared to stand against his attack. They didn't have on the whole armor of God. They hadn't developed the kind of unshakable faith and trust in Him that it takes to resist the devil and triumph over any type of trouble he whips up.

“Well,” somebody might say, “I think it's enough for me just to be born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Even though I may not know much of what the Bible says, I think I can trust God to take care of every area of my life.”

No, you can't trust God without believing and acting on His WORD; and you can't believe His WORD unless you know what He said.

That's true in any situation.

Think about it. If you needed money to pay your rent, and somebody told you just to trust Brother Jones to pay it for you, the first thing

you'd want to know is what Brother Jones said about it. Did he say he'd pay your rent, or not?

If he said he would, and you know he's a man of integrity, you can trust him to do it. If you're not sure about what he said then you can't, and you'd better start looking for another way to get your rent money.

This is where a lot of us, as believers, have made a mistake. We've thought trusting God simply meant trusting His integrity. We didn't realize that His integrity doesn't do us much good until we find out what He said, believe it and operate accordingly. We didn't realize that what gives us victory in life is not just knowing that God Himself is trustworthy, but knowing and trusting the integrity of His WORD!

Hebrews 1:3 says, The LORD Jesus Christ is "upholding all things by the word of his power." So, if we want Him to uphold us in some area, we must get over on His WORD. When we take God at His WORD and stand on it by faith, He backs it with His power and brings it to pass in our lives.

Then, instead of the devil being dangerous to us, we become dangerous to the devil. Instead of him dragging us around by the nose, when he attacks us we can stand against him. We can stick him with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17), and come out of trouble as winners every time.

What To Do When You're Under Pressure

If you're in business and are trying to navigate today's turbulent economy, the most important thing for you to do is get on God's WORD. His WORD is His wisdom.

And Proverbs 4:8 says that when you "prize Wisdom highly...she will exalt and promote you" (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

In the natural, it might not always look like doing what God said will exalt you. In fact, at times it might look like the worst thing you could do. But really, the opposite is true. As you meditate on The WORD and "observe and do according to all that is written in it.... then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success" (Joshua 1:8, *AMPC*).

I remember once when a friend was making a deal to buy a television station. He found out the owner was Jewish, so my friend said to him, "The WORD of God states that if I BLESS you, God will BLESS me. It also says that if I cheat you I will pay for it. So, I'm going to see to it that you get the best end of this deal."

The man was shocked.

"That beats all I ever heard!" he said. "Nobody has ever taken that attitude toward me in business."

When all was said and done, that purchase turned out to be one of the best deals my friend ever made. He and the Jewish station owner were both BLESSED by it. What's more, they wound up working together and using that station to preach the gospel!

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "I'm under so much financial pressure right now, I just want to forget about everything, including The WORD, and just think about something else."

I understand. I've been there. But I've found that's when I need The WORD the most. I might not feel like it at the time. I might feel like going fishing or riding my motorcycle. But while there's nothing wrong with those things (you can enjoy them and



POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:

1

Don't just live day by day, taking whatever trouble the devil throws at you. Prepare yourself in advance so you can stand against him.

(Eph. 6:10)

2

Instead of waiting until the fiery darts of the devil have already hit you, protect yourself from them by keeping up your shield of faith.

(Eph. 6:16)

3

Keep developing your faith by spending time in The WORD of God.

(Rom.10:17)

4

Find out what The WORD says and base your life on it—then you can successfully weather any storm.

(Luke 6:47-48)

5

You can keep growing in The WORD and stretching your faith until no storm the devil whips up can hold you captive.

(John 8:31-32)

fellowship with God while you do them), I can tell you this from experience: When you're under real pressure, the best thing you can do is open your Bible or turn on some good preaching, and immerse yourself in The WORD.

Why?

Because "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17), and it's faith in the power of The WORD that upholds you.

Put Your Faith Shield Out In Front of You

Actually, the very best thing to do is to get on The WORD in advance. Put it first place in your life before the pressure comes. Build your life on it every day so that it becomes the foundation of all you think, say and do.

That's a far better way to live the Christian life than just going along day by day, and when trouble comes, wondering if you're going to make it through. If you're already established on The WORD beforehand, you'll know you're going to make it through. Trouble won't be able to shake you because you'll be like the man in Luke 6:47-48, where Jesus said:

Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

Notice Jesus didn't say that by founding your life on The WORD, you'll be ready *if* the flood comes. He said *when* the flood comes.

He was speaking prophetically, letting us know that in this world storms and floods *will* come. There's no question about it. The only question is, will we be ready for them? Will we be established on the unshakable foundation of God's WORD?

The best time to start establishing yourself on God's WORD is not after the flood hits. It's not when you're suddenly faced with tragedy,

disease, poverty or some other kind of storm. The best time to build your faith is now. The wisest thing to do is make a quality decision now and say, "I'm going to build my house on the rock of The WORD today and every day."

What if you're already in the middle of a storm and your house is falling down around you? Is it too late for you?

No, it's not. God will still help you. If you call on Him and start standing on His WORD right now, He'll work the miracles necessary to bring you through. But don't stay in the position where you have to keep living on last-minute miracles. If you're drowning in debt, for instance, don't just keep crying out to God every month to help you make your credit card payment. Find out from the Scriptures what He says about financial abundance. Begin believing God for all your debts to be paid off and to never have to borrow money again.

Start building the financial future you have been promised in God's WORD and confess by faith: "I owe no man anything except to love him. God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want." (See Romans 13:8; Philippians 4:19; Psalm 23:1.)

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Develop your faith to the point that when you see a financial threat coming, you know without a doubt you'll be able to neutralize it before it ever gets to you. That's what faith is designed to do.

As Ephesians 6:16 says, "the shield of faith" is to be used "to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." A shield isn't a surgical instrument to be used to dig out darts that have already hit you. It's meant to protect you—to keep the darts from even striking you. You're supposed to hold it out in front of you so when the fiery darts come, they hit the shield instead of hitting you.

Keep Growing and Stretching Your Faith

In my early days of ministry, it didn't occur to me to get my faith for finances out in front of me. I'd wait to start believing for the budget for our meetings to be met until the meetings were already underway. Sometimes we'd get halfway through a series of meetings, and I'd have to say, "LORD, if You don't do something right now, we're not going to meet the budget!"

I'd really start sweating.

But I don't sweat meeting budgets anymore! Now, Gloria and I and our staff send our faith out ahead of time. We start believing for the budget to be met months in advance. Very often these days, the budget is already met before the meetings even start. I like that because there's less pressure. If something else comes up that requires a miracle, I can focus my faith on that!

I also like to send my faith out ahead of me for healing. It's a lot easier to believe for healing when you feel good than it is when you're hurting. So, rather than waiting until you get sick to start, go ahead and put together your list of healing scriptures now.

Feed on them continually. Declare daily that by the stripes of Jesus you were healed (1 Peter 2:24). Say to yourself, as David did in Psalm 103: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases" (verses 2–3, *New King James Version*).

If your body is already under attack by the devil, and the doctor has given you a negative diagnosis, don't despair. Just look to God for help. Ask Him for a miracle if you need one and—right in the middle of the storm—start meditating on His healing WORD and building your foundation of faith.

Although the process may be more challenging when you're dealing with symptoms of sickness, God will give you the strength and the grace you need to get the job done. So stick with it, and once the storm has passed and your healing has manifested, stay with the program.

Keep building your faith. Keep strengthening your foundation by continually feeding on The WORD, confessing it and acting on it. Get yourself addicted to it. Get to where you can't do without it; to where you eat it and live it every day.

God said in Proverbs 4:20-21, "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." In John 8:31-32, Jesus said: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

You can keep growing in The WORD until the storms of life don't shake you at all. You can keep stretching your faith until they don't even upset you; because when the wind starts blowing and the flood waters start rising, you have somewhere to go.

You can go into the shelter you've built on the Rock.

You can go into your faith house, look up at the rafters of healing, the beams of prosperity, and the walls of divine protection and BLESSING you've built on the foundation of The WORD, and rejoice.

You can weather the storms of inflation, political turmoil, and all the other troubles that keep people awake at night, and you can keep right on living in peace. In the midst of it all, you can smile really big at the devil and tell him, "Come on. Give it your best shot. I've got Jesus and I've got The WORD, so I've already got the victory!" 🙌

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INSIDE THE VISION

WITH *Pastor Paige*

Recently, my 14-year-old granddaughter, Eiley, (Kenneth and Gloria's great-granddaughter) was assigned to write a devotion at school. Before presenting it, she called and asked if she could read it to me. I was stunned as she began reading.

Two thoughts went through my mind: First, it was a confirmation that she has been listening to her family's faith-filled teachings; and second, she was talking about vision! I was quite encouraged to realize that the future is in good hands! Allow me to take you "inside the vision of the next generation" as I share with you Eiley's devotion, entitled, "Your Vision."

I want to touch on a few points. By the time you reach the end of this devotion they will all come together.

My first point is: *Your Identity*.

I'm going to quote some preachers that I have heard and what has stuck out to me.

"It's not about me, it's about God in me."

I was thinking about that because it really stuck out to me. It's a hard thing to hear sometimes, but it's not about me. The world does not revolve around me. I don't get the credit. It's God in me who made a way. It's God in me who works things out in my life for good. God isn't looking for my ability. He's looking for my availability.

That should encourage you because that's saying God isn't looking at what you can or can't do. He's looking for your permission to do what only He can do through you.

My pastor says, "God is going to do what He does. What changes is how much we are willing to allow Him to do it."

When you asked Jesus into your heart, you were telling Him, "God, I am available. Lord, take my life and do something with it." The enemy tries to come in and tell you how ugly you are. Then you start abandoning yourself and adopting someone else who's not you. That is a really dangerous place to be. God has a plan for you, and nothing can change that plan, but you. The enemy will try to stop God's plan by getting in your ear and telling you all the lies, but it's your choice to yield to him or not. If you yield to him, that's when you start abandoning yourself and adopting someone else's identity.

How that ties in with vision is you have to be confident in who you are in Christ. You have to get to a place where the enemy can come, the storms can come, but your firm foundation, your identity, is in God and not yourself. Galatians 6:4, *New Living Translation*, says, "Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else."

My second point is this: *Spend Time With God*.

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."

Habakkuk 2:2,
(*New King James Version*)



GOD WILL TAKE
YOU FURTHER
THAN YOU
COULD EVER GO
ON YOUR OWN.



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You can have so much of the world to the point where you are starving your inner man. That means you can't constantly fill yourself with things of the world, and then leave your spirit man empty. You have to feed your inner man with spiritual food just like you feed your flesh with earthly food. If you don't spend time with God, then you will never truly know what He will do for your life. We want God's will and God's vision for our lives.

My third point is: *Your Vision*.

If you trust Him, God will take you further than you could ever go on your own. Going back to identity, the enemy's main goals are to steal, to kill and to destroy. He wants to destroy the plan of God for you. He wants to destroy the calling on your life and to destroy the race you are running. But DON'T QUIT! Run your race with joy.

I want to give you some practical steps for your vision.

1. Seek the Lord to find out what He wants you to do. That comes from spending time with Him.

2. Write the vision down and be specific. Don't just say, "I need money." What do you need money for? Is it for college? Your car payment? Having a vision for your life will help get you through life. Proverbs 19:21 says, "Many plans are in a man's mind, but it is the Lord's purpose for him that will stand" (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). You can make plans, but the LORD'S PURPOSE will PREVAIL. That's why it's important to seek God to find out what He wants for you.

3. Locate your scriptures and make a petition. My family and I make petitions all the time. We made one for our family car because we needed something bigger. Well, guess what? We now have a bigger (debt-free) car. It all starts with vision. Write down the vision and find scriptures to support the vision. And don't give up! Like I said, the enemy will try to get you to stop, but DON'T GIVE UP. KEEP GOING. KEEP RUNNING.

Run your race with joy. And keep walking in faith.

That's my fourth point: *Faith*.

My great-grandpa says, "God will dare to do the impossible in your life if you dare to step across the faith line." Well, to step across the faith line you have to know what faith is. All of us at least have an idea of faith from what we've learned this year. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Faith is having vision for your life. Things may not look good in your life right now. It may not seem like God is there. But stand in faith, knowing He's always with you and that you have faith in His Word.


When you feel sickness coming on your body, say, "No. By Jesus' stripes I am healed." If you feel like anxiety is trying to come on you, say, "No. When Jesus was on the cross, He bore all of my iniquities." Iniquity causes mental torment. Mental torment is anxiety, stress, panic attacks, confusion and terror. Jesus bore it all on the cross so we wouldn't have to go through it.

Never base your feelings off of your emotions. Base them off God's Word.

It's not cute or attractive going around talking about how stressed-out you are, saying things like: "I'm so anxious" and "I'm so scared." The Bible says life and death are in the power of the tongue. Instead of saying that you're stressed, say, "I'm not stressed-out, I have the mind of Christ. God gave me the authority of the believer."

It takes practice, but each time you say something by faith, you are getting strengthened and building yourself up. You can't keep doing the same thing and expect different results.

In summary, here are some things you can take from this devotion that will help you prevail in life and withstand the obstacles that the enemy throws at you:

- Know your identity
- Spend time with God
- Get your vision and write it down
- Know who you are in Christ
- Continue to feed your inner man. 



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by Gloria Copeland



Believing the Promises

Whether you need healing, protection, prosperity or any other blessing God has promised, it takes faith to receive it. It takes making God's Word final authority in your life.

The *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, says, "Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith..." (Romans 4:16). As you release your faith, it allows grace—God's unmerited favor—to flow to you.

But if you don't put the Word first, if you instead hold on to traditions of men, you won't be in a position to receive from God. The Bible says traditions make the Word of God of no effect (Matthew 15:6). They shut off the grace of God because there's no faith in them.

One tradition that has robbed the Body of Christ for years is praying, "If it be Thy will." That may sound humble, but it's simply unbelief. It means you don't know God's will in that situation. It ties God's hands in your life because there is no faith.

Faith begins where the will of God is known. The Word of God is the will of God. Faith comes by hearing God's Word. You can have faith for whatever the Bible says is God's will.

God's Will Is Good

You can see God's will in the Garden of Eden, in heaven and in Jesus' ministry. The Garden was a little copy of heaven. It was a beautiful place where all of Adam and Eve's needs were met and everything was good (Genesis 2). There was no sickness, disease or lack until man sinned. There is none in heaven either because God's will is done there.

From the very beginning, God's will has been to bless man with good. That has never changed. In Malachi 3:6, He says, "For I am the LORD, I change not."

To see the perfect will of God in manifestation on the earth, look at Jesus' ministry. He said, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). His prayer was, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

Jesus proclaimed, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).

And according to 1 John 3:8, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

Jesus came proclaiming God's Word to the people. Those who received that Word, and who received Him as sent of God, also received what God had for them—salvation, healing, deliverance, whatever they needed. God hasn't changed His method. Jesus operated in the earth by the Word. He defeated the works of the devil with "It is written." We are to do the same.

Base Your Faith on the Word

If you try to receive from God without planting the seed of the Word (Luke 8:11), it's

difficult. You're like the farmer who sits on the porch and says, "I believe in crops, but I'm not going to plant any seed this year. I'll just believe, and if it's God's will, my crop will come up." That farmer will never see his crop.

Faith is a seed. If you don't plant it, it won't grow. And praying, "If it be Thy will" won't produce a harvest in areas where the Word of God tells you what His will is.

"If it be Thy will" is a prayer of dedication. It is for situations in which you don't know God's will. When something is not written in the Word, then you can pray a prayer like, "Lord, if it's Your will, I'll go to Africa." But it is not a prayer that will change things.

Faith is what changes things in the physical realm. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." It takes faith to get substance.

According to Romans 10:17, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Faith comes from believing the promise of God.

If you don't know what God said about something, you don't have any basis for faith. It's your responsibility to go to the Word and find out what He said. Proverbs 4:20-22 says, "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." Standing on the Word makes God's power available to you.

Agree With God's Word

God has given us His Word to teach us about Himself, to teach us how He thinks and what His will is, so we can learn to agree with Him. We will have success in whatever areas we learn to agree with God, both in our words and our actions. He told Joshua, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

Once you find the will of God in a situation, you then know how to pray. Romans 10:8 says, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even

in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith." If you need a mountain moved out of your life, it requires believing God with your heart and speaking it out your mouth. The spirit of faith says what the Word says (2 Corinthians 4:13).

Faith makes a choice. Then it stands on that decision, based on the Word, until the manifestation comes. But when you say, "If it's Your will," you have made no choice.

Choose to believe God's Word and speak the end result you desire—the promise of God for your life. When you find out God's will and get in agreement with it, you can pray in faith. Faith will reach out and grab hold of the Anointing of God to change whatever needs to be changed in your life. 📌



**Taking
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Forward**

Phase 2 Update

We are nearing the completion of our Phase 2 renovation of the KCM World Headquarters building, following the Texas winter storm of 2021!

Since the last update we have:

- » Installed carpet, accent walls, door frames, transom glass, cabinets and countertops
- » Installed exterior security door and exterior stairs for mail room
- » Installed tile and stall partitions in all three restrooms
- » Thermostats wired
- » Fire sprinkler system tested and online

Praise God! We are so grateful to see the restoration of the Lord unfold as we have continued to stand on Proverbs 6:31, which says the thief must return seven times what he stole. Partner, thank you for standing with us and believing God with us. We are praying for you and your family as we see 2025 come alive!



For the latest updates on our progress and to learn how you can support Taking Back, Moving Forward, visit kcm.org/forward



Finishing Well

J.B. Whitfield sat in the emergency room and stared at his swollen ankle. The thing seemed to grow bigger by the minute. He still didn't know what had happened. He'd been dribbling the basketball down the court in a pickup game. Nobody was even close to him. Instead of taking a shot, he stumbled and fell.

**Had he been a little high?
Between uppers, downers, pot and cocaine,
who knew what was in his system.**

"That's a bad break," the doctor said. "You'll need to rest with your foot elevated for eight weeks."

Back home, J.B. lay with his foot elevated. Susan, his girlfriend, was trying to take care of him and the business he owned plus handling the calls from bill collectors.

J.B. was going stir-crazy. The drugs made him jumpy. Maybe a book would help. He stumped over to the bookcase. His gaze fell

on one of Susan's books: *Hotline to Heaven* by Charles and Frances Hunter.

That should work. After all, he'd gotten a degree and become a minister. He'd served at two churches but quit both because he couldn't live on the salary.

Odd. All through the book it talked about giving your heart to Jesus. It also said that Jesus would take all your problems.

Boy, did he have problems! An ex-wife and

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

MARCH

		Old Testament	New Testament
Sat	1	Lev. 18:19-20:7	
Sun	2	Ps. 28-31; Prov. 6:1-19	
Mon	3	Lev. 20:8-22:25	Mark 16
Tue	4	Lev. 22:26-24:9	Luke 1
Wed	5	Lev. 24:10-25:46	Luke 2
Thu	6	Lev. 25:47-26:46	Luke 3
Fri	7	Lev. 27-Num. 1:29	Luke 4
Sat	8	Num. 1:30-3:4	
Sun	9	Ps. 32-34; Prov. 6:20-7:5	
Mon	10	Num. 3:5-4:16	Luke 5
Tue	11	Num. 4:17-5:31	Luke 6
Wed	12	Num. 6:1-7:35	Luke 7
Thu	13	Num. 7:36-8:4	Luke 8
Fri	14	Num. 8:5-10:13	Luke 9
Sat	15	Num. 10:14-11:35	
Sun	16	Ps. 35-36; Prov. 7:6-23	
Mon	17	Num. 12:1-14:10	Luke 10
Tue	18	Num. 14:11-15:31	Luke 11
Wed	19	Num. 15:32-16:50	Luke 12
Thu	20	Num. 17-19	Luke 13
Fri	21	Num. 20-21	Luke 14
Sat	22	Num. 22:1-23:26	
Sun	23	Ps. 37; Prov. 7:24-8:11	
Mon	24	Num. 23:27-26:34	Luke 15
Tue	25	Num. 26:35-28:8	Luke 16
Wed	26	Num. 28:9-29:40	Luke 17
Thu	27	Num. 30:1-31:47	Luke 18
Fri	28	Num. 31:48-33:9	Luke 19
Sat	29	Num. 33:10-34:15	
Sun	30	Ps. 38-41; Prov. 8:12-36	
Mon	31	Num. 34:16-36:13	Luke 20

two kids. Susan had an ex-husband and two kids. And there was more: J.B. was \$246,000 in debt.

He closed the book and thought about what it said.

To be a Christian, you're supposed to be born again? Who knew?

Radical Change

"I read that book in January of 1978, and it changed my life," J.B. remembers. "Growing up, my family attended church now and then. When I was 15, my mother died, and my dad turned to alcohol.

"During my senior year, I bailed him out of jail three times. The pastor took me under his wing. I wanted to be like him, so he pointed me to ministry.

"Suddenly, I realized that I'd pastored two churches without knowing Jesus as my Savior. In addition to getting born again, the book said you should give Jesus all your problems. 'Visualize your problems in the palm of your hand,' the book said. 'Raise your hands to heaven, and then turn them over and shake them out.'

"I said, 'Jesus, if You're real, I'm asking You to forgive me of my sins and come into my heart.' Then I took the debt, drugs and all my problems, and gave them to Him. Afterward, I felt 20 million pounds lighter."

While J.B. had been a farm boy, Susan had been raised in country club circles.

Her crazy cousin had given her that book, *Hotline to Heaven*, six years earlier. She'd talked about speaking in tongues, but Susan had never been interested.

But now, sitting on the side of the bathtub smoking dope and drinking beer, she had bowed her head and invited Jesus into her heart. Looking up, she saw herself in the mirror. A halo glimmered around her head. Standing, she walked across the room. Leaning into the mirror, she looked again. The halo was still there.

"Lord," she said, "if You'll heal J.B.'s ankle, I'll serve You for the rest of my life."

It had only been two weeks since J.B. broke his ankle. But the cast was flopping around loosely. He called a friend who was a surgeon.

The doctor cut off the cast and X-rayed the ankle.

It was completely healed.

Cleaning House

Stunned, J.B. and Susan started attending church. One Sunday night, the pastor posed a question: "If Jesus came into your house, would there be anything that you'd be ashamed for Him to see?"

On the way home Susan told J.B., "We're pouring all the beer down the drain. And we're going to flush the drugs."

"Have you lost your mind? We'll drink the beer and smoke the pot. When it's all gone, we won't buy any more."

"Nope," Susan said, "this is it. We're getting rid of the stuff tonight."

That's what they did...and never missed it.

J.B. had always thought the reason he'd left the ministry was that he only made \$350 a month. Perhaps the real reason he hadn't been successful was that he wasn't saved.

After leaving the ministry, he'd made a lot of money selling pianos and organs. He'd opened his own business in Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem, N.C. His venture into drugs and debt had all but collapsed the business.

J.B. and Susan got saved in 1978. A few months later, they married.

From the time he gave his heart to Jesus, J.B. had been more interested in getting people saved than anything else. When people came into the store, he would ask if they knew Jesus.

He led many people to the Lord.

In 1980, after committing to pay all his debts, J.B. closed the store. He took a job for a company that sold high-end pianos, organs and harps. His territory was the worst in sales in the nation.

The Word of Faith

That same year, a friend introduced them to the Holy Spirit and Kenneth Copeland Ministries. In 1981, J.B. and Susan attended one of the ministry's Believers' Conventions in Charlotte, N.C.

A man named Jerry Savelle preached a message called "Sowing in Famine." He took up an offering, declaring that they could believe God for a hundredfold return that year.

"We didn't have any money," Susan recalls. "I don't mean that we didn't have any on us. We didn't have any money, period. We didn't have any in our pockets or in the bank. We didn't even have a credit card.

“So, J.B. wrote an IOU for \$100 and put it in the offering. We got into agreement that we would get \$100 and send it to KCM.

“That Sunday after church, a man chased us down and stuck something in J.B.’s pocket. It was a check for \$100! We immediately sent it to KCM. During that time, we learned how to put the Word of God to work in our lives.

“This was October 1981. While J.B. made sales calls in his territory, I prayed the Word over them. Then I commanded those pianos and organs to sell. Within 90 days, J.B.’s territory was first in the nation in sales. By December, he’d made \$11,000. J.B. always said he wished he’d had \$1,000 faith.

“The following year, in 1982, we started Agape Faith Church in a little storefront. We didn’t know if anybody would show up. But the first Sunday we had 44 people, and from there it kept growing.”

In 1983, a man moved to town who was a great teacher of the Word, J.B. recalled. He said he had come to help J.B. and Susan with their church. But it wasn’t long before the relationship began to sour.

First, the man started spreading lies about J.B. Then he called a meeting of the board, without the pastor. In the meeting, he tried to take over the church.

When that didn’t work, he caused a church split—taking 34 members from the congregation—and started a church a few miles away.

The Love Walk

You’ve got to walk in love, the Lord told J.B. And you’ve got to forgive him.

J.B. and Susan decided to pay the man a visit at his home.

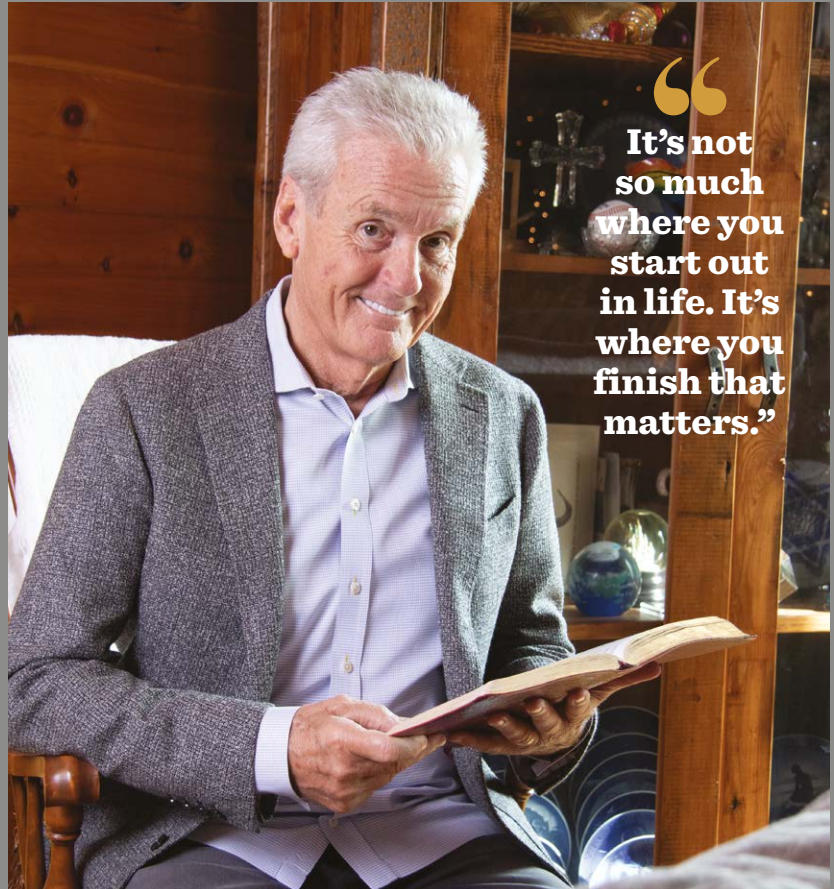
“We want you to know that we love you and we forgive you,” they told him. “If you need help in any way, let us know.”

The man didn’t know what to think.

Soon afterward, J.B. was at the post office when the man walked in. J.B. ducked, hoping not to be seen. But the Lord saw him.

Go hug his neck and tell him you love him.

“The whole time I hugged him and told him I loved him, I wanted to knee him,” J.B. admits. “I wanted to hit him. I wanted to hurt him. I forgave him by faith, but my emotions hadn’t gotten the message.



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“Over about the next eight months, every time I went to the post office he came in. Each time, the Lord told me to hug him and tell him I loved him. It happened so often that I changed the day and time I went. But it didn’t matter. He was always there. After months of this, when I hugged him and told him I loved him, I meant it. I no longer wanted to hurt him. I realized that you must forgive instantly. But learning to forget takes time.”

Mandate From God

One day in 1985, God gave J.B. a mandate from Isaiah 58. They were to feed the hungry and help the lonely wanderer. Starting that week, every Saturday the church fed the hungry in the nearby city of Winston-Salem. They also gave out toiletries and clothes to the homeless.

Each Sunday, they sent buses to bring them to church. The story got such traction that the local newspaper sent a reporter and a photographer to document it.

“I was honest with the reporter,” J.B. remembers. “I told them what a mess my life had been. How I used drugs and

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had mountains of debt. And how God transformed my life.”

When the story appeared in the newspaper, it included a picture of J.B. and carried a headline that read: “Clemmons Preacher Keeps His Congregation Contributing and Coming Back.”

“It was a three-page hatchet job,” J.B. says. “They said that I wore a fancy suit, moving from the Spirit to the pocketbook. It was awful. But what the enemy meant for evil didn’t hurt us one bit. The church kept growing.”

As the church was steadily growing, J.B. and Susan knew they had to have more room to support the growth. By June of 1992, Agape Faith Church had been meeting in a storefront for 10 years.

Also in 1985, they found and purchased 13 acres outside of town; they were warned not to buy it because the land wouldn’t perk—meaning it was not suitable for digging a well or putting in a septic tank. In fact, the land failed every perk test.

Yet, God told them to buy the land. So, they did.

Prayer and the Perk Test

One Friday, several members of the church were walking the land and praying when Susan suddenly stopped and said to J.B., “Pastor, use that stick and strike that rock. We’re going to believe God to change the soil on this property, just like God brought water out of a rock for Moses.”

J.B. knew he didn’t have the faith for it. Picking up the stick he said, “According to the faith of my wife, I strike this rock! Father, we believe You to change the soil on this property.”

On Monday, J.B. called the county office and asked if someone would come out and check the soil.

“Reverend Whitfield, we’ve checked that soil three times,” they told him. “It will not perk.”

“That’s right,” J.B. agreed. “But we prayed and asked God to change the soil.”

A long silence followed.

“OK, I’ll come out there. But you have to get a backhoe and dig 10 holes. Seven of them must pass the perk test.”

J.B. had the backhoe dig 10 holes, each right beside the 10 holes they’d dug before.

The gentleman from the county jumped down in one hole after another. Looking up at his boss he said, “What happened to all the sandstone that used to be in this property?”

The land passed the perk test and was approved for building.

“We built our first building to fit 450 people,” J.B. explains. “Then in 1999, we built the building we’re in now. It seats 1,000, and we have two services on Sunday mornings. The church added a children’s facility that looks like a Western town,” J.B. explained. “It’s called Agapeville. We’ve been there ever since.”

“We’ve been Partners with KCM for many years,” J.B. says, “and it has meant a lot to us. That’s where we learned how to live by faith.”

“Partnership with KCM is twice-sown seed. Our seed is helping send the gospel around the world. It’s ministering to people we would never meet. It’s changing lives in places we’ll never go.

“When I look back over our lives, Susan and I were probably the least likely to be called as pastors. We each had children from failed marriages. We both used drugs and had staggering debt. Our kids come from split homes, and they had problems too.

“My youngest daughter wasn’t saved and lived with her mother. At 17, she got pregnant by the son of our praise-and-worship leader. I called Jerry Savelle and Dr. Lester Sumrall. I told them both that I was willing to resign. They wouldn’t let me. Those kids got married and are still married today.

“Our son was in California with his dad and got mixed up on drugs. He was in and out of prison. Our daughter Robin also got pregnant while she was in college. She and the young man got married and had two beautiful sons before she passed away in 2019.

“It’s not so much where you start out in life,” says J.B. “It’s where you finish that matters. All our children, their spouses and their children are now serving the Lord. Today, we have nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. I read *Hotline to Heaven* in 1978,” J.B. says. “The words of that book are still true today. The key to living a successful life is to first give your heart to Jesus. Then, when problems come, give those to Him as well. He’ll walk you through all of them to victory.” 🙏

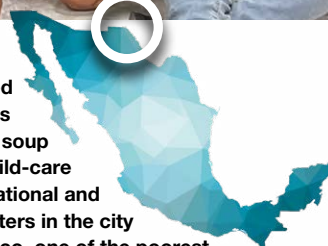
Rescue the Children

Three years ago this month, Sergio Alvarado was all smiles as a 20-year-old dream God had given him began to unfold before his eyes.

Standing on property he had purchased in his native land of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, Sergio watched as the doors to the newly constructed Abundant Living Faith Center, a multipurpose church, kitchen, dining room and training facility, swung open to welcome a community of underprivileged children and their families. —→



Kenneth Copeland Ministries has partnered with Alvarado Ministries International to build a soup kitchen, church and child-care center as well as educational and vocational training centers in the city of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, one of the poorest parts of that country.



“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Matthew 25:40



project, including the opening of a second building where people will be trained in vocational skills like sewing and welding.

Faith In Action!

“This is the faithfulness of God,” Sergio said of the project that has been 20 years in the making. “That He would bless us to do this is just mind-boggling. There were a few times when I didn’t see anything happening that I wanted to throw in the towel. But God was working behind the curtains.

“This has taught me a lot about faith. If you have faith in something and you really believe, you just act on it. Even when my wife and I were the only partners, we didn’t give up. Over time, God sent faith people like KCM and EMIC, and others from around the world to stand with us in prayer and to help financially. A gentleman I don’t even know sent us \$120,000. He didn’t know we were struggling; he just heard about us, heard from God to help us, and chose to be obedient.

“None of that would have happened were it not for the generosity of so many friends who chose to partner with us.”

A New Life?

As a product of the streets of Juárez, Sergio still remembers the feelings of hopelessness that overshadowed his childhood, and the sense of loss he felt from

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It was a grand ending to Phase 1 of the assignment from God to return to Juárez and help rescue young children from the city’s drug-infested streets.

With the help of partners like Kenneth Copeland Ministries, Eagle Mountain International Church, and a host of others who had joined in the cause, Alvarado Ministries International had officially launched the facility that offers free educational and vocational training to children in the city of Juárez, one of the poorest parts of that country.

This past October, Sergio was back in Juárez; only this time his trip wasn’t to check on the progress of the project he started in 2022. He was there for the inaugural ceremony commemorating the completion of the second phase of the

the absenteeism of his parents. He was only 2 when his father, a drug addict, walked out on the family, which included his mother and a younger brother. His mother had turned to prostitution to care for her children, only to lose her life to the streets—first to alcoholism and eventually to liver disease.

Once he became a Christian and moved to the United States, Sergio thought he had left that life behind—that God had delivered him from his past and given him a new life. Years later, after learning about a woman who had been ministering to the children of Juárez, those memories resurfaced. Sergio sensed God was speaking to him—telling him to return to Juárez and build a place of healing, transformation and hope for the children there.

While the main floor of the 12,000-square-foot building houses a church sanctuary, a kitchen and dining room, the upstairs area includes classrooms where students can learn life skills such as reading, writing and computer operations.

“We have 36 students enrolled in computer classes and about 26 kids, ranging in age from 6 to 16, are learning how to read and write,” Sergio says. “Paid professionals from the community have been hired to teach and train in the various areas. The second building is used to train older students and adults in sewing and welding.

“Already, we have 11 kids learning how to do

welding and about the same number of adults learning how to sew,” says Sergio. “Because we only have seven sewing machines right now, some of them are on a waiting list.”

Students attending the facility are recruited from the streets, or by canvassing neighborhoods. Some come because they heard about the facility from friends.

“Our ministry is about empowering these young people,” Sergio said. “We make sure the parents understand that we’re interested in saving their kids from the streets—that we want to give them something they can build on. Yes, we tell them about God. But we also know God has put some talents into these kids and we want to strengthen those talents.”

Of utmost importance to Sergio and his team is the safety of the children.

“We are a children’s ministry, and it’s important that we look out for the safety of every child who comes into our buildings,” Sergio said. “That’s our main focus. We have 22 cameras stationed all around the building, inside and outside. I’m able to monitor the activity on my phone 24/7, even when I’m not in Juárez. I see the kids when they come and when they leave.”

In addition to security cameras, the ministry hired security to patrol the buildings around the clock, even when the school and church are closed.

While he says the ministry will likely expand, for now, Abundant Living Faith Center is everything he envisioned.

“I never just wanted to do a church or a soup kitchen. I dreamed of more. Doing greater things. I want to build something that would really help the kids,” he said. “Eventually, we will be adding more. God told me to build three separate schools. One is to be on the other side of Juárez. Once He shows up, then we will do it.”





TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

The Word of Our Testimony

I contacted the KCM prayer warriors after my mom had a mammogram report that concerned us. We are so thankful for the prayers of agreement for her.

She had an ultrasound done, as a follow-up test, and she was told everything is good... no cancer! Thank you, KCM! God turned her report around; her tests became her testimony! Praise God!

C.F. | South Carolina

'Name Your Tithes'

I've had Type 2 diabetes for over 35 years. I started tithing at the age of 16; I am now 96 and this is the first time that I've heard 'name your tithes.'

So I named my tithe, *heal the diabetes*. After some recent tests, the results showed that my A1C has gone from 8.6 to 5.5, which is normal. Thank God! These are the best years of my life!

B.B. | California

Trust and Obey

I was going to plant a \$100 seed for VICTORYTHON, but the Holy Spirit told me to do \$500 instead. So I obeyed.

I received a call, the same day, that I received a \$29,000 check.

P.B. | Virginia

Now Is the Time To Believe

Weeks ago, my sister had a stroke and was very close to death. I called KCM for prayer and the prayer minister was so caring and kind. When my sister got to the hospital, all the doctors in the ER started praying for her out loud. Every nurse she had was a

Christian and prayed for her every day. Now, she is doing great!

I'm praising God for what He did, and thank you, KCM, for always being there for us!

B.H. | North Carolina



"Living a lifestyle of love is essential if you want to maintain living contact with God." —Gloria Copeland

STORMS BOW TO HIS NAME

I received Pastor Terri's prayer email about taking authority over Hurricane Helene, and came into agreement with it. After the prayer, the storm became weaker than the forecast predicted. As a result, we lost no power and had no damage to property of any kind. We had a bunch of rain and nothing else!

K.T. | Georgia

Windows of Heaven

I have been praying for debt freedom with KCM for a while now.

Recently, I gave my tithe and shortly after found out that I got a raise at work! With the extra amount, I

was able to give toward VICTORYTHON. I was also able to pay my last house payment. I am now debt free!

M.Z. | Ohio

**No Longer
Bound**
I used KCM material to help a fellow inmate get free from the past and become a new creation.

J.B. | Wyoming

There's Always More at His Table

I had been believing God for my daughter's tuition to be paid in full. Recently, her college sent us a letter asking us to check the account for an update. When I logged into the college account, it read that both the spring and fall semesters were paid in FULL!

God, I praise Your Name! Thank You, Lord, for suppling all our needs according to Your riches in glory, AMEN!

Thank you for your prayer support, KCM, and thank you to EMIC and Pastors George and Terri!

K.J. | California

Never Stop Praying

After praying for 30+ years, calling the prayer line multiple times, and becoming a monthly Partner, my husband was delivered from terrible generational curses. He's on the road to realizing not only what love is, but that he is lovable and capable of loving others in ways he's never known.

Thanks to our Father, Savior and Helper. Thank you to all at KCM—you've all touched us and taught us so much!

E.C. | Texas

Faith Works!

After watching and listening to Brother Copeland and the Word of Faith message, I was totally healed of seizures.

D.W. | New Mexico

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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Our Kids Are Worth the Fight

Dear Prayer Warriors, earlier this summer, I requested prayer for my oldest son who was going through a terrible battle with addiction to alcohol, living on the streets, and being suicidal.

He has battled addiction for 15 years, but wound up in a recovery place. He responded very well and has excelled. He was able to graduate and start a new job.

I know prayer from you at KCM was instrumental in all of this. I am beyond grateful for everything you and the Lord have done.

Love to all at KCM and EMIC!

B.W. | Arizona

Escaping Gravity

Sometime ago, I was watching a documentary on gravity and its effects.

Not to get too detailed, but gravity actually “bends the fabric of space-time.” If you had a tablecloth, two people held it, and someone placed a basketball in the middle of it, you would see that the fabric bends in the middle so that the ball becomes stationary.

If you added another ball that was smaller and lighter, like a tennis ball, guess where the tennis ball would go? It would go to the middle where the fabric was bent and the heavy basketball is.

The moon orbits the earth because of earth’s gravity. It can’t escape because it is caught in the gravitational force of the earth. To put it simply, it’s stuck going around something big and heavy and it can’t get out unless something major happens to knock it out of its orbit.

Suddenly, I saw that this is what happens to all of us, no matter if you’re in high school, or if you’re a college student, a young mother, a grandmother or grandfather. We get in orbit around something and we can’t get out.

Have you ever had a problem that was so big to you that it was in your face all the

time? You couldn’t think about anything else. All day long it was just right there in your thoughts, or in the back of your mind, and you woke up at night thinking about the problem.

It could have been an illness, and you spent your time going from one doctor to another. Your whole life revolved around that illness. Or you had a child who was on drugs. All you could think about was what was happening to them, and your whole life revolved around that.

What Is the Big Thing In Your Life?

It’s the big things that exert gravity. The bigger the planet, the bigger the mass, and the greater the mass, the more gravity it exerts on whatever is out there.

Have you ever heard someone say, “Well, I just didn’t realize the gravity of the situation”? We use the word *gravity* as meaning it’s a big thing, it’s grave, it exerts heaviness and importance. Gravity of a situation means it has a weightiness to it.

When these weighty things come around, they have a tendency to pull us in orbit around them. They keep us going in circles. It’s like those little gerbil wheels. They go around and around, yet the little gerbil doesn’t get anywhere.

Have you ever had that feeling?

In what area of your life do you feel stuck? For some people it’s their job. When they leave the office, the office goes with them because they are in orbit about what’s going on there. For others, it’s their family, their children or their spouse. Everything is focused on the perceived problem and nothing else is seen, heard or experienced.

Some people are orbiting around their past—their trauma, their loss, the death of someone close to them or a divorce. No matter how far they go, no matter how many thousands of miles they move away from wherever it happened, they are still circling and in the orbit of their past.

What is the opposite of weightiness? It’s weightlessness.

I love the feeling of weightlessness. I learned as a child that there were certain things you could do to counteract gravity and feel weightless. My dad would take me up in his airplane, climb high and then push the nose over. Without my seatbelt, I would literally float to the ceiling inside the airplane. I loved it and asked him to do it again and again.

I loved to swim, and I learned that if I blew out all of my air, I could go all the way to the bottom of the pool and just lay there. I didn't feel any gravity. I didn't feel any weightiness. It was quiet down there, and I felt weightless and light.

Now, gravity didn't cease because I was on the bottom of the pool, but I learned that the air in my lungs made me float in the water. So, I learned to control my breathing and slip right down to the bottom.

No Authority Over You

The weightiness of this world has no authority over you because you are in control of your breath. We can breathe. In John 20:22, Jesus breathed on people and they received the Holy Spirit.

Here is a little exercise you can do. When you start feeling the pressures of life, and the heaviness and weightiness of life coming in on you, stop and take a big deep breath, and remember what Jesus said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Breathing in is receiving. Breathing out is letting go. Remind yourself that the Holy Spirit is flowing in you, and He has the ability to supersede all the weightiness of life. Continually remind yourself that the Holy Spirit is with you and within you.

The word *spirit* in the Bible is the word *pneuma*. Sound familiar? It's where we get the word *pneumonia*. It has to do with breath, breathing, intake of air, spirit. It's lightness; it's weightlessness. It's a lightness that the Spirit of God brings. Second Peter 1:4 says, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped...."



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Have you ever wanted to escape something?

The Passion Translation says, "He has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price, so that through the power of these tremendous promises you can experience partnership with the divine nature...."

So, how do we escape the weightiness and the heaviness? Through His magnificent promises. The *King James Version* says we can escape the corruption that is in the world through lust, but *The Passion Translation* says we have "escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world." *Lust* and *corruption* can mean many different things, but in my study of the Word they mean "the excessive pursuit of other objects or things."

Jesus said we should pursue or seek first the kingdom of God. That is, seek to find the spiritual principles and place in God where we can rise above the cares and problems of this world.


Matthew 6:33, *TPT*, says, "So above all, constantly seek God's kingdom and his righteousness, then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly."

We escape the corruption and weightiness of this world through the Word and the Spirit—through the promises and the breath of God, the Holy Spirit. Have you noticed that something happens when the Holy Spirit breathes life into the Word and it becomes ALIVE in you? Emotional, mental and even physical heaviness lift and you feel light! The Word becomes not only the Logos, the whole expression of God, but it becomes a specific promise to you that God breathes into your heart. That is how we escape! That is the LIVING Word!

Here are three things to always remember:

Breathe! The Holy Spirit is in you. Release all heaviness from your being.

Seek the higher, lighter delivering principles in the Word. Allow the Holy Spirit to breathe life into the Word.

Lift your voice in praise and thanksgiving. Lifting your voice in praise will lift your spirit! He will give you the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3). 



It's Never Too Late for a Miracle

If you need a miracle in some area of your life, God wants you to know today that you can have one. It doesn't matter what kind of miracle you need; He has it ready and, even now, He is endeavoring to get it to you.

Maybe you need a miracle in your physical body that will restore you to wholeness and health. Maybe you need a money miracle to bring you through

a financial crisis and into prosperity. Maybe you need God to work a miracle in the life of a prodigal son or daughter, or you're facing some other problem that will take a miracle to solve.

Whatever your situation, if you need God to do something supernatural for you, He desires to do it. He's just waiting for you to put your faith in Him and start expecting the impossible.

"Jesus has always been big on miracles!... He did them in all kinds of situations—sometimes in rather surprising settings."



by Gloria Copeland

That's what a miracle is. It's God doing something that, in the natural realm, is totally impossible.

When it comes to the physical body, for example, a miracle is different than healing. A healing is God speeding up or enhancing what the body is normally designed to do. A miracle goes beyond that.

A miracle is God re-creating a body part that was missing or replacing a worn-out part with a new one. It's when all natural hope for you is gone, when the doctors have given up on you, and God's mighty supernatural power does for you what the best doctors in the world could never do.

While teaching Healing School, I've seen many miracles over the years. But I particularly like telling about one described to me by Justus Du Plessis, a great minister of God who grew up in South Africa attending Andrew Murray's church. When Justus was a youngster, his father got very sick.

Back then, Pentecostals didn't put much stock in medical treatments, so when Justus' mother wanted to call a doctor, her husband said no. Finally, it became clear that he was about to die. So, to spare the family having to get an autopsy done, he agreed to let the doctor come.

By that time, Justus' father was so far gone that, after examining him, the doctor filled out his death certificate and left.

Afterward, some church members who were there gathered around their dying friend and began to pray. As they prayed, he broke out in a sweat and rose up healed. He immediately got out of bed and, after taking a shower and milking the cows, he walked to the doctor's office and returned his death certificate.

Most people would think once your death certificate is signed, it's too late to expect a miracle. But that's not what those church members thought, and it certainly wasn't what God thought. As far as He is concerned, it is never too late for a miracle. In fact, He specializes in bringing His promises to pass in people's lives when it looks like it's too late.

We see Him do it all through the Scriptures.

Think about what He did for Abraham and Sarah. When He told them, in their old age, that they were going to have a son, in the natural it was far too late for them to have children. What's more, because Sarah had always been barren, biologically their situation was hopeless.

So what did Abraham do?

[Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become



POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:

1

A miracle is God doing something that in the natural realm is totally impossible.
(Matt. 19:26)

2

God will fulfill for you every promise He made in the Bible, even if it takes a miracle, because in Christ all those promises belong to you.
(2 Cor. 1:20)

3

During Jesus' earthly ministry, He did miracles for anyone who came to Him to receive them—and He hasn't changed.
(Heb. 13:8)

4

God already has your miracle laid up and waiting for you.
(Ps. 31:19)

5

You may not think you deserve a miracle, but as believers we don't get what we deserve; we get the mercy of God.
(Ps. 145:8-9)

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**We get what
Jesus bought
and paid
for with His
precious blood.**

**We get the
mercy of God.
Nobody would
ever receive a
miracle if God
wasn't merciful.
But He is!**

”

the father of many nations, as he had been promised.... He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deadened] womb. No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God, fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised (Romans 4:18-21, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Faced with the impossible, Abraham and Sarah believed God for a miracle, and they got one. God's mighty power changed their bodies, and Isaac, the son God had promised them, was born.

Everything You Could Ever Need

“But Gloria,” you might say, “I don't have a specific promise from God about my situation like Abraham and Sarah did.”

Sure you do!

You have an entire Bible full of God's promises.

Plus, as a born-again believer, you have Jesus, and 2 Corinthians 1:20 says, “All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen....” That's why the good news about Jesus is called “the gospel of peace” (Ephesians 6:15). The word *peace* in Hebrew is *shalom*. It means “wholeness, with nothing missing, nothing broken.”

The word *salvation* in the New Testament carries much the same meaning. It's translated from a Greek word that denotes deliverance, preservation, material and temporal deliverance from danger; pardon, protection, liberty, health, restoration, soundness and wholeness—everything it takes to make your life complete.

Talk about having a comprehensive promise from God!

Romans 1:16 says that the gospel is “the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” It's the good news that whatever you need to be whole, with nothing missing and nothing broken, God has promised and provided it for you in Jesus. It's the good news that Jesus has done and will continue to do whatever is necessary to make your life complete—even if it takes a miracle.

Jesus has always been big on miracles! He did all kinds of them during His earthly ministry, and He did them in all kinds of situations—sometimes in rather surprising settings.

The first miracle He worked was at a wedding where the hosts had run out of wine! That's not what I'd consider a life-and-death situation. But Jesus' mother, Mary, was concerned about the embarrassment it would cause the groom's family.

She knew it was too late for them to get more wine any other way, so she told Jesus about the problem and expected Him to fix it. Confident that He would, she turned to the servants who were standing nearby and said to them, “Whatever He says to you, do it” (John 2:5, *AMPC*).

You probably remember what happened. Jesus told the servants to fill six big stone pots with water and take it to the governor of the feast. They did, and the water turned into the best wine they'd had all day. Verse 11 says, “This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory....”

Jesus is still in the *manifesting forth His glory* business! He hasn't changed His mind about miracles. He's “the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8). He's still willing and able to do everything He ever did.

Think about all the impossible things Jesus did for people just in the three years He ministered on earth. Think of the numbers who came to Him needing not just healing but creative miracles. According to Matthew 15:30-31:

Great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind,



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dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Every person who came to Jesus got the miracle they needed—and there were great multitudes of them. So, obviously, God likes to do miracles! He not only likes doing them because they reveal to people His glory, but He likes doing them because He is good. Psalm 31:19 says, “Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee....”

God actually has good things laid up for us! He doesn't wait until we need them to come up with them, He has them all prepared and stored up for us in advance. He's put our name on them, and they're ready for us to receive.

That means if you need a miracle right now, God's got it for you. He's got your new eardrum, your new kidney, your new heart, your new liver, help for your family, your financial miracle, or whatever else you might need.

He's got every good thing you could ever desire laid up and waiting for you.

Not by Works but by Faith

In a commentary on Psalm 31:19, one Jewish Bible scholar wrote: “Goodness is that attribute of God whereby He loveth to communicate to all who can or will receive it all good. Himself who is the fullness of good, the Creator of all good, not in one way, not in one kind of goodness only, but absolutely without beginning, without limit, without measure...He possesses and embraces all excellence, all perfection, all blessedness, all good. This good His goodness bestows on all and each according to the capacity of each to receive it.”

In other words, God's goodness is unlimited. He'll give each one of us as much



WORDS OF FAITH

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you're too busy to spend time in the Word of God. The truth is, you can't afford *not* to spend time in it.

Even if you've walked with the Lord for years, you can't afford to rest on your spiritual laurels and just try to live on the Word you heard in the past.

That's a dangerous way to operate!

Put the Word of God first place!

What you consistently put in your heart will determine whether you walk in victory or defeat.

(Prov. 4:22)

Staying continually in the Word liberates you from the bondage of the devil.

(John 8:31-32)

You fill your heart with the Word by listening to it and looking at it every day.

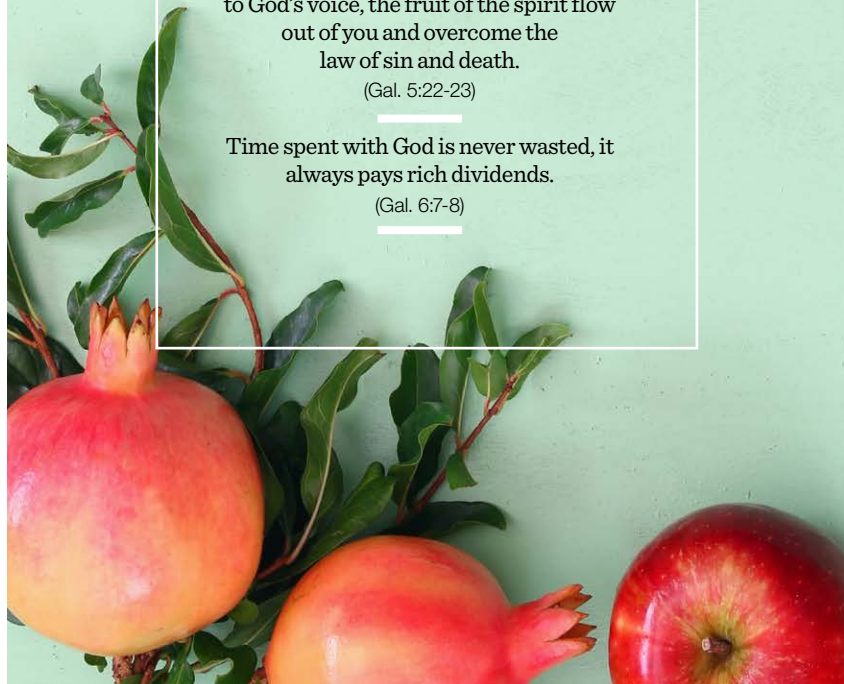
(Prov. 4:20-21)

As you feed on the Word and listen to God's voice, the fruit of the spirit flow out of you and overcome the law of sin and death.

(Gal. 5:22-23)

Time spent with God is never wasted, it always pays rich dividends.

(Gal. 6:7-8)



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of His goodness as we have the capacity to receive.

What determines our capacity to receive?

Our faith in God and His Word!

Sometimes believers get confused about this. They start thinking they have to work hard to keep a bunch of religious laws to qualify for a miracle. That's the kind of thinking the believers in Galatia fell into in the Apostle Paul's day. But he wrote to them and cleared up their confusion.

"Are ye so foolish?" he said. "[God] that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" (Galatians 3:3-5)

The answer to Paul's question, of course, was that it's not our religious works, but our faith that enables us to receive miracles!

That's important to remember because the devil will try to tell you the same thing he told the Galatians—that you have to be perfect to qualify for a miracle. He'll remind you of the sins in your past and the mistakes you have made, and say, "You don't deserve to receive anything from God."

The glorious truth, however, is that as believers we don't get what we deserve. We get what Jesus bought and paid for with His precious blood. We get the mercy of God.

Nobody would ever receive a miracle if God wasn't merciful. But He is! According to Psalm 145:8-9: "The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works."

Notice that says the Lord is good to *all*.

That means He didn't leave you out. His tender mercies are hovering over you right now. He so longs to pour them out on you that you don't even have to talk Him into giving you the miracle you need.

God is always ready!

In Healing School, sometimes people have told me they got healed as soon as

they walked in the door. They didn't even wait to get what God had laid up for them until I finished preaching. They came to the meeting saying, "I'm going to receive my healing today!" and they got what they needed right away because they had already positioned themselves to receive.

How do you get yourself in that position?

First, spend time in the Word. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). So the more you read and meditate on what the Bible says about God's goodness and mercy, the more your faith to receive from Him will grow.

Second, keep His Word in your mouth. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith" (Mark 11:23).

Third, act on your faith. Remember what Mary said at the wedding in Cana where Jesus worked His first miracle? She told the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

That's a big key to receiving miracles. Whatever the Lord says to you, do it. If He tells you to repent of something, repent. If He tells you to forgive someone, forgive them. If He tells you to do a little dance and shout, as an act of faith, then do a little dance and shout.

One time when I was preaching on healing, the Lord told a sick man in the congregation to get up out of his chair and run. He didn't want to disturb the service, so he ran out the door and ran around the block. By the time he got back, he was well! The same kind of thing can happen for you. No matter how big a miracle you may need or how late it may seem to be, "with God all things are possible," and "all things *are* possible to him that believeth" (Matthew 19:26; Mark 9:23).

So, believe God.

Speak words of faith.

Then, whatever the Lord says to you, do it, because He has a miracle ready for you. ❶

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A Choice To Make

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Kellie's Corner

Hello, Superkids, I am still excited about Ephesians! Since we started with the first chapter over a year ago, we've learned about the secrets of belonging to the Lord Jesus and His kingdom. When we began this study, I thought I knew about Ephesians. I expected we could go through it in one year. I was so wrong! The Lord has shown us the great treasure found in walking with Him.

There is a treasure load of gold in Ephesians 4. We've made it through Ephesians 4:16 so far.

Last month I left you with an assignment to let Romans 12:10 be your focus: "Be devoted to tenderly loving your fellow believers as members of one family. Try to outdo yourselves in respect and honor of one another" (*The Passion Translation*). How did that go? Did you outdo yourself, or was it hard sometimes to love when situations or people became hard to handle, difficult to forgive or frustrating? Without Jesus, it's impossible to live a life free from frustration and hurts. Even knowing Jesus, difficult and challenging events and relationships happen. We've learned that Jesus isn't asking us to be perfect. But, Superkid, there is a perfected life available to us.

I am sure your assignment went well, but even if you don't feel it did, I'll bet you learned something! Jesus is pleased with your love for Him and others that made you even try. I pressed into loving with His love along with you in February, but what I saw this month is truly AMAZING!

Make note of this thought: *There is a perfected life available to us if we choose the right path.* We know that is true. Christians have been trying to choose the right things to do and think for thousands of years, yet it's still a struggle to live like Jesus lived on the earth—sinless, kind, loving and miraculous. Many would say, "I can sometimes live a good life, forgive those who hurt me, and be good without Jesus." But we all quickly follow up that idea with, "But nobody is perfect."

Superkid, it's time we put that thought in the garbage can! First, we can't do any of those things without Jesus. But because Jesus IS perfect, we absolutely can be too!

Ephesians describes it as a "new life." You might be thinking, *OK, Commander Kellie, I know all that. But what's so exciting?*

I'm getting there!

Ephesians 4:17-19 says, "So with the wisdom given to me from the Lord I say: You should not live like the unbelievers around you who walk in their empty delusions. Their corrupted logic has been clouded because their hearts are so far from God—their blinded understanding and deep-seated moral darkness keeps them from the true knowledge of God. Because of spiritual apathy, they surrender their lives to lewdness, impurity, and sexual obsession."

Meeting God's expectations sounds hopeless. In fact, the rest of Chapter 4 continues to give us a picture of the believer that, in the past, has left people feeling like they can't measure up to what Jesus is asking. Ephesians 4 can be mistaken for a checklist of behaviors. Then God is seen as a Santa Claus, making a list and checking it twice to see that we are doing it all right before He can love us. People often think we are allowed to live the Christian life, be close to Jesus, and belong if (and that's a big IF) we CHOOSE the right path.

Remember what I said, "There is a perfected life available to us if we choose the right path."

That might sound like the big reveal, but it's not what gave me that "aha!" moment. Are you ready for it? The big deal, the thing I want you to ask the Lord to help you understand and the focus for next month is this: The choice we must make isn't to check off the list of behaviors perfectly—to make the choice between right and wrong. No, Superkid. The



choice we must make is in Ephesians 4:17-21. Verses 17-19 describe the UNBELIEVER, whose ideas are empty because their hearts are far from God. This blinds them to His love and truth, keeping Him shut out of their hearts, and becomes the roadblock to knowing Him. THIS is why people live in sin. They aren't one with Him.

So what is the choice we make? We must simply choose TO BELIEVE! Verses 20-21 say, "But this is not the way of life that Christ has unfolded within you. If you have really experienced the Anointed One, and heard his truth, it will be seen in your life; for we know that the ultimate reality is embodied in Jesus!"

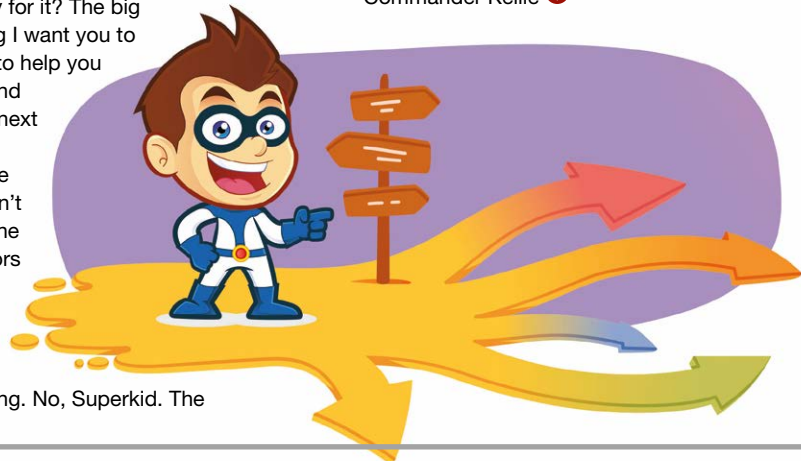
We have spent the last year finding out that Jesus has called us to become ONE with Him. We BELONG to Him! Last month we saw we were ENVELOPED or UNFOLDED in Him. This is what we must choose to believe if we want to live in His perfection. This is the big KEY to true life.

Superkids, there is so much more to learn from Chapter 4. We will pick up there with verse 20 next time. Let me encourage you to make this true choice by setting your heart on Jesus and BELIEVE He is in you and you belong! It's deep, but so simple.

We can do this! After all, He is in us and we belong!

Truly united in faith,

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