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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, KENNETH AND GLORIA COPELAND EMBARKED ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH. THEIR MISSION? TO FULFILL A MANDATE FROM GOD TO PREACH THE UNCOMPROMISED WORD FROM THE TOP OF THE WORLD TO THE BOTTOM AND ALL THE WAY AROUND THE MIDDLE.



In the years since that journey began in March 1967, Kenneth and Gloria have been steadfast and unmovable in doing just that—never compromising on what they believed concerning the Word of God, and never shrinking in faith. They have stood the tests of time and life as they’ve traveled the world, daring to believe God and following Him by faith—preaching and teaching a lifestyle of victory for every Christian.

And we have seen the results as millions have been touched by their life-changing message that JESUS IS LORD!

Throughout this year, in honor of their commitment and tireless efforts through obedience to God and His Word, the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine takes a look at some of what God has accomplished over the last 55 years through Kenneth Copeland Ministries and its founders, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

We invite you to join us on this journey. Stay with us all year as we revisit some of the milestones that exemplify the faithfulness of these soldiers of the faith, their untiring commitment to the kingdom of God, and the legacy they have established as two of God’s most anointed leaders.

The tributes you will read are from people who know the Copelands well. Some are family, others are friends. All are people whose lives have been forever changed because of one word, one touch, one prayer that came from the hearts of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

This is our tribute to two of God’s generals.

Ronald C. Jordan, Editor



Editor's Letter



'LORD, I'm on call!'

These were the words Kenneth Copeland spoke to the Lord following a divine encounter he had in March 1967, while standing in a dried-up Arkansas riverbed. That was the day the Lord called Kenneth to ministry. As he would explain years later: "He told me exactly what He was calling me to do. He was calling me to preach the gospel to the nations.... He said nations would be won in a day—some of them even by this ministry."

That summer, Kenneth took his first steps toward answering God's call to preach to the nations. Picking up his Bible, he walked from the bedroom and into the living room of the tiny house where he and Gloria lived in Tulsa, Okla. Sitting down to study his Bible, Kenneth announced to God, "LORD, I'm on call."

Reading those words reminds me of Isaiah, who, when the Lord asked: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" was quick to respond, "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). It also makes me think of Jesus, and what He told the disciples before sending them out to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. "Do not take anything for your journey—neither walking stick, nor wallet [for a collection bag], nor food of any kind, nor money" (Luke 9:3, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

One commentary interprets Jesus' words like this: "The general spirit of the instructions merely is, 'Go forth in the simplest, humblest manner, with no hindrances to your movements, and in perfect faith;' and this, as history shows, has always been the method of the most successful missions."

Years into his ministry, Brother Copeland would say: "When I went into the ministry, I settled it with God forever. I said I will never work at another job. I'll work at this job all the days of my life. I represent Jesus Christ of Nazareth. He's my Boss and my Caretaker. He is my Financier. He is everything to me. And I will work all my life for Him, and Him alone."

"Go forth in the simplest, humblest manner...and in perfect faith."

Isn't that what God desires of each of us—to settle the call on our lives with Him forever? To always be "on call"? With no hesitation, to be quick to say to Him in faith, "Here am I. Send me!"

This month we begin a yearlong celebration marking 55 years in ministry, and revisiting some of KCM's historic moments. We start with "The Founding of a Ministry" on Page 8.

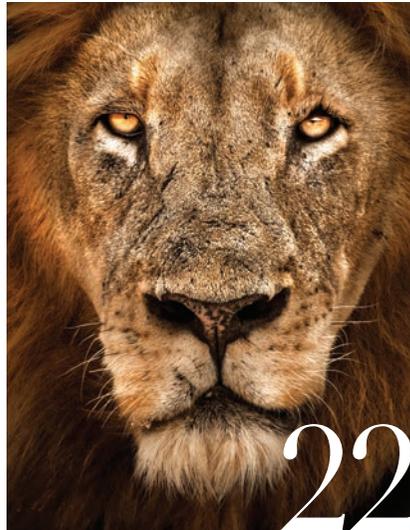
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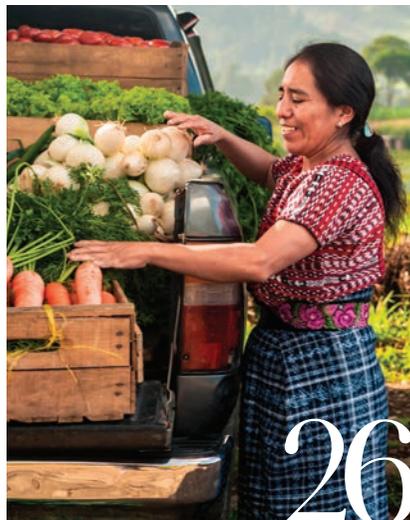
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When The LORD first spoke to us about starting the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, He said: *This is your seed. Give it to everyone who ever responds to your ministry, and don't ever allow anyone to pay for a subscription to it.*

For 49 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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"It's not just the amount of the Word you hear that matters—it's the amount of honor and consideration you give it."

—Gloria Copeland

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by Kenneth Copeland

“This is spiritual fact: You become like those you associate with. Good or bad, that’s just the way it works.”

The Power of Partnership

IF YOU’RE A BELIEVER, YOU ARE CALLED BY GOD TO DO THE WORKS OF JESUS. YOU’RE NOT CALLED TO JUST SIT ON THE SIDELINES WATCHING WHILE SOMEONE ELSE DOES THEM.

You’re not supposed to just live an ordinary, natural life while God pours out His supernatural power through others He’s especially anointed.

No, God intends for *you* to be anointed! He intends for you to be one of those through whom He pours out His burden-removing, yoke-destroying power.

“But Brother Copeland,” you might say, “why would God anoint me? I’m not a preacher or in ministry. Doesn’t the Bible teach somewhere that it’s the preachers who are called and anointed to do the work of the ministry?”

No, it doesn’t.

Contrary to popular belief, that is not what the Bible teaches. In Ephesians 4:11-12, it says that God “gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

Notice, according to those verses it’s the saints (or believers) who are to do the work of the ministry. The job of the fivefold ministers is to help equip them for that work and to develop the Body of Christ. The Greek word *Christ* refers

to the *Anointed One and His Anointing*. When used by itself in the Scriptures it indicates the emphasis is on the *anointing*.

That’s what Ephesians 4:11-12 is talking about.

It’s telling us that God’s plan is for believers to function on the earth as Jesus’ anointed Body. His Anointing is actually more for the general population of the Body of Christ than it is for the fivefold ministry.

The fivefold ministry is God’s Anointing distribution system. God set it up for the purpose of bringing believers to the place where we all come together, as Ephesians 4:13-15 says, “in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children...but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.”

Once again, the word *Christ* there puts the focus on the anointing. It indicates the Apostle Paul is talking in those verses about the Church maturing spiritually to the point where we’re all operating together in the anointing, just like our Anointed example, Jesus.





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Every supernatural work He did during His earthly ministry was done by the power of the anointing. On His own He didn't have the ability to heal people or do miracles any more than you and I do. (See John 5:19, 14:10.) When He came to earth, He laid aside His divine power as a member of the Godhead. So, while He was here, He didn't minister as God but as a man baptized with the Holy Spirit and power. That's why we, as believers, can expect to follow in His footsteps. That's also why He could say in John 14:12: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do."

That statement sounds a lot like what Paul said in Ephesians 4, doesn't it? It was Jesus' way of saying

that all of us, as believers, are to grow up in His Anointing and do His supernatural works.

How is that going to happen?

I can tell you this: It's not going to happen by us acting like lone rangers. It's not going to happen by each of us doing our own thing all by ourselves. It's going to happen as we come together in Christ. For as Ephesians 4:16 says: "From [Him] the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" (*New King James Version*).

Joint Problems

That verse reveals a vital truth: The Body of Christ is joined together by Jesus, but it's held together by what the joints supply. What's a joint? It's where body parts are joined to one another so that they can operate together.

One of the reasons the Body of Christ has been slow to fully grow up into the Anointing of Jesus, is that we've had joint problems! Too many believers have neglected to find out from God who they're supposed to be joined to and gotten with the program. They've not come alongside the ministers and ministries with whom God has called them to be connected, so they (and all the rest of us) are missing out on the anointing their *joint* is meant to supply.

I'll be forever glad I didn't miss out on the supply that has come from the connection between Jerry Savelle and me, for example. I still remember the day The LORD said to me, *Jerry is going to come over and tell you he's decided to go full time in the ministry*. I thought, *Well, that's wonderful!* I didn't yet know all The LORD had in mind for us. But I knew there was something special in my heart about Jerry's ministry.

Jerry and I have been a ministry team now for 50-plus years, and it's been a BLESSING both to us and to the Body of Christ. When God put the two of us together, He joined the anointing that's on Jerry with the anointing that's on me and created something that in the realm of science is called *synergy*.

In the natural, when two oxen are yoked together to a plow it creates a synergy that enables those two oxen to pull with the power of three. I don't know how that works, but it does. It's been scientifically proven. In the spirit, when God's people come alongside one

another to do the work of the Kingdom, the synergy principle kicks in even more powerfully. As God put it in Leviticus 26:8, "Five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight."

That's the power of biblical partnership!

I first discovered this power back in 1966, when I was working for Brother Oral Roberts. As part of his ministry transportation team, I was assigned to drive him to the first one of his partner meetings I'd been in. There, I heard him preach from Philippians about the believers who partnered with the Apostle Paul. About how through their prayers and giving they'd entered into partnership with him in the gospel, and that he said to them, "Both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace" (Philippians 1:7).

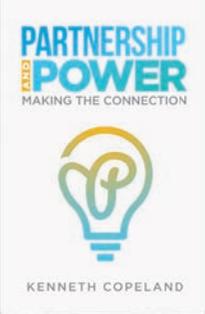
Wow! Grace is God's supernatural empowerment and supply. It includes the anointing that's on a person and THE BLESSING in which they walk.

Paul's partners in Philippi knew full well the power of the anointing and BLESSING that was on Paul. Their church was a result of it. It began when Paul and Silas were chained up in the local prison and, as they were praising God and praying, the anointing on them got so strong it caused an earthquake. All the prisoners' chains fell off, the prison doors flew open, and the jailer started crying out asking how to be saved. Paul told him, and he got born again.

Historians believe that jailer became the pastor of the Philippian church. So, no doubt, the whole congregation there remembered that incident. They understood that when Paul referred to the grace that was on him for the defense and confirmation of the gospel, he was talking about signs and wonders. Can you imagine how thrilled the Philippians must have been to hear that because they'd partnered with Paul in ministry, the anointing that was on him was now on them too?

I can, because I remember how excited I became in the meeting that day when I realized that by partnering with Brother Roberts' ministry I could become a partaker of his grace. I wanted to become his partner so badly that day I could hardly stand it. But I didn't have any financial seed to sow.

My first inclination was to pull a button off my shirt and give it. But then the ushers passed out offering envelopes with little pencils attached to them and I got a better idea. *I'll go ahead and commit to partner with Brother Roberts for \$10*



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a month, I thought, and I'll put this little pencil in the offering to represent my \$10. Then, as soon as I get the \$10, I'll send it in.

As soon as the service was over, I headed out in a hurry. I was driving Brother Roberts' car and I didn't want him to have to wait for me. Before I got to the door, though, I heard a lady holler, "Hey, you!" "Me?" I said.

"Yes, you! The LORD told me to give you \$10."

"Praise God, give it here!"

I took the money, thanked her and waved down the usher. He gave me back my envelope, I took out the pencil, and replaced it with the \$10.

When I got home, I told Gloria the good news. "We're partners with Oral Roberts for \$10 a month!"

"Kenneth, where will we ever get \$10 a month?" she said. Realizing she hadn't heard the message I'd heard, I preached it to her. Then I said again, "Gloria, we can have Oral Roberts' anointing for \$10 a month!" By that time, she was excited. "Yes! Let's do it!" she said.

Acting Like Oral Roberts

This is spiritual fact: You become like those you associate with. Good or bad, that's just the way it works. So, when I partnered with Brother Roberts in giving and receiving, I started acting like him. I wasn't trying to imitate him, it's just that he was my example. When I was in a situation where someone needed ministry, all I knew to do was act like him.

One time, I was with him at a meeting in Detroit, Mich., in Cobo Hall. It was a huge building, and so many people had come needing prayer that Brother Roberts couldn't minister to them all. So my boss, Bob DeWeese, said, "Kenneth, I'm going to set you up a prayer line."

I was in the transportation department! I was there to serve as co-pilot on Brother Roberts' airplane, not to pray for people. But I'd been watching Brother Roberts and learning about the anointing and the power of the Name of Jesus, so I was ready to go.

Once they got everyone lined up, there were about 500 people for me to minister to. The first one in line had a malignant cancer that spread from her hairline to her forehead, and over her eye. It was a nasty-looking thing. When I saw it the compassion of God rose up in me and made me furious.

"In the Name of Jesus!" I said, and the moment I touched her the cancer disappeared.

My parents were attending the meeting, and

my mother was standing there beside me praying in the spirit and saw the cancer vanish.

"Where did it go?" she said.

"I don't know!" I replied. (I learned later, it just dematerialized under the power of the Anointing and the authority of Jesus' Name.)

Not long after, Brother Roberts' wife, Evelyn, said to me, "Kenneth, it's rather amazing. You and Oral don't look anything alike, but when the anointing comes on you, you look strangely like him." Of course! As Brother Roberts' partner, I'd become a partaker of his grace.

The same anointing that was on him had come on me.

"But Brother Copeland, I'm a KCM Partner and I don't believe that's ever happened to me."

Then start believing for it to happen!

Partnership is like everything else in the kingdom of God; you walk in it by faith. And faith comes by hearing The WORD of God. So spend time meditating on scriptures about spiritual partnership. Open your Bible to Genesis 12, where God spoke to Abram about how spiritual partnership works and said: "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will BLESS thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a BLESSING. And I will BLESS them that BLESS thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be BLESSED" (verses 2-3).

Rearrange the language in those verses a little and you'll see they contain the same principle Paul wrote about in Philippians. You'll see that God essentially said to Abram, "I've BLESSED you and called you to be a BLESSING to the world, and anyone who helps you in that ministry of BLESSING will be BLESSED with the same BLESSING that's on you."

In Matthew 10:41, Jesus put it this way: "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." What's the prophet's reward? It's the anointing and BLESSING in which he walks. It's the heavenly and earthly rewards he receives for doing the work of God.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to his Philippian partners, he talked about all of those things. He told them they were partakers of his anointing. He told them the fruit of his ministry would be credited to their heavenly account (Philippians 4:17). And he said, "My God shall supply all your need"—in other words, He'll supply yours just as He does mine, at the level of an apostle—"according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (verse 19, *NKJV*).

That's the power of partnership!

Tap into it by faith! 🙏

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The Founding of a Ministry

A Brief History

In 1967, at a time when Kenneth and Gloria Copeland didn't even have the means to travel to the nearest town in rural Tulsa, Okla., they committed their lives to go around the world preaching the uncompromised Word of God.

Today, 55 years later, Kenneth Copeland Ministries has offices and staff in the United States and six international regions, including Canada, Africa, Australasia, Europe, Ukraine and Colombia. Their books, magazines, CDs and DVDs are translated into at least 14 languages to reach the world with the message of victory; their TV broadcast, *Believer's Voice of Victory*, has a potential viewing audience of more than 3 billion people worldwide; and over 25 million television viewers subscribe to the ministry's VICTORY Channel™ through DISH® Network and DIRECTV®.



	First <i>BVOV</i> newsletter was printed	First Believers' Convention	First Southwest Believers' Convention	Monthly Partner Letter began	Daily TV broadcast began	Broadcast began airing in Eastern Europe
	1973	1978	1981	1983	1989	1993
1967	Kenneth preached his first message					
1976		KCM Canada opened Radio broadcast began				
1979			Sunday broadcast began KCM Australia opened			
1982				Worldwide satellite Communion service KCM Europe & KCM Africa opened		
1986					Eagle Mountain International Church began	



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For the Copelands, it began as a journey of faith when, in March 1967, Kenneth stood in the dried-up Arkansas riverbed and received God's call to ministry.

"He told me exactly what He was calling me to do," Kenneth would recall years later of the commission from God. "He was calling me to preach the gospel to the nations.... He said nations would be won in a day—some of them even by this ministry."

For Kenneth, preparing to preach to the "nations" would begin the summer of that year, but not in a pulpit or behind a podium. Kenneth took his first step toward answering God's call by picking up his Bible and walking from the bedroom of the little house he and Gloria occupied in Tulsa, Okla., and into the living room. That was as far as he knew to go. He had no money, no meetings scheduled, and God had given him specific instructions never to ask people for money or a place to preach.

Sitting down to study his Bible, Kenneth announced to God, "LORD, I'm on call."

Not long after that, the calls for Kenneth to minister started coming. And they have been coming ever since. Everywhere they go—from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle—Kenneth and Gloria continue to preach

the uncompromised Word to the nations. They are bringing people from the milk to the meat of God's Word and shaping the course of an entire generation of believers.

Growing a Ministry

The 1970s were years of tremendous growth for Kenneth Copeland Evangelistic Association, later to become Kenneth Copeland Ministries. The first issue of *Believer's Voice of Victory* was published in 1973 as a four-page newsletter and distributed to about 3,000 people. Today, the publication has evolved into a 32-page, full-color magazine that is distributed free each month to over 400,000 subscribers worldwide, in 159 different countries and territories on six continents. KCM Africa has printed its own *BVOV* since late 2000, KCM Europe since 2001 and KCM Australia began printing its own magazine in March 2006.

As part of its children's ministry, KCM launched *Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids* in 1994 with a subscription list of about 5,000, only to see it grow to nearly 190,000 subscribers. For more than a decade, *Shout!* not only won awards, but it also brought the Word of God to tens of thousands of children regularly. When its run was complete in 2007, funds for *Shout!* were funneled to other children's ministry projects. Superkid Academy is now a mainstay each year at the Southwest Believers' Convention, attracting hundreds of children.



	KCM.org launched 1996	Disaster Relief began 2005	24/7 prayer line began 2008	Asia magazine began 2011	Sunday broadcast in German began 2011	Chinese website launched 2014	Colombia office opened 2015	Spanish radio began 2015	Believer's Voice of Victory Network' began 2017	2019 BVOVN became VICTORY	
1994 KCM Ukraine opened		2006 Spanish Sunday broadcast began			2012 Spanish magazine began		Believers' Academy launched	50 Years of Ministry	2018 Kenneth Copeland Bible College began	2020 <i>FlashPoint</i> began	2021 <i>VICTORY News</i> began
							Online Partner Community launched				



Kenneth Copeland at the dedication ceremony of Lester Sumrall's Lockheed C-130 that was used for Feed The Hungry



KCM launched its radio ministry in May 1975 when it began broadcasting on 10 stations. A short time later, the Lord told Brother Copeland to put forth the Word “on every available voice.” Within a year, the broadcast was being heard on more than 500 stations in the U.S. and Canada, resulting in an increase in the production and distribution of cassette tapes—the only form of audio recording for sale—from 27,000 to 171,000.

Television became another “available voice” for KCM in 1979, as the ministry aired its first one-hour, weekly TV broadcast. Ten years later, in 1989, the Copelands took their boldest, most daring step of faith ever when they launched the daily *Believer’s Voice of Victory* broadcast. *BVOV*, which currently airs 858 hours each week, is now seen on 243 networks/stations. The television ministry saw a major expansion beginning in March 2006 when KCM began airing the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* broadcast on Trinity Broadcasting Network’s Spanish-language satellite network, Enlace. Today, U.S. national TV networks carrying the broadcast to a potential viewing audience of over 318 million people, include Daystar®, Glorystar™, God TV, TCT®



“So how did we jump from weekly television to a daily broadcast?”

By faith.

**We meditated
The WORD.
We confessed
our success.
We built
our faith.”**

–Kenneth Copeland

Kenneth and Terri Copeland Pearsons on daily TV set, 1991

and Enlace. International TV networks, which currently reach a potential audience of over 3 billion people, include God TV, Daystar, Enlace, as well as Miracle Channel, Glorystar and VisionTV in Canada.

Countries reached include Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Europe, India/Middle East, South America and Latin America.

As part of the growth and expansion of the television ministry, KCM completed its upgrade to new, state-of-the-art, high-definition TV engineering and production equipment to provide viewers around the world with the best possible transmission of the gospel. In 2015, the ministry extended its television outreach to include the Believers’ Voice of Victory Network® (now called VICTORY Channel™) through DISH® Network Channel 265. And in 2020, VICTORY signed on to DIRECTV®, Channel 366.

Hosting a lineup of more than 30 trusted ministries delivering the uncompromised Word of God 24/7, VICTORY can also be streamed online at govictory.com and kcm.org, as well as via Roku®, Apple TV®, VICTORY YouTube® channel, Amazon Fire TV®, Android TV®, Go Victory iOS and Android apps, FaithNOW, Glorystar, TuneIn, and iHeartRadio. In 2020, KCM launched *VICTORY News*, a daily program that reports trustworthy news in a spirit of faith. *FlashPoint* was also launched, with special guests who share current events along with prophetic insights. It has become a valued source of understanding and hope about God’s plans for the days in which we live.

The internet has played a major role in the growth of KCM. In 2000 the ministry established kcm.org, providing global access to features and articles from the *BVOV* magazine, as well as live audio and video feeds from Believers’ Conventions and Victory Campaigns, and access to its TV broadcasts. The launch of the online Believers’ Academy in 2014 is enabling Partners and Friends to strengthen their faith with a learning center they can access at their convenience. Through its social media outlets, KCM U.S. has logged more than 1,775,427 fans on Facebook™; registered more than 504,214 followers on Twitter®; and recorded nearly 56,509,134 video views and

917,823 subscribers on YouTube. Worldwide, KCM Facebook fans total over 3.5 million. The online Partner Community was added in 2014 to provide a place for people to network with others of like-minded faith—to chat, share, pray for and encourage one another.

Going Around the World

Meetings have played a major part in KCM's call to evangelize the world. In 1978, the first weeklong Believers' Convention was held in Anaheim, Calif., where it continued to be held annually until 2007. Additionally, KCM launched its annual Southwest Believers' Convention in Fort Worth in 1981. The Great Lakes Believers' Convention first convened in 2003 and was last held in 2008. The ministry also holds several three-day Victory Campaigns each year. In addition to KCM events, the Copelands speak at numerous meetings and churches throughout the year.

KCBC®: Another Available Voice

For more than 55 years, KCM has been teaching believers worldwide how to apply the principles of faith found in God's Word to their everyday lives. Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have passionately followed the leading of the Spirit in putting this uncompromised message of faith and love on every available voice.

An extension of that teaching was unfolded in August 2018, when Kenneth Copeland stood before a group of excited students on opening day of Kenneth Copeland Bible College® and declared, "You are in your place. God called you to be here! Walk in His love. Practice His presence. Think about Him all the time. This is all part of your training. That's why you're here."

On Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, Brother Copeland again stood before those students—now the first graduating class of Kenneth Copeland Bible College. With joy in his heart, and in gratitude for what the Lord had brought to pass, he encouraged the more than 100 graduates by telling them: "Something wonderful has been accomplished in your life.... You only begin once, and the rest becomes history—day by day.... You have this sense of accomplishment, and you should. Keep advancing." Reading from 1 Corinthians 4:1, which says, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God," Brother Copeland told the graduates: "You are now stewards of



Kenneth Copeland and Kenneth E. Hagin

the mysteries of God." He ended his address with a challenge that they fulfill the Great Commission:

"Go into all the world and preach this gospel to every creature," he told the graduates. "Every creature. Lay hands on the sick and they will recover. Preach, teach and heal like Jesus. And take this gospel from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle!"

Now in its third year, KCBC, which is an accredited member with Transworld Accrediting Commission International—a federally recognized, nonprofit, church educational organization designed specifically for biblical institutions—continues to grow as it fulfills its purpose of perpetuating the knowledge of the Word and understanding of the Spirit.

Kenneth and Gloria travel thousands of miles and spend hundreds of hours in the air each year going around the world to preach the gospel, including places like Australia, Canada, China, Italy, Nigeria, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Venezuela.

A major component of KCM's Believers' Conventions and Victory Campaigns has been Healing School, which began in 1979 after the Lord instructed Gloria to "start teaching on healing in every meeting." She heard the Lord say: *I want you to share what you know about being healed, because I want My people well.* For more than 40 years now people have been receiving healing at Healing School.

From its headquarters in Fort Worth, KCM oversees its six international offices and continues to grow, going wherever the Lord directs to deliver the message of hope, promise and faith, and letting the world know that... "Jesus Is Lord!"

by Melanie Henry



GRAND

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD JERRY SAVELLE

WIPED SWEATY HANDS ON HIS LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL UNIFORM BEFORE STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE. GRIPPING THE BAT, HE SQUARED HIS SHOULDERS AND PLANTED HIS FEET FIRMLY IN THE RICH LOUISIANA SOIL. HE GLANCED ONCE AROUND THE BALLPARK BEFORE LOCKING HIS EYES ON THE PITCHER.

SLAM!

The boy on the pitching mound spat in the dirt, swung his arm in a wide circle and stared defiantly at the batter.

Jerry didn't flinch. Through all the pitcher's gyrations, he watched the ball. The moment it came flying toward him with a spin, Jerry tightened his grip and, at just the right second, arched to meet it.

The crack of ball meeting the bat echoed across the field. In one fluid movement, Jerry dropped the bat and lunged toward first base. Throwing his head back in delight, he grinned into the wind and ran.

Lightly touching first, he raced on toward second. Once there, he took a chance at third, then on to home plate. The ball whizzed past his head as he dove, sliding into home in a

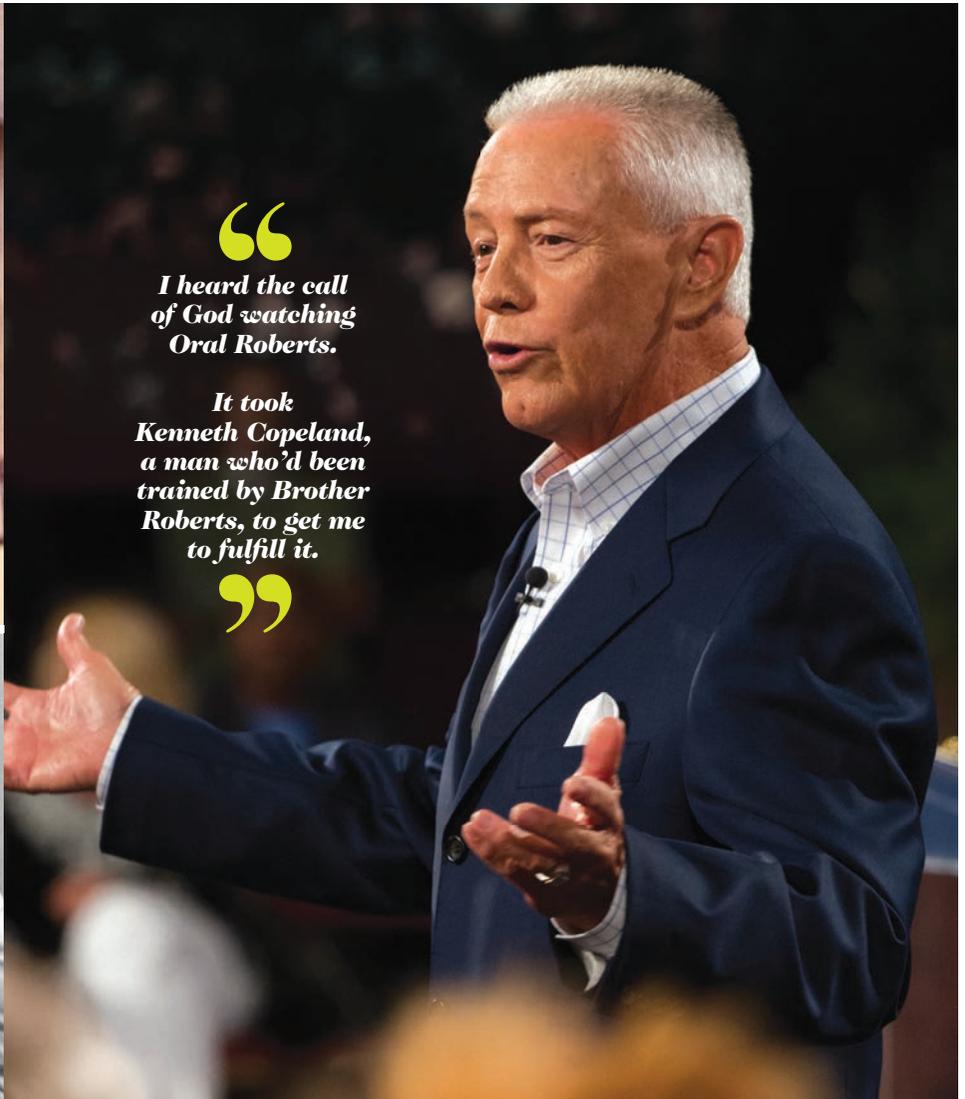
cloud of dust.

"Safe!" the umpire shouted.

Jerry picked himself up out of the dirt with a grin. He loved baseball. It wasn't just his pleasure, it was his passion. It had been ever since the first time he'd seen his dad put on a uniform and step onto the field to play on a company team. That day, Jerry Savelle felt sure he'd met his destiny. Since then he'd never doubted or wavered—he would play professional baseball. He mapped out his life like a coach maps out a game.

He figured that later in life, after his baseball career had ended, he would fall back on his second love—tinkering with and repairing old cars. Someday, he imagined, he might even own his own automotive repair shop.





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THE BIBLE
JAN

		Old Testament	New Testament
Sat	1	Gen. 1:1-3:7	
Sun	2	Ps. 1-5; Prov. 1:1-19	
Mon	3	Gen. 3:8-5:20	Matt. 1
Tue	4	Gen. 5:21-8:5	Matt. 2
Wed	5	Gen. 8:6-10:19	Matt. 3
Thu	6	Gen. 10:20-12:20	Matt. 4
Fri	7	Gen. 13-15	Matt. 5
Sat	8	Gen. 16:1-18:21	
Sun	9	Ps. 6-9; Prov. 1:20-33	
Mon	10	Gen. 18:22-20:13	Matt. 6
Tue	11	Gen. 20:14-22:24	Matt. 7
Wed	12	Gen. 23:1-24:49	Matt. 8
Thu	13	Gen. 24:50-26:11	Matt. 9
Fri	14	Gen. 26:12-27:40	Matt. 10
Sat	15	Gen. 27: 41-29:35	
Sun	16	Ps. 10-13; Prov. 2	
Mon	17	Gen. 30:1-31:21	Matt. 11
Tue	18	Gen. 31:22-32:32	Matt. 12
Wed	19	Gen. 33:1-35:8	Matt. 13
Thu	20	Gen. 35:9-36:43	Matt. 14
Fri	21	Gen. 37-38	Matt. 15
Sat	22	Gen. 39:1-41:13	
Sun	23	Ps. 14-17; Prov. 3:1-18	
Mon	24	Gen. 41:14-42:24	Matt. 16
Tue	25	Gen. 42:25-44:17	Matt. 17
Wed	26	Gen. 44:18-48:16	Matt. 18
Thu	27	Gen. 48:17-50:26	Matt. 19
Fri	28	Ex. 1:1-3:12	Matt. 20
Sat	29	Ex. 3:13-5:21	
Sun	30	Ps. 18; Prov. 3:19-35	
Mon	31	Ex. 5:22-7:25	Matt. 21

Baseball and cars. Life didn't get much better than that.

A few weeks later, Jerry arrived at his grandmother's house in Oklahoma City for a family reunion. Flipping through the channels on her television, he paused at the sight of a man on the screen. Oral Roberts was preaching a sermon entitled "The Fourth Man." Like most 12-year-olds, Jerry didn't spend much time listening to television preachers. He liked sports. But for some reason, what this man was saying interested him.

The fourth man described in Brother Roberts' fiery sermon, Jerry discovered, was Jesus. He'd heard about Jesus all his life in the Baptist church his family attended. But he'd never heard about Jesus like *this*. Although he couldn't remember a time when he hadn't believed in Jesus, there'd never been a time when hearing about Him raised the hair on the back of his neck.

Somehow the Jesus that this man preached about was...*alive*. Some of Jerry's family members didn't share his interest in the sermon. They said Oral Roberts was a fake, that he paid the people in wheelchairs to act healed.

Jerry knew they were wrong. He didn't know *how* he knew, he just knew.

He never did change the channel. He listened to every word until the program went off the air. Then, sitting there quietly, for the first time in his life, Jerry Savelle heard the voice of God.

Someday you'll do that. You'll preach, and pray for the sick.

He bolted out of that chair, shaken. God wanted him to do something with his life. Something that had nothing to do with baseball or cars.

No, I won't! he vowed. *I'm going to play professional baseball!*

Jerry didn't tell anyone what he'd heard so clearly that day.

The next Sunday, back at his home church in Shreveport, Jerry Savelle walked the aisle and publicly declared Jesus as his Savior. He joined the church and was baptized.

Jerry gave his heart to Jesus, but he refused to give Him his life. He would never, ever give Him his life.

"That was a very eventful year in my life," Jerry recalls. "My family moved to Millard Street, to a more country-like atmosphere, where I raised chickens, sold eggs and had a horse."

Carolyn Creech, age 10, also lived on Millard Street.

"The first day she saw me ride my bicycle past her house she told her mother, 'I just saw the boy I am going to marry.'"

"I was unaware of Carolyn's declaration, and we became good friends. By the time we reached high school, I was driving her to class every morning. She sat in the back seat and my girlfriend sat in the front."

Before long, Jerry discovered, it was impossible to serve God and run from His call at the same time. Even in college he was running. He lived in an apartment off campus and got mixed up with a group of young men who majored in cards, gambling and beer. It was the worst of both worlds. Because he had given his heart to the Lord, but refused to acknowledge God's call on his life, church and any form of spiritual life brought conviction.

Jerry couldn't find any peace.

He was no longer the confident young dreamer he'd once been, so he dropped the idea of ever playing baseball.

He switched to Plan B.

His love of automotive repair became first place in his life.

God was still out of the ballgame.

"I was a physical education major at Northwestern State College in Natchitoches," Jerry remembers. "During my second year of college, I came home for the weekend and ran into Carolyn again. This time I took a good, hard look and asked her out. Eight months later we married."

The night before their wedding, Carolyn ripped Jerry's newfound peace to shreds.

"When I was 8 years old," she told him, "I had a powerful experience with God. I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. I promised Him that the man I married would be born again, filled with the Spirit, preach the gospel and go to Africa."

Jerry hadn't accepted the call on his life from God. He certainly wasn't going to accept it from Carolyn.

"Then you're marrying the wrong man.

"After the wedding, I went to college at night and worked in a paint and body shop during the day," Jerry explains. "In 1968, I was called up for active duty in the military. Our daughter Jerriann was born while I was away.

"After my active duty, I joined the reserves. Back home, I opened Jerry's Paint and Body Shop. It was a dream come true. Then, in 1969, our second daughter, Terri, was born."

God Threw a Curve Ball

Life doesn't get much better than this, Jerry would sometimes think as he kissed his family goodbye before leaving for work each morning.

That fragile peace might have lasted a while if not for one thing—God threw Jerry Savelle a curve ball.

His name was Kenneth Copeland.

In February 1969, Kenneth Copeland arrived in Shreveport to preach in Carolyn's home church. He was a guest in her parents' home. They just happened to live next door to Jerry and Carolyn.

Carolyn was determined that Jerry would attend the meetings.

Jerry was determined *not* to go.

She begged and pleaded with him, day after day, but he adamantly refused.

"If you won't go to the meeting," Carolyn said, throwing up her hands in defeat, "at least walk next door and meet the man."

Reluctantly, Jerry agreed. Jerry spoke to Gloria Copeland when they were introduced, then waited impatiently for Kenneth to appear. He was about to leave when the man walked out of the bedroom.

"Brother Copeland," Jerry's father-in-law said, "I'd like for you to meet my son-in-law, Jerry Savelle."

Kenneth waved his hand and walked to the kitchen.

That's it! Jerry thought, *I'm out of here.*

He had almost reached the door when Kenneth called to him: "Wait a minute!" He pointed a finger at Jerry, then said, "God's going to prosper you."

Then, he disappeared.

Carolyn has been talking to him about my business! Jerry fumed silently. *How else could he have known I was going to prosper?*

Every night, Carolyn begged Jerry to attend Brother Copeland's meeting. By the last night, he would have done anything just to make her stop talking about it.

"I'll go on one condition," Jerry said. "We'll sit in the back row closest to an exit. As soon as he starts telling tear-jerking stories and begging for money, I'm leaving. You'll have to get home the best way you can."

"That's a deal," Carolyn agreed.

An Uneasy Feeling

Jerry felt uneasy as he slid onto the cool, hard pew. This was Carolyn's church, not his. He felt more comfortable under a car than here in the convicting presence of God. The choir sang an old familiar hymn, then Kenneth Copeland stepped to the pulpit. He turned and addressed the choir.

"Don't ever sing that song in my presence," he said. "It's chock-full of doubt and unbelief."

"How *dare* he!" Jerry hissed between clenched teeth. "*We* can sing *anything* we want in *our* church! Besides, *God* wrote that song!"

"*God* wrote the song?" Carolyn asked. "What makes you think that?"

"It's in the Baptist hymnal," he explained.

"If Kenneth Copeland hadn't made me so mad, I probably would have tuned him out and not heard a word he said," Jerry said. "God knew it

would take someone bold, straightforward and unintimidated to get my attention. I was so furious, I listened. The message he preached that night had the same effect on me as the one Oral Roberts had preached when I was 12. Both men made the gospel seem full of power, and Jesus came alive.

"The next day I went to work under deep conviction. Finally, I sent my employees home and blew the dust off the Bible Carolyn had put on my desk. I took the Bible into the restroom and closed the door. I sat there on the floor and cried all day."

That night, Jerry tossed in bed unable to sleep. At 3 o'clock in the morning, he stood in the living room with tears streaming down his face and raised his hands to God in surrender.

"Jesus, I can't run anymore. If there's anything left in me that You can possibly use, here it is. Take a good look, because I'm a failure. I'm only 22 years old, and I'm already a failure."

Don't worry about it, son, the Lord answered, *I'm a Master at making champions out of failures.*

Jerry opened his mouth to speak, but the words that flowed in an unbroken stream were an unknown tongue. Time passed as Jerry lost himself in the freedom of praising God in a heavenly language.

Finally, he noticed his wife and mother-in-law sitting on the sofa.

"Guess what happened to me?" Jerry asked.

"We know," Carolyn said, tears streaming down her face. "We've been sitting here for two hours."

Jerry looked at the clock. It was 7 o'clock in the morning.

He'd been praying in tongues for four hours.

"Well," Jerry said, turning to Carolyn, "it looks like we're going to preach just like you said before we were married."

Jerry went back to work at his body shop with a new plan—to prepare himself for the work of the ministry. A year later, in 1970, he left the business and spent the next three months listening to tapes by Brother Copeland and studying the Bible. A few months later, Brother Copeland came back to Shreveport to hold another meeting.

Vocabulary of Silence

When Jerry got to talk to Brother Copeland alone, he asked him: "How do you believe God for finances? I have no trouble believing God for healing. But financially I'm not having any success."

"Your problem," Brother Copeland answered, "is your big mouth. You need to learn the vocabulary of silence."

The more Jerry thought about that response, the more irritated he became. *My big mouth?* Jerry fumed all the way home. *I'm the only person in that church who listens to all his tapes!*

At home, Jerry stormed into the house and pulled

one of Brother Copeland's tapes off the reel-to-reel tape player. He walked outside and pitched it down the street, watching it unroll as it went. Then he ran inside and grabbed another tape. But the Lord spoke to him.

The answer to your problems is rolling down the street.

"What?" Jerry gasped.

I'm going to give you supernatural recall of everything you've said.

Like a play-by-play in sports, the Lord replayed Jerry's words over the previous few months. "All my needs are met through Christ Jesus!" he declared on many occasions. "How are we going to make it?" he'd asked Carolyn on many others. "We're going under."

Instantly, Jerry realized he'd been multiplying his words of faith with an equal number of words filled with unbelief. *My problem*, Jerry admitted, *is my big mouth.*

He ran outside, picked up the tape, wiped off dirt and gravel, then began to rewind it. For the next few months, Jerry put a guard on his mouth and listened to the tapes again and again.

The next time Kenneth Copeland came to Shreveport, he called Jerry out of the audience. "Jerry," he said, "God has shown me that someday you and I will become a team. It's your responsibility to believe God for His perfect timing."

Jerry sank back into his seat, feeling like the wind had been knocked out of him. *Kenneth Copeland said that we would be a team! How many times over the past few months have I dreamed of just following him around?*

He shook his head to clear it.

This was the God he'd been running from all those years?

"Brother Copeland phoned me and said he would pay my expenses if I would go to California. There was a man named David Malkin who was winning hundreds of hippies to the Lord. Brother Copeland wanted me to learn soul-winning. He said I could stay as long I needed to stay.

"July Fourth weekend 1970, there were 140,000 drug addicts and hippies gathered at Pismo Beach in California. Our ministry team consisted of 113 converted hippies, David Malkin and me. I didn't know how to relate to them. I'd never done drugs or lived the hippie lifestyle.

"The Lord told me that it isn't knowledge of drugs that would win them. It was knowledge of Him. In 13 days, hundreds gave their lives to Christ. We baptized them in the Pacific Ocean.

"In the summer of 1970, Carolyn and I packed all our belongings and moved to Fort Worth, Texas,"

Jerry recalls. "Brother Copeland's ministry was in its infancy back then. The total staff consisted of A.W. Copeland (Brother Copeland's father), a bookkeeper, a secretary and me. I was the road crew, the tape duplicator, the carpenter and the general mechanic. After two years, Brother Copeland asked me to preach the morning service. From then on, I preached with him."

In October 1973, the Lord started dealing with Jerry about launching out on his own in ministry. Jerry resisted the idea. After all, hadn't God prophesied through Kenneth that they would be a team? Why split the team?

You'll always be a team, the Lord said. *This way you can cover twice the territory with the same message.*

Finally, Jerry told Kenneth what the Lord had said.

"As much as I hate to lose you," Kenneth said, "I know it's God."

They both agreed that the team would not be split up.

"I knew that once I stepped away from Kenneth's ministry I would have to believe God for not only my salary, but for all the finances to meet the needs of a new ministry," Jerry recalls. "I told Kenneth that I would work for him through Dec. 31, 1973. But I asked that after November, he not pay me. I figured I may as well start believing God sooner rather than later."

On Jan. 1, 1974, Jerry Savelle Evangelistic Association was born.

During the next few years, Kenneth and Jerry covered twice the territory with the same message. Then, in 1976, Kenneth asked Jerry to start preaching Jubilee meetings with him.

"We'll both study Leviticus 25 and Luke 4," Brother Copeland explained. "Whatever The LORD shows you about 'Jesus Our Jubilee,' you'll preach, and whatever He shows me, I'll preach."

A Perfect Lead-In

Jerry sat through Kenneth's first sermon on "Jesus Our Jubilee" and marveled at the power of the Holy Spirit. Kenneth's sermon was the perfect lead-in for Jerry's. Kenneth finished with one verse of scripture, and Jerry's sermon started with the next.

It didn't just happen once. Over and over, the sermons they had prepared separately wove together like a tapestry, presenting a clear picture of Jesus.

This, the Lord said, *is teamwork.*

They preached about Jubilee through 1976



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Jerry Savelle
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and 1977. Then, in 1978, Brother Copeland held his first Believers' Convention in Long Beach, Calif. Besides Kenneth and Gloria, the speakers included Jerry Savelle, Charles Capps and Kenneth Hagin.

Not only did Jerry preach with Kenneth during that first Believers' Convention, but he has preached every Believers' Convention since, both national and international. Kenneth and Gloria also asked Jerry to serve on the board of directors of Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

"In 1981 we held a Believers' Convention in Charlotte, N.C.," Jerry remembers. "I had preached all my sermons and settled back to listen to Kenneth on the last night when he suddenly closed his Bible and announced that God wanted me to preach. Then, he just sat down.

"I walked to the podium without a flicker of sermon to preach. I looked over at Kenneth and asked if perhaps God had told him *what* I was to preach. He said he didn't know.

"My Bible fell open to Hebrews 11, and I heard myself announce that I was going to preach a sermon I'd first heard from Oral Roberts when I was 12 years old. I had never attempted to preach 'The Fourth Man,' but that night the Holy Spirit brought it up out of the recesses of my heart."

Kenneth Copeland aired the sermon on his television program the following Sunday night. The next morning, Jerry received a phone call from Oral Roberts' secretary.

"Brother Roberts wants to know if you could meet with him at his office in Tulsa tomorrow afternoon," she asked.

Hands shaking, Jerry agreed. He'd never met Oral Roberts. What if he heard the sermon Jerry preached and thought he'd slaughtered it? What if he was going to sue him for using his work?

The following afternoon, Jerry stepped into Oral Roberts' office. Brother Roberts looked up from his desk and said, "I heard you preach 'The Fourth Man' Sunday night."

Jerry stood still, heart pounding, while Brother Roberts walked around his desk and stepped in front of him. In one movement he wrapped his arms around Jerry and said, "Son, I never heard it preached better. You remind me of myself when I was young."

Jerry Savelle had come full circle. Only now the man who had preached Jesus and set a fire in his heart wasn't just a face on a television



screen. He was a friend.

"I heard the call of God watching Oral Roberts," Jerry explains. "It took Kenneth Copeland, a man who'd been trained by Brother Roberts, to get me to fulfill it."

It's been more than 51 years since Jerry Savelle stopped running and stepped up to the plate to play ball on God's team. In those years, he has traveled the earth preaching the fire of God into the hearts of men. In a time when competition reigned, Jerry Savelle and Kenneth Copeland have demonstrated friendship, faithfulness and loyalty—not just to one another, but to God as well.

In 1994, Jerry started the Jerry Savelle Ministries International Bible Institute and School of World Evangelism. Like his father and grandfather of the faith, Jerry is committed to raising up the next generation of men and women for God.

Just like the Lord told Carolyn when she was 8 years old, Jerry Savelle has gone to Africa. He has established 40 churches in Kenya; has ministry headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya; the United Kingdom; and South Wales; and has offices in Johannesburg, South Africa; and Tanzania.

The lives he has won for the Lord number in the hundreds of thousands.

The bases were loaded when Jerry accepted his mantle and stepped up to bat to wage war on the kingdom of darkness.

He didn't just hit a home run.

He hit a grand slam.

Someday, Jerry Savelle will finish his race by sliding into home along with all the souls he has won.

The Umpire's call already echoes throughout eternity.

"Safe!"



by Kenneth Copeland



It's Not Quittin' Time

A number of years ago, Gloria and I hosted a ministers' conference during a time when there was tremendous pressure bearing down on men and women in ministry—pressure like I had never seen before.

There was pressure on Gloria and me. There was pressure on everyone we knew. And I remember all of us dragging ourselves into that meeting. It seemed like we could barely pick our feet up and walk because of the heaviness we were feeling.

If you had taken a poll, probably most of us would have been willing to quit and go dig ditches—anything just to get out from under the pressure we were experiencing.

Actually, a lot of the people who showed up at that meeting were on the verge of quitting. And had they not heard from God, they probably would have.

Well, we didn't quit. The power of God swept through that meeting and we recommitted ourselves with an even greater resolve to finish our course. We reloaded our guns and went at it again.

Bulldoggin' the Devil

Today the pressure is back—and I'm not just talking about preachers this time. Believers everywhere are under pressure like never before.

That's why I want to encourage you...*don't quit!*

No matter how intense the pressure gets—remember this: If you don't quit, you won't fail.

I know from my own life and ministry, when pressure like what we're seeing today starts building and building, that's the time we're tempted to ease up on The WORD of God, relax our faith and back off from God's plans for

our lives.

Don't do it!

The pressure we're seeing is just the devil trying to steal The WORD, contaminate our faith and cut our lives short (see Mark 4).

With all the pressure Jesus experienced during His walk on this earth, the Bible talks about Him setting His face like a flint (Isaiah 50:7; Luke 9:51). Nothing, especially no devil from hell, was going to keep Him from fulfilling His destiny.

If anything, this is the time to press in harder. Double up on The WORD, increase your giving, recommit yourself to the task God has set before you. As you do, you will find yourself stepping up to a higher place in God...a higher place in power.

I remember what my grandfather told me over 70 years ago.

I was on his farm in West Texas, chopping cotton with him one day. He had hired a bunch of people to help us work his crop.

As usual, my grandfather was outworking and outpacing every one of us. I was a young boy, he was up in years, but I still couldn't keep up with him.

In fact, one of the hired workers asked me, "When does the old man fall down?"

Well, he didn't. He never did. And it was a mystery to me.

So, I asked him that day, "Papa, how come I can never stay up with you?"

"You really want to know?" he said.

"Yes," I replied.

"Because you've never learned to set your jaw.

JESUS is LORD

You'll never keep up until you learn to set your jaw in a way that nobody but you can open it."

Setting your jaw... that's another way that we, as believers, could say, "Clamping our teeth around whatever God's called us to do—and woe be unto anyone who tries to take it away from us!"

It's like a bulldog with his teeth wrapped around a bone. The only reason he would let go is to bite the fool who tries to mess with that bone.

That's how we ought to be with the devil. And when he does make his move against us, we just do what Jesus did—knock him in the head with The WORD, and he *will* flee (Matthew 4:1-11).

So, make the quality decision to never quit. Say this confession out loud, over and over, until it renews your way of thinking:

I commit myself to God. I commit myself to His WORD. I commit myself to His purposes for my life. I refuse to quit. I refuse to bow to any pressure, to any unbelief. I refuse to compromise through doubt. I am fearless. I am steadfast in my Father's love for me. There is no fear big enough, high enough, broad enough, deep enough or bad enough to stop what God has called me to do. His plan for my life is not unto my death. It is unto my life. And I refuse to let go of it. God never fails. His WORD never fails. His Love never fails. Therefore, I will never fail.

Now reload your faith gun—and don't give up! In 1967, Brother Oral Roberts told me something that set the course of my life and ministry. "Kenneth," he said, "people will always tell you, 'You can't do that!'"

Then he gave me three principles that would guarantee success in any endeavor in life—every time. First, find out the will of God in the matter. Once you know His will, confer no longer with flesh and blood. Then, get your job done at any cost.

The point is this: When you're seeking God's will in a situation, that's the time to fast and pray. That's the time to search The WORD. That's the time to ask questions. But once you know God's will in the matter, question time is over. Don't go around asking everyone what they think.

For 55 years now, Gloria and I have lived and ministered by these principles.

They work. 🙏

"Jesus Is Lord!"

If you've been connected with Kenneth Copeland Ministries for any length of time, then you probably recognize that slogan as a vital part of every Believer's Voice of Victory television broadcast, every BVOV magazine and every KCM meeting held around the world.

It's been that way now for more than 55 years, as Brother Copeland has declared, "Jesus Is LORD!" over the world and its nations time and again. He has confessed it over families and individuals. He has boldly declared it over national elections and government leaders on every level. He has used his faith year after year to profess *Jesus is LORD* over every kind of sickness, disease, famine and global calamity.

It began when, as Brother Copeland was reading his Bible in his bedroom, 1 Corinthians 12:3 exploded with meaning in his heart: "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." At that moment, Brother Copeland decided he was going to declare those words all the time, and over every situation.

The rest of that afternoon he walked around declaring the lordship of Jesus: "Jesus is LORD. Jesus is LORD over my body. Jesus is LORD over my mind. Jesus is LORD over my spirit. Jesus is LORD over this bedroom. Jesus is LORD over my clothes. Jesus is LORD over my car. Jesus is LORD over this ministry. Jesus is LORD over anything that has to do with me, because I make Jesus the LORD over my life."

He wrote "Jesus Is LORD!" every time he had a pen in his hand, and ended his letters with the same confession. He even had a plaque made for the front door of his home,

announcing to every person who stepped onto the porch, "Jesus Is LORD!"

"Jesus Is Lord!" not only became the theme for his ministry, it was the theme for his life.

The Bible says every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11). The day is coming when *everyone*, Christian or not, will bow and confess, "Jesus is Lord." He is the undisputed Savior of the universe.

Every person on earth can be saved by believing and making that declaration now! We hope each of you has had your own personal moment when you came to the same conclusion Brother Copeland did more than 55 years ago.

The entire staff of KCM joins Kenneth and Gloria in declaring: "God loves you, we love you, and JESUS IS LORD!" 🙏



TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

‘Outstanding Miracle!’

Right after I watched *Revival Radio TV*, I needed the faith I found there. My pregnant daughter sent an urgent message; the baby at 3 months in vitro was in distress. I sent you a prayer request, went to Deuteronomy 30:19 and wrote my grandson’s name, date and “7:30 p.m.” next to the passage. Two hours later, I got the message: “He’s got a strong heartbeat and moving all around now. It’s normal and I’m going home.”

God spoke to my heart. Military time would have been 19:30 hours at the time she called. I declared the reverse of that—30:19—Deuteronomy 30:19, and the curse was reversed! Thanks for agreeing with me for this outstanding miracle!

L.J. | Alabama

Miraculous Change

I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit from reading the *BVOV* magazine. It is a miracle how my thinking has changed so much for the better. JESUS IS LORD!

J.S. | Minneapolis, Minn.

TV Blessing

I watch VICTORY Channel™ daily, especially the news and *FlashPoint*. I appreciate what our awesome God began in you, as I discovered you in the ‘70s on TV.

Y. | Indiana

‘Instant Healing’

Since I started learning and hearing the teachings of Kenneth Copeland and testimonies from other Partners, my faith has grown. After completing three days of corporate prayers with the KCM Africa team on July 30, 2021, I received instant healing

of my knee, which had troubled me for the past five years—without any medical attention. I praise the Lord together with the KCM Africa intercessors.

JESUS IS LORD!

C.M. | Kenya

‘Financially Free!’

I’m a Partner and first started watching *Believer’s Voice of Victory* in university. After graduating in 2019 with \$28,100 in student loan debt, I am now completely debt free! I am grateful to the Copelands, George Pearsons and all the KCM Canada staff for teaching me biblical financial principles. Above all, I am grateful to the Lord for setting me financially free! M.B. | London, Ontario

Promotion Approved

I prayed to be promoted at work and sowed a seed for it at Kenneth Copeland Ministries Africa. The promotion has now been approved for five years. Praise God for His mercy.

U.J. | South Africa

‘Hundredfold Return’

While watching VICTORYTHON™, I asked the Lord to put a seed amount on my heart to sow. He showed me a smaller seed than I usually sow but like Kellie Copeland said, “Don’t despise your seed.” Within 12 hours of sowing that seed, we received a hundredfold return in cash. Praise God!

J.H. | Tacoma, Wash.

‘Paid In Full!’

I was not able to watch VICTORYTHON, but went online and gave \$1,000 to VICTORY Channel. I named that seed “hospital bill.” Ten days later, we got a phone call saying the hospital bill of \$115,000 will be paid in full! Our God is absolutely good!

N.R. | Georgia

Partnership Rewards

My husband and I are Partners with KCM and are so thankful for your prayers and the daily rewards we are experiencing from our partnership connection.

We are also thankful for *FlashPoint*, *America Stands* and *VICTORY News*. How refreshing to be kept abreast of the facts from a faith perspective and have access to trustworthy voices.

If we ever needed to be surrounded by you and these prophetic voices, it is now! The KCM broadcasts have helped us remain at peace and fixed under the shadow of His wings and prosper especially in our souls.

We attended your New Year’s Eve celebration on our 50th anniversary. The way you sang and loved on Gloria meant so much to us—we felt like the Lord had prearranged the service for us too—thanks!

A.B. | New Mexico

Free From Fear

I said the prayer about refusing fear, since this has been a struggle since I was 4. I am now 77. I keep saying the scripture that God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. I believe I have been delivered from that fear bondage. Thank you so much—shalom.

J.A. | Florida

‘The Lord Restored’

I wrote in for my nephew to be prayed for. It was believed he had cancer in his kidneys and bladder. When his tests came back, the doctors did not find any trace of cancer. The Lord restored his health!

S.J. | Texas

Above and Beyond

In 2020 I injured my right TMJ joint. In pain and tears I flipped to VICTORY Channel and they were taking prayer requests, so I called and asked for healing for myself and salvation for my family. Within a day

my pain decreased and I rededicated my life to God. I was later filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues for the first time. By 2021 I was almost completely healed. My husband saw the change in me and

rededicated his life to Christ also. I see God moving in my family and things happening I could never have imagined.

C.P. | Charleston, W.Va.

SALVATION PRAYER

If you do not know Jesus as your Savior 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, "Whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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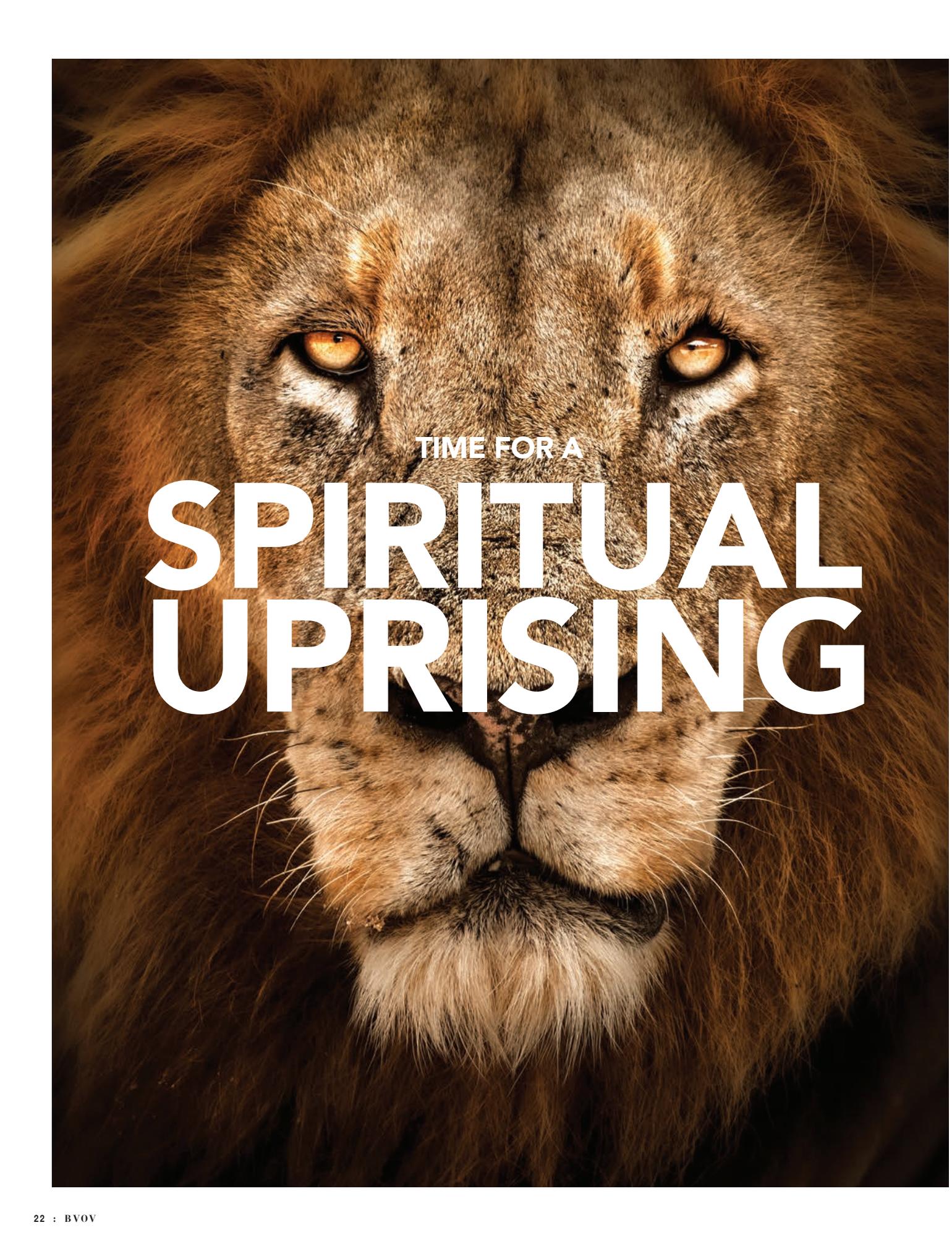
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—Kenneth Copeland



TIME FOR A

SPIRITUAL UPRISING



THESE ARE THE DAYS FOR AN UPRISING OF THE MIGHTY!

I'm not talking about a violent uprising. Violence in the streets doesn't bring the change we want. I'm talking about believers latching onto God's will and refusing to let it go. That's the kind of uprising that brings real change.

Spirit-filled believers like us need to stir up some spiritual lessons many have laid aside so that we're walking in all we're designed to, and bringing those lessons to others.

Second Timothy 1:6, *New King James Version*, says, "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands." When it says "stir up the gift," it's talking about igniting, reigniting or fanning the flame of the gift of grace.

Paul was talking to Timothy, one of the greatest pastors of that time. Timothy pastored the first real megachurch in Ephesus. If Paul needed to remind someone like Timothy to "stir up the gift," then it's fair to say it's OK to remind us to do the same.

Paul continued, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (verse 7). Love and power have come from God, but the sound mind—the right thinking, the transferring of love and power and spiritual

truth into real action—is not automatic. We must lay hold of what God has done and what He has said. We must come together as like-minded believers and change our mindsets so we're not thinking in the same terms we once did.

That's when the uprising of the mighty will begin.

Denial of the Perilous Mind

Soundness of mind has been under assault since the very beginning of the Bible. This current information age provides the perfect flood of fear and worry. For those who are disposed to worry, these are great days! They have many things to worry about: everything from sickness and disease to politics and the economy, to even whether their water heater will give out.

But the Bible clearly states that God hasn't given us the spirit of fear, nor has He given us the right to cave in to the spirit of fear. Things around us may be tough, but we can and must resist fear.

Second Timothy 3:1 says, "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come." The word *perilous* has a lot of dimensions. It means harsh, cruel, ruthless, cutting and hurtful situations that are emotionally hard to bear. There's no denying that Paul is describing the days we're in. But we can deny that perilous mindset the right to soak into us and ignite fear.

It doesn't take long to stir up fear. It just takes a single news report, just one idea, for people to become fearful. But 2 Timothy 1:6 tells us to stir up "the gift," the deposit, that's on the inside of us—*not* the fear.

Later, in 2 Timothy 4:2, Paul told Timothy what to do in perilous times: "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." When times are good, we need to be ready to preach the Word. When times are less than good, we're to preach the reality of things based on the Word.

Becoming Mighty

When I think of this, I can't help but think about Gideon (Judges 6). Two hundred years had passed since Israel had taken the Promised Land. Over time, the people had forgotten all God had done for them. They had the Midianites and the Amalekites and lots of other "ites" after them. They were hiding out in caves, trying to grow crops just to survive.

The Midianites, knowing Israel's plans, waited for the crops to ripen, and right before harvest time, they came in and trampled them down. They didn't even steal the crops. They just trampled them into the dirt so Israel couldn't have them.



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They wanted to starve the Israelites out and wipe them off the face of the earth.

That's when Gideon arrived. He was hoping to beat out just enough grain to feed his family without being seen by the Midianites. By that time, 135,000 Midianites had moved into the area. Then came the word of the Lord: "And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, 'The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!'" (verse 12).

God had found someone mighty, but Gideon had no idea *he* was the mighty one. He didn't feel mighty. In fact, like all the Israelites, he felt pathetic. He and his people were desperate, and they had let go of God's promise.

Can you see the similarity to what we're facing today? So many believers—good people—are struggling. They've allowed fear to take hold. They don't know that they're the mighty ones.

Two Truths To Remember

Those who are waffling and wavering in their faith need us to remind them of two things: God is *for* them, and God is *with* them.

This is the message Gideon received in his time of trouble. Remember, verse 12 says, "And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, 'The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!'"

We must remind people that God is on their side, ready to rise up and do what He always does. Anything we see Jesus doing in the Gospels, He's ready to do now. He's ready to heal, deliver, multiply and more—because He is *for* us and He is *with* us. That may sound basic, but there's nothing about the fundamentals that is too basic to be repeated.

The Lord reminded Gideon of who he was: a warrior, a champion, a conqueror, a mighty man of valor. That was God's perspective, a very different one from Gideon's. In verse 13, we read Gideon's perspective: "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?'" But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

Gideon had already gone down a dangerous road by asking, "Where is the supernatural?" Can you imagine? Gideon was talking to an angel of the Lord. That's as supernatural as it gets! The angel said to him, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" (verse 14).

Gideon hadn't yet changed his perspective. He still saw himself as unworthy.

"O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house" (verse 15). How did

the angel of the Lord respond? He didn't! He just ignored everything Gideon had said. How Gideon saw himself didn't matter. All that mattered was how God saw him, and God saw a mighty person of valor. Gideon had to change his thinking because God wasn't about to change His.

Gideon called all the warriors and began whittling them down, so that they would only win by the Lord's hand, not their own. First, he asked which of them were afraid. Twenty-two thousand raised their hands (Judges 7:3). He sent them home. He continued reducing the numbers until there were only 300 men left. Three hundred against an army of 135,000! In the natural, those weren't good odds, but God's way of thinking isn't based on odds. His way always wins.

Gideon and his men had everything they needed. When God's people stand up in power, God finds a way for our enemies to fall flat.

Revelation for Perilous Times

The Israelites went into battle and won, fulfilling God's plan. They beat back the Midianites. Even the 22,000 who had left in fear participated in the conquering, showing that God will use people at whatever stage they choose to get involved. If we want to be part of the faithful few who are in the battle from the beginning, however, we need to renew our minds with the Word of God. That will dictate how our spirits respond.

God is in the business of reproducing His authority and power in the earth through us. He wants you and me to rise up; to become His voice in the earth; and to release His power, authority and dominion in Jesus.

This is a new season for us—a new season of walking in authority. It's a new season of teaching fellow believers how to walk in their authority, stand in the power of God, and recognize that while these may be perilous days, they don't have to be fearful days. God is giving each of us insight to impart this revelation knowledge to others.

Right now, across the earth, let's pray this prayer together over ourselves, our families and our ministries. Let's stir ourselves up in the truth of the Word so we can remind everyone we meet that our God is *for* us, and He is *with* us. It's time for a supernatural uprising. How can we lose?

Father, this is a moment in time when a shift is taking place—in our souls and in our thinking. We stir up Your revelation knowledge so that we have soundness of mind. We pray for a sweeping move of God to raise up the Gideons, the mighty ones, the voices, the pray-ers, the intercessors, the men and women of God for these days that we stand in. Give us the boldness to remind the world that You are for us and with us. In Jesus' Name. Amen! 🙏



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by Gloria Copeland

HOW MUCH YOU HARVEST IS UP TO YOU

How fruitful would you like to be in the kingdom of God? Have you ever asked yourself that question?

How much of Jesus would you like others to be able to see in you? How much of His character, power and Anointing would you like to walk in? How victorious would you like to be—spirit, soul, body, relationally and financially?

Those are questions worth pondering because, contrary to what a lot of Christians think, God isn't the one who determines the answer. He's not the one who decides how fruitful, anointed or victorious we, as believers, are going to be.

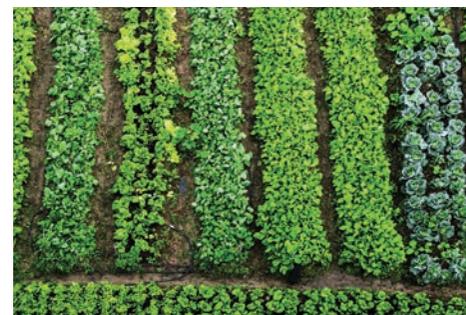
We are.

God has already done His part. He delivered us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son (Colossians 1:13). He made Jesus to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). He sent His Spirit to live on the inside of us.

And you know what else He did? He gave us His Word.

God's Word, Jesus said in Mark 4, is Kingdom seed. It contains the divine power to produce the kingdom (or dominion) of God on earth. When it's planted in our hearts it brings the conditions of His kingdom into manifestation in our lives.

What we do with the Word, however, is up to us.





“You can plant...and plant...and however much you plant of the Word of God, that’s the size your harvest is going to be.”



We can either let the devil steal it from us like the first two groups of people did in Mark 4; or we can let the distractions of this world choke it out, like the third group did; or we can be like the fourth group Jesus talked about: “The ones who hear the Word and receive and accept and welcome it and bear fruit—some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some [even] a hundred times as much” (verse 20, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Personally, I want to be in the fruit-bearing group,

don’t you? I want God’s kingdom to manifest in ever-increasing degrees in every aspect of my life. So I’ve made a quality decision to be one of those who hear the Word.

“But Gloria,” you might say, “I know people who’ve been hearing the Word for years, and their lives are still a mess!”

Then they haven’t truly been hearing.

In the Scriptures, hearing means taking to heart and understanding what’s being said. It means you



IT'S NOT JUST THE AMOUNT OF THE WORD YOU HEAR THAT MATTERS—IT'S THE AMOUNT OF HONOR AND CONSIDERATION YOU GIVE IT.



get the message or receive revelation.

When you're reading the Word and you get revelation, you suddenly see it as more than a set of rules and regulations. The Word comes alive to you. You see how to live it, talk it and operate in it so you can walk with God in the spirit, unhindered and undefeated.

There is nothing in the world as wonderful as revelation from the Word! It lets you in on what Jesus called the "secret counsels of God which are hidden from the ungodly" (verse 11). It lights you up on the inside with the very wisdom of God.

As a believer, you're born to walk in that wisdom. That's the reason God has given you His Word. He wants you to receive light from Him every time you read the Bible. As Jesus said in Mark 4: "Is the lamp brought in to be put under a...bed, and not [to be put] on the lampstand? [Things are hidden temporarily only as a means to revelation.] For there is nothing hidden except to be revealed.... If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening and let him perceive and comprehend" (verses 21-23, *AMPC*).

There's a reason Jesus used the word *lamp* in those verses. Your spirit is "the *lamp* of the Lord" (Proverbs 20:27, *AMPC*). The Word lights it up with revelation from God so you can see what to believe, what to say and what to do.

That's what happened to Ken and me back in 1966 when we were stuck in poverty, debt and lack. We began to hear the Word of Faith preached and the lamp of our spirit got turned on. It lit us up on the inside, and we crossed over from lack into abundance.

Getting More Light

More than 55 years have passed since then and God's Word is still lighting me up on the inside. Sometimes, just studying my Bible by myself in the mornings, I get so excited I want to run around the room. I'll see something in the

Word and think, *Yes! That's the answer I've been needing!*

Sometimes I get light about what belongs to me in Christ. Other times the light corrects me and shows me where I've been missing it. But even correction when it comes by revelation is a blessing of God. It's a manifestation of His grace that helps us walk in obedience to God so that His kingdom—the kingdom of heaven!—can manifest in our lives.

Heaven doesn't manifest on this earth in the lives of disobedient people. Even though we're born again, if we won't obey God we'll just wind up muddling along in defeat. Certainly, God will get as much of His goodness to us as He can. But if we don't walk in the light of the Word, and keep going back to it to get more light, we're not going to enjoy the peace and blessing that belongs to us in Christ.

This is why Jesus said in Mark 4 when He was teaching about the seed of the Word, "Take heed what ye hear"! Or as Mark 4:24, *AMPC*, puts it: "Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear."

However much attention you give to the Word of God, that's how much virtue, or power and anointing, is going to come back to you!

In other words, it's not just the amount of the Word you hear that matters—it's the amount of honor and consideration you give it. You can read five chapters of the Bible every day without giving much thought to what you read and get next to nothing out of it. Or you can read one chapter honoring and receiving every word as the voice of God speaking to you, and that chapter will come alive in you and change your life.

Over the years, I've learned to take my time when I'm studying the Bible. Often, I'll read a chapter in the *King James Version*, then I'll read the notes about that chapter in *The Companion Bible* by Bullinger. Then I'll get my *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* and read the chapter through again. By the time I'm finished, I'm usually amazed at how much revelation there is that I initially overlooked in the chapter.

One book of the Bible that really surprised me when I began studying it this way was Jeremiah. You might not think there would be much in that

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book that applies to us today. But the more time I've spent in it, the more I've realized it's full of revelation.

Revelation about what? you might wonder.

About faithfulness, for one thing. That's an area where Jeremiah excelled. When it came to being faithful, he was a lot like the Apostle Paul. He kept preaching God's Word, regardless of the cost. He got thrown into a dungeon. He faced threats to his life. People repeatedly refused to listen to his message, but he kept preaching it anyway. He refused to quit. He kept obeying God and stayed faithful to his calling.

What I've learned from Jeremiah has helped me tremendously. His example has inspired me to keep doing what God has called me to do, even when it seemed hard. The seeds of revelation I've planted in my heart from the book of Jeremiah in times past are still growing in me and bearing fruit today. They continue to produce harvests of faithfulness in my life.

No Limitations!

Think about what kind of harvest you want to reap in your life. Do you want a bigger harvest of the fruit of the spirit? Do you want a harvest of healing and financial abundance? Do you want a big crop of victory over the world and the devil and a big harvest of souls for the kingdom of God?

Then keep planting in your heart what the Word says about those things. Don't quit just because you don't immediately see results. Continue in the Word. For as Jesus said in Mark 4:26-29: "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

If you keep following the example of the man who casts seed into the ground, results are guaranteed. In due season, things will begin to happen. The Word will grow up on the inside of you, produce a crop and you'll get to reap your harvest.

"Well," someone might say, "I planted the



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Word in my heart concerning some things I'm believing for and nothing has come of it."

Don't let that discourage you. When Ken and I first got hold of God's Word about prosperity, we had to get a lot of seed in the ground before we even began to break even financially. We had to go over and over the scriptures that said the blessing is ours and we've been redeemed from the curse. It took us 11 months of sowing the Word just to get out of the red and into the black. But praise God, we got there—and then we kept planting.

We continued to give God's Word authority in our lives. We continued to grow in our revelation of it and we're still growing in it today.

You never get to a place where you can quit growing! If you want to keep increasing, you must keep doing spiritually what farmers do in the natural. They go out every year, plant more seed, and get a new crop. They do it over and over, season after season.

As believers we get to do that with the Word! We get to keep sowing it into our hearts and getting one new crop after another. Only, we have it better than natural farmers do. They just have a limited amount of ground to cultivate—maybe 50, 100 or 1,000 acres. As believers, our spirit man is limitless.

There are no fences in your spirit. You can plant...and plant...and however much you plant of the Word of God, that's the size your harvest is going to be.

It's up to you! If you want to be a spiritual giant, be the man who casts the Word into his heart continually and you'll live in a continual feast!

You might be just starting out right now believing for food on the table. Or you might be believing for a fleet of jet airplanes to take the gospel to the world. Either way, the process of manifesting God's kingdom is the same. You can have any crop you want if you'll put seed in the ground. It doesn't matter how big a harvest you need, El Shaddai—the God of abundant supply—is up to the job. He knows how to deliver. He's only limited by your honor of Him and His Word.

Of course, it takes time for a harvest to mature. It doesn't usually spring up out of the

ground overnight. So, in addition to sowing the Word you must "keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15). If you'll do that; if you'll continue to get up every day in faith and go to bed every night in faith expecting your crop to come up, even though you don't know how it's going to happen, one of these days you'll get what you've been believing for—and you'll be thrilled.

"But Gloria, you don't know the huge problems I'm facing."

Maybe not, but I know this: When the Word is planted it becomes greater than any problem anyone anywhere has ever had. As Jesus said: "It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all seeds upon the earth; yet after it is sown, it grows up and becomes the greatest of all garden herbs and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air are able to make nests and dwell in its shade" (Mark 4:31-32, *AMPC*).

All those years ago when Ken and I first learned about this, compared to the impossibilities all around us, God's Word really did look small in the natural. It looked smaller even than the words of this world. Not only were we facing a mountain of debt, we didn't have the clothes we needed. We didn't have a decent house or a decent car. We were surrounded by problems that were yelling at us telling us we weren't going to make it, that there was no way.

But in the midst of that sea of trouble, we started sowing the seed of the Word in our hearts. We watered it, tended to it, talked it, depended on it and kept mixing it with faith. And look at what's happened! The seed of God's Word has produced so much fruit that not only are our own needs met, we're able to preach the gospel to people worldwide and be part of a ministry that gives millions of dollars to help meet the needs of others!

Every ministry that has ever been born into the earth started with the seed of God's Word that went into a person's heart, grew up and brought the kingdom of God into manifestation. So, keep thinking about how blessed and how much of a blessing to others you desire to be, and keep planting the seed of the Word.

It *will* grow up and manifest the kingdom of God in your life! 🌱

Happy New Year, Superkids!

Commander
Kellie's Corner

I am excited about this year. It's normal to be hopeful at the start of a new year.

The Lord made us to look for hope no matter how hard things may seem. Thankfully, Superkids, we know who to ask for the *real* GOOD News! Everyone, say His Name, "JESUS!" That's right. Recently, I asked Him, "What's my word for 2022?" Have you ever asked the Lord a question like that? We can ask Him ANYTHING and talk to Him about everything. He's easy to talk to.



James 1:5 says, "And if anyone longs to be wise, ask God for wisdom and he will give it! He won't see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures but he will overwhelm your failures with his generous grace" (*The Passion Translation*).

If you want to know what the Lord has planned for you this year, ask Him. He doesn't mind when we ask for wisdom. You won't get in trouble for not having all the answers. When I ask questions, I often hear a quick answer, but not always. Sometimes He answers with lots of information. Sometimes just one word pops up in my heart. It doesn't matter if you hear a lot or a little, or whether it's a quick answer or takes some time, the important thing is that Jesus always responds. It's not hard to hear from Him.

John 10:3, *TPT*, says, "The sheep recognize the voice of the true Shepherd, for he calls his own by name and leads them out, for they belong to him."

Why ask Him to give you a word for 2022? He wants to encourage us and tell us the good things He's planned! Jeremiah 29: 11-14, *New Living Translation* says, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the LORD. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you,' says the LORD."

The Good Shepherd has good plans for your

future. He listens, gives hope and HE WILL BE FOUND BY YOU. I love knowing He wants us to find Him. So why wait? Go ahead and ask Him the question:

Jesus, what is my word for 2022?

Now, listen. Don't be in a rush, and don't dismiss a simple quiet answer that may come quickly. Look for Him with your whole heart and attention, believing you will hear. Most importantly, when He speaks, write it down. In Habakkuk 2:1-3, *The Message*, God talks about this when Habakkuk asks, "What's God going to say to my questions? I'm braced for the worst. I'll climb to the lookout tower and scan the horizon. I'll wait to see what God says, how he'll answer my complaint. And then God answered: 'Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.'"

Writing down the words of the Lord reminds us to continue to have faith in His words about our future and encourages us when we need it.

Keeping it in front of our eyes helps us remember His promise. It allows us to "run with the vision" like a football player runs with the ball to make a touchdown. We win when we know where we are going.

How can we keep His future in front of our eyes? Have you ever had a chore chart to remind you of your jobs or a star chart to remind you of your successes? A vision board is a great way to keep your word for 2022 in front of your eyes. Your parents can help you cut out pictures, and find scriptures and ideas that represent your word to you. Now make a fun poster! Leave room to add pictures and scriptures during the year! Hang your poster where you'll see it every day and be reminded

of the Lord's good plans for you in 2022.

I hang pictures and vision ideas on my fridge, mirror, closet and bulletin board. Have fun with this New Year's project!

So, what is my word? When I asked, He answered so quickly and with such a surprising word that it took a while to sink in. The conversation went something like this:

Me: "Lord, what's my word for 2022?"

Jesus: **Fun.**

Me: "Did You say fun? That doesn't rhyme with 2022. (Aren't we silly sometimes?) Is that You? Did I hear right?"

Jesus: *You want it to rhyme? Fun for you in 2022. Or: Your fun is due in 2022. Take your pick!*

He told me a bit about what my "fun" would look like. WOW! I'm glad I asked, and you will be too!



Superkid, I would love to hear your word for the year. Please email me at commanderkellie@kcm.org and let me know what He says to you and if you like, send a picture of your vision board!

Jesus has a word for you in 2022!

Love,
Commander "Fun in 2022" Kellie! 

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