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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

YOU ARE IN CHRIST!

Dear Partners and Friends,

Christmastime is the ideal time to meditate on this truth: You are in Christ.

Everything you need you have in Him.

The apostle Paul wrote, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus The LORD, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:6-7).

God sent Jesus to this earth to make a way for us to be reconciled with Him and experience what only He could provide. Jesus didn't come so that we could stay trapped in our sins and diseases. He didn't come so that the enemy could continue to wreak havoc in our lives.

Jesus made His mission clear: "The Spirit of The LORD is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of The LORD" (Luke 4:18-19).

Do you understand what Jesus offered you? FREEDOM. When we are in Christ, we experience freedom. God first gave us a glimpse of His plan when Jesus, the Anointed One, came to this earth as a baby. Then, God fulfilled that plan when Jesus died on the cross, descended into the depths of hell to set the captives free, and overcame death. He did all of that so that you and I, and every person who receives Jesus, could be free in Him.

Celebrate this Christmas season with this assurance and peace: You are in Christ. Every need you have is met, spirit, soul and body.

Confess this over yourself right now:

I am a child of Almighty God, and I am in Christ. Therefore, I am free from sin, free from sickness and disease, free from lack, free from the enemy's influence. I believe I receive THE BLESSING in my life because I am in Christ. Praise God!

Continue making this confession throughout the Christmas season. Let it get deep into your spirit. Let it change the way you celebrate this season and your coming year. There's much to do and no time to waste. Let's take our place in Christ and continue bringing this truth to others so that they too can discover freedom!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Kenneth & Gloria

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Editor's Letter

The True Reason!



I try to not be surprised anymore when I walk into a department store in September (before Thanksgiving, mind you) and see aisles and aisles lined with Christmas decorations of all sorts. From Christmas trees and ornaments to fancy lights and the "latest and greatest" yard decorations, including 10-foot Santas, it's all there.

Really? It's only September!

Is it just me or does it seem that, more and more, Christmas has become more about commercialism, gifts and money than about acknowledging the birth of and being thankful to God for the greatest gift ever given to mankind—His Son, Jesus Christ? Isn't THAT supposed to be the real reason for the season?

Isaiah 9:6 says, "For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [of Eternity], Prince of Peace" (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). This wasn't an ordinary announcement of the birth of just any child. It was about Someone special. It was about a special gift sent from Almighty God—Someone whose presence in the earth would mean something special for all mankind.

John 3:16 explains: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jesus did for you and me the one thing no one else could ever do. He laid down His life for us so that we could live; so we who believe in Him "shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life" (*AMPC*). God set a standard for giving when He selflessly gave His Son as the atonement for our sins. Never has there ever been, nor will there ever be, a greater gift. God gave His best and we in turn received His best—in everything.

As you prepare to celebrate Christmas, remember that Jesus is and ALWAYS will be the reason for the season! As you spend time with family and friends, focus on this single truth: God loved you so much that He gave His only Son—poured out His grace, mercy and favor—so you might have a renewed relationship and fellowship with your heavenly Father. Give honor to the greatest gift mankind has ever been given as you joyfully celebrate Jesus—the true REASON for the season!

Enjoy a very merry Christmas, and a blessed and prosperous new year!

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—Deborah Friendly

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on to a family
member or friend.



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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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Years of a Life Worth Living

“WE’RE COMMANDED TO BELIEVE
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WITHOUT THE OTHER.”

Did you know that if you’ve received Jesus as your LORD and Savior, you never have to be sick another day in your life?

It’s true. If you’re sick, you can be healed today because healing belongs to you. If you’re well, you can stay that way because divine health belongs to you. You don’t have to wait around for God to move in some special way. By believing His WORD and doing what He tells you to do, you can be healed of anything—anytime, anywhere—and live a long and

healthy life.

Why? Because of what Jesus did for you and for all of us when He went to the cross. He not only bore our sins there and paid the price for us to be forgiven; He paid the price for our bodies to be healed. As Isaiah 53:4-5 says:

Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains.... He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for



POINTS
TO GET
YOU
THERE:

1

Jesus not only bore your sins on the cross, He also paid the price for your healing.
(Isa. 53:5)

2

Jesus always did God’s will and He healed every sick person who came to Him.
(Matt. 8:16-17)

3

All God’s healing promises are yours in Christ. You walk in them by faith and by keeping God’s commandments.
(Prov. 3:1-2)

4

In the New Covenant, God has given us one two-part commandment.
(1 Jn 3:23)

5

The devil has no power to keep sickness on you unless you give it to him by letting go of your faith or your Love walk.
(1 Jn. 5:18)





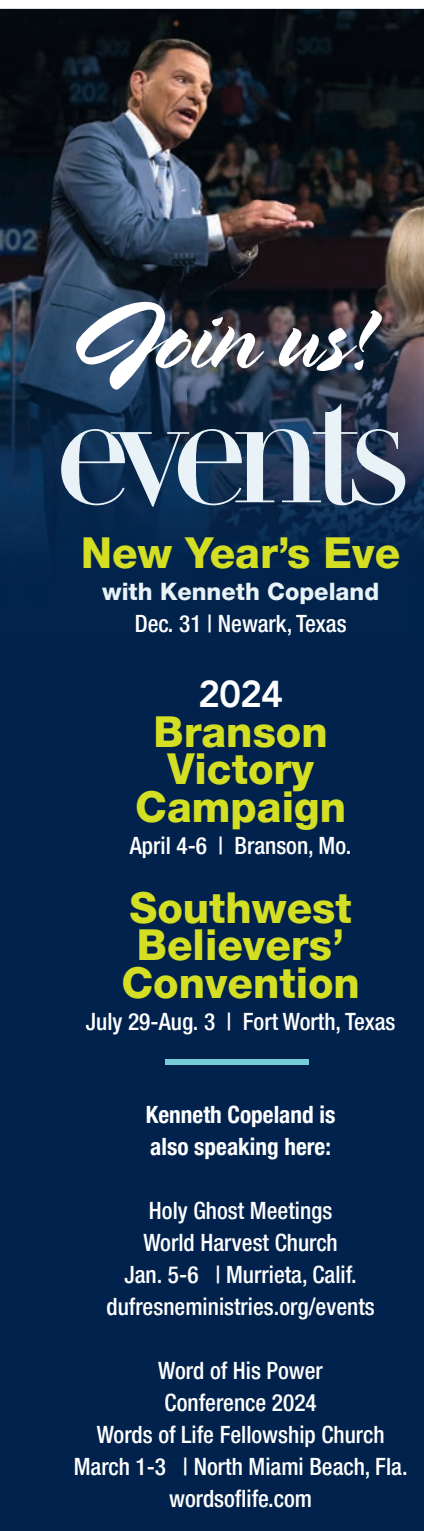
our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

First Peter 2:24 quotes that last phrase in the past tense. It says to us as New Covenant believers, by Jesus stripes “*ye were healed*.” If you were healed, then healing is yours right now. It has already been provided. It’s your responsibility to appropriate it by faith whenever you need it so that you can live out the full lifespan of 120 years God promised

in Genesis 6:3, and then take off for heaven—not because you’re sick but because you’ve finished your race and you’re ready to go!

“I’d like to believe that,” somebody might say, “but it sounds too good to be true. I mean, if it’s really possible to live a life free of sickness, why haven’t more Christians done it?”

Most believers have no idea they can! They either haven’t been taught much at all about their scriptural right to divine healing and health, or they’ve been taught wrong. Countless wonderful Christians have been told over the years, for example, that healing



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isn't always God's will. They've even heard it said in church: "Sometimes He heals and sometimes He doesn't. You never know what God is going to do."

That statement is totally unscriptural! When it comes to healing, we *do* know what God is going to do! How? By looking at Jesus. He always did the will of God, and when He was on earth, He ministered healing to everybody who came to Him expecting to receive it. He never refused to heal anyone. In some instances, multitudes of sick people flocked to Him, and Jesus "healed them all" (Matthew 12:15; Luke 6:19).

What's more, He sent out His disciples to do the same. He "gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease," and said, "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:1, 7-8).

Like His heavenly Father, Jesus was (and still is) totally against sickness! The only thing that ever stopped Him from healing anybody during His earthly ministry was unbelief. That's what hindered Him in Nazareth. He wanted to heal everybody there. After all, it was His hometown. He'd grown up with those people! But other than managing to heal some with minor ailments, He could do no mighty work there "because of their unbelief" (Mark 6:6).

This Same Jesus

Don't ever let anybody convince you that healing might not be God's will for you! "Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). So, if He healed everybody who came to Him in faith when He was ministering on earth, He is still doing it today.

"But Brother Copeland, I have the same problem the people in Nazareth did. When it comes to healing, I just don't have any faith."

Then open your Bible and get some!

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," (Romans 10:17), and God's WORD is full of scriptures about healing. For example, in addition to the verses I've already quoted, He said:

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

"My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh" (Proverbs 4:20-22, *AMPC*).

"My son, forget not my law or teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of a life [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death], these shall they add to you" (Proverbs 3:1-2, *AMPC*).

The word *healing* isn't mentioned in those last two verses but it's there. When you think of a life worth living, you don't think of a sickness-ridden, illness-plagued life. You think of a life of vibrant health and well-being—and that's what those verses promise us. Notice, though, that there are conditions involved. You must not forget God's WORD. You must keep it before your eyes, in your ears and in your heart, making it first place in your life. And you must keep God's commandments.

What commandments has God given to us as New Covenant believers? First John 3:23 says, "This is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."

Really, that's one commandment with two parts. Both parts work together, and both are important. But although all Christians understand the importance

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of the first part, many haven't understood how important the second part is. Jesus did, however. When the Pharisees asked Him, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" He replied without hesitation:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:37-40).

Later, during His last Passover meal with His disciples, Jesus put it even more personally. After announcing to them the New Covenant that was about to be ratified in His blood, He said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:34-35).

That's not a suggestion. It's a commandment. We're commanded to believe on Jesus and walk in Love. Both of those go together, and one doesn't work without the other because faith works by Love (Galatians 5:6).

That's why every night I declare those verses aloud. After I get in bed, before I close my eyes, I say, "I love The LORD my God with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind and all my strength. And I love my neighbor as myself, fulfilling all the law and the prophets." Then, I quote John 13:34-35, and fall asleep.

That's the routine The LORD put in my heart. I do it every night, wherever I am, all over the world. And it's one of the reasons I live in divine health.

You Can Do It

Why is walking in Love so vital? Because God IS Love!


People often equate Him

with power. But nowhere in the Bible does it say that God is power. No, He is Love and He uses His power on behalf of His family and anybody else who will receive it.

I've seen Him do it time and again in my 56 years of ministry, even in seemingly impossible situations.

Take for instance the time I was called in to minister to a man who was suffering from gangrene as a result of diabetes. His condition was so bad it looked like the doctors would have to cut off his leg to save his life. As I stood at the foot of his bed praying in the spirit and listening to The LORD on the inside of me, He said, *Touch him on the toe*. When I touched his toe and said, "In the Name of Jesus," the man growled at me. So, I cast that devil out of him, and he was healed.

Another time, a few years ago at the Southwest Believers' Convention, sitting at the front near where I was standing, there was a woman in a wheelchair and wearing dark glasses. "May I do to you what Jesus did



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when He was on earth?” I asked.

“By all means,” she said.

I took her glasses off, spit on my hands, and put them on her eyes. I held them there until I got the release from The LORD. Then I pulled my hands away and said, “Tell me what you see.” Suddenly the darkened expression that had been on her face vanished and she brightened up.

“I see *you!*” she said.

The next Sunday morning, she came to church and testified that she had suffered from double vision so badly that she couldn’t see. She was so thrilled and excited about being healed, she started preaching to the congregation, and we all had a good time. Healing is fun! Divine health is wonderful! And they belong to us, as believers. We can enjoy them every day of our lives by believing God’s WORD and walking in Love.

“But Brother Copeland, I’m not sure I can do that.”

Certainly you can. God has already given you everything it takes. He dealt to you the measure of faith when you were born again, so (assuming you have a Bible) you can certainly believe God’s WORD. And you’re fully equipped to love others because God first loved you and now His Love is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost!

As 1 John 4 says: “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.... If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us” (verses 10–12).

The *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* translates the last verse in that passage like this: “If we love one another, God abides (lives and remains) in us and His love (that love which is essentially His) is brought to completion (to its full maturity, runs its full course, is perfected) in us!”

“But Brother Copeland, what about the devil?”

What about him? He is a totally defeated foe. Jesus whipped him completely and gave you the victory. The devil has no power over you unless you

give it to him by letting go of your faith or breaking the command of Love. And as a born-again believer you don’t have to do either one of those things. For as 1 John 5:18 (AMPC) says:

Anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the One Who was begotten of God carefully watches over and protects him [Christ’s divine presence within him preserves him against the evil], and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him or touch [him].

If the devil tries to put sickness on you, you can resist him, and he will flee from you (James 4:7). You can say, “Devil, you get your hands off me! You have no right to touch me. Jesus already bore all my sicknesses and pains, so I don’t have to bear them. Healing is mine. Divine health is mine. I believe it and I walk in Love. I’m quick to forgive others, and when I step out of line, I’m quick to repent. So, get out of here, Devil. You cannot touch me!”

Romans 10:10 says, “With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” The Greek word for *salvation* can also be translated *healing*. So, once you’ve dealt with the devil, plug into God’s healing power by believing in your heart and confessing what the Bible says about it. Lift your hands and your voice and declare:

I have been made alive in Christ. He was raised up from the dead and I was raised up with Him. I am seated with Him in heavenly places. I have received His resurrection life and it is energizing my spirit, soul and body right now. My eyes, ears, bones, organs, nerves, ligaments, joints, brain and blood are being supercharged with the resurrection life of God. I’m getting stronger every day. No disease can touch me. No sickness can enter my body. The same Spirit that defeated death, hell and the grave; and raised Jesus from the dead is in me now and manifesting resurrection life in my body. Jesus is alive and well today—and so am I! 🙏



INSIDE THE VISION

WITH

Pastor Genze

Our Highest Motivation for Vision

I trust you are enjoying these weekly times together through our new program, *Inside the Vision*. But in case you haven't seen the new program yet, we air on VICTORY Channel™ every Tuesday at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT. To see other broadcast times, or to view previously aired programs, just go online to govictory.com, or visit our website at insidethevision.org.

By the way, while you're on the website be sure and sign up to become a KCM Vision Insider, so you can receive regular email updates from me concerning key vision projects at KCM, as well as encouraging tips and teaching to help you fulfill the vision God has for you. It's a great way to provide you with a deeper look behind the scenes at KCM than what I can share with you in these pages.

Recently, I had the privilege of interviewing Pastors André and Jenny Roebert from East London, South Africa, on an episode of *Inside the Vision*—a lovely couple with great vision—who shared an exciting testimony of God's BLESSING.

The Roeberts have a massive church in East London that seats 11,000, which is housed in an old warehouse. They weren't sure how they were going to pay for renovations to the building, but then they heard The LORD say to them, *The money is in the floor*. In short, the Roeberts soon discovered that the wooden floor of the building they occupied was very rare and very expensive. When Brother Copeland later asked them how much they received after selling the wood, Pastor André answered, "It was more than enough to purchase the facility."

During our interview, I received some very fresh revelation regarding vision. In a nutshell, the point of their entire interview was focused on one phrase: *Vision is not about us. Vision is about others.*

Many years ago, Pastor André was driving in South Africa when an emergency call came across his FM radio. It was a life-threatening situation that required airlifting an injured child. Apparently, no aircraft was available. Pastor André pulled over to the side of the road and began to weep. He shouted, "Lord, if You give me the tools, I will make sure this call never comes over the radio again!"

[It was at that moment that The LORD dropped a vision in his heart. Pastor André believed God for an aircraft to airlift people in emergency situations. He acted on his faith by applying for the necessary license and learning

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."

Habakkuk 2:2,
(New King James Version)



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how to fly. He even designed a stretcher to fit into an airplane. When all the requirements were completed, The LORD supplied a beautiful twin-engine, turboprop aircraft. They converted the interior of the aircraft into a flying ambulance and began airlifting patients!

One day, Pastor André thought to himself, *What in the world am I doing? I am a pastor, not an ambulance flyer!* The LORD answered him: *You called out to Me when you saw a need. No one else answered that call. You gave Me the opportunity and I placed the vision in you. The vision produced the provision for what you needed.*

They continued to fly; then a businessman called. “Sir, I have been watching what you are doing,” the man told Pastor André. “I have a jet airplane that I want to give you. It is bigger, better and faster than what you are currently flying.” The LORD manifested a jet because of their obedience to help others. He told Pastor André, *If you will do what I ask you to do for others, you will never lack in what I will do for you.*

The Roeberts shared several stories that you will see on *Inside the Vision*. But the bottom line is this: The driving force behind every vision they have had was in meeting the needs of others.

That is very scriptural.

Philippians 2:4 in the *New American Standard Bible-95* states, “Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.” Everyone needs to get a vision for someone else. For us here at KCM and EMIC, our highest motivation for vision is meeting the needs of others. We understand that everything will fit into place when our motivation is right. As Pastor André puts it, “Ask what you can do to get involved with a vision of helping others. Get your eyes off yourself and get them on others.”

How To Inspire an Entire Army With One Word

This all reminds me of a story I have often shared around Christmastime. It's the story of the Rev. William Booth, a military man of sorts. His arsenal was not stocked with rifles and cannons, but rather with Bibles, food, clothing and the message of salvation. He was a soldier of The LORD. In the early days of his ministry, Booth was a prominent Methodist evangelist. He majored on the necessity

of repentance and the promise of God's Love and Redemption for all mankind.

Returning late one cold evening from an evangelistic service, Booth took notice of the poor sleeping under the London Bridge and was overcome with compassion. At that moment, he knew he had to do something to help the homeless.

The LORD called, and Booth answered.

In 1865, Booth and his wife, Catherine, opened The Christian Revival Society in the East End of London (yes, another “East London”). There, they conducted services every evening and on Sundays, ministering to society's most needy, including alcoholics, criminals and prostitutes. Soon after, they established “Food for the Million” soup kitchens. Large bowls of soup and bread were offered to the poor. Lodging houses provided the homeless with a safe haven from the bitter winters.

In 1878, the name of the organization's name was changed to Salvation Army. It was modeled after the military, complete with its own flag, uniforms and marching bands. The “soldiers” would “put on the armor” for evangelistic meetings and ministry work. Booth became known as “The General.”

The army grew rapidly. Operations spread all over the world—the United States, France, Switzerland, Sweden, Australia, Canada, India, South Africa, New Zealand and Jamaica—58 countries in all. Booth preached more than 60,000 sermons and traveled some 5 million miles. No small task for one man. And certainly no small army to keep motivated and inspired.

Every year, Booth would send a telegram to all of his “soldiers” as they carried on the monumental task of helping people make it through the season. Because of the excessive costs involved, his telegram had to be short. For the last telegram that he ended up writing, he wrote and rewrote until he arrived at just one word. It was one word that had to inspire his entire army.

That word was...OTHERS!

Let's make an adjustment to our thinking as we enter 2024. The vision from God will flow once we make the decision to meet the needs of others. And, once we are obedient, the provision for the vision will flow mightily.

KCM Vision Board

My wife, Terri, and I are the senior pastors at EMIC. I am also the CEO of the ministry and she is the CVO (Chief Visionary Officer). Together, we have many projects on our KCM vision board.

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS...

I want you to know that I have looked at every one of those projects and made absolutely sure that their motivation is to meet the needs of people. I make sure that we are following the direction The LORD gave Kenneth and Gloria Copeland to preach the uncompromising Word of Faith from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around the middle.

One of our top projects includes the renovation of our headquarters building, which was hit hard during a major ice storm a few years ago. We've made some repairs, but we still have a long way to go. Why are we doing this? To be able to do everything we can administratively to get the Word of Faith to people in need.

Another major project is VICTORY Studios. Why do we need more studio space? To produce original WORD-filled programs and fulfill God's mandate to take people from the milk of The WORD to the meat and from religion to reality. In my interview with Pastor André, he said to me: "You are not building VICTORY Studios for yourself. You are building it to see people's lives touched and transformed."

We are also believing for housing for students who attend Kenneth Copeland Bible College®. More students would attend the school if we provided on-campus housing for them. Parents want to make sure their high school graduates (especially women) have a safe place to live while attending.

These are just a few of the many projects we have on our KCM vision board. These projects and so many more are not only necessary to take the Word of Faith all over the world, but also well into the future! I have taken seriously the words I received from Pastors André and Jenny: *Vision is not about us. Vision is about others.*

The greatest Visionary is God Himself. John 3:16-17 is His vision. *The New International Version* says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

What a vision!

And that vision is ours as well.

Allow God's vision to flow through you this Christmas season—to OTHERS!

Don't forget to write the vision. Make it plain. And then, RUN WITH IT! 🏃



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Drawing On Elements of the Divine

Jesus is the most extravagant Christmas gift ever given. Yet He came in a very ordinary-looking package. Unlike the lavishly wrapped presents we find nestled in the glow of the Christmas tree this time of year, Jesus Himself didn't arrive on earth wrapped in heavenly glory and supernatural splendor.

“There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance” (Isaiah 53:2, *New Living Translation*). On the outside, Jesus was just a normal baby with a very natural body made of very human flesh. Oh, but on the inside, He was God's own Son! The express image of His heavenly Father, He had within Him all the elements of the Divine.

You almost automatically know that's true of Jesus. But do you realize, if you're a believer, it's also true of you? When you were born again you, too, became God's own son or daughter. Within you, too, were born all the elements of the Divine. You live in a natural body just as Jesus did when He was on earth, but YOU are not your body. YOU are a spirit because you are created in God's image, and He is a Spirit.

You have a soul, which is the seat of your mind, will and emotions. It receives input from outside and inside, gives directions, and can follow either your body or your spirit. But your body is not supposed to be the boss. Your spirit is to take the lead.

Unlike your body (and your soul when it's being dominated by the flesh) your spirit is always reliable. For as Proverbs 20:27 says, “The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.” Your spirit is where the light of God shines! What is His light? Revelation, understanding, knowledge and foresight. Where does that light come from? God's Word.

Psalms 119 says that God's Word is a lamp and a light, and the entrance of His words bring light



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(verses 105, 130). Jesus, the living Word said, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12). The Facilitator of that divine light, however, is the Holy Spirit. He is the Connector who reveals to us what’s in the Word and in Jesus. First Corinthians 2:9-10 says of Him:

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Your Spirit Has PARTS

Since we are created in God’s image, just as His Spirit searches, so does ours. We search for the deep things of God and find them where Proverbs 20:27 said the Holy Spirit reveals them—in our inward parts. Notice the word *parts* is plural. Why is it plural? Because in your spirit there are parts, all of them connected to who you are meant to be.

You have parts that help you fulfill your relational callings as a spouse, parent, sibling, friend, church member and member of your community. You have parts that help you fulfill your ministry calling—preaching parts, discipling parts, praying parts, giving parts. Parts that see, hear and discern. Even within those parts are more elements.

It’s like your physical body. It has many parts too—bones, muscles, organs, respiratory system, digestive system, etc.—and those parts are made of many elements. While the parts are different, however, the elements they’re made of are the same.

The most prevalent of those elements is water. Water makes up 70% of the human body. Your body is also made of other substances such as proteins, minerals, carbohydrates and lipids that interact in the cells to maintain life. Water is the main factor in those interactions. (Makes you want to run and get a glass of water, doesn’t it?)

Happily, you don’t have to figure out how to get water to each specific body part. The body knows how to get the job done. You just drink the water, and the body distributes it, uses it and replenishes it when needed. Your spirit functions much the same way. While you have different spiritual parts, they also are made up of common spiritual elements. Exactly what are YOU made of? What elements are in YOU?

Colossians 1:27 says, “...Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

You have the hope of glory Himself in every part of your being! Christ—the Anointed One and His Anointing—is IN YOU! God’s power, His ability, His equipping that is on Jesus is in every part of you. Nothing is left out. Remember how water is in every cell of your body? Jesus Christ is spiritual water. “Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14).

What else are you made of?

The Word. You have “been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever” (1 Peter 1:23, *New King James Version*). The unchangeable, faultless, eternal, circumstance-dominating, faith-producing Word of the Almighty God is the seed that produced new life in you!

“But Pastor Terri, you just said Jesus Christ is in us and He is spiritual water.”

Jesus and the Word are One. He is the Word made flesh, and the Word is also called water. According to Ephesians 5:26, Christ makes us holy “with the washing of water by the word.”

Don’t stop there though. Keep going.

You are also born of the Spirit! For “that which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (John 3:6). The Holy Spirit is also referred to in Scripture as water. “He that believeth on me,” Jesus said, “out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit)” (John 7:38-39).

What’s more, as believers we’re told in Ephesians 5:18 to “be filled with the Spirit.” Filled where? “In the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]” (Ephesians 3:16, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

The fact that we’re instructed to *be* filled indicates we must participate in this filling. We must keep drinking of the Holy Spirit. When you’re filled with the water of the Spirit, there is an overflow into every spiritual part into your soul and even into your body!

Discovering Other Elements of the Divine

As wonderful as the water of Christ, the Word and the Spirit are, your spiritual parts also contain the divine element of love. Romans 5:5 says, “...the



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God's DNA in You

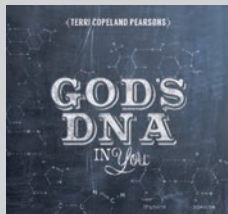
Acts 10:38 says that "God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power...." But have you ever wondered...

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love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." The love of God is marvelous. It makes us a blessing to others and helps us fulfill our relational callings. I particularly like the way it's described in the footnotes in the *Spirit-Filled Life Bible* that accompany 1 Corinthians 13. It says:

Love suffers long, having patience with imperfect people. *Love is kind*, active in doing good. *Love does not envy...is not puffed up*, treating others arrogantly...but displays good manners and courtesy. *Love does not seek its own*, insisting on its own rights and demanding precedence....*is not provoked...* irritable or touchy, rough or hostile, but is graceful under pressure. *Love thinks no evil*; it does not keep an account of wrongs done to it; instead, it erases resentments. *Love does not rejoice in iniquity*, finding satisfaction in the shortcomings of others and spreading an evil report, rather, it *rejoices in the truth*, aggressively advertising the good. *Love bears all things*, defending and holding other people up. *Love believes* the best about others...*hopes all things*, never giving up on people...*endures all things*, persevering and remaining loyal to the end (verses 4-8).

I learned from my friend Rick Renner, who is an accomplished Greek scholar, that love encompasses all the fruit of the spirit. According to Rick, Galatians 5:22-23, where the fruit is described, can actually be read like this: "The fruit of the spirit is love, which is joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

All of those are in every part of your spirit! They may still be in seed form within you. But you can water them—with the Word, with fellowship with Jesus, and by praying in the spirit. Then, when you draw on any part within you, you will also be drawing on all this blessed spiritual fruit.

Righteousness and Grace

Yet another divine element that permeates all the various parts of your spirit is the righteousness of God. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21, *NKJV*).

Think of it: You are the righteousness of God—in Christ!

What is righteousness? It's God's own

right-ness. He is right. He is perfect, without flaw or weakness. There is nothing right outside of Him and nothing in Him that is not perfectly right. God's righteousness is such a powerful force, it changes what is wrong and makes it right—or eliminates it altogether. It came into you when you were born again and made every part of your spirit perfect and without blemish. Living righteously allows that force of righteousness to flow freely from you.

None of us, of course, could have ever been made righteous if not for the pure and holy blood of Christ (Hebrews 9:22). Oh, thank God for the blood! Every part of us was touched by sin and death. But by Jesus' sinless blood, we are thoroughly blood-washed, blood-cleansed, blood-redeemed... and saturated with God's grace.

The very earmark of the gospel, the divine element of God's grace is also in every part of us. "The glory of His grace...made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us" (Ephesians 1:6-8, *NKJV*).

What is grace?

It's God's willingness to supply His power and ability to us to be what He wants us to be, do what He wants us to do, and have all that He wants us to have. His grace is running throughout every part of our being for this purpose: "That we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]" (Ephesians 2:10, *AMPC*).

All these precious elements combine to produce in us LIFE! The eternal, abundant life of God which is His glory.

Jesus said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). That's why He came—to give us LIFE! In every part! Overflowing life!

That life was within Him when He came to earth, and even while living in a very natural human body, He drew on the Divine within Him and revealed it to mankind. Now, YOU have that divine life! You have His Life, His glory.

You have HIM! By faith, you too can draw on the elements of the Divine. 🙏

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Death Came but Life Answered!

As I was reading my KCM Partner Letter about making God's Word final authority in your life, my husband said he was having pain in his chest. I spoke to his heart: "You are healed, arteries are open, blood is flowing freely, muscle of heart is beating without any damage or disease! You are satisfied with long life. The Word says it, we believe it and have received it." At the hospital, he was told he was having a heart attack. I said, "We believe he is whole," and worshipped the Lord while a stent was put in his heart. My husband said he had absolutely no fear. The doctor said he had no damage to his heart muscle, and it is strong and healthy. He went back to work after only five days. The Word is the final authority in our lives. Death came to my house. Life answered!

L.B. | South Carolina

Fifty Joined

Thank you for your prayers. I moved to another state and was believing that God would bring good people into my life. I praise Him for bringing kind, caring, faithful believers my way! I believe that He will continue to supply all that need according to Philippians 4:19.

R.H. | Texas

Our Miraculous Jesus

Yesterday, our granddaughter, who is almost 2, just fell asleep and went cold. Her lips were blue and she wasn't breathing. Her family lives three minutes from the hospital so they went there, then called us. We called KCM prayer line, prayed and called on the intercessors. She is now healed and whole. They left the hospital today, with no side effects from being unconscious. We serve a miracle Jesus. Thank God we are Partners.

A.R. | Indiana

The Lord Still Heals

I started watching Gloria's healing service then got my lung scan report—there is NO recurrence of cancer in my lung. Praise God! Thank you, Gloria, for your teaching. M.B. | Maryland

Lasting Anointing

When Denise Renner was ministering at EMIC, she said, "Someone's left eye is being healed. Their vision is clear." I watched the program several days later and that is when I noticed I could see clearly. There was still a healing anointing on that program!

L.L. | Colorado

'It Was Jesus!'

Thank you for all the prayers. The cancer has not spread; the doctor said it was a miracle, but we all know it was Jesus!

L.M. | Georgia

Greater Measure

The broadcast has truly added to my life because the more I hear the Word, the higher in faith I grow. Your deliverance flows as the true, living waters of God, which is what I have needed. God bless you.

G.B. | Maryland

'Transformed By His Word'

I have been a Partner for almost seven years now and am so grateful for all your rich resources, godly guidance and most especially, VICTORY Channel®! This year I set a goal to read the entire Bible and I found your One-Year Bible Plan online. This plan gives me a focus and simple daily goals. To my delight, instead of developing

a discipline I have developed an addiction! I am studying, meditating, digesting and receiving revelation every day. My connection to my Father and my love for Him and His Word have grown tremendously in just these three months of using your plan. Thank you for creating this simple, LIFE-CHANGING tool!

J.M. | New York



"No matter what you need today, find a promise from God's Word and believe it."

— Gloria Copeland

The Power of Agreement

I called the prayer line for agreement for a job. I received the final job offer this week, and the location, agency and field are what I asked God for. God is so good! Thank you, KCM family!

D.M. | North Carolina

Faithful To Perfect and Complete

My granddaughter and I were watching your Sunday service. When Pastor John began to pray over the children, the Spirit said to lay my hand on her head. When I did, she laid back in the couch, and later said, "I felt like this calm come over me,

so I just relaxed and laid back." I thank God for moving in her life and bringing healing in her family. I know that is only the beginning of what God has in store for them. Thank you, EMIC family.

R.B. | Minnesota



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.

Timely Encouragement

I want to take a moment to thank you for the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine! Every month when I receive my copy, I read it cover to cover. Almost without fail there is an article or two that are right on time for what I am going through with spiritual encouragement.

Thank you so much!

B.B. | South Carolina

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The Long Journey home

Deborah Friendly picked up a pen and stared at the blank page. *January 1, 1982.* A whole new year to set goals and dream. What should be her New Year's resolution? She and her husband, Kenneth, had a sweet life. In the Air Force, they'd met at Hahn Air Force Base in Germany. They'd married, and the rest was history.

Now stationed in Florida, life was good. Biting her pen, Deborah pondered what she wanted to change this year. Once decided, she wrote it down.

Get to know God.

She wasn't sure how to go about that. Still, she had a year to figure it out. In March, she volunteered to help a woman who, due to a complicated pregnancy, was confined to bed rest. Deborah noticed a huge Bible on the woman's bed.

"Wow, one day I'm going to get a Bible like that," Deborah said.

How the woman responded branded itself in Deborah's mind.

"You don't have the Spirit of God in you. You're going straight to hell." Deborah went home and told Ken what the woman said. Neither of them had been raised in church. Sobbing, Deborah said, "I'm not going to hell!"

"Well, I'm not going to hell by myself!"



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		Old Testament	New Testament
Fri	1	Ezek. 38:18-40:27	Rev. 2
Sat	2	Ezek. 40:28-42:14	
Sun	3	Ps. 137-139; Prov. 30:1-17	
Mon	4	Ezek. 42:15-44:31	Rev. 3
Tue	5	Ezek. 45:1-47:12	Rev. 4
Wed	6	Ezek. 47:13-48:35; Rev. 5 Dan. 1	
Thu	7	Dan. 2:1-3:18	Rev. 6
Fri	8	Dan. 3:19-5:12	Rev. 7
Sat	9	Dan. 5:13-7:14	
Sun	10	Ps. 140-141; Prov. 30:18-33	
Mon	11	Dan. 7:15-9:27	Rev. 8
Tue	12	Dan. 10-11	Rev. 9
Wed	13	Dan. 12; Hos. 1:1-4:10	Rev. 10
Thu	14	Hos. 4:11-8:14	Rev. 11
Fri	15	Hos. 9-12	Rev. 12
Sat	16	Hos. 13-14; Joel 1:1-2:17	
Sun	17	Ps. 142-145	
Mon	18	Joel 2:18-3:21; Amos 1-2	Rev. 13
Tue	19	Amos 3-6	Rev. 14
Wed	20	Amos 7-9; Obad. 1	Rev. 15
Thu	21	Jon. 1-4	Rev. 16
Fri	22	Mic. 1:1-5:9	Rev. 17
Sat	23	Mic. 5:10-7:20; Nah. 1	
Sun	24	Ps. 146-147; Prov. 31	
Mon	25	Nah. 2-3; Hab. 1:1-2:11	Rev. 18
Tue	26	Hab. 2:12-3:19; Zeph. 1-2	Rev. 19
Wed	27	Zeph. 3; Hag. 1-2	Rev. 20
Thu	28	Zech. 1-5	Rev. 21
Fri	29	Zech. 6-9	Rev. 22
Sat	30	Zech. 10:1-14:15	
Sun	31	Ps. 148-150; Zech. 14:16-21; Mal. 1-4	

Ken replied. "I'm getting a Bible too!"

Sometime after that, Ken and Deborah were getting ready to go to a party when the phone rang. It was one of Ken's friends.

"Hey, Little Richard, the rock and roll guy, is on TV preaching!"

"No," Ken said, "that can't be."

Intrigued, Ken turned on the television. Before long, he and Deborah were on their knees praying the prayer of salvation.

A New Life

"Little Richard was a strong believer," Ken explains. "When he led us to the Lord, he'd left the entertainment world. He later went back to it but was strong in his faith again before he died. God used him to capture our hearts. At the time, we were drinking and smoking marijuana. When we got up off our knees, we threw all that stuff away. We never did go to that party." Following their conversion, Ken and Deborah made one quick decision.

"We were both on the same page that we weren't going to be Christians in name only," says Ken. "We were going to be real Christians."

"At that time, we had a 45-minute drive to the base. We found a Christian radio station which we listened to during the drive. That's where we first heard Kenneth Copeland. We listened to him five days a week. We'd joined a church, but they weren't teaching what Kenneth taught. The more we heard him preach the Word of Faith, the more we wanted to hear. When we realized that Carswell Air Force Base was close to Fort Worth, we asked to be transferred there."

In 1984, the Friendlys moved to where they quickly connected with Eagle Mountain International Church, on the grounds of Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

"We loved the church, and loved attending the Southwest Believers' Conventions. I was filled with the Holy Ghost soon after we were born again," says Ken. "Deborah was still trying to figure it

out. When we heard Gloria say, 'You need to pray in tongues an hour a day,' that did it. Deborah received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and we added that to our prayer lives. As far as we were concerned, we wanted to live there for the rest of our lives and retire there." The couple would soon discover they learned how to stand in faith just in time.

Faith for a Child

Ken already had a son when he and Deborah were married. However, in the 10 years they had been married, Deborah had never conceived. Each year when she went in for her checkup, she heard the same question: "You still trying to have a baby?"

"Yes, I am," was also her response.

"Why don't you let us do an exploratory surgery to see what's going on?"

"No, thanks."

Deborah and Ken had already discussed it. They didn't want to have to stand against any negative words or diagnosis. Although it took time, faith in God's Word prevailed. In 1990, Deborah gave birth to a son, Kenneth Jr. Three years earlier, in 1987, a friend who'd been stationed in Alaska had come to visit Ken and Deborah. He'd told them story after story about the Alaskan people—their culture, their geography and its unique position on earth.

He also talked to them about the need for the gospel there in Alaska. Over the next couple of years, the man's words continued to plague Ken's thoughts. Night and day he continued to think about Alaska. In time, Ken began to wonder if God was leading him toward Alaska. Finally, he confided in Deborah.

"I don't think God's talking to you about Alaska," his wife said. "I can't. I moved from Florida to Texas. I can't go from Texas to Alaska!" *How do you know when God is leading?* Ken wondered. He prayed. Instead of his thoughts and concerns about Alaska decreasing, they increased.

In time, Ken told Deborah, "I think God is talking to us."

"Then we'd better obey," she said.

A Different Route

“When we requested a transfer to Alaska, we were in for a surprise,” Ken recalls. “To go to Alaska, I had to go on a one-year assignment to South Korea. Alone. Without my family.” How could he refuse, knowing God was calling him to Alaska?

“The Air Force sent me there in 1990. It was the hardest year of my life. However, spiritually it was the best thing that could have happened. Without my family, all I did was pray, work, study the Bible and go to church. I was known as a religious nut in the dormitory. One of the guys there received a ‘Dear John’ letter. Then he attempted suicide. Some of the men asked me to help him. I ministered to him and led him to the Lord. He started attending church, and the chaplain heard about it. The chaplain then asked if I would become his assistant.

“I still had my regular job, but in my free time I acted as the chaplain’s assistant. At the time, they didn’t offer altar calls. They didn’t invite people to receive Jesus. I guess the favor of God was on me. One day the chaplain asked me to preach one of the main services. I did, and there was a major move of God. A lot of people got saved. That was pivotal in my life. I had a great experience in ministry in South Korea. By the time I left, there was no doubt in my mind that I was called to pastor.”

A Dark, Cold World

In November 1991, Ken, Deborah and their 18-month-old son moved to Anchorage, Alaska. The culture shock was stunning. No one had bothered to mention that the winters were not only cold, but dark. In fact, some places in Alaska were dark all winter. Anchorage was milder, but by October the sun often set around 5 o’clock. Snow covered the ground until May.

“I had gotten pregnant during Desert Storm,” Deborah remembers. “I watched many women get deployed and leave their babies. After waiting all those years for mine, I wasn’t willing to take that chance. Even though I’d been in the Air Force 14 years, I got out. Not




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only were we moving to Alaska, but we also lost my income.

“I knew Alaska would be cold, but I wasn’t aware that the winters would be so dark. During that first dark winter, I got pregnant again...and miscarried. Doctors said they didn’t understand how I’d gotten pregnant at all. Of course, it was by faith in God. The darkness and the miscarriage took me into a deep depression. I was depressed for months, but I knew I couldn’t stay that way. Each morning, I heard the Holy Ghost tell me to *Get up*. My mind didn’t want my body to get out of bed. But I knew God would help me if I did what He said. I finally got a job and put the baby in daycare.”

Each day seemingly got a little easier for them, still that first year was hard, Deborah recalls. In addition to the miscarriage, they were involved in a bad car wreck.

“No matter how difficult things got, I was never tempted to say that we were out of the will of God. Through it all, I knew we



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were right where we were supposed to be. It pays to have the Word of God built up on the inside. That’s how we made it through. We fed on God’s Word and kept going. Once I got through that challenging time, I learned that winter in Alaska is also beautiful. When you wrap your mind around God’s Word and His goodness, you see the beauty.”

Planting Deep Roots

Now knowing God had called them to start a church, in 1994 Ken and Deborah launched the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship out of the basement of their home. Deciding they needed to move the church off base, Ken started contacting other churches and requested to use their buildings. Every request ended the same way: “No, you can’t.”

Finally, one pastor agreed to allow them to use his church. Later, Ken heard about a church that was closing its doors, so he went to see about buying chairs and supplies. While there, he asked if they would rent the building. The owner informed him that the building wasn’t for rent, but for sale.

“Thanks,” Ken told him, “I can’t buy it.”

Back home, the Lord told Ken to write the church a letter describing what God was going to do in that area.

“I think I’m going to buy this building. This is what God will do,” Ken wrote.

Not long after the owner called Ken.

“We have other people wanting to buy this building, but we think you should have it. Do you have any money?” he said.

“No.”

“Can you get the money?”

“No, we haven’t been going long enough.”

“Okay, we’ll finance it for you, and we won’t charge interest. But we’ll need a

down payment of \$25,000.”

Despite not having the \$25,000 down payment, Ken agreed to accept the offer. Over the next few months, the money came into the church through tithes and offerings.

Faith for the Journey

Once they got the building, Ken and Deborah began to see miraculous results as people started coming. However, people outside the church were not as supportive, says Ken. Critics looked at them and declared things like, “You guys will fail,” and that the church would not last long. Instead of becoming upset, Ken and Deborah cast the care of the naysayers over on the Lord, chose to walk in love and stayed in faith.

“There was a little strip mall across the parking lot from us,” Ken says. “We needed more space and were renting part of it. One day the owner came by and asked, ‘Pastor, do you need *this building* over here?’

“I just wanted to bless him and asked if I could pray for him. He said, ‘No, I don’t believe in that. I just want to give you the building.’

“We’re still using it almost 30 years later. The people who said that we wouldn’t last, didn’t last. The Lord has been so faithful.

“God introduced us to partnership with KCM soon after we were born again. Years later, we heard Gloria preach a sermon on being faithful to God. That message was a catalyst. That’s when we dug our claws into the ministry. I memorized that message. It was the first message I preached in public. I preached it almost word for word.

“There’s no part of our lives or ministry that KCM hasn’t touched. They taught us how much God loves us. They taught us about prayer. They taught us about faith. And when an earthquake hit Alaska, they were the first people who called to offer help. Today, even though we live in Alaska, we still go to the Believers’ Conventions—getting more faith each time.

“The journey from Germany to connecting with KCM and to Alaska has been a long one. But when you’re in the will of God, you’re *home*.” ⑦

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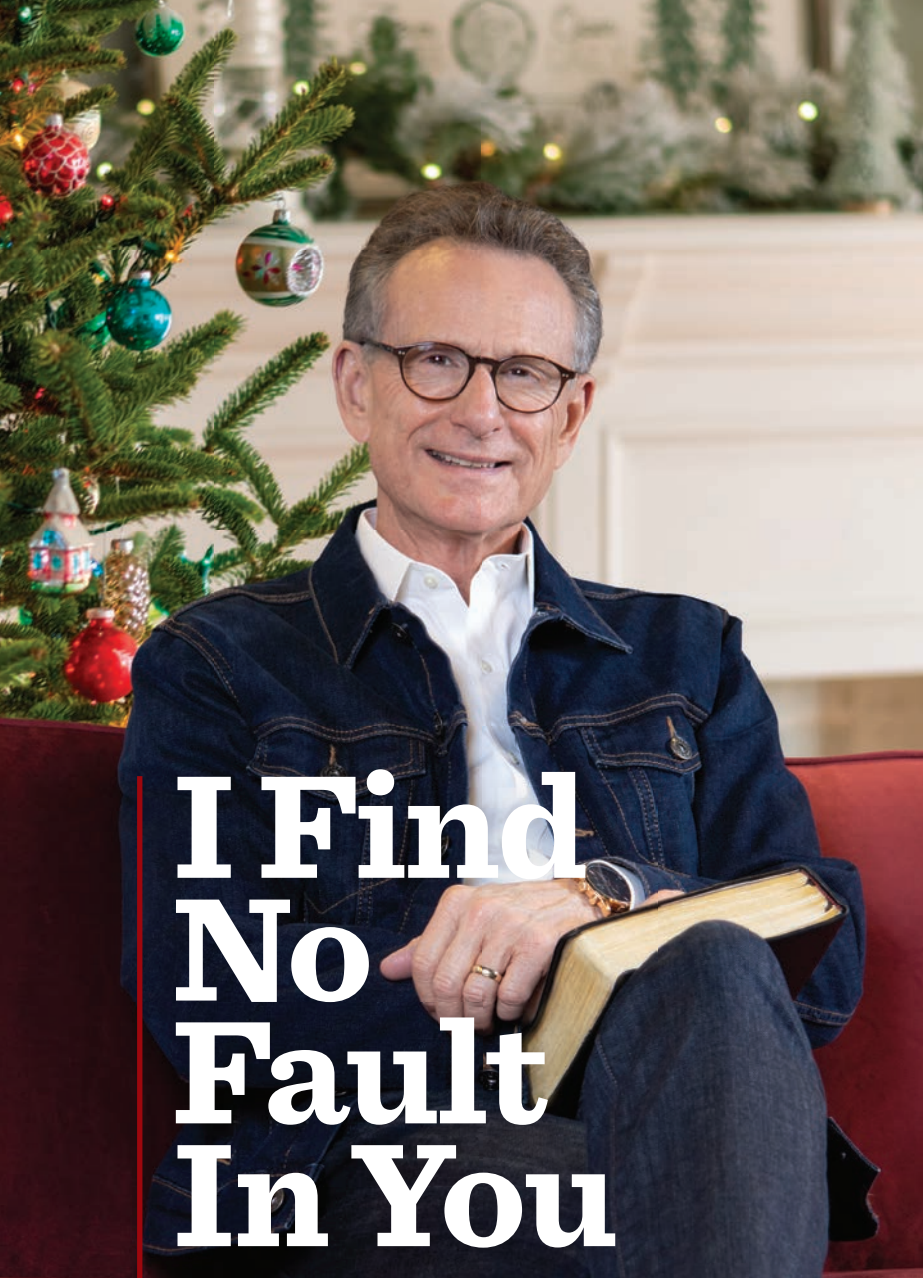
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I Find No Fault In You

Christmas at the Copelands. There is nothing quite like it.

Being part of this amazing family, I have the joy of attending our Copeland Christmas Eve gathering every year. Allow me to take you on a personal tour of this glorious evening.

Upon arrival, we unload presents, carry them into the house, and place them underneath the Christmas tree. Almost instantly, the aroma of delicious food and desserts lures us straight to the kitchen.

“Come on, let’s see what’s cooking.”

The kitchen is filled with serious chefs on the move. Be careful where you stand. You might get run over! All the “womenfolk” are scurrying about, stirring pots and preparing the meal. All the “menfolk” stand around waiting—everyone except me. I have my own special assignment.

I’m the designated turkey carver.

I don’t remember exactly when it happened, but some time ago, that honor was bestowed upon me. So, I grab a plate and the electric carving knife and away we go! Of course, I must sample the turkey as I go, to make sure it is carved to perfection. It’s a perk that comes with the job.

It’s Time To Eat!

When the food is finally ready, Brother Copeland calls the family together to pray. We stand in our traditional circle, holding hands; and give thanks to God for all He has done throughout the year.

“Amen” is declared. Now, it’s time to eat!

Where to eat? We have choices: the kitchen counter, the den or the dining room, and when we’re ready, we can go back for seconds—and thirds!

Even though “Ma Dear” (Gloria’s mother, Mary) has been in heaven for a few years, her delicious “Turkey and Cornbread Dressing” is a family favorite. The menfolk are so glad she gave the recipe to the womenfolk.

After dinner, we adjourn to the living room where it’s now time to open gifts.

Everyone takes their place.

Kenneth and Gloria have their honored seats by the fireplace.

Several of us are designated as gift distributors, me included.

After the gifts are all handed out, one of my favorite things to do is to stand back and watch as the activity unfolds. Everyone is appreciating their gifts, hugging and sharing with one another.

It really is a sweet sight to behold.

Then comes the part of our evening that I really look forward to.

Brother Copeland reaches for his Bible and prepares to minister to the family.

That’s why I always bring my Bible and notebook. His topics range from what he is seeing for the new year to what The LORD is doing in our nation. Sometimes, we receive a preview of the assignments The LORD has for KCM.

I’m always prepared, and ready for the prophet to declare The WORD.

I recall one particular Christmas Eve, it seemed to take an especially long time for the gifts to be unwrapped. The evening was running quite late, and I found myself wondering if we

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would even have our “Christmas word from the prophet.” We also had a tremendous snowstorm that day, and the snow had begun to pile up. Some of us had our coats on, ready to leave. The children were tired and ready for bed.

A Confirming Word!

All of a sudden, a strong presence of The LORD entered the room. Something in the spirit shifted as we began talking about the things of God. We discussed previous spiritual moves in the earth. We talked about the increasing manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit and demonstrations of the supernatural in the Body of Christ.

The conversation got deeper and deeper.

Then it happened.

The room got very still.

Brother Copeland quietly surveyed the faces of each individual in the room. He expressed Love and appreciation for his family. He then looked tenderly and lovingly at each one of us in turn.

“Kellie,” he said, “I find no fault in you.”

“Terri, I find no fault in you.”

Looking squarely at each person in the room, he repeated those words: “I find no fault in you.”

When he turned to me, Brother Copeland looked me in the eyes and said, “George, I find no fault in you.”

It’s difficult to describe exactly what I experienced in that moment. Something heavy lifted from my heart. I sensed that I had come face to face with the very Love of God Himself. Those six words had such an impact, such a marked effect on my life, they continue to ring in my spirit to this day. I was loved, accepted and found faultless.

I later learned that it was Gloria who first ministered those very words to Brother Copeland. He had been struggling through a very challenging situation and was praying about what to do, when Gloria walked up behind his chair, placed her hands on the back of his head, and began to pray.

Then she looked at him and said, “Kenneth, I find no fault in you.”

As Brother Copeland shares this story, he said those words melted his heart. The grace of God flooded his being. All of a sudden, he had no problems.

Since that time, God has instructed him to

minister these same words to others, especially those under a strong spirit of condemnation. In doing so, he would just smile, pat them on the cheek and say, “God loves you, and I love you, and I find no fault in you.”

The results have been astounding.

What transpired that Christmas Eve lives continually with me. It has changed my relationship with Brother Copeland, my dear father-in-law and spiritual father. Even though we work together in ministry, we may not see or speak to each other for weeks at a time because of our schedules. It doesn’t matter. Because of that Christmas Eve, I know everything is all right between us.

This is a picture of how our heavenly Father sees us. Because of Jesus, you and I have been made the righteousness of God. We now have the freedom to stand before our loving Father without any sense of fear, guilt or condemnation. Whenever we do get off course, all we have to do is ask His forgiveness and we are right back on track.

Picture the Father saying this to you: “I find no fault in you.”

Isn’t it wonderful to know that He has canceled the debt of sin and sees you as a parent sees his child?

While meditating on this, The LORD graciously gave me two scriptures from the *New Living Translation*.

First, Colossians 1:20-22:

And through [Christ] God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross. This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him *without a single fault*.

Then, Ephesians 1:4 tells us, “Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and *without fault in his eyes*.”

This Christmas, receive the overwhelming Love and grace of the Father. Receive His gift of righteousness through Christ as you hear Him say, “I find no fault in you.”



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by Gloria Copeland

Get Wisdom

**“Every day we have choices to make:
Will we continue to be natural
thinkers and operate like the world?
Or will we seek God’s ways of
doing and being right and operate
according to His wisdom?”**

If I’ve learned anything about God in all my years of walking with Him, it’s that He is a good God! He always wants the best for us. If something goes wrong in your life, He wants to make it right. If you’re sick, He wants you healed. If you’re in lack, He wants to prosper you. God wants you whole, with nothing missing and nothing broken. He wants you to be so blessed that everywhere you look you see His goodness manifested.

He doesn’t intend for you to live like the people in the world do: worrying all the time about how you’re going to meet your own needs. Running like a hamster on a wheel every day, just to get enough money to pay your bills, buy food to eat, clothes to wear, a car to drive and a house to live in. Struggling

along under whatever evil the devil and this world decide to pile on top of you.

No, that low kind of existence isn’t for you. If you’ve received Jesus as your Lord, you’ve been delivered from it. You aren’t of the world anymore. You’re in a different group. You’re a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20, *New King James Version*). You’ve been born again into the kingdom of God.

God’s kingdom works very differently from the way the world does. His wisdom puts worldly wisdom to shame. While people in the world are expending all their energy, trying in the natural to get the things they need and desire, as a child of God you can “seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and



being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

I actually got born again reading that verse. But for the first few years of my Christian life, I didn't know much about God's ways; neither did Ken. So even though we'd been born into

God's kingdom and had changed on the inside, on the outside things remained mostly the same. God was working in our lives, but we didn't know how to cooperate with Him. So, we just kept doing things the same way we always had. Because we were financially broke, we just kept borrowing more money and getting

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deeper in debt. When sickness attached itself to us, we just yielded to it and said, “Oh my, I’m sick,” and went to bed.

We hadn’t been taught how to have our needs met supernaturally. We hadn’t yet learned how, by implementing God’s wisdom, we could have peace, wholeness, and health for our body and our family. So, those things were not in our lives. It was pitiful! But that’s how it is when you don’t know how to do things God’s way. You don’t have any other recourse. Even though you’re redeemed, if you don’t know how to walk in the redemptive blessings of God, you just have to take whatever life hands you. And for the first few years after we were born again, that’s what Ken and I did.

Then, praise the Lord, we began to learn what the Word of God has to say. We found out the Word is God speaking to us. That it’s true, and we can take it, believe it and do what it says. From the moment we began living by faith in the Word, our life began to change. Our circumstances weren’t transformed overnight, but we took a turn upward and have been going up ever since.

Why? Because God’s Word is His wisdom. It teaches us to think like He thinks and operate like He does. So, as long as we stay with God’s Word, we keep going higher and higher in life. I personally believe we’ll keep going higher and increasing even beyond this life into eternity because that’s just the way God is. He wants to bless His people and He always has more for us.

I don’t think there will ever be a time in the ages to come where we think, *Well, I’ve heard everything from God there is to hear. I know it all now. I have everything He has to give.* No, God will be forever toward us like He was in the beginning in the Garden of Eden toward Adam and Eve. He came to talk to them every day (Genesis 3:8), and I’m sure He always had something new to reveal to them, something good they’d never seen or heard before.

When they heard God coming, they probably said to each other with excitement, “He’s here again! Let’s go meet Him! I wonder what He’s going to say to us today?” They must have loved being with Him, because in His “presence is fulness of joy” and at His “right hand there are pleasures for evermore” (Psalm 16:11).

What Adam Lost, Jesus Got Back

Sadly, Adam and Eve forfeited that joy and those pleasures. They sinned and shut God out. He still came down to talk with them. But when He said, “Where are you?” instead of running to see Him, they hid. They didn’t want to see Him anymore because they had made a choice to do something that was against His will. They had chosen to disregard His wisdom and disobey His Word. Their connection with Him was broken. Sin and spiritual death had darkened their hearts, so they couldn’t fellowship with Him like they did before.

That was a tragic day—not only for Adam and Eve but for all humanity. But thank God, Jesus triumphed over that tragedy! Everything Adam lost in the Fall, He got back for us through Redemption. Now that place of fellowship with the Lord is open to us again. By faith in Jesus, we can once again come into God’s presence. We can get born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, go on an adventure with God in His Word, and find out all the wonderful blessings God has provided for us and what He wants us to do.

Those two things are tied together. Things don’t work for people who don’t obey God’s Word. So, to walk in God’s ever-increasing blessings, we must know what He said *AND* we must act on it. The Lord won’t make us do that, though. He’ll always be there for us,

but He won't force His way into our lives. Therefore, every day we have choices to make: Will we continue to be natural thinkers and operate like the world? Or will we seek God's ways of doing and being right and operate according to His wisdom?

In the Bible, God makes it quite clear which is the smartest choice. He says it time and again:

Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee (Proverbs 4:5-9).

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver! (Proverbs 16:16).

My son, if you will receive my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to skillful and godly Wisdom and inclining and directing your heart and mind to understanding [applying all your powers to the quest for it]; yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek [Wisdom] as for silver and search for skillful and godly Wisdom as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of [our omniscient] God (Proverbs 2:1-5, *AMPC*).

Notice all those verses are from the book of Proverbs. The Hebrew root from which the word *Proverbs* is derived means "to rule." It's the same root word used in Genesis 1:18 that says God made the lights of heaven *to rule* over the day and the night. In other words, the wisdom of God found in Proverbs—and indeed, in the entirety of the Bible—is to rule over our thoughts and actions. It's to govern our lives.

Proverbs is a good book to study to quickly get a good foundation of the wisdom of God.

It will tell you the wise thing to do in many different situations. If you get it in your heart, when you're faced with a problem, godly wisdom will come up in you and give you the direction you need. For that to happen though, you can't go for days on end without reading your Bible. You can't have a casual attitude toward it or just try to coast along on the Word you already know. You must continually put the Word first place in your life.

Seeking and Receiving

Over the years, I've known a lot of people who have continued to put the Word first place in their lives who are supernaturally blessed, living in the abundance of God, and still growing and increasing. But I don't know anybody who's experiencing that kind of abundant life without being dedicated to the Word.



POINTS TO
GET YOU THERE:

1

If you've received Jesus as Lord, you aren't of the world anymore; you've been born again into the kingdom of God. (Eph. 2:19)

2

God doesn't intend for you to spend your life just striving to meet your natural needs anymore like the world does. (Matt. 6:33)

3

Keep growing and walking in God's wisdom and you will keep going higher and higher in life. (Prov. 4:7-8)

4

Choose every day to spend time in the Word seeking the wisdom of God. (Prov. 16:16)

5

The wisdom of the world will fail you, but God's Word never will. (Isa. 55:11)



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Believers who are casual about the Word will go to heaven when they die, but they won't enjoy "days of heaven upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:21). They won't see the kingdom of God manifest in their lives right now. They could, though, if they would make a change and do the two things we just saw in Proverbs 2: *Seek* God's wisdom and *receive* His words. *To seek* means "to go after something with strong, intense desire." The dictionary definitions include: "to try to find, to look for, explore, frequently follow, pursue, diligently inquire or require; to search for as when you lose something"

That's what it means to seek the wisdom of God. It means you go after it like the man Jesus talked about in Matthew 13:44 who found a great treasure buried in a field and sold all he had to buy the field. It means you search your Bible like the merchant "seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (verses 45-46).

The two men in those parables were both seekers and receivers, just as we're to be. According to the dictionary, *receive* means "to act as a receptacle or container for, to come into possession of, to assimilate, to permit to enter: admit; welcome; to accept as authoritative, true or accurate: believe." You receive God's Word by taking it into your heart. By letting it come through your eyes and ears and through your mind. By accepting it and living accordingly.

Not all Christians do that when they read God's Word. Sometimes they'll disregard the wisdom they see there because they've been taught differently. They'll actually disagree with God and make His Word of no effect in their lives because of religious tradition (Mark 7:13).

Some Christians have done this with what they've heard preached about prosperity, for instance. They've disagreed with it because they've been taught that God honors poverty. But such teaching is contrary to the Bible. Poverty is under the curse, and Jesus

redeemed us from the curse.

God's Word leaves no doubt about His desire to prosper His people. He prospered Adam and Eve before sin came. He prospered Israel when they obeyed Him. He had it written to the Church in the New Testament that "our Lord Jesus Christ...though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9); and "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2).

From the front to the back, the Bible is filled with wisdom designed to prosper us in every area of life—spirit, soul, body, financially and relationally. So, seek it out—and when you find it, receive it! Keep learning more and more about how to operate in the kingdom of God right here on earth. In the kingdom of God, you can live healed when people out there in the world are sick. You can prosper, even when there's a depression or recession, because you're not operating by earth's rules but by heaven's rules:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:8-11).

Always remember, God's Word is His wisdom. And when it comes to experiencing days of heaven on earth, wisdom is the principal thing. So, make the smart choice every day and get wisdom! 📖

No Superkid Too Small!

Commander
Kellie's Corner

Merry Christmas, Superkid! I am so blessed to be part of your life and story because you are a *world changer*! You are truly super—a fabulous, strong, wise, Jesus-filled young person—or as we call you, a Superkid!

The world needs you, and more people like you. Is this the way you see yourself? Does your life make a difference to your family, your school, your neighborhood or the world? Stop and think about it. As a family, talk about it. No matter how you feel right now, I believe by the time you finish reading this, you will know that not only do you matter, but also that you are part of God's plan to change the world. That includes your family, friends, school and city.

You will see that the Lord always worked mightily in the hearts of people who just said yes to Him. Many times, those people were kids just like you! You'll see there is no Superkid too small!

I started thinking about these things after writing last month's Commander Kellie's Corner, where I shared with you how God called Samuel to be a prophet when he was only about 12 years old. Imagine a young child like you becoming God's voice in the earth! Remember that all of Samuel's words came true!

I looked up some other examples of super kids in the Bible, and found there are about 1700 mentions of children in the Scriptures! Here are just a few. You should take time to look up some of them and see the BIG impact they had.

Josiah became a king when he was only 8 years old. Over the next eight years, he began to love the Lord and worship Him. Four years later, he was tearing down the altars and idols that dishonored his Lord (2 Chronicles 34).

Miriam, the brave sister of Moses, was about 5 or 6 when she helped her mother save Moses. She protected

her brother when he became a prince of Egypt (Exodus 2:7).

Daniel was only a teenager when he was captured and taken to Babylon. He refused to eat the food that was unclean, establishing his commitment to God from the very beginning (Daniel 1).

David was around 13 to 15 when he faced Goliath the giant with only a slingshot as his weapon. The rock he used hit the giant right in the forehead and killed him! David boldly used Goliath's own sword to cut off his head. His brave action against God's enemy made him king (1 Samuel 17)!

Jesus was just 12 years old when He was found in the Temple, asking questions and learning the Scriptures. He told His mother that He was about His Father's business. Jesus already knew His purpose was to know His Father (Luke 2:49).

The boy with the loaves and fishes was just a little lad when he offered his small lunch to Jesus to feed thousands of people—even though it was not enough food to feed one family. He was bold and full of faith to believe that

Jesus would take his lunch and do

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something great with it (John 6).

John the Baptist recognized Jesus as the Son of God when his mother, Elizabeth, was carrying him in her womb. When Elizabeth came into the presence of Mary, who was still carrying Jesus in her womb, baby John leapt (Luke 1).

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was probably only 13 or 14 when she said yes to the angel of the Lord to be the mother of God's Son. Though it was confusing, she said to the angel, "Yes! I will be a mother for the Lord! As His servant, I accept whatever He has for me. May everything you have told me come to pass." Because of Mary's obedience, we have a Savior (Luke 1)!

Superkid, when you see a picture of Mary this Christmas, or anytime, think about the impact of Mary's obedience. Then think about what God has called you to do and be. Much like Mary, you are called to give Jesus to the world around you!

The Father, the Son—Jesus, and the Holy Spirit give you the power you need to make a difference! Look at a few of the scriptures in the Bible that talk about you. Write your name in the blank below:

.....
has been given the right to be called a child of God (John 1:12).

has permission to come boldly to Jesus (Mark 10:14).

is able to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:10).

Superkid, what will your story be? What will your yes do for Jesus, and the people around you? I can't wait to find out!

Merry Christmas, Superkid!
Commander Kellie 

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