



### God has a plan, and you're part of it!

Dear Partners and Friends,

Christmas is a reminder that God has *always* had a plan. "In the beginning was The WORD, and The WORD was with God, and The WORD was God.... And The WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:1, 14).

Praise God! From the beginning of time, God had a plan for our salvation. It was a foolproof plan that the devil didn't see coming. Because of God's Love for us, Jesus, the Anointed One and His Anointing, was born into this world, a gift from the Father to you and me (John 3:16).

Jesus' birth made a way for us to not only know Him, but also for us to receive THE BLESSING into our lives, and to live victoriously each and every day. When we put our faith in the Anointed One and His Anointing, we can receive the salvation and long life He promised (Psalm 91:16)!

The year 2023 is just around the corner, and Gloria and I are as excited as ever to continue fulfilling the mandate The LORD gave us 55 years ago: I am coming soon, He said. I want this noncompromising message of faith put forth on every available voice. We will continue to speak His WORD of life about this wonderful salvation to everyone who will hear it (Proverbs 18:21).

And this Christmas, our hearts rejoice because YOU, our Partners and Friends, are standing in agreement with us. You're sowing your seeds, partnering with us in PRAYER and ACTION (James 2:18). Together, we are sharing this message of God's plan, His perfect gift, with the world. (The devil didn't see that coming either!)

As our family gathers this Christmas season and celebrates Jesus, you'll be with us in our prayers, thoughts and in our hearts. We're so thankful for you. God loves you, and we love you. Always remember: Jesus Is Lord!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Kennah & Gloria

PS. The LORD has spoken, and we are excited to declare His word that: "2023 will be as exciting as it can be. It'll be the time when you'll say it, and the devil will flee. Because you will know the truth and the truth will make you free. And all around you will begin to rise up, like great mountains of victory. And you'll stand strong and say, 'God is on my side in 2023, because He's BLESSING me." Amen!



#### The Joy of Christmas!

It's December. That means it's Christmastime!

Time to switch gears—to start planning for the busyness that comes at this time of the year. From bringing out the Christmas tree and strategically planning how the decorations will be placed, to spending hours shopping and waiting in long lines, to planning a holiday feast-the checklist never seems to end.

Christmas is an exciting time. But unless you're prepared to handle the potential challenges this season can bring, it can also be a very stressful time. Don't let that happen. Start now, making plans for how you can get everything done. Begin with prayer, asking God to give you the wisdom to plan and organize properly. James 1:5 says, "If you don't have all the wisdom needed for this journey, then all you have to do is ask God for it; and God will grant all that you need" (The Voice). Trust God to allow His peace to keep you from becoming stressed. Praise Him along the way, and let your praise keep you in His presence so you can clearly hear His voice.

Make a list, and check it often to be sure everything is covered and nothing is undone. Then don't try to do everything yourself. Make it an adventure by including family members in the planning, the decorating and even the shopping. If you're single and have family living with you or nearby, you can still make it a family project. Working and spending time together as a family is really what makes this season so special.

Christmas doesn't have to be a time of dread. You can make it a fun, rewarding and joyous time-for yourself and everyone around youif you'll just see this time of busyness as also being a time of fellowship and ministry.

And don't forget to celebrate Jesus-who died for your sins and mine and was raised from the dead so we could be raised with Him to a new life. He took our place so we could live eternally with Him. He's the real REASON for the season!

December is also special to us here at KCM as we celebrate the 86th birthday of our founder, Kenneth Copeland. We're so honored to partner with such a committed, dedicated man of God and his wife Gloria, who for over 55 years have been faithful to preach the uncompromised Word of God around the world, Happy Birthday, sir!

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

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> -Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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# **Possessing Your Promised**



putting together a faith plan for your future."

I want to ask you a question that very likely no one has ever asked you before: If Jesus tarries His coming and you wind up finishing out your natural lifetime on this earth, how long are you planning to live?

To live out the full number of your years, you do need to have a plan, you know. It's not likely to happen just by chance. The devil is determined to make sure of it. So whatever age

you are right now-whether you're in your 20s or your 80s (like I am)—you need to be putting together a faith plan for your future. You need to be learning from The WORD of God how to make sure you complete your course on this earth and enjoy every day here that God has promised you.

"But Brother Copeland, I've always heard that God hasn't promised us tomorrow. Doesn't



God's plan for His people has always been that we live a full. long and healthy life. (Ex. 23:25-26)

Contrary to what many people think, God doesn't consider long life to be just 70 or 80 years.

(Gen. 6:3)

You don't have to live to 120, but you can if you choose to. (Deut. 30:19)

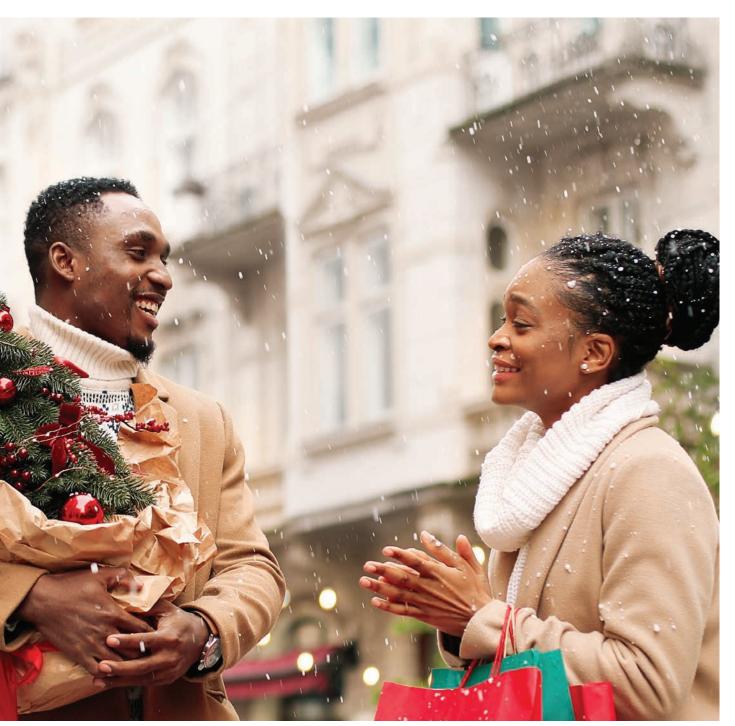
To choose life you must speak life words.

(Prov. 18:21)

The Bible is the ultimate health and long-life manual. (Prov. 3:1-2)









the Bible say He has appointed a time for each of us to die and it might come at any moment?"

No. That's not what the Bible says. It says God has appointed to every man "once" to die (Hebrews 9:27)—and if you're a believer you'll be happy to know that, spiritually speaking, that "once" is already behind you. You died the day you made Jesus Christ your LORD!

When you put your faith in Him, your old, sinful spirit died and you were born again into eternal life. So really, you've already done all

the dying you're ever going to do. When you finish your life on earth you'll simply depart. Your spirit will leave, and your physical body will die because you aren't in it anymore. Your kinfolk may dress it up, put it in a box, and gather around it at the funeral, but you won't be there. You'll be with Jesus in heaven. That's a settled fact!

What has not yet been settled, though, is *when* you're going to make your departure. That will be determined by your faith and the

decisions you make this side of heaven.

Doesn't God have any say at all in the matter? you might wonder.

Yes, but He's already said it. He's already laid out clearly in His written WORD what His will is, not only for you but for every believer.

In Psalm 91:16, He said, "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." And in Exodus 23:25–26, He said: "Ye shall serve the LORD your God, and [your angel] shall BLESS thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil."

Those two verses sum up God's plan for you. He intends for you to fulfill the number of your days and live a long, satisfying life.

What exactly in His estimation qualifies as long life?

Contrary to what a lot of people think, it's more than just 70 or 80 years. The only place in the Bible those numbers are mentioned is in Psalm 90, where Moses was lamenting the shortened lives of the

rebellious Israelites. They died at 70 or 80 because they refused to believe God would give them the Promised Land,

"How do you choose life? You choose life



and because they themselves had said they were going to die in the wilderness. Obviously, they aren't our standard for long life.

Our standard for long life is found in Genesis 6:3, where "The LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."

That's what God considers a normal lifespan—120 years. He won't make you live that long, of course. Nor does He guarantee you will live that long automatically just because you're His child. Having given His WORD that He's made that many years on this earth available to you, He leaves the decision as to what you're going to do about it up to you.

He won't make the choice for you. As He told the Israelites when they were on their way to the Promised Land, "I have set before you life and death, BLESSING and cursing: therefore [you] choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

#### What You Say Is Your Faith Talking

How do you choose life? You choose life words, for as Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."

Your tongue is powerful! You can use it to receive healing and health, or you can kill yourself with it. That's why the devil works so hard to get death words into your vocabulary. He can't kill you just because he wants to. He always wants to. But to succeed he must get hold of your tongue.

Why?

Because what you say is your faith talking. If you say, "I don't know what I'm going to do," it will be to you according to your faith. You'll continue not to know what to do.

If you really listen to people, you'll be shocked at how much death there is in just their day-to-day conversations. They don't think twice about saying things like, "These shoes are killing me!" or talking about how something just thrilled them to death.

"So, what am I supposed to say?" you might ask, "Something just 'thrills me to life'?"

Certainly, that would be an improvement. But the wisest option is to speak the truth, without embellishment. Don't lie and say that being thrilled kills you. Just keep things simple. Follow what James says Jesus' instructions are and "let your yes be [a simple] yes, and your no be [a simple] no, so that you may not sin and fall under condemnation" (James 5:12, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition). "For whatever is more than these is from the evil one" (Matthew 5:37, New King James Version).

Even better, learn to use Bible covenant words. If you're expressing excitement about something God has done, don't say, "It was incredible." That literally means it couldn't be believed, and you're a believer. So instead use a scriptural word, like awesome. Or, to quote Psalm 118:23, say, "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes"!

You might think I'm just nitpicking here, but I'm not. Your words count. What you say is what you receive. According to Matthew 12:37, "By your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (NKJV). Speaking death, fear and unbelief will work against you. Even if you think you don't mean what you're saying, you will be "snared by the words of your mouth" (Proverbs 6:2, NKJV).

On the flip side, believing and speaking the life-giving truth of God's WORD will deliver you from the devil's snares. It will release God's power on your behalf and activate His plan in your life.

Faith-filled words dominate the laws of sin and death! You proved that when you got born again. In your own way, you confessed with your mouth The LORD Jesus, believed in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and you were instantly saved. Your faith-filled words delivered you out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of God's dear Son, and the devil himself couldn't stop it from happening.

The same principle works when it comes to longevity. You can use your words to lay hold of long life and to dominate the corruption in this world that, if you let it, will rob you of some of the years God has promised you. You can believe in your heart and continually confess with your mouth that you're going to live a long, satisfied life.

Do you have to believe for a full 120



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years? No, but you can, because you have a word from The LORD to stand on. As we've seen, in Genesis 6:3, *NKJV*, "The LORD said" about man that "his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

Notice, *The LORD* said that! He stated it as His will and His promise and had it recorded in His Covenant Book. So, whatever men may say to the contrary, His 120-year-lifespan plan for humanity still stands.

"But Brother Copeland, in this day and age, expecting to live 120 years is just unreasonable!"

No, it's not. But even if it were, it wouldn't matter. God doesn't change with the passing of time and neither does His WORD. His WORD is His bond. It remains true whether we think it seems reasonable or not.

You might be interested to know this though: Even in the scientific and medical communities, the general consensus is that 120 years is a reasonable lifespan. Recent research confirms that's how long the human body really should live. Scientists and doctors just can't figure out how to get it to do so. It's still a mystery to them.

It's no mystery to God though. He knows exactly what it takes for our bodies to live for 120 years, and He's written it all down for us in His WORD. He's mapped out our longevity plan for us, and all we must do is believe and act on it.

#### 'Will You Do It for Me?'

Until just a few years ago, the idea of believing to live to 120 had never even occurred to me. But one day as I was reading Genesis 6:3, He began to deal with me about it. That's just as much My WORD as 1 Peter 2:24 that says by Jesus' stripes you were healed, He said. Then, over a period of time, He let me consider what I was going to do about it.

He didn't tell me I had to believe for 120 years. He didn't command me to do it. He asked, *Will you do this for Me?* 

"Certainly, I will do it for You," I replied. "But why do You need me to?"

Because there are anointings missing in

the Body of Christ because My people haven't been living long enough to walk in them. He pointed out to me that the anointing on our lives increases the longer we walk with Him. He said, Kenneth, were you as anointed when you first stepped into ministry at 30 years old as you were at 40?

"No," I answered.

Were you as anointed at 40 as you were when you were 50...or 60...or 70?

"No."

I have 85-, 90- and 100-year anointings planned for My people, He said. But for the most part they've disappeared. Beyond 100, I don't have any of them in the earth. The 120-year anointing isn't here.

For me, committing to stay on the earth for 120 years meant I had to make certain changes in my lifestyle. I had to commit to doing everything it takes to stay spiritually, mentally and physically fit. By faith in God and in Genesis 6:3 I've done that, and as a result, today, at 85 years old, I'm in better physical condition than I have been in many,

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many years.

I'm not pointing to myself. I'm pointing to God and to His WORD. He's the One who promised us long life, and His WORD is what empowers us to take possession of it.

God's WORD is the ultimate health and longlife manual! That's why He says in Proverbs 3, "My son, forget not my law or teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of a life [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death], these shall they add to you" (verses 1–2, AMPC).

All God's teachings and commands are important, but particularly those about walking in love. Love is what keeps your faith working (Galatians 5:6), and faith is what enables you to lay claim to the promises of God. When you're walking in love and in faith, you can say with confidence what David did, for example, in Psalm 103:2-5: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Notice in verse 5 the word *things* is in italics. That means it was added by the translators. What that verse actually says is that God satisfies your mouth with good. Good what? Good words. Good faith words that come from The WORD of God. His words release supernatural youth-renewing power.

That's how we, as believers, are supposed to be! God's plan isn't for us to limp into our latter years, crumbling and falling apart. His plan is for our youth to be continually renewed. "Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish," He said. "They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that The LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him" (Psalm 92:13–15, *NKJV*).





## HASTENING THE LORD'S RETURN

Jeanne Wilkerson, a most powerful woman of prayer and prophecy, once said that all of history hangs on two golden hooks: the First Coming of the Lord, and His Second.

For centuries, the Body of Christ lived in the shadow of that First Coming. But in the early part of the last century the Church began a turn toward the dawn of His return. The great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which began in 1901, gradually brought the restoration of the gifts of the Spirit, and most importantly, the unveiling of the Word of God as never before.

But now, as all these things come together, we are clearly approaching what Proverbs 4:18, *New International Version*, calls "the full light of day," and His appearing is ever so close at hand.

#### Jesus Is Coming

Years ago, my husband, George, and I had the privilege of becoming well acquainted with a man named Justus du Plessis—a prominent

"Instead of trying to live blamelessly by our own efforts, we are to live from the inside out." figure in Pentecostal circles throughout much of the 20th century with signs and wonders following his ministry. George once asked this man of great power and love, "What do you see that is different in the Church now than back then?"

He was quick to respond, "We don't say enough that Jesus is coming soon. We used to say it all the time."

Our day is not only one of looking for His return, but we have an active role to play in it. Where can we discover our part in this greatest of all events? The Word of God! It is actually all laid out for us in very plain view.

Everything that happened in the First Coming of the Lord set a precedent for His Second Coming. We can actually look at the key figures involved in the days just before and after His birth to get a wonderful picture of the Church actively preparing the way for His return. And while we are making the way for His return, we will also be preparing ourselves as the Bride about to be joined to her Groom.

Although several people are mentioned in Luke's account of Jesus' birth, and each of them worthy of study, I would like to focus on Zacharias and Elizabeth. Their story is not only essential to the First Coming of the Lord, but offers prophetic insight into His Second Coming as well. I am always looking for the flashlight of the Holy Spirit to shine on Scripture and show us things to come. John 16:13, *New King James Version*, says, "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

Zacharias was a descendant of Aaron, the first high priest of the Levitical priesthood. So today he would represent the fivefold ministry gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher (see Ephesians 4:11). Though New Testament ministry is different from the Old Testament, both are ordained of God to represent Him and His Word to the Covenant people. These New Testament ministry gifts are essential "for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12,



New American Standard Bible). Without the anointing dispersed through these men and women of God, we would be ill-equipped to live a life worthy of our calling as end-time workers.

Zacharias' wife, Elizabeth, was also a descendant of Aaron. She would represent the laity of the Church who, though not called to pulpit ministry, have still been born into "a royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9). Together, they represent all aspects of the Church working in divine order toward the hastening of His return.

Luke 1:6 gives us some insight into what this royal priesthood should be giving special attention to. It says, "They both were righteous in the sight of God, walking *blamelessly* in *all* the commandments and requirements of the Lord" (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).

#### 'Walking Blamelessly'

Sounds impossible! Blameless in every commandment? How?

Well, we know from 2 Corinthians 5:21 that the Church has been made the righteousness of God in Christ. When a person accepts Jesus as Lord, that person accepts His substitutionary work, and is recreated by a master work of the Holy Spirit. His work is perfect and perfectly pleasing to the Father. This makes it possible for us to be blameless and welcome in His presence, both now and in heaven. But that's not walking in righteousness. There is still too big of a gap between our righteous inner being and how we are walking it out.

In the Old Testament, people were looked upon by God as righteous based on their works. It was righteousness on the outside, covering for the lack of it inside. But in the New Testament we are not saved by our works, but by grace. That doesn't dismiss our works, or deeds, as unimportant. In fact, we will be judged according to what we do while in this body, in this life. But instead of trying to live blamelessly by our own efforts, we are to live from the inside out, our every action enabled by His indwelling righteousness.

Ephesians 2:10 tells us we were re-created in Christ Jesus so that we may do those good

works which God predestined for us. The result is not failed attempts by the flesh at holiness, but a lifestyle of holy behavior that comes from living out of our spirit man and truly being who and what we are: the children of the most righteous and holy God.

Now, even though righteousness makes holiness possible, we still need help. Thank God He sent the very Spirit of Holiness Himself to both teach and empower us to grow up in Jesus until we live just like Him.

What exactly were Zacharias and Elizabeth blameless in? "Walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord" (Luke 1:6, *AMPC*).

First John 3:23 summarizes all that Jesus has commanded and required of the Church: "And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."

Clear enough!

Faith and love.

For the last 55 years, my dad, Kenneth Copeland, along with many others, has made those two things the pillar of his ministry. After 55-plus years of faith and love, I'm sure some have thought, *Will he ever stop preaching on that?* To which Brother Kenneth E. Hagin would answer, "Not until you get it!"

It is very prideful and dangerous for us to ever think, *Now, we already know about that.* That just sets aside the need to grow in faith and love. It's one thing to know *about* something and quite another to *master* it. There's no end to how far the Church can develop in faith or love, so we must never tire of hearing about them or establishing them in our lives. Our eyes should always be on Jesus, the Author of our faith and the full expression of God's love. By the Spirit within us, we are ever adjusting ourselves until we are walking in the light, *even as He is in the light* (1 John 1:7).

To be sure—being righteous before God hangs entirely on the first of God's great golden hooks, the First Coming of the Lord. But in these last days, our walk of faith, love and power will draw us, and many, many others with us, to that other golden hook—the Second Coming of the Lord! This gives purpose to both who we are, and all we do.  $\P$ 



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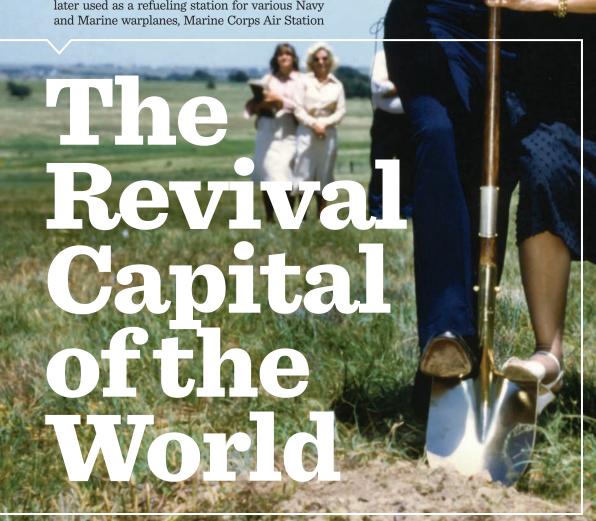
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When God decides to create something, He calls "things which be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17). So, it's no surprise that the first time He spoke to Kenneth Copeland about "The Revival Capital of the World"," no such place existed.

The sprawling piece of land where it would one day be built existed, certainly. But no one would have mistaken it for any kind of capital.

On the contrary. At the time, the site God was calling His "Revival Capital" looked more like a ghost town. Once the site of a bustling military base built to test gliders during World War II, and later used as a refueling station for various Navy and Marine warplanes, Marine Corps Air Station





Eagle Mountain had long since been abandoned: The planes that had soared over it, a distant memory. The more than 8,000 people who once called it home, all gone.

By 1970, not much remained but a few ramshackle buildings and a sunbaked stretch of runway. Yet it was that year, while flying home from a meeting, Brother Copeland heard words he'd never forget.

"It was nighttime, and I was alone in the airplane," he recalls. "All of a sudden, I heard a voice in my spirit, as clearly as if it were coming over my radio. The voice said, Coming to you from The Revival Capital of the World.

"I thought to myself, There is an Entertainment Capital of the World-Hollywood. There is a Political Capital of the World—Washington, D.C. But where is The Revival Capital of the World?"

Puzzling over the question that night, Brother Copeland had no answer. Little did he know that the property he was flying over at the time-a dusty old airbase 23 miles north of Fort Worth on Eagle Mountain Lake that was formerly the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station—was what the Lord was calling *The Revival Capital of the World*. He didn't know anything about the property. And he wouldn't for another three years.

#### When There Seems To Be No Way

With Kenneth Copeland Ministries growing rapidly, by 1973 Brother Copeland knew they'd eventually need a site with plenty of space to accommodate the ministry's expansion. When a board member of the then Kenneth Copeland Evangelistic Association heard about a choice piece of property for sale on Eagle Mountain Lake, he drove Kenneth and Gloria out to see

> the property. The moment Brother Copeland stepped onto the property he heard the voice of the Lord, once again calling things that didn't exist as though they did.

> THIS is The Revival Capital of the World, and you are going to build it, the

In the natural, that looked like an impossibility. At just six years old, Kenneth Copeland Ministries didn't have anywhere near enough money to take on such a challenge. The cost of the land alone far exceeded the current ministry budget. Not to mention the cost of renovating the old structures on the property and adding

the new ones that would be needed. What's more,

Many people are attempting to quiet the voice of the ministry of The **LORD Jesus** Christ. And it is extremely important that there be a voice of victory loud and clear.



-Kenneth Copeland

Brother Copeland and his wife, Gloria, had committed to the Lord never to borrow money.

With God, however, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26); and Kenneth and Gloria knew it. They also knew that all things are possible to them that believe (Mark 9:23). So, they took God at His word and looked to Him to make a way.

Five years passed while they waited for God to show them the next step. During that time, God provided a beautiful property for KCM about 35 miles away, at Lake Arlington.

"To the natural eye, it seemed ideal," recalls Brother Copeland. "But God told me, *This isn't* the final place."

Sure enough, in 1978, the Lord directed Brother Copeland to meet with the owner of the property at Eagle Mountain, Mr. Paul H. Pewitt. When Mr. Pewitt heard Brother Copeland share his vision for the land, he caught it immediately. There was just one hitch, Brother Copeland explained. KCM still didn't have the money to purchase the property outright, and borrowing wasn't an option.

Mr. Pewitt sat in silence for a while, apparently considering the dilemma.

"Come back and see me," he said.

"After three more visits, our dear brother Mr. Pewitt came up with a plan," Brother Copeland recalls.

Turning away other potential buyers, he offered to lease the land to KCM, apply the lease payments to the purchase price, and sell the property to the ministry in four segments so they could begin to take ownership of it more quickly. To top it all off, Mr. Pewitt gave KCM permission to sell the gravel that was on the land and use the profits to help make the lease payments.

The offer was nothing short of supernatural! *Now is the time...get it done!* the Lord told Brother Copeland.

So, in 1979, the deal was finalized and construction began. What had been a training ground for military pilots and soldiers started being transformed into a place of spiritual training. A new base of operations was born that would deliver the uncompromised Word of God to people everywhere—from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle.

#### A Testimony to the Power of God

Today, instead of being a vision that can only be seen through the eyes of faith, The Revival Capital of the World continues to grow into a visible, material reality. Old buildings that survived from World War II days—once so desolate they served as a set for a 1959 science fiction movie—stand renovated, repurposed and surrounded by new ones. These include: the chapel, which was the first new building on "the Mountain" to be completed and occupied; the KCM headquarters building; the Eagle Mountain International Church building that, in addition to providing a gathering place for the congregation, now houses Kenneth Copeland Bible College®, Superkid Academy and 14forty youth ministry.

Then, "down the hill" are the Partner Service Center; production buildings; a television studio; TV department offices; *BVOV* and TV news studios; the Child Learning Center; and a property maintenance center that includes industrial and storage areas, and the completely rebuilt aviation hangar.

All those buildings are a testimony to the power and faithfulness of God. But the greater testimony is the life-changing ministry that continues to flow out of them. Because of what's happening these days at The Revival Capital of the World:

- The *Believer's Voice of Victory* television broadcast currently reaches a potential 318 million-plus viewers in the U.S. and millions internationally.
- VICTORY Channel® carries the life-changing truth of God's Word to people worldwide, 24/7, via Roku®, DISH®, DIRECTV®, Spectrum® Cable TV, YouTube®, and the Go Victory app and other social media platforms.
- People hungry for truth can hear news they can trust, reported in the spirit of faith, through KCM original programming like *VICTORY News* and *FlashPoint*.
- Hundreds of thousands every month, in more than 150 countries, receive *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, absolutely free.
- Well over 1,000 local members of Eagle Mountain International Church are joined each week by 10,000 more online from at least 35 countries for worship, prayer and the bold preaching of the uncompromised Word.
- Calls by the hundreds of thousands (a half million just this year) are answered by KCM

prayer ministers who provide callers with encouragement, support and the prayer of agreement for every kind of need.

Word-packed teaching materials are constantly being sent to people eager to learn how to live in victory. (The total number of products distributed since the ministry began reached 80 million this year!)

The Revival Capital at Eagle Mountain also serves as a support base for KCM's international offices in Canada, Australia, Africa, Europe, Ukraine and Latin America. Plus, it's the point of origination for all the KCM conventions, meetings and evangelistic outreaches held throughout the year.

#### Keeping the Vision On Track

Even with all that's being accomplished, there's more to be done and less time left to finish it . As Brother Copeland said 43 years ago when he first announced the vision for The Revival Capital, "The end of this age is staring us in the face. Jesus is coming so soon! There is no time for compromise in any form.

"In this day and hour, many people are attempting to quiet the voice of the ministry of The LORD Jesus Christ. And it is extremely important that there be a voice of victory—loud and clear. Right now, as never before, I have an urgency in my spirit to get the job done without delay. I intend to utilize this property to its fullest. It will be used for the production of God's uncompromising WORD in every form that the heart can imagine. Plans are on the drawing board now."

Watching most closely over those plans these days is Terri Copeland Pearsons. As Brother Copeland's eldest daughter, she is a seasoned veteran when it comes to putting substance to the vision God has given him. In 1979, she helped launch the first *Believer's Voice of Victory* television broadcast. For 13 years she developed the broadcast as its first producer, helping establish Brother Copeland as a forerunner in television ministry. In 1993, she and her husband, George, accepted the call to pastor Eagle Mountain International Church.

"Everyone pretty well knows that I'm Pastor Terri," she says, "but not everyone knows



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-Terri Copeland Pearsons

that I'm also the chief visionary officer at Kenneth Copeland Ministries." Why is such a position needed? "Because we're overflowing with vision here and someone has to get it all together and keep it on track."

Currently on the drawing board, for example, is the new VICTORY Studios media complex. The complex is key to fulfilling the next phase of The Revival Capital vision. With the recent expansion of VICTORY Channel's audience potential, the great need now is to increase the ministry's production potential, Pastor Terri explains. "We're determined to follow Brother Copeland's direction to get more faith programming out. But the more we do, the clearer it becomes that we don't have enough studio space."

For the past several years, even without that space, the VICTORY Channel team has found ways to keep moving forward. Using faith and creativity, they've turned old, (sometimes-leaky!) storage buildings into temporary studios. When there were no more old buildings left to convert, they used closets. Desks were pushed aside so that TV equipment could be wedged into people's offices.

"Nothing is safe," Pastor Terri says laughingly. "Anywhere we can fit two chairs and a camera is in danger of being turned into a studio. But going forward we need real studios. We have in our hearts so many more programs to produce—not just preaching programs but other kinds like VICTORY News and FlashPoint. Programs that will touch people where they are and help them engage their faith as they confront the challenges of this world.

"People need to see that the Word of Faith isn't just something we talk about



VICTORY Studios: conceptual image (top) groundbreaking (bottom)

from behind a pulpit. It's something that can be integrated into your very life, day in and day out."

#### Seeing Plans Come to Life

Already, VICTORY Studios is taking shape on the drawing board. In meetings she calls "scribble scrabbles," Pastor Terri and her team pore over architectural renderings provided by an engineering group. As they seek the guidance of the Lord, the excitement is tangible, Pastor Terri says. Questions and exclamations abound: "What about this?" "What about including an area for that?" "Oh goodness!"

Outside, all that can be seen on the site where VICTORY Studios will be built is the pile of dirt where the ministry recently broke ground on an empty field. But when Pastor Terri stands there, sharing on camera her vision for its future, the sparkle in her eye makes it clear that she doesn't see just a vacant plot of ground. Looking through the eye of faith, just as her father did when all this began, she sees the plans for The Revival Capital of the World





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coming to life.

She sees a 9,000-square-foot master soundstage, 15 edit suites, six studios, a movie studio and more. She sees a media complex that will give glory to God and meet the needs of the people well into the future...and calls things that don't exist as though they did.

"We have all kinds of great inspiration and ideas that the Lord has given us," she says. "The vision is explosive around here. The process of bringing it to fruition takes time, prayer and a lot of money. But that's OK because we know how to sow, how to reap, how to believe God—and so do our Partners.

"Philippians 1:6 says that He who has begun a good work in us will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. So, we can also be sure that He who began a good work *through* us will complete it. With the help of our Partners, VICTORY Studios *will* become a reality. We *will* expand our production teams and start producing the great programs we have in mind. For this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith!"



#### 'The Goodness of God!'

I asked for prayer for my godbrother who had tried to take his own life. At the time he was in a coma and the reports were not good. Well, praise God, the devil was not victorious over him! He is completely healed, no damage from the attempt, plus GOD restored his relationship with his whole family. He sent us a family photo and the smile on his face is only because of the goodness of God!

L.S. | Virginia

#### 'All Glory to God'

My brother was diagnosed with both COVID and the flu. After a week it had progressed into pneumonia and he had to go to emergency. I called in to ask for prayer, and the prayer minister came in agreement for his quick and full recovery. That week he recovered quickly and was able to come home with an oxygen tank. By the end of the

second week he didn't need it anymore. Today he is completely healed and back to work. All glory to God for healing my brother!

C.S. | San Antonio, Texas

#### Learning and Growing

I praise God for guiding me to KCM. I have grown so much, and have learned so much from your stories; I enjoy real experiences of healings and deliverance. I don't know anybody here who lives this wayplease continue to share your stories!

L.P. | California time previously! We have paid off tens of thousands in debt and are on track to be completely debt free. We know that this is in large part due to the teaching, anointing and supernaturally good ground we have to sow

into at EMIC. Thank you

R.V. | Tennessee

for all you do.

#### Grateful **Partner**

'Receiving the

**Promises'** 

Pastor George and

Sister Gloria, I've

been watching

your broadcast and

receiving the promises

of God. You have been

such a blessing to me.

I was without a vehicle

for nearly six years

and was determined

not to get back in debt.

I sowed seeds toward

my debt-free vehicle

beginning in 2019, and

was determined to not

give up! In March 2021,

I was presented with

one...praise God! I am

a Partner and I know

that your prayers and

my faith manifested

this miracle because

I called it in every day

in Jesus' Name...thank

vou so much!

B.R. | Alabama

Partnership with KCM is one of the best things that has happened in my life! It has taught me how to latch on to God's Word, overcome lack and prosper. I've also learned to stand for my healing.

E.S. | Ohio

Whatever you have established that you are in prayer, that's what you are...even before you see it. 4

-Gloria Copeland

#### **Overcoming Word**

Ten years ago, thanks to God and your healing and wellness materials, my mother survived a difficult intestinal surgery. From the moment she went into the operating room until now, we have continued to experience God's healing and so many of His promises. Your books are an integral part of my library and daily reading; and my mother, even with her limited knowledge of English, listens to you and reads your books. Many thanks for sharing and teaching God's Word. I pray for God to rain blessings upon you both, and your family.

M.S. | Miami Beach, Fla.

#### eMember Blessings

We were EMIC members back in the early '90s, then moved out of state. We reconnected with EMIC in 2020 and have become eMembers. Since then, we have received better jobs, supernatural debt cancellation. new business ideas. inheritances, favor and supernatural healing. All this has been so much that in one month we were able to give more than we were earning in the entire month a short

#### **Protection** In Storms

We had two storms in a matter of a few weeks. One was a major windstorm that blew down a lot of trees. It nearly blew a tree at one of my rentals over onto the house. I

was able to find a tree service to take it down and get it out of the emergency area. We also had a major ice storm. The Lord sustained my family through the storm and the resulting

power outage. I'm sure my partnership with KCM caused the Lord to bless us in these two events.

D.B. | Salem, Ore.



#### SALVATION

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).

Ltake 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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If you have just prayed this prayer let us know of your decision. Call or go to kcm.org/salvation. We have a Free Gift to help you begin your new life in Jesus!

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by Pastor George Pearsons

You don't have to stay in debt! And you for sure don't have to be brokenhearted and remain captive to debt.

## JESUS, Our Jubilee

I possess a very precious collection that just might surprise you.

It's a collection of scriptures that reveal why Jesus was born. I have a long list of those scriptures.

The reason there are so many is because I have preached about them every Christmas for nearly 30 years.

For instance, 1 John 3:8, *New King James Version*, says, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." Jesus was born to obliterate every weapon that has been set against us. Praise God!

Here's another scripture, one that I've never used before. It's found in Luke 4:18-21 (NKJV). It's a scripture that describes why Jesus was born.

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.' Then He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

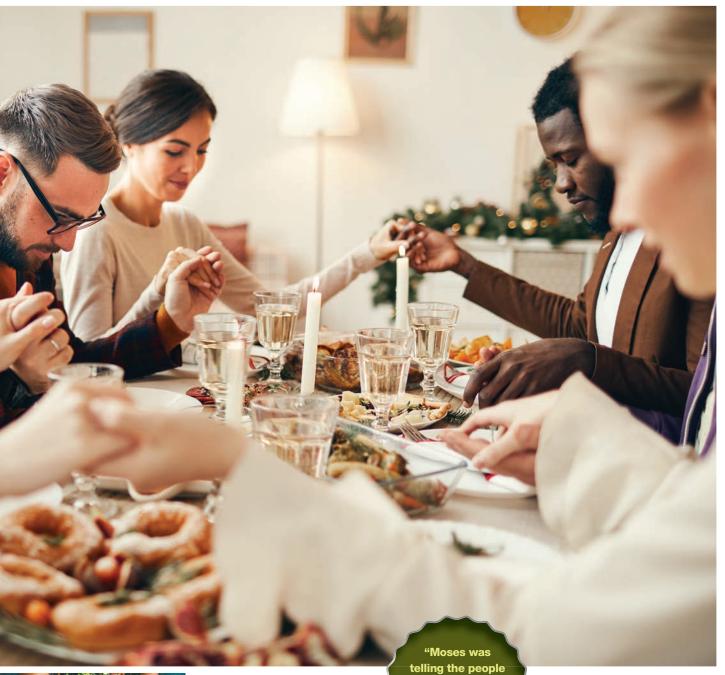
Take a look at verse 19 again, and particularly the words "the acceptable year of the LORD."

What exactly is the acceptable year of The LORD?

Look at Leviticus 25:9-11 (NKJV). It says, "Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you;







and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you."

In verse 13, it is called the "Year of Jubilee."

The Year of Jubilee was the year when all debts were canceled, all slaves went free and all property was returned to its original owners. Everyone listening to Jesus knew the acceptable year of The LORD was the great Jubilee—or the fiftieth year that's referred to in Leviticus. Moses was telling the people they didn't have to be poor, brokenhearted, captive, blind or bruised.

Jesus was born in order for us to be free from the weight of debt. When He said, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21), it meant that Jesus had become our Jubilee—our freedom from debt!

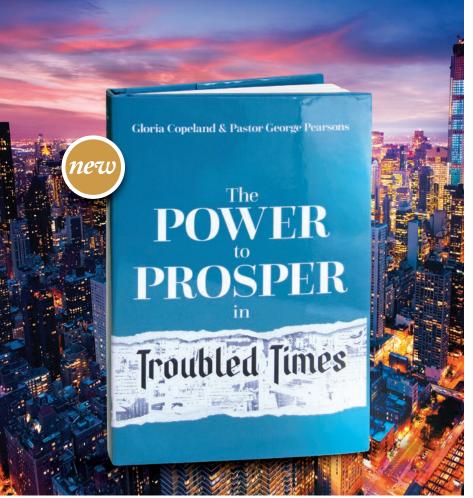
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Let me share with you what Jesus did for Terri and me concerning our debt situation.

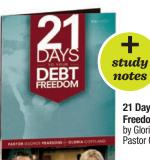


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First of all, I want to confess something that I believe will encourage you if you have been tempted to condemn yourself for getting into debt. Unlike Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. who have never borrowed money for a home, Terri and I have.

Twice!

The first time was early in our marriage. We lived in a rental house for a while. Then Terri's grandparents bought a house with the intention of moving into it. After much prayer and consideration, they decided to sell their new home to us. At that point in time, we had not developed our faith enough to buy the house outright. Instead, we took up the payments. We lived in that house for many years. What a BLESSING!

Eventually, we almost had it paid off when The LORD spoke to Terri about sowing it into another family.

After The LORD spoke to Terri, she spoke

"George, what would you think about sowing our house?"

I answered her a year later. (Yes, that's how long I had to think about it!)

In 1998, we boarded an airplane to return home from a Believers' Convention in England. I remember this so well. The Spirit of God came on me in a powerful way during takeoff. I looked over at her and said. "It's time to sow the house."

At The LORD's instruction, we paid off the house, then we fixed it up. We wanted that family to move into a beautiful, fresh home. Then, we sowed it.

Naturally, we needed a place to live after sowing the house.

We located another house. And, guess what? We borrowed the money to move into it! Of course, we had every intention of paying off this new house as quickly as possible.

Shortly after we purchased the new house, Brother Copeland invited me to be a guest on the Believer's Voice of Victory television broadcast. He told me to choose the topic. Since I'd been studying and meditating on living debt free, I chose that as the topic for discussion.

#### 'Shot Heard Around the World'!

I wasn't aware what I was in for when the broadcast finally aired. But soon would come "the shot that was heard around the world."

During the Wednesday broadcast, Brother Copeland looked at me and said, "George, you had a debt-free home. You sowed your debtfree home. Why did you go back into debt to





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Sun	4	Ps. 137-139; Prov. 30:1-17	
Mon	5	Ezek. 45:1-47:12	Rev. 3
Tue	6	Ezek. 47:13-48:35; Dan. 1	Rev. 4
Wed	7	Dan. 2:1-3:18	Rev. 5
Thu	8	Dan. 3:19-5:12	Rev. 6
Fri	9	Dan. 5:13-7:14	Rev. 7
Sat	10	Dan. 7:15-9:27	
Sun	11	Ps. 140-141; Prov. 30:18-33	
Mon	12	Dan. 10-11	Rev. 8
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Thu	15	Hos. 9-12	Rev. 11
Fri	16	Hos. 13-14; Joel 1:1-2:17	Rev. 12
Sat	17	Joel 2:18-3:21; Amos 1-2	
Sun	18	Ps. 142-144	
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Fri	23	Mic. 5:10-7:20; Nah. 1	Rev. 17
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Sun	25	Ps. 145-147; Prov. 31	
Mon	26	Hab. 2:12-3:19; Zeph. 1-2	Rev. 18
Tue	27	Zeph. 3; Hag. 1-2	Rev. 19
Wed	28	Zech. 1-5	Rev. 20
Thu	29	Zech. 6-9	Rev. 21
Fri	30	Zech. 10:1-14:15	Rev. 22
Sat	31	Zech. 14:16-21; Mal. 1-4	Ps. 148- 150

get the next house?"

At that moment, the earth stood still.

I really didn't know what to say, or how to answer that question. I mumbled some incoherent words, and then this thought went through my mind: *This is good for me. This is good for me.* 

Thankfully, Brother Copeland answered for me. He said my faith had not been developed to the point of being able to believe for a debtfree home.

What about the "shot heard around the world"?

Some months later, Terri and I flew to Moscow for a ministry trip. I turned on the television when we arrived at our hotel room. Lo and behold, there was Kenneth Copeland on that broadcast asking me in Russian, "George, why did you go back into debt to get the next house?"

Through the years, it seems that broadcast has followed me everywhere I go.

In retrospect, I was grateful for that experience. It motivated Terri and me to step up our faith for debt-freedom. We fed on The WORD, looked up scriptures, sowed seed, and strengthened our confession. It took some time. But, praise God, we have been living in another beautiful, debt-free home now for many years.

Don't you just love God? Even when we get ourselves into debt, or some other kind of financial mess when we should have known better, Jesus never condemns us. He doesn't say, "Well, you made your bed, now you'll just have to lie in it. You will have to make payments for another 30 or 40 years before you can be financially free."

#### Delivered From Debt!

Brother Copeland shared something very significant with me the day of that broadcast that was a gamechanger. He said, "The moment you make the quality decision to live debt free, God sees you debt free."

I received that word from The LORD.

You may be in debt right now, but just know this: You don't have to stay in debt! And you for sure don't have to be brokenhearted and remain captive to debt. You don't have to live blind—unable to see your way through to becoming financially free.

Jesus was born to deliver us from debt.

He was born to proclaim "the acceptable year of The LORD."

In Luke 4:21, Contemporary English Version, Jesus said, "What you have just heard me read has come true today." That day, the Jubilee ceased to simply be a year in time. It became a Person. Jesus became our Eternal Jubilee! If we get into financial trouble or bondage, we don't have to wait another 50 years to get out. We don't even have to wait another 50 days, or 50 minutes. We can repent, receive our release, and get supernatural help from God.

If you have a debt load in your life that has been weighing you down, go ahead and do that right now! Instead of condemning yourself, take your stand on God's WORD. Commit to do whatever He tells you.

Say this out loud by faith: "Debt, I speak to you now in Jesus' Name. I command you to be removed from me! I lay claim to my inheritance as a believer. I have been set free from debt, lack and poverty! I walk in THE BLESSING of Abraham. Jesus was born into this world to be my Jubilee. This is my year for debt freedom! I believe it and I receive it."

Are you ready to take the debt-freedom journey?

Kenneth Copeland Ministries has teaching resources that will help build your faith to live debt free. One of those is a series by Gloria Copeland and me titled 21 Days to Your Debt Freedom. It's available in audio and video, and comes with study notes. Also available is the 10-CD series by Brother Copeland and me titled It's Time To Get Out of Debt. And, there's the recently released book by Gloria and me titled The Power To Prosper in Troubled Times. It's a 90-day guide to living the prosperous life.

Any of these would be valuable resources to help you on your journey to becoming debt free.

Remember that faith for debt freedom comes by hearing and hearing by The WORD of debt freedom.  $\P$ 



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"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

John 17:21

It's time we, as believers, begin to enter into the oneness Jesus prayed for in John 17:21. It's time we hold on to one another in good times as well as bad. It's time we realize that we need one another.

We do, you know. I need your faith as much as you need mine. Together, we can face anything and win in Jesus.

Let me show you why. In John 3:34, God says Jesus was given the Holy Spirit without measure. He was more powerful than *all* the demons of hell and *all* wicked spirits of *all* classes, including satan himself. He was able to defeat their power combined.

Then the world will know the Father sent Him.

Step into that oneness today. Start today making a daily effort to make yourself available to God to pray for others. Start your day by saying, "Holy Spirit, use me to pray for someone today. I offer You my measure of faith."

Once we truly join together in faith, all the demons of hell won't be able to overcome us. We'll march right over them in the fullness of the power of Jesus and bring the age to a glorious close!



by Gloria Copeland



Do things God's way and not your way.

## In Consistency Lies the Power

His ways work! Unlike our ways, which often get us into trouble, His ways, when consistently followed, always work out for our good. What's more, they're not complicated or difficult to discover. They never have been. We just have to listen to what He says, believe it and act on it.

As simple as that sounds, though, God hasn't always had a people who would do it. Ever since Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, He's faithfully told His people how to live a blessed life and they've repeatedly disobeyed Him. They kept coming up with their own plans and suffering the sad results.

That's what the Israelites did throughout the Old Testament! Over and over, God would tell them how to prosper and live in victory over their enemies. "If you'll hear, believe and obey Me," He'd say, "I'll hear you when you call on Me,

and you'll be blessed." Initially, they'd get with His program, but after a while they'd forsake His ways and go back to their own ways. They'd start living like the world does and experiencing lack and defeat.

Even then, though, God would keep talking to them. He'd keep sending prophets to preach His Word to them and warn them that if they didn't hear and heed it, judgment would come. The prophet Jeremiah preached that message to them for over 40 years!

Think of preaching the same message to the same people for 40 years. That's a long time to keep talking to people who don't want to hear what you have to say. But God had Jeremiah do it anyway. Why? Because He's extraordinarily patient and full of love, and desires to meet the needs of His people.







"The more of
God's Word you
know and act on,
the better your life
is going to be in
every area."







God has good plans for your life. (Jer. 29:11)

His plans for you come to pass when you walk in His ways.

(Isa. 55:8-9)

God's Word reveals His ways and contains His power.

(Isa. 55:11)

Putting faith in God's Word gives substance to the promises in the Bible and causes them to become a material reality.

(Heb. 11:1)

Continue to believe, speak and act on the Word. In time you will see God's promises fulfilled in your life.

(Heb. 6:11-12)

To release their creative power, God's words must be in your heart, in your mouth and be

acted upon.

I love the book of Jeremiah because all through it God talks about the good He wants to do for His people. He promised them that even though they kept rebelling against Him and would go into captivity, after 70 years He'd gather them up and bring them back home.

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11, New International Version).

God is still saying that to us today! He still has good plans for us. He's still merciful and loving and desires for us to be blessed in every area of our lives. But to fulfill His desires, He needs us to position ourselves to receive from Him.

How do we do that?

By doing what He wanted the Israelites to do: by hearing, believing and doing what He says in His Word.

"But Gloria," you might say, "the Israelites were under the Law. As New Covenant believers we don't live by the law, we live by faith."

You're right! And what is faith? It's simply

believing God's Word and acting like it's true. That's what you did when you got born again. You heard God's Word about the salvation that's been provided through Jesus, and you acted on it by faith. You believed it in your heart and confessed it with your mouth. When you did, you received the blessing of the new birth.

Faith is what brings all God's blessings into manifestation. It's what transfers them from the spirit realm into the natural realm. As Hebrews 11:1 says, faith is "the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed)" or "the substance" of the things we hope for, "the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality" (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).

Putting faith in God's Word causes things to happen in our lives. It brings to pass all the promises God made to us in the Bible. When we mix His promises with faith, they take on substance or natural materiality. They become healing, finances or whatever we need.

#### Promises Made and Fulfilled

God has always worked with His people by promise. Long before God gave the Israelites the Law, He established His covenant with Abraham by making him a promise. He said, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3).

How did Abraham respond to that promise? He believed it! He began to talk and act like it was true, and sure enough, what God said came to pass.

That's the way God's Word works for everyone! It's why He tells us all through the Bible to attend to His Word; because, as Jesus said, we don't live by bread alone but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4).

The more of God's Word you know and act on, the better your life is going to be in every area—the more joy, freedom and abundance you're going to have. If you just halfway listen to Him, though, and halfway do what He says, you're going to come up short. If you just

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think about His Word once a week on Sunday morning, while you'll still eventually get to heaven, you're going to have a miserable trip.

To live well now and experience victory on this earth, you must be diligent about the things of God. You must give Him and His Word their rightful place in your life.

What's their rightful place? First place!

When God is first place in your life, His Word is your top priority and final authority. You spend time reading it, and whatever it says, that's the way it's going to be in your life. You don't read the Bible as many people do—just for historical information. You read it as God speaking directly to you. You ask, "What is God saying to me in this Word? What is He promising to do for me? What is He telling me to believe and do?"

"Well," someone might say, "I think it's just the believing part that God cares about, and not the doing part. He's interested in our faith not our works."

Actually, He's interested in both, because the two can't be separated. As James 2:17 says, faith without works is dead, so believing and doing always go together. In Joshua 1:8, God said to keep the Word in your mouth, meditate on it day and night so that you do it! "For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success" (AMPC).

Believing and doing what God says is the key to your healing. It's the key to your financial increase. It's the key to walking in the fullness of God's good plans for you and receiving all the wonderful things He has promised and provided. That's why He says in Isaiah 55:

Hearken diligently to Me.... Incline your ear... and come to Me.... 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, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 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 (verses 2-3, 8–11, *AMPC*).

Those verses sum up the secret to living a supernaturally blessed life on this earth. They tell you exactly how to open the door for Him to move on your behalf in some area of your life. You find out what He said in His Word about it and put that Word in your heart like you'd plant seed into the ground.

God's words truly are supernatural seed! They're alive and active (Hebrews 4:12). The Bible is like a seed packet. It contains God's words but they don't do anything for you just in the Book. To release their creative power, God's words must be in your heart, in your mouth and be acted upon. Then, over time, they produce whatever it is you're believing for. They grow from a spiritual seed into something you can touch and see and wear and drive!

Notice, I didn't say God's words will produce

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results instantly. Spiritual things don't usually change natural things overnight. Normally, for God's Word to bear fruit in your life you must persevere in it. You must continue to feed on it and live like it's true, even in the face of contrary circumstances. As the Lord said to me many years ago when I was first learning to walk by faith, *In consistency lies the power*. So to see results, you must be like Abraham, who through "faith *and patience*" inherited God's promises.

#### Seed Grows Best in Good Ground

Jesus taught about this in Mark 4. There, much like in Isaiah 55, He referred to the Word as seed and talked about what happens when





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it's sown into the ground of people's hearts. He described the first group of people as "wayside" people. They heard the Word but didn't benefit from it at all. Because their hearts were too hard to receive it, Satan immediately came and stole it from them.

The second group heard the Word and initially received it with gladness. But then the devil came along and pressured them into letting it go. He said things like, "It's been a week since you prayed for a car, and you haven't gotten it.... You've been standing by faith against this sickness for two weeks and you still have symptoms. God's Word is not going to work for you."

Here's a word to the wise: Satan will always show up to say such things to you. He'll always try to get you to let go of the Word because if he can get the Word away from you, he can keep control of your life. If you're believing for healing, he'll try to steal the Word out of your heart concerning

healing so he can continue to dominate your body. If you're believing for prosperity, he'll come to steal God's prosperity promises from you so that he can dominate you financially.

With the devil, it's all about control. He wants control of the whole earth and everything in it because he thinks it's his. But it's not his and never has been. God gave it to Adam, and when Adam chose to disregard God's Word, he made himself subject to the devil. But Jesus has brought the devil and his bunch to "nought" (1 Corinthians 2:6). He's reduced them to zero.

The devil has nothing anymore. He has no rights. He's a thief and a liar, and the only way he gets anything on this earth is if some human being lets him have their rights. Which is why every time the Word of God is sown into someone's heart, he tries to lie them out of it.

The third group of people Jesus talked about in Mark 4 heard the Word and believed it. But then they let the distractions of the world crowd the Word out of their hearts. They let the cares of this life and the lusts for other things spring up in them like weeds to choke the Word seed that was planted in them, so it never gets a chance to bear fruit.

Most Christians who've found themselves trapped in cycles of defeat fall into this group. They're born again and they believe God's Word, but they don't spend enough time in it for it to become a reality for them. They let their hearts become cluttered with too many distractions. They give too many things other than the Word of God first place in their lives.

Have you ever seen a time when the world was more filled with distractions than right now? Just think of them all! There are movies, television shows, 24-hour news channels and sports galore. There are video games, the internet and ever-increasing numbers of social media sites. The list is practically endless.

While such things are OK in their place, they're never to be first. If we want to live in victory on this earth, everything we do in this life must be second to God and His Word.

That's how it was with the fourth group of people in Mark 4. Jesus described them as those "which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred" (verse 20). Good-ground people hear the Word, put it first place in their lives, and hold on to it. They don't let the devil talk them out of believing it. They don't disqualify themselves when they read about all the good things God has promised us and say, "Well, God would never do that for me."

No, even in the face of seemingly impossible circumstances and negative reports, good-ground people continue in God's Word. They focus on His promise instead of the problem. They remain consistent in faith, and because in consistency lies the power, they bring forth fruit with patience (Luke 8:15).

The devil himself cannot keep a good-ground person in defeat!

So make up your mind that you're always going to be good ground for the Word. Keep living by faith—hearing, believing and acting on the Word. Keep doing things God's way instead of your own way and—right in the midst of this crazy world—you will truly enjoy a supernaturally blessed life!

## istmas Card Exchange



Merry Christmas, Superkids! The last few months have been life-changing, as you have begun to hear the voice of the Lord so clearly. Your identity begins to emerge when you hear Jesus speak.

We are His and He is ours! Jesus was promised to us before we were ever born. In Isaiah 7:14, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, God promised that Jesus was coming when He said, "Behold...a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name

Immanuel means "God with us." As you practice speaking to Him and listening to what He says to you, you become more and more like Him. Isn't that an amazing way to go into

To end this year with our focus on Jesus, I want you to first open your heart to Him and send Him a Christmas greeting!

Ask your parents for some paper so you can create two Christmas cards—one to Jesus and one from Jesus.

I'm providing some words, and you will need to fill in the blanks yourself or ask someone to write down your words. Then, copy the greeting, including the words you filled in, and decorate your card to Jesus.

#### Your card to Jesus:

Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday, Jesus!		
You have been so good to me this year!		
You gave me		
and You helped me with		
Every time I think about You, I feel		
(check all that apply)		
○ safe ○ loved ○ happy ○ at peace		
excited important		
and (other).		
I want to give You the BEST Christmas-		
Birthday gift I have. Jesus, I give You me.		
I love You more than		
Love,		
Cadet		
After you've done your card to Jesus, then the really fun part!		

Sit with Jesus as you fill out His card to you. As you read the card, hear Him saying it. I actually asked Him what He wanted to say to you. As

> you come to a blank line, fill in the first word you hear Him say. After you've finished, write those words on your second sheet of paper, then decorate it.

> > OK, let's go!

#### Jesus' card to you:

Merry Christmas Cadet

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Thank you for the gift of you!			
It's the most gift you			
could bring to Me.			
I make you a promise: I not only gave you My life on			
the Cross, I am giving you My life every day. Look for			
Me—you will find Me.			
Talk to Me, I'm listening.			
When you hurt, I will			
When you need something, I will			
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I like it when you ask Me for help with			
And My favorite thing is when you			
I am excited about YOU. You are			
and			
I put some awesome things in you before you were			
born, like and			
When you, I see			
how courageous and you are.			
And I see Myself in you.			
I love My gift. You are the best			
Love,			
Jesus			

See? He is really here! And He really loves you. Every time you hear His voice, your heart believes He is real.

I love you, Superkid. Have a very merry Christmas with Jesus!

Commander Kellie



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