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This special edition highlights the 45-year history of the Southwest Believers' Convention, and includes articles adapted from the teachings of speakers at the first meeting in 1981.

45 Years: Southwest Believers' Convention

Son, I have called you to feed My people. They are out of balance. They are physically developed. They're mentally developed. Some are so developed mentally that they can hardly hold their heads up. I'll show you how to feed My people and build them up spiritually until they become balanced.

Those were the words Kenneth Copeland heard the Lord speak to him nearly 60 years ago, in 1966, during a meeting at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla. More than a decade later, Kenneth recalls, God gave him further confirmation of that commission, telling him, *I am building a sanctuary for this ministry.*

The fulfillment of that commission was the goal as the doors of the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas, swung open on Aug. 17, 1981, for the first-ever Southwest Believers' Convention. Joining Kenneth and Gloria Copeland in that historic and powerfully anointed six-day meeting were speakers Jerry Savelle, Norvel Hayes, Charles Capps, John Osteen, Hilton Sutton and T.L. Osborn.

In the 45 years since, SWBC has remained committed to taking believers around the world from the milk to the strong meat of God's Word; seeing them become totally immersed in God's Word—maturing and developing in the Word of Faith.

The goal will be the same this July 27 when the 45th annual SWBC gets underway at the Fort Worth Convention Center. What will be different, however, will be the obvious sense of celebration and nostalgia as KCM hosts what could possibly be its last meeting in the convention center's present location.

The convention center is currently undergoing major expansion and renovation that will extend to and beyond 2027. This could mean that the building's arena would not be available for Southwest next year.

In addition, the meeting marks a historic landmark as, after more than 58 years and millions of miles crisscrossing the globe and preaching the gospel, Kenneth Copeland is coming off the road and bringing his ministry home to Fort Worth.

"It's not retirement," says Kenneth, adding that he is following God's mandate that he "focus on rest, renewal and a deeper connection with our Partners."

This special edition of *BVOV* takes a look back at the first SWBC through articles adapted from the teachings of some of its speakers.

Many of you have been along for most, if not all, of this inspiring journey. Others have connected with us along the way. We rejoice that you chose to allow the SWBC to be part of your spiritual growth and maturity, and we look forward to spending many more years together with you.

Thank you, Partners and Friends, for being part of this exciting piece of history.

—The Editor

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When The LORD first spoke to us about starting the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, He said: *This is your seed. Give it to everyone who ever responds to your ministry, and don't ever allow anyone to pay for a subscription to it.*

For 53 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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From The Editor

THE HOMECOMING!

I attended my first Southwest Believers' Convention in August 1997, just two months after coming to work for Kenneth Copeland Ministries. But it was long before that when I first heard about the six-day meeting that took place each year in Fort Worth, Texes, in what was then known as the Tarrant County Convention Center.

During the mid-1980s, when we lived in Winston-Salem, N.C., hardly a weekday went by that I didn't slip a cassette into the tape player to record Kenneth Copeland's 15-minute radio broadcast, called *Believer's Voice of Victory.* As young Christians, my wife, Edna, and I were hungry for the Word of God and never wanted to miss anything Brother Copeland taught.

Our excitement was always heightened each year when the radio program's announcer invited listeners to join Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, and thousands of believers, to gather in Fort Worth for the annual Southwest Believers' Convention. In those days, however, a trip to Texas wasn't in the budget. But that didn't stop us from believing to one day be part of those meetings, or imagining being immersed in an atmosphere of faith, surrounded by thousands of fellow Christians and saturated in God's Word.

I'm reminded of those days every year at this time as we prepare for another SWBC. The difference, though, is that instead of being 1200 miles away, the Fort Worth Convention Center, and the SWBC, are now only about a 20-minute drive. And for the past 28 years, we've been blessed with the opportunity to attend the meetings—LIVE!

We plan to be there again this year, armed with the same excitement and expectation we had those many years ago.

We're calling this event "The HOMECOMING," and for good reason. Check out the feature article that begins on the next page to learn more. Then, make plans to join us July 27-Aug. 1, right here in Fort Worth, and prepare to be blessed by the faith-filled preaching, teaching and fellowship that always shows up at the Southwest Believers' Convention.

We hope to see you there!

Ronald C. Jordan
Managing Editor

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When Kenneth Copeland stepped onto the platform at the first Southwest Believers' Convention in August 1981, he was taking a major step in fulfilling a vision and call the Lord had given him nearly 15 years earlier.

In 1966, Kenneth was still basking in the anointing after Brother Oral Roberts laid hands on him in a ministry line, when God opened his eyes to see the spiritual condition of believers as he'd never seen it before.

Suddenly the bodies of the believers passing before Brother Roberts for ministry were transparent. Only a vague outline could be seen. Though physically healthy in most cases, their spirits were so scrawny and sickly they could hardly walk. Yet, on top of each emaciated little spirit body was a huge head.

"I asked The LORD what this was," Kenneth recalls," and He said: *These are My people…. Their spirits have been starved. Their heads are full of religious knowledge at the expense of the spirit man. There's no Faith in there. They're just starved out—a lot of religion, very little Faith.*

"Then I asked The LORD why He showed this to me, and He said, *I've called you and anointed you to do something about this.*

"What I saw that day broke me. It hit me so hard that for days I couldn't think about it without just weeping. I learned later that it was the compassion of God that I was experiencing in their behalf."

That compassion, and the commission from the Lord to "do something about this," was the goal as the doors of the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas, swung open Aug. 17, 1981, for the first-ever SWBC. Joining Kenneth and Gloria Copeland in that historic and powerfully anointed six-day meeting were speakers Jerry Savelle, Norvel Hayes, Charles Capps, John Osteen, Hilton Sutton and T.L. Osborn.

The Southwest Believers' Convention would go on to become KCM's flagship meeting—the single largest meeting in the ministry's annual lineup of conventions, Victory Campaigns and personal meetings that have been held across the country and around the world now for nearly 60 years.

"When I asked The LORD all those years ago, 'What do You want out of these meetings? What is our specific purpose?' He said to me, *I want you to conduct meetings where people can totally immerse in The WORD of God. Get into The WORD of God and stay there! Talk about Faith and the integrity of The WORD—talk about it and talk about it and talk about it…there is a people in the land today who have enough hunger for My WORD to come and sit under that kind of intensive exposure."*

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Total immersion in God's Word.

It was the goal then, and it will not be any different on July 27 when the doors of the Fort Worth Convention Center, in downtown Fort Worth, swing open for the 45th year in a row to usher believers into the presence of God at this years' SWBC. What will be different, however, is that this will be the last in a nearly 50-year run of meetings in the present arena.

The convention center, which spans nearly 15 blocks of the city's central business district, is currently undergoing major renovations and expansion to the facility. Renovation of the arena is scheduled for 2027, which will render the space unavailable for Southwest next year. Phase 1 of this massive project has already been completed. A second phase is set to begin later this year, with the project scheduled to be completed in 2030.

While the Southwest Believers'

1982

circa 1986

Convention will continue to be held in or near the downtown business district, talks are ongoing to determine a new location.

circa 1985

circa 1992

West Coast Beginnings

For three years before the first Southwest Believers' Convention was held in 1981, KCM hosted the West Coast Believers' Convention, a six-day meeting held in Anaheim, Calif.

"The word of The LORD had come to me and said, *I am building a sanctuary for this ministry,"* Kenneth recalls of those early days. "But there wasn't any Southwest at that time because the building had not been constructed.

"When we first started meeting out there on the West Coast, they didn't want to rent us the main auditorium at the Anaheim Convention Center because they didn't know us," Kenneth explains. "They said, 'We'd rent the auditorium to you, but we don't know anything about you, and we've never heard of anybody going to church for six days.'"

Instead of taking place in the convention center's main auditorium, the first West Coast Believers' Convention started out in a small space in the building's exhibition hall area, called the California Room.

"I don't remember the size of that room, but it was nowhere near the size of the auditorium," Kenneth remembers. "People jammed into that California Room so quickly that, before we knew it, the folks there came back to us and asked, 'When would you like the auditorium?' We went into the main auditorium, and remained there until The LORD said to stop doing the West Coast meeting and just do Southwest."

On Aug. 17, 1981, the ministry launched its first Southwest Believers' Convention in the Tarrant County Convention Center. Registration for the meeting reached a staggering 13,330—the highest of any convention in the ministry's history up to that point. People came from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 23 foreign nations.

In the years since, attendance at Southwest has continued to climb—reaching well into the tens of thousands.

The Homecoming!

This year's meeting will represent a significant landmark—not just in the history of the convention itself, but in Kenneth's personal life and ministry as well. Not only will this be the final Southwest Believers' Convention in the arena it has called home for the past 45 years; it also marks a "homecoming" for Kenneth, who has spent the last 58 years taking the message that Jesus Is Lord around the world.

"It's not retirement," Kenneth explains. "It's *Operation Homefront: Code Name, Available.* It's about following a mandate from The LORD to now focus on rest, renewal and being available to our Partners.

"I was 30 years old when I started this ministry. The LORD has instructed me that 58 years is enough. He said, *You've traveled. Gone all over the world. I don't want you to*

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do that anymore. I want you to just stay here. Spend more time with your students and with your staff and rest."

Speaking candidly, Kenneth described the aftermath of suffering a ruptured disc and how the Lord chastened him.

"He chewed me out when that disc ruptured the first time," Kenneth recalled. "He told me, *I created you to rest 52 days a year. You don't rest 52 days in five years, and now you see what happened. I didn't do that. You did it to yourself. You let yourself get too busy.*

"He said it was time for me to come off the road, to stay home, and spend more time with my staff and the students at KCBC (Kenneth Copeland Bible College), and rest. And now, by coming home, I can do that. I can really spend some quality time listening to God—praising Him and listening to Him in the quietness."

To commemorate these significant landmarks in the history of the Southwest Believers' Convention, this special edition of *BVOV* revisits the first SWBC through articles adapted from teachings by some of the speakers. In a word delivered through the late John Osteen, the Lord said of this historic first meeting: *I'm sending a Word revival to cause the Church to know who they are in Jesus Christ. And they will arise like a giant and they will go forth into a darkened world, saturating them with My glory and My power. And they'll cast out demons and heal the sick and bring deliverance to mankind. And I will show My glory in your generation.*

From then until now, those words have rung true as the power of God has been evidenced in every SWBC. Southwest has continued to be a catalyst for change in the lives of hundreds of thousands as, year in and year out, new Kingdom keys have been revealed and new strength infused into their lives.

We're grateful for the hundreds of thousands of Partners and Friends who have chosen to journey with us throughout the years. We look forward to seeing what God has in store in the years to come.

by Kenneth Copeland

Adapted from 7 p.m. teaching on Monday, August 17, 1981

In the Footsteps of Abraham

"Exactly what kind of Faith did Abraham have? He had the same kind God uses!"

When I was playing high school football, I always grinned when guys showed up at the start of the season saying, "I'm going to try this out!" I knew right away what was going to happen. When they got out on the field, they were going to get hammered…and they weren't going to make the team.

One reason I knew this was because I understood what they were up against. They were going to be facing guys whose greatest thrill in life was to flatten each other. Guys who pushed themselves almost to the breaking point all week long to get in shape. Guys who put up with sore muscles, bruises, bloody noses and whatever else they had to endure—all to play a game they didn't even get paid for.

When you're playing against a bunch of guys like that, the "try this out" mentality doesn't cut it. You have to absolutely love the game. You have to be determined to play—and play to win. You have to want it so much that even when you're losing, you're saying, "Somehow, I'm going to succeed at this!"

Otherwise, you won't last long at all. You'll get the wind knocked out of you and end up running for the locker room while the rest of the team is still out there on the field, fighting to win."

In my years as a believer, I've discovered something similar is true about living by Faith in God. It's the most thrilling, powerful adventure there is, but it doesn't work for those who take a wait-and-see attitude. It doesn't produce results for people who just hear a few messages about it and say, "I think I'll give that Faith stuff a try." If you want to win at the life of Faith, you have to really want it. You have to take the same attitude Abraham did in the Bible.

Talk about someone who wanted to walk by Faith! Abraham set the standard!

He wanted to walk in the manifestation of God's power more than anything else on earth. He wanted it more than he wanted his family. He wanted it more than he wanted his own life. He wanted God so much that he'd believe and act on His WORD no matter what anyone else thought or said about it.

You can see that by how he responded when God told him, at 100 years old, that he and his 90-year-old wife were going to have a baby. He not only had audacity enough to believe it, he made a public announcement: "I'm the father of many nations," he said. "From now on, don't call me Abram anymore. Call me Abraham, the Father of a Multitude!"

Can you imagine how people reacted to that? They must have treated Abraham like a laughingstock. They might not have mocked him to his face because he was the richest man around; but behind his back, I'm sure they pointed at him and snickered, "That old man has taken leave of his senses! There's no way he and his old, barren wife are going to have children at their age. It's impossible."

While they were scoffing, however, Abraham was believing. He was refusing to be moved by impossibilities. As Romans 4:19-21 says: "Being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

When it came to living by Faith in God's WORD, Abraham was as rugged and determined as they come. Like those guys I used to play football with, he was all-in— 100% committed to believing God.

The Same Kind of Faith God Uses

You and I, as born-again believers, can have the same kind of attitude! When we see in God's WORD that by the stripes of Jesus we were healed, we can choose to consider not the symptoms of sickness in our body. We can jump up in Faith and say, "Yes, Sir! I am the healed of The LORD!"

When we see that our Covenant with God declares that His BLESSING makes us rich and adds no sorrow to it, we can say, "Yes, amen! I am BLESSED and I am rich!" We can believe God 100%, regardless of what our bank account or other people might say about it.

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, I just don't have that kind of Faith."

The Bible says you do. It refers to all of us who believe in Jesus as those who "walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham" (Romans 4:12).

Exactly what kind of Faith did Abraham have? He had the same kind God uses! No human being ever had that kind of Faith until Abraham came along. But he caught hold of it and once he did, he used it to the max. He actually believed God to the point that he perpetuated his seed to a thousand generations. He put so much Faith in his covenant with God that there was no way God could ever annul that covenant or call it off. As He said to Abraham in Genesis 22:16-18: "By myself have I sworn, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

Notice that, according to those verses, Abraham's Faith in God was so strong he didn't withhold from Him even his own son. He went up the mountain and put Isaac on the altar of sacrifice simply because God asked him to. As a result, he obligated God, as his covenant partner, to do the same. He put God in the position where He was bound by covenant to sacrifice His own Son for the sake of all mankind.

Up until Abraham, God hadn't found that kind of Faith on the earth. He'd found some people who would believe Him for financial BLESSINGS or for healing. But no one had ever believed God to raise someone from the dead—and when Abraham offered Isaac, that's exactly what he was believing God would do.

Abraham wasn't brokenhearted and crying the day he took Isaac to the altar, like the silly Hollywood movies portray him. He had the fire of Faith flashing in his eyes. He was "accounting that God was able to raise [Isaac] up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure" (Hebrews 11:19).

As far as Abraham was concerned, the outcome was certain. God had said, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Genesis 21:12); and Abraham absolutely believed it. He fully expected to sacrifice that boy and then watch God raise him up from the ashes. Of course, God sent the ram to take Isaac's place, so his blood was never shed…but ultimately, what Abraham believed came to pass.

Jesus died on the cross as God's sacrifice to set us free from sin and the curse, and after He spent three days in the heart of the earth, Abraham's Faith finally bore fruit. His Faith for resurrection slammed together with the power of Almighty God, and Jesus was raised from the dead!

If you're wondering how Abraham's Faith, which was released thousands of years before the cross, could have anything to do with Jesus' resurrection, it's because there's no time in God. It doesn't make any difference to Him if it's a thousand years, 10 minutes or a split second. God doesn't forget anything except the sins we put under the blood of Jesus. Every ounce of Faith any of us have ever released is

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still on record with Him.

You might have believed God for something 35 years ago and then let go of it, but as far as God is concerned that Faith is still in force. If you’ll stand on your Covenant rights, you can reconnect with it and pick up right where you left off. You can get back on your Faith in that area and receive the fulfillment of the promises that are yours through Abraham’s covenant with God.

A Covenant With God on Both Ends

“But Brother Copeland,” you might say, “as a New Covenant believer, God’s promises to me aren’t through Abraham, they’re through Jesus. They’re mine because of what He did.”

That’s absolutely true. It was also true for Abraham. His was a covenant with God on both ends. Read in Genesis 15 about how God established it, and you’ll see what I mean. When He cut His covenant with Abraham, He came down Himself, walked in the blood of the sacrificial animals, and made covenant promises to Abraham’s *Seed.* “He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ” (Galatians 3:16).

Abraham’s covenant had God Almighty on one side, and His Son, Jesus, on the other!

God basically said to Abraham, “If you’ll believe this covenant and act on it, I’ll treat you just like I treat Jesus. You’ll be able to approach Me with the same confidence He does, and I’ll receive you and treat you like you’ve never sinned.”

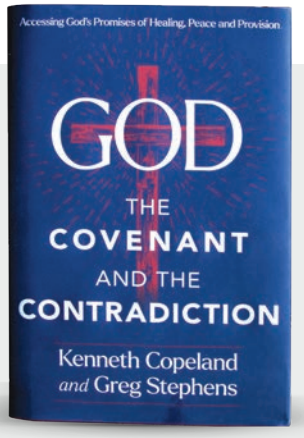
God has said the same thing to us in the New Covenant. He’s not saying, “Get away from Me, you sinner.” He has invited us to come boldly to His throne of grace. He’s saying to us, “I’ve wiped out your sin and I’m no longer holding it against you. You’ve been washed in the blood of the Lamb and if you’ll walk before Me by Faith in Him, I’ll treat you like you never sinned!”

This is the reason we can follow in the footsteps of Abraham’s Faith. We’re in on the same covenant; Galatians 3 confirms this. It says clearly, “They which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham… For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all

one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (verses 9, 26-29).

Look again at the last verse. It refers to you and me, as believers, as Abraham's "seed." The word *seed* there is singular, talking about us just as it is in verse 16 when it's referring to Jesus. That's important. It lets us know that when it comes to walking in the Faith of Abraham, we're all in this together. We're one with Jesus and He's one with us.

In times past, our failure to realize this has hindered our walk of Faith. We stumbled around more than we should have because we fragmented the Body of Christ. We divided ourselves up until we forgot that when we're talking about believers, we're talking about Jesus; and when we're talking about Him, we're talking about the whole Church. He's the Head and we're the Body.



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You can't separate a head from a body and expect it to keep functioning. For life to keep flowing, the two have to be united. That's why no one ever says when I walk into a room, "Here comes Kenneth and his body." They just say, "There's Kenneth," because my head and my body are one.

The same is true spiritually with the Body of Christ. As Jesus said in John 17:23, we're one with Jesus and with each other just as Jesus and the Father are one. Jesus is in us, God is in Him, and we're in God "made perfect in one."

It's time we renewed our minds to this and stopped separating ourselves from each other. We need one another! We have to have one another to walk "in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God" (Ephesians 4:13).

There's too much at stake here for us to let petty doctrinal differences and offenses drive us apart. Believing God for the fullness of the manifestation of God's power among us is too important! It's worth more than anything else in the world, and the only way we're going to have it is by working together in unity—by clinging to each other in Love (Faith works by Love), praying for each other, and releasing our Faith on each other's behalf.

Do you know what happens when we come together like that? We become more than just individual Christians wandering around on the field of life trying to do something for God. We become a Faith team! We become a spiritual version of that wild bunch of winners I played football with in high school.

That's the kind of team God is putting together in these last days before Jesus returns. It's a team of believers who absolutely Love God, Love each other and Love living by Faith in God's WORD. It's a team of believers who are in this for keeps, and who are 100% committed to running roughshod over the devil.

It's a God squad of people like you and me who were born again to walk in the footsteps of Abraham's Faith!

by Jerry Savelle
Adapted from 9:30 a.m. teaching on Tuesday, August 18, 1981

How To Increase Your Faith

"A lot of people have very little spiritual strength because they won't get into the Word enough."

Years ago when I worked for Brother Copeland, we had gone to Alabama to hold a meeting. Every morning of the meeting, he and I met at 5:30 to pray about the needs of KCM's television ministry. After about three days, he told me, "I received the wisdom of God I needed."

"You did?" I asked.

"Yes, I know how we're going to pay for this television ministry. God just told me. I'm going to give my airplane away."

At the time, an airplane cost at least $30,000.

"If you choose not to hear God's Word, even the measure you were dealt originally will diminish—not in measure, but in strength."

I'd never heard of anyone giving away $30,000 before.

"And you know what else I'm going to do?" Brother Copeland continued. "I'm going to get it in tip-top shape before I do."

"How much will that cost?" I asked.

"About $8,000."

"You're going to add another $8,000 to what is already worth $30,000, and then give it away?" I was shocked. At the time, I was believing God for $38. I couldn't imagine sowing $38 *thousand!*

But Brother Copeland followed the voice of the Holy Spirit and gave the plane away. About 11 days later, God brought a bigger airplane into the ministry—completely paid for—as well as the cash to pay for the television ministry.

I was so impressed that I started thinking, *What can I give away?*

But the truth is, I faced two problems. First, the Holy Spirit hadn't led me to do what Brother Copeland did. Second, my faith wasn't at a level to believe for an airplane. If I had tried to follow Brother Copeland's example, I would have failed. I needed to increase my faith first.

Understand Your Measure

The Bible is clear: Every Christian in the Body of Christ has been given the same amount of faith. Romans 12:3 puts it this way, "…according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." In the Greek, the word *measure* is the word *metron,* which means "a determined extent."

Let me illustrate that definition.

Imagine that I have a large pie that I want to share with every person reading this article. So no one misses out, I would give each person a "measure" of the pie. No one person would receive the whole thing. Instead, I would count how many people we needed pie for, then I would calculate how much of the pie each person would receive so that the portions would be equal.

It's the same with faith.

God gives every believer the same measure of faith. The question then becomes, *What are you going to do with your measure?*

Strength Fluctuates

You, right now, have the same measure of faith given to me, and to Brother Copeland, and to every other believer. But the *strength* of your measure of faith can fluctuate. Now, of course, God wants every Christian's faith to grow, but that growth depends on *you.* If you want your faith to increase in strength, then you must follow Romans 10:17, which says, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." You must feed your faith every day with the Word.

People often try to live on the strength of the faith that got them through the past month, but your faith needs to be fed daily. You need to look at your faith like a bank account and your heart as a treasury. When you go to the Word, faith cometh, making deposits into your heart. Every time you use your faith, you're making a withdrawal. If you're not careful, you can get to the point that you are making so many withdrawals that you are facing a deficit. You've got more demands on your faith than you've got Word in your heart.

Instead, you need to increase the strength of your faith by depositing the Word into your

heart daily.

If you need to believe God for your health, deposit the Word.

If you need to believe God for your finances, deposit the Word.

If you need to believe God for your marriage, deposit the Word.

Never let a deficit exist in your faith bank account.

Increasing Your Faith

In 2 Corinthians 10:15 the Apostle Paul said, "Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly."

While Romans 12 said, "God hath dealt to every man *the* measure of faith," this scripture, which was written to the Christians at Corinth, says, "When your faith is increased...." Clearly, the measure that God dealt to you can be developed and strengthened.

If you have *the* measure of faith residing in you (and you do)…and if you discover that "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word" (which you have)…and if you apply that law (which you can)—then while you're meditating on God's Word, God is imparting the faith in that Word into your heart. You already had a measure of faith, but now it's *growing stronger.*

What happens to your original measure? *It matures.* Whether it's reading the Word on your own, joining in a corporate Bible study, or immersing yourself in a Spirit-filled, faith-charged atmosphere like the Southwest Believers' Convention, God is strengthening your faith.

Of course, if your faith can increase, it can also decrease. Referring to people who hear God's Word, Jesus said, "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath" (Matthew 13:12).

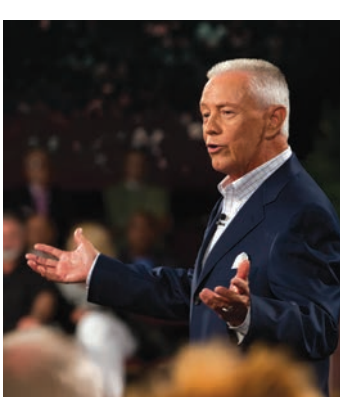
In other words, if you choose to hear God's Word, mature faith will come to you. If you choose not to hear God's Word, even the measure you were dealt originally will diminish—not in measure, but in strength.

And if your faith isn't developing, if you're not listening to the Word, then you'll be susceptible to the words of the enemy—words which breed fear. And when fear is present, faith can't flourish.

The Word Is the Answer

A lot of people have very little spiritual strength because they won't get into the Word enough. The measure of faith that they've tried living on since they got filled with the Holy Ghost 20 years ago hasn't grown. So how do you increase your faith? We've already seen it plainly: The Word is the answer, folks. And it's not just a one-time fix. The Word says, "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38). That's an ongoing process. There's not a day that goes by that we shouldn't bolster our faith.

Right now, wherever you're reading this, take a moment to worship the Lord. Thank Him for the measure of faith He has given to you as a born-again believer, and then say, "Father, I'm going to take my measure and let it increase by the Word. I thank You that my measure is going to grow." Then take a stand and commit to do it. Begin studying the Word and applying it to your life so that your measure of faith can mature…and you can be ready for anything that comes your way!



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Testimonies of Real-Life

VICTORY

Every Joint Supplies!

I called KCM for a prayer of agreement for financial provision. I had fallen behind due to unemployment. Recently, a few anonymous benefactors from my church pooled money together to help pay for my rent and get me caught up. I'm so grateful for the KCM prayer line and the encouragement they give so freely!

K.T. | Maryland

What's Your Confession?

I looked up confessions for healing and found one from KCM. I started saying it, along with speaking to every organ by name. One day, my appendix ruptured and I went to the hospital. I was told I shouldn't be alive as the toxic infection went throughout my organs, but because of those confessions my organs were protected!

J.S. | District of Columbia

Pets Matter Too

My dog started hemorrhaging recently and there wasn't a vet nearby that was open. So, I decided to call the KCM prayer line. The prayer minister prayed that the Lord would stop the bleeding, and my dog has not bled since! W.D. | Washington

Knit Together: The Miracle Within

I want to thank God the Father and the prayer team at KCM for praying for me and my family. I had sent a request asking God to bless my wife and me with a child, as we were struggling with infertility and had experienced a miscarriage. I am joyful to report that my wife is pregnant! We are deeply thankful for what God has already done, for the miracle of new life, and for answering our prayers. Thank You, Jesus!

A.L. | Canada

'For His Glory'!

I praise Jesus and give Him all the glory for my 4-year-old granddaughter's healing. Some weeks ago, she was sick with stomach flu and couldn't keep anything down. The doctor said it was a respiratory chest infection. She was losing weight quickly. I called KCM and spoke to a prayer warrior, who prayed with me and agreed that she was healed. About a day and a half later, she began to eat and have energy again!

KCM prayer warriors and all the Copeland family in ministry, thank you for allowing God to use you for His glory. All glory to our Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Jesus Is Lord!

B.E. | Florida

Prayer Works

I called the prayer team to pray about my upcoming blood tests. We prayed together and believed for excellent results. I am so thankful to share that the results came back exactly as we haved prayed. This was such an encouragement to me and a reminder of God's faithfulness. I truly appreciate your prayer support and give all glory to God for this outcome. L.E. | Ontario

All is Well

I called to share that my friend's surgery went very well. The doctor had said the one stent he put in 15 years ago was clogged and did not give much hope. He even said my friend would not pull through. However, when they went in to do the surgery, everything was good! Praise the Lord and thank you for your prayers. C.L. | British Columbia

New Creation In Christ

I am currently incarcerated in a detention centre, and sometimes I feel the very life being drained out of me. However, through the resources sent to me by KCM, I found God and gave my life to Him. I am now a new Christian. Thank you!

A.J. | Ontario

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE APRIL

	1	2	3	4
OT	Deut. 34; Josh. 1	Josh. 2-4	Josh. 5-6	Josh. 7-8
NT	Acts 15	Acts 16-17	Acts 18	Acts 19

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Rom. 8	Rom. 9	Rom. 10	Rom. 11	Rom. 12-13	Rom. 14	Rom. 15

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1 Sam. 4-5	1 Sam. 6-7	1 Sam. 8-9	1 Sam. 10-11	1 Sam. 12-14
Rom. 16	1 Cor. 1	1 Cor. 2	1 Cor. 3	1 Cor. 4-5

Do You Know Jesus?

If you do not know Jesus as your Savior and Lord, simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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by Hilton Sutton
Adapted from teaching on Tuesday, August 18, 1981

Divine Order Brings the Divine

God is a God of divine order. He has everything planned. Nothing happens by chance.

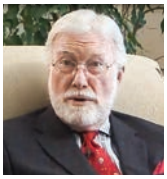
That means that this great Southwest Believers' Convention was ordered of God. It isn't something that Kenneth Copeland decided to do because he didn't have anything else to do. Every one of us is here by the divine order of God. I know I am here by the absolute will of Almighty God.

From the time this first Southwest Believers' Convention was announced, people began asking how I became one of the speakers. I said, "Because I'm a *believer.* I preach from the same Book. We have the same vision."

God has called us *all* according to His divine plan, and we all fit into it. Aren't you glad we don't all sound alike? If we did, some people would never get ministered to. That's why God has raised up such a variety. Together, we offer to you the complete ministry of our Lord Jesus.

Ephesians 4:11-13 says, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man…."* This scripture lets us know the unity requested in John 17 is on the way in the Body of Christ. It's beginning to take hold.

As I listened to the other speakers, I realized that almost every one ministered on subjects they had learned from someone else. And why



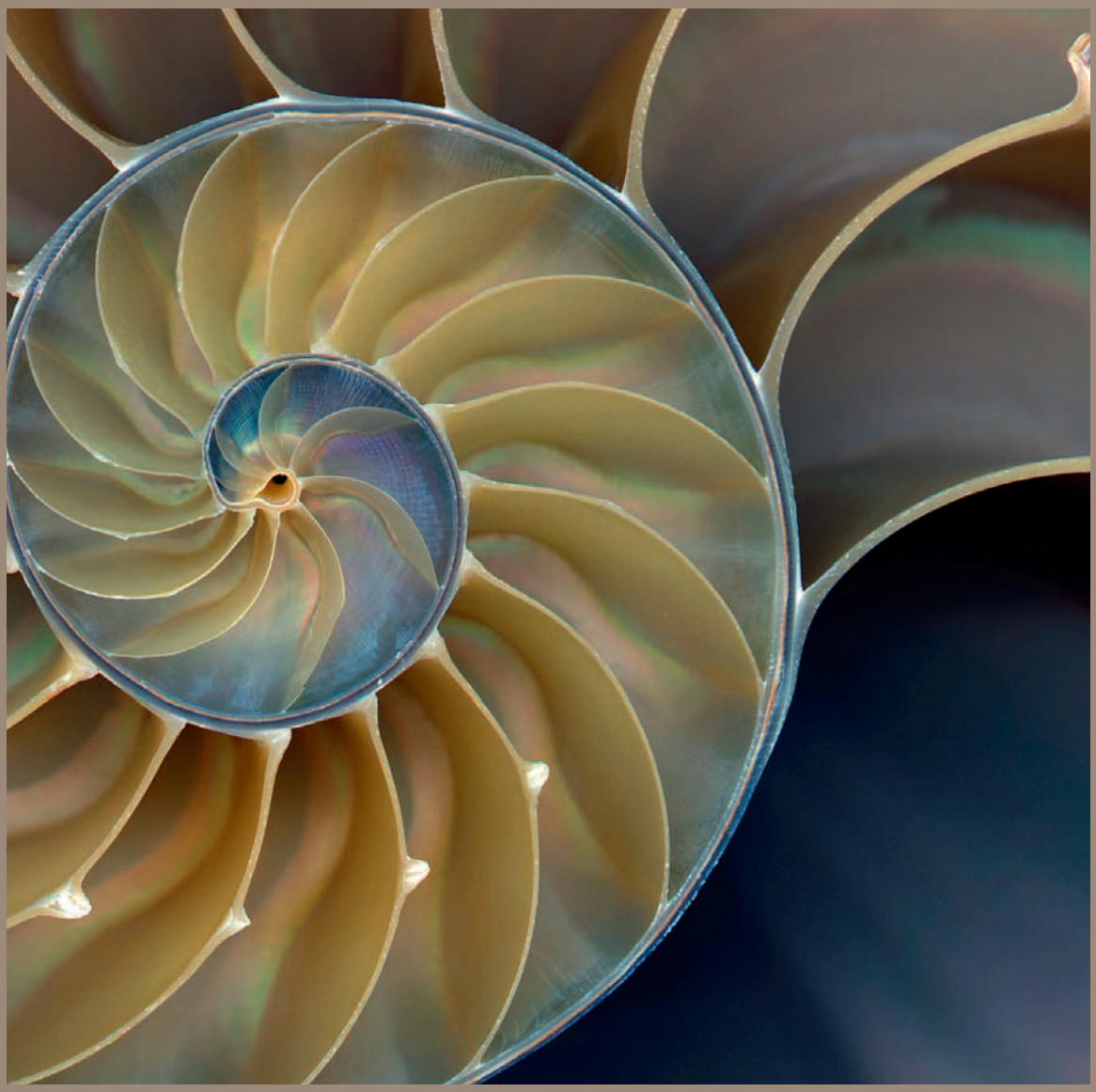
shouldn't they? Are we not workers together with the Lord (2 Corinthians 6:1)? Are we not directed by the same Holy Spirit? Then why shouldn't we feed one another and be used of God to inspire each other?

But we haven't seen anything yet. God is ready, and the Church must come into its full maturity and shift into the highest gear of productivity the world has ever known.

God keeps revealing to us, in His Word, what He's doing and what He's going to do next. Years ago when I was growing up in the Church, I heard people say, "You never know what God is going to do." We didn't realize that's not what the Word tells us.

We are better students of the Word now than any previous generation of the Church. But we don't have as much time as previous generations had. We must give more diligence to the Word so we can accomplish the tremendous assignment God has given us in the short time remaining.

The Church Age concludes with the catching up of the glorious Church. Not a defeated Church, not a sick Church, not a Church that's been beaten black and blue, driven underground, trying to hold out till the end—but a glorious Church! A glorious Church is a dynamic Church! A glorious Church is a successful Church! A



"How marvelous it is to discover that God is a God of order and a master creator."

glorious Church is a productive Church! A glorious Church is a smart Church—mature, holy, pure and super anointed.

Where do we get that kind of smart? By growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and being filled with the Holy Spirit.

You're Headed for Great Faith!

Folks, that's what's happening in these conventions! God has raised up the most outstanding faith teachers in the history of the Church for us. Why? Because we are the *concluding* generation of the age of the Church. We must be the generation that gets our act together and accomplishes exploits for God on a scale the world has not yet seen!

In Luke 18:8, Jesus asked His disciples, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" The only answer for even a new believer with little faith is, yes!

We are people of faith. There may be times

we use it just a little or not at all. But when we move in the full authority of the Word of God, we can operate in great faith!

In these meetings where the Word is being preached, faith is spreading like wildfire in a dry thicket fanned by a strong wind.

God's Order In Your Life

God is a God of divine order, and He has ordered everything. When you and I study His textbook, the Bible, and we allow the Holy Spirit to direct our steps, we'll walk in the order of Almighty God.

It's exciting to think that, daily, you can walk in the absolute order of Almighty God! But to do that, you'll have to learn the leadership of the Holy Spirit and become a student of the Textbook.

If you do neither, you'll only cross paths with God's order once in a while. When you're not observing His order, anything is liable to come your way—and oftentimes does.

But oh, how marvelous it is to discover that God is a God of order and a master creator. God isn't practicing on us. He had everything perfected before we got involved.

God sets up divine order for your individual life, your marriage, your family, your relationship to people outside the Church, even your private devotion time. God does not leave anything to chance. Even one's relationship with fellow believers is ordered by God.

Let the divine order of God begin to control your life, and you will become a more effective and productive person to the glory of God. You'll become a powerhouse for God!

God's Order In the Church

You see, the Church is not to be a poor, sick, anemic, troubled, defeated group.

The Church is the light of God and the salt of the earth. As the Church, we're to move with authority and power, wearing the armor of God, using the weapons of our warfare that are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.

The Church is the representative of Almighty God and Jesus Christ on the earth. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." That means He will start it and finish it.

If Paul said in Ephesians 5:27 that the Lord will present to Himself a glorious Church having neither spot, wrinkle nor blemish, that's exactly the way it will be—a glorious Church. To understand spots and blemishes, carefully read 2 Peter 2:9-20.

You know why it has taken us so long? We don't have our act together with one another! The Holy Spirit wants us to recognize each other as members of the same family. We are all born again and energized of the Spirit of God, under the leadership of Jesus Christ. We are to lift Him up so the world may know that the Father has sent Him, that they may be drawn to Him (see John 12:32, 17:23). That's the assignment for the Church!

"God isn't practicing on us. He had everything perfected before we got involved."

We are to be workers *together* with one another. We need one another.

Each of us has his own assignment, but together we make up a whole. So get involved in the work of God with one another.

Once we begin to flow in the Anointing of the Holy Spirit in unity and harmony, supporting and encouraging one another, it will cause what we do to be many times more powerful!

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by Charles Capps

Adapted from 3:30 p.m. teaching on Wednesday, August 19, 1981

The Ministry of Angels

A number of years ago, the Lord directed me to start teaching the Body of Christ about angels. When I told God I didn't know anything about them, He set me straight. *Neither does anyone else,* He said. *That's the reason I want you to teach it. It's time the Body of Christ woke up to the supernatural deliverance that I put in the earth for them.*

So I began studying about these heavenly beings. I discovered the supernatural ministry of angels in the earth is very real. But how effective they can be depends heavily on you and me. We actually can hinder them from doing what they're created to do. That's why we must understand their ministry and learn how to cooperate with them according to the Word of God.

In Hebrews 1 and 2, we find out that angels are created beings. They aren't born as men are born, nor do they have the same authority as human beings. But they are created with purpose. Hebrews 1:14 tells us about their ultimate role. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

Who are these "heirs of salvation"? You and I. We are the heirs of salvation and, as such, the "ministering spirits," or angels, are sent by God to minister for us.

What are we heirs of? *Salvation*—which includes "preservation, healing, soundness and deliverance from temporal evils."

The Bible gives us numerous accounts of angelic deliverance and protection. Jesus was always aware of their presence. When arrested, He said, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matthew 26:53).

One Roman legion was 6,000 soldiers. Jesus said one prayer could have called 12 legions—or 72,000 angels—to come to His aid. Jesus understood the power of angelic protection.

As a joint heir with Jesus, we can have that same protection. Through prayers and speaking God's Word, we can have that kind of divine protection that comes by the ministry of angels!

The Apostles Peter and Paul experienced the assistance of angels. On more than one occasion, angels delivered Peter from jail (Acts 5:18-20, 12:6-8).

Paul was facing shipwreck—a potentially fatal situation. After much prayer he said, "And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:22-25).

Now getting those kinds of results will do wonders for your prayer life! Angels are "mighty ones who do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His word" (Psalm 103:20, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).*

Angels are an important part of the spirit world. Their assignments are very real. God created them to be available at a moment's notice to minister for us, and their ministry includes providing divine protection.

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by Norvel Hayes

Adapted from 9:30 a.m. teaching on Monday, August 17, 1981

Faith In God's Word

I know of no better way to kick off a meeting—this Believers' Convention—than to teach you to have faith in God's Word. Why? Because that's the No. 1 way to fight the devil!

If I can talk you into having faith in God's Word, you can have victory. It doesn't make any difference what anyone else believes, what your background is or where you're from. If you'll just make a decision to stand on the Scriptures for yourself, God will come to your house. He'll come to your body. He'll come to your mind. He'll come to your business. He'll come to anything you have and make it successful— if you will only get your mouth straightened out!

God's Word will work for every person who has faith in it!

Many people think God will come on their scene just because they are born again. Although He's always on the scene, the truth is, He only responds to faith in His Word coming out of your mouth. You've got to KNOW what God has said in His Word about the area of your life where you need victory. What's more, you've got to SPEAK what His Word says about it.

Jesus said in Matthew 12:34, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Jesus went on to say in verse 37, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

By your words!

Victory Scriptures

Your victory comes directly from the Word of God that you have in abundance in your heart, and the Word you speak out of your mouth! So the key is to get the Word into your heart.

You may say, "Brother Norvel, how about telling me what the victory scriptures are for my situation?"

There could be a hundred scriptures that would apply to your circumstance. Don't be lazy—look them up yourself! You see, the only scriptures that will work for you are the ones you "get." You can ask the Holy Spirit to help you find the right scriptures. But you won't *get* them just by reading the Bible every once in a while. Your victory scriptures must be in your heart *abundantly.* They must become a part of you.

So look them up. Type them out. Then start speaking them until they become like your right arm and then like your left arm. Just like you use your arms every day to get things done, you'll use the Word of God that's part of you to accomplish things in your life. The Word of God you speak about healing will work healing in your life day in and day out. His Word you speak about prosperity will work prosperity into your life every day.

Fighting the Devil

When I first started preaching, God said, *Son, I want you to teach the Church how to fight the devil.*

Faith in God's Word and speaking the Word is the No. 1 way to fight the devil. As you speak the Word right into the ear of God, you are also speaking it right in the face of the devil. When you do that, God will come on the scene and run the devil off!

"YOUR VICTORY *scriptures* MUST BE IN YOUR HEART *abundantly.* THEY MUST BECOME A PART OF YOU."

Think about it. Isn't that exactly what Jesus did?

After Jesus had been in the wilderness for 40 days, the devil came around to try to convince Him that He could bring God's plan to pass in His life through His own effort. Jesus knew exactly how to get the devil to shut up and clear out. Matthew 4:1-11 tells us how He did it. Jesus countered every attack of the enemy with the Word of God.

"It is written," He said.

Three times Jesus responded to the temptations and mocking of the devil with the Word. He knew the Word—it was part of Him—and He had faith in it to bring victory over the devil.

God wants you to know you can do the same thing Jesus did! Get the Word into your spirit. Make it part of you. Speak it out. Use it every day, like you use your arms. By faith, do it! And you'll have victory—total victory!

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by T.L. Osborn
Adapted from 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. teachings on Tuesday, August 18, 1981

How Do You Spell MIRACLE?

Do you need a miracle in your life?

Well I've got news for you: You *already* have it! That's right. You were created by a miraculous God, and through Jesus Christ you're connected to a miracle. The only thing you need to receive your miracle is to discover who you are in Christ.

When you understand who you are in Christ, you understand the miracle-working power Jesus has given you. You then become contagious, and you can't help but share His truth with the world!

Spelling Out Your Miracle

I want to help you take hold of whatever miracle you need in your life. So I asked myself how I could achieve that and I found the answer in the book of Acts. The first sentence says:

The former treatise have I made…of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me (Acts 1:1-4).

In this passage, we find seven milestones based on the word *MIRACLE.* So, letter by letter, let's go through the word *MIRACLE* and discover how you can unlock your miracle.

'M' Is for Maturity

Miracle success begins with *maturity.* When you discover who you are in Christ, you begin to measure your life and ministry by Jesus' model. You begin to want what He wants for the same reason He wants it. Your starting point for spiritual maturity begins when you desire to do "all that Jesus began both to do and teach" (Acts 1:1).

First Timothy 1:15 says, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Jesus came to save the lost and He wants you to do the same thing. When soul-winning becomes your passion, you are developing the maturity God desires for you to have.

'I' Is for Inspiration

Jesus did all He did right up "until the day in which he was taken up." His example is supposed to be the *inspiration* for the way you live your life. Think about that. Jesus never knew failure. He never met a sin that was too bad to forgive. He never met a sickness He couldn't heal. In essence, Jesus never met impossibility. Christ, the hope of glory,

"WHEN YOU *understand* WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST, YOU UNDERSTAND THE MIRACLE-WORKING POWER JESUS HAS *given* YOU."

is in you—*He* is your inspiration. Follow His example. Just like Him, you can believe there is no failure, sin, sickness or impossibility you can't overcome!

'R' Is for Ratification

The definition of *ratify* is "to approve or confirm; especially to give official sanction to." You have been approved to continue doing and teaching all that Jesus did.

God sent Jesus to redeem and justify you. Jesus sent the Holy Ghost to live in you. "He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments" (Acts 1:2). The Holy Ghost in you allows you to continue doing the things Jesus did. Ratification renounces anything that holds you back. It recognizes the challenge God has set before you to reach this lost world. Then it decides, accepts and agrees to meet that challenge.

'A' Is for Action

Action! Acts 1:2 says, "The apostles whom he had chosen." *Apostles* are "the appointed ones" or "the sent forth ones." You are an apostle, and you have been sent forth to accomplish the Great Commission—to take action. One of my favorite verses is John 17:18. In it Jesus said, "As thou [My Father] hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."

You're one of the appointed ones, and Jesus has sent you to the world.

When we take action, God honors it! I discovered this truth as a 13-year-old boy. When someone gave me a toy paper press, I made salvation tracts based on John 3:16. Then I went door to door and passed out those tracts. And people got saved. That experience planted a seed in my heart. I didn't understand it then, but God was showing me the power of the printed word. Today, my ministry publishes literature in 132 languages!

That's action! That's putting the gospel to work, and it's an important element to having miracle success.

'C' Is for Credibility

Success depends on being *credible,* or reliable, with the gospel. Acts 1:3 says, "He showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs." If Jesus' ministry hadn't continued after His death, the gospel wouldn't have been credible. As one of His disciples, you must demonstrate the same ministry He demonstrated. You must reach out and share His message and power with others.

And the gospel is only credible if it is for everyone. If it's only for a select few, then it's not trustworthy. It would mean that God prefers some over others. It's only reliable if Hebrews 13:8 is true: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

'L' Is for Legality

There's a legal contract in Christianity. Acts 1:3 says He spoke "of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." When I read that, I thought, *There is legality in the kingdom of God.*

The greatest miracle Jesus performed was that of forgiving sins. As a joint heir with Jesus, you have legal rights. Before you were saved, sin stood between you and God. But because of Jesus' death and resurrection, that debt was paid. You are now *legally* free. Of course, Jesus didn't forgive your sins just for you. He did it so you could take His message to others so that they can be free too! The freedom Christ purchased is for everyone. That's part of its legality.

'E' Is for Experience

Finally, "E" is for *experience,* for the *enthusiasm* of ministering the way Jesus did, and for the *excitement* of being a Jesus person. Acts 1:4 says He "assembled together with them." Jesus assembled with His disciples. That tells me everywhere you go, Jesus is there too!

I've been blessed to see people saved and healed in almost 70 countries. The world needs to hear that Jesus loves them. The world needs to know the experience, enthusiasm and excitement of the Jesus kind of life.

Carrying On

When you teach people who they are in Christ, you teach them how to spell their own miracle. As they mature, live inspired lives that are ratified by Jesus' blood, take action, understand the credibility and legality of the gospel, and crave the experience of living the Jesus kind of life, they can't help but reach the world for Him.

Your life in Christ is a miracle! It's one you can pass on to others so they can have the same miracle-working power in their lives too. So don't wait. Christ in you, the hope of glory, has paved the way for you to receive your miracle! Christ in you, the hope of glory, is ready to help you do even more than He did!

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GROWING TOGETHER IN GOD'S GLORY

Something astounding is about to happen to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. She's about to grow up into what God ordained for her to be from the very beginning.

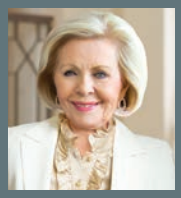
She's about to come into "the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

That's what the Word of God says, and you can count on it. It's coming to pass—soon! We're in the last of the last days. The signs are all around us. Jesus is coming! He's about to catch away the Church, and when He does, we're going to be unified, glorified and ready to go.

Now, you might wonder, *How are we going to get that way? With so many different denominations disagreeing and arguing with one another, how is the Church ever going to come together?*

By the Spirit of God. He's the One who's been sent to unite us, and even if it looks impossible from a natural perspective, He is up to the job.

The Holy Spirit has the ability to reveal to believers all over this planet the truth of God's Word and bring us all into agreement with it. He can cause every one of us to see the same thing in the Scriptures. He lives on the inside of us as our own private tutor, and He can make the Word of God so plain to us that, as we give



our attention to it, we think more and more like God thinks!

That's really the bottom line, isn't it? It doesn't matter what we think. It doesn't matter what our denomination thinks. It matters what God thinks. He's not going to change His thoughts to accommodate us and our denomination. He's going to change our thoughts to align with His so that when Jesus comes, He can present us to Himself the way Ephesians 5:27 describes us—as "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing"!

A glorious church isn't just a wonderful church. It's a church where the glory of God is manifested. It's a church where God's power flows so freely that lives are transformed, crippled legs are made strong, cancer disappears, and demonic spirits leave people's minds and bodies.

A glorious church is a church where God's presence is revealed in signs, wonders and visible demonstrations of miracle-working power that people can see!

What We Believe Determines What Happens

Truth be told, that's the kind of church God has always wanted. He started the Church on the day of Pentecost with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and signs, wonders and miracles; and He made every provision for those things to continue in full force. They would have, too, if it had all been up to God. But it's not just up

to Him. It's also up to us.

What happens in the Church is what the Church believes for!

When we believe for healing to manifest in our midst, healing manifests. When we believe for people to be filled with the Holy Spirit, people are filled. When we believe we can do the works of Jesus, we do them.

The Church is heading toward the finish line and we need to believe God for everything He's promised! We don't have time anymore to sit around just remembering the great miracles and outpourings of the Spirit that happened in the past. We can't be content to wait passively for the Church to be filled with God's glory some day in the distant future. The hour is late. We need to rise up in boldness right now and declare, as Jesus did in Luke 4:18-21: "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…. *This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."*

Those are exciting words, aren't they? Yet when Jesus first said them in Nazareth, people got offended. They weren't ready to believe for Scripture to be fulfilled in their day. "We believe God moved in the past," they said. "We believe He'll move in the future. But we're not going to start expecting Him to do supernatural things right now!"

For many years, the contemporary Church took the same attitude. Preachers and congregations alike relegated the fulfillment of God's plan to another generation or a different dispensation. But in recent years, a wonderful change has been taking place. More and more believers have started expecting the Scripture to be fulfilled in our day. We've started expecting God to move among us now and change us into the image of Jesus, "from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18)!

Why did it take so long for the Church as a whole to expect this?

One reason is because, for a long time, people didn't know anything about it. All they'd been taught was that if they believed on Jesus, they'd go to heaven when they died. For years, that's all preachers preached because they thought that was the sole purpose of the gospel. They thought the plan of Redemption was only designed to keep people out of hell.

But that's not the plan God had throughout the ages! He doesn't just want to keep people out of hell. His plan is to have a family. He wants spiritual sons and daughters He can fellowship with on His own level who will do His will on earth as it's done in heaven. He wants sons and daughters who will walk in His blessing and reign in this life just like He would if He was here in full manifestation.

Only One Restriction

That's been God's will from the very beginning. It's what He had in His heart when He created Adam and put him in the Garden of Eden. As Genesis 1:27-28 says, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion…."

By making Adam in His image, God made Adam as much like Himself as it was possible for Adam to be. He clothed him in divine glory and breathed into his spirit His own *zoe,* eternal life. Adam looked like God, inside and out. He had the same power in his spirit that God had. He had authority on earth just as God had authority in heaven. God gave him dominion and put the rulership of earth into his hands.

The only restriction God put on Adam was this: "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:17). Even after giving him that command, however, God let Adam choose. He let him decide whether or not he would obey.

God didn't force Adam to do anything because He didn't want him to be a slave. He wanted him to be a son. He wanted him to serve God of his own free will and to only know good and never know evil. But Adam made the wrong choice. He sinned. He disobeyed God, bowed his knee to the devil, and opened the door to spiritual death. He lost the blessing and the glory of God, brought the curse upon all mankind, and let the devil steal God's family.

How did God respond? He immediately went

to work to get His family back! Right there in the Garden of Eden, He said to the serpent, the devil, who had tempted Eve, "Because you have done this, you are cursed…. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Genesis 3:14-15, *New King James Version).*

From that moment on, God began working toward the day when He could once again have sons and daughters on earth who were made in His image and filled with His glory. That was His plan. It was His will, and because He never changes, even though it would cost Him a dear price, He intended to see it come to pass.

I'm telling you—the patience of God is something to behold! For thousands of years He worked…and worked…and worked on the plan of Redemption. All through the Old Testament He said through His prophets again and again, "There's One coming who will pay the price to get My family back!" When at last the stage was set, the Spirit of God hovered over a young woman named Mary and caused Jesus to be conceived.

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Jesus came not only as the Son of God but as the Son of Man! Setting aside His rights as divinity, He operated as a man throughout His life on earth because it's the only way He could undo what had happened through Adam's Fall. A man had given God's family over to the devil by committing spiritual treason, and a man had to get it back.

That's why there had to be a virgin birth. It wasn't so we could sing Christmas carols about it. It was so that, as One born of a woman, Jesus would have authority on earth; and as One fathered by God, He could redeem us from the curse of sin.

The Perfect Picture of God's Plan

During Jesus' earthly ministry, He gave us a perfect picture of God's will for His family. "I seek not mine own will," He said, "but the will of the Father which hath sent me.… I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.… The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 5:30, 8:28, 14:10).

Every word Jesus said and every work He did reflected the heart of His heavenly Father. That's the reason He never refused to heal anyone. It's the reason He never prayed, "Lord, is it Your will for this person to be healed, or do You want this person to stay sick so You can teach him something?"

Some people today might pray that way, but Jesus never said anything even remotely like that. On the contrary! When multitudes came to Him, suffering with every imaginable sickness and disease, He healed them all because He understood that sickness is an enemy of God. It's part of the curse that came on mankind as a result of sin. It's a work of the devil who comes to steal, kill and destroy.

First John 3:8 says, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil," and Jesus fulfilled His purpose at every opportunity. Anytime anyone opened the door to Him by believing He was Anointed of God, He destroyed Satan's works. He undid the effects of the law of sin and death and brought people abundant life.

When Jesus came to earth, it was as if God had created Adam all over again. He was the fulfillment of what God originally intended for His family to be. Just as in Genesis when man was first created, Jesus was born in the image of God. He had on the inside of Him the same life that God first breathed into Adam. That life was so powerful that if someone just touched His garment in faith, it would drive sickness and disease right out of their body.

"But Gloria," you might say, "that was 2,000 years ago. What does it have to do with God's plan for the Church today?"

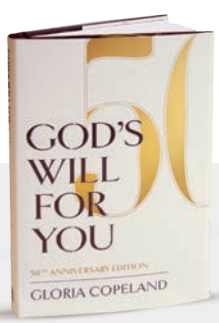
It has everything to do with it! As believers, we've been re-created in God's image so that spiritually we're just like Jesus. We're filled with the same Holy Spirit that filled Him. We have the life of God in our earthly bodies just as He had God's life in His earthly body, so the same power that flowed through Him can flow through us.

That's what the laying on of hands is all about. Jesus said we as believers "shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18). He said the life and the Word of God will not only be made health and healing to our own flesh, it will go into someone else's body and be made life and health to their flesh, too.

God's purpose for you and me, as His born-again sons and daughters, is the same as it was for His Firstborn. We're not just hanging around on earth waiting to go to heaven when we die. We're here to destroy the works of the devil, undo the results of sin and death, and minister life to people. We've been born into God's forever family so we can fellowship with Him, walk in His glory and do His will on earth as it's done in heaven.

I said it before and I'll say it again: God's patience is something to behold! He's been working to bring the Church into unity in the fullness of the stature of Jesus for thousands of years, and now it's about to happen. Jesus is coming soon and what God says in His Word is going to come to pass. So get ready, Church! Believe it. Expect it.

We're about to grow up together in the glory of God!



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The Bible tells us that with peace, Jesus calmed storms. But that peace wasn't just for the disciples long ago, and it isn't just for storms around us. Jesus came to calm the storms inside us today. This peace is His victory gift to you! His presence in you and the life He wants to flow through you was made for your everyday concerns and worries.

Jesus does not only bring peace, He IS peace. When you behold Him, trust Him and yield to Him, His peace becomes the atmosphere you carry with you.

Galatians 5:22–23, *The Passion Translation*, says: "The fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues.… Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless." That word *expressions* means something that comes out of you and shows what is inside. Peace is one of the ways God's love shows up in your life. It grows naturally when you are infused with Jesus and yielded to His Spirit.

Peace isn't fragile, it's victorious. It's not just quiet or calm, it's wholeness and strength that comes from Jesus. It's His presence filling your heart so nothing can shake you.

Peace In the Boat

Remember the storm in Mark 4:35-41? The disciples were terrified while waves crashed around them. They forgot that Jesus was in the boat with them! He had already said, "We're going to the other side." His Word guaranteed their safety, but fear made them forget. When they woke Him, Jesus spoke directly to the storm and said, "Peace, be still," and it obeyed. His peace was in the boat that day because He was in the boat. Now His peace is in YOU. You're like that boat, carrying the Prince of Peace everywhere you go.

Peace That Walks on Water

Later in Jesus' ministry, there was another storm (Matthew 14:22-33). This time, Jesus wasn't IN the boat. Instead, the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water! Again, they were probably afraid, but by then, Peter had spent time with Jesus. He had seen miracles, heard His words, and learned His faithfulness. Peter trusted Him so much that he stepped out of the boat and did the impossible—he walked on water! How could he do this? Peter kept his eyes on Jesus. As long as he looked at Jesus, Peter was infused with courage, peace and a supernatural ability to walk on the water! When he looked away, fear filled the place where peace had been and it sank him. But even in that place of failure, Jesus raised him up! What a picture of resurrection power and infused life. When you behold Jesus, you become more like Him.

Never forget, Superkids, that even when you aren't perfect in following Jesus, you can do the impossible and you will learn you can trust Jesus. Obedience in the middle of peace brings great adventures! Nothing is impossible with God and nothing is impossible for those who believe (Mark 9:23). To believe means to trust Jesus with your whole heart, to know He is faithful to do what He says, and to live like He is really there to see you through.

How do you stay filled with peace? Spend time with Jesus and as you talk and listen to Him, His words bring peace. When you read His Word, peace comes. In John 3:29, John the Baptist said something we can all be: "I am the friend…who stands nearby and listens with great joy to (His) voice. Because of His words, my joy is complete and overflows!" You can see here how joy comes, and peace comes the same way: by staying close to Jesus. Isaiah 26:3 says, "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you" *(New Living Translation)*.

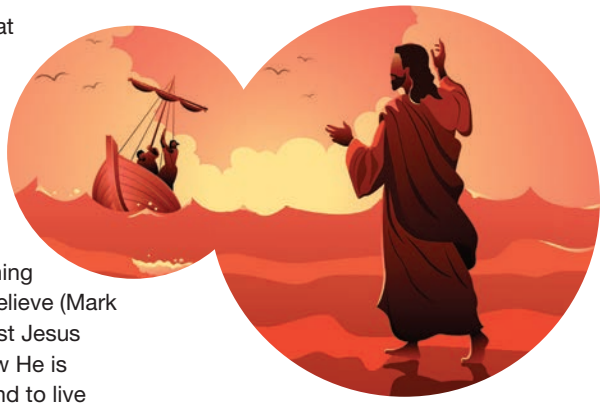
The more you keep your eyes (and ears!) on Jesus, the more His peace fills your heart. And when His peace fills you, it spills out in your words, your choices and your attitude.

So, I'll leave you with HIS words to kick-start your peace today.

In John 14:27, Jesus said, "I leave the gift of peace with you. My peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but My perfect peace. Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts, instead be courageous."

Not Peace OUT, but Peace IN, Superkid.

Commander Kellie



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