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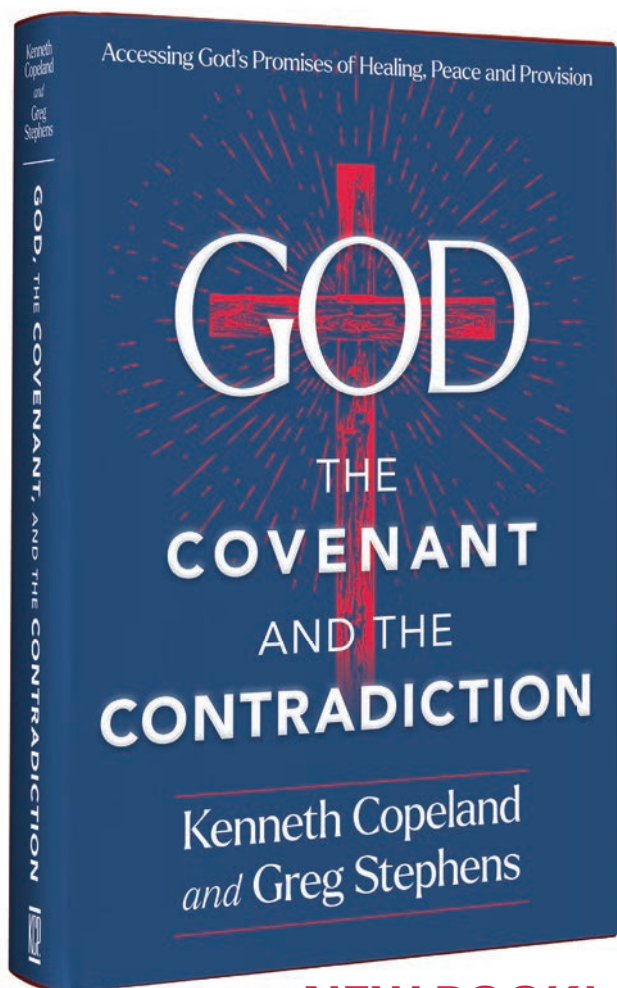
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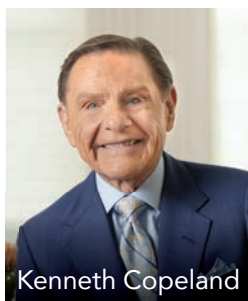
With their newborn daughter, Avery, fighting for her life, and doctors offering little hope she would live, Jenny and Eddie Richard exercised their faith and clung to the three words God had spoken to them both, at different times — **I'VE GOT THIS!**

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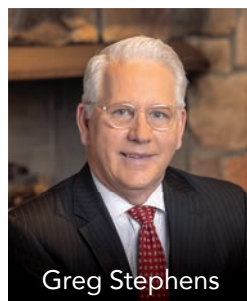
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Editor's Letter

Live Expecting!



In Acts 3, the Bible relates the story of a crippled man who daily sat at the entrance to the Temple begging for handouts. One day, the man stopped Peter and John as they were about to enter the Temple and asked for money. Instead of receiving what he asked for, the man got a lot more.

When Peter said to the man, "Look at us," the Bible says, "the lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money" (verse 5, *New Living Translation*). Peter then said to the beggar: "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" (verse 6, *NLT*).

When Peter took the man by the hand to help him stand, "the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them" (verses 7-8, *NLT*).

I can imagine the man's disappointment when Peter said, "I don't have any money" (*GOD'S WORD Translation*). But I can also picture the joy he must have expressed when he discovered he was no longer crippled—that he could walk, leap and even run, just like others. This man was not looking for healing. He came there every day begging for a temporary fix, probably so he could buy food and drink. But on that day, God had something better waiting for him.

Ephesians 3:20 tells us God stands ready to "do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us" (*New American Standard Bible*). The power that is at work inside us is His Spirit. And His Spirit is working together with Jesus on our behalf as we pray to God regarding everything we need or desire.

We shouldn't become discouraged if something we're expecting doesn't happen the way we think it should. Instead, we should live expecting God to give us what He desires for us—knowing it will always be what we really need.

Speaking of living expecting, the annual Southwest Believers' Convention is just around the corner. We're already feeling the excitement here at KCM, in anticipation of what the Lord has for the thousands of Partners and Friends from around the world, and all of us as well, as we are immersed in the blessed preaching, teaching and fellowship that always happens during those six days of teaching sessions and Healing School.

I hope you've made plans to join us July 31-Aug. 5, at the Fort Worth Convention Center. If not, there's still time to saddle up and head on over.

We hope to see you there!

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"We were in our 20s, but there was a bubble of grace around us. There was never any doubt in my mind that she was going to live."

—Jenny Richard

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For 50 years it has been our joy to bring you good news through the teachings of ministers who write out of living contact with God, and the testimonies of believers who took God at His WORD and experienced His victory in everyday life.

—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

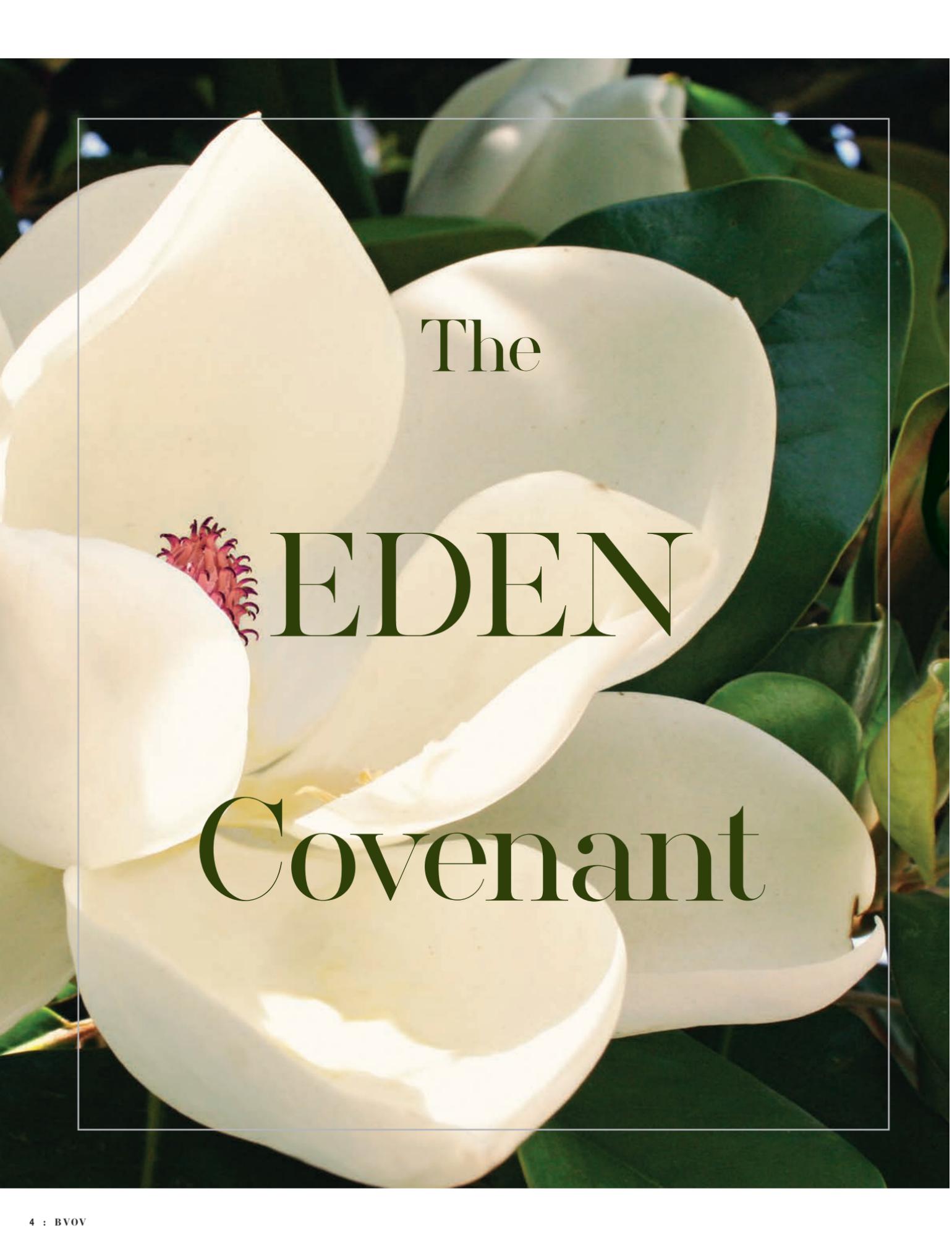
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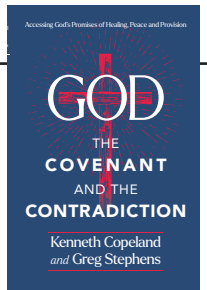
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The
EDEN
Covenant

by Kenneth Copeland



(This article is an excerpt from the new book by Kenneth Copeland and Greg Stephens, titled *God, the Covenant, and the Contradiction*.

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“His Love for us is so great that He worked His own essence into the very core of this physical, natural world in which we live. He made Himself the cornerstone of all creation.”

Significant, life-changing events leave lasting impressions. Looking back at them, we can usually remember exactly where we were and what was going on around us: like when you asked your sweetheart to marry you or found out you were having a baby, or when you got born again or were filled with the Holy Spirit.

For me, one such life-changing event was when *covenant* first started making sense to me. As a young preacher I was flying on one of the airlines to some meetings in Houston. After boarding, I settled into my seat and pulled out a small book by E.W. Kenyon called *The Blood Covenant*.

The book caught my eye because I had long



been interested in Blood covenants. Having grown up very aware of my Native American heritage, I was familiar with the practices, traditions and symbolism that had historically accompanied them, particularly in the United States. I had also been aware for weeks there was something about covenant I still didn't know. God was dealing with me about it, and I sensed there was something in this book I needed to get.

As the flight got underway, I began to read. I read about how God had ordained covenant. I read about His covenant with Abraham. When I read how, through that covenant, everything God had belonged to Abraham and everything

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Abraham had belonged to Him, I began to see it! In God's agreement with Abraham, God promised to do *anything* for him. He promised to make Abraham great, make him rich, be his God, take care of him, protect him and give him land.

Then in Dr. Kenyon's book I came across Galatians 3:29, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

I'll never forget that moment. I was about cruising altitude, somewhere between Dallas and Houston. I remember because it was like a fog lifted or the clouds parted, and I saw clearly what my commitment to Jesus and my walk of Faith was all about.

Talk about a life-changing realization! Even during my first five to six years of being a Christian, I had known next to nothing about the Bible. Now though, looking through the lens of Blood covenant, the Bible was starting to become less of a mystery.

For the first time in my life, I saw myself *in* The BOOK. I saw myself in the Bible! Suddenly, this marvelous old BOOK came to life—it *was* my story. It was *my* life, *my* connection, *my* agreement, *my* arrangement with God. I had just read that what was God's was Abraham's, and what was Abraham's was now *mine*. And as best as I could tell, God had pretty much promised Abraham everything!

Sitting in a bulkhead seat near the front of the plane, the revelation and reality of covenant exploded inside me. You see, until my father in the Faith, Oral Roberts, eventually taught me better, for years I had heard the same lie most preachers had—that we had to be poor, especially as preachers. So, I told The LORD I needed more scriptures on this. And sure enough, here they came:

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Galatians 3:13).

There went poverty out the door!

"That THE BLESSING of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (verse 14).

Here came prosperity in to take its place!

With the help of Dr. Kenyon's little book, I began to discover that day that the entire New Testament (Covenant) was nothing *but* covenant. I couldn't help thinking of ALL the lies we as believers had been told—and perhaps believed and lived under for too long—all because we weren't taught, or didn't know, about covenant. I would never believe those lies again! Like Sir Henry Stanley, I had gotten a revelation of covenant, along with a sense of a new identity and level of power and authority equal to that of a king.

By the time we landed in Houston that day, I was a new man—I was a *covenant* man!

God's Love Affair With Humanity

All study and understanding of God's Blood covenants must start, and finish, with a revelation of these two things: God's glorious Love for mankind and the power of His WORD. As we've seen, *Love* is the driving force behind everything God says and does. It is the core of who He is. He is "the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations" (Deuteronomy 7:9).

To the human mind, God's Love for us is itself a contradiction. Because we've all sinned and fallen short of His glory, His Love for us is almost beyond belief. Yet we will see throughout this covenant study, His fierce, unconditional and eternal compassion and mercy are the essence of His very being.

The Apostle John, who called himself *the disciple Jesus loved* and the one to whom Jesus entrusted His own mother, summed up this revelation with these three short words: "God **is** Love" (1 John 4:8).

God's Love has been the motive and force behind all His covenants.

In the beginning, God—the BLESSED One—created the heavens and the earth and initiated the Eden covenant by releasing BLESSING in and on His man and woman, crowning them with His glory and honor. And in the process of speaking that BLESSING into their destiny and their very being, He laid out this Eden covenant, as well as His purpose for mankind and all creation. The Eden covenant I am referring to is Isaiah 51:1-4, turning our lives back to the

Garden. It says:

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek The LORD: Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and BLESSED him, and increased him. For The LORD shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of The LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

Those verses are directed to the seed of Abraham—and as we just saw, we as believers are Abraham's seed. The word *Zion* also applies to us because in Hebrews it's used to refer to the Body of Christ. We have inherited the Eden covenant. By Faith in God, everything in the Garden of Eden is available to us.

That means when we read about how God created the universe in preparation for the Garden, we're reading about how He prepared for *us*. We're seeing the power and Love that backs our covenant with God.

Think of it: *Love* created the entire universe! *Love*—our heavenly Father—built it all to be a wonderful place where His beloved family could live and fellowship with Him. He didn't build it out of just some random material, either; He used a part of Himself.

The same apostle who said *God is Love* also said, "God is light" (1 John 1:5), and God used light as the foundation for our homeplace. His Love for us is so great that He worked His own essence into the very core of this physical, natural world in which we live. He made Himself the cornerstone of all creation.

He said, "Light be!" and light was (and still is). It exploded into space at the speed of 186,000 miles per second and never stopped. Within 24 hours it illuminated 90 billion, 700 million miles of a universe that science

confirms is still expanding today.

That's how powerful God's WORD is! One eternal command from Him brought all creation into existence. Just two of His *Love*-filled, *light*-infused words released the light envelope into which our massive universe was to be placed.

To this day, God's words continue to carry this powerful, energizing, life-giving force we call *light*.

That's why the Eden covenant, despite everything that tried to put an end to it, still exists. God's Faith-filled words, once spoken, stand forever because God and His WORD are One. As John 1 says:

In the beginning was The WORD, and The WORD was with God, and The WORD was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not (verses 1-5).

Notice, those verses refer to The WORD not as *something* but as *Someone*. Who is it? *Jesus!* Jesus is the *Light* of the world (John 8:12). He is the exact *image* of the Father (Colossians 1:15). He is The *WORD* made flesh (John 1:14) and by Him and for Him were all things created (Hebrews 1:2, 10).

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This is how our homeplace came to exist: God, the Father (the eternal Creator), gave words of His power to His Son, Jesus. Then, Jesus, God the Son (the eternal WORD) gave utterance to those words. Then, God, the Holy Spirit (the eternal Power), executed those spoken words and brought them to pass.

When He did, instantly God's light energy became physical matter. Spiritual substance and material substance flowed together. The *light* of God's goodness and mercy expressed through His words released a form of His glory that framed the worlds. And the eternal power of His WORD is still holding it all together today (verses 2-3).

God's Crowning Work

The crowning glory of God's creation, of course, was to be His precious family. So, once He completed the home He'd prepared for us—

God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God BLESSED them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (Genesis 1:26-28).

When we talk about God making man in His own likeness, we're not talking about the kind of *likeness* we see between people in the natural. We're not talking about when all the family gets together and Aunt So-and-So looks at one of the kids and says, "Doesn't he look just like his daddy.... Isn't she just the spittin' image of her mama?"

No, we're talking here about the Most High God. We're talking about the ever-present, past and future "I AM," the Three-in-One (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), in whom, by whom, through whom all things were made. The Eternal One, Elohim created man *exactly* like Himself.

In essence, He said, "Let man rule as We

rule, BLESS as We BLESS, multiply as We multiply, be fruitful as We are fruitful, fill as We fill, subdue as We subdue, give as We give, possess as We possess!" And with that, He breathed man into being.

Just as God made all the hosts of heaven "by the breath of his mouth" (Psalm 33:6), with His mighty words of Faith and dominion God breathed into man the very Spirit and power of His own eternal life and being. He conferred on him the same power and authority in the earth realm that God Himself has in the spirit realm.

One day while I was studying these things, The LORD gave me a vision of the Father creating Adam. I saw a lifeless, grayish body God had formed from the dust of the earth. The LORD was holding up the body by its shoulders. It was just hanging there, but it was the exact same size and the exact image of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The lifeless body was as much a copy of the Father as Jesus was. Adam was an exact copy of Jesus!

As I watched, God spoke the eternal words of everlasting life into that lifeless body (Daniel 12:2), nose-to-nose and mouth-to-mouth. As the breath and Spirit of God flowed into its nostrils, that perfectly formed body was flooded with the glory, power and life force of God Himself, and that lifeless body came alive. What I saw in that vision lines up with Genesis 2:7: "And The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

The Jewish sages commenting on the creation of man note that though the animals were also created living souls only man was given the gift of articulate speech. Only man was made a "speaking spirit" like God. The royal gift of speech was the ultimate tool of dominion God gave to His sons and daughters.

Having used His words—the power containers of His Faith—to release His life and power into the earth, He equipped His family with the ability to do the same. He authorized us to set in motion the destiny of our own environment (this planet) with Faith-filled words. So, like our heavenly Father, "we having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak" (2 Corinthians 4:13). 📖

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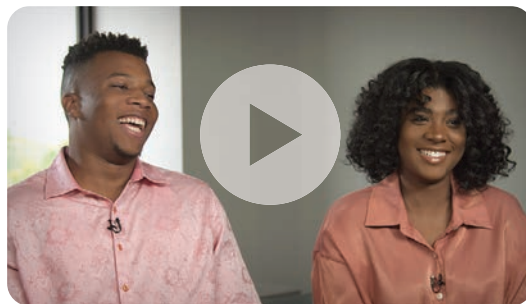
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'The Miracle Was All God'



In April 2005, Jenny Richard took a brush in hand to paint around the window in the nursery. As the night sky sparkled through the glass, she closed her eyes and imagined the baby she would soon nestle in her arms. Another little girl whom she and her husband, Eddie, would name Avery.

During her last appointment, the doctor had told Jenny, "You have three more weeks until your due date. However, you're ready to have this baby any day."

Hence, the push to finish the nursery.

Eddie worked the 3-11 p.m. shift in the prayer

department at Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Their 22-month-old daughter, Mackenzie, was asleep. Across the room Jenny's mother—always there when she was needed—rolled paint on the wall.

Jenny's family had always been devout Christians. She'd been 10 years old when they moved to Tyler, Texas, in July 1991, where someone introduced them to KCM.

The first message they listened to at home had been one by Kenneth Copeland called "The Blood Covenant." It revolutionized their lives. Soon, they were making the 2½-hour trip to Newark, just north of Fort Worth, to attend Eagle Mountain International Church, on the property of KCM. In 1992, they attended their first Southwest Believers' Convention.



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Jenny as the character Valerie in *The Sword*

During the convention, Commander Kellie and the Superkids, KCM's children's ministry, had announced they were going to make a movie and were conducting an open casting call for auditions. Jenny, the youngest of four children, turned to her parents.

"I want to do that," she told them.

The movie was to include five Superkids. Jenny auditioned for the part of Valerie, and wrote her own monologue.

A lot of the kids who showed up had acting experience—and agents, Jenny recalls. Confident that she had heard from God, Jenny walked forward and gave her monologue.

She got the part.

Over the next 11 years she would appear as Valerie in five Superkid movies: *The Intruder*, 1992; *Armor of Light*, 1995; *The Sword*, 1997; *Judgment: The Trial of Commander Kellie*, 1999; and *The Mission*, 2013.

Jenny's dad, who was a pilot and had moved the family to Fort Worth, also appeared as an extra in two of the movies.

Being a Superkid had taught Jenny the importance of helping get the Word of God into the hearts of other children. Her parents had taught her that integrity meant doing the right thing even when no one was watching.

During high school, she was able to parlay much of what she had learned into young kids through a column she wrote called "Dear Valerie" that appeared in a monthly publication called *Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids*, a children's version of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine. The question-and-answer column featured letters from young Superkids that Valerie (Jenny) would read and answer. Jenny would pray over them diligently before answering.

All those years, while sowing the Word into other children's hearts, she'd been sowing it into her own as well.

When Death Stalks

While painting, Jenny had felt the first pangs of contractions. As hours passed, they became stronger and closer together. Finally deciding it was time to go to the hospital, she called Eddie and asked him to come home.

As Eddie drove Jenny to the hospital, she heard God speak three words to her:

I've got this.

As nurses connected Jenny to monitors, Eddie left to sign some papers. The mood shifted as nurses began firing questions at Jenny:

"Did you have any issues during your pregnancy?"

"Have there been any complications?"

"Has there been anything wrong with the baby?"

"No," Jenny responded each time, insisting that everything had been just fine.

"The baby's heart rate keeps dropping," she was told. "This isn't good...it's getting worse."

Finally, one of the nurses said, "We've got to do an emergency C-section because your baby is dying."

Eddie walked into his wife's hospital room to find that everything was on high alert.

"What's happening?"

Before anyone could answer, God spoke.

I've got this.

"It was about 12:40 a.m.," Eddie recalls. "They rushed Jenny into surgery, and I was all alone in the hall. I could see a little bit through a window on the double doors. I stood there praying in the spirit. I had no idea what was happening except they said our baby was dying."

"I saw a nurse bring Avery past the window. She was limp, gray and lifeless. There was no life in her. I also saw that reflected on the nurse's face. I yelled, 'Breathe, in Jesus' Name!'"

"I kept praying and telling her to breathe. I don't know how long that lasted, but it felt like forever. Suddenly the nurse turned to me and gave me a thumbs-up. Then she went back to work on Avery."

About 20 minutes passed before a doctor finally stepped out and said they were still working on Avery, Eddie recalled. Then he ducked back inside.

"Jenny's family arrived soon after," said Eddie. "Jenny's mom is a prayer warrior and had everyone praying."

Later, a doctor arrived to talk to Eddie.

"I need you to know that this is a very, very serious situation," he said. "She could die."

"I don't..."

The doctor interrupted Eddie.

"No, I know what you guys believe. I believe. I understand. But as a doctor, I need to tell you that this is not a good situation."

"What's wrong with her?" Eddie asked.

"She has a collapsed lung. She has pneumonia. Her blood is infected with E. coli, and she's not breathing on her own. I can't keep her in this

hospital. I've got to take her to All Saints and get her into the NICU."

"OK, let's do that."

The Hidden Strength Within

Jenny was still groggy, fighting to stay awake from the anesthesia.

Someone was speaking to her.

Looking up, she saw two doctors.

"Your baby is dying, and we're taking her to another hospital."

At the foot of her bed, Jenny saw Avery in an incubator. Then they were gone.

"I had a friend staying with me while I was coming out of the anesthesia," Jenny remembers, "and what she witnessed was intense. She said I would wake up and speak the Word of God over Avery and then lie back down and fall asleep. I don't remember any of that. It's true that when life puts pressure on you, what you've put in really does come out. I had been taught to put the Word of God in me during my entire childhood and adult life. So, when the time came, I spoke the Word of God over my baby when I wasn't even conscious of it."

"My mom came to the hospital and didn't leave my side. I thought I would be discharged on the second day, but the doctor said I was too anemic to leave. I finally got to go home on the third day and did nothing but sleep. In addition to the anemia, I'd developed an infection in my incision."

"I didn't get to see Avery until the fourth day. She was still on a ventilator, and we couldn't hold her. The doctor told us that the chance that she would live was extremely low. Things weren't looking good. They decided to try blood transfusions."

"Even though we were young and in our 20s, we knew the power of God's Word and felt there was a bubble of grace around us. There was never any doubt in my mind that she was going to live. We had agreed together and prayed. Because of what we had learned through Brother Copeland's teaching on the Blood Covenant, we weren't trying to get God to heal Avery. Healing already belonged to us. That was solid in my heart."

Speaking the Word

While Jenny recovered, Eddie went back to the NICU and stayed with Avery every night. He took his Bible and a little book of 75 healing scriptures. Sitting beside her, he continually spoke scriptures



"There was never any doubt in my mind that she was going to live. We had agreed together and prayed."

All I could think about was Brother Copeland's teaching on the Blood Covenant."

—Jenny

over her.

During those nights, Eddie remembered how God had prepared him for this. Growing up in California, his family had been connected with KCM. They had attended their first West Coast Believers' Convention in 1987. But Eddie didn't know anything about Commander Kellie or the Superkids, because he never attended the children's ministry. He had been so hungry for the meat of the Word that he always sat with his parents in the adult meetings.

At night, when his brother went to sleep, Eddie stayed up for hours reading the Bible and listening to teachings by Kenneth Copeland, Jerry Savelle and Kenneth Hagin.

Eddie had planned to become an engineer. However, when Jerry Savelle announced the opening of his Bible school, God told him to enroll. In time, he left California and moved to Fort Worth to attend Savelle's school. He also joined EMIC, where he became friends with Jeremy Pearsons, son of the church's pastors, George and Terri Copeland Pearsons. About the same time, he met Jenny Van Wagner, who also attended the Jerry Savelle Bible School and sang with the worship team at EMIC.

Eddie had to believe that all those years of

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planting the Word of God in his heart had prepared him for this situation with his daughter. Besides, regardless of what the doctors said, God had spoken the same three words to both Jenny and him:

I've got this.

Another Change of Plans

Doctors ended up giving Avery three blood transfusions. Even after the last one, her white blood count was too low. Her little body needed it to be higher to fight off the infection because the white blood cells boosted her immunity.

As Eddie sat next to her bed he remembered what God's Word said in Romans 8:11—that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in Avery. He commanded Avery's white blood cells to rise to normal in Jesus' Name.

After a week, the white blood cells reached a healthy level. For the first time, Eddie and Jenny got to hold their daughter for 10 minutes. She still wasn't breathing on her own. It wasn't until day 13 that Avery was taken off the ventilator. For the first time, she breathed on her own!

Eddie and Jenny were there with a car seat and everything they needed to finally take the baby home when suddenly plans changed.

"We need to move her to Cook Children's Hospital," the doctor explained. "There's a valve in her lung that's still pinched shut. They have a greater specialty in that area."

Everyone prayed that the valve in Avery's lung would open. At the children's hospital they performed a procedure on her and then discharged her after two days.

"They sent her home without any warnings," Jenny explains. "She had a clean bill of health. It was just like bringing Mackenzie (their older daughter) home. The only difference was that Avery had to go back to the hospital in three months to double-check her lung. They scoped her and said she was perfectly healthy.

"What happened was an absolute act of God. She went from being in the hospital 15 days with very little chance of living, to being given a clean bill of health. The medical care was amazing. But the miracle was all God."

Resurrection Life to Another Dream

Life for the Richard family soon returned to a normal rhythm. Their home was filled with the love, laughter, and joy of two healthy and growing girls. Jenny stayed home with

Mackenzie and Avery while Eddie continued to work.

Eddie had never thought twice about giving up engineering for the gospel. However, there was one dream deeply hidden in his heart. He had always loved movies. At the age of 10, after watching *Back to the Future III*, Eddie had decided to write the script for the fourth installment. Sitting down with a yellow pad and pen, he wrote his version of the story. It was silly, but it was so much fun he could hardly stand it.

One Sunday in church, he listened as Pastor George Pearsons explained how tithing opens the windows of heaven. He said that when the windows of heaven open, God allows ideas and concepts to flow down to you.

Holding his tithe check, Eddie heard the Lord whisper, *I want you to write a screenplay.*

"I went to Barnes & Noble and bought a book on how to write screenplays," Eddie recalls. "I studied the process because it wasn't easy. Later, I reconnected with my friend Jason Smith. We both share a love for movies and we started writing screenplays together.


"A few years later, I also became friends with Rick Reyna, a movie producer in California. Rick had a great story he'd written that he wanted to use for a movie. Together, we wrote the screenplay for the movie, *The Rally*."

Ironically, the Christian-themed movie about four families and the challenges they faced in a small, crime-riddled town, featured a crime boss who was portrayed by Kenneth Copeland. The movie was released in 2010.

"Working with Rick was like attending film school," says Eddie.

Today, Eddie works in the TV department at KCM as a producer. Jenny recently returned to KCM, not as Valerie but as a merchandise developer/buyer in the ministry's communications department.

"I love being Partners with KCM, not only because of the blessing that comes on me and my family but because we get to be part of getting that same blessing to others," says Eddie. Years ago, I worked in distribution. I've seen how many pallets of books and supplies KCM ships to other ministries. I've also seen stacks of checks KCM gives to ministries around the world. Who does that?"

Today, Mackenzie is 20 and Avery is 18. They would be the first to agree with their parents that faith isn't just a theory. The Word of God is still alive, creating miracles and changing generations. 



Celebrating
35 Years:

Commander Kellie & the Superkids

Thirty-five years ago, a new concept in children's ministry at Kenneth Copeland Ministries was born with the creation of *Commander Kellie and the Superkids*...

The characters for this cartoon/animation feature first appeared in an audiobook adventure format. However, after three albums, listeners wanted more. By 1992 the first Superkid movie, *The Intruder*, was released. That same year, Wichita Slim, which featured Kenneth Copeland as the title character, rode onto the screen in a second movie titled *The Gunslinger*.

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

Brother Copeland recalls of the venture, which has seen major success, much to the delight of parents and children alike.

Over the next several years, three more Superkid movies—*Armor of Light*, *The Sword* and *Judgment*:



Superkid Academy at the Southwest Believers' Convention



Commander Kellie and the Superkids

The Trial of Commander Kellie—and two additional Wichita Slim movies—*Covenant Rider* and *The Treasure of Eagle Mountain*—were released.

In April 1993, the first Superkids theme expanded when a children's activity page appeared in KCM's monthly *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine. A year later, in May 1994, a further expansion saw the beginning of *Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids* magazine. The

full-color magazine quickly grew from 5,000 subscriptions to more than 150,000 when its last issue was distributed in 2006. For more than a decade, *Shout!* not only won awards, but it also brought the Word of God to tens of thousands of children on a regular basis. When its run was complete, funds for *Shout!* were funneled to other children's ministry projects.

"When we started this Superkid Academy theme it was just an idea," says Kellie Copeland, who today oversees KCM's children's ministry and is the founder and developer of Superkid Academy. "But what has happened is that

"We have to give our kids the proper tools to use as they grow and develop, and it's important that we get started with them when they're young."

—Kellie Copeland



we now have real Superkids—even adult Superkids—who know the Word and really have it down in their hearts; they know how to use their faith and what to do when things are hard or when they are in need. They know to go to God because He is their Source.”

Standing for the Children of the World

A major part of the evolution of Superkid Academy came after children’s ministers Dana and Linda Johnson, and their young children Jenni and Tyler, moved from California to Texas and connected with KCM and Eagle Mountain International Church. A few years before, Dana and Linda had been praying when they heard the Lord say, *I want you to stand in faith with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland for the children of the world.*

In 1989, they attended KCM’s West Coast Believers’ Convention in Anaheim, Calif. Much to their surprise, they found themselves backstage meeting Kellie Copeland, who is known as Commander Kellie in the world of Superkid Academy. It was clearly a divine appointment. Someday, they all agreed, the Superkid Academy would become a real place.

That same year, in December, Dana and Linda and their children’ moved to Texas and soon after became part of the children’s ministry at EMIC. It would be three years before their proposal to church leadership to establish Superkid Academy as a physical place would become a reality. But on January 3, 1993, born out of Commander Kellie’s first adventure tape, and with Commanders Dana, Linda and Jenni at its core, Superkid Academy became “a real place.”

Each year since Superkid Academy first opened its doors at the Southwest Believers’ Convention in downtown Fort Worth 30 years ago, its leaders have made a point of being Holy Spirit-led in all they do so they can speak to children right where they are.



This can be a challenge since there's a temptation in children's ministry to value efficiency and production above the daily, even minute-by-minute, leading of the Holy Spirit. With decades of experience, Commander Dana admits that it's easy to plan children's meetings months in advance. He's learned, though, that leaders must be willing to put their own plans—which are made with the best of intentions—aside for what the Lord wants to do in each moment, for how He wants to reach the children with a specific word.

"Children's ministry is more than simply a break for parents or a way to keep children occupied," says Commander Dana. "Children's ministry can be life-changing.

"Children belong to our heavenly Father. If we bear that in mind, it affects what we do for those kids, and how we prepare for those kids who only have minutes or hours with us."

Asked her thoughts on the success Superkid Academy has experienced over the years, Commander Kellie says, "When I look at how far we've come, sometimes it's striking. Personally, I want to know that I have pleased the Lord with my life, and what I've been able to do for the kids, and I believe that I have. But there are times when I wonder, *Could I have done more? Should I be further along?* Then, I see all these kids who are now all grown up, and some of them even have kids of their own. And they come up to me and say how much I've impacted their lives, and that I helped them to find out what God wanted them to do with their lives. That's a really good feeling!

"That's very significant because it tells me what we've been doing works. It tells me that, because these kids directed their attention to the Lord to find out who they were, they found that their place was in Him. And today, He is so powerful in their lives. This is not a theory. It's reality, and it works!"

Through Superkid Academy, hundreds of thousands of kids have been reached with the message of God's love. So, what more is there to be done?



"There's plenty more to do," says Commander Kellie, "because there are always more kids coming along. The kids around the world who are growing up as Superkids are growing up learning the Word of God. They're facing things that my kids could never have fathomed while growing up. We have to give our kids the proper tools to use as they grow and develop, and it's important that we get started with them when they're young. That way, the teaching becomes a natural progression for them, not something foreign that they have to try and remember."

"It's better to raise up children in the Lord than to try and rescue them later," adds Commander Dana. "We don't have to know the exact call on their lives to equip them. Our job is to prepare them for God's purpose."

For the past 35 years, Superkid Academy has had its finger on the pulse of the younger members of the Body of Christ. Today, it continues to play a major role in impacting the lives of children around the world—teaching them what it means to have a personal relationship with God, and how to experience the refreshing that comes from spending time in His presence.

What better way to change the world than to win it one generation at a time? 🌟



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Partner Protection

My husband and I are KCM Partners and are so thankful for the blessing of partnership! When Hurricane Ian came through Sarasota, Fla., our home and property did not sustain significant damage. We thank God that we only had a small section of fence that came loose, and lots of branches and debris.

The very next morning, someone from KCM called to check on us and see if we needed anything. And then they prayed with me. Mere words cannot describe the depth of our gratitude for your daily prayers over your Partners.

N.S. | Florida

Faith Comes by Hearing

While watching ministry on the internet, I fell sleep and woke up hearing you speak of healing. My right shoulder had been hurting for a while, so I started calling the sickness out, lifted my arm up, and was instantly healed! B.F.

Truth From the Word

After I saw your ministry teaching on how to deal with offenses, I was so overwhelmed with the truth coming from the Word of God, that I was forced to admit God's ways are higher than my ways. Thank you for teaching those sound biblical principles and how to make practical use of them!

K.E.

Teaching Put To Use

I have struggled with fear when flying. While on a flight last December, our pilot told us there was going to be turbulence. About 15 minutes into the flight, the attendant informed us that the turbulence was going to be severe, but to not be afraid. The flight was like being on a roller coaster that wouldn't stop! I began speaking out loud and taking authority over it. As I did, it seemed



Peaceful Rest

I was being attacked by the enemy when I laid down to sleep. My mind would not shut off, and I often would wake up repeatedly to mental attacks. I started listening to KCM on Spotify, and now let the Word play all night long, bringing me peace. I have grown spiritually along the way. I still find myself waking up, not to be tormented by Satan, but to drink from the Word being spoken. It often leads to prayer, then back to sleep—resulting in good rest.

L.H. | Missouri

Turnaround!

I requested prayer for my son, who was thinking and speaking pessimistically. I bound his negative words and loosed God's Word to work mightily in him. He told me yesterday that his outlook has changed, that he is feeling much better about his future. I

to lessen to a tolerable level. I closed my eyes and the two-plus-hour flight passed in what felt like minutes. Thank you, Brother Copeland; your teaching taught me how to speak with authority.

A.B. | Missouri

'That's Mine!'

While watching VICTORYTHON™, Nancy Dufresne said that people with pain were to put their hands on their body over the pain and release their faith to be pain free. I put my hands on my back and said, "That's mine! I take it." The pain left immediately—glory to God, I am pain free!

J.D. | Maryland

Faithful God

I participated in the VICTORYTHON in 2022. The mortgage was behind and I needed four new tires for my car, as I was driving on the donut, and the other tires' dates were expiring. I asked the Lord how I could give. I had \$15 so I sowed it the first night. Then I gathered up all my coins, totaling \$23, and sowed that on the final night.

The next day the funds came in to catch up the mortgage and to buy new tires. The tire shop put on the incorrect ones so I actually got an upgrade. They said they would just write off the difference and not make me pay. When I went to pay the mortgage, they said they would waive the late fee. Praise God for His faithfulness, and for KCM and VICTORY Channel™.

B.M. | Nevada



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'Praying With Power'

I ordered Terri Copeland Pearson's book *Praying With Power* from the FlashPoint website. It was so clear, direct and useful, I have marked all over it already. Thank you, Terri!

L.H. | Missouri

thank God for delivering my son from negativity, and thank you, prayer warriors, for praying with me! It never hurts to bring the big guns of corporate prayer and God's Word into the situation! Jesus is LORD!

T.N. | Colorado

An aerial photograph of Hong Kong at dusk, showing a dense cluster of skyscrapers and residential buildings along the coast, with the Victoria Harbour in the foreground. The sky is a mix of purple, blue, and orange hues. A white arrow points down from the top center of the page towards the 'BLESSING Ambassador' section.

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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C.T. | Hong Kong



Let's Eat!

**“There sits before you
a dish full of healing, a
pitcher of joy, a plate
of peace, a platter of
protection and prosperity.”**

I've always been somewhat of a foodie. I like food. I enjoy eating and look forward to a good meal with my family. Some of my favorite memories are at the dinner table with people I love—especially those meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas where we laugh and cry together, tell stories, eat delicious food, and talk about the goodness of God.

To this day, my grandparents still laugh

when they tell the story of how I used to bless the food as a little girl. They said I would bow my head and close my eyes to pray, and then I would begin to thank the Lord for EVERY SINGLE item on the table. I was just so hungry and excited that I didn't want to forget about anything on my plate.

You can imagine this took forever, so halfway through the prayer I would open one



eye just enough to make sure I remembered every side and every condiment. “Lord, thank You for the turkey and the green beans and the sweet-potato casserole, and those rolls, and that butter . . .” One time I stopped in the middle of the prayer and exclaimed, “Ew! What’s that?”

Psalm 37:3 says, “Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His

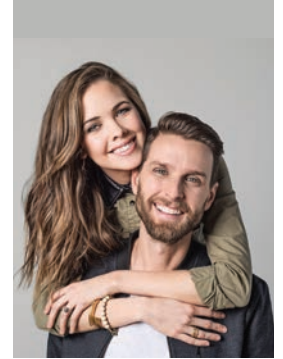
faithfulness” (*New King James Version*). In this passage, the psalmist reveals a great truth to us: Spiritual food is just as real and important as natural food. If you want to be nourished and healthy, you must eat it every single day. It’s always better to start eating again before you feel like you’re starving, but if you’re hungry, just keep on feeding, and you will get full. Just as natural food brings energy to keep the body going, spiritual food is the fuel for your future.

The Word of God is our spiritual food, and it is delicious. Jeremiah 15:16 says, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart.” *The Message* reads, “When your words showed up, I ate them—swallowed them whole. What a feast!” If you always fill up on junk food, you won’t have room for anything good. But if you eat all the greens and veggies and fruits you’re supposed to in a day, you won’t desire the bad stuff.

Listening to teaching that doesn’t bring you abundant life is like taking in empty calories. Check the label on your food! Is it full of additives and preservatives that will entertain your soul but leave you weak? Or is it real and raw and able to build you up and make you strong? Ingesting words of faith and victory is like eating fine food: The quality of the Word that you eat will determine the quality of life that you live.

How you eat is just as important as what you eat. Doctors have found that eating on the go is not the best for your health. One of my least favorite things to do is to rush through a good meal without taking time to savor it. Psalm 34:8 says, “O taste and see that the LORD is good.” To *taste* means to “savor or to enjoy completely.” We shouldn’t rush through our time with the Lord like driving through a fast-food restaurant. He is not to be endured; He is to be enjoyed.

I want to enjoy Him completely. I want to encounter His presence. I want to have an experience with Him.



by Sarah Pearsons

“Spiritual food is the fuel for your future.”



“Listening to teaching that doesn’t bring you abundant life is like taking in empty calories.”



‘Fine-Dining Experience’

Real foodies don’t eat for convenience’s sake; they eat for experience. When I travel, I do a little research to find out where the top restaurants are in the area. I endeavor to eat pretty healthy, so when I’m on the road, I like to look for farm-to-table restaurants that serve locally grown produce and natural meats. The food tastes so much better to me because it comes straight from farms nearby and hasn’t been sitting on grocery store shelves for months. And on top of that, I get excited about the dinner experience.

With the Lord, you will always have the “fine-dining experience.” Remember that old song we used to sing in church, and the line that goes, “He brought me to His banqueting table, and His banner over me is love”? That line comes from Song of Solomon 2:4. The *GOD’S WORD Translation* says, “He leads me into a banquet room and looks at me with love.” Before you even approach His table, you just believe that He loves you. If you are full of condemnation, you will not come. If you are always conscious of your sin and mindful of insecurities, you will not come. If you think you don’t measure up or that you’ve messed up too big, you’ll stay at the kiddie table and refuse to accept His invitation.

It takes courage to come. It takes faith to believe that you have a seat at the table—that you have something to bring to the table, and that you are always welcome at the table.

Don’t Show Up Empty-Handed

As you open the door to His banqueting room, you have to see Jesus with His arms open wide to you and a smile on His face. If you’ve missed it, repent, cry out for mercy, and then move on and take your seat. Don’t miss out on the main course! He will never hang your sin over your head: His banner over you is love. *The Message* translation of Song of Solomon 2:4 reads, “All I want is to sit in his shade, to taste and savor his delicious love. He took me home with him for a festive

meal, but his eyes feasted on me!”

Oftentimes, when I’ve been invited to a dinner party, I ask the host, “Is there anything I can bring?” I never want to show up empty-handed. Neither do I want to show up empty-handed when I take my seat at the Lord’s table. The two things I can bring are my heart and my faith. Hebrews 10:22 says, “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.”

There are two things we need when we come into His presence: a heart that genuinely loves Him, and faith that is fully sure of Him. Jesus is the Master Chef. He has spent all His time in the kitchen preparing the perfect meal for you. In fact, He slaved over it: took stripes just for you, went to the Cross just for you, laid down His life just for you. He did all the work! Now He rings the dinner bell and shouts, “IT IS FINISHED! COME AND GET IT!” Now, there sits before you a dish full of healing, a pitcher of joy, a plate of peace, a platter of protection and prosperity. Will you come and eat? Grace sets the table. Faith eats!

I have found that nothing on earth satisfies my soul like a meal with Jesus. He is the only One who can completely satisfy and still leave me hungry for more. Psalm 107:9, *New International Version*, says, “For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”

Although the table has been set with plenty on it to appease your appetite, God will never force you to eat. In His grace, He will bring you to His banqueting table, but you still have to eat by faith. It is easier said



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than done. In Luke 14:16-18, *Good News Translation*, Jesus tells the parable of one great dinner: "There was once a man who was giving a great feast to which he invited many people. When it was time for the feast, he sent his servant to tell his guests, 'Come, everything is ready!' But they all began, one after another, to make excuses." If you read on, you will find that all of the excuses seemed like pretty legitimate reasons not to show up for dinner. But Jesus didn't accept any of them. He summed the story up with this, "I tell you all that none of those who were invited will taste my dinner!" (verse 24).

I refuse to miss out on the feast He has set before me. I want everything Jesus came to give me. The Lord gave us a verse to a song that says: "I will sit at the table You've prepared for me, Here I am safe from the enemy. I will feast on Your love and Your mercy, For death has lost its hold on me!" Psalm 23:5 says He has prepared a table for you even in the presence of your enemies here on earth. That means even in the midst of fear or doubt, even in the presence of people who are against you, even in the toughest times, you have a safe place to go.

Sit down at the King's table. This is a picture of rest, and real faith rests in God. Take time to slow down and savor His goodness. Do as I did as a little girl. Get excited about your food! Take a good look at everything Grace has set on the table. See the spread that He has set before you. Recall all that He has done for you.

Find out from the Word everything that He has set before you, and then close your eyes and start thanking Him for every item on your plate. Psalm 103:2, says, "O my soul, bless God.... don't forget a single blessing!" (MSG). As you thank God, you are feeding on His faithfulness. Grace has set the table. Faith eats everything on the plate. Come and find your seat. It's dinner time, y'all.

Let's eat! 🍴

A Little Every Day



by Kenneth Copeland

"Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it." Luke 13:18-19

If you're going to grow in the kingdom of God, you're going to do it just like a seed that's been planted in the ground. How does a seed grow? All at once? No, it grows constantly—24 hours a day—a little all the time until it accomplishes what it was created to do.

Many of us don't operate that way spiritually. We study and pray very hard for a few days and then quit. Then, when some disaster comes, we make a mad attempt to pray and stand on The WORD, all the while realizing that, for some reason, we're just not as strong as we ought to be.

There's no such thing as an overnight success in the kingdom of God! Real strength, real growth comes as you consistently and constantly keep The WORD before your eyes, in your ears, and in the midst of your heart. Not just when you want to or when you feel like it, but constantly, like the seed, a little all the time.

A man came up to me once and said, "Man, your ministry just took off overnight, didn't it?"

"If it did," I answered, "it

was certainly the longest night I ever spent in my life!"

From his perspective my success did seem to spring up quickly. That's because he didn't see me during all those hours and weeks and months and years I spent in The WORD of God. He didn't see the daily process that lay behind that success. He just saw the results.

Make up your mind to begin that daily process of constant growth today. Determine to start putting The WORD in your heart consistently. Every day a line here, a line there—a tape here, a tape there.

Begin to act as though that Word is true every hour of the day regardless of what comes or how you feel. Keep adding to your faith, meditating on it, confessing it, seven days a week.

Eventually, your faith will be bigger than you ever dreamed it could be. 🍴



by Happy Caldwell

Jesus stripped Satan of all
authority and placed it in your hands.

Now That's Good News!

**Go ye therefore
and teach all
nations that God
is mad at them.**

**That's not what
Jesus said in the
Great Commission.
But all too often,
that is the message
traditional religion
has preached.**

People (believers and unbelievers alike) have been told how unworthy they are. They've been told what sorry creatures they are. They've been told they don't act right or talk right or pray right.

Sound familiar? If so, I have some good news for you today: God is not mad at you. In fact, He's not mad at anybody!

The Bible says He [God] "was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them" (2 Corinthians 5:19). Every person ever born on this earth already has been guaranteed by God the right to stand before Him without any sense of guilt or shame. Every person, no matter how covered in sin he may be, qualifies

to receive God's righteousness. Not everyone takes advantage of it, but everyone has the opportunity.

Statements like that shock religious people. Do you know why? Because, as Romans 10:3 says, "They being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

That's what religion always does. It tries to establish its own righteousness, its own rules, its own right-standing with God. Religion says, if you act right, talk right, dress right and look right, then God will give you favor.

But God isn't religious. He says, *I don't want you to establish your own righteousness. I want to give you Mine. But before you can receive it, you have to quit trying to establish your own.*

You can't earn the righteousness of God. There's nothing you can do to deserve it. It's God's gift. All you can do is receive it.

When I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord, God declared me righteous. I didn't look very righteous. I called on liquor stores back then. Alcohol was my business. I sold it and I drank it. But the day I submitted to Jesus, my life changed.

I went back to work the next Monday morning in those same liquor stores. I didn't know a thing about the Bible. I only knew I was different. Soon, I began to tell people that I had two kinds of spirits, alcoholic spirits and the Holy Spirit. "Which one do you want to hear about first?" I'd ask.

I found that many of them were interested in Jesus. They weren't interested in religion, but they were interested in knowing that God was no longer "imputing their trespasses" to them. They were interested in knowing that He had settled the account of the whole world's sins. That was good news!

The sad thing is many believers—people who have already been made righteous in Jesus—don't fully grasp that news. They don't realize God isn't mad at them. They don't realize they can go boldly before the throne of God without shame—dressed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

That's because they've been taught to focus more on how they've messed up than on what Jesus has done for them. They're more sin-conscious than they are righteousness-conscious.



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Becoming Righteousness-Conscious

One of the first steps to becoming righteousness-conscious is to learn the difference between having your sins forgiven, and having your sins remitted. Remitted is a word that should never be used in connection with a believer because a man's sin is remitted only once.

When sin is remitted, at the moment of salvation, the Word tells us we become "...a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

You see, the problem we had before we were saved was not all those little individual sins we committed. They were only the symptoms. The problem was the condition of our heart. The problem was our sin nature. No matter how hard we tried to be good and act right, that nature kept us imprisoned in sin.

But when we made Jesus the Lord of our lives, our sin nature died and a righteous nature was born in us. Sin no longer had dominion over us. Righteousness set us free!

That kind of freedom wasn't available to people in Old Testament days. Back then, before the blood of Jesus had been shed, there was a "reckoned righteousness" with God, gained through the blood of sacrificed bulls and goats. Those sacrifices covered the individual sins, but they didn't change the hearts of people. People kept on committing the same sins every year because their nature was still the nature of sin.

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4). But what the blood of bulls and goats could not do, Jesus' blood did. "This man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.... For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" (verses 12, 14).

How long will Jesus' sacrifice for sin last? Forever. You are forever righteous through the blood of Jesus.

I know you still miss it and sin sometimes. But even when you do, it's not the same because your heart is different. God doesn't see you the same way He did before you were born again.

Think of it this way. If you're a parent, you may know your child has done something wrong, but as far as you're concerned, he's still your child and he's wonderful. He may need to be corrected, but there's nothing wrong with

him. You know he wants to please you. He just needs more training so he can learn to do things right.

Do your children fall out of good standing with you just because they mess up? Certainly not. It's the same way in the family of God. Once you've been born again, your nature is changed. You don't want to sin even when you do.

And when you do sin, you have Someone on your side. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). "If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

While remission changes your nature, forgiveness erases your mistakes. And that's the final word on sin. God has taken care of the sin problem forever. When Jesus became sin and put sin away, the sin problem became a closed issue with God.

You can still sin if you choose. God won't stop you. The Holy Spirit will deal with you if you'll listen...but if you won't, you can do what you will. But you don't have to sin. You don't have a sin nature anymore. You have a righteous nature.

God "hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13). You've been translated out of one kingdom and into another one.

People are so worried about the devil. They're fighting the devil and bombarding the gates of hell all over the place. But I like what one author wrote: "If you really understand your righteousness in Christ and your authority as a believer, you will pay no attention to the devil. You'll just go on and do your job."

Jesus said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:18-19).

Satan has no authority over you unless you give it to him. Jesus has stripped him of all authority and placed it in your hands. As He said in the Great Commission, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore..." (Matthew 28:18-19).

That's good news, Church! Let's tell it! 📣



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by Gloria Copeland

Time to Take Refuge

With every day that passes, I am increasingly grateful that God has provided His people with a place of refuge. I am also increasingly aware that we'd better make sure we're in it 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We are living in dangerous times.

The end of this age is rapidly approaching, and what the prophets have been saying ever since the Bible was written is coming to pass: The light of God is getting brighter and the devil's darkness is getting darker.

Sin is absolutely running wild these days. I'm amazed sometimes at how much evil has increased just during my lifetime. Acts of wickedness that were practically unthinkable when I was growing up are almost commonplace now.

Many people these days have gotten the

idea that sin really isn't a big deal. They think we should be more tolerant of it. Some are even proud of their sin and boldly flaunt it in the face of God.

If you've read Bible history, you know that's not a smart thing to do. It makes cultures increasingly violent and dangerous. It opens the door to calamity, destruction and ultimately, divine judgment.

Maybe this isn't a popular thing to say these days, but I'm going to say it anyway: Sin is not OK. It carries penalties with it.



Anyone who thinks it doesn't need to look at what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. They don't exist anymore. You and I can't go there on vacation and tour the antiquity museums. Those cities are gone. God had to judge and destroy them, because if He'd let the evil there continue unchecked, it would have contaminated the whole world. It would have darkened the hearts of future generations and prevented God from getting through to them.

Although the world hasn't gotten to that point yet in our day (and I don't believe it will as long as the Church is on the earth preaching the gospel and living for Jesus), sin is clearly having a negative effect on this planet. The earth can take only so much evil before it revolts, and things like earthquakes, fires, famines and plagues start to multiply. That's why the closer we get to the end of this age, the more dangerous this world will become.

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You Can Be Sheltered and Secure

“Well, Gloria,” you might say, “you’re making things sound pretty scary.”

I know, and they would be scary if it weren’t for this: As believers, God has provided protection for us. He has offered us a refuge from the dangers of this world.

If we take Him up on that offer, we can be like the man in Psalm 91 who dwells in the secret place of the Most High. We can say with confidence: “The Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust!” (verses 1-2, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

A refuge is a wonderful thing. It provides a place of safety even in the midst of the most terrible destruction.

Have you ever seen old photos of people during World War II crowding into underground bomb shelters? That’s a good illustration of what a refuge can do. It can protect you and literally save your life when evil and violence are exploding all around.

In times of trouble, even a natural refuge can be a great blessing. But a supernatural refuge—the kind that God provides for us—is an even greater blessing. Unlike a natural shelter, there’s always plenty of room in the secret place of the Most High. God will never turn you away and tell you there’s no vacancy. He’ll never say, “My shelter is full.”

God is big! He’s big enough to cover everyone who comes to Him. He’s so big He can keep us surrounded continually by His goodness, so that wherever we are we can say, like David did in 2 Samuel 22:2-3: “The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; the God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.”

Obedience Matters

If anyone ever needed a refuge from violence, David did. He faced a lot of it in his lifetime. He had to fight the lion and the bear that attacked his father’s sheep. He had to single-handedly slay the murderous giant Goliath. But he could do it all without fear because he had this revelation: “The LORD [is]...My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I *take refuge*” (Psalm 144:1-2, *New King James Version*).

Look again at those last two words. I italicized them for emphasis because they’re especially important. They let us know that God’s sheltering power doesn’t just fall on us like an apple off a tree. We have to do something to appropriate it. We



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Build your faith for protection by feeding on what the Bible says about it.
(Rom. 10:17)

2

Declare out loud that God is your refuge.
(Ps. 91:2)

3

Be steadfast and unwavering in your faith and in your walk with God.
(Jas. 1:6-7)

4

Study the Word and find out how God wants you to live.
(Jas. 1:21)

5

Abide in the secret place by obeying the voice and the written Word of God.
(Jas. 1:22)

have to actively “*take refuge*” in God.

How do we do that?

By faith!

Faith is a major key to receiving everything God offers. It's how we receive the new birth. It's how we receive healing and prosperity. And since faith comes by hearing God's Word, to have faith in our refuge, the first thing we do is find out what the Word says about it. We feed on God's promises of protection until all fear has been eradicated from our hearts.

Then, according to Romans 10:10, we say what we believe. We talk like David did and say things like, “I'm hidden in the secret place of the Most High! He saves me from violence. He's my refuge, my defense and my very present help in time of trouble.”

Ken and I preach frequently about faith and words, so if you've heard us very often you already know how important they are. But they're not the whole story. It's not just what you believe and say that matters. Your actions are important too.

If you want to stay safe in God's refuge, you must obey Him. You must do what He tells you to do in His written Word and through the voice of the Holy Spirit inside you. Otherwise you'll open the door to the devil; he'll gain entrance into your life and threaten your security.

It's a sobering thought, I know, but it's true nonetheless. Even though we're believers—born again and washed in the blood of Jesus—if we want to live in God's secret place of protection, we must be steadfast in our walk with Him. We can't be on fire for Him one day and backsliding the next. We can't be wishy-washy, acting like saints on Sunday and sinners on Monday. “For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord” (James 1:6-7).


Living In Dangerous Territory

This is one reason why, in my own life, I put such emphasis on spending time in God's Word. The Word strengthens my faith and keeps me spiritually stable. It corrects me when I'm wrong and teaches me how to live in a way that pleases God.

Fifty years ago I used to do and say things

without any sense of conviction, that I would never do or say today, because I've spent time in God's Word. I've gotten to know Him and His ways. I've learned more about what I should and shouldn't do and say.

Do you know what else I've learned from spending time in the Word? I've learned that God is altogether good, that He wants the best for me. But, if I choose to go opposite His direction, I'm taking my life in my own hands. I'm heading for trouble because just as following His commands leads to THE BLESSING, refusing to follow them leads to the curse.



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Disobedience to God's Word is the doorway to everything bad! That's why James 1:22 says, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." Christians who are *hearers only* live in dangerous territory. *Doers* live in security and safety.

I want to be a doer, don't you? I want to do everything I can to live in obedience to the Lord. I want to think like the Bible says to think. I want to talk like the Bible says to talk, and act like the Bible says to act. I want to abide in the secret place of the Most High so I can be secure and safe even in times of national turmoil and judgment.

"Gloria, are you saying our nation is headed for judgment?" you might ask.

That's not my primary point, but I'll admit that it's possible. After all, the Bible clearly says things are going to get very bad on earth before Jesus comes. Personally, I'm praying that before the worst hits, our nation will awake to God and experience great revival. Then the Rapture can come and God can whisk us out of here.

But regardless of how events unfold, regardless of how bad it gets before we leave, if God is your refuge you don't have to worry. As Proverbs 3:25-26 says, "You need not be afraid of sudden disaster or the destruction that comes upon the wicked, for the LORD is your security" (*New Living Translation*).

As the righteous, you and I can survive national judgment or any other kind of danger! We can come through the worst times and end up more BLESSED than ever. If you want to see a picture of how it happens, read in the book of Exodus about what God did for the children of Israel the night before He brought them out of Egypt.

Talk about a time of national judgment! On that night, all the firstborn in Egypt died because of the nation's rebellion against God. But in the midst of it all, the Lord protected and prospered His people. He fulfilled the promise He made to them, that "against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel" (Exodus 11:7).

God does the same for His people today. He makes a difference between the righteous and the unrighteous.

Well, I don't believe that's fair! someone might think.

Yes, it is. It's absolutely fair! Anyone who chooses to can do what God says. Anyone can repent and receive His forgiveness. Anyone can receive Jesus as Lord, get born again, start obeying the Word, and take refuge in God.

Jesus said, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). That means it's our choice whether or not we receive God's righteousness and take Him as our refuge. It's also our choice whether or not we stay in that refuge day by day.

If we choose not to, if we choose to step outside the protection of our covenant with God and live in disobedience to the Word, God won't be able to help us. He'll try to get correction to us, but if we ignore Him and insist on going our own way, we're going to experience the consequences. And we won't like them.

Think again about the first Passover night in Egypt and you'll see what I mean. Before the plague came, God told the Israelites to put the blood of the Passover lamb over their doorposts and then go inside their houses. "And none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning," He said (Exodus 12:22).

What do you think would have happened to a firstborn Israelite if he decided to ignore God's instructions and go outside about midnight? He would have died—and it would have been his own responsibility because he chose to disobey. He decided to leave the protection of the blood and ignore God's Word.

My friend and fellow believer, let's not make those kinds of choices in these dangerous times. Let's get more serious than we've ever been about the Word of God. Let's put our faith in God as our refuge, get rid of the trash in our lives, and do what's right.

Then we'll be safe no matter what happens around us. We'll not only survive, we will thrive in the secret place of the Most High. 🙏

Jesus and the Children!

Commander
Kellie's Corner

It's a little shocking to me that it's already August!

Many of you may have either started or are about to start school.

You may not be too happy about going back to school after a summer of adventures. But I believe this month is going to be an amazing adventure, because we will be growing and learning from Jesus!

Yes, Superkid Academy is now in session!

Last month, I said to you: "Picture Jesus expressing Himself fully through you. What would that look like? Write down some things you can see you and Jesus doing together." What did you think about or write down? Did you adventure with Jesus over the last few weeks? I hope so! If you haven't had an opportunity to think more about this, now is the time.

There were some scriptures that I gave you that need our further study! If you're a Superkid, you know that when we say it's "Academy time," it really means it's time to adventure with Jesus. So, let's go. Let's learn and grow as we dig deeper into Psalm 71:6-7, 16-17.

"It was you who supported me from the day I was born, loving me, helping me through my life's journey. You've made me into a miracle; no wonder I trust you and praise you forever! Many marvel at my success, but I know it is all because of you, my mighty protector!" (Psalm 71:6-7, *The Passion Translation*)

"I will come forth in your mighty strength, O my Lord God. I'll tell everyone that you alone are the perfect one. From my childhood you've been my teacher, and I'm still telling everyone of your miracle-wonders!" (verses 16-17, *TPT*).

When I read these words, several things stand out that I believe will help us.

Jesus is here to support you. This life of adventuring with Him isn't about just going to church. It's a lifelong, everyday journey.

That really speaks to me. Do you understand what He is doing as you walk together with Him? He is making you into a miracle! He is molding you like clay into what He has called you to be—to look and sound like Him.

Say it out loud, "He's making me into a miracle!"

As He is doing a work in you while working with you, the words of verse 16 are suddenly happening. You will "come forth" in His mighty strength. You will tell everyone about how perfectly wonderful Jesus is. Jesus has become more than just your Savior. He has become your Teacher.

It stood out to me that for Superkid Academy to become a reality in our lives, we must show up for Jesus, our Teacher, by inviting Him to be our Teacher in the miraculous. This doesn't necessarily begin with us doing what may seem like crazy and complicated acts of God, but with some simple invitations to Him to teach us.

So, every day this week let's begin and end our days by inviting Him to teach us His ways and let us adventure with Him. Ready? Let's get started!

Lord, teach me to pray what You want me to pray so You can use me to do Your will.

Lord, make me bold and courageous to tell people how good You are and lead them to You.

Lord, give me seed to sow and bless others with money, toys, kind acts and time.

Lord, lead me to lay hands on people for healing. Help me to know and believe that they will be completely healed and made whole.

Lord, help me praise and worship You with all my heart. I give You my life completely.

Superkid, add your own words of invitation to the Lord to be your Teacher!

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Here we are, Jesus!
Your miracle Superkids
are coming out in Your
mighty strength! Where
will we go from here?

Commander
Kellie 

**"He's making
me into a
miracle!"**



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