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Badly beaten and facing death,

Marleth Lobato

watched in horror as her boyfriend held her at gunpoint while he dug her grave. When she cried out to the God from whom she had walked away, He miraculously saved her life!

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Smell the Roses!

When was the last time you stopped and smelled the roses?

I understand that for most who are familiar with that idiom, it has become nothing more than a cliché. But I'm not talking about literally smelling roses, although that would be a fun thing to do because roses smell so nice.

When was the last time you stopped what you were doing long enough to look around and appreciate the beauty of God's creation? It's all around us—the sun, moon, stars and clouds that fill the vast expanse of the sky, to the mountains and valleys, beautiful glaciers, oceans and seas. But so much of our time is spent attending to the busyness of life that we don't take time to enjoy and appreciate—to “smell”—all that God has given us.

In Psalm 8:3-4, *New Living Translation*, we read, “When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?”

What are we that He should care for us?

Ephesians 2:10 tells us we are “his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.” The *NLT* says it this way: “For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

God looked at His creation of the moon and stars, the mountains and valleys, the oceans and seas—everything He had made—and saw that “it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). He looks at you and me, who are made in His image and likeness, and says the same thing: “You are ‘very good’!”

So the next time you stop to look at God's creation, look at yourself, as well. You are His masterpiece—one of His roses—and you're well worth looking at. He is just as pleased with you as He is with all His creation—even more so!

Ronald C. Jordan
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**“I'm alive
because of
the faithful
prayers of
my mother.**

**There's nothing
more powerful
than a praying
mother. She has
been pivotal
in my life.”**

—Marleth Lobato

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—Kenneth & Gloria
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More Than Just A Name

The devil is terrified of the Name of Jesus.
He has no option but to flee in fear when that
Name is spoken by a believer who has faith in it
because it carries all the authority and power
of Jesus Himself.



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Because it's God's
Name Jesus inherited,
the only way to measure
His Name is by measuring the
power, property and authority
of God Himself. God created
everything that exists.
”

Jesus and His Name are One. His Name can do anything He can do. It can do anything He did while He was on the earth and bring to pass anything He ever said.

I will always remember the first time I laid hands on someone in Jesus' Name. I was just getting started in ministry. A 30-year-old freshman at Oral Roberts University serving as copilot on Brother Roberts' airplane, I had traveled with him to one of his healing meetings and been sent to help minister to the people in the invalid tent.

They were the sickest people I'd ever seen! All too ill or damaged to sit with the rest of the

congregation, they couldn't attend the main meeting. So my job was to summarize the main points of Brother Roberts' message for them after he finished preaching. Then, once they were prepared to receive ministry, the plan was for him to come in and lay hands on them.

That night, however, Brother Roberts didn't stick with the plan. Instead, when he walked into the tent, he grabbed me by the shoulder of my coat and pulled me toward him. "You're going to do the praying, and you're going to do the laying on of hands," he told me.

Looking at him in astonishment, I felt the



1

Jesus inherited the Name of God, the Creator and owner of everything.
(Heb. 1:3-4)

2

Jesus' Name and God's Name are synonymous, because the heavenly Father Himself called Him "God."
(Heb. 1:8)

3

When you received Jesus as LORD and Savior, His Name became yours.
(Eph. 3:14-15)

4

Your words count in the court of heaven because you've been given His Name.
(John 16:23)

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While you're on earth, Jesus' Name provides you with protection.
(Prov. 18:10)

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blood drain out of my face. He saw me change colors and laughed. "Don't worry," he said. "If you make a mistake, I'll fix it. But don't touch them until you're ready to release your faith."

I'd been studying about the power in the Name of Jesus, so I knew right away what I was going to do. I would speak that Name and touch the person who needed healing at the same time. With Brother Roberts right beside me I walked over to a little woman lying on a stretcher. She had a nurse hovering over her and was so emaciated she looked like nothing but skin and bones. Except for her stomach. It pooched out like she was pregnant.

As I found out a few moments later, she had a malignant tumor in her stomach. She was too weak to sit up, so her nurse lifted her up a little where I could lay hands on her. I reached toward her and started to say, "In the Name of Jesus," and touch her head. But before I could finish, I heard what sounded like the roar of the Lion of Judah come out of Brother Roberts.

"You foul, unclean spirit, in the Name of Jesus, whose I am and whom I serve, take your hands off God's property now!" he said. It was so loud and powerful I thought the Lion of the Tribe of Judah had just roared.

Immediately, the woman spit that tumor out on the floor. An ugly thing, it had tentacles and reminded me of a jellyfish. When I first looked down at it, it was still moving—but it didn't move for long because it was dead.

What killed it? The all-powerful, almighty Name of Jesus!

More Than Just a Sacred Idea

It's time that we, as believers, got a greater revelation of the true greatness of that Name. It's time it became more to us than just a sacred idea. We need to find out what's behind that Name, how it was given, and where it came from. We need to know how to measure its significance.

Even in the natural, we understand a lot about how to do that. We know, for instance, one way to measure a person's name is by what they own. That's why in our culture, names like Rockefeller and Bill Gates carry so much weight. They represent massive wealth because the people behind those names are very rich, and everybody knows it.

How does Jesus' Name measure up when judged by the same standard? It comes out so far ahead that there's no name on earth or in

heaven that can compare to it. Except one: the Name of God the Father: YHWH, in Hebrew. Sometimes pronounced in English, Jehovah—the Name of God.

The Name of Jesus isn't just *comparable* to God's Name. The two are synonymous because Jesus inherited God's Name after He rose from the dead. "When he had by himself purged our sins," Hebrews 1 says, God appointed Him "heir of all things," and He "sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they" (verses 2-4).

Because it's God's Name Jesus inherited, the only way to measure His Name is by measuring the power, property and authority of God Himself. Talk about rich! God created everything that exists. He doesn't just own some of it, He owns it all.

The names of the wealthiest, most powerful people who've ever walked this earth aren't even in the same league with the Name of Jesus. Neither are the names of the angels. For as Hebrews 1: 5-7 asks: "To which of the angels did He [God] ever say: 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You'? And again: 'I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son'? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: 'Let all the angels of God worship Him'" (*New King James Version*).

"Brother Copeland, I don't understand those verses," somebody might say. "Jesus has been God's Son forever. Why would God say to Him, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You'? Why would He say about Jesus, again, 'I will be to Him a Father'?"

Because three days and nights before God said that, His Son had died!

This is a scriptural truth a lot of Christians haven't fully grasped: Jesus really died when He went to the cross. He didn't just die physically, He died spiritually. He took on Himself the sin of all humanity, allowed Himself to be completely separated from the Father, and went to hell to suffer there in our place (Acts 2:31-32; Psalm 16:10).

Then, once He'd fully paid the price for our redemption, God's voice came booming out of heaven. He spoke the words recorded there in Hebrews 1 and *again* called Jesus His Son. When He did, His power split hell wide open. Jesus was born again, rose from the dead, ascended on high leading "captivity captive" (Ephesians 4:8), and the Name of God Himself

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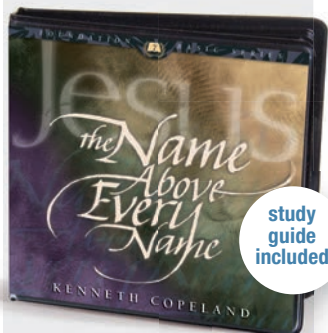
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was bestowed on Him in honor of what He'd done.

Elevated to the Highest Place of Honor

In other words, Jesus not only obtained His Name by inheritance, it was conferred on Him because, as Philippians 2:5-11 (*NKJV*) says:

...Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

It's time we let the truth of this sink in! Jesus humbled Himself to the point of death. He tasted physical death for us so we wouldn't have to taste it (Hebrews 2:9). He died spiritually so we could be born again. He went to the lowest place in the pit of hell so that we could be raised together with Him and seated with Him in the heavenlies.

Where in heaven is He seated? At God's right hand!

Because of what Jesus did, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor. He conferred on Him not *a* name but *THE* Name. The Name of the Omnipotent One. The Name above all names.

When we received Jesus as our LORD and Savior, that Name became ours. We became joint heirs with Him (Romans 8:17) and the place of honor He occupies became our place as well. Although He'll always be the Firstborn, we too are now sons and daughters of "the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Ephesians 3:14-15, *NKJV*).

You can get a sense of the weight that Name carries in heaven by reading in Hebrews 1 the statement God made to Jesus when He conferred His Name on Him. He said, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom" (verse 8, *NKJV*). In a royal court, when the

king points his scepter at someone, it gives them the right to speak. Whereas a moment before they might have been a commoner with no legal standing to say anything, the king's recognition of them makes them his equal.

That's what happened to you and me in the realm of the spirit. When we said, "Jesus, come into my heart!" the scepter of righteousness was pointed at us, and Jesus made us His equals. Now, our words count in the court of heaven because we've been named with His Name. He said so Himself:

"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).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23-24).

Jesus also let us know that while we're living on this earth, His Name will provide us with protection. When He was praying for His disciples just before He went to the cross He said, "Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me.... While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name..." (John 17:11-12, *NKJV*).

Proverbs 18:10 (*NKJV*) puts it this way: "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."

Not Just Barely Above

The Name of Jesus towers over every other. It's not just lofty, it's the highest place there is! As the Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 1, Jesus is seated "far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come" (verse 21, *NKJV*)—and because we're in Him, we're there too. We aren't just barely above all the devilish stuff that's going on in this world. We aren't just a little above satan and all his filthy cohorts. We are *far above* them in the Name that's above all names.

We need to press in to this revelation! We need to take hold of it, because when we do, we're going to act more and more like Peter and John did in Acts 3 at the Temple gate. Remember what they did there? They caused a major stir by ministering in Jesus' Name to a lame man who asked them for money.

by Jesse Duplantis

It was a bold thing to do because, in the natural, the man was a hopeless case. He'd been lame from birth, and like most everybody else who frequented the Temple in Jerusalem, Peter and John knew it. Yet Peter fastened his eyes on the man and said to him:

Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God (Acts 3:6-8).

When the people in the Temple that day saw that the man had been made whole, they were filled with wonder and amazement. They also made the same mistake a lot of people do today. They assumed Peter and John worked that miracle. They thought God had given them some kind of special power because they were super holy or something.

"Well," somebody might say, "Peter and John actually did have special power. After all, they were apostles."

Yes, but their being apostles had nothing to do with this event. How do we know? Peter said so. When everybody started making a fuss over him and John, he said to the people, "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up.... whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know" (verses 12-13, 15-16).

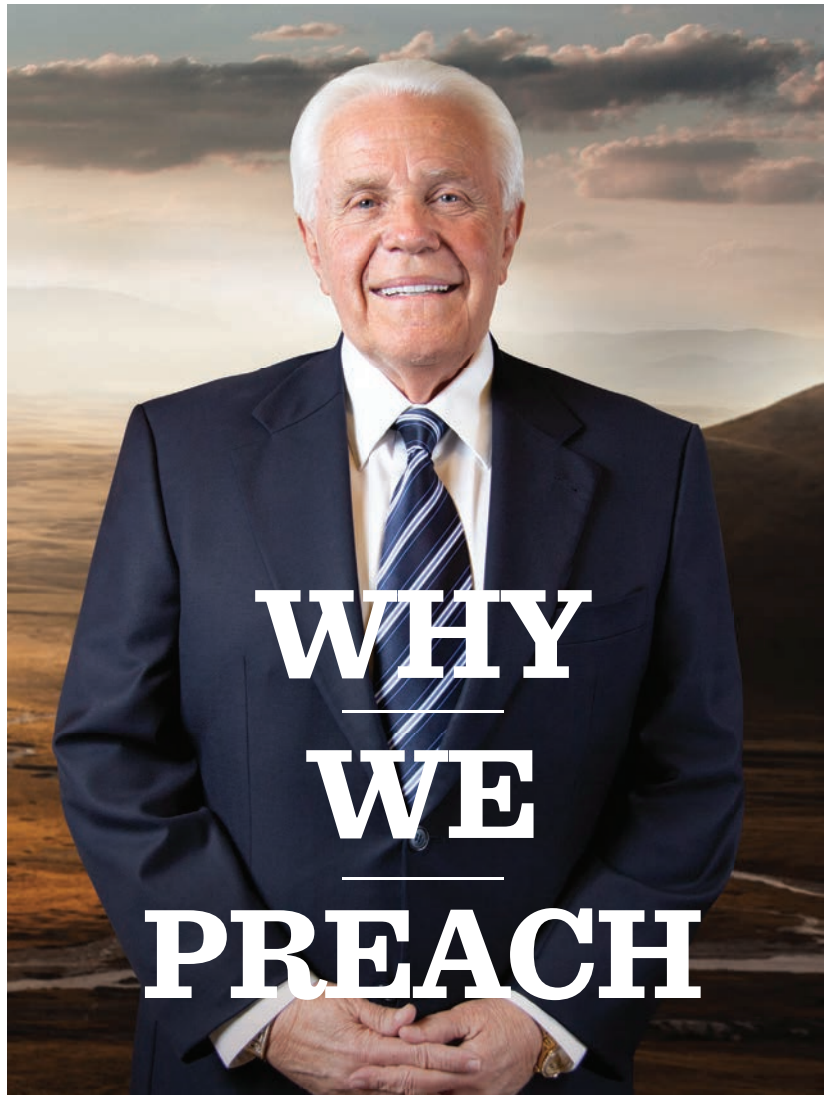
It wasn't their apostleship that Peter and John had on their minds that day. It was the Name of Jesus. It was by faith in that Name they ministered the miracle-working power of God to the lame man at the Temple gate. They were able to raise him up because they knew and believed what we are still finding out:

Jesus' Name can do anything He did when He was on earth.

His Name can do anything He can do now.

His Name can bring to pass anything He said.

Faith in Jesus' Name is faith in Him. Have faith in His Name! 🙏



"FOR THE MESSAGE
OF THE CROSS IS FOOLISHNESS TO
THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING, BUT
TO US WHO ARE BEING SAVED
IT IS THE POWER OF GOD."

(1 Corinthians 1:18, *New International Version*)

There was once a famous stage actor who sold out theaters. People came from far and wide to see him. They hung on his performances, marveling at how he brought his characters to life. One day, a local clergyman whose large church had dwindling numbers, approached him. He couldn't help but ask the actor, "How is it that you can pack out theaters, but I'm preaching to empty pews?"

The actor replied, "Because an actor acts as if his fiction is true...while a clergyman preaches »

the truth as if it's fiction."

What a telling response!

People want something real. They want the truth, even if they don't realize it. We, the Body of Christ, have that truth, and we need to share it with the world with boldness and clarity. But let me warn you: When we do, we will take some heat.

A History of Foolishness

In this current climate, a lot of people look at the Church like we're crazy. Instead of hearing the truth of the Word of God, they're leaning on their man-made, man-approved philosophies.

This isn't anything new. In Acts 18:1-17, we read that Paul founded a church in Corinth, the most important city in Greece at that time. It was a bustling hub of commerce, culture and religion. In that place, he was dealing with an intellectual crowd who relied on reason and human thought and had no understanding of the things of God.

In his first letter to those Corinthians, Paul addressed this exact issue. He wrote:

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.' Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? (1 Corinthians 1:18-20, *New International Version*).

The message of the Cross is still foolishness to our humanistic, intellectual world. As preachers, our whole profession is foolishness to them.

These last few years have been crazy, but even in this season, Jesse Duplantis Ministries has thrived. We reached 15 million new people through social media. But when I began to preach about what fueled the pandemic, which was fear, the social media sites took down my videos! God was gracious though. He still grew our ministry and allowed us to reach more

people than we've ever reached before, praise God!

News commentators, political pundits and television personalities all think we've missed it. They think preachers, pastors and the Body of Christ are dumb, but we aren't. Agnostics and atheists can't understand why we teach and rely on the Word of God. To them, it's foolishness. It's no wonder they call us idiots.

That's what happened in Athens. The unbelievers thought Paul was the biggest idiot they'd ever seen. They called him a babbler. His story, the gospel, made no sense to them, but it didn't matter what they thought. God's truth still stood strong. His Word *stands*. His Son *stands*. It may be foolishness to the world, but it's life to those who believe.

Nothing Supersedes the Gospel

When Paul arrived in Athens, he talked about Jesus—a Jew—who had been crucified on a cross. The intellectuals of that area—the Greeks—wondered, *Why does that Jewish man matter to me?* They thought the gospel Paul preached was absurd. They thought that since the Romans crucified Jesus, He *must* have been a criminal. They couldn't understand why Paul wanted them to worship Him.

But Paul was smart. He knew that while the intellectuals could deliver philosophy, they couldn't deliver truth. One day Paul spoke to the intellectuals in Athens right where they were, addressing an altar that was central to their culture:

For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.... For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring (Acts 17:23-25, 28).



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Paul may have been seen as a babbler, but he began to change their lives with the good news. Yes, the gospel is foolishness to the world. As a preacher, my whole profession is foolishness to unbelievers. Nothing supersedes it, though, because those who don't believe have nothing better to offer. They can't compete with God's truth.

The Foolishness That Transforms Lives

The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Take giving, for example. The world doesn't understand why Bible-believing Christians give money like we do. They don't understand the laws of sowing and reaping at the spiritual level, only in the physical. But we're *spiritual* farmers—sowing in season and reaping in season. When someone comes to Christ and learns what it means to sow and reap in the spirit, they flourish. Why? Because the Word restores, lifts and rescues those who believe it.

Even Jesus wasn't immune from this. People looked at Him and said, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46).

Jesus' response? "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes" (Matthew 11:25).

He didn't care if they thought Him a fool. He knew the power of the Word to restore, lift and rescue those who believed it. When the heart and the conscience are touched, the will is subdued. The truth of the gospel and the foolishness of our preaching come together to do something magnificent. It subdues the will of men and transforms lives.

Simply Irresistible

A wonderful pastor friend of mine once told me, "Jesse, you make Jesus irresistible." I love that. I hope I always make God Almighty irresistible so that people say, "I just got to get around this Jesus."

That's what Paul did. He made God Almighty irresistible to the would-be wise men of his day. He proved to them that he was called by God with the Word of God. They weren't influenced by a philosophy (Colossians 2:8).

They were transformed by the gospel, by the power of the Word. Preaching of the Word is not foolishness. It's only would-be wise men who consider it foolishness.

It's a solemn responsibility of every preacher, pastor and believer to present the gospel. When we do, we are a divinely appointed channel of divinely ordained foolishness. That's why the world thinks of us as fools, but their opinion doesn't matter. Like Jesus, we answer to our heavenly Father, not the world.

Every miracle Jesus performed defied all logic. It started with Him turning six water jugs into wine and ended with an empty tomb. It was foolishness to the wise men of His day, but it's not foolishness to God.

Two thousand years later, Jesus is still defying logic, only now it's through *us*—revealing truth, laying hands on the sick, living without debt, and casting out demons. That's the foolishness of our preaching.

Let's not preach the truth as if it's fiction. Let's preach it for the life-changing, transforming power of God that it is. Praise God, let's embrace it! 



WORDS OF FAITH:
HOLINESS

THE MORE WE WALK IN
OBEDIENCE TO GOD, THE LESS
ROOM WE GIVE THE DEVIL TO
OPERATE IN OUR LIVES. (Prov. 16:7)

Separating
yourself unto
God opens the
door for Him to
be the Father to
you He desires
to be.

(2 Cor. 6:17-18)

God created you
to be a vessel of
His glory and
walk in the light.

(1 Thes. 4:1)

Walking in
holiness is
part of your
divine calling.

(1 Thes. 4:7)

HOLINESS DOESN'T COME FROM STRIVING
LEGALISTICALLY TO KEEP RULES AND
REGULATIONS. (Gal. 5:16)





Coming Home

THE RESPIRATOR MOANED A MOURNFUL SOUND AS IT PUSHED AIR INTO MARLETH LOBATO'S LUNGS. THE CAR WRECK THAT THRUST THE 17-YEAR-OLD INTO THE HOSPITAL HAD BEEN DEVASTATING. HER HEAD HIT THE WINDSHIELD WITH SUCH FORCE THAT HER BRAIN HEMORRHAGED.

In a coma, Marleth looked as pale as the white sheets on the hospital bed. So still, she resembled a broken doll rather than a teenage girl filled with life and laughter.

Maria Lobato, Marleth's mother, stood at her daughter's bedside holding her cool, limp hand. She remembered the day, at age 3, when Marleth had been born again. Weeping and shaking, the child had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues. Maria had known then that her daughter had a call on her life.

A year later, Maria had taken Marleth to her first West Coast Believers' Convention. The child had basked in that environment—especially when she'd been old enough to join the Superkids. Each year when KCM's trucks left to return to Fort Worth, Texas, Marleth had longed to go with them.

Maria and Marleth lived in a guest

house owned by Marleth's older sister and her family. Marleth spent many evenings sitting on the roof, looking at the stars and communing with God. At 15, too old for Superkids, Marleth had attended Pre-Service Prayer at the Believers' Convention with Pastors Lynne Hammond and Terri Copeland Pearsons. Afterward, her mother had bought her a copy of Pastor Lynne's book *The Master Is Calling*. Those two things had changed Marleth's prayer life.

Now doctors were warning Maria that her daughter might not survive. If she did live, they said, there was a good chance that she would not breathe on her own, or be brain-dead. A vegetable.

Maria refused to accept that diagnosis. She knew that Jesus had suffered the entire curse of the Law and that by His stripes Marleth *was* healed. She opened her Bible to Psalm 118:17 and prayed:

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

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

“Lord, I stand on Your Word and release my faith that Marleth will live and not die. She will live and proclaim what the Lord has done.” She prayed Ezekiel 37:4-6: “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD’” (*New International Version*).

Maria slipped into the hall and phoned Len and Cathy Mink, asking them to pray. They prayed the Word of God over Marleth. That done, Maria and her family stood guard, making sure no one visited unless they believed that Marleth was healed.

On the fourth day of the coma, Marleth awoke, and her mother and sister rushed to her side.

“Marleth, you’re awake!”

“Praise God!”

Marleth flinched and looked at them in confusion.

“Who are you?” she asked.

Then she realized that she had an even more pressing question.

Who am I?

A Different World

“When I woke from the coma, I had amnesia,” Marleth recalls. “I didn’t recognize anyone in my family. When I looked in the mirror, a stranger looked back at me. I didn’t recognize my clothes. When I was discharged from the hospital, I didn’t recognize our home. Street names meant nothing to me.

“My mom told me to get into the Word of God. When I did, something happened. While my head didn’t remember God’s Word, my heart did. God’s Word and KCM were the memories that returned first. I remembered being so on fire for God. Gradually, other memories surfaced, and I remembered my life.

“I graduated from high school in 1997. The following year, I went to work for a venture capitalist organization. My boss was 24 years old. He and his brother were very well-off. They owned an office on Ventura Boulevard in Encino, Calif., and drove a Lamborghini and a Rolls-Royce.

“My mom and I shared an apartment, but I wasn’t really following the Lord. I’d kind of put my faith on a shelf. My Bible still lay on the nightstand, but I didn’t read it. I loved the lifestyle my bosses lived and was dazzled by it. By age 20, I was promoted to director of operations. I started partying with them and didn’t think life could get any better. The party stopped the day my boss was murdered.”

One day, Marleth’s secretary called in a panic. “Marleth, the FBI is here! They’re checking all our documents and certifications. They want you to come in and talk to them.”

Marleth called her boss’ brother and asked what she should do.

“Yes, the FBI is here,” he said, “but you don’t need to come in. We don’t want you to get involved. You’re fine.”

She *was* fine. But she was also out of work.

Taking the Wrong Road

The investigation revealed that the company Marleth was working for had been selling bogus stock certificates and embezzling millions of dollars from investors.

At 21, Marleth felt empty. She was in shock, shaken that her wonderful world had crashed and burned.

“Lord,” she asked, “what do You want me to do with my life?”

I have a calling on your life, but you have to obey and be in My will. It’s up to you.

“Lord, You’re good. I know You will never leave me or forsake me. But I want to try living life my way,” she had told God.

That moment had been a fork in the road of Marleth’s life. She took the wrong path. When she did, the enemy was there opening every wrong door for her.

“For years, I’d been living a double life,” she recalls. “I was so deceived that I thought it was all good. But I soon learned different. When I was 15, I felt heartbroken over a breakup. When I would use marijuana, I found that it eased the pain, and I felt wonderful! It took away all the pain and rejection.

“For several years leading up to the car wreck, I partied on the weekends and then went to church on Sunday mornings. I didn’t realize that I’d opened a major door to the enemy. After telling the Lord I wanted to live life my way, I

visited a friend, who introduced me to more drugs. From there, my life spiraled downhill.

“From age 21 to 28, I was seriously lost. My relationship with my mother wasn’t good. I didn’t have a relationship with my sister, brother-in-law, nieces or nephew. I still held down successful jobs, but my life wasn’t going anywhere good. I had no idea at the time, but I was a highly functioning addict.”

The Court Intervenes

During that time, Marleth was pulled over by police in a traffic stop. In court, she was ordered to attend an outpatient rehab program.

“Again, I was deceived when I met my daughter’s father,” she said. “He said he loved God and loved Jesus, but there was something not right with him. Turns out he was a drug addict. When I got pregnant, he beat me and demanded that I have an abortion. One morning, he dropped me off at an abortion clinic. As soon as he left, so did I. I am so thankful I did not go through with it. By now, I was homeless, and ended up staying with one friend after another.

“Somehow God always supernaturally supplied for me, and I never had to eat from a dumpster. I never had to beg for money. One morning about 3 a.m., while walking alone in downtown Los Angeles, I recalled Brother Copeland’s teachings on angels, and how he says that, as a child of God, we are surrounded by them. I remember praying to God and saying, “Lord, I know You’re with me. That’s why I’m not scared. I know I have angels around me.”

In 2008, Marleth gave birth to her daughter. Her mother was there for her. They mended their relationship, and she took them in.

“That’s it,” Marleth declared! “I’m leaving drugs behind. I’m turning back to God.” She began attending In His Presence Church in Woodland Hills, Calif. That lasted about eight months.

Aso-called “friend” from high school resurfaced in her life. He came from a wealthy family and always had money, food, and drugs. Marleth soon fell back into the old lifestyle.

In 2010, Marleth was in another relationship and became pregnant again. A few days before she delivered the baby, the father told her, “Marleth, I’m going to work. I’ll be home later tonight.”

He never returned.

Once again, her mother stood in the delivery



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room with her.

One day, Marleth and Maria got into an argument and Marleth walked out, leaving her children behind. Dealing with rejection from her last relationship had caused her to return to drugs.

“I’m done,” Maria finally told her daughter.

“I won’t let you back in my house until you get yourself together.” Out of concern for the children, Maria decided to act as their guardian in Marleth’s absence. She also continued to declare Ezekiel 37:4-6 over her daughter, believing God to bring her through.

The Wages of Sin

Soon, Marleth found herself in another dead-end relationship. Except this one was even more toxic than the previous ones. She endured constant abuse and was frequently beaten by her boyfriend. If she ran away, he would find her and beat her again.

“You won’t *ever* leave me,” the man had threatened. “I’ll kill you if you try.”

“Although I was living in a beautiful Westlake Village, Calif., home, I realized that having money means something but, when you have nothing inside, it is not worth much.”

One night after a severe beating, Marleth grabbed a backpack and left. Once again, her boyfriend tracked her down. Grabbing her by the hair, he dragged her outside, kicking her in the stomach until she thought she would die.

“Tonight’s the night you’re gonna die,” he promised.

The man had a gun, and Marleth believed him. She had heard that he had already committed a murder and gotten away with it. Driving about 80 miles per hour, he took her into the mountains. There, while holding a gun on her, he began to dig a grave.

While he continued to scream at her, Marleth prayed: “God, help me! Jesus, help me! I’m so sorry. I promise this time I’m done. Please just give me one more chance. You were right. The wages of sin is death. This man is digging my grave! Lord, please, please forgive me. Please let me live to see my children again. I give my life to You! I’ll do anything You tell me to do.”

“I recalled Brother Copeland saying once that when you say the Name of Jesus because you can’t recall certain scriptures, just know that you are

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slapping the devil in the face with the whole Old and New Testaments. So, I did. I used the Name of Jesus!”

All of a sudden, the man threw down the shovel.

“You know what,” he said, “you’re not worth it.”

Tossing the gun and shovel into his van, he quickly drove away.

Two days later, the man tried to kill someone else and was arrested for attempted murder. With him now in jail, Marleth knew her escape was clear.

A New Beginning

“I’d spent years being afraid of that man,” Marleth remembers. “As soon as I was free, I checked myself into a rehab program. Once I was safe, with no one trying to kill me, I prayed again: ‘Lord, do You want something from me? I’m all Yours.’

Just as Gloria Copeland had once said to the Lord, I told Him: ‘I give You my life. Do something with it.’

“While I was in rehab, my mom would bring me CDs by Brother Copeland, Sister Gloria and Pastor Terri Pearsons to listen to,” Marleth recalls. “I listened to them and immersed myself in the Word, totally surrendering to God. Even during the worst of my addictions, when I listened to Brother Copeland, the temptation receded. Those messages helped me to focus on God’s power. I knew He was good, kind and merciful. I knew that He still loved me as much as He did when I was a child. So without any hesitation, I asked Him to forgive me.

“I also asked Him to restore my relationship with my mom. I asked that He return my girls to me. And I asked that He allow me to live in Fort Worth so that I could attend Eagle Mountain Church (EMIC), where Terri Pearsons and her husband, George, were the pastors.

“Finally, I asked to one day be able to meet my spiritual parents, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.”

While going through rehab, Marleth recalls, “The Lord told me that renewing my mind would transform me from the inside out.” She decided to practice Joshua 1:8, which says: “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful” (NIV).

“To fight the addiction, I also had to discipline myself to put on the armor of God as soon as

my eyes opened (Ephesians 6:11-18). I did what Brother and Sister Copeland preached. I learned to put on my helmet of salvation in order to fight the thoughts of the enemy. I learned to put on the breastplate of righteousness to shield my emotions and my heart. And I learned to put on the belt of truth because, if I get caught lying, the enemy will use it against me. I was finished with lying to myself and to others.

“Then, I learned to have my feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. The Lord knew I needed to forgive myself first, then forgive everyone else and be at peace with everyone around me. I learned from Brother Copeland that if I chose to not keep the peace or hold unforgiveness, I would only be harming myself. I learned to keep my shield of faith, which was to quench every fiery dart that would come my way in the natural. I also had to keep my Bible, which is the sword of the Spirit, with me at all times in hand, as well as in my mouth, and in my heart. And I learned I would have to utilize my spiritual language to get me by—minute by minute” (Ephesians 6:12-18).

A Road Worth Traveling

“That was my road to recovery, and it worked,” Marleth says. “I spent years in the Word of God, in prayer and worship, and in church. I’ve been sober now since June 24, 2012. I’ve often looked back over my life and wondered why I lived. I believe the primary reason was because I’ve been a Partner with KCM since I was 11. That means Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, and the entire staff at KCM, have prayed for me every day. That kind of prayer is priceless.

“I also believe that I’m alive because of the faithful prayers of my mother. There’s nothing more powerful than a praying mother. She has been pivotal in my life.

“God has answered every one of the things I asked of Him. Today, my mother, my children and I live in Fort Worth. We attend EMIC, the Revival Capital of the World®, and I’ve met my spiritual parents.

“In addition to working toward my college degree, my mother, my daughters and I live in a brand-new home which God has provided for us, and my children attend private school. And if that weren’t enough to show His love and faithfulness, the Lord also did something else for me. Today, I work in the Human Resources department at Kenneth Copeland Ministries. I *finally* followed those trucks home!” 🙏



You've Got Change Coming

CHANGE. WE'VE HEARD
A LOT ABOUT IT LATELY.

THERE'S REGULAR PROPHECY ABOUT
CHANGE HAPPENING IN OUR NATION
AND THE BODY OF CHRIST. RIGHT
NOW, WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF SOME
OF THE MOST DRAMATIC CHANGE
WE'VE EVER SEEN.

There's an expectation for it. Of course, we don't want change just for the sake of change. We want change for our betterment.

As a nation, we face a lot of challenges—the economy, foreign policy, immigration. But as I've prayed, I believe the biggest change that's needed in America is regarding the horrendous division that exists in our country. In my lifetime, our nation has had no greater

challenge. We are divided, and it's shameful that most of it is along racial lines. Jesus said, "If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:25). That's why the enemy loves division.

But what can we really do about big problems like this? What is our responsibility as Christians?

Whenever we need change—whether it's nationwide change or personal change—it all starts with developing a *vision*.

Change Requires Vision

For the majority of what God does in this world, He doesn't sovereignly manifest Himself. For instance, if finances are needed, He doesn't drop a bag of money out

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of heaven onto someone's head. He uses *people*. He uses the Body of Christ. *We* are His change agents in the earth.

To be effective change agents, we need *vision* directly from God, or what the Old Testament calls *revelation*. It's a mental understanding of what the future holds, revealed by the Spirit. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." You can't get more plain and simple than that.

Vision is vital because it affects your decision-making process and pushes you toward God's end result.

Of course, many people read that verse without considering the second half. The full verse says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Keeping the Word of God—embracing it as your standard of living—is a prerequisite to receiving a divine revelation. There's no point in seeking God for great vision without first basing your life on His Word.

Vision Comes From the Holy Spirit

Under the new covenant, vision comes through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. First Corinthians 2:9-10 states: "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

You and I are called according to God's purpose. And you can bet that what God has prepared for us, by the Holy Spirit, is *far* greater than what we can imagine for ourselves. So, pray and see what He has prepared for you.

First, Write the Vision

Of course, receiving a vision for change and implementing it are often two different challenges.

When you want to implement change, the first step is to write it down. Habakkuk 2:2 says, "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." There's something supernatural about writing your vision down. It's easy to hear a vision you believe is from God, get excited about it, *not* write it down...and then see it fade over time.

If you want momentum to run with the vision, you must write it down. Put it on your refrigerator door and read it daily. Write it down so you can speak to it. Write it down so the Holy Ghost can add to it and make it clearer each day.

After you've written down the vision, set what Philippians 3:14 calls *marks*—intermediate goals and objectives that take you toward your high calling. These are actions that push you in the right direction. They may be small, insignificant tasks, but they're small on purpose...because they're seeds. You're planting seeds toward your harvest.

Philippians 3:14 says, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." *To press* means "to pursue hotly." In other words, you should press toward the mark with what I call "maximum sustainable effort." Anyone can pursue a goal for a minute or two. You need to put forth your maximum sustainable effort *indefinitely*.

Facing Resistance

Of course, none of this is easy. Your flesh won't want to cooperate. It doesn't matter whether it's a diet, exercise or something else that applies to your high calling. Your flesh will wake you up at 1 a.m. thinking about the pecan pie in the refrigerator. Only your commitment to your diet will carry you through that battle.

There are other types of resistance you'll face, too. One of the biggest is demonic resistance. Make no mistake about it; there are demonic assignments against every believer. It's nothing to get nervous about, because Satan is a defeated foe. But you must be vigilant because there are subtle assignments against you that are designed to thwart your



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part in God's unfolding plan.

The enemy loves to pressure you. He wants to challenge what you believe concerning healing, finances, marriage and God's will for your life. But the enemy can't stop the promise! That's why James says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:2-4). In other words, get excited when the devil tempts you, because if you're *patient*—if you don't quit—you'll step into your high calling. The grace of God will carry you through!

Fighting Back

Faith comes from hearing the Word (Romans 10:17), so to make sure you don't quit, you need to hear the Word regularly. When the enemy tells you something that opposes what God has said to you about your high calling, cast down that vain imagination (2 Corinthians 10:5).

As Brother Kenneth Hagin used to say, "You can't do anything about the birds that fly over your head, but that doesn't mean you have to let them build a nest in your hair."

If you have a thought that's contrary to what God has spoken to you, cast it away. Don't let it fester. Conform your thoughts to the Word of God. Only speak what the Holy Ghost has spoken to you. Bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Manage your thought life by consistently hearing and speaking the Word. Then your faith will remain strong.

How We Bring About Change

You need strong faith and a no-quit attitude because change *is* coming. Our country and our churches need it, and you and I are a big part of it.

As a pastor, I know each church is a piece of God's plan to unify America. A big part of our high calling is to unify people with different backgrounds, perspectives, giftings and talents. We're to bring them together to release a corporate anointing that will change this earth!

Knowing that, here's how our church started putting these principles into practice.

First, we received a vision from the Lord. He said, *Take steps as a church to be as racially diverse as you can possibly be.* So, we started moving in that direction. Many churches say they're diverse, but really their diversity is a small percentage of their congregation. The fact is, we're most comfortable with people who look like us, talk like us, and have the same life experiences. But that's not God's best for us. The Body of Christ should be as culturally diverse as the earth's population.

So, knowing diversity was our vision, we started setting marks. One intermediate mark was to invite people who might not have otherwise heard about our church to join us. Instead of putting door hangers on the houses in the white suburban neighborhood around our church, we ventured into areas that were different than where we lived. We pressed on with maximum sustainable effort and today, on any given Sunday morning, the diversity of our congregation is wonderfully apparent.

Then, we set another mark. We started a Spanish-speaking service so people who didn't speak English could still feel like they're a part of our body. Next, we started cultural sensitivity training, a fancy term for sitting down and investing time with people of different cultures to learn how they live and view life. We get together—whites, blacks, Asians, Latinos—all of us, and we talk regularly. It's continual dialogue, and we've begun to see significant change.

We've had to invest a lot, but it's the fulfillment of the vision God gave us. Because of our obedience, I believe that corporate anointing will come and destroy a yoke in America that will set us free!

It's Your Turn

What is the change God has laid on your heart? What's your high calling? What part do you have in God's vision for His Body?

Take time today to pray about it. Write down the vision God gives you. Set your marks. Then press on with maximum sustainable effort—no matter what resistance you face.

If you're consistent, you'll enter into your high calling. And we need that...because as we obey Him together, our whole world will change! 🙏

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'Stirred Up!'

I love watching Brother Copeland and Professor Greg Stephens. It's like having our own private Bible study. Watching them together has enriched my knowledge and brought the Bible to life for me. Just like Papa Copeland says, making the Word "widescreen." Please keep more episodes coming. I'm so stirred up!

N.W. | Washington

Caring Witness

I requested prayer for my Muslim neighbor who's very open to the gospel. He had been experiencing severe back pain which affected his ability to work. When I asked how he was doing, he exuberantly expressed how good he was feeling! I informed him that prayer had been made on his behalf and I think it surprised and pleased him.

Thank you for praying for him. I appreciate your prayer team and your ministry of serving the Body of Christ. I believe that my neighbor will receive Christ as personal Savior very soon.

J.G. | Ohio

On the Job in Prayer

Thank you, Brother Copeland, from your Partner for the broadcast about God's goodness and mercy. I have alerted other pray-ers to watch it and am on the job myself praying Psalm 91 and that "God is good, and His mercy endures forever."

G.L. | Louisiana

'Breakthrough Prevailed'

I emailed a prayer request concerning a brother in the Lord who was involved in a car crash. A tire blew and the steel on the driver's door rolled up like a window blind. We knew the devil had tried to kill him but failed. He walked in the cold to a motel, then to a bus station the next day to get home. Less than a week

later, after the pressure to give up, breakthrough prevailed and he's driving a better car and doing his job. PRAISE GOD! Thank you for the morning prayer program and for the on-demand option. I need it day and night! Thank you to everyone who partners with God to help the Body of Christ!

A.C. | Virginia

AFib Gone

Brother Copeland asked for those who had heart or stroke problems to come forward. My problem was an AFib heartbeat.

I returned to my seat after Brother Copeland laid hands on me and took my pulse. The AFib beat was gone...praise God!

K.H. | Fort Worth, Texas

Grateful and Blessed

I am grateful that I can call KCM, and someone who has faith for healing, finances, family or any other concern will pray. For many years I have turned to KCM for believing prayer. Today has been one of those days I wanted to bow under the weight but the Word filled me up! I am blessed.

A.N.

Free and in Heaven

My husband died at the age of 91 years, having given his heart to the Lord the week before. Praise the Lord and thank you for your many years of prayer for his salvation. We had a joyful celebration of his life, knowing he was free from pain and in heaven with our Lord.

P.B. | New South Wales, Australia

'Saved My Life'

I just learned that Brother Copeland didn't originally want to do daily TV.

His obedience to do it saved my life.

When I began watching some years ago, Jesse Duplantis was a guest, teaching about sowing and naming seed, and reaping a harvest of what we sow. I thought, *I'm going to give this a try and see if it works.* So I donated some food to our church's food pantry. Out of the blue, a family member who we were not on good terms with brought us a gift card to a grocery store for Christmas.

That was my beginning.

I say the broadcast saved my life because that's where I learned Mark 11:23-25 and so much more. I've been delivered from car accidents, tornadoes, financial calamity, and mental health issues because I learned that the Word does what it says it will do. Thank you, Brother Copeland, for the daily broadcast.

J.T. | Oklahoma

Flying Lessons

I recently got more engaged in VICTORY Channel™ and giving to your ministry, then inherited a Cessna 172—what a huge surprise and blessing!

I am currently attempting to get my pilot's license. There are so many parallels in flying and walking by faith!

K.A. | Michigan

Grabbing the Word

I was dizzy, nauseous and had a terrible headache. Doctors couldn't help me, and I started to become depressed, anxious and scared. I had never experienced something like this. I went to many hospitals and doctors, spent a lot of money,

and it was still the same. I am a believer so searched for Kenneth and Gloria Copeland and they were teaching on healing. I grabbed onto those healing scriptures and I can tell you I am healed! Hallelujah!

E.P. | Brooklyn, N.Y.



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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you sow out of love for Him
will come back to you in
**overflowing
harvest.**"*

—Kenneth Copeland



How To Believe God for a House

“There’s no place like home!”

My wife, Terri, and I have often declared that statement while walking through the back door of our home after a long, hard day at work. Sometimes after dinner, we will just plop down on the couch, kick up our feet and sigh a breath of relief. I appreciate The LORD for providing the peaceful, warm atmosphere of our home.

After all, He was the One who got us there in the first place!



by Pastor George Pearsons



The LORD is interested in every detail of our lives, including where we live. Our homes should be places where we can be refreshed and receive from Him. Isaiah 32:18 (*New International Version*) says, “My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.”

Consider the Garden of Eden.

It was God’s original intent for our earthly dwellings. The word *Eden* in Hebrew means “the region of Adam’s home; a house of pleasure.” THE BLESSING that God spoke over Adam empowered him to establish the Garden of Eden wherever he went.

That same empowerment belongs to us today.

Many do not realize that a beautiful home is part of God’s wonderful plan for their lives. He is our loving, heavenly Father who knows the very desires of our hearts. He is well-aware of what kind of home will minister to us. His heart is to do everything possible to fulfill that desire.

God’s Will for Your House

Faith for a house begins where the will of God is known.

First John 5:14-15 (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*) says:

And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute

knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.

As you can see, great confidence comes when we are assured of God’s will. God’s WORD is His perfect will and the very foundation to your house. Luke 6:48 says, “He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.”

That “rock” is God’s WORD.

In the course of my study, I have researched over 20 specific “house scriptures” that prove it is God’s perfect will for us to live in beautiful, debt-free homes.

For instance, Proverbs 24:3-4, (*AMPC*) says, “Through skillful and godly Wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation], and by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.”

There it is! Your beautiful, completely furnished, debt-free house.

A Debt-Free Stand of Faith

Terri and I made a very crucial decision concerning our house.

It was the same decision Kenneth and Gloria Copeland had made many years before.

In 1967, Kenneth and Gloria determined they would immediately obey whatever they saw in God’s WORD. Shortly thereafter, they discovered Romans 13:8 which says, “Owe no man any thing, but to love one another.”



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They thought they were doomed!

“How will we ever have a car, a house or even an airplane?”

Perhaps the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* would give them an “out.”

On the contrary. It was even stronger.

“Keep out of debt.”

They had already dedicated themselves to The LORD, and they were determined to act on whatever He said. In spite of the seeming impossibility of ever having anything, they made their quality, uncompromising decision of no retreat, no return and no turning back. They committed to live debt free. That debt-free decision included both their personal and ministry lives.

The very first thing Gloria believed for was a house.

‘I Hung My Faith on That Scripture’

“Satan would come to me,” Gloria writes in her book *God’s Will Is Prosperity*, “with thoughts of doubt and say, ‘There is no way that you can buy a house without going into debt.’ When he would do that, I would trust in and continually confess 2 Corinthians 9:8 (AMPC). ‘And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to [me] in abundance, so that [I] may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].’

“It gave me the comfort and strength I needed to stand in faith,” she writes. “I hung my faith on that scripture...believing God was the only way I could have my home.”

They took their stand of faith, refusing to be double-minded. They meditated on The WORD until their house became a reality in their hearts. They believed God’s WORD more than what they could see or feel, never underestimating the creative power of their faith-filled words.

They released their faith while living in Tulsa, Okla. According to Gloria, she did not realize that the construction of her first dream house in Fort Worth started the very

moment she began believing God.

“Let there be a house! And there was a house.”

Gloria’s Three Revelations

It took a while before they received that house.

In the meantime, The LORD gave Gloria three revelations. This scenario fits perfectly with Proverbs 14:1 that says, “Every wise woman buildeth her house.”

The first was *The Revelation of Divine Prosperity*.

The LORD showed Gloria that she could believe for divine prosperity in the same way she could believe for divine health. Both blessings already belonged to her. Jesus bore her poverty and lack in the same way He bore her sickness and disease.

We should refuse lack just as quickly as we refuse sickness.

Gloria writes, “If you make up your mind—make a quality decision—that you are not willing to live in lack, but that you are willing to live in divine prosperity and abundance, Satan cannot stop the flow of God’s financial blessings.”

Next was *The Revelation of Peace and Prosperity*.

Isaiah 53:5 says, “The chastisement of our peace was upon him.” God tells us in Isaiah 48:17-18 (AMPC) that He is “the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way that you should go. Oh, that you had hearkened to My commandments! Then your peace and prosperity would have been like a flowing river.”

Peace and prosperity go hand in hand. Gloria realized that her prosperity had already been provided. It was hers now.

“By faith, we need to rest in the receiving of our homes.”

The third thing The LORD showed her was *The Revelation of Dominion and Authority*. He revealed to Gloria that she had the same authority over the earth that Adam had in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 1:28 (AMPC) says, “And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and

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fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources].”

“While we were standing in faith for the money to pay for our first house, the Lord reminded me of this scripture and revealed to me that every material thing here came from the earth’s vast resources—every piece of lumber, brick and glass, the concrete, and the mortar. There was nothing in the makeup of our house that had not come from the earth’s resources. I had the right to take authority over it and receive it as mine in the Name of Jesus.”

Stand Your Ground

It took six years of standing their ground and continually acting on The WORD. But the day finally came when their faith paid off. They took possession of their “beautiful, debt-free house.”

As for Terri and me, our circumstances were different, but the faith principles remained the same. Here is the short version.

We owned a home, paid it off and sowed it into a family.

We then borrowed the money to buy our next house.

On a worldwide TV broadcast of *Believer's Voice of Victory*, Brother Copeland asked me why I went back into debt. As a result, Terri and I made the quality decision to live debt free. We eventually sold the house and bought another.

The LORD worked out a way for us to purchase the new house without having to borrow the money. It took less than one year to pay off the house. And, it took four more years to renovate it by using cash. In the meantime, we lived in several rental properties.

Throughout our five years and the Copelands’ six years, we all had to stand our ground. Galatians 6:9 (AMPC) tells us to “not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.”

There were times when we would get

discouraged, wondering if we would ever move into our house. But we determined to “not lose heart and grow weary.” We continued to stand on The WORD and keep our eyes focused on the desired result.

We refused to give up and quit.

We were thankful for the quality decision to pay for and renovate the house debt free. We averted a 30-year mortgage, having to pay thousands of dollars in interest, and did not have to bow our knee to a lender.

You are only one decision away from your debt-free house.

Simply make the same quality decision that Kenneth and Gloria, Terri and I made years ago. Take your strong stand of faith in God’s WORD. Believe and receive Psalm 107:7 (*The Message*) that says, “He put your feet on a wonderful road that took you straight to a good place to live.”

Say this out loud right now. “I speak to my house in the Name of Jesus and command it to come to me! No matter how long it takes, I am standing my ground, walking by faith and holding fast to The WORD. I refuse to give up and quit. I believe I receive my beautiful, debt-free house NOW!” 🙏



Luke 4:18

1 Corinthians 2:7-10

Amos 9:13-15

Acts 17:26

Deuteronomy 6:10-11

Proverbs 9:1

Proverbs 10:22

Proverbs 12:7

Proverbs 15:6

Proverbs 22:4

Proverbs 24:3-4

Proverbs 24:27

Isaiah 32:17-18

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Jeremiah 31:12-14

Psalm 16:5-6

Psalm 31:19-20

Psalm 66:12

Psalm 68:6, 10, 19

Psalm 107:7-9

Psalm 107:29-32

Psalm 107:35-38

Psalm 107:41-43

Psalm 112

Psalm 118:5, 23

Thou hast caused men
to ride over our heads;
we went through fire and
through water: but thou
broughtest us out
into a wealthy place.
Psalm 66:12

Through wisdom is an
house builded; and
by understanding it
is established: And by
knowledge shall the
chambers be filled with
all precious and
pleasant riches.
Proverbs 24:3-4

By humility and the fear
of the LORD are riches,
and honour, and life.
Proverbs 22:4

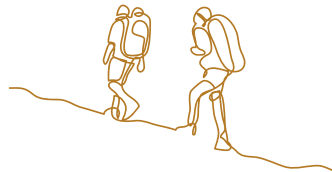
The LORD is the portion
of mine inheritance
and of my cup: thou
maintainest my lot. The
lines are fallen unto me
in pleasant places; yea,
I have a goodly heritage.
Psalm 16:5-6

A person is holding a large, unfolded map that covers most of the frame. The map is a detailed road map with various lines and text. The person's hands are visible at the edges of the map. In the background, there is a coastal landscape with a blue sea, a rocky shore, and some greenery. The sun is shining from the upper right, creating a bright glow and casting shadows on the map. The title "Following the Faith of Abraham" is overlaid in a large, black, serif font.

Following the Faith of Abraham

A vertical photograph on the left side of the page showing a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there is a rocky shore with some dry grass and a large, dark, textured rock. In the background, a body of water (likely a bay or harbor) is visible, with a few small boats. The water is surrounded by green hills and a clear sky.

The power of faith will not only launch you into the promised land of God's Master Plan for your life, it will also give you the power to conquer the giants once you get there. It will move every mountain that tries to stand in your way.



Faith will bring God's power on the scene to do whatever needs to be done in your life. It will heal your marriage and straighten out your children. It will fill your bank account. Faith in God's Word will do whatever it says in your life. "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

That's why, when Ken and I moved to Tulsa and began hearing the message of faith, we just couldn't get enough of it. We wanted to hear it...and hear it...and hear it. We'd drive through ice storms, slipping and sliding, to Kenneth E. Hagin's meetings just to hear him preach—morning and evening for three weeks straight. I think every meeting he would teach faith from Mark 11:22-24. We received it and WE GOT IT!

In those verses, Jesus said:

Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

When Ken and I first started studying those verses, we had more mountains in our lives than we knew how to climb. We were defeated in almost every area. We had countless questions and very few answers. So when we heard that faith would move mountains, we were eager to find out more about it—and we've been learning about it ever since. Even now, we don't know

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everything there is to know, but we know a lot more than we did when we started. We know not only from the Word but also from experience that it doesn't matter what kind of problem we run into, faith in God's Word will always fix it.

Actually, I learned early on that faith would fix even *me*! That was an important discovery because I had some natural weaknesses and shortcomings that could have kept me from fulfilling God's plan. I didn't possess the natural talents and inclinations necessary to do what He had called me to do. Like everyone else who sets out to do God's will, I had what you might call an *ability gap*.

That was demonstrated quite clearly when Ken preached his first meeting. Before Ken spoke, the pastor of the church hosting the meeting asked me to stand up and say a few words to the congregation. (Traditionally, that's what preachers' wives were expected to do.)

My response was, "No."

That's all I said. I didn't add, "I'm glad to be here" or "God bless you." Nothing else. I didn't intend to be rude, but I felt very uncomfortable speaking in front of people and I didn't want to do it. That was the sad shape I was in when we went into the ministry.

Of course after the service, I repented. "Lord, I'm sorry about that," I said. "The next time someone calls on me I will jump up, open my mouth by faith, and expect You to fill it." I've done exactly that ever since. Little did I know then how thoroughly the Lord would take me up on that promise.

The Ability To See His Plans Through

In the years since, I've preached to thousands of people again and again. How have I done it? With the ability God provides. When I tap in to His grace by faith, it is always sufficient for me. God's strength truly is made perfect in my weakness.

That's a fact you'll want to remember because as you step into God's Master Plan for your life, one of the first things you're sure to realize is that you don't have the ability to do all God is telling you to do. When He unfolds His plan before you, you may be tempted to say, "Lord,

You've got to be kidding. Have You looked at me lately? Have You checked the balance in my checking account? Are You aware that I have a track record of failure in that area? I don't think I'm Your best choice to carry out this plan!"

If you've ever had thoughts like that, don't be discouraged; you're in good company. Abraham, the famous Old Testament father of faith, felt the same way when God told him he and his barren, old wife were going to have a baby. Although that was part of God's Master Plan for him and for the nation of Israel, Abraham thought the idea was so far out he actually fell over laughing. When Sarah heard God's promise, she had the same reaction. She "laughed within herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?'" (Genesis 18:12, *New King James Version*).

Why did Abraham and Sarah consider God's plan so outlandish? Because they looked at themselves and each other every day. They were old! They knew their history of barrenness. Physically, they had absolutely no ability to have children. So the idea that they were about to become the father and mother of nations seemed ridiculous.

But when Abraham and Sarah realized God was serious, they stopped laughing. They got serious and did exactly what Jesus said we should do. They had faith in God. They began to speak His Word and believe His promise would come to pass in their lives.

Sarah and Abraham proved that faith works! They demonstrated it can overcome every obstacle. It can even turn barren, wrinkled centenarians into the beaming parents of a new baby boy.

Developing the Faith That Takes

Abraham and Sarah believed they received God's promise, just like Mark 11:24 says to do. Exactly what does it mean to believe you receive? I can tell you what it doesn't mean. It doesn't mean we just sit back and say, "Well, I'll accept whatever happens. I'd like to have God's promises fulfilled in my life but...I'll just leave it all up to the Lord."

Although that may sound very spiritual,

it's actually unscriptural. Some people have the idea that if God wants to give them something, He'll do it without requiring any action on their part. So when they fail to see God's promises come to pass in their lives, they assume God just didn't want to fulfill those promises in their particular situation. But they're mistaken. God always fulfills His promises when His conditions are met. He is a promise-keeper, not a promise-breaker.

Mark 11:24 clearly commands us to *believe we receive* what we ask for when we pray. We can't leave up to the Lord what He has left up to us. And He has given us the responsibility not only to believe, but to receive the things He has promised us in His Word.

The Greek word translated *receive* in Mark 11:24 is a strong, aggressive action word. It means "to take, to get hold of, to receive to oneself, to take back." It is an action word. I think *seize* would be an appropriate word to describe it.

If we don't seize by faith what God has offered to us in His Word, it's not His fault—it's ours. God has already done His part. He has provided every blessing and every good gift we could ever need, and has extended those gifts to us through His Word. But that by itself does not complete the transaction. For a gift to be exchanged there must be a giver *and* a receiver.

We all know that's true in the natural world. Imagine, for example, it was your birthday today and I walked up to you with a lovely gift. I could say, "Happy Birthday!" and offer it to you. But if you just stood there looking at it with your hands at your sides, that gift would never do you any good. Even though it belonged to you, and I had already bought and paid for it, if you didn't reach out and take it, you'd go home empty-handed.

On the other hand, if you would take hold of that gift, you'd take possession of it. You could open it up and enjoy it. When you did, both you and I would be greatly pleased and blessed.

We must do the same thing with God's promises. To enjoy their benefits, we must receive them. We must say, "Thank You, Father, for that promise. I believe it's mine and I take it by faith right now." *We must begin to think, speak and act as if that promise is already ours.* That's just how faith works.

Then, when the devil tries to talk us out of that promise, we refuse to give it up. We rebuke the devil and tell him to get his hands off our situation, in the Name of Jesus. When we do that, we'll experience victory.

Let Your Mountains Hear Your Voice

Another important lesson about faith we can learn from Abraham and Sarah is that they imitated God's example by calling "those things which be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17). God Himself convinced them to do that by giving them new names. A year before Isaac was born, He changed Abram to *Abraham*, which means "father of many nations," and Sarai to *Sarah*, which means "mother of multitudes." So Abraham and Sarah made a confession of faith every time they said their names.

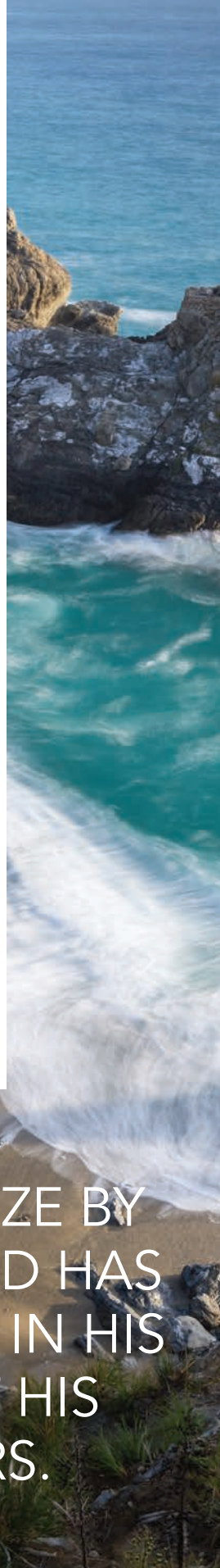
Why is that important? Because, according to Mark 11:23, one primary characteristic of faith is that it speaks the Word of God and believes those things it says will happen. Real, Bible faith is never silent. It continually speaks God's promise. Faith has a voice—the voice of victory!

Many Christians don't realize that. They diligently study the Word, and faith arises in their hearts, just as Romans 10:17 says it will. Faith comes to them as they hear the Word. But because they never open their mouths to

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speak by faith, their faith never bears fruit. It dies unborn!

Remember this: Faith *comes* by hearing, but faith *goes* into action by saying! It is applied to the situation by words of faith. "Well, I just don't think my faith is big enough to get the job done," someone might say. "I think that's my problem."

If so, that's no problem at all because Jesus told us what to do about that. When the apostles came to Him and said, "Lord, increase our faith," He answered:

If you had faith (trust and confidence in God) even [so small] like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, Be pulled up by the roots, and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you. Will any man of you who has a servant plowing or tending sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, Come at once and take your place at the table? Will he not instead tell him, Get my supper ready and gird yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; then afterward you yourself shall eat and drink? (Luke 17:6-8, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

According to Jesus, it doesn't matter how small our faith is, if we'll plant it by speaking out what we are believing, it will grow up and get the job done. When we release our faith with the words of our mouth, it goes to work for us like a servant and does what we send it to do.

That's one of the first principles Ken and I learned when we began to study faith. I'll never forget the day the revelation of it fully dawned on me. I had been listening to Kenneth E. Hagin's tape *You Can Have What You Say* on an old, 6-inch, reel-to-reel tape recorder. I had taken copious notes and was excited about what I was hearing. Revelation was coming to my heart and mind.

In Mark 11:22-24, Jesus clearly put a great emphasis on the words we say. As I took notes and listened to Brother Hagin preaching from this scripture about faith and the power of our words those many years ago, suddenly, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart. He said, *In consistency lies the power*.

That's when it hit me. It's not just what we say in prayer or in church, but what we say

continually that makes the difference. What we say consistently will come to pass in our lives because that's what we really believe in our hearts. Jesus said, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34, *NKJV*). What you say continually is what is abiding in your heart. If you want to know what is in your heart, listen to your mouth. It's *very* revealing. Most of the time, it's too revealing for comfort.

At that moment, sitting in our shabby, little rented house back in 1967, I decided I had to take control over my words. I made up my mind to start speaking words of faith not just in church or when reading my Bible, but all the time. I saw it wouldn't work for Ken and me to speak faith words for a while, then quit when results didn't come right away and we felt discouraged. We couldn't afford to lie in bed and murmur to each other about our problems at times like that. We couldn't declare a faith *timeout* and say, "Why isn't the Word of God working for us?" "Why aren't we getting any results?" "What is going to happen to us?" "How will we make it?" "What are we going to do now?"

Those negative words would undermine the whole faith process. We literally could not afford to say them at any time. *Every word we said was important*.

I'm absolutely convinced that had Ken and I not followed Jesus' example and begun confessing God's Word over our lives, rather than words of unbelief, we could never have connected with God's Master Plan. We would have remained stuck in our old patterns of defeat and inadequacy. Instead of stepping into the bright, new future God had planned for us, we would have continued walking around and around the paths of the past.

The same is true for you. To successfully walk out God's Master Plan for your life, you must start saying what God says about you. You must come into agreement with God. That will put you where you need to be! 

(This article was adapted from Gloria Copeland's New York Times bestseller, *God's Master Plan for Your Life*.)

Jesus Is Coming!

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“THERE IS NO
FEAR IN LOVE;
BUT PERFECT
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TORMENT.”

When I was younger, and would hear my parents and grandparents say, “Jesus is coming,” I was afraid. Superkids, I don’t want you to be afraid. Though we aren’t afraid of Jesus, Satan would like to use all the changes in the world to bring fear. I want you to understand that you have no reason to fear the future! Of course, Jesus is going to take us all to heaven one day. But more importantly for us, He is here NOW!

The world around us is changing. People are afraid, selfish and hurting. As their thoughts, ideas, attitudes and actions take them further away from God, it’s important to remember that God doesn’t change. He is constant.

Think about it, Superkids. When you know Jesus is there, you also know He will take care of you. He will feed you, even when you don’t have money. He will heal you when you are sick and give you strength when you are weak. As we keep these words from the Lord in our hearts, our hearts become settled on them and strength and courage takes the place of worry: “Don’t be obsessed with money but live content with what you have, for you always have God’s

presence. For hasn’t he promised you, ‘I will never leave you, never! And I will not loosen my grip on your life!’ So we can say with great confidence: ‘I know the Lord is for me and I will never be afraid of what people may do to me!’” (Hebrews 13:5-6, *The Passion Translation*).

Superkid, when we look at the trouble in the world, we may feel fear for our life, and for our family and friends. But when we look at Jesus and remember His words, we begin to believe and say what He says and faith will replace fear. First John 4:18-19, *New King James Version*, reminds us that “there is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.”

This is a perfect circle of love. He loves us and we love Him. Something amazing begins to happen. Second Corinthians 3:16, *TPT*, says, “But the moment one turns to the Lord with an open heart, the veil is lifted and they see.” The veil being removed is like a closed door between you and Jesus. His door is already open so when we turn to Him it’s like we opened a door and we begin to see Him, our Shepherd and Savior.

Earlier I said, “People are afraid, selfish and

hurting.” They need Jesus. The LIGHT of Jesus is coming out of YOU! See the connection? When you walk with your eyes on Jesus, you are different. That’s not only good for your peace, but you begin to bring peace to fearful, selfish and hurting people!

Let’s end with Romans 5:21, *The Message*: “But sin didn’t, and doesn’t, have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call grace. When it’s sin versus grace, grace wins hands down. All sin can do is threaten us with death, and that’s the end of it. Grace, because God is putting everything together again through the Messiah, invites us into life—a life that goes on and on and on, world without end.”

Pray this with me,

Lord Jesus, I accept Your invitation to live a life in Your Presence that goes on and on. I refuse to worry or fear what goes on in the world. I am not afraid of Your coming. Instead, I ask You to come into my life NOW. I turn to You and see You. I walk in Your Presence and hear Your voice. Thank You for keeping me safe and giving me Your peace.

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