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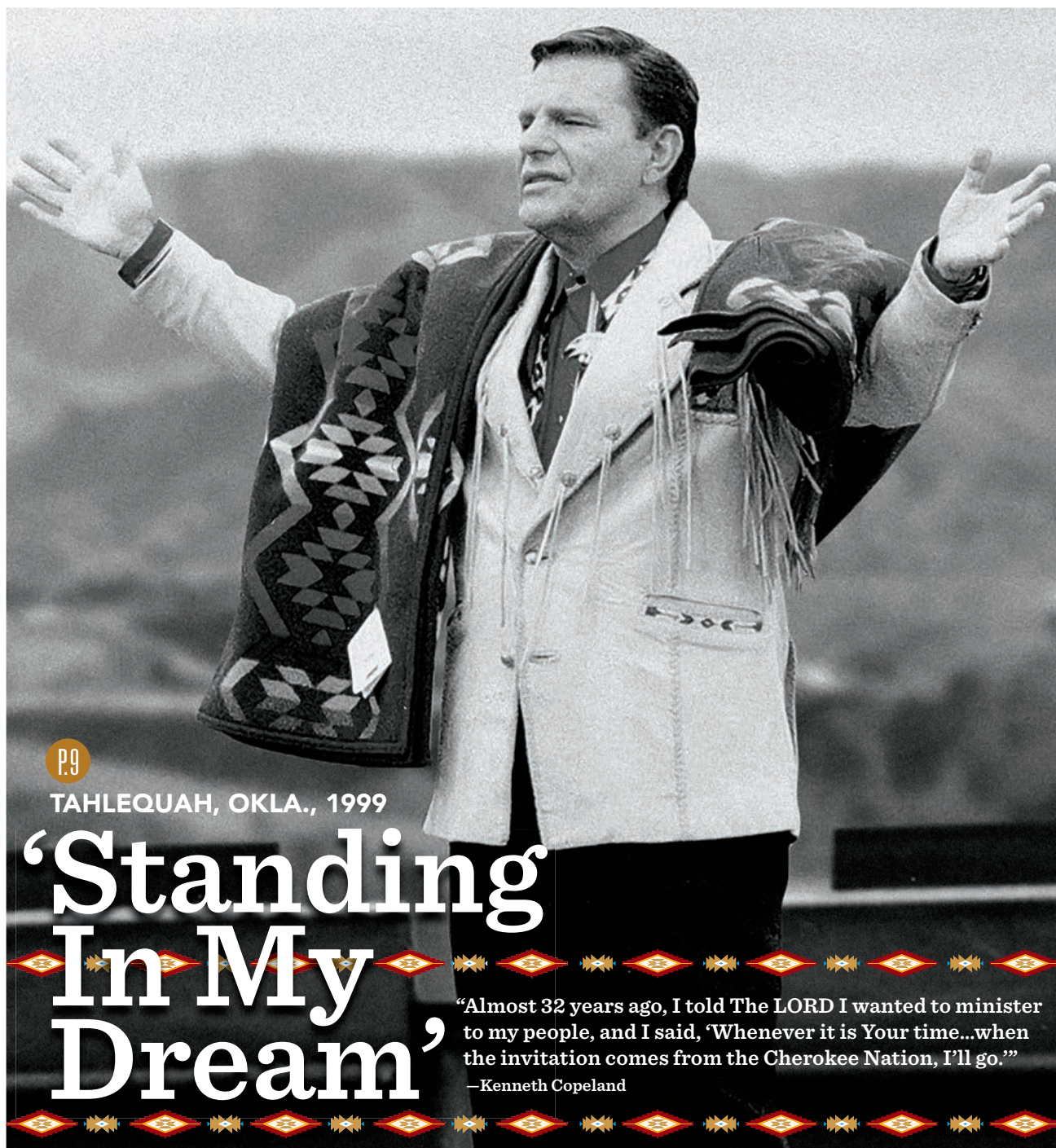
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Editor's Letter



The True Guide

Not long ago, I watched as a visually impaired man navigated his way down a busy, crowded sidewalk. From his right hand he extended a long, white cane—tapping the pavement as he walked to ensure he didn't walk into anyone or anything. In his left hand, he held onto a leash that was attached to what I assumed was his guide dog.

Watching this man successfully make his way through busy sidewalk traffic, I wondered: *How is it that people with such special needs trust their safety and their lives to animals or a walking cane?* Then, I realized: It's because of faith. They acknowledge their need—that they can't see to safely get where they need to go. They need someone or something they can trust to safely guide them.

That's what the Bible means in 2 Corinthians 5:7, where it says, "We walk by faith, not by sight." Just like the visually impaired rely on the help of a guide, whether it's a trained dog, a friend or a family member, we need the guidance of our heavenly Father. Jesus says the Holy Spirit will, if you trust Him to do so, "guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

God knows everything about us, including where we're headed (Psalm 121:8). While we're wondering what step to take next, He knows if it's the right step, and whether it is the right time to take it. He will order our steps so we don't go the wrong way (Psalm 119:133).

With all that confronts us in the world today and the decisions we must make, it's comforting to know there is Someone always standing beside and in front of us—ready to accompany and lead us in the right direction.

In their 55 years of ministry, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have never asked anyone for a place to preach. Throughout the years, however, it had always been a desire of Kenneth's, who himself is part Cherokee, to someday preach to his native people. Read how God directed his steps and fulfilled that desire in 1999, when Kenneth preached to the Cherokee Nation (Page 9).

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—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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literally wrote
the Book on it.
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by Kenneth
Copeland

Exceeding GREAT and Precious PROMISES

On the first day I went to train on the Lockheed JetStar, the instructor made a statement that, even if you're not a pilot, could save your life. He held up the aircraft manufacturer's manual, written by the people who built the plane, and said, "All of our material here at FlightSafety International came out of this. But if any of our material is wrong, go back to the manufacturer's manual."

Struck by the wisdom of his words I turned to my partner and said, "I wish preachers had that much sense!"

Really, I wish every Christian on earth had that much sense. I wish every one of us who owns a Bible would get a greater revelation of what it really is.

The Bible is the Heaven and Earth Manufacturer's Manual! It's the final authority on everything. Authored by the Great Omniscient Creator, whatever we need, He literally wrote the Book on it. When we're in a mess and don't know what to do, we can go to His Book and find the answer. When we need healing, provision or anything else, we can find it in the Book—and once we find it in there, we can have it!

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1

Through God's promises, He has given us access to all He has and all He is.
(2 Pet. 1:3-4)

2

When you ask God for what He promised, His answer is always yes.
(2 Cor. 1:20)

3

God's promises can do everything He can do because His words release His mighty power to create and change things.
(Gen. 1:3)

4

God's Old Testament promises about the Messiah were what got Jesus to the earth.
(Mic. 5:2)

5

Believe and do what God says and His promises will come to pass in your life.
(Isa. 1:19)

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Many believers know about those promises. They may even start every day by pulling one out of a little promise box, reading it and saying, "Praise The LORD!" But while that's fine, God's promises are meant to do far more than just encourage us. They're designed to correct, direct, protect and perfect us. To give us access to all He is and all He has.

"Oh, Brother Copeland, where did you get that idea?"

From the Apostle Peter. It's in his second epistle. In the beginning of that epistle, Peter addressed believers as "them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

Isn't it exciting to know you have the same faith Peter and the early Apostles had?

Then, he said:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue [moral excellency]: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (2 Peter 1:2-4, emphasis mine).

Everything Is Handled

Look again at the italicized portions of that passage. Both are linked to God's exceeding great and precious [covenant] promises. One says it's through those promises that we become partakers of His divine nature, or partakers of all He is. The other says that it's by His exceeding great and precious promises that He has given to us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness."

All things that pertain to life and godliness covers a lot of territory! It covers everything you could ever need spiritually, physically,

financially and relationally. It covers everything it takes for you to live an abundant, victorious life.

In other words, you can forget that silly stuff people say about God withholding things from you. You can forget religious clichés like, "Well, you know, God always answers prayer. But sometimes His answer is yes, and sometimes it's no." God's Book says the exact opposite.

It says, "God is faithful.... For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you... was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God" (2 Corinthians 1:18-20, *New King James Version*).

Why are all God's promises "yes" to you in Jesus?

Because when you received Him as The LORD of your life, you got in on His covenant with God!

That covenant is rooted in the one God made with Abram. As Genesis 17 records, God appeared to Abraham when he was 99 years old and said, "I am Almighty God [El Shaddai, the God who is more than enough].... I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.... No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham" (verses 1-2, 5, *NKJV*).

By adding to Abram's name the letter *H* (which in Hebrew is pronounced *Hashem* and is the Jewish name for God) God made it known that He and Abram were now joined together in a covenant of blood. That the Greater had entered covenant with the lesser, and they had become one.

That's what God did for you when you were born again! He joined you to Himself in the blood of Jesus. He made you one with Him through the new covenant, which is a covenant of grace.

What is a covenant of grace? It's a relationship of favor that gives you access to someone else's power. A natural illustration of it can be seen in the relationship the old Sicilian family members used to have with the godfather of the family. If you've read books or seen movies about that relationship, you know how it worked. A weak member of the family would come in and ask the strongest

member, the godfather (or *the don*) for a favor or grace. The don would say, “I will grant this favor and I will ask a favor of you. And when the time comes, I will collect it.”

Once this was said the weak person would become excited. He would realize his problems had been solved. He was no longer powerless. He had nothing to worry about anymore because now anyone who would try to rough him up would have to face the godfather, the one with all the power.

Leaving his meeting with the head of the family the little guy would have a whole new attitude. He’d go out to face the world knowing, *Everything is handled. All I have to do now is whatever the don asks me to do, and the don knows I don’t have anything. So, whatever he asks me to do he’ll provide me with the wherewithal to do it.*

That’s what a family covenant is all about—and as born-again believers, we’re the family of God! We are in blood covenant with Him, and He has favored and graced us with His exceedingly great and precious promises.

Talk about something that should give you confidence! God’s promises are as powerful as He is because they’re composed of His words—and He uses His words differently than people do. People primarily use words to communicate, but God uses His words to release His faith. He uses them to put His mighty power to work to create and to change things.

Have you ever read what happened in Genesis 1 when the earth was without form, and darkness was upon the face of the deep? God said, “Light be,” and light was!

God’s words still carry that kind of power. His promises can do anything He can do. Because He spoke them they contain His creative ability. So when they’re received and acted on in faith, they come to pass.

If you need evidence of this, look at what happened as a result of the exceeding great and precious promises God gave in Old Testament times about the coming of the Messiah. Those promises brought Jesus to the earth! The promise in Micah 5:2 even determined where He would be born. It said, “Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you

shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting” (NKJV).

That promise controlled armies and kingdoms. It set in motion the events that put Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem at just the right time for Jesus to be born there. It controlled the movement of the heavens so the Magi would see the star at the proper place and proper time, follow it, and find the newborn King of the Jews.

Think of it: All those things happened



because God gave an exceeding, great and precious promise about the future—and it worked. God said it, the prophet Micah delivered it, and 715 years later it came to pass.

Making Course Corrections

“But Brother Copeland,” you might say, “I’ve tried standing on God’s promises, and they haven’t worked that effectively for me.”

Then go back to the Book and find out where the problem is. Brush up on exactly what the Heaven and Earth Manufacturer’s Manual says about those promises. As Brother Kenneth E. Hagin used to remind us, “It’s not what you *think* the Bible says that works. It’s what the Bible actually says that works.”

So make sure you know what God actually said about the promise you’ve been claiming. Study the verse that contains the promise itself and all the verses that surround it. Then ask the Holy Spirit to direct you to other relevant scriptures. You’ll be amazed at what you learn.

I certainly have been over the years. I remember one time, when the ministry had been under financial pressure, I was praying and claiming Isaiah 1:19. “LORD,” I said, “You promised in that verse we would eat the good of the land.”

You don’t qualify for that, He replied.

“What do You mean?” I asked.

That verse says you shall eat the good of the land ‘If ye be willing and obedient,’ He said. You’ve been complaining about going on daily television ever since I told you to do it. You’ve never had one good word to say about it. You’ve been obedient in that you did what I said, but you haven’t been willing.

Then He took me to Deuteronomy 28, where the curse is described, and pointed out verses 47-48: “Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you shall serve your enemies.” I didn’t want to serve my enemies! So I immediately repented and changed my attitude. I stopped griping, and started saying, “I love doing daily television broadcasts!”



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In that situation, God’s exceedingly great and precious promises corrected me, and I was grateful because that’s what I needed. It’s what we all need from time to time, particularly when we’re not getting the right results in life.

I see everything through the eyes of a pilot, so I can appreciate the importance of making corrections because when I’m on a trip I must make them continually. I can have a good flight plan and know exactly where I want to go, but even flying a relatively slow airplane at a speed of only about 200 miles an hour for four hours, if I get just 10 degrees off course and don’t make a correction for four hours, I’ll be in trouble.

I’ll wind up 133.3 miles off course, wondering, *Where on earth am I?* At that point, not only will I need correction I’ll also need direction. I’ll need to know: *What do I do now? Do I go directly to my intended destination? Do I need to cut across and get back on my original course? What’s best?*

Even if I don’t get off course on a trip, I still have to make corrections because things happen. The winds change. Storms come up. Conditions arise that might require me to take a different route than I had planned.

It’s the same way in life. Unexpected storms arise. Circumstantial winds shift that can negatively influence your thinking. If you don’t make any corrections, you can find yourself in a mess with no idea how to get out.

But thank God, when that happens you can go back to the Book! You can open it up and find exceeding great and precious promises. They’re in there and they cover everything that pertains to life and godliness. They contain the answers to every situation that can arise in your spirit, your soul, your body, your finances and your family.

A problem isn’t really a problem if you already have the answer! So, spend time every day in the Book that has all the right answers. Let it correct you, direct you, protect you and perfect you. Make the Heaven and Earth Manufacturer’s Manual, with its exceeding great and precious promises, your first priority and final authority. It will get you where you need to go! 📖

‘I’M STANDING IN MY DREAM!’



Kenneth Copeland
addressing the
Cherokee Nation,
May 15, 1999

In their 55 years of ministry, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have never asked anyone for a place to preach. They made that promise to the Lord in the beginning and have been faithful to it ever since.

But throughout the years, Kenneth, who is himself part Cherokee, has always held the desire in his heart to someday preach to his native people. His heart has been with them since he was a boy.

He often said, “Whenever it is my time, I’ll go. I don’t care what already may be arranged. I don’t care where I am or what I’m doing. When that invitation comes from my people, I’ll go.”

That day finally came in 1999, when Kenneth received an envelope in the mail with the great seal of the Cherokee Nation in the top, left-hand corner. He didn’t even open the letter—he just stood there and cried. In his heart he knew, *This is it. Glory be to God!*

Five months later, on Saturday, May 15, Kenneth and Gloria took the platform on a beautiful evening in Tahlequah, Okla., the government seat of the Cherokee Nation. Kenneth declared, “I’m standing in my dream!”

Joe Bird, then chief of the Cherokee Nation, welcomed Kenneth and Gloria. He said, “We wrote the letter. Within four days he responded. Mr. Copeland said that it was his lifelong dream to come and fellowship with the people.” He went on to say, “When you have faith and you have so many people working together for a common cause, then everything is possible.”

Kenneth was eager to start the evening, and prayed for the people of the Cherokee Nation:

Father, You have honored me by being my LORD and my Savior. You have honored Gloria and me by answering every prayer that we have prayed over the years. And tonight, You honor us by our being able to stand in this place. And we honor You. We uplift Your Name.... Tonight, in the Name of Jesus, for the first time, I’m able to publicly pray on this holy ground for the Cherokee Nation and its strength and its leadership and its place in God’s plan for the redemption of mankind; and its influence and its strength and its power to influence people all over the world. And we give You the praise and the honor for it. And we

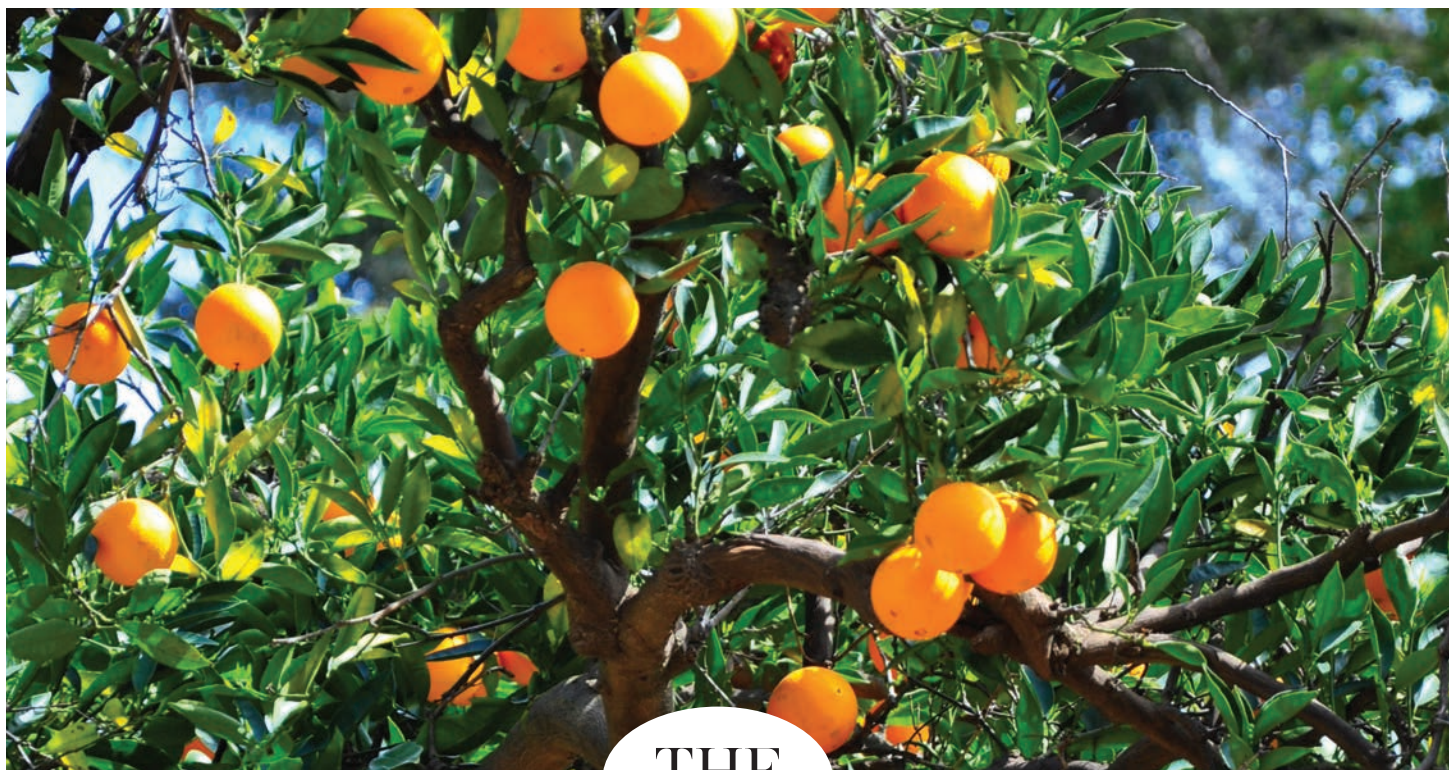
pray for the Native American nations throughout this land, and in the Name of Jesus we boldly confess that Jesus is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

The night was filled with music as the choir sang hymns and led songs of praise. Kenneth preached about the covenant of blood God made with all the people of the earth through Jesus Christ, a message readily received by a people whose history is so deeply rooted in covenant. Nineteen people made Jesus Lord of their lives that evening, 32 prayed to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many left refreshed and changed forever by the message they had heard.

Kenneth stood before his people and declared in prayer over the families, the chief, the council and the elders of the nation that the wisdom of God and the knowledge of God and all spiritual understanding would lead and guide the nation into its finest hour.

As the evening of his dreams drew to a close, Kenneth’s final words summed up the day. “I’m leaving here better than I came. More BLESSED than I’ve ever been, to the glory of God, the Father! Shout amen, somebody!”





THE HUNDREDFOLD PRINCIPLE



Brother Copeland had been invited to speak at the Full Gospel Businessmen's Convention in Birmingham, Ala., in 1972. Before the meeting started, Brother Copeland said, "Let's you and I fly to Birmingham and spend a couple of days in prayer together before that meeting gets underway. God's been dealing with me about going on television, and I need

the mind of Christ; I need the wisdom of God concerning this. Not only that, but God's been dealing with me about this ministry needing a bigger and faster airplane, and I need to get the wisdom of God about that as well. So let's you and I go early. We'll spend a couple of days in prayer together."

So we flew to Birmingham in Brother



Copeland's little Cessna 310. We checked in the hotel in Birmingham, and the first night he said, "I want you to meet me in my room at 6 in the morning, and we're going to pray together and just see what we hear from God regarding these things."

I was really excited because it was the first time that he had actually invited me to participate in his prayer time. I had seen him pray publicly in meetings, but I had never been invited to be in the same room with him during his private prayer time. Usually, he isolated himself during his prayer time.

Prayer Time with Kenneth Copeland

The next morning we met at 6, and he said, "Let's just begin praying in the spirit. If you get anything from God, you just go ahead and speak it out."

We started praying in the spirit. I was sitting there kind of in a corner in that hotel room, and I noticed Brother Copeland knelt down by his bed and had his notebook and his Bible out. He prayed in the spirit, and then he flipped through pages of the Bible every once in a while. I thought, *That looks good.* So I got down on my knees in front of the chair and prayed in the spirit and flipped through my Bible like he was doing.

He would pray in the spirit a little while, and then he'd quote a verse that he saw in the Word that pertained to the wisdom of God. For instance, in Corinthians where it says, "Jesus has been made unto us wisdom." Then, he went to James where it said, "If any man lacks wisdom, let him ask in faith nothing wavering, because God gives liberally."

He started off finding verses that pertained to what he was believing God for, and then he quoted them. As he spoke them out, I would turn to those verses and read them as well.

Not out loud, but I would follow along and read them as he spoke them out loud.

Then there were quiet times. I noticed he would get real quiet and listen. We did that for about two hours that first morning. Then he said, "Well, let's go ahead and clean up and go have some breakfast."

The next morning, we did the same thing. We met at 6 a.m. and went through basically the same process.

After breakfast that morning, he called me to his room, and he said, "I believe I've got the mind of Christ on how we're going to start this television ministry. I've got the basic format."

Then he said, "I'm believing God to pay cash for this. It's going to take a lot of money for us to go to the television studio in Dallas. But I believe I've got the mind of God on this. But first, we've got to plant a seed in order to get a harvest to pay for this."

Of course, I was agreeing to everything, but I was really listening to how he planned to do this more than anything else. I was learning how to tap into the wisdom of God, and I was learning how to appropriate that wisdom once I received it.

He said, "Now, we've got to have the money for the television programs, and we've got to have the money for a new airplane. You know I don't borrow money. We pay cash for everything we do. Obviously, there's no way to do this except that we first plant seed. I've got to plant my best seed. The best seed I've got is my airplane. I'm going to give my airplane away."

How Are We Gonna Get Home?

Usually when he said he was going to give something away, he did it right then. So, I was concerned about my ride home. I didn't say, "Praise God!" I just kept quiet and acted like I



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was in total agreement. Sometimes people won't know you're ignorant if you'll just be quiet.

He said, "God told me the name of the preacher he wants me to give it to. I'm going to call him right now, and I'm going to tell him what God told me."

He called a preacher friend of ours who lived in Arlington. I heard him say, "Joe Nay, this is Kenneth."

I knew Joe was believing for an airplane. I couldn't hear Joe's response until Brother Copeland told him that. In fact, Brother Copeland held the phone away from his ear because you could hear Joe screaming. He was shouting. I could just picture him dancing and running around in circles.

Then Brother Copeland said, "Now, Joe, we're going to fly it back home, and then we'll make all the necessary arrangements to get it to you. But before I give it to you, I'm going to redo the engines first."

I was sitting there speechless. My next thought was, *If you're going to give it away, why spend any more money on it? Let Joe repair the engines.* Brother Copeland perceived my thoughts. He said, "I know what you're thinking."

I said, "What?"

He said, "You're thinking, if I'm going to give it away, why spend any more money on it."

I said, "Well, that's exactly what I'm thinking. I have never heard of anything like this before." He didn't just preach prosperity; he didn't just preach sowing and reaping; he lived it—every day of his life. Not just from the pulpit, but in every area of his life.

You've got to understand, I wasn't on Brother Copeland's level financially. I was still believing for food on my table, and I was believing for a suit to wear. I was believing for money to give Carolyn and the babies while I was gone. I was believing for rent money, and

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he's giving airplanes away. I said, "Well, why would you spend more money on the airplane if you're going to give it away?"

The Hundredfold Principle

He said, "Because I believe in the hundredfold principle."

I knew what he was talking about because I had read Mark 10:29-30 about the hundredfold. I said, "What do you mean by that?"

He said, "I don't want to give an airplane away with bad engines because if I do, I'll receive a hundredfold return on that seed, and I'll wind up with a bigger, faster airplane that needs the engines rebuilt. I want to give one away that's first class. I'm going to do everything I can to make that airplane first class when I give it away so that the one that I get in return will be first class."

Give God Your Best

Approximately 11 days after he sowed the airplane into Joe Nay's ministry, I received a phone call around 10:30 one night. It was Brother Copeland, and he said, "Do you and Carolyn and the girls want to see a miracle?"

I said, "We'd love to see a miracle."

He said, "Then meet me at Oak Grove Airport. You're going to see a miracle."

We drove out to the airport and saw Brother Copeland, Gloria, Kellie and John standing around the taxi area, just looking down the runway. We walked up behind them and said, "What are you doing?"

He said, "I'm watching for my miracle. Just keep your eyes on the end of that runway down there. You're going to see a miracle."

We just stood there and looked with the rest of them. In a little while, I saw some lights in the distance, and I could tell it was an airplane making its final approach. Eleven days after

he sowed that seed, he received a bigger, faster airplane completely paid for! We all sat in it and praised God over it. It was quite a miracle.

Faith vs. Foolishness

I was impressed. I just wanted to give something away—anything. I had been giving but not to that level. I thought, *I'm going home and find something I can give away. I need a new car—I'll give the car away.*

The Lord always protected me. He knew when I was about to make a mistake. He knew I was sincere, but sincerely wrong. The Lord told me, *Now before you jump out here and do this, let's make sure that this is a revelation to you like it is to Brother Copeland. You're not ready for this, but I'll get you ready if you'll listen to Me.*


You can't live on someone else's revelation; it's got to be a revelation to you. I had seen people try to do what Brother Copeland did, and it didn't work for them the same way. They would wind up blaming the message or the messenger. There's nothing wrong with the message, and there's nothing wrong with the messenger—it simply was not a revelation to them.

A Revelation to Jerry

I learned not to just jump up and give everything away just because I saw this miracle in Brother Copeland's life. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. So I kept feeding my spirit, listening to Brother Copeland's tapes on the laws of prosperity, sowing and reaping, and watching him demonstrate it through his life. And after a while, it did become my revelation.

I began to see God bless Carolyn and me. And now, everything in our ministry has come that way. Every airplane I've ever owned in this ministry came that way. I've given several airplanes away in this ministry,

and God blesses me with better ones. It's just the way my family and I operate. It became a revelation to me many years ago, and it's still working in my life today. I learned the laws of sowing and reaping watching Brother Copeland live it and demonstrate it.

I encourage you right now to feed your spirit the Word of God, study the laws of prosperity until they really become a revelation to you. And then put them to work in your life. God will meet your every need. He is faithful! 



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A GOOD FUTURE

OPEN THE DOOR TO GOD'S PLAN
FOR YOUR LIFE BY SEEKING HIM FIRST.

(Matt. 6:33)

What you do with God's Word determines
how much of His plan and future you will
experience.

(Isa. 55:11)

Get the news about your future from
the Word instead of the world.

(Jer. 29:11)

Keep God's promises in the soil of your heart,
be patient, and you will reap the harvest
of a wonderful future.

(Heb. 6:11-12)





Defying Death

EVELYN ALEXANDER SAT ON THE EXAM TABLE WAITING TO SEE HER PHYSICIAN. HER HUSBAND, GABRIEL, SAT IN A CHAIR NEXT TO HER. THE SMILE ON HIS FACE AND THE TWINKLE IN HIS EYES WERE INFECTIOUS.



THEY'D BEEN MARRIED SEVEN YEARS NOW, AND WERE SO EXCITED ABOUT THE BIRTH OF THEIR FIRST CHILD.

A month earlier, when they'd come for their prenatal visit, Evelyn had a sonogram. "Do you see your baby swimming?" the doctor asked. That baby swam like Michael Phelps. They'd laughed out loud watching his exploits.

Now, a month later, they waited as the doctor ran his heart monitor over Evelyn's abdomen.

"I can't find the heartbeat," he said. "Let's just do a quick ultrasound and take a look."

This time, the baby wasn't swimming. He lay limp, floating in the amniotic fluid.

"It looks like the baby is dying," the doctor said.

"Doctor, that's impossible!" Gabriel responded.

"Why do you say that?"

"We're tithers! Because we tithe, God's Word says that we won't miscarry."

"We'll run some more tests just to make sure."

Gabriel looked at his wife.

"Evelyn, don't worry about this. That's not going to happen. Don't even be concerned about it."

The nurse drew more blood and then Evelyn and Gabriel left the office. On the way to the car, they made a decision to trust God. "Hold on," Evelyn said climbing out of the car. "I'm going to make my next appointment," she said with a grin.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

JUNE

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

"I'll be back in 30 days."

The following day, the doctor called to discuss Evelyn's bloodwork. With both of them on the phone, he said, "I'm sorry, your baby has died."

Taking a Stand

"Doctor, could you be mistaken?" asked Gabriel.

"No," he replied.

"Have you ever said a woman was miscarrying and she wasn't?"

"No."

"Doctor, have you ever seen a situation like this change?" Gabriel asked.

"Not in my 30 years of practice."

"Well, doctor, we're going to be your first."

After the call, Gabriel told Evelyn, "I'm going to pray. You go pray, too."

Gabriel knelt before the Lord, praying in tongues while tears streamed down his face.

Why are you crying? the Lord asked him twice.

"Didn't you hear the doctor? He said the baby died," Gabriel answered, wiping his tears.

If you believe you have received, then you act like it.

Evelyn got into her prayer room and turned her face to the wall. "Lord," she prayed, "what's going on here? Have I missed something? What do I need to do?"

She sat in silence, listening.

I'm not a man and cannot lie. Neither am I the son of a man that I need to repent.

That settled it for Evelyn. She knew they were in for a fight, but it was a fight they would win. She also knew the baby was dead. They only had a small window of time to get their faith on top of the situation.

"The Lord let me know that we would be unstoppable because of our agreement," Gabriel recalls. "One could put 1,000 to flight, but two could put 10,000 to flight. All we had to do was stay in faith, stay in agreement and encourage one another."

The Court of Heaven

Later that day, Gabriel and Evelyn each grabbed their Bibles and sat at the dining room table. Together, they took their case before the

highest court in heaven.

"Heavenly Father, I'm asking You to join us in this meeting," Gabriel said. "Jesus, You sit at the right hand of Your Father in heaven, so I ask that You also sit here. We want the angel to come as well. And the evil spirit that caused this needs to be here too, because we need to let the kingdom of darkness know how we are standing. The kingdom of heaven needs to know what we believe."

"Father, just like You raised up Your Son, I thank You for raising up my son, too. You said the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us and quickens our mortal bodies. Evelyn's body has been made alive in the Spirit. I call life back into our baby's body. Thank You for healing whatever caused this."

Evelyn and Gabriel opened their Bibles, reading the 70 scriptures on which they'd chosen to stand. Gabriel began to pray some more:

"Father, Your Word says because we tithe, we should not miscarry. Your Word says that the vine should not cast its fruit before its time. You said that nothing is impossible with You. We believe Your Word. We believe that we receive our baby alive and well. We release the angel to go and cause this to happen. We declare before the evil spirit that we will not accept this and we rebuke you! We declare these things in the mighty Name of Jesus."

Then they worshipped God, rejoicing in their victory.

Afterward, Evelyn said to her husband, "We're going to have a baby. Let's go get some baby furniture."

Having Done All

"We bought baby furniture and set up the nursery," Evelyn remembers. "I knew I had to hold fast to my confession without wavering. Meanwhile, my physical body was doing everything that the doctor said it would. I was bleeding just like a woman suffering a miscarriage. I suffered cramping. However, I denied those symptoms the right to continue. My body had to obey me. My child had to obey me, too."

"Every day was a fight of faith. I kept my eyes on the Scriptures. I kept the Word of God before my eyes, in my ears and in my mouth."

It wasn't easy. Every morning, I wanted to put my head under the covers and cry. I wanted to allow myself to be depressed. I wanted to call and tell my mother, all my sisters and my aunt so they could comfort me. But I wouldn't. The fight of faith meant I denied my flesh. I denied my emotions. I got out of bed and confessed 70 scriptures before going to school and afterward."

Gabriel and Evelyn posted scriptures on their closet doors. They both confessed scriptures every day. One was Psalm 127:3: "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward" (AMPC).

They turned off the television, keeping the house filled with the Word of God.

"Evelyn had a faith fight going on in her body," Gabriel explains. "My battle was in my mind. I kept bumping up against the wall of reasoning. When Lazarus' sister Martha told Jesus that her brother wouldn't have died if He'd been there, Jesus had one question. 'Do you believe that I'm the Resurrection?' She did believe—until the moment Jesus told them to roll the stone away. Martha knew that by then his body would stink. Her head got in the way and she hit the wall of reason. I kept hitting the same wall until the Lord spoke to me."

Your head is doing what it's supposed to do—reason. Your heart is doing what it's supposed to do—believe. Go with your heart.

Sometimes, when victory seemed far away, Evelyn and Gabriel strengthened themselves by remembering the smaller victories they'd enjoyed in the past.

Evelyn had grown up in Detroit, in a Christian family that attended a denominational church. When she was 10, Evelyn's Pentecostal aunt took her aside and taught her about living for God.

The Call

"My aunt taught me that I could believe God for anything," Evelyn explains. "She said that God wanted a relationship with me. I was filled with the Holy Spirit by the time I was 10 years old. She also snuck books by Kenneth Hagin to me. My parents didn't understand any of it at the time, so I went through middle school and high school many days shut up in my room, praying in tongues and reading

books by Brother Hagin.

"When I was 16, the Lord called me to preach. I thought God would have known that in our denomination women didn't preach. I even went to my pastor and told him that I'd been called to preach. He said, 'No, there's no way God told you that.'

"Since I knew that I couldn't preach, I went into pre-med to be a doctor. During my second year in college, I met Gabriel.

"Gabriel was living a holy life as well. He'd been called to preach at 18, and by 19 was licensed and preaching. He was passionate about his faith. While I'd been reading Brother Hagin's books, Gabriel's grandmother had introduced him to Brother Copeland's

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teachings in 1989. One day on the phone he said to me, 'I believe you're called to preach.'

"Gabriel attended a Pentecostal church which I visited. As I was leaving, the pastor said, 'Young lady, I believe there is a calling on your life to preach. If you're going to answer that call, I'd be happy for you to preach your first sermon here.'

"There was opposition at first because some didn't believe in women preachers. However, they all came to the service to see what would happen. There was a powerful move of God! He confirmed His Word."

Gabriel and Evelyn married in June 1993. The following year, they were watching Christian television and they kept hearing about Tulsa, Okla.

A Divine Appointment

What was going on in Tulsa? The only thing they knew about Tulsa was Oral Roberts University. Curious, in July 1994, during summer break from classes, they grabbed a map and drove to Tulsa. Arriving downtown,

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they found a hotel and booked a room.

Evelyn was upstairs while Gabriel was in the lobby when he heard someone mention Kenneth Hagin. “Excuse me,” he said, “I heard you mention Brother Hagin. Is he here?”

“Yes, they’re having their camp meeting.”

“I’ve never heard of a camp meeting.”

“It’s Brother Hagin’s big meeting. It’s just down the street. You walk about a block from here.”

Gabriel ran up six flights of stairs. “Evelyn! Kenneth Hagin is here holding a meeting! Right down the street!”

“Gabriel, this must be where Rhema is located!”

They attended the Campmeeting that evening and had never experienced such power. “We stayed for the week and had a witness that God wanted us to move to Tulsa and attend Rhema” Gabriel explains. “We decided to make the move and started looking for jobs. We were at the convention when the speaker told everyone to turn around and greet the people around them. To my surprise, I met the general manager of a car dealership who offered me a job, right there on the spot!”

In September 1994, Gabriel and Evelyn moved to Tulsa and began their first year attending Rhema. They loved it when Brother Copeland ministered at the church. Putting their faith to work, they started a real estate investment company. During that time, they went from sleeping on an air mattress to owning multiple properties.

After taking a break from school to tend to some business matters, the couple enrolled at Rhema again in 1999 for their second year. That’s when Evelyn got pregnant.

Now they were believing God for a miracle.

The Manifest Glory

“Two weeks after being told our baby died, I was doing what I usually do, worshipping God and confessing His Word,” Evelyn remembers. “During that time, I found that place in Him where you know you have the victory. I was overwhelmed by the anointing. I’d never experienced anything like it before. The power of

God rested on me with such a heaviness and heat that I just closed my eyes and basked in His wonderful glory. It was a place of rest and confidence, praise and worship.

“As I lay there with my eyes closed, the power of God filled my belly. It felt like someone reached into my belly and made an adjustment. *Click*. There was such an intensity that it’s hard to describe. I didn’t want to open my eyes because I sensed someone in the room.

“Over time, that presence lifted. When it did, I reached for the phone and called Gabriel. ‘It’s done,’ I said. ‘We’re having a baby.’ Afterward, there was no more spotting, bleeding or cramping.”

When it was time for her to return for her next prenatal visit, Evelyn and Gabriel waited in the exam room, giddy with joy. When the doctor arrived he asked, “What are you doing here?”

“I want to be checked because I’m having a baby,” Evelyn replied.

He took out the monitor and started trying to find the heartbeat. There was none.

You’re so stupid, the enemy mocked.

“Let’s get an ultrasound,” the doctor said.

The ultrasound showed nothing. Minutes ticked by until the doctor almost shouted. “Whoa! That’s a baby!” There on the screen was their little swimmer.

“Wow,” the doctor said, “obviously God wants this baby on the earth.”

Resurrection Power

Gabriel Alexander II was born July 19, 2000, weighing 10 pounds, 4 ounces. His father asked the doctor a question. “Is there any way to test and see if this is the same baby? For instance, could there have been twins and one died?”

“Yes, of course. I’ll send the placenta in for testing.”

Six weeks later, the tests were back. “There was no twin,” the doctor explained. “No dual birth. This is the same baby who died. I’m going to change your records because you’re holding a miracle.”

Gabriel and Evelyn graduated from Rhema in May 2000. In 2002, they had a son, Nigel. In 2003, God called them back to Michigan where they started Better Life Church in Eastpointe.

In 2004, Evelyn gave birth to a daughter, Adonai.

When Gabriel was 5 years old, Evelyn was talking to the children about heaven. Gabriel said, “I’ve been to heaven.”

“You have?”

“Yeah, don’t you remember?”

A holy reverence fell over the room.

The Memory

“First, there was a shadow that came over me,” he said. “Then I was in heaven playing with children in the mountains. Sometimes Jesus came to give hugs. Sometimes He wore sandals and sometimes He didn’t. He said, ‘Gabriel, you’re getting ready to go.’ Mom, don’t you remember the song?”

“No, Son, I don’t remember the song.”

Young Gabriel stood up and waved his arms in the air. Then he sang the song Jesus had sung to him.

“Gabriel! Gabriel! Your mommy’s coming back for you!”

Gabriel! Gabriel! Your mommy’s coming back for you!”

“The next thing I knew, I was here with you,” Gabriel explained.

Tears streamed down Evelyn’s face. “That’s so awesome,” she said, giving Gabriel a hug. Then the Lord spoke to her: *I allowed him to remember that, but he’ll never remember it again. I wanted*

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you to know that you have authority in all realms.

“We believe that the shadow that Gabriel mentioned was the shadow of the valley of death,” his dad explains. “He experienced the shadow of death and then found himself in heaven.

“For many years, we devoured KCM’s materials and watched *BVOV*. We also sowed offerings because the ministry had such an impact on our lives. Then, 13 years ago, we became Partners and that changed everything. There’s a difference between knowing a family and being a member of the family. It changed our ministry to such a degree that I could see the tangible results.

“In 2012, we sowed \$1,000 as we prayed about a problem with our church insurance. Within a day, we had more than a \$130,000 return. Then we went on to sow the largest seed at that time of \$25,000, into Brother Copeland’s plane. Now we are senders. Wherever he goes, we get a part of that spiritual reward. Hallelujah!”

“We wanted to make sure that eternity was in our children’s hearts so we raised them going to the Believers’ Conventions and attending Superkids. They went from Superkids to 14forty, and it has changed their lives.”

Young Gabriel went to flight school at 16, and received his pilot’s license at 18. In 2021, he was part of the second class of students to graduate from Kenneth Copeland Bible College®.

Gabriel and Nigel (left), Adonai (far right)



Adonai has become a young entrepreneur with her own magazine for girls called *No Sorrow* and was a featured guest on The Kellie & Jerri Show. She and her brother Nigel, who listens to Bro Copeland every day, are both attending KCBC® in the fall.”

Gabriel and Evelyn Alexander didn’t believe for a miracle because they wanted a testimony. Knowing that the enemy’s plan is still to kill godly offspring, they just wanted their son. To get him, they had to defy death. And that they did! ⑦



TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY

'The Goodness of God'

I want to testify to the goodness of God. We have attended Believers' Conventions in person and online. We attended SWBC online in 2021, and the presence of God that was "present" online was powerful in a way we had never experienced before! I received a total overhaul healing as I press on to 120 years.

Thank you for never quitting and for pressing in. I cannot express how thankful we are for you as are many all over the world.

J.H. | Illinois

God Came Through

Thank you so much for standing with me in prayer. I was called for job interview; after a week I signed an employment contract. I thank God who has performed His Word in my situation.

B.G. | South Africa

A Transformed Life

While in jail waiting to go to prison, I turned on *Believer's Voice of Victory* in the day room and Sister Gloria was teaching. She did a salvation message and I found myself on the floor accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I started getting the *BVOV* magazine in the mail. In one, I read an article about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I said the prayer and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit all alone in that jail cell.

It's been 15 years since that happened and I've had some ups and downs, but I have been drug free and sober for seven years; and my wife and I serve by helping others who want to break free from the chains of addiction and incarceration. What an honor to serve the Kingdom in this way.

D.T.

'Seed for the Sower'

In 2021, I was led to sow \$50 into the ministry of every guest speaker at church each day they ministered. Then I learned we were having a number of guests. My job is all on commission, which means I trust the Lord.

The first night of Billy Burke, I checked my bank accounts. One account had 38 cents, so I said: "Father, thank You that You provide seed for the sower and bread for food, increase the seed for sowing and the harvest of my righteousness. We made this commitment together and I am looking to You for my supply. So I thank You for seed to sow."

Before church, I pulled up my account; it now said \$148. The bank had returned five service fees! Thanks be to God who always gives us the victory in Christ Jesus, providing seed for the sower and bread for food!

T.B. | Texas

Just the Right Job

I was listening to Kenneth Copeland pray for his Partners at a KCM meeting to get the best jobs they've ever had, and that those jobs would be put together with their assignments. In faith, I agreed with him and continued to confess it. At the right time my brother offered me a good job. I enjoy it and have opportunities to minister and intercede for the people there. Praise God!

K.K. | Riga, Latvia

'What an Inspiration!'

We wanted to express how much *FlashPoint* has meant to us. Knowing the evil and spiritual darkness trying to close in on our country, we needed a lifeline. After listening, we feel encouraged and filled with faith instead of despair. We are given knowledge of current events so we can do spiritual warfare. We

so appreciate the featured men and women of wisdom, courage and discernment who are standing up against the evil forces of darkness. We pray for their safety, favor and effectiveness. What an inspiration!

P.H. | Connecticut

God On the Move

I sent an email requesting prayer and stood on the Word you sent. The Lord has indeed provided for my ministry, and has opened a door for my husband's business. We continue to trust Him to complete what He started in our family. God bless you.

M.G. | South Africa

Tendinitis Gone!

During Healing School in SWBC, I was healed of tendinitis!

D.R. | Bronx, N.Y.

**TODAY,
YOU ARE A
PICTURE OF
WHAT YOU
SPOKE FROM
YOUR HEART
IN THE PAST.**

—Gloria Copeland

Heart Desire Granted

A couple that I know was struggling to conceive. Last year I requested prayer for them and they are now pregnant. God has granted the desire of their heart. We give God all the honor and glory.

N. | South Africa

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, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

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

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‘Only God!’


Thank you for teaching on tithing and offering. I've been tithing to KCM for several years now.

I was looking for a new insurance agent because the rates were skyrocketing. I went to one agent in a suburb of my city; however, because of redlining, she would not insure me because I live just inside the city limits.

As I left her office, I noticed another insurance agency. The owner and workers of this agency were all born-again believers!

Last year when I went up for renewal, my new agent told me that I was the **ONLY** customer whose insurance went down instead of up. Today, when I went for renewal, my premium was more than \$80 LESS than last year. Only GOD!

B.M. | Michigan



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FACE TO FACE, EYE
TO EYE WITH IT.

LEARN HOW TO...

Put Fear on the Run

The newspaper [in 2001] stood up and shouted at me from across the room:

Death to America!

Death to Israel!

We Have This Anthrax!

Are You Afraid?

My response bypassed my thinking. I stood defiantly and pointed at the front page. The answer flew out of my mouth:

“NO! I AM NOT AFRAID!”

I lifted my hand to my heart. Again, I spoke out loud: “No fear here. No fear here.” Over and over again: “No fear here.”

Fear approached me that day. Walked right up to me, waved its arms and shouted at me:

“We have this anthrax. Are you afraid?”

My response to fear—*our* response to fear—must be to attack it. Nail it. Cast it out before it ever has the chance to dig in. If we don’t, a newspaper headline will become another brick of fear in the fortress of terror. Remember, we don’t cope with fear, manage fear or put up with fear anymore. We must enforce a “zero tolerance policy” against fear.

We must train ourselves to immediately act whenever fear comes knocking. We must learn to do what Jesus did—confront fear and cast it out. We must learn how to put fear on the run.

“Fear showed up. We confronted it with faith-filled words. And the coward turned tail and ran.”



A Coward Named Fear

James 4:7 tells us, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” Since the devil is at the root of all fear, we can say, “Resist fear and fear will flee from you.” One dictionary defines *flee* as “running away as in terror.”

Remember the bully in school? As long as we allowed him to intimidate us, we were paralyzed. But the moment we challenged him and won, he backed off. We discovered that down deep, he was a coward.

Fear is a bully—and a coward.

Unchallenged, the bully will have his way.

To effectively defeat him, you will have to stand toe-to-toe, face to face and eye to eye with him. You will have to confront him, resist him, oppose him, attack him. The *New English Bible* translation of James 4:7 says for us to “stand up to the devil and he will turn and run.”

Think about David and Goliath.

Goliath had the entire army of Israel frozen in a state of fear—until David showed up. David stood toe-to-toe, face to face and eye to eye with fear himself. His covenant was his defense; his words were his weapons. Fear was confronted and defeated—its head was removed. As a result, the Philistine army turned coward and ran in terror. David put fear on the run.

Satan came to terrorize Jesus in a desert confrontation. He waited until Jesus fasted 40 days, thinking he would hit Him at His weakest moment. Not so. Jesus confronted the temptations with the most powerful weapon against fear—His faith-filled words.

“It is written!”

“It is written!”

“It is said!”

“And when [fear] had ended all the temptation, he departed from Him for a season” (Luke 4:13, *21st Century King James Version*). That coward ran in terror. Why? Because Jesus stood against him. Toe-to-toe. Face to face. Eye to eye.

Jesus stood up in the boat during the storm and confronted fear. “Peace, be still” (Mark 4:39).

Jesus stood up against death and confronted the evil report to Jairus. “Fear not. Believe only” (Luke 8:50).

Jesus stood up to a legion of devils running toward Him at Gadara. “Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit” (Mark 5:8).

Jesus confronted and resisted fear. He put fear on the run with His greatest weapon—words. You and I confront and resist fear the very same way, by speaking faith-filled words.

The understood subject of James 4:7 is the word *you*. *You* resist fear and fear will turn and run. Let me paraphrase Mark 11:22-23: “Have faith in the Love of God which casts out all fear. Whosoever shall stand up to fear and say, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall believe that what he says shall come to pass, he will be entirely free from fear.”

You and I have the same authority Jesus had to speak to fear. Our faith-filled words will pick up fear and cast it into the sea. Think about the professional wrestlers you may have seen on TV. The champion picks up his opponent and throws him out of the ring. Got the picture? When we speak to fear, we do the very same thing.

Our words eat away at fear’s life force. We chew it up and spit it out with our words. Sound crude? Just read my paraphrased version of Isaiah 41:15: “Beloved, I will make you to be a new, sharp, threshing instrument which has teeth (sounds like our mouths). You shall thresh fear and beat it small. You shall make fear like chaff. You shall winnow fear and the wind shall carry it away. The whirlwind shall scatter fear and you will rejoice in The LORD. You shall glory in the Holy One of Israel.”

Showdown in Guatemala

I remember full well the day my wife, Terri, and I confronted and resisted a paralyzing onslaught of fear, and won! Except this time, it didn’t happen while reading the cover of a newspaper in my mother’s living room. It happened while lying face down on a remote road in Guatemala, caught in a



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firefight between communist guerrillas and Guatemalan military.

At the time, I was publications director and Terri was the television producer at Kenneth Copeland Ministries. We were sent to Guatemala to report on a KCM-supported outreach.

During our stay, we traveled to a small village to conduct a ministry campaign. It took many hours on small, winding roads to get there. While driving over a hill, we noticed some activity ahead. As we approached, we realized it was a military roadblock.

Our driver pulled out a small pistol and handed it to the woman sitting in the back seat with Terri and me. She stuck the pistol in her knee stocking. We began to wonder what was going on.

The driver pulled up to the roadblock, stopped and rolled down his window. Questions were asked, answers given and we were allowed to pass through—only to be stopped again by another soldier.

This time we were ordered to get out of our vehicles. These people weren't officials making a routine check. They were rebel communist guerrillas noted for their reputation as thieves, kidnappers and killers.

As soon as we stepped out, gunfire exploded. We froze. For a moment we were stunned as our once-quiet ride was interrupted by the noise of machine guns.

What we hadn't realized was that we had been followed by a truckload of Guatemalan military who had opened fire when they spotted the guerrillas.

We came to ourselves when our host leader yelled, "Hit the dirt!"

Terri was still standing, looking around, obviously very interested in what was happening. I put my hand on her head and shoved her to the ground. We were now caught in the crossfire of guns and grenade launchers.

We felt the dirt fly up around us as bullets hit the ground. The full force of fear moved in. It had a chokehold wrapped around my heart. Rapid-fire thoughts attacked my mind.

Why did I even come here? I could be home.

I wonder what it feels like to be shot.

I had a vision of the face of my then-2-year-old daughter and thought, *Aubrey can't grow up without a daddy.*

My heart was pounding so hard it lifted me off the ground with every beat.

Fear on the Run

But only a moment later, fear was on the run. Why? I heard someone praying in tongues. That was all I needed. My heart stopped pounding. My thinking became clear. Courage took over as I shouted in tongues. We all caught on. Taking our authority over the devil, we commanded the gunfire to stop.

We confronted fear with faith-filled words.

Toe-to-toe. Face to face. Eye to eye.

And it worked!

The gunfire stopped. The guerrillas ran into the jungle. The Guatemalan military sped by us. We got up and looked around. It was quiet once again. The storm was over. Fear was gone—vanished. It ran from us in stark terror.

We found out later that people were killed that day. But every one of our team made it. That evening, I reread Psalm 91 in a fresh light. It took on a new meaning. "Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day."

Fear showed up. We confronted it with faith-filled words. And the coward turned tail and ran. Score another victory for Jesus!

Now It's Your Turn

What fears are you facing today?

What bully has you terrified?

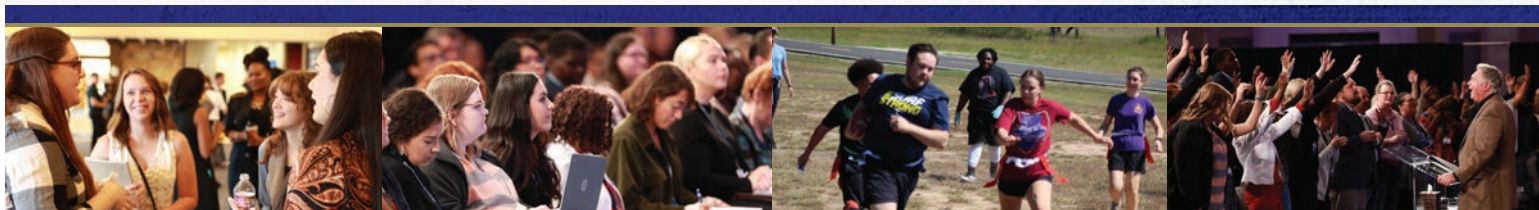
Stand up to fear! Confront it. Oppose it. Resist it. Attack it. Toe-to-toe. Face to face. Eye to eye. Put fear on the run. Speak to it: "Fear, in Jesus' Name, I command you to leave my presence. The LORD is my Helper and there is no fear in love. I cast you out of my life."

Write down fear-free scriptures and confess them often. As you do this, courage will rise. You will confidently put your hand over your heart and boldly say, "No fear here. No fear here. No fear here." 🙏



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Born Overcomers





We often say about people who are naturally gifted at something that they were “born” to do it. We might call a child from a musical family who masters the keyboard at a remarkably young age a “born pianist.” We might refer to a ballplayer whose superior skills catapult him quickly into the record books a “born athlete.”

If you’ve ever looked longingly at such gifted people and wished you knew what you were born to do, here’s some good news. The Bible tells you. It says that if you’re a child of the living God you are a *born overcomer*!

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith” (1 John 5:4).

But I don’t look or feel much like an overcomer right now, you might think. How can I be sure that verse is talking about me?

By reading the one that follows it. It says, “Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” (verse 5).

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? If the answer is yes, then those verses are talking about you. You’re one of the *born overcomers* who are victorious over the world.

According to the dictionary, *victorious* means “having conquered in battle or contest, having triumphed over an enemy or antagonist; conquering, vanquishing as a victorious general and victorious troops.” That’s a great description of us, as believers! “We are more than conquerors through him that loved us.... God...always causeth us to triumph in Christ” (Romans 8:37; 2 Corinthians 2:14). Our vanquishing, victorious general is the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are His victorious troops!



POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:

1

Because, as a believer, you have been born of God, you are already a world-overcomer.

(1 Jn. 5:4)

2

The world encompasses everything on this earth that’s under the influence of the devil.

(2 Cor. 4:3-4)

3

Jesus overcame sin, the world, Satan and all his cohorts, then made you a joint heir of His victory.

(Col. 2:15)

4

As you feed on God’s Word you learn to operate like He does and escape the destruction that is in the world.

(2 Pet. 1:4)

5

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(Rom. 12:2)

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Granted, we don't instantly appear to fit that bill the moment we get saved. We all start out our Christian lives as spiritual babes. But even then, we have within us the overcoming spiritual substance that comes from God. We have His life and His divine nature. We have on the inside of us the dominion that makes Him God, because we are born of Him.

It's like when you were born physically. Even in its infancy your body was designed to walk. You had all the elements necessary to be able to do it. You just didn't know what to do with them. You were a walker who hadn't yet learned to walk.

That's how we are spiritually when we start our Christian lives. We're victorious ones who haven't grown up and matured yet. We're born overcomers who haven't learned to overcome.

What exactly are we born to overcome?

As we saw in 1 John 5:4, we're born to overcome the world.

In that verse, *the world* speaks of everything on this earth that's under the influence of the devil. It refers to the fallen world system he's set up here and to the thinking behind it. It encompasses all the evil in the world and the destruction that results from it; and to its source, the devil himself who is "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Wow! you might think. That sure sounds like a lot to have to overcome.

True. But, as a believer, you can do it because Jesus has already done the really hard part for you. Through His life, death and Resurrection 2,000 years ago, He conquered sin, the world and everything in it. He totally defeated Satan and all his cohorts; "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:15, *New King James Version*). Then He gave all who believe on Him the right to use His Name, making us joint heirs of His victory.

What's more, He provided us with everything we need to walk in that victory.

Fulfilling in us the promise God made in Ezekiel 36:26, He took away our old sinful

nature and gave us "a new heart...and a new spirit." He re-created us on the inside in His image so we can know and fellowship with Him. Plus, He sent His own Holy Spirit to dwell in us and empower us to reign as kings in life (Romans 5:17).

A Setup Deal

Let this soak in: God didn't just send an angel to help you and teach you how to live as an overcomer. He came to live in you Himself! He put His own Spirit in you to be your Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners and Standby.

Talk about a setup deal! Satan doesn't stand a chance against you.

God has your victory so sewn up that if you want it, the devil and all his legions can't take it away from you. All they can do is try to draw you away from the light of God's Word so that you'll keep thinking and operating like the world instead of living like who you really are.

They know, even though you're a born overcomer, you can't overcome this world by conforming to its ways. Even though you're born again to live the high life of God, if you continue to think the world's thoughts and say what the world says, you'll stay stuck in the low life of the world.

That's not what you want to do! The world is under the curse. It's without hope and without God (Ephesians 2:12). It claims to offer pleasure, success and riches, but really all its ways lead to destruction. Its ruler, the devil, can't bless anyone because he's cursed himself. He has no good in him, only evil. Even those who are loyal to him wind up being rewarded with nothing but death because death is all the devil has.

But as a believer, you aren't under the rule of the devil! You're under the lordship of Jesus, and He came that you might have abundant life. Having been born again of Him, you are not of the world anymore (John 17:14). You've been raised up and seated in the heavenlies with Him so that you can live

above the evil in this world: "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:3-4).

Notice those verses say it's by God's exceedingly great and precious promises that we partake of His divine nature. It's by His Word that we learn to think, talk and act like Him. As we saturate ourselves in God's Word, we increasingly operate on the outside like

on God's information. We must reprogram our minds so we live our lives here on earth not like the world but like God.

"Gloria," you might say, "I can't go around acting like God. That would be hypocritical!"

No, it wouldn't. A hypocrite is someone who acts on the outside like something they're not on the inside. You are like God on the inside! In your spirit you're a "new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:24). As you feed on God's Word and spend time fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit, your true identity comes forth.

You begin to grow up spiritually and cast off things that are not like God. You lay aside

“If you continue to think the world's thoughts and say what the world says, you'll stay stuck in the low life of the world.”

who we are on the inside. Our flesh comes under the control of our spirit, so worldly lusts can no longer dominate us and bring destruction into our lives.

In other words, we escape the destruction that is in the world through lust as we do what Romans 12 tells us: "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (verses 1-2).

We can't overcome the world while remaining conformed to it. To live as world-overcomers we must renew our minds to God's higher ways. Instead of feeding all the time on the world's information, we must feed

sinful thoughts and habits, and worldly ways that have dragged you down. Like dearly loved children naturally imitate their earthly father, as you renew your mind by beholding your heavenly Father in the Word, you just naturally follow His example, and His likeness becomes increasingly apparent in you.

A mind renewed by the Word of God is an amazing thing! It will reject the data the world puts into it as fast as a computer rejects faulty commands, and it will readily accept the commands and leadings of the Lord.

His ways are so much higher than the world's ways, an unrenewed mind tends to reject them. It tends to dismiss them as foolish. When your mind has been trained to think like God does, however, His higher ways make perfect sense. So, instead of resisting or



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even dismissing the promptings of the Holy Spirit, your mind becomes receptive to them.

Your soul comes into agreement with your spirit, so you can wholeheartedly obey God. And when you do that, no matter what challenge you might be facing, you're sure to overcome.

Restoring the Divine Image

Bible scholar W.E. Vine calls the renewing of the mind "the adjustment of the moral and spiritual vision and thinking to the mind of God." Theologian R.C. Trench explains it as "the gradual conforming of the man more and more to that new spiritual world into which he has been introduced and in which he now lives and moves.

"Renewing is the restoration of the divine image," he says.

The process of restoring the divine image brings us back to the place where Adam was in the very beginning. When he was in the Garden of Eden, Adam was as much like God as it is possible for any created being to be. He was as alive to the spirit realm as God is, lived in the light of God's truth, and walked in unbroken fellowship with Him.

When Adam sinned, though, the spiritual part of him died. The divine image within him was fatally marred. Separated from the life of God, darkness came over him and he lost the ability to see into and operate in the glory realm of the spirit. Suddenly, instead of being primarily a spirit man, Adam's body and soul took preeminence in his life. He found himself confined to the natural realm where he had to live by what he could see with his physical eyes and perceive with his natural senses. No longer able to walk in God's high life in the power of the Spirit, Adam had to adapt to a lower plane of existence.

Now, the whole world lives on that lower plane of existence. In fact, the world considers it "normal" to live on that lower plane. But really, it's not normal. It's subnormal.

Jesus came to return us to normal!

He came so that by faith in Him, whosoever will can be born again in God's

image. He came not only to pay the price for us to receive forgiveness of sins but to give us access once again to the glory realm of God. He opened the way for us to fellowship with God in the spirit and in His Word. For us to renew our minds to the place where our spirit has dominion over us instead of our soul so that we can live, as Romans 7:6 says, "[under obedience to the promptings] of the Spirit in newness [of life]" (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

"But Gloria, that doesn't sound like a very practical way to live."

It's extremely practical! Your inner Teacher, the Holy Spirit, can show you what to do in every situation. If you're faced with a financial challenge, perhaps a big bill you don't have the money to pay, He can not only show you scriptures to stand on in faith, He can show you what and where to give to position yourself to receive from God what you need.

If you were to just go by what you can see in the natural, you'd miss those Holy Spirit promptings. You'd think, *I can't afford to give right now! I need all the money I have and more just to get by.* But if you're walking in the spirit and you've renewed your mind to think like God does about giving and receiving, and sowing and reaping, you'll obey Him. By giving cheerfully in faith, you'll open the door for the finances you need to come to you; God will meet all your needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19); and you'll come out of that situation as a victor.

There is nothing in this world that can prevail against you if you get your mind and soul in agreement with God's Word and walk in the spirit! So, keep spending time in God's Word and in fellowship with Him. Keep renewing your mind to what He says and obey the promptings of His Spirit. When you're living the high life of the Spirit, even amid the sin-cursed darkness of this world, surrounded by hostile enemies, you can walk in victory, health, blessing and prosperity. You can walk in the glory of God and in His light.

You can live as the overcomer you were born to be. 🏆

A Bold, New Superkid

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"It's impossible for us to stop speaking about all the things we've seen and heard!"

Acts 4:20, *The Passion Translation*



Superkid, it is a new day for us! Though many things have tried to discourage and stop us, God is showing us who we really are and how powerful Jesus is in us. Last month I said, "Jesus makes you bold." We talked about Peter, who wasn't the boldest disciple of Jesus. What happened that changed him, and how can we get some of that?

The last few days before Jesus died on the cross was an uncertain time for Peter and Jesus' other disciples. They knew powerful people were angry at Jesus, putting them all in danger. One night, Jesus spoke about what would happen in the coming days. He didn't want them to be afraid, so He told them that He would take care of them (John 13-18).

On Passover, the last night before going to the cross, Jesus washed their feet and began teaching and warning them. He singled out Peter to tell him he would deny even knowing Him! Peter didn't believe he would ever deny Jesus! Peter and the disciples were confused and shaken that night. Peter argued with Jesus about everything. Have you ever felt fearful and concerned in a hard situation? Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said in John 14, "Don't be afraid!" He promised that He wouldn't leave them alone. He began to describe Someone very special. Can you tell me who He was talking about? That's right...the Holy Spirit! Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a friend just like me—and he will never leave you. The world won't receive him because they can't see him

or know him. But you know him intimately because he remains with you and will live inside you. I promise that I will never leave you helpless or abandon you as orphans—I will come back to you!" (John 14:16-18).

What a wonderful promise! Jesus proceeded to tell them everything they needed to know. I'm sure it was hard for them to understand that night. Over the next few days, they probably weren't remembering what Jesus had promised as they watched Him be arrested, beaten and nailed to the cross! They were hurt, afraid and felt lost. Peter, in particular, was very afraid! So much so, he did just what he thought he would never do, he denied even knowing Jesus.

This doesn't sound like the Peter we read about in the rest of the Bible, does it? He was not very bold, brave or vocal about Jesus. What changed him? After Jesus was dead three days, He came back like He said He would! He came to them many times over the next 40 days, teaching them and, I am sure, telling them His plans for the future (Acts 1:1-5)!

He told them to wait for the gift He had promised them—the Holy Spirit. So they waited in one room all together, when suddenly after 10 days, the Holy Spirit came on them and in them. They began to speak in tongues, a heavenly language they had never heard!

Suddenly, Peter began BOLDLY telling people about Jesus! Where he once denied Him out of fear, a holy boldness came on him when he

received the Holy Spirit. Even when Peter and John were arrested, he continued to be bold! Peter never stopped preaching the good news, and traveling and writing letters (which became part of the Bible) until he died. Was this because Peter was always bold and courageous?

No! The Holy Spirit made Peter into a new, bold, roaring lion! If He can do that for Peter, He can do it for you! It's easy to be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in your new language. Would you pray with me? It's time for a new boldness, and being filled with the Spirit is where we start. Pray this with me:

Father, I am Your child. You are my Father and Jesus is my Savior. I want all of You!

Your Word tells me in Luke 11:10-13, if I ask, I will receive the Holy Spirit. So, Jesus, I ask You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I thank You, Jesus. I believe the Holy Spirit is within me in Jesus' Name.

Holy Spirit, give me a new language as I praise God. I give You my mouth to speak with other tongues, as You give me the utterance.

Now, Superkid, open your mouth and let the words come out as He gives them to you. You just add the sound! He will do the rest, including adding that courage and boldness! Not only that, He also adds power to your life! Pray in the Holy Spirit anytime you want. And any time you feel troubled or sad, there is instant help in the Holy Spirit.

Superkid, this is just the beginning of your life with the Spirit of Help, Comfort and Wisdom. He will make sure you hear everything Jesus is saying to you! And THAT makes you BOLD and courageous like that lion.

You can truly ROAR in your heavenly language! And we will all say, **"It's impossible for us to stop speaking about all the things we've seen and heard!"**

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