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# Editor's Letter

## A Look Into the Future



Ever wished you could peek into the future just to see what it holds for you?

Well, you're not the only one. At some point, we all have wondered what it would be like to have a glimpse of the future—the hope being that we would see something good. But what if the picture you see is not so good? Better yet, what if your future was based on your past? Would there be anything to look forward to?

Fortunately, your heavenly Father, who is in control of your life, does not base your future on your past. In fact, He planned a wonderful future for us before we were even born. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." That's pretty easy to understand, but read how *The Message* translates that verse: "I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."

Before the foundation of the world, God planned your life and charted every step you would take—day by day, week by week, month by month, year by year—on the way to reaching your destiny. And today, He is still determined to help you get there. So, why wonder when we already know what's up ahead? God has already peeked into your future—and mine. And while He may not be as specific as we would hope, the vision He shares is clear. God has a divinely orchestrated plan for your life—a good plan—and He is working to bring it to pass.

Speaking of looking into the future, Pastor George Pearsons, the CEO of KCM and senior pastor of EMIC, has launched a new TV program on VICTORY Channel™ called *Inside the Vision*. It's designed to keep you, our Partners and Friends, up to date on what's happening regarding the growth and expansion of the ministry—The Revival Capital of the World®. You can now watch *Inside the Vision* by going online to [insidethevision.org](http://insidethevision.org). By the way, if you missed the feature article about *Inside the Vision* in last month's magazine, go back and check it out.

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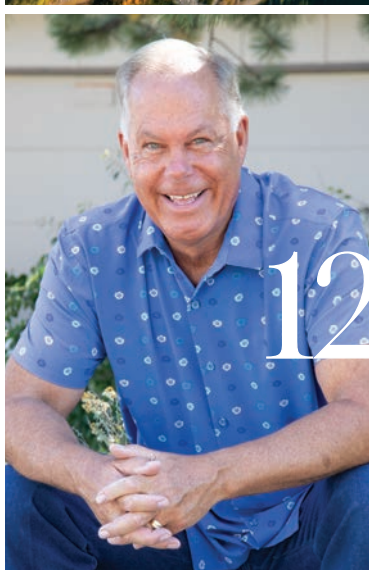
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**"We believe our church was created for such a time as this. We won't compromise the Word of God. We won't compromise politically."**

—Chris Sutley

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—Kenneth & Gloria Copeland

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# FAITH IS THE GREAT CONNECTOR





“Faith is what enables us to receive from God. It’s the spiritual force that brings into manifestation in our lives whatever we need from Him—whether it’s healing, prosperity or something else.”

One night after the healing service was over, and most of the people were gone, Brother Oral Roberts was leaving the invalid tent when he noticed one little boy still remained inside the tent. Clearly crippled, the boy seemed to be waiting for something.

“Are you Oral Roberts?” the young boy, whose name was Willie Phelps, asked.

“Yes, I am,” Brother Roberts answered.

“I’m supposed to be healed today!” little Willie said.

Totally spent after praying for so many people that night, Brother Roberts answered wearily, but with compassion, “Son, I am exhausted, and the anointing has left me.”

“I don’t know about all that,” Willie said, “but I know I’m supposed to be healed today.”

Seeing his determination, Brother Roberts put his hand on the boy’s head; prayed a short prayer; and Willie was totally healed of a

crippling, incurable condition. What’s more, he set an example we can all follow.

Although many don’t realize it, every believer on earth has the right to say the same thing Willie Phelps did that night—and get the same results. Every one of us can say, “I’m supposed to be healed today” and be healed!

We don’t have to wait to receive our healing until someone as anointed as Oral Roberts is available to pray for us, either. Brother Roberts himself said it wasn’t the anointing on him that healed Willie. That anointing had lifted. What enabled Willie to receive his healing that night was his faith.

“Well,” somebody might say, “maybe Brother Roberts just didn’t realize the anointing was still on him. That anointing will heal anybody—whether they have faith or not.”

No, it won’t. The people in Nazareth proved it. Jesus Himself came to minister to them, and





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told them the Anointing of God was on Him, yet as Mark 6:5 says, “He was not able to do even one work of power there, except that He laid His hands on a few sickly people [and] cured them” (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Notice that doesn’t say Jesus *would not* do any works of power. It said He *could not*. Why couldn’t He? Because of the people’s unbelief (verse 6).

“But Brother Copeland, I thought Jesus could do anything.”

Not without faith He can’t. Faith is what enables us to receive from God. It’s the spiritual force that brings into manifestation in our lives whatever we need from Him—whether it’s healing, prosperity or something else. Faith is the great connector!

Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]” (*AMPC*).

“NOW FAITH” is what Willie Phelps had. That’s why his statement thrills me so. It’s a great illustration of how faith talks. Faith doesn’t say, “I hope God heals me one of these days.” Faith says, “Healing is mine *today!*”

“Brother Copeland, that would be easy for me to say if Jesus was here with me like He was with the people in Nazareth. But I don’t have that kind of access to God’s power.”

Yes, you do. All of us do, if we’re born-again, Spirit-filled believers.

I’ll never forget what The LORD said to me about this some years ago. I was in a situation where we needed healing, and a lot of other things, and I was crying out to God. Remembering a phrase I’d heard in an old Pentecostal hymn, I prayed, “LORD, send the power just now!”

Suddenly, on the inside of me I heard Him say, *Where am I going to get it?*

Puzzled, I said, “Sir?”

*Where am I going to get it?* He repeated. *I can’t look up to somebody and say, “Kenneth needs more power.” I’m in you right now, and I’m all the power you could ever need!*

Think about this: Acts 10:38 says, “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.” And now, as a believer, you have that same Anointed Jesus and the Holy Spirit

living within you (John 17:23; 1 Corinthians 6:19).

All the healing power you could ever need is inside you right now. It’s there, and you can connect with it anytime...by faith!

### Speak Life Words

“But that’s the problem,” you might say. “I don’t have any faith.”

Yes, you do! According to Romans 12:3, God has given to every believer the measure of faith. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).

God gave you His own faith as a gift at the moment of your salvation! That faith is what enabled you to believe in Jesus and be born again, and it’s still in you. It’s there to enable you to take hold of everything God has provided for you by His grace.

You can use that faith to receive healing the same way you received the new birth—by believing with your heart and confessing with your mouth: “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:10). To get born again you believed and said what God’s WORD says about Jesus as LORD and Savior. To receive healing, you believe and say what God’s WORD says about healing.

What does God’s WORD have to do with your healing?

Everything!

Jesus said, “The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63). God’s words are life words! Just as they brought life to your spirit when you were born again, they also minister life to your physical body. The Bible confirms it time and again in verses like these:

“He [God] sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions” (Psalm 107:20).

“My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health [medicine] to all their flesh” (Proverbs 4:20–22).

We also see throughout the Bible that



words are spiritual seeds that, like physical seed, produce after their own kind (see Mark 4). When you sow them in your heart they come out of your mouth and become whatever they are—for better or for worse.

You may not even be aware you've planted those seeds. You might be like my granddaughter was when she was carving pumpkins in the backyard one October. (We don't do Halloween in our family, but we do pumpkins.) She was too busy carving smiley faces to notice the pumpkin seeds that were falling off the table and onto the ground. But her lack of awareness didn't matter. Those seeds did what seeds do—and a few months later there were pumpkins growing under that table.

When it comes to our words, God doesn't want us to be like that. He wants us to be aware of what we're saying. He says, "I have set before you life and death, BLESSING and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

How do you choose life? You speak The WORD of God. You speak life words!

I remember a story Brother Kenneth E. Hagin, one of my mentors in the faith, used to tell about a young man who started going downhill physically just before his 40th birthday and ended up in a coma. The young man's family contacted Brother Hagin and asked him to pray, but The LORD told him it would do no good.

*Certain spiritual laws have been put into motion that cannot be reversed at this time,* He said.

Later, the young man's brother revealed what had set those laws into motion. He said that ever since he was a child, that young man had said, "I'll never live to be 40." And he didn't.

That situation couldn't be changed. But that's not the case with you. If you've been planting bad seeds—saying things like, "I guess I'll just always be sick (or broke)"—you can make a change. You can stop speaking words of failure and unbelief and start speaking words of faith and victory. To see the results you desire, though, you must be consistent about it. For as The LORD told Gloria years ago, *In consistency lies the power.*

#### Make the Decision Now

You can think thoughts and say them until they get down into your spirit, and they will change your life. If those thoughts and words are contrary to God's WORD, they will change

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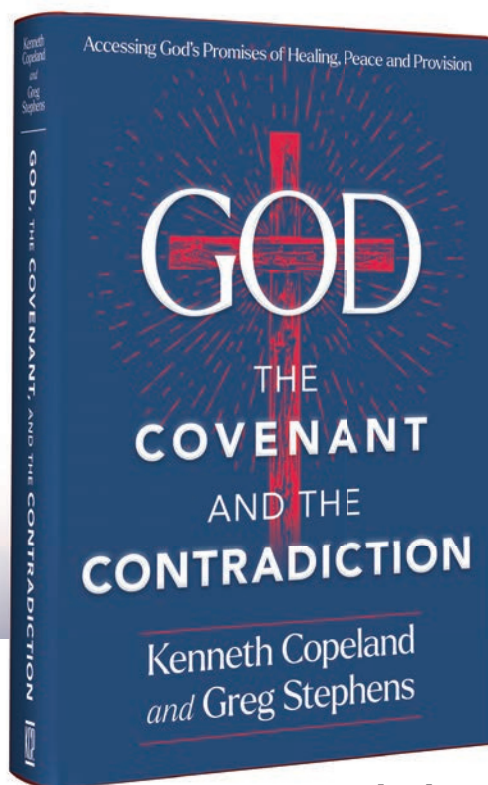
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your life for the worse. But if they agree with God's WORD, they will change your life for the better. They'll enable you to connect by faith with God's supernatural healing power, and even give you the wisdom and strength to do the natural things you need to do to stay healthy.

I experienced this a few years ago after The LORD asked me if I would set my faith to live out the 120-year life span He promised in the Bible (Genesis 6:3). I said I would and promised to get my spirit, soul and body in the best condition it can be. To keep that commitment, I couldn't just sit around doing nothing in any of those areas, including physically. So, I determined I would start exercising every day.

Although I was thrilled over the prospect, there was one problem: I had never liked exercise. That dislike surfaced one morning when I walked into the exercise room. Without even thinking, as I caught hold of the rope on the A-frame, I said, "God, I hate this!"

Realizing what I'd said I immediately repented. "No, LORD, I love this," I said. "I love this room. This room will change my life." And it has. I'm stronger today than I've ever been. I'm in better shape at 86 years old than I was when I was 30, and I truly do enjoy exercising. But I had to say it!

To quote Gloria: "If you do what's right in the natural, and you do what's right in the supernatural, you can live in divine health." You can stay well all the time. Regardless of your age, you can be fit—spirit, soul and body—if you keep believing and consistently speaking God's WORD.

God always backs His WORD. He said in Jeremiah 1:12, "I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it" (AMPC). And His written WORD says a lot about healing. For instance, it says:

"BLESS the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:2-3).

"BLESSED be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits" (Psalm 68:19).

That means you can claim the benefit of healing every day!

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of



the law,”—which according to Deuteronomy 28:61 includes sickness and disease—“being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree” (Galatians 3:13).

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

Take a moment right now and turn those scriptures into confessions of faith. Say, “The LORD heals all my diseases. He heals me every day. I am redeemed from the curse of sickness and disease. By Jesus’ stripes I was healed, therefore I am healed. I believe I receive my healing and I call my body well and pain-free.”

“But Brother Copeland, what if I still feel bad after saying those things?”

Don’t focus on how your body feels. Focus on The WORD. Keep saying it by faith and it will work.

Years ago, I was in Oklahoma City preaching a series of meetings and I woke up one morning with a bad case of the flu. I was so sick I couldn’t shave or get dressed by myself. Gloria had to help me. Determined to preach the morning meeting as scheduled, I went after the devil with The WORD. Gloria and Lavinia (the friend we were staying with) got me to the car, and we drove to the church.

When I stepped behind the pulpit, the room started spinning. I told the congregation, “I’ll be back in just a moment.” I went into the back room, and lit into the devil with The WORD again, denying the flu any right to stay in my body. Then, I went back into the sanctuary. When I caught hold of the pulpit, it still felt to me like it was waving around a little, but I went ahead and preached anyway.

For nearly two hours, I preached about healing! By the time I finished, faith—the great connector—had done its job and every symptom of the flu was gone. The power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within me had quickened my body (Romans 8:11), and I was healed.

The same will happen for you. So commit yourself afresh to keep making the faith connection. Speak the healing WORD of God over your body today and every day because, just like Willie Phelps, you’re supposed to be healed! 🙏

# It’s Your Choice



by Dr. David Weeter

Did you know that the devil is the same old, sorry devil he’s always been since iniquity was found in him? The only way he can beat you at the game of life is if you let him and, even then, he has to use your power and authority to do it! He has to get you to use your own “believing force” in a manner and way that is to your detriment.

If we bombard our senses with the truth and steadfastness of the Word

of God, however, and our thought life is occupied with thoughts of the Word (we know this as “meditation”), then our “believing force” is directed toward these things and we know it as—faith!

Here’s the key though...

It is our choice!

We choose whether we live by faith or whether we live by fear! We know from Habakkuk 2:4, Galatians 3:11 and Romans 1:17 that the just must conduct themselves

***“We choose  
whether we  
live by faith  
or whether we  
live by fear!”***



“Even if you have made the decision...  
to exercise fear instead of faith,

# IT IS NOT A PERMANENT CHOICE!”

and operate by faith in order to experience life!

Let's look at two scriptural examples of “just” men living their lives.

The book of Job establishes two things:

1) Job was an upright and just man (Job 1:1, 8 and Chapter 2).

2) Fear is what put Job's life in the devil's hand (Job 3:25-26).

Job was an upright man who knew God. He obviously knew the operational principles of God. He knew about making sacrifices. Unfortunately, however, Satan was able to get to Job's thoughts to the point where he began worrying about his children. He worried about them to the point that he spoke his fear, and then he put corresponding action to his fear by continually making sacrifices for the same thing over and over.

And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually (Job 1:5).

Now, Satan was doing what he always does. He was “going to and fro in the earth, and... walking up and down in it” (verse 7). Why? “Seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

Verse 7 says, “Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully” (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). Because Job had not done 1 Peter 5:7, he became a person whom Satan could devour!

When Job took on the cares, anxieties, worries and concerns about his children, he put the laws of fear into motion. Satan was then able to come to God about him. He tried

to get God to put His hand on Job, but God wouldn't do it! Job had already put his family in Satan's hand because of fear, and Satan did what he always does—steal, kill and destroy.

Now, look over at Mark 5 and you will see an example of a different choice in action. You know the story. Jesus is on His way to Jairus' house to heal his daughter when He gets delayed by the healing of the woman who has an issue of blood. Let's read verses 35-36:

While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

Jairus was also a “just” man. He was the leader of the synagogue. But now he has a choice to make as to how he is going to conduct his affairs of life.

He heard the lies of the devil: “Your daughter is dead.”

He heard the truth of the Word of God: “Stop the fear! Believe only!”

Believe what? What he already said in verse 23, “Come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live”!

Thank God this just man chose to live by faith and therefore experience life instead of death! Glory to God!

Here is some great news! Even if you have made the decision (maybe without even knowing it until now) to exercise fear instead of faith, IT IS NOT A PERMANENT CHOICE!

Job realized his choice and repented (Job 42:6). When he prayed for his friends in faith, he got back twice as much as Satan had been able to devour previously!

Say this in faith: “I make the decision today to never operate in or by fear ever again, from this day forward! Father, as an act of my will and with Your help, with Your power, with Your wisdom and with Your Word, I stop the fear now! I believe only! And I will experience life and life more abundantly because the life which I now live in this flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God! Amen!”

Hallelujah! You have just closed the door to the devil! 🚫



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# Possess God's Rest



by Gloria Copeland

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.... Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Hebrews 4:9, 11


God's rest. Considering the hectic, busy lives you and I live that sounds like a pretty good thing to have, doesn't it? But exactly what is that rest? And how do we enter it?

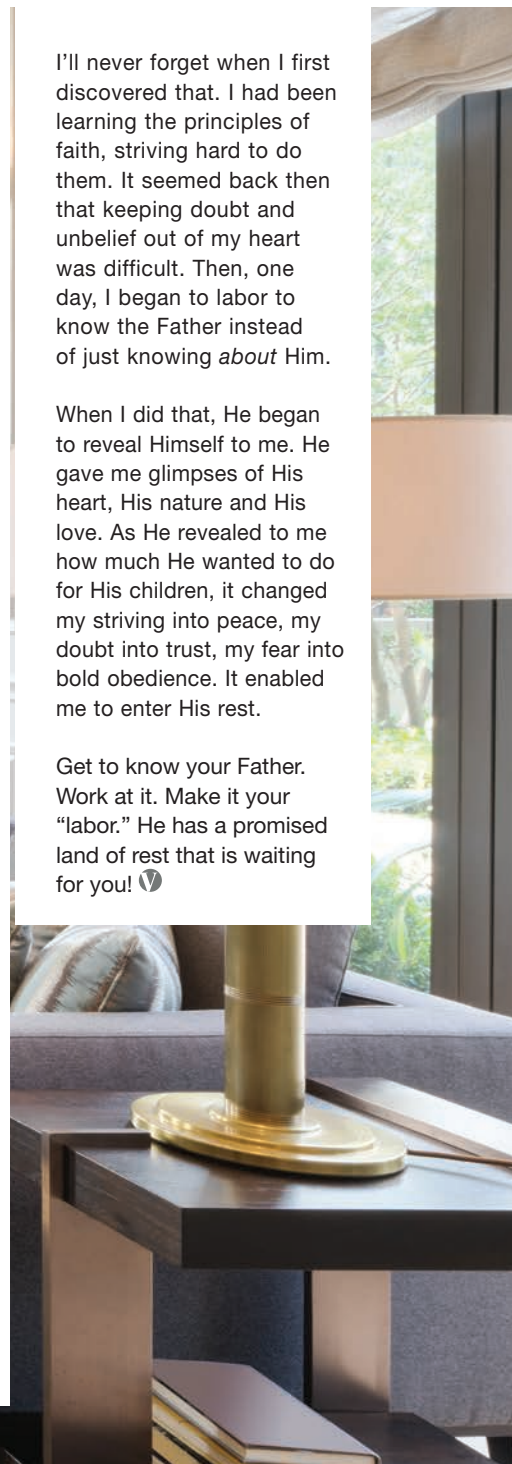
The third and fourth chapters of Hebrews compare God's rest with the children of Israel taking possession of the Promised Land. That land was to be a place where their every need would be met, a place of freedom from their warring enemies, a place no one would ever drive them from again. All they had to do was go in and possess it. But something kept them from it: unbelief and disobedience.

As believers, we too, have the opportunity to enter a promised land of abundance and peace. A land where we can rest from our struggles and enjoy the victory of God. To enter it we must do what the children of Israel failed to do. We must simply trust God and obey His voice. How do you come to that place of trust and obedience? By getting to know your Father. By spending time fellowshiping with Him in prayer and in the Word. That is the labor that will bring you into His rest!

I'll never forget when I first discovered that. I had been learning the principles of faith, striving hard to do them. It seemed back then that keeping doubt and unbelief out of my heart was difficult. Then, one day, I began to labor to know the Father instead of just knowing *about* Him.

When I did that, He began to reveal Himself to me. He gave me glimpses of His heart, His nature and His love. As He revealed to me how much He wanted to do for His children, it changed my striving into peace, my doubt into trust, my fear into bold obedience. It enabled me to enter His rest.

Get to know your Father. Work at it. Make it your "labor." He has a promised land of rest that is waiting for you! 



# Faith Without Compromise

HEAT ROSE LIKE STEAM FROM THE PAVEMENT AT ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY IN TULSA, OKLA., THAT AUGUST DAY IN 2002. JOANNE PAQUETTE, WHO EVERYONE CALLED JOJO, HURRIED WITH HER DAUGHTER JOY TO ADMINISTRATION. JOY WAS REGISTERING FOR HER FRESHMAN YEAR.

“You’ll get used to the heat,” JoJo assured her daughter.

“Your dad and I did when we were stationed at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla.”

As they waited in one line after another, JoJo remembered those early days of marriage in Oklahoma. A pilot in the military, her husband, Jim, loved the Lord and he loved flying. Several other pilots had invited them to attend a meeting where Jim received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Some of those same pilots had introduced Jim to the teachings of Kenneth E. Hagin and Kenneth Copeland. The first time Jim had heard Kenneth Copeland speak, in 1975, he began a lifelong habit of buying every book on

faith he found. When their five children came along, he made sure each one had a library of faith materials.

In 1982, their 4-year-old daughter Autumn had surgery to repair heart defects. The day after surgery she died twice, the third time they revived her she said, “I see Jesus” and went home to be with Him. As much as they mourned her passing, nothing shook Jim and JoJo’s faith that God is good, and He still heals today. After being discharged from the military, they moved to Denver, Colo. In 1984, they’d joined a church and settled down to a new life. Jimmy’s more-recent diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes had been a shock. A strong, vital man, he looked healthy on the outside.









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Sat	21	Jer. 10-12	
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Mon	23	Jer. 13:1-15:9	Heb. 7
Tue	24	Jer. 15:10-17:27	Heb. 8
Wed	25	Jer. 18:1-21:10	Heb. 9
Thu	26	Jer. 21:11-23:29	Heb. 10
Fri	27	Jer. 23:30-26:6	Heb. 11
Sat	28	Jer. 26:7-28:17	
Sun	29	Ps. 119: 89-136; Prov. 27:1-22	
Mon	30	Jer. 29:1-31:9	Heb. 12
Tue	31	Jer. 31:10-32:44	Heb. 13

Inside was another matter.

While JoJo was enrolling Joy at ORU, their oldest daughter, Charity, took Jimmy in for eye surgery. Except, he didn't pass his pre-op exam. Blood clots behind his eyes signaled problems that an eye procedure couldn't repair. Further tests revealed that he'd had a silent heart attack three weeks earlier—one without a single symptom. He couldn't have eye surgery until he had open heart surgery. After enrolling Joy at ORU, JoJo returned home to the news. At church, Marilyn, Wally and Chris Sutley prayed for him.

During surgery, the doctor opened four blocked arteries. He came through surgery well before taking a turn for the worse. Two days later, at the age of 49, Jim Paquette died. The funeral was held over Labor Day weekend. The executive staff were out of town. Chris Sutley preached the funeral. Jim had a military burial at Logan National Cemetery.

## Another Casualty

"No one expected Jim to die," JoJo remembers. "The whole thing was a shock. I was devastated, but Jim's death wasn't the only casualty. Our children lost their faith in God. They had lost a sister and their father. They packed away their faith libraries.

"Although I didn't agree with my children, I understood their pain and loss. As an adult, I could process the passing of a husband and daughter based on a lifetime of knowing God. I grew up in Oregon, the second-youngest of eight children. Three of my brothers were pastors, one was a missionary. Our family was very strong in faith. I got saved at 4 and filled with the Holy Spirit at 6.

"Miracles and healings were part of our everyday life. As a child, I had a bad case of eczema. My skin was scarred and pitted from the disease. My parents had taken me up for prayer several times, but my healing hadn't manifested. That didn't discourage any of us. We knew it would happen. I was in the fourth grade when an evangelist came to our church. There was an altar call for healing, and Mom asked if I wanted to go up. I knew my healing was going to manifest and it did.

Jesus healed me that night. While standing at the altar, the scabs on my skin fell onto the floor. Today, I don't have any scars or pitting. That was my first miracle.

"When I was 8 years old, several kids and I were walking across a creek on a log. The water underneath us was only 18 inches deep. The kids behind me pushed and I fell off the log, hit a rock and drowned. My dad jumped off the camp deck and ran to me. He pulled me out of the water and resuscitated me.

"A couple of years later while on a family camping trip, I fell off a raft and got trapped under it. My family rescued me before I drowned. But even as a child, I knew Satan was trying to take me out. When I remember those times, I'm sad to say that my husband, Jim, didn't have memories like that. He didn't have the same foundation that I enjoyed. And while we were true to the message of faith, back then we weren't always compliant as patients. Like everyone, he did the best he knew to do."

Although few people knew it at the time, when Chris Sutley had prayed for Jim after his heart attack, he was going through a crisis of his own. He'd met and married his wife there at the church. They'd had a daughter and been married for 10 years. Theirs was a solid and happy home. Or so he thought. One day, out of the blue, the marriage came to a shattering halt when the couple divorced. Devastated, Chris turned to God, telling Him, "No matter what it costs me, I'm going to trust You."

## A Word From God

A while later, a guest speaker, who was a prophet, had ministered at the church. She called Chris forward. "Are you a pastor here?" she asked.

"Yes, I am."

"You told the Lord that no matter what it takes, you'll follow and trust Him. There's going to be a time when you work for yourself. I see a big family. If you don't take the next step, you'll be looking out the front door and they'll come in the back. You'll look out the back door and they'll come in the front. If you don't take this step, it's going to propel you into it."

"I received that prophecy in May," Chris recalls. "JoJo's husband died in August.



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My wife filed for divorce the first week in September. The guest speaker gave this word before either of those things happened. Looking back, it's clear what it meant. But at the time, I had no idea.

“I'd been told that the church was going to put me on furlough until my wife came back. I knew she wasn't coming back. I told them they might as well cut me loose. In the interim, I worked at a mortgage company. JoJo called when she needed to refinance her house.

“After Jim's death, all of JoJo's kids moved back home except the one who was married. In February of 2003, they invited my daughter and me to hang out with their big, boisterous family. Eventually, I asked each of JoJo's kids if I could date her. Each one gave us their blessing. After dating for a while, JoJo and I knew what the prophetic word about a big family meant. Together we had five children. They rejoiced when we married.”

### Studying Faith

Chris' best man handed him a 21-CD series by Keith Moore called *Prosperity Proven*. Chris had never heard of Keith Moore, but he couldn't get enough of those teachings. He'd never heard the Bible taught in such a profound way. He listened during his commute to work. He listened during all his free time. That's when JoJo opened boxes of books that were filled with an incredible faith library.

Meanwhile, Chris was offered a job as associate pastor of a church. After 16 months, he was one month away from being made full time when he was called into the pastor's office. “I've been listening to your messages on Wednesday nights,” the pastor said. “You're preaching the Word of Faith. I told the board of directors when I took this church that I wouldn't bring that teaching here. My wife and



I are going on vacation for two weeks. You need to decide by the time we return what you're going to do. Either you stop preaching what you're preaching, or you resign.”

As JoJo and Chris discussed the situation, one thing became clear. Everything he'd taught had been backed up by Scripture. They were going to be subject to God or man. But it was to God that they would give an account. Chris resigned.

They traveled to Florida to regroup. Chris was rafting in the Gulf of Mexico when the Lord spoke to him: *I want you to start a church*. Chris got off the raft and walked up the shore to his wife. “You're not going to believe what the Lord just told me. He wants us to start a church.”

### Faith for a Church

In the fall of 2008, Chris and JoJo incorporated Faith Life Fellowship in Littleton, Colo. They held their first service at the end of the year.

“I came across an application on the KCM

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website where I could request that our church be added to KCM's list of recommended churches," Chris explains. "I filled it out and a couple of months later it was accepted. At any given time, most of the people in our church found us on KCM's website while looking for a church in Denver that preaches faith. We're licensed and ordained under Dr. Jerry Savelle. We're also partners with Kenneth and Gloria and with Keith and Phyllis Moore. They are our mentors. We believe our church was created for such a time as this. We won't compromise the Word of God. We won't compromise politically. We won't compromise spiritually."

About two years ago, Chris and JoJo were approached by KCM and asked if they had space in their church for KCM to broadcast part of its daily *VICTORY News* program.

"One of their newscasters had moved to Denver and needed a place to broadcast," Chris explained. "He has now moved back to Texas, but he still comes back and forth. When he's here, he still uses our church to broadcast the news."

### **In Need of a Miracle**

In January of 2020, JoJo looked in the mirror. Running a hand over her abdomen, she turned sideways. If she didn't know better, she thought, she would think she was pregnant. She wasn't but something wasn't right. She knew it in her spirit. A few months later, she booked an appointment with a gynecologist.

"I need to refer you to an oncologist," the doctor explained.

"Oh, doctor, I know I don't have cancer."

"OK, but you still need to go."

The oncologist ordered bloodwork and an ultrasound. Then, she brought the results to share with JoJo.

"It's my bladder, isn't it?" JoJo asked, convinced that she had a prolapsed bladder.

"No, it's not. We tested your blood for cancer markers. The normal level is 30. Yours is 155. That's way too high. The ultrasound shows a large tumor on the left side of your womb. You need surgery immediately."



JoJo spent the next two weeks immersing herself in the Word of God for healing. She listened to different Healing School teachings from KCM by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland and by Keith Moore.

During that time, she pondered the effect this would have on her children. "I had no fear," JoJo remembers. "I knew I wasn't going to die. I had perfect peace. Of course, my four children didn't. It may have been hardest on my youngest. He was only 16 when his father died. Now living in California, Jimmy was one of the top heart ultrasound techs in the country. I kept telling him I wasn't going to die. He kept telling me that I didn't get it."

"During an eight-hour surgery, doctors removed a seven-and-a-half-pound tumor from my left ovary. It was the size of a newborn. After surgery, the tumor was sent off to pathology. I was told that it would take a while to get the results. The whole thing had to be checked. Two days later, I had an MRI, which was so painful that I returned to my room crying. My son Josh picked me up like a baby and cradled me. We both wept. I cried from the pain."

He cried out his fear. It took a full week to examine the

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entire thing. There was not a trace of cancer in that tumor."

It changed JoJo's children as they watched their mother stand strong and fight in faith. They believe in healing. They speak healing. Jimmy has since turned his life over to God. He is in a Spirit-filled church in California where he's growing spiritually. "JoJo became a Partner with KCM in 1975," Chris remembers. "I became a Partner 20 years ago, after we married. To us, being Partners with them is like being connected to a spiritual IV. It feeds us, refreshes us and sustains us. Thank God for the Word of Faith. It is the truth. God is good and He still heals today!" 📖





by Keith A. Butler



# Causing Your Nation To PROSPER

**“God wants you  
to prosper.”**

**I know,  
you’re probably  
thinking, *OK,  
we hear that  
all the time.  
So what else  
is new?***

Well, I can’t say what I’m about to share is exactly new, because it’s been around at least since God first pronounced His blessings on Abraham. But I can for sure tell you that it’s true. God wants you to prosper. The Bible says so in 3 John 2: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

The truth is God *does* want you to prosper. But there’s something else He desires. He wants you to go beyond seeking your own

prosperity and start causing your nation to prosper. That’s right. It’s God’s ultimate desire that the entire world prosper, and He expects you to be right there in the middle of helping to make it happen.

You see, God may use His Word to deal with us as individuals, but there are times when He makes decisions or judgments that affect entire families or nations.

Let me show you what I’m talking about.

In Proverbs 14:34, the Bible says,



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"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

Take a look at those first two words: *righteousness* and *exalteth*.

The word *righteousness*, which literally means "justice," comes from the word *righteous*, a word that is defined as "characterized by uprightness or morality." As born-again believers, that describes who each of us has been made in Christ. Like Jesus, we are people of honesty, integrity and morality. We believe in justice.

To *exalt* means to "lift up."

In other words, in order for our nation to be lifted up, it's going to have to happen through the hands of the righteous. Why? Because, as we just read, righteousness exalts or lifts up a nation.

### Who's in Charge?

Notice what happens when the righteous are in authority or, as we would consider it in today's society, in charge or control. In Proverbs 29:2, the Bible says: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

Why do you suppose the Bible says, "the people rejoice"?

It's because when righteous people are in charge, justice prevails. And when justice prevails, you get honesty. You get fairness, compassion, peace and prosperity. In other words, things are done for the good of all.

Sadly, that's not the case when it comes to unrighteous, ungodly leaders ruling. The last part of that scripture proves it: "but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

I don't have to tell you that wickedness is the same as sin. And the Bible clearly states in Romans 6:23 that "the wages of sin is death."

When wicked people rule, or are in control, the end result is always going to be death. It may not come in the form of physical death, but you can be assured the results are going to be bad. In Old Testament times, for instance, we saw it manifest in such forms as sickness, disease, pestilence, plagues, famine—even death. And while those things happened back then, there is nothing that says they can't be repeated in some form today.

The thing we have to understand, though,

is these things all happened because of wickedness. They happened because the unrighteous were in control. And they happened to entire nations.

Look at what the Bible says in 1 Kings 15: 25-26 about King Nadab, a ruler over Israel: "And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin."

Did you catch what that scripture said in the last part of verse 26?

Not only did Nadab sin, but the entire nation followed his path and was led away into sin. A little further down in that same chapter, in verses 33 and 34, we see the same thing happening again: "In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin."

And in Chapter 22, we see wickedness continuing during the reign of Ahaziah, the son of Ahab. In each instance where a king "did evil in the sight of the Lord," the nation he ruled over suffered. Its people paid the price.

### Preparing To Prosper Your Nation

There are consequences to be paid for sin. But if you are walking in righteousness and living a life of obedience to God and His Word, you don't have to worry about those things. You can rest assured that not only will you prosper, but your nation will also prosper.

It is vital that every believer see this. The reason Satan so desperately desires to destroy this country is because it is the lighthouse of the gospel for the entire world. But God is not about to see that happen. He has a job for this country to do, and to help get the job done He has placed you in this nation—a nation that from its very beginning started out with the purpose of bringing all mankind back to Him.

He has brought people from every part of the globe and opened the door to the gospel to those who have never heard it preached before. More money is spent in the United States to evangelize its own citizens and to evangelize



other countries, than all the other nations of the world combined. And more missionaries come from America than all other parts of the world combined.

In God's grand scheme of things, that can only continue until the whole world knows that Jesus is Lord, and He saves, heals, delivers and sets free.

How will this happen? It will happen through believers like you and me—people who are committed to stand firm on God's Word, walk in obedience to what He tells us to do, and always do good in His sight.

The Bible says in Deuteronomy 6:17-19, "Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers. To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken."

Notice what it says in verse 18: "And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee."

That's the key. If we do "that which is right and good," then the Bible says, "it may be well with thee."

Do you understand what the phrase "well with thee" means? It means that things will work out for you, you're going to wind up being blessed coming in and blessed going out; blessed whether you're in the suburb, the city or urban America. It means you'll live in peace and not fear. It means sickness and disease will not come near your dwelling, and that destruction and calamity will pass over you.

"Well with thee" means *you* will prosper. And because *you* prosper, so will *your family* and *your nation*.

Friend, who is in control *does* matter. Whether it's in your home or on the job, in the church or over your city, state or country, the person in charge—the one you have to follow—matters.

The Bible declares that through God you have been made righteous. You are the seed of Abraham, heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. As the righteousness of God, you have authority—not only over your life and destiny, but over that of your nation.

You can cause your nation to prosper! 

# Fact VS. Truth

Jesus commanded us to operate in the same God kind of faith He has. He also told us that anyone who did it would have the same results. After all, it's His faith that's in us. He put it there.

That being the case, how do we deal with the fact that so many Christians are being defeated by sickness, poverty and every other kind of problem? By understanding that those defeats are "fact," but they are not "truth."

You see, facts can be changed. Truth can't. Truth supersedes fact. Spiritual law supersedes natural, physical law.


The law of gravity, for example, is a fact. But there is a higher law than the law of gravity. Those in the aeronautical industry know it as the law of lift. If you do certain things—make an airplane, build the wing right and engine powerful enough and so on—you'll be able to put the law of lift into motion

and make an airplane fly.

How does that happen? Does gravity cease to be a fact? No. The law of lift simply supersedes it.

In the same way, sickness and disease are facts. But those facts can be superseded by the truth in Isaiah 53:5, "With [Jesus'] stripes we are healed." It's a truth that can never be changed. What's more, if you'll apply that truth, it will overcome sickness every time! Truth applied changes facts.

Applying it. That's the key. You can put on your finest traveling clothes, pack your luggage and go sit down in a perfectly good airplane...but you won't get 6 inches off the ground unless somebody turns on the engines and begins to put the law of lift into motion.

What we need to do is apply our faith just like Jesus did. We need to learn to supersede our natural circumstances by activating the supernatural law of faith. So apply the truth to your facts today. Speak Isaiah 53:5 to your body. Speak Philippians 4:19 to your needs. Speak Isaiah 54:13 over your children. And watch the truth change the facts! 



by Kenneth Copeland

# TESTIMONIES OF REAL-LIFE VICTORY



## Right on Time!

In 2022, God told me to pay off three large bills by Sept. 30. I was \$300 short. I listened to the 2022 VICTORYTHON™ and sowed a seed of \$30 on Sept. 28, specifically for the money I needed. The \$300 came in the mail on Sept. 30! Along with another financial turnaround, as of Sept. 30, 2022, my husband and I are debt free. Praise God!

I have been a Partner for years, and thank God for Kenneth and Gloria's obedience to Him, for their teaching and for their standing strong.

H.L. | Nebraska

## God's Word Is Life

Thanks to your prayer minister and two simple but powerful scriptures, I was healed of osteoporosis and sleep apnea when I called in a few days ago! I am humbled to tears every time I read Matthew 18:19 and Isaiah 53:5. God's Word will accomplish what He has ordained for it to do. Thank you, KCM! The Word of God is life.

K.F. | Texas

## Good News Times Three

During Miracles on the Mountain '23, I received healing from an irregular heartbeat. My son received healing of a leg injury he got at track practice, and practiced with no issues the next day. Even our washing machine came back to life during the service! Thank You, Jesus, Brother Burke and EMIC.

S.L. | Washington

## Life Changing Message

I've been joining Brother Kenneth and the KCBC® class this week on the internet. It is always a blessing to be in the teachings on the broadcast, and I am very grateful for them!

Right before the covid situation hit, there was a teaching titled "What Do You Call Yourself?" I have watched it over and over

and it has changed my life. As a university professor, when our classes went remote/online during the pandemic, I saw that the fear of that virus was heavy. But God used that message to set me free, and I have stood on that teaching ever since. God is faithful and Jesus is Lord!

M.B. | Michigan

## Kingdom Culture

### As I grew up, my mom and I watched *Believer's Voice of Victory* each day before work and school.

The opening music is still vivid in my memory—"I know my God has made a way for me!" Kenneth Copeland's reminder to put God first shaped the culture of my home. As he vocalized the importance of Christian teaching about Israel and the military, he provided context for seeing God in global operations.

By proclaiming the Word of God, day after day, Kenneth Copeland Ministries demonstrates its commitment to Christ through media. Thank you for KCM's media culture proclaiming the good news of the Messiah! A.M. | Minnesota

## Faith Boosted

A prayer warrior of yours prayed about an infection in my leg. As I continued to stand on Jeremiah 30:17, the complete healing came. Also, my husband was able to see a doctor exactly when he needed to for an arm injury—that was God's

provision from the sowing and reaping principle you teach from God's Word.

Thank you for the monthly BVOV magazine. It is a real faith booster!

T.B. | Australia

## Fear Gone

I called the prayer line because I was having a panic attack and thought I was going to die. The prayer warrior rebuked the demon of fear off my life and today I'm healed.

F.B. | Nevada

## 'God Did It!'

I played the MP3s of *How To Believe God for a House* broadcasts, and decreed the 21 house scriptures regularly.

After two years, I was given a debt-free house in a peaceful neighborhood! I did not ask anyone for help; I just stood on the Word, especially Deuteronomy 6:10-11. One statement from the broadcast that stood out to me was, "The world will lend it to you, but Jesus will give it to you." God did it!

One important thing is that the house's value was exactly the amount of the financial harvest that I was believing for, so it was important that I was a tither and a sower. Two years might seem like a long time to believe for something, but as Gloria says in the broadcast, two years is nothing compared to paying a mortgage for 40 years. Thank you to KCM and to God!

A.M. | Australia

## Baby Thriving

*One of your staff prayed with me at a Victory Campaign over a baby blanket for a micro preemie born at 23 weeks, weighing 1 pound, 3 ounces. She is now off oxygen and has reached 5 pounds, 9 ounces. She is doing well. Thanks, everyone at KCM.*

J.C. | New Jersey





## 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.

### Set Free From Grief

I was deeply grieving the loss of my mother, especially over the holidays. Pastor Greg Stephens appeared on the Morning Prayer broadcast and prayed for those of us who were grieving the death of loved ones. He assured us they were in the great cloud of witnesses, were very happy now, and wouldn't want us to grieve. It set me free from that struggle with depression, and the anxiety and grief I had been experiencing. It gave me hope and the ability to let it go and move forward. I needed to be ministered to that very day, and thank the Lord for setting me free from that horrible pit of grief.

D.F. | Florida

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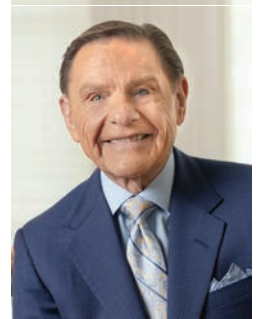
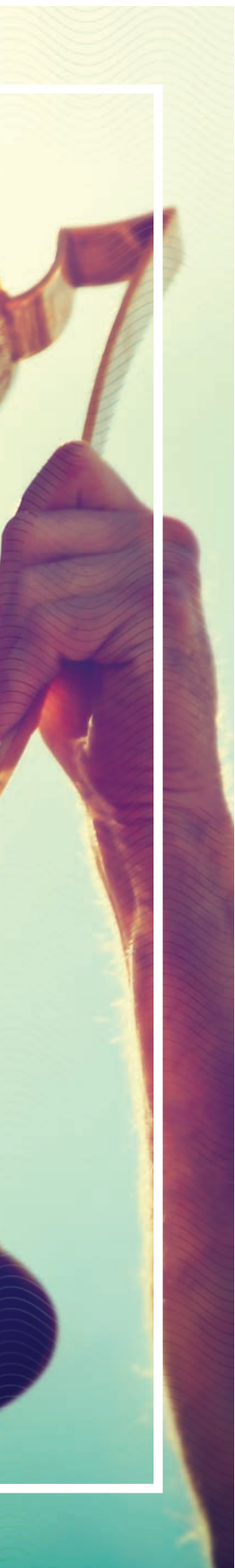
EVERY BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER IS MORE THAN A CONQUEROR. IT'S TRUE. THE BIBLE SAYS SO. HOWEVER, THE SAD FACT IS, MOST BELIEVERS HAVE LOST SO MANY BATTLES WITH SIN THAT THEY'VE LEARNED TO CARRY A WHITE FLAG IN THEIR HIP POCKET. INSTEAD OF EXPECTING VICTORY, THEY'VE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO SURRENDER.

# NEVER SURRENDER AGAIN

How has satan been able to capture these soldiers of Almighty God and turn them into *spiritual prisoners of war*? By convincing them that it's more natural for them to sin than to live a righteous life. Somewhere along the way, he's convinced them that they're "just old sinners" (saved by grace, yes, but sinners nonetheless). And, try as they may to change, sinners will always sin. That's just their nature.

What I want you to know today—what you must know if you're ever going





by Kenneth Copeland

to live in victory *over* sin instead of a victim of it—is this: If you have, by faith, been born into the kingdom of God, you are no longer a sinner by nature! You are the righteousness of God.

Romans 5:17 says it this way: “For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.” Verse 19 adds: “For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”

Yes, you have been made righteous! We have often heard it preached that “there is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10). And born-again believers have accepted this statement as an indictment against themselves. Except that statement was made in the first three chapters of Romans, where the Apostle Paul was describing the condition of man in his natural state *without* Christ. He was saying that without Christ there is none righteous, which is the absolute truth!

But Paul then proceeded to explain that we who are the reborn children of God *are* righteous! We have a righteousness that, instead of coming through the Law, comes through faith in Jesus Christ. It is a righteousness that is “unto all and upon all them that believe” (Romans 3:22). What is this gift of righteousness that satan has tried so desperately to blind us to? Quite simply, it is right-standing with God. It is the ability to stand in the presence of a holy God without a sense of guilt or condemnation.

### Not the Right or Wrong Way

Righteousness is *not* conduct. We’ve had this religious idea that righteousness is the right or wrong way we act. We’ve thought that if we act good enough for long enough, then God might declare us righteous and associate with us.

Actually, just the reverse is true. Good conduct doesn’t produce righteousness. Righteousness produces good conduct because it carries with it all the authority and power you’ll ever need to overcome sin.

That’s why the devil is so determined to convince you that you don’t have it. He knows that once you wake up to the fact that you’ve already been made righteous, he’ll *never* be able to keep you down!

Look at Romans 5:17 again. If you’ve made Jesus The LORD of your life, you’re no longer “just an old sinner.” You’ve received an abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness. Instead of being a slave to sin, you’ve been born again into a royal family and given the right to reign in life as a king! Whether you realize it or not, you’ve been put in a position of authority over your life and circumstances. You are spiritual royalty.

Spiritual royalty works in much the same way that earthly royalty does. The heir of a king has the same legal rights and privileges as the king himself. Even though the heir may be just a child and is still being tutored, he is nevertheless king of the land. He has the necessary right and authority to rule.

If you’ve been living in defeat, you may find the fact that you’ve been made a king just a little hard to believe. It may look to you like poverty, sickness or sin is ruling your life. But if that’s the case, you must realize that you’ve actually been living in *deceit*, not *defeat*! By blinding you to the royal righteousness that God has placed within you, the devil has tricked you into surrendering your true authority.

If you’ve been living in bondage to sin and to circumstances, the problem is not that God needs to do something more to set you free. He’s done all that it takes to set you free. He’s given you all the rights and privileges that Jesus had when He was on the earth—including the power of the Holy Spirit. Now He’s waiting on

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you to stand in faith and assert those rights and privileges. He's waiting on you to take His WORD and authority and show satan who's boss!

### Dig In Your Heels

We've all seen natural earthly examples of this kind of situation. Take the Black man's struggle for freedom here in the United States, for instance. The Emancipation Proclamation was made back at the close of the Civil War. It stated absolutely that there was freedom, in this country, for all people. But it was 100 years before Black men and women as a group really began to dig in their heels and say, "You're not going to oppress me anymore!" When they did, the law of freedom that had been put on the books so many years before was finally put to the test. And, thank God, it worked. When somebody stood on it, it worked!

Legally, Black men and women had been free for 100 years! But until the day that, as a whole, they put demands on the law that said they were free, they were consistently robbed of that freedom. The same is true in the world of the spirit. Until you dig in your heels and demand your spiritual rights in Jesus' Name, the devil is going to walk all over you.

This was one of the first things I had to learn after I was born again. The devil told me that I didn't have any right to be healed. He said I didn't have any right to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit. He insisted that I didn't have the right to minister to the needs of other people! And if I happened to feel a little sinful at the time, I would agree with him. Then I saw in The WORD that I had a right to these things simply because Jesus gave me the right. I realized that whether I *felt* righteous or not, I *was* righteous because God had made me righteous! That's when I began getting results, not only in my personal life, but in my ministry.

Your victory will come through the same revelation. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:34, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not." To awake to righteousness means to become aware that you have been made the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ. If you've turned your back on a sinful life and have given yourself to Jesus Christ, then you've been placed in

right-standing with God through the sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary. When you awake to that righteousness, whatever sin may be trying to hang onto you will have to let go.

As long as satan can convince you that you don't have any right to the things of God, he can keep you under his thumb and sin will control your life. But when you awake to righteousness, you'll realize that the devil is a defeated foe. And the struggle will be over, for "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

You can dominate sin and the devil no matter what the circumstances. If there is a situation which is dominating you rather than you dominating it, go to The WORD of God. Spend some time in prayer and meditate in The WORD. The LORD will lead you through The WORD and through His still, small voice just as He promised in John 10:27 when He said, "My sheep hear my voice."

You'll know how to take control over the problem by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that when the Spirit of Truth came, He would take the things of God and reveal them to us.

You can reign in every area of life if you will diligently do these three things:

- Find the will of God in your situation by prayer and meditation in The WORD.
- Once you have found the will of God, confer no longer with flesh and blood.
- Get your job done at all costs. Don't allow anything or anyone to stand in the way of God's will.

Before you can take these three steps, however, you must first reclaim your royal heritage...never again to surrender it to the enemy. You must be ready to stand stubbornly on the rights and privileges you've been given as a child of the King. Not for just an hour or a day, but for a lifetime.

Are you ready to do that? Great! Then you're about to discover what it means to be more than a conqueror. And you might as well throw away the white flag in your hip pocket...you won't be needing it anymore. 🏆





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# Walking In Resurrection Life

ONE OF THESE DAYS SOON, THERE'S COMING A MIGHTY WORLDWIDE RESURRECTION. THERE'S COMING A MOMENT WHEN THE LAST TRUMPET WILL SOUND, THE MORTAL BODIES OF ALL THE BELIEVERS ON EARTH WILL BE CLOTHED IN IMMORTALITY, AND WE'LL BE CAUGHT UP TO MEET JESUS IN THE AIR.

THAT'S GOING TO BE AN AMAZING MOMENT!

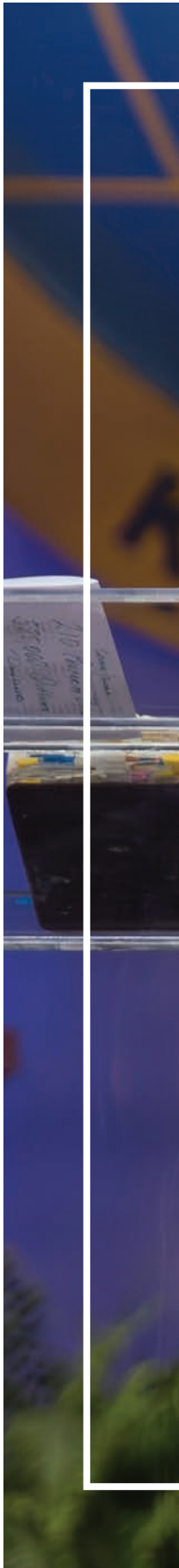
As thrilling as it's going to be, however, those of us who are born again don't have to wait until then to experience resurrection. We can live in it to a great degree right now. Even before this age is over, while we're still living in a natural body, we can live supernaturally.

We can walk in resurrection life every single day!

I realize that might sound like a wild claim, but the New Testament backs it up. It says that when we believed on Jesus, our old sinful spirit died and "we were buried with

Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4, *New King James Version*).

In other words, our spirit has already been resurrected! Through the new birth, we've received on the inside of us the life and the glory of God Himself. What's more, if we've been baptized in the Holy Spirit we've also received the Anointing of God's power that Ephesians 1:14 calls "the earnest" (or the initial deposit) of the full inheritance that







will be ours when Jesus returns.

That “earnest,” along with the life and glory of God that’s within us, is enough to defeat anything the devil or this world can bring against us. It’s enough to empower us to live victoriously and to give us the boldness to say in the face of any challenge, “We are more than conquerors through Christ!”

“But Gloria,” you might say, “you have to remember that even as believers we’re still just earthly creatures.”

No, we’re not. We’re new creations!

God has “raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” We’ve been seated with Him “far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come” (Ephesians 2:6, 1:21). As Christians, we’re citizens of the kingdom of God. His kingdom isn’t someplace we’re going to go someday when Jesus returns or after we die. It doesn’t just exist in a place called heaven. God’s kingdom is wherever He and His Body exercise dominion, and right now, He is exercising His dominion right here on earth through us.

I’m telling you, we ought to be excited about this! As the Church, even on this side of the final Resurrection, we have so much going for us that when it comes to fighting our enemy, the devil, it’s not even a fair fight!

### Operating In a Whole New Realm

I know what you might be thinking. If it’s not a fair fight, then why do believers seem to be getting beat up so much of the time? Why aren’t we all walking in constant, glorious triumph?

Because we are living far below our privileges. We are just barely walking in the resurrection life and power God has made available to us. To walk more fully in that power, we have to learn

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to operate in a whole new realm—the realm of the spirit.

Before we were born again we didn’t know anything about that realm. Because sin had darkened our hearts and deadened us to God, all we could do was operate in the flesh and in the realm of the natural. When we gave our hearts to Jesus, however, that situation changed. Spiritually, we became “dead...unto sin, but alive unto God” (Romans 6:11). We experienced the fulfillment of what God said in Ezekiel 11:19-20: “I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God” (NKJV).

Notice those scriptures say that God has given us a new heart and a new spirit. They also tell us He has done that for a reason: so we can walk in His ways! So we can learn how to walk with Him in the realm of the spirit!

That’s what the Holy Spirit is in us to do. He’s here to teach us how to live and serve the Lord according to Romans 7:6: “not under [obedience to] the old code of written regulations, but [under obedience to the promptings] of the Spirit in newness [of life]” (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

As those who have God’s Spirit dwelling in us, we’re not in the same position people were under the Old Covenant. All they had was God’s written law. They couldn’t live in close fellowship with Him because He’s a spirit and they were still operating in the realm of the natural. They were still trapped in the flesh.

As New Covenant believers, however, we’re “not in the flesh” (Romans 8:9). We’re “born of the Spirit.” We not only have the written Word of God, we have the Author of that Word living inside us. He’s in us 24/7 to reveal to us what



POINTS TO  
GET YOU  
THERE:

1

Through the new birth your spirit has already been resurrected.

(Rom. 6:4)

2

Even while you’re still on earth, your spirit is seated in heavenly places in Christ.

(Eph. 2:6)

3

You don’t have to live according to the dictates of your flesh anymore, you can walk in the realm of the spirit.

(Gal. 5:16)

4

Your mission now is to reveal on the outside the image of Jesus you have on the inside.

(Rom. 8:29)

5

The Holy Spirit inside you will teach you how to fulfill that mission and live in resurrection life.

(Rom. 7:6)



His Word means, to show us how to apply it to our lives, and to EMPOWER us to do what it says.

I think sometimes we take that for granted! We read exciting stories in the Old Testament and wish God would deal with us like He did with Abraham or Moses. We wish He'd send an angel when He wants something from us, or talk to us out of a burning bush. But, really, that would be a big step down.

Abraham just got to hear from God every once in a while. He had to wait years for special supernatural appearances. We have the life of God dwelling right here inside us. We're created in Him of the same spiritual substance and He's walking with us and talking with us all the time.

What exactly is He saying?

For one thing, He's talking to us about being holy, about reckoning ourselves dead to sin. He's speaking to us about living differently than the world does.

There's nothing more miserable than being born again and continuing to live like the world. When we're in that condition, we know just enough about God to not really enjoy sin and not enough about Him to stay out of it. That's no way to be! Yet it's exactly how a lot of Christians live.

Instead of setting their affections on things above and drawing near to the Lord through the Word and through prayer, they spend all their time on natural things. They live a sloppy, lazy spiritual life and then when they get themselves into trouble they act like, *This is a big shock! Why did this happen to me?*

Of course, God is merciful, so if we find ourselves in that situation, we can call out to Him and He'll respond and help us. But that's not the way we, as believers, ought to live.

### The Most Exciting Adventure Ever!


We're not supposed to be conformed to this world. We're not designed by God to be under its domination. We're destined to walk as overcomers in the realm of the spirit. As Romans 8:29 (NKJV) says, we're "predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son."

That image is already perfect and complete

in your inner man. Because Jesus is living in your spirit, you're already just like Him on the inside. What you're doing now is learning to walk in a way that allows Him to increasingly come forth on the outside. You're learning to manifest in your life the reality revealed in Colossians 2:9-10: "In [Jesus] the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]" (AMPC).

Talk about an exciting adventure! As a new creation in Christ, you're on the most thrilling mission imaginable. You're in the process of looking more and more like Jesus. Living in the power of His resurrection life, you're developing your capacity to walk in the spirit and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

What's more, you have the mighty Holy



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Spirit as your own personal trainer. If you'll listen to and obey Him, you can't lose.

"But Gloria," you might say, "I've been thinking the Holy Spirit is going to tell me to go to China or Africa as a missionary or something—and I'm eager to do it. But so far He hasn't said anything."

Oh, He's said things, all right. He's always speaking to us. You're probably just not hearing Him because you're focused on things you consider big and important—like moving to a different continent, and He's talking to you about the basics.

That's where He starts with all of us. He talks to us, for instance, about how to "mortify the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13). He speaks to us about areas in our life where we've been disobedient to God and tells us what adjustments to make so that we're walking according to the Word.

Those kinds of instructions may not sound very glamorous, but you want to pay attention to them. If you don't, you'll be hindered in your walk with God. You'll get drawn off course by your flesh and God's power won't be able to flow freely in your life.

If you haven't learned to follow the Holy Spirit in the everyday affairs of living, He can't risk telling you to go to Africa because once you got there, you'd probably go to the wrong city. You'd get yourself in a mess and wouldn't do anyone any good because you'd be walking in the flesh instead of walking after the Spirit.

Brother Kenneth E. Hagin, who taught Ken and me a lot about these things, used to say, "Don't miss the supernatural leading of the Holy Spirit because you're looking for something spectacular." Be sensitive to even the Spirit's seemingly smallest promptings. Honor His every instruction as important and act on what He tells you to do—whether you think it's significant or not.

Let me show you what I mean. Say you need healing in your body, and you want to receive a miracle. You might go to a meeting thinking God's power will hit you like a lightning bolt and knock you to the floor. During the meeting, however, you might hear the Holy Spirit say, *You need to forgive your sister-in-law.*

If you haven't made a decision to esteem that still small voice, you might just brush

off that instruction. You might not pay any attention to it because it's not what you were looking for. *I can forgive my sister-in-law later*, you might think. *But right now I want to stay focused on receiving my miracle.*

It may never dawn on you that the bitterness you've had toward your sister-in-law is what's been keeping you sick. So, by ignoring that inner prompting you might leave the meeting disappointed, never realizing that you could have received your miracle by simply doing what the Holy Spirit prompted you to do.

That's what happened to Peter in the Garden of Gethsemane. He went there with Jesus and two other disciples to pray and prepare for one of the most trying times of his life. When, instead of praying, Peter fell asleep, Jesus woke him up and tried to help him. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation," He said, "the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41).

At the time, Peter didn't know his flesh was weak. He thought he was strong. He'd told Jesus a few hours earlier that he would do anything for Him, no matter how big or difficult it might be. (See verses 33-35.) "I'll go to jail with You, Jesus! I'm even willing to die with You!" he said.

Jesus, however, didn't want Peter in jail. He didn't want him dead. He just wanted Peter to obey Him. He just wanted him to watch and pray. If Peter had done so, he could have avoided a great personal failure and enjoyed a great victory. But he didn't. He disobeyed Jesus' instructions, gave in to his flesh, and went back to sleep.

You and I don't have to make that mistake! We're not like Peter was that night. He wasn't yet a born-again believer with a resurrected spirit. He wasn't yet baptized and filled to overflowing with the Holy Ghost.

We are!

Even though we're still living in natural bodies, we're supernaturally new creatures. We've died with Christ and our spirits have been raised up with Him by the glory of the Father. We not only have the power to hear the Lord's instructions, we have the indwelling power of His Spirit empowering us to obey Him.

We have within us everything it takes to walk every day in resurrection life! 🙌



# Come to Him



Commander  
Kellie's Corner

## *There really aren't any rules you have to follow to come to Him.*

Superkids, something happened the other day that inspired me to write this message to you. The Lord woke me up earlier than normal. I said, "Lord, are You calling me?" and I heard Him answer, Yes. So, I got up and went to the couch, ready to hear what He had to say. For several days, I had missed getting up when He called me. I repented but knew I had missed some important conversations with Him. I love how forgiving He is, and gracious to keep pressing in on us to receive His love. Have you ever experienced that? He is pursuing you like you might chase after a younger brother or sister, or a pet that seems like they need your help. It can be annoying to us when we know they need to stop and let us help them, but they keep running away. Thankfully, Jesus doesn't get annoyed, He just keeps chasing us!

So, that morning when I sat down, I said, "Here I am." He very quickly said back to me, *Here I am*. Then He said, *So we are together. This is first, this is everything.* That struck me as familiar, and I remembered the story of Samuel. In 1 Samuel 1, we learn of this young boy who lived in the Temple with the priest Eli. Samuel's mother, Hannah, was so sad she couldn't have children that she wouldn't eat. One day she cried out to the Lord. First Samuel 1:10-11 says: "Though she was resentful, she prayed to the LORD while she cried. She made this vow, 'LORD of Armies, if you will look at my misery, remember me, and give me a boy, then I will give him to you for as long as he lives. A razor will never be used on his head'" (*GOD'S WORD Translation*).

I love it that Hannah could be upset, and even resentful, yet cry out to the Lord for help. I love it even more that He answers her! Even when others don't understand or may think you are silly for crying, Jesus hears. Look at Hannah's response to Eli when he questioned her:

"While Hannah was praying a long time in front of the LORD, Eli was watching her mouth. She was praying silently. Her voice couldn't be heard; only her lips were moving. Eli thought she was drunk. 'How long are you going to stay drunk?' Eli asked her. 'Get rid of your wine.' Hannah responded, 'No sir. I'm not drunk. I'm depressed. I'm pouring out my heart to the LORD. Don't take me to be a good-for-nothing woman. I was praying like this because I've been troubled and tormented.' Eli replied, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant your request'" (verses 12-17).

Hannah was deeply hurt, not only because she wanted children, but she had also been laughed at and looked down on because she couldn't have children. Even the priest was criticizing her! But look what happened when she spent time with the Lord, telling Him her hurt and asking for a son. Something rose up inside of her, something she needed badly to pull her out of depression. Do you recognize it? Look again at what she said: "I'm not drunk. I'm depressed. I'm pouring out my heart to the LORD. Don't take me to be a good-for-nothing woman. I was praying like this because I've been troubled and tormented."

There is a boldness there in the face

of wrong accusation. Hannah gained strength and identity when she spent time talking to the Lord. Eli recognized it and he joined her prayer that God would help her.

Superkid, I want you to understand the power of coming to Jesus. Before God even answered Hannah's prayer, she was changed in her heart. Not only did boldness rise up, but hope, joy and a deep peace made a home in her heart. No matter what is happening in your life—whether you're going through a hard time, or you are just sad and don't know why—time with Jesus will bring you hope, and the peace to walk with Him until you see the change you need in your life.

Next month we will learn more about Samuel, who became a great prophet because he heard from God in a time when prophecies and visions were rare. We will see how the words, "Here am I" were an open door for one boy to be the voice of the Lord to kings, priests and other men alike.



For now, I want to encourage you to just come to Jesus. There really aren't any rules you have to follow to come to Him. Because, like I said, even when we miss it He doesn't quit. He doesn't let us go. I am very grateful for what He has done in my heart and soul, especially in those times when I came crying to Him for help. He is always there, and He always makes a change in my heart before I'm even done crying!

So Superkids, meet me back here next month for more!

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