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Editor's Letter



The Best Plans

"Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door."

Attributed to the 19th century poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, the implication behind this popular saying is simple: Devising a more superior product will automatically generate customers.

For many, especially those in business, this has been an obsession as they strive to succeed. Something we all should consider, however, is that no plans—thoughts, ideas or "better mouse traps"—begin with us. They all originate in the mind of God—the Source of all things. And His are the best plans. Ecclesiastes 1:9 puts it this way: "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."

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Like to know the different media streams KCM uses to reach people around the world with the message of Jesus Christ? Read this month's feature article on Page 9, and discover how KCM is fulfilling God's mandate to share the uncompromised message of faith on every available voice.

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While signing off on a recent text message, I found myself typing the words, "Thanks, my friend." Realizing that's something I do often, I wondered, Why did you write that? You hardly know him. I received my answer a few days later while reading Psalm 119:63. It says, "I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts." The Message says, "I'm a friend and companion of all who fear you, of those committed to living by your rules."

Upon researching the word *friend*, I discovered it's from the Hebrew *châbâr*, which is defined as "a friend, companion, partner, associate; someone joined together or knit together with another person." The plural, *chaberim*, refers to friends who are closely bonded together in love or in common purpose."

In this verse, the psalmist is saying, "I am a friend of anyone and everyone who reveres the Lord." What I'm saying as I sign off is, "Any friend of God's is a friend of mine!"

Enjoy this month's issue, my friend!

Ronald C. Jordan Managing Editor







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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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Prayer Promises

ALL TOO OFTEN, AS BELIEVERS, WE THINK WE'RE WAITING ON GOD WHEN, REALLY, HE'S WAITING ON US. WE THINK WE'RE WAITING ON HIM TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS WHEN HE'S WAITING ON US TO REALIZE HE ALREADY HAS.

We're waiting on Him to hurry up and supply a particular need when He's waiting on us to take by faith what He's already supplied.

What *has* He already supplied for us?

Second Peter 1:3 says, by "his divine power [He] hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness." Or, as the *New Living Translation* puts it, "By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life."

That's an all-encompassing statement! It leaves nothing out. So we never have to worry that God will leave us lacking. He's provided for us in advance anything we could ever need. "I don't know about that, Brother Copeland," someone might say. "It sure looks to me like there are some things in life that I'm still lacking. If God has already given them to me, I sure don't know where they are."

Look again at 2 Peter 1 and you'll see. It says the things God has given us come "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..." (verses 3–4, emphasis mine).

In other words, the "all things" God has supplied for you are on the pages of your Bible!



There's nothing you could ever need from God that His promises to you don't cover. (2 Pet. 1:3–4) 2

A great and precious promise of God is what enabled you to get born again. (Gal. 3:29)

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Just before Jesus went to the cross He gave us some very powerful prayer promises. (John 15:7) _

Faith is the connector between you and the fulfillment of God's promises. (Heb. 11:1, AMPC)

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When we pray God's promises in faith, we can be confident our answers are on the way. (Mark 11:24)





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They're waiting for you in the great and precious promises written in God's WORD.

You might think that having a promise about something isn't the same as actually having the thing itself, and that's true if the person who made the promise doesn't have the integrity or the ability to back it. But God has both. Unlike human beings, He doesn't lie or change His mind. Whatever He says, He does—always! Every single promise He makes, He fulfills. (See Numbers 23:19.)

That's why every one of us, when we received Jesus as our LORD and Savior, were born again! God promised in Romans 10:9 that if we believed on Him in our heart and confessed Him with our mouth, we would be saved. The instant we believed and acted on that promise God fulfilled it, and we experienced the most phenomenal miracle ever.

We became "a new creation" on the inside. We were delivered out of the kingdom of darkness and translated into the kingdom of the Son of God's Love. Our sins were washed away, and we were made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.21.)

You may not have even realized at the time what was happening. You may have been like Gloria. When she got saved, she'd never even heard of the new birth. She'd just read the note my mother had written in the front of the Bible she'd given me for my birthday. It said: "Ken, precious, seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33."

At the time, Gloria and I were financially broke and in debt, so that promise really caught her attention. Well, I sure do need things added to me, she thought. So, she looked up the verse, read the scriptures that surrounded it and prayed, "God, take my life and do something with it."

How long did she have to wait for Him to answer that prayer?

No time at all! She was instantly born again, because Jesus provided salvation for her and for all of us 2,000 years ago. What's more, because she accepted with simple childlike faith God's promise to add to her all things if she sought Him first, things quickly started being added to us. Before long, we

were able to move out of the nearly empty house we'd been living in, where we didn't have even a refrigerator or a stove, into a fully furnished apartment.

Heirs According to the Promise

Soon afterward, I got born again as well. Sitting in the kitchen after getting home from a flying trip one evening, God's presence filled the room and inside of me I heard His voice. He said, Kenneth, if you don't get right with me, you're going to a devil's hell, Son.

I said, "I know it! But what do I do now?"

Then I heard inside me, the voice of Mrs. Taggert, my boyhood Sunday school teacher. "Boys, you have to ask Jesus to come into your heart." I thought as a kid that was the dumbest thing I'd ever heard. As a grown man, it still sounded dumb to me. But according to Mrs. Taggert, God promised that if I asked Jesus to come into my heart, I'd be saved. So I did, and His promise came to pass.

Although the details of our stories may differ, that's how all of us were born again into the family of God. In our own way, we believed and received God's promise of salvation. For, as Galatians 3 says, "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.... And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (verses 26, 29).

"Yes, but Brother Copeland, I don't think the same principle applies when we're praying for other things we need. When we're asking for healing, financial provision or some other blessing, we can't be certain how God will answer."

We can if we're basing our prayer on one of His great and precious promises; and He's given promises that cover every situation. For us to claim them, of course, we must read the verses around them and make the necessary corrections in our lives to meet their conditions. But once we do, we can pray those promises and be certain they will be fulfilled.

If you need healing, for instance, James 5:15 promises, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

If you have a financial need, Philippians 4:19 promises, "God shall supply all your need

according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

If you need protection, Psalm 91 promises it in every verse.

If the nation is in trouble, in 2 Chronicles 7:14 God promises, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

In the Gospel of John, Jesus even went so far as to promise:

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13–14).

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23).

Do you know how serious Jesus is about keeping those prayer promises? He chose to make them right after the last Passover meal. He established them as covenant promises by giving them to us right after saying, "This... is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:20, New King James Version).

neighborhood where there's a homeowner's covenant, but as far as they're concerned it's no big deal. If the covenant says they can't paint their house pink, they get a lawyer, sue to upgrade the covenant and make it more "progressive," so they can have a pink house.

That kind of covenant is nothing like the one Jesus announced during the last Passover meal. The new covenant He shed His blood to ratify is not a "progressive" covenant. It never changes because its Author, the Almighty God, never changes. He established the new covenant between Himself and the Man, Jesus of Nazareth, and we got in on it through Him.

When we received Him as our LORD, instantly all the great and precious promises in the Bible became to us "Yes, and in Him Amen" (2 Corinthians 1:20, *NKJV*). We didn't instantly see them all fulfilled in our lives, because for that to happen we must believe and act on them. But everything in them belonged to us, nonetheless.

To understand this, think about how it was for the Israelites when they came out of Egypt. Even before they arrived at the border of the land of Canaan, God told them the land was theirs. As Nehemiah 9:15 puts it: He

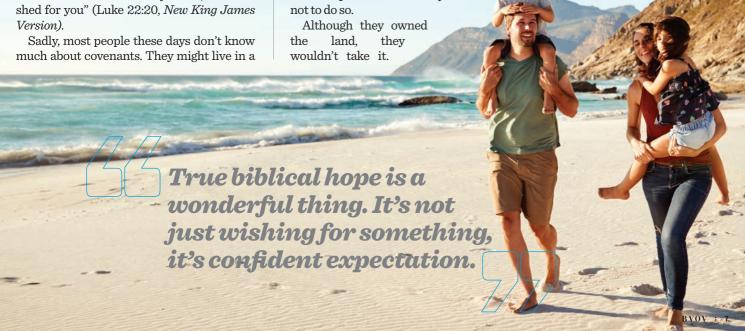
"promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which [He] hadst sworn to give them." But to enjoy it they had to believe and act on that promise—and they chose not to do so. Get your free magazine



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They didn't think they could because of the giants who were living there. Paralyzed by unbelief, "the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Hebrews 4:2). And as a result, they wound up wandering around in the wilderness for 40 years.

Jesus, the Apostle Peter and You!

The Israelites had a covenant with God. As believers, we have an even better covenant. But without faith, the promises in that covenant cannot do you any good. As great and precious as they are, they are worthless to you if you don't believe them.

"I know that's true, Brother Copeland, and though I hate to admit it, you just identified my problem. I don't have any faith!"

Are you a Christian?

"Yes."

Then you must have faith because Romans 12:3 says God has dealt to every believer "the measure of faith." In addition, in 2 Peter 1, Peter addresses all believers as "them that have obtained like precious faith with us," which means if you're a Christian you have the same faith the great Apostle Peter had.

Where did Peter get his faith? From Jesus! So, you not only have faith, you have the same faith Jesus has, the faith of God Himself!

"Brother Copeland, now vou're exaggerating!"

No, I'm just agreeing with the Bible. It tells us in Hebrews 12, to be like great faith heroes who have gone before us and keep "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (verse 2). The word author can also be translated source. The word finisher can also be translated developer. In other words. Jesus has put in us His own faith, and as we keep looking to Him in The WORD, He brings our faith to completion so that it does what it's designed to do.

What is faith designed to do, exactly? It's the connector between you and the fulfillment of God's promises. As Hebrews 11:1 puts it: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

"Faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]" (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).

As you spend time in The WORD, meditating on and living in God's promises, faith rises up on the inside of you and makes those promises alive in you. It enables you to perceive them as real fact and to boldly lay claim to them. It brings you to the place where you have title deed to the promise that covers your situation, and you own what you are seeing in the spirit through hope.

True biblical hope is a wonderful thing. It's not just wishing for something, it's confident expectation. It's like what I experienced as a little boy when I was told that my grandparents were coming to visit. They lived about 300 miles away from us, and we didn't get to see them very often. So whenever my mother told me they were coming I got excited.

Every time I heard a car coming down the street, I ran outside thinking it might be them. Even before they arrived, in my mind's eve I kept seeing them coming up the walk. Why? Because I had a great and precious promise that my grandmother and grandfather were on their way!

That's a simple illustration of the attitude we're to have when we finish praying according to God's promises. Jesus said in Mark 11:24-25: "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any...." When we pray like that, we can start getting excited the moment we finish praying.

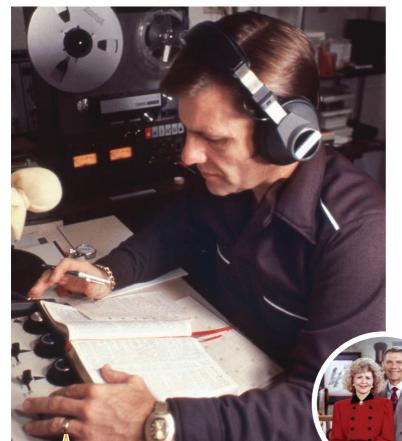
We don't have to wait and wonder if God is going to give us the things we asked for. By faith we have the title deed to them. We believe they are ours because God has said so. We're filled with confident expectation because we have His great and precious promises—our answers are on the way!

and with the support of hundreds of thousands of Partners and Friends around the world faithfully standing in faith that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland have remained steadfast and committed to obey God's commission: Preach the uncompromised Word from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle, and

share the "uncompromised message of faith on every available voice."

For more than half a century.

On Every Available Voice



Radio ministry launched in May 1975, broadcasting on 10 stations.

Today, 55 years later, Kenneth Copeland Ministries is using every stream of media God makes available—from print to television, from the internet to multiple forms of social media—to reach millions around the world with the saving message that Jesus Is Lord!

With a staff of 500-plus worldwide, KCM maintains offices in the United States, Canada, Africa, Australia, Europe, Ukraine and Colombia. And Kenneth and Gloria's books, magazines, CDs and DVDs have been

translated into at least 22 languages to reach the world with the message of faith and victory.

Humble Beginnings

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. "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 to the living room of the little house he and Gloria occupied in Tulsa, Okla. With no money and no meetings scheduled, that was

as far as he knew to go. 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.

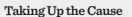
Everywhere they go, Kenneth and Gloria continue to preach the uncompromised Word to the nations—bringing people from the milk to the meat of God's Word and shaping the course of an entire generation of believers.

Growing a Ministry

The 1970s were tremendous years of growth for the newly established Kenneth Copeland Evangelistic Association, later to be known as Kenneth Copeland Ministries. The first issue of *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, the first of several voices to come, was published in September 1973 as a four-page newsletter and distributed to about 3,000 people. Today, 49 years later, the publication has evolved into a 32-page, full-color magazine, distributed free each month to nearly 400,000 subscribers worldwide—on five different continents. Last year, more than 3.8 million free issues of *BVOV* were distributed to 159 countries in six languages.

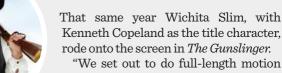
KCM Africa has printed its own BVOV magazine since late 2000. Since 2001, KCM Europe has been translating and printing a German version of the magazine, initially six times a year but monthly since 2007. Australia began printing its own magazine in March 2006. KCM Ukraine began printing a four-page Russian BVOV bimonthly in early 2000, that today has become a 16-page monthly publication. A digital version of the BVOV magazine goes out in French on a monthly basis.

In February 2012, KCM began mailing the printed version of *La Voz de Victoria del Crevente (BVOV* in Spanish) to subscribers. More than 7,550 households were receiving the magazine in Spanish by 2014. And in January 2016, KCM Latin America began producing and mailing the printed version of the Spanish magazine in Colombia for the entire region.



Over 30 years ago, a new concept in children's ministry at KCM was born with the creation of Commander Kellie and the Superkids. The characters for this cartoon/animation feature first appeared in audiobook adventure format, but after three

albums listeners wanted more. By 1992, the first Superkid movie, *The Intruder*, debuted.



"We set out to do full-length motion pictures, and in those motion pictures train and teach the power of The WORD of God," Brother Copeland recalls.

Great success, coupled with the delight of both parents and children, resulted in four more Superkid movies: Armor of Light; The Sword; Judgment: The Trial of Commander Kellie; and Superkid Academy: The Mission; plus two additional Wichita Slim movies, Covenant Rider and The Treasure of

Eagle Mountain. Then, in April 1993, the first children's activity page appeared in the Believer's Voice of Victory magazine. A year later, in May 1994, Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids magazine debuted, growing from 5,000 subscriptions to over 150,000 when its last issue was distributed in 2006. For more than a decade, Shout! not only won awards, it also brought the Word of God to tens of thousands of children regularly. When its run was complete, 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.

May 27, 1979

KCM aired its first one-hour, weekly TV broadcast.

New Courses and Voices

KCM launched its radio ministry in May 1975, broadcasting on 10 stations, and 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.

Television became the next "available voice" for KCM in 1979, as the ministry aired its first one-hour, weekly TV broadcast on May 27. Leading up to that were five tapings of *The Word of Faith* in 1971, and then 50 tapings of *The Prayer Group*, which aired on TV between 1972 and 1978. The programs opened with a traditional hymn, but what followed was unexpected and refreshing: "The WORD will energize your faith, and faith will energize your prayers," declared



a young Kenneth Copeland. Soon, those early programs had grown to become *Believer's Voice* of *Victory*, a one-hour Sunday broadcast, taped during Kenneth Copeland Ministries' Victory Campaigns and meetings held across the nation.

The Sunday broadcast had been a pioneering production in every sense of the word. At that time, few television preachers were on network television for one full hour, and television professionals and equipment were, in many instances, the property of the major television networks. So developing a format and producing a major Christian television program that would be taped on location while actual ministry took place, was a large faith project.

"The key to success—we discovered through experience—was to avoid doing anything that would stop the anointing," said Terri Copeland Pearsons, the first director of television at KCM.

The broadcast originally premiered in just two cities, Augusta, Ga., and Houston, Texas. But in only nine months, this power-packed program had expanded to 36 stations and was changing lives all across America—as thousands of letters pouring into KCM testified. The truth about this far-reaching medium of television—originally dubbed the one-eyed demon in religious circles—was now indisputable: Television could actually transmit the burden-removing, yoke-destroying power of God. And that's exactly what the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast did.

The message of faith was blazing across the country like never before. Then in 1988, nine years after getting onto Sunday television, the Lord reminded Kenneth and Gloria of something He said to them in 1967 that put them on a course toward destiny. Then, He had said to them: I told you that I was coming so soon that I wanted this uncompromised message of faith on every available voice. I have not changed. I have not released you from that assignment.

God then added a new, and seemingly impossible, direction, giving them an assignment that would be the biggest step of faith they had ever taken: I want you to begin airing daily, 30-minute broadcasts through which you will teach believers who they are in Christ Jesus. Bring them from religion to reality.... Use these programs to teach, not preach. They didn't have the money to go on daily television, nor did they have the personnel, the equipment or a studio.

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Kenneth and Terri Copeland Pearsons (right) on the daily TV set, 1991



What they had, though, was that one word from God. And they had their faith. That was all God needed!

Reaching Around the World!

The early efforts to get the uncompromised Word of God onto daily television laid a solid foundation for how KCM's television ministry has evolved. Kenneth explains it so well: "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. We called those things that be not as though they were. We did all the same things you'll have to do to reach your next faith goal... we looked to God. As always, God was faithful to His WORD."

Speaking by faith in 1988, Kenneth said, "God has commanded us to launch a major offensive, to aggressively attack the forces of darkness. And we are committed to taking that step, no matter what the cost.

"We will see the wounds that have been inflicted on the Body of Christ in recent times begin to heal. We will see individual believers set free from the bondage of sickness, sin, poverty and fear. We will see the Church truly begin to glorify the Name of The LORD!"

Today, the *BVOV* broadcast is available around the world to a potential viewership of more than 318 million in the U.S., and another 3 billion internationally. Areas reached include Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, India/Middle East, South America, Latin America, New Zealand and the U.S. The weekly broadcast is aired in Spanish all across

We were on television in Muslim countries. How can you do that? You can't but we were.

Faith in God will cross any border. Love will break down anything.... You know why they kept us on the air in Muslim countries?

We paid on time and we paid in cash. It kept the stations opened.



-Kenneth Copeland



Latin America, the U.S., Puerto Rico, Spain and Portugal.

One of the biggest additions to the TV ministry came in 2015 when KCM launched the Believer's Voice of Victory Network®, which was changed to VICTORY Channel™ in 2019. A faith-based TV network, it offers 24/7 programming of the Word of God taught by some of the most trusted Bible teachers, including Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis, Creflo Dollar, George and Terri Pearsons, Mac Hammond, Keith Moore, Bill Winston, Keith Butler, Andrew Wommack, Billye Brim, Kenneth Hagin Jr., David and Nicole Crank, Gary Keesee, and many others. With viewing audiences of more than 14 million each on Dish® CHANNEL 265, and DIRECTV® Channel 366, VICTORY Channel has a potential viewership of nearly 40 million via streaming platforms that include KCM.org., Roku®, Apple TV®, Android TV, TuneIn, iHeartRadio, YouTube® and Amazon Fire TV. VICTORY Channel is not supported by advertising, but relies solely on the generous contributions of its viewers.

The internet has also played a major role in the growth of KCM as a voice on the web. In 2001, 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 2015 has enabled Partners and Friends to strengthen their faith with a learning center they can



From its headquarters in Fort Worth, KCM oversees its six international offices. It is through these offices that KCM can further extend its outreach with the Word of God. The ministry continues to grow, going wherever the Lord directs, and using every voice He makes available, to deliver the message of hope, promise and faith, and letting the world know that Jesus Is Lord!

three-day Victory Campaigns each year. 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 teach on

healing in every meeting. He said: I want

you to share what you know about being

healed, because I want My people well. In

recent years, Kenneth started ministering

alongside Gloria at Healing School.



'So Many Miracles'

During my medical education, I had medical and financial upsets. Many times I felt like I was failing. Often with tears I prayed, confessed, read my Partner Letters, devoured the Victory magazine, and watched the broadcasts over and over. Once, I laid on my sofa in despair, sat up, picked up the magazine and read Kenneth: "Don't you dare give up." Gloria said, "Take it!" Jerry said to believe for favor, and on and on. So many miracles. I am now a born-again, Spirit-filled, faith-walking, confession-talking, board-certified, internal medicine physician! K.T. | Indiana

'Total Healing'

I injured my knee and went to the ER. The doctor said I had a meniscus tear and released me with a knee brace, crutches and medications. At a consultation with an orthopedic surgeon, he said he did not want me to go back to work until after my next appointment and possible knee surgery.

I filled out the online KCM prayer form, then received my total healing while in a grocery checkout line. I could feel the prayer

and the healing going through my entire body. In fact, the Holy Spirit healing moved so fast, other customers started talking about Jesus in the checkout line, and I told them about getting born again. When I went for the follow-up, I was able to move my knee without pain. The doctor said I did not need surgery and that I could go back to work. Thank You, Jesus!

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HalleluYAH!

Jesus is Lord!

T.P. | Denver, Colo.

J.S. | New Jersey

The Power of Agreement

Thank you for your prayer of agreement for my daughter and son-in-law to find employment in western Pennsylvania. They both received official job offers and were able to plan their move back NOME, R.P. | Pennsylvania

Constant Word

Thank you for VICTORY Channel[™]. I keep VICTORY on my phone all night while I sleep and wake up for Morning Prayer; and listen while I work cleaning houses; and in my garden or cooking dinner. What a huge blessing you all are to me. The Word of God is constant.

L.Q. | California

I sent a prayer request for my daughter, who had sinus pressure, anxiety and fear. We believed that the Lord would do a miracle for

in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." Now, all symptoms are gone—thank You, Jesus! We thank KCM for standing with us. May the Lord richly bless this ministry. C.S. | Florida

All Symptoms Gone!

her and also believed on His Word which says, "Where two or three are gathered



Thank you to the staff and volunteers for the genuine love and kindness they showed my 7-yearold granddaughter and me during

the 2021 SWBC.

It was our first one. We financially attended by faith, and God provided over and above for us. My faith was enlarged

and refreshed; I am beyond grateful for KCM and the difference it makes in my life and that of my family.

Connected and Affected

I was at the SWBC. and symptoms of allergies and a headache were attacking. As I prepared a seed to sow, I heard Holy Spirit say to become a monthly Partner! So I did immediately. Then Brother Copeland was teaching, and in the middle of his teaching he stopped and praved in the spirit, then said, "Every Partner is receiving what they have need of **RIGHT NOW!"**

My body was healed IMMEDIATELY-No time lapse! I began to thank God for His goodness and how He instructed me to become a Partner in that moment. I believe God gave Brother Copeland that word JUST FOR ME. Had I not become a Partner right before that session, it wouldn't have applied to me BUT because I was now connected. I was affected! Thank You. Jesus! And thank you, KCM, for all you do.

C.S.

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D.U. | North Dakota



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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Things shouldn't be this hard.

That thought kept circling in Kevin Hostetler's mind like a buzzard hovering over roadkill. Straightening his desk, Kevin prepared to leave for the day. Then, sinking back into his chair, he closed his eyes. All his struggles and questions felt heavy and oppressive.

It shouldn't be that way. Not for a strong believer who'd been raised in a Christian home.



Life's struggles shouldn't leave him questioning everything. They shouldn't make him so apathetic that he didn't even care much about going to church.

Family had always been important to Kevin. His own family. God's family. That's why the sudden and devastating church split had left him reeling. The enemy had driven a wedge between segments of the church, splitting them apart like the

parting of the Red Sea. If that hadn't been enough, he and his wife, Joan, had ended up on one side of the split, and his family on the other.

The pain from having his own family and his church family at odds had been excruciating. But that had been exacerbated by another loss.

Kevin and Joan had been married for 13 years without having any children. Fertility specialists scratched their heads with no answers. If that weren't bad enough, now they were faced with a financial crisis that threatened to rip apart the seams of their lives. Kevin had called debt consolidators for help.

"You're too far gone," they said. "You need to declare bankruptcy."

Though determined to not do that, Kevin saw no way out.

"Father," he prayed, "I need to see a light at the end of the tunnel."

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

		JULY	
		Old Testament 1	New Testament
Fri	1	2 Kgs. 10:1-12:8	Rom. 13
Sat	2	2 Kgs. 12:9-14:22	
Sun	3	Ps. 79-81; Prov. 17:1-18	
Mon	4	2 Kgs. 14:23-16:20	Rom. 14
Tue	5	2 Kgs. 17:1-18:16	Rom. 15
Wed	6	2 Kgs. 18:17-20:11	Rom. 16
Thu	7	2 Kgs. 20:12-22:20	1 Cor. 1
Fri	8	2 Kgs. 23-24	1 Cor. 2
Sat	9	2 Kgs. 25-1 Chr. 1:	33
Sun	10	Ps. 82-85; Prov. 17:19-18:9	
Mon	11	1 Chr. 1:34-2:41	1 Cor. 3
Tue	12	1 Chr. 2:42-4:23	1 Cor. 4
Wed	13	1 Chr. 4:24-6:30	1 Cor. 5
Thu	14	1 Chr. 6:31-7:12	1 Cor. 6
Fri	15	1 Chr. 7:13-8:40	1 Cor. 7
Sat	16	1 Chr. 9:1-11:3	
Sun	17	Ps. 86-88; Prov. 18:10-24	
Mon	18	1 Chr. 11:4-12:22	1 Cor. 8
Tue	19	1 Chr. 12:23-15:15	1 Cor. 9
Wed	20	1 Chr. 15:16-16:43	1 Cor. 10
Thu	21	1 Chr. 17-19	1 Cor. 11
Fri	22	1 Chr. 20-22	1 Cor. 12
Sat	23	1 Chr. 23-24	
Sun	24	Ps. 89; Prov. 19:1-17	
Mon	25	1 Chr. 25-26	1 Cor. 13
Tue	26	1 Chr. 27:1-29:9	1 Cor. 14
Wed	27	1 Chr. 29:10- 2 Chr. 2:18	1 Cor. 15
Thu	28	2 Chr. 3:1-6:11	1 Cor. 16
Fri	29	2 Chr. 6:12-8:10	2 Cor. 1
Sat	30	2 Chr. 8:11-11:4	
Sun	31	Ps. 90-92; Prov. 19:18-29	

A Family Divided

"The church split had been so devastating, it affected every area of our lives," Kevin recalls. "When our world felt off-center, the one thing Joan and I had to hold onto was a solid foundation of faith. I was an only child, but my father was one of 13 children born into an Amish family. Dad grew up Amish for the first 12 years of his life. Then his family converted to become Mennonites.

"In 1964, Dad married my mother who was a Pentecostal in the Church of God. Dad, who accepted the call into the ministry, soon became a Pentecostal himself. In the late '70s, he was introduced to KCM and stepped into a life of faith. This all caused a disruption in the family as they warned him of the dangers of faith, the Holy Spirt and a Pentecostal lifestyle.

"However, my grandfather, Roman Hostetler, was intrigued. Instead of warning my dad, he listened to him. Although he didn't make it public, he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues before he died.

"Needless to say, I grew up listening to Kenneth Copeland and Oral Roberts. In 1991, I enrolled in the Pittsburg Institute of Mortuary Science. During that time, Dad accepted the pastorate of a church in Parsons, W.Va. The second Sunday there, I met Joan and was smitten. We married on October 10, 1992.

"Joan's grandfather had been one of the founding members of the church in Parsons. He had taken out a mortgage on his house in order to start the church. Like me, Joan grew up listening to Kenneth Copeland, so we were on the same page. In the mid '90s, Joan and I took her mother to a Believers' Convention in Chattanooga, Tenn. I stepped out of working in the mortuary for six years and helped Dad with the church.

"In 2000, I went back to being a funeral director while Joan worked in banking. Neither of us were prepared for the church split or the financial crisis. When Joan's sister started having children, we were ready to start a family. Things weren't turning out the way we'd expected."

There were no large, unexpected checks

in the mail. No sudden healing of the breach in the church. No unexpected pregnancy. However, just like Kevin had prayed, there was a glimmer of light in the darkness.

A still, small voice echoed through every molecule of Kevin's spirit: *Everything will be all right*.

Little by Little

With that assurance, Kevin knew he could soldier on. He might not have a family of his own, but God had positioned him to minister to grieving families. Meanwhile, he and Joan continued to stand in faith, dealing with debt little by little. Another thing they continued to do was give financially to KCM and other ministries with whom they had partnered.

Because of their financial problems, giving seemed like the wrong solution. But Kevin and Joan knew it was right.

Over the next two years, things improved. Kevin and Joan dealt with the debt and saw their finances begin to stabilize. Relationships healed following the church split. One thing that hadn't changed was that they still didn't have a family of their own.

By 2007, they'd been married for 15 years without any children, Joan remembers.

"We had always wanted one or two children," she said. "The Burlington United Methodist Family Service has a program where you can foster to adopt. To be approved, you have to take a series of classes.

"We took the classes, and on Feb. 14, 2008, we were approved for the program. They told us to expect to start getting calls about children. The calls we got were about children who weren't available for adoption. They just needed homes until they could be reunited with their families. That's not what we wanted."

In May 2008, the social worker called.

"I know you only want one or two children at most, but we've got a group of five sisters who are available for adoption. I talked to you about them earlier, but they've been in foster care for quite a while. If we don't get them into a permanent home, we're going to have to split them up. Would you just come to the facility to consider them? You can watch them and see how they interact."

A Divine Appointment Memorial Day weekend, Kevin and Joan

walked into the facility. One of the sisters ran up to Joan and asked, "Are you going to be my mom?"

Three girls were ages 7, 4, 3 and the twins, also girls, were 18 months old. Kevin and Joan colored with them and went with them to McDonald's. As they prepared to leave, the social worker said she'd call them on Tuesday after Memorial Day to get their impressions.

In the car, Kevin turned to Joan. "I don't want to leave them," he said.

When the social worker called, she screamed when they told her they would take all five girls. No one wanted to see them separated.

"There was a transition period when the girls visited us for days at a time," Joan recalls. "We moved them into our home on Oct. 4,

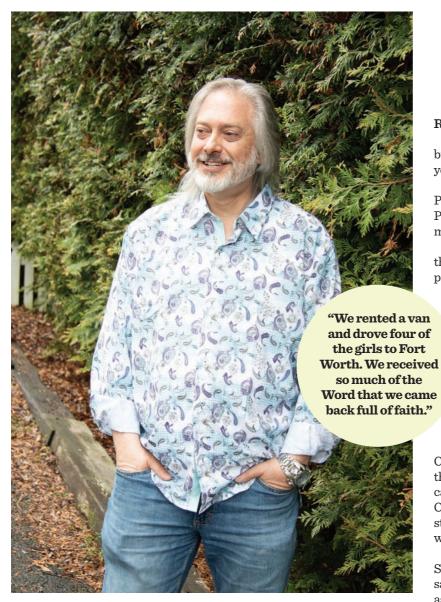
Our lives changed overnight

Five girls—Emily, Katie, Alexa, Ciara and Serena—were a handful.

2008. We had to have them in our home for six months to make sure everything was going to work before we could file for adoption.

"The twins took to us immediately. Even during our visits before they moved in, they cried when they left us to return to foster care.





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It took the older girls a little longer to bond with us.

"Our lives changed overnight. Five girls—Emily, Katie, Alexa, Ciara and Serena—were a handful. Our silent house wasn't quiet any longer. Like all siblings, they fight and have issues. We had obstacles to overcome but they're worth it. Over the years, we've kept them in private schools."

Meanwhile, the man Kevin worked for owned two funeral homes 45 minutes apart. One was located in Valley Bend, W.Va. The other was in Parsons. In 2015, the owner decided to sell and asked Kevin if he wanted to buy them.

Kevin and Joan prayed about it and then in September of that year, they bought them. If adopting five little girls hadn't made their lives busy enough, owning two businesses created more challenges.

Reconciliation of Accounts

The new accountant Kevin hired for the business sternly questioned him. "What is this you're giving to Kenneth Copeland Ministries?"

"It's a tithe," Kevin explained. "Joan and I are Partners personally, and I made the businesses Partners as well. We give 10% of everything we make to them."

"OK, but that's quite a bit of money. Do you think you could cut that down so we can better position ourselves?"

"No."

"I can't talk you out of this?"

"No. No, you can't."

Over the next year, the accountant watched as the business prospered. One day he said, "You know the money you pay me each month?"

"Your salary, yes."

"Could you take what you would pay me this month and put it into that ministry?"

When Kevin and Joan discovered VICTORY Channel™, KCM's 24-hour Christian network, the TV stayed on it. Each time a commercial came on advertising the Southwest Believers' Convention, Joan had an odd reaction. She started sobbing. One day she told Kevin what was happening.

"I feel an urgency that we need to attend the Southwest Believers' Convention in 2016," she said. They started praying about it and setting aside money for the trip.

"Katie, our second oldest, was scheduled to do something else, so we rented a van and drove four of the girls to Fort Worth," Kevin remembers. "The whole thing looked like it was a setup for a miserable week. Getting all the girls up early, dressed, fed and to the convention center was challenging. Then we sat through services all day and walked back to the hotel late each night. I knew it had to be God because we went through the week without any trouble. Even Emily and Alexa, who fight a lot, didn't have any conflict. We received so much of the Word that we came back full of faith.

Faith for the Right Response

"Six months later, we took another big hit. That's when I knew how imperative it was that we had attended SWBC. If we hadn't gone, I don't think I would have made the right



decisions when faced with this ordeal. The wrong decision would have been devastating. That's why we rely so heavily on VICTORY Channel. Even if I've heard a message before, I keep listening, because I know I'm going to need it.

"We attended the church my dad pastored. In 2013, he retired. Then in 2019, he went home to be with the Lord. One of my dad's sisters was very conservative in her faith. She had four boys who sang in a quartet. They were known as the Somers Boys. Many of Dad's 13 siblings had passed, but others came to his funeral, and the Somers Boys sang. It was an amazing experience and a wonderful blending of our families."

In 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic, the youth pastor at their church held services through livestreaming on Facebook. Once the church reopened, the overseer called and asked Kevin if he would still be willing to accept the role of pastor. Kevin had known since he was a kid that although his first call was to business, he also had a call to ministry. After praying, he and Joan accepted the pastorate of the church, which they also made a Partner with KCM.

"Since then, we've attended two of KCM's Ministers' Conferences, which were wonderful," Kevin explains. "There is such an atmosphere of family at the ministry. I just listen and feast on the Word of God. I do a lot of driving between my two businesses, and I keep a thumb drive in my vehicle with messages from the Ministers' Conference. I know if I haven't listened to them at least six to 10 times, I haven't got it in me yet.

"We've officially partnered with KCM since 1995. I find that partnership with KCM is a lot like the love of God. When things get hectic and I let my part slip, KCM doesn't. They have never failed to send me a magazine. They've never failed to send me encouragement through the Partner Letter. They've never failed to pray for us. They never stop offering all those free resources, like message outlines, CDs, books and even Bibles.

"Today, Emily is 21, Katie is 19, Alexa is 18 and Ciara and Serena are 16. Our lives are full and running over. In addition to having our own family, through KCM we have family all over the world."

Do Something With It!



LET'S STAND STRONG IN THE MINISTRY GOD HAS GIVEN US AND FULFILL OUR CALLING!

I was a Marine stationed in the middle of the Vietnam War when Jesus upended my life. Before then, I was the devil's vessel. I didn't want to be. He was relentless, though—taunting me every night. Before long I learned that being born again is the best way to live. There's nothing better! I'll never turn back, never retreat.

I'm in the ministry for life, but then, so is every believer.

For some, like me, it's the fivefold ministry: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors

and teachers (Ephesians 4:11). For others, it's the ministry of helps (1 Corinthians 12:28), those who assist the fivefold ministry. Both ministries are important. They rely on one another. There can be no quit in these ministries, or in us. No turning back. No retreat. No surrender.

No matter which ministry you're in, you're part of the Body of Christ. As Jesus told Simon Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

That excites me: Hell itself will not prevail against us! We're in a battle, but as the Church we don't have to fear it. We are earth warriors and earth conquerors, and we will succeed (Isaiah 54:17). Because of our efforts, people are saved, and the enemy's work is destroyed. That's what happens when we fulfill our calling!

Fortify the Local Church

Last year, the Lord instructed us to begin fortifying the local church. He told several ministers—me, Brother Kenneth Copeland and others—to proclaim this message to the Body of Christ. I didn't understand His reasoning at first, but over time, it became clear. The local church is the ark of safety in the last days, and it needs to be trained and ready.

Judgment, and all that is outlined in the book of Revelation, is coming. When that happens, the Church will say, "I will take care of things." We have a special assignment and anointing to reach the lost, to grab their souls and take them to heaven with us.

To have a strong local church, it requires not only the fivefold ministry, but also the ministry of helps to be in full operation. Without this army of helps, the Church can't do all it's called to do. But this army needs training and leadership to fulfill its calling.

It reminds me of raising kids. When they were just little squirts, I had to teach them to be honorable. Come Mother's Day, I'd take them down to the store and buy a little card for them to give to my wife, Vickie. They'd scribble in it at the table, then we'd take it to Mama. She'd make a big deal out of it. She knew the kids hadn't gone to the store; I had. But after a while, the kids grew up. They didn't have to be reminded that it was Mother's Day. I'd already taught them to honor their mom.

Church bodies are the same. The members must be taught to be honorable to the pastor and to minister in excellence. I had a pastor say to me once, "Well, it was just Pastor Appreciation Day and my church didn't do anything." But that's because he hadn't taught his congregation to be honorable.

Pastors in young churches often find themselves doing a lot of the work themselves. They end up doing things they don't want to do, and often, things they shouldn't do. That's why it's so important to train those in the ministry of helps to operate in their supportive roles. It's not enough to teach and preach the Word; pastors must *train* the Body of Christ.

When Jesus said, "I will build my church," He didn't simply mean His Church would grow. He said He would *build* the Church. That's going to take a lot of leadership and systems and training.

Just as a military general is only as good as his troops in the field, so is a pastor only as good as his ministry of helps. He could be a tremendous leader and strategist, but he will lose if the troops under his authority aren't trained.

When Vickie and I were first starting out in the ministry, our church facility wasn't anything to write home about. The parking lot was gravel and dirt. It turned into a mud pit when it rained. One time I got out of my car and went into the building and didn't notice that my shoe was muddy. One of the church ushers did. A couple of minutes before I began preaching, he approached me with a little shoe kit in his hand and bent down to polish my shoe.

When I tried to stop him, this sweet brother stood up, looked me in the eye and said, "Well, Reverend, with all due respect, it isn't fair. How come you get to do your ministry, but I don't get to do mine?"

He was right. So I took my shoe off and gave it to him. (We did, however, set some procedures in place for a situation like that so it was respectful without being awkward for either of us.)

Through that experience, I learned how necessary it was to train the Body and give permission for the ministry of helps to function. Without it, they'll never fulfill their ministry. They'll have big hearts to serve and no way to release what God has put inside them.

To Live, To Obey, To Serve

All this is part of what Jesus was telling Peter in John 21:15-18:

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me



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more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

Jesus was saying, "The price I pay will be dear. I'm going to be tortured for you. I'm going to die for you. I'm doing all this for you and the world. But after I go through this, do something with it. Don't waste it. Do something with it." It wasn't enough for Simon Peter to know the doctrines. He needed to do something with what he'd learned, with the gift he'd been given.

Sometimes I think about all those who invested in me over the years—as a believer and as a minister—all those who taught seminars, conferences, camp meetings and Holy Ghost meetings. Those men and women of God mentored me, corrected me, fixed me, taught me, believed in me, helped me financially and so much more. I can't help but ask myself, What have I done with the investment they made? How have I shared the gospel? Who have I trained? Whose ministry have I supported and helped launch?

I'm asking you those same questions today.

Whether we do anything with what the Lord gave us or not, He still died for us. We know that. But we're called to *live* for Him, to *obey* Him, to *serve* Him.

We can't quit. We can't give up. There's too much work to be done. Too many souls to reach with the good news. Too many believers to train.

For those of us called to ministry, whether the fivefold ministry or the ministry of helps, there's really no alternative—at least not one that brings satisfaction.



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Remember the prophet Jeremiah? He tried to quit, but he couldn't. He had to do something with what he'd been given. He wrote, "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" (Jeremiah 20:9).

Jeremiah couldn't help it. God had called him and put the truth in him. He had to proclaim it.

The same goes for us. If we have the truth, if we've been called and equipped—which we have—then we've got to keep going. We'll be miserable if we don't.

Jesus has given us a gift, and we must do something with it. We can't quit. The gates of hell shall not prevail against us. We are the Church and we're in this ministry for life. Let's stand strong in the ministry God has given us and fulfill our calling!



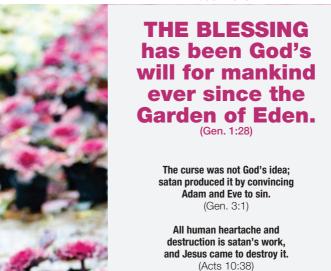
Through His life, death and

resurrection, Jesus defeated

the devil, overcame the curse and restored everything Adam

lost in the Fall.

(John 10:10)





Get in the Habit of Believing

I'VE BEEN CALLED A LOT OF THINGS OVER THE YEARS, AND GULLIBLE IS ONE OF THEM.

MAYBE I AM GULLIBLE. BUT I WOULD MUCH RATHER BE GULLIBLE THAN HARDHEARTED.

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

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

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

Have the Heart To Believe

We know of at least one time when Jesus got on to His disciples for being hardhearted. It all started when Thomas made a faithless decision after hearing reports about Jesus being raised from the dead. Thomas told his fellow disciples, "Except I shall see [Jesus]...I will not believe" (John 20:25).

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

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

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

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

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

Faith Is an Action Word

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

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

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

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

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

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

When the father pleaded for compassion,

Jesus threw the responsibility back on him, saying, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (verse 23).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

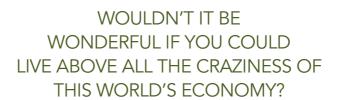
It will get out of your head and into your heart. It will get you out of the *impossible* and into the *possible*. You will get into the habit of living on the believing side of life.

Jesus will do the work for you, but He cannot do the believing for you.









Buy Without Money

Wouldn't it be great if, regardless of its ups and downs, regardless of how many dollars you might or might not have in your bank account, you could still purchase whatever you need or desire?

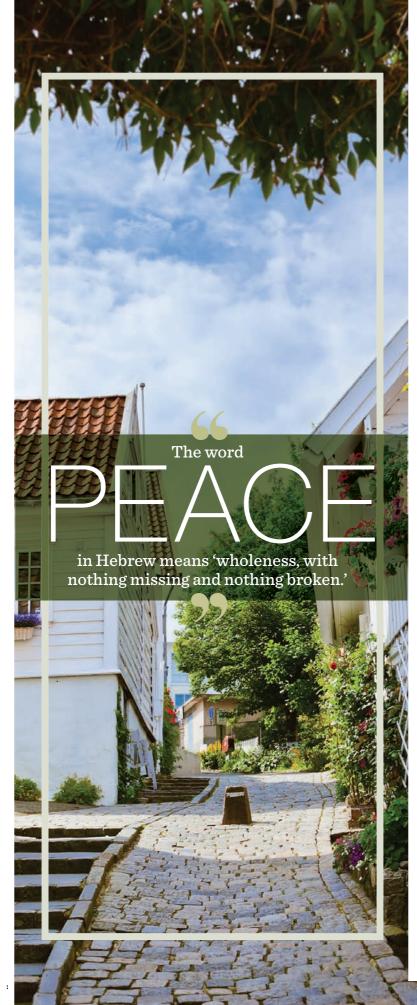
As amazing as it sounds, you can! You can't do it without God, of course, but with Him it's absolutely possible.

He's given us a way to buy *without* money! Ken and I can testify to it, both from the Bible and from personal experience. We began learning from the Word how to buy without money more than 55 years ago, and we enjoy it. It's a wonderful way to live.

With faith in God in your heart and in your mouth, you can live a prosperous life anywhere, anytime, because He's not dependent on the conditions in this world. God is not limited by its economic systems, politics, recessions, depressions, supply chain shortages or anything else you can see with your natural eyes.

God is all-powerful. He moves in the supernatural. He is the Supreme Being, and nothing is impossible for Him. Whatever He says. He can and will do.

Think about what He said He would do for the Old Testament Israelites, for example. When He delivered them from the slavery of Egypt, He promised to bring them into a land they could call their own—a rich land that flowed with milk and honey. They didn't have to come up with the money to buy that land. If they chose, they could just believe God's promise and act on it because God had already said the land was theirs.



God has said much the same thing to us as New Testament believers. He's said that by His divine power He "hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness" through the knowledge of Him and His promises (2 Peter 1:3). The difference between our promised land and the Israelites' is that ours isn't confined to a particular geographical location. God can make a land of plenty for us anywhere!

No matter where we might live, "all things" are ours in Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 3:21). We're His mobile temples, and our covenant with Him is a "covenant of...peace" (Isaiah 54:10). The word *peace* in Hebrew means "wholeness, with nothing missing and nothing broken." It includes healing for our body, righteousness for our spirit, soundness for our mind and material prosperity. We have access to those blessings and more 24/7, everywhere we go. God gave us His Word on it. Our part is to simply believe Him and receive.

In John 15:7, Jesus put it this way: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." In other words, if you're living in union with Jesus and His Word is living in you, God can make your dreams come true.

"But Gloria, why would Almighty God care about my little dreams?"

Because to Him, if you're a born-again believer you're not just some random human being walking around on the earth. You're His very own child. You're special to Him. Just as a good earthly father loves and watches over his children, your heavenly Father loves and watches over you. He wants to protect you, increase you and give you the desires of your heart.

God wants to do those things for all His children!

What's more, He is so loving and His heart is so big, He's invited all people everywhere to become His children. He hasn't left anyone out. He has said to everyone:

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your

soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Why Stay Thirsty?

Notice the phrase "come ye to the waters." That's the first thing God tells us to do because waters, in the Bible, represent the life of God. Until we come to Him and receive His life, nothing else in those verses will work for us. Without Him, we won't be able to buy without money.

Without God, we'll have only ourselves to depend on. We'll have to toil and struggle to get what we want; and even if we manage to do so, we'll still feel dissatisfied. We'll waste our life running after things that, once we get them, don't give us any peace.

I don't want to do that and I'm sure you don't either. It makes no sense. Jesus said if you seek first the kingdom of God—His ways of doing and being right—everything in the natural realm will be added to you as well (Matthew 6:33). So why would you keep seeking material things first and stay spiritually thirsty when you can have it all by coming to God and drinking His waters of life?

"But I don't know how to come to God's waters of life," someone might say.

It's simple. You receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. He's the only way to God. "I am the way, the truth, and the life:" He said, "no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.... He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (John 14:6; 1 John 5:12).

This is a vital truth that even some people who call themselves "Christians" haven't understood: You don't get the eternal God kind of life just by joining a church. You don't get it just by being religious and trying to behave yourself. You receive eternal life when you believe on Jesus and make Him your Lord. So, if you've never done that, I encourage you to do it right now.

It only takes one decision. Just say, "Jesus, I choose You to be the Lord of my life. I believe You came to earth and paid the price for my sins and rose from the dead so that I could be made whole. By faith I receive You as my Savior, and I give my life to You."

It's that easy. When you pray that from your







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With God at the helm of your life, you're not limited by the conditions in this world because He's not limited by them. (Mark 10:27)

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All God asks is that you hear His Word and do it. (Isa. 55:2)

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When you find out from the Word what God has promised you, faith rises up in you to receive it. (Rom. 10:17)

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God enjoys making His people wealthy, and no matter what state the world's economy is in, He is well able to do it. (1 Sam. 2:7-8) heart, all your sins are washed away and you are instantly born again on the inside. The Spirit of God comes to live in you and becomes within you "a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14) so that you can start living the God kind of life!

How do you learn to live that kind of life?

By doing the second thing God tells us to do in Isaiah 55:2-3: "Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live."

In 6,000 years of Bible history, that's all God has ever asked of His people. He's only asked us to hear and do what He says. Every command or instruction He's ever given us is for our good. So, when we take His Word into our hearts and live on it, we experience the good life He has planned for us. When we live like Jesus said, "not...by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4), no matter what happens in this world, we can continue to enjoy a rich, abundant, satisfying life.

In Proverbs 4 God says it this way: "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (verses 20–23).

Attend to God's Word means "give it your attention." Put it first place in your life and schedule so that you get it in your heart in abundance. When the Word gets in you in abundance it changes your thinking. It brings you into agreement with God so that you're working with Him instead of against Him. It causes faith to rise up in you so that you can receive what He has promised.

One way you attend to the Word is by going to a good church where it's being preached. Revelation comes easier when you're listening to a man or woman of God who knows the Word and is anointed to minister it. With their help you can learn things faster than you can trying all by yourself to dig out of the Bible all the answers you need.

Of course, in addition to hearing the Word at church, you also need to read and study your Bible at home. Just as you put natural food into your physical body every day, you need











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Heeding it (or getting in heartfelt agreement with it so that you act on it) is as important as hearing it. You don't want to spend time in the Word just getting intellectual knowledge. Intellectual knowledge won't help you in your time of need. The Word in your heart is what will meet your need in times of trouble. It will not only bring you through, it will bring you through in victory.

Steady, Earnest, Energetic Effort

Christians who are too lazy to spend time in the Word don't live in victory. Lazy Christians live like the world does. When the world's economy craters, theirs craters too, because they haven't expended the effort required to get the answer inside them.

That's why in Isaiah 55, God said, "Hearken diligently unto me." According to the dictionary, diligence is characterized by steady, earnest, energetic effort. So obviously, God expects us to really apply ourselves to this business of attending to His Word.

"But why does it have to be so hard?" someone might ask.

It's not! Especially these days, it's easier than ever before. Most everyone reading

this can tune in to VICTORY Channel and hear the Word anytime of the day or night. We not only have Bibles to read, we can put Bible apps on our phones and take the Word with us everywhere we go.

We have more ways to keep God's Word before our eyes, in our ears and in our hearts than any other generation ever has. And God wants us to do it. Because He loves us, He wants us to learn how He thinks and how He operates.

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout...so shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:8-11, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).

I'm so grateful God has given us His written Word! With His Word in our heart and mouth, we can live like He does even while we're living in this world. We can walk in His ways and operate in His kingdom right here on earth. His Word never returns to Him without producing what He said. When we speak it by faith, it comes to pass for us. It connects us to God's power and prospers us so that we can live in supernatural abundance anywhere, anytime.

I'm telling you, God has no problem prospering His people. He promised to do it; He enjoys it; and no matter what state the world's economy might be in, He is well able. First Samuel 2:7 says, "The LORD makes poor and makes rich" (New King James Version). (That doesn't mean He makes some of His children poor and others rich. It's the wicked He makes poor. He makes all His family rich, if they'll cooperate with Him.) "He brings low and lifts up. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory" (verses 7-8, NKJV).

I never lived on a literal ash heap, but I know what it's like to be poor. Ken and I were poor the first few years after we got married. We didn't have our needs met. We didn't have the money to pay for a decent home or furniture. We couldn't afford a decent car or nice clothes. All we had to depend on was ourselves, and ourselves was not enough.

But then, thank God, we found out about the waters of God's life. We came to Him, started hearkening diligently to Him and living by faith, and things began to change. God lifted us out of poverty into abundance. Now all our needs are met according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

We do have money, but we aren't limited to it. We aren't subject to this world's economy or its crazy financial system. Whatever happens, we know how to keep increasing. We can buy without money because we're living in the kingdom of God!

Freedom To Speak Correction Correction



Happy July to Superkids all over the world! In America, we celebrate our freedom every July.

One of the greatest freedoms to celebrate is the freedom of speech. In America, people have the right to say what they want to say, whether it is popular, truthful, kind or not.

I'm grateful to be able to freely write to you about Jesus every month! I try to teach you, help you, love you and bless you with instruction, wisdom and understanding.

I'm FREE to express God's Love to you with every WORD I write! I say, "Thank you," to every person who fought to make others free, especially those who fought and died so I could be free. That makes me think of another Hero who gave His Life for freedom for all of us. Any guesses? That's right! Jesus! He paid for our first freedoms! Even though some of us may not live in countries where freedom is celebrated, no one can take away the freedoms Jesus has given us. Freedom to be loved and healed by Him, to walk in His protection, peace and joy belong to every person who chooses Him. The freedom to choose Jesus can never be taken away! Because Jesus shed His blood for us, we are free to call on His Name and He will save us! That is freedom of speech for all of us! Superkid, I want to encourage you to remember today to be grateful for freedom in Jesus, no matter what country vou live in.

As we express our gratitude, let's be mindful to give Jesus something in return. Think through these questions. Does

Jesus have freedom of speech in your life? Is He free to say what He wants to say to you? Do you listen to and obey His voice?

Jesus wants to be your Shepherd. In John 10:1-5 Jesus Himself tells about the relationship between the sheep and the shepherd and the sneaky stranger.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice" (New Living Translation).

Who gets to talk to you? Do you know His voice? You are the gatekeeper. You decide who you listen to. This is a free choice that you get to make. Ask yourself, Do I listen to Jesus the Good Shepherd or the other voices that lead me in a different direction? When the enemy speaks, don't listen! That sneaky stranger will lead you into trouble, not life and freedom.

you are GIVING Him your ear. You are giving Him freedom to speak to you and lead you. He doesn't sneak in to get your attention. He freely speaks and you follow Him. This is the key to receiving all the other freedoms that Jesus purchased for you. Receive His voice and you'll have His words—receive His words and you'll have His freedom. This is how we turn to the Lord for His help.

Second Corinthians 3:16-17 (NLT), is one of my favorite verses: "But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

It's that simple to find freedom in the Lord! So, to thank Him for purchasing our freedom, let's give Him freedom of speech! Let's give Him our ears!

And as He leads us, we can use OUR freedom of speech to tell others about our wonderful Shepherd and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Free to be free!

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