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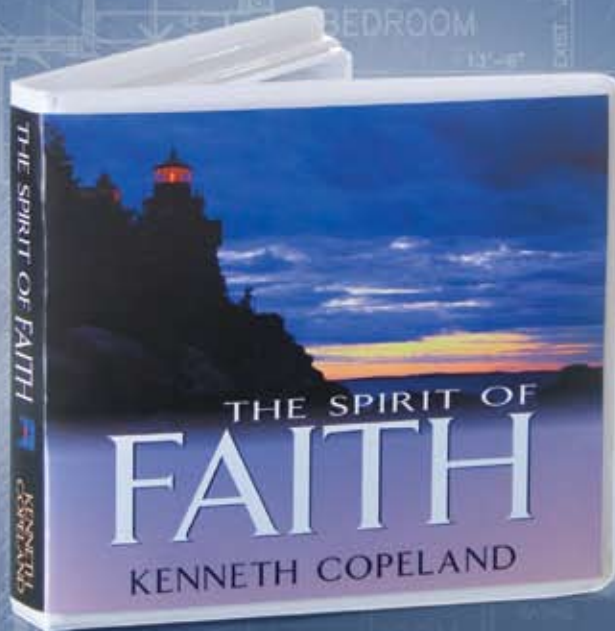
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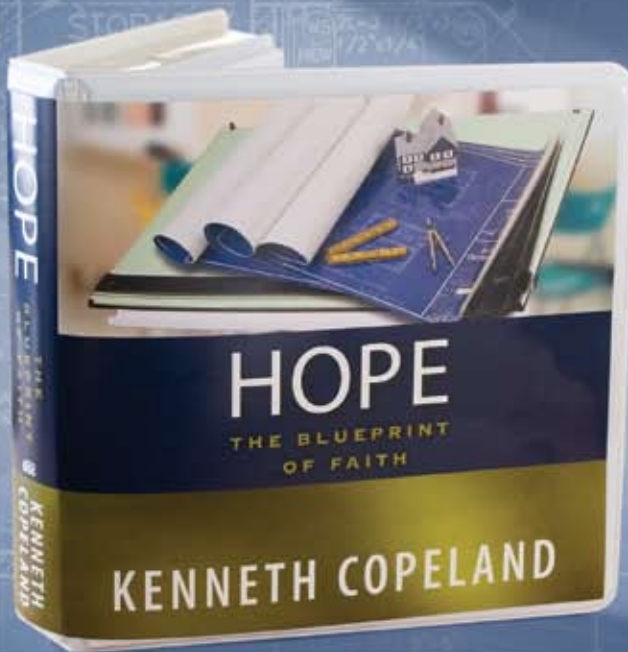
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Those may sound like tough questions—and for many they are. But as born-again children of God, we don't have to rush out to buy a self-help book or sign up for a seminar to figure out the answer. All we have to do is open the Bible. It plainly lays out our priorities.

No. 1: Believe on the Name of Jesus.

No. 2: Walk in love.

That's it. God's Word says if we'll put those two things first in our lives, God will do whatever we ask and the rest of our lives

will fall into place. Personally, I've never had a question about the first of those two priorities. It's always been obvious to me that since faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior is what gives us eternal life and sets us firmly in the family of God, then believing on His Name is the most vital thing we can ever do.

But honestly, I've wondered at times about that second priority. I've puzzled over why it's such a major issue with our heavenly Father. Why is it such a big deal to Him that we live in His love?

BY KENNETH COPELAND



HE PLANNED FOR THEM TO SUBDUE AND RULE THIS PLANET WITH HIS COMPASSION UNTIL THE WHOLE PLACE BECAME a Garden of Eden.

It *is* a big deal, you know. In fact, according to the Bible love is such a paramount issue in the mind of God, when one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to name the greatest commandment of all time, He said: “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).

Think about that! According to Jesus, the command of love is so vital that the entire Word of God—from the Creation account in Genesis to the *Amen* at the end of Revelation—hangs on it. Love is literally the ultimate spiritual law. All the operations of God’s kingdom function in accordance with it, and no one on earth is exempt from it.

CREATED BY LOVE FOR LOVE

Why is God so divinely determined for us to live a life of love?

Recently, I started asking the Lord that question. When I did, the Holy Spirit was quick to answer me. He started out by reminding me that love is the one word that fully encompasses God’s nature. The Bible says, “God *is* love” (1 John 4:8). It affirms again and again that He is completely filled with compassion.

In Psalm 78:38, for instance, the Bible says that even when the Israelites sinned and rebelled against God, “He, being *full of compassion*, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.” And in Psalm 86:15 it says that He is “a God *full of compassion*, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.”

Psalm 111:4 says, “He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and *full of compassion*.” And in Lamentations 3:21-23 we read: “This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because *his compassions fail not*. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”

Those are especially powerful statements when we realize *compassion* means “to have so much mercy and tenderness for someone else that it actually causes pain.” It is the deepest desire to show love and goodness. Compassion is what moves God to do everything He does.

Compassion is what compelled God to create the earth. It’s what inspired Him to prepare the Garden of Eden as a home for the family He was about to create. It is also what moved God to reproduce Himself and make man in His own image. He didn’t just want someone to love, He wanted a family through whom His love could be multiplied—that would bless and fill the earth with His own compassion. That’s why, immediately after He created Adam and Eve, “God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth” (Genesis 1:28).

God’s plan was not just for man to be blessed, but for mankind to be a blessing to everyone and everything he came in contact with. He planned for them to subdue and rule this planet with His compassion until the whole place became a Garden of Eden.

That was Compassion’s plan.

GOD NEVER CHANGES HIS PLANS

One thing I’ve discovered about God: When He makes a plan, He never changes it. Therefore, though Adam and Eve bowed their knee to the devil, threw away God’s blessing,



We’ve been called to perpetuate God’s love in the earth, to fill it up with His compassion, to be a blessing everywhere we go, to everyone we meet!

and opened the door to the curse, God refused to give up His original intent. He kept on declaring His will would eventually be done. He kept on telling His people they were destined to be a blessing and fill the earth with His love.

He told Abraham, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing...and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3).

He spoke through the psalmist and said, "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous" (Psalm 112:1, 4).

He spoke through the prophet Isaiah of One to come who would be anointed with God's own Spirit "to preach good tidings unto the meek; to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (Isaiah 61:1, 3).

Of course, every one of those declarations pointed to the coming of Jesus. He was Compassion's plan—ordained before the foundation of the world to come into this painfully messed-up planet and set things straight again. He was the One destined to take upon Himself the sin, sick-

ness, weakness and pain that had robbed mankind—and all the earth—of the blessing of God.

Jesus came to restore God's original plan.

Do you realize what that means? It means those of us who have believed on Him have been restored to the spiritual position Adam and Eve occupied in the Garden of Eden. Through Jesus, we have received the same blessing and divine commission they did. We've been called to perpetuate God's love in the earth, to fill it up with His compassion, to be a blessing everywhere we go, to everyone we meet!

That's God's plan for every New Testament believer.

God said it to Adam and Eve. He said it to Abraham. He said it to Jesus. And now He has said it to us. *You are called to be a blessing! So wives, bless your husbands. Husbands, bless your wives. Love one another as I have loved you. Do good to all men. Bless, bless, bless!*

Can you see now why walking in love is so important to God? It's the reason He created us!

You may never have thought about it in just that way

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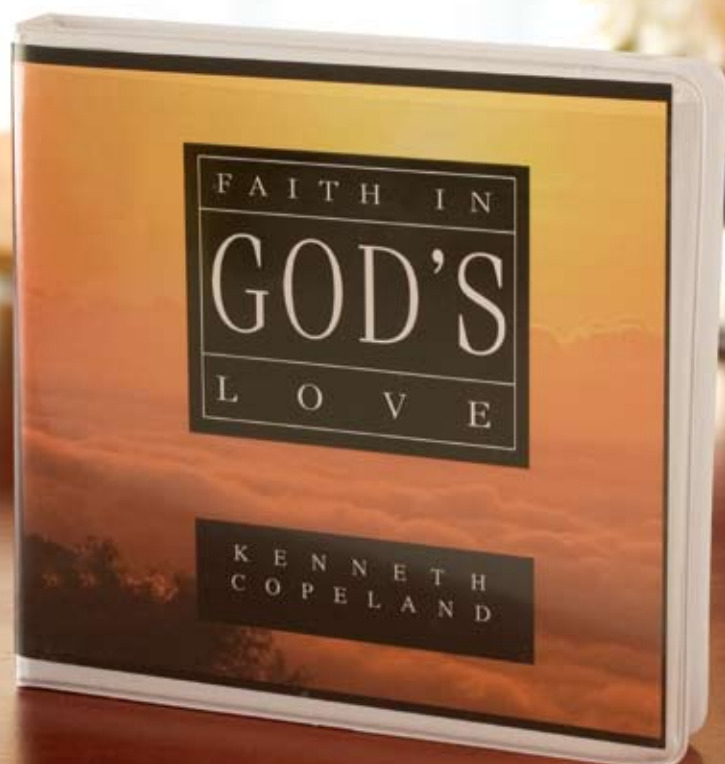
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before but, the truth is, you already knew that. Every born-again believer does. I could stop a Christian on the street anywhere in the world and ask him if we, as believers, are supposed to love one another, and I'd get the right answer every time. Everyone knows Christians are called to live by the law of love.

Are we all doing it? No, we're not. So, clearly there must be a problem. Second Peter 3:1-2 tells us what it is. There the Apostle Peter wrote to people just like us—people who knew full well they were called by Jesus Himself to live by the law of love—and said: “This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour.”

If Christians in Peter's day needed to be reminded to keep the commandment of love, we do too. Just like those first-century believers, sometimes we just plain forget to walk in love toward one another. We forget to make compassion our priority because we don't keep it in the forefront of our thinking. We get our lives out of line with love because mentally we neglect to put first things first.

But, according to the Bible, we can correct that problem. We can stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance. We can build love into our memory so that we think of it before we get dressed in the morning. We can so renew our minds to it that we think of it when we leave the house every day, or sit down at the table to eat, and even before we go to bed at night.

When we keep love on our minds like that, it changes how we interact with people. No matter what they say or do to us, our first thought is to respond in love. If we disregard that thought by yielding to the flesh and acting in a way that's unloving, we'll immediately be aware that we've been disobedient, and we'll repent. Then we'll get right back on track.

A MARVELOUS CYCLE

“Oh, Brother Copeland,” you might say, “I don't think I could ever be that loving.”

Sure, you can. You can walk in love as naturally as a fish swims or a bird flies. The reason is simple. As a born-again child of God, you've been re-created in the very image of Love Himself. You're made just like Him and He is full of compassion 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He is, always and forever, love.

“Yeah, but sometimes I'm just mean. I can't help myself! I guess God just made me that way.”

Don't go around blaming God for your carnal self-indulgences. He's not responsible for them. As my spiritual father, Oral Roberts, used to say, “God never created anyone to be something He has forbidden.” So if we act hatefully or unkindly it's not because God made us that way; it's because we've yielded to the pressure the devil is putting on our flesh. We may have even yielded to it for so long that we think that ugly stuff is a part of our identity.

But it's not. It's just flesh and everything in the flesh can be changed and replaced by the power of God's Word and by the power of His love. It can be overcome when we stop defining ourselves by our carnal habits and renew our minds to our true identity in Christ.

One man who understood that fact very well was the Apostle Paul. He knew more about who we are in Christ than any man who ever walked this earth with the exception of Jesus Himself. He prayed continually for believers to have the spirit of wisdom and revelation because he knew what would happen when we began to see our real identity: We'd start acting like who we truly are. We'd start acting like Jesus.

No wonder Paul prayed for the believers to be rooted and grounded in love (Ephesians 3:14-19). That's our native soil. We were born in and of Love! The more we operate in that love, the better we comprehend God because love is what makes God tick, so to speak. It's the driving force of His being. It's who He is.

To our natural minds, such a thing may seem impossible. But the Bible says it's not. I don't care how far-out it may sound, God is able to finish the plan He started in the Garden of Eden. He is able to reproduce Himself so fully in you, me and every other believer that we fill the whole earth with His goodness and love. He is able to make us a blessing to all the families of the earth.

So release your faith for it. Stir up your pure mind by way of remembrance. Keep love in the forefront of your mind by confessing daily, “I keep the commandment of love. I love the Lord my God with all my heart, all my soul and all my strength. I love my neighbor as myself. God's love has been shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost and I release it everywhere I go. I will be a blessing to everyone I meet today.”

Remind yourself every day that Compassion has a plan—and He is fulfilling that plan through you! **VICTORY**

Called to Spiritual Fatherhood

EVERY MAN IS CALLED TO BE A FATHER. | THAT IS QUITE A STATEMENT THE LORD RECENTLY GAVE ME. YOU MIGHT BE ASKING, “EVERY MAN A FATHER?” | ABSOLUTELY! | THE LORD WASN’T IMPLYING THAT ALL MEN NEEDED TO HAVE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN. RATHER, HE WAS SAYING THAT ALL CHRISTIAN MEN—ESPECIALLY MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL—ARE CALLED OF GOD TO BE SPIRITUAL FATHERS IN THE FAITH.

Right this minute, there are people in your life who are desperate for father figures. They are looking for godly men to be godly examples.

I have been pastoring for over 14 years. But it wasn’t until just recently that the idea of

being a spiritual father to others became a reality for me.

I was preparing the Father’s Day message last June, when a “great awakening” took place in my heart. The Lord revealed to me that there were people in my congregation who were looking to me as a “spiritual” father. I had become a “daddy” in the faith to them. They were seeing me as a father in the same way my son, Jeremy, and my daughter, Aubrey, look to me as their father.

Never underestimate the power of fatherhood. **Never underestimate** the need for fathers.

BY PASTOR GEORGE PEARSONS



Wherever we go, we always ask pastors the same question, “What is the greatest need that you have in this country?” Their answer? “We need spiritual fathers!”

Brother Kenneth E. Hagin has preached that the pastor is the “daddy” of the church. Over the years, many people have referred to him as “Dad” Hagin. There are so many people today who view Brother Kenneth Copeland as their spiritual “dad”—their father in the faith. And over this last year, I have begun to experience the transition to spiritual fatherhood as well.

I received cards and notes last year that emphasized the fact that people in our congregation were looking to me as their spiritual father. They were looking to me for guidance, direction, love, acceptance and integrity—everything our own natural children look to their fathers to fulfill.

“Thank you for everything you have done for me. I now have a father in my life, thanks to you!”

“You remind me of my late father. You two are alike—sensitive, tender and thoughtful.”

“Thank you for showing me not only the love of God, but also the love of a father.”

“Even without knowing it, you have been a father to me.”

Spiritual Fathers

I do not share these comments in order to exalt myself. God forbid! I share them to help men realize that people are looking up to us to be the example of our heavenly Father. I am still amazed that people view me in that light. But, I am also learning how to step in to that role by faith and be the father I am called to be.

The need for spiritual fathers is great.

The story is told in Spain of a father and his teenage son whose relationship had become strained. The son decided to run away from home. Heartbroken, the father began a journey in search of his rebellious son.

The search led him to Madrid. The father placed an advertisement in the newspaper as a last-ditch effort to locate the boy.

The ad read, “Dear Paco, meet me in front of the newspaper office at noon. All is forgiven. I love you. Your father.”

The next day at noon, 800 “Pacos” showed up. They all came seeking love, forgiveness and acceptance from their fathers.

Never underestimate the power of fatherhood. Never underestimate the need for fathers.

Our children are crying out for them. Adults live their lives hungering for the love, approval and acceptance of a father. The need for true fathers is real—and it is staggering.

My wife, Terri, and I have been traveling all over the world on behalf of Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Wherever we go, we always ask pastors the same question, “What is the greatest need that you have in this country?” Their answer? “We need spiritual fathers!”

Unfortunately, many men never come to the realization of how important this powerful call to spiritual fatherhood actually is.

The Apostle Paul said it best in 1 Corinthians 4:14-16, *New Living Translation*: “I am not writing these things to shame you, but to warn you *as my beloved children*. For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the



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Good News to you. So I ask you to follow my example and do as I do.”

A Father's Love

Since Father's Day, I have been seeing myself as a father to those the Lord has placed in my life, nurturing them as a father would nurture his own children. I desire to see them grow and become all God has destined them to be. I am always willing to encourage them and never afraid to lovingly correct. I want the very best for their lives—as a father desires the very best for his children.

There is something so precious, so wonderful, so holy about fatherhood.

I looked up to my father. He provided stability and security. He always seemed to know what to say. We never went without. His wisdom for us and compassion toward others was a hallmark of his life. He was

a man of integrity. His effect on my life is evident to this day. If you know me, you know my father. What influence fathers have on their sons and daughters!

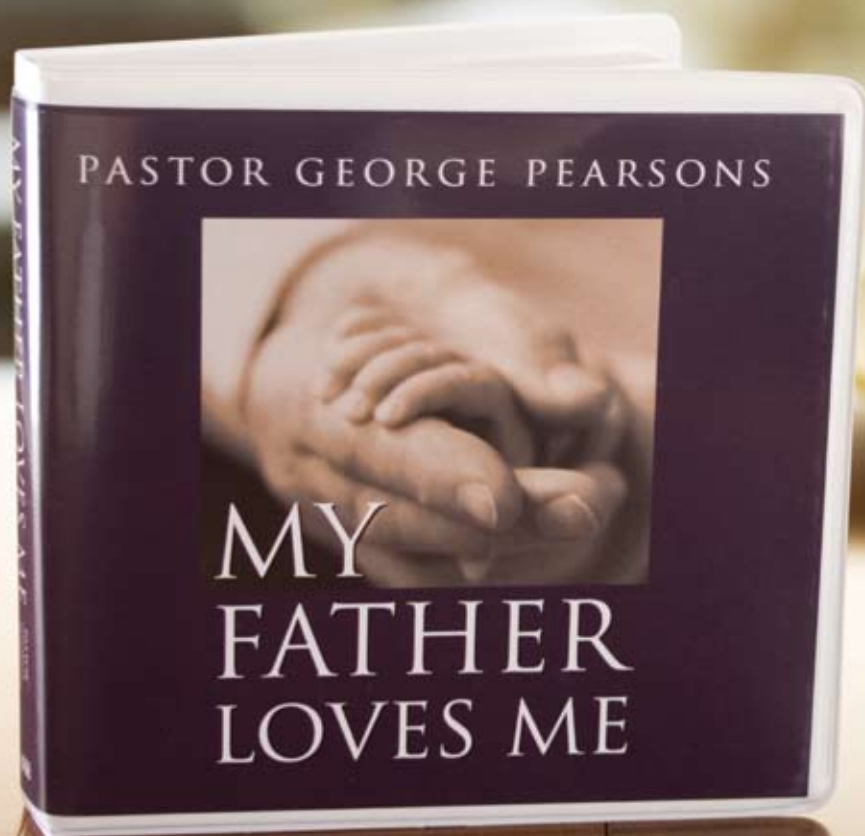
Every man is called to be a father!

There comes a time in every man's life to “step up to the plate” and fulfill his role as a spiritual father. People around us are crying out for it. Spiritual orphans are out there, waiting for a father like you to mentor them. Begin to see yourself as a father to those the Lord places in your life.

As we men continue to seek the Lord, study His Word, live holy lives and be an example, God will equip us to do for *others* what He does best for us as our loving, caring, heavenly Father. **VICTORY**

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God desires to be involved in every part of your life...and to show you a love like you've never experienced before. In this heartfelt series, Pastor George Pearsons relates how he experienced personal dissatisfaction in his relationship with God, and what he discovered that changed everything: the Father's love.

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Equipping a New Generation of Faith

For close to 20 years, KCM has been producing books, devotionals, magazines, tapes, CDs, music videos and movies specifically designed to minister to children around the globe.

The Superkids and Wichita Slim Are Born

The idea for *Commander Kellie and the Superkids_{SM}* was birthed in the 1980s, and the first Superkids adventure audiotope was released in 1989. Three more audiotope adventures followed. By 1992, the first *Commander Kellie and the Superkids* movie, *The Intruder*, had been released. That same year, Wichita Slim (Kenneth Copeland's western character) made his first appearance, to the delight of young audiences all over the world.

"We set out to do full-length motion pictures, and in those motion pictures, train and teach the power of the Word of God," Brother Copeland explained.

The next Superkids movie, *The Armor of Light*, debuted in 1995, followed by *The Sword* in October 1997. Then, in May 1999, *Judgment: The Trial of Commander Kellie*—the most recent Superkids movie—was released.

A powerful film, *Judgment* was built around Revelation 12:11: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..."

"The Lord told us to make this film about the blood of Jesus," Kellie Copeland, a.k.a. Commander Kellie, shared.

Premieres of *Judgment* were held around the world following the movie's initial release, and thousands of children came to Jesus.

Something to SHOUT! About

In addition to audio teachings and movies, KCM began reaching out to children via print in April 1993,

when the first children's comic page appeared in the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine. By May 1994, that single page had grown into an entire full-color magazine just for children, called *Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids*. The subscription list for the comic-book-style magazine grew from about 5,000 early on to more than 150,000 when its last issue was distributed in 2006.

Funds that were being used to produce *Shout!* are now being funneled into other faith-filled products for children, adding to our library that already includes: *The Faith Adventures of Wichita Slim* videos and books; *Baby Praise* and *Baby Praise Christmas*; *The Superkids* novels; *The Shout! Super-Activity Book*; *Noah's Ark Coloring Book*; *Over The Edge*, a daily devotional for teens; and so much more.

KCM's commitment to children remains strong. From special children's ministry at Believers' Conventions to new power-packed products, God is using KCM to reach, teach and equip children worldwide.

VICTORY



BY KENNETH COPELAND

MOUNTAIN-MOVING

FAITH

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU AS A BELIEVER TO REALIZE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU THE POWER AND ABILITY TO OPERATE IN THE GOD KIND OF FAITH. GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IS THAT YOU BE DELIVERED FROM THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD (GALATIANS 1:4). HE DOES NOT WANT YOU TO LIVE SUBJECT TO ITS BEGGARLY ELEMENTS. AS YOU ACT ON GOD'S WORD, YOU WILL RELEASE THE POWER OF GOD WITHIN YOU, THAT MOUNTAIN-MOVING FAITH, TO BRING VICTORY FOR YOU OVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LIFE.

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

ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses (Mark 11:22-26).

When you begin to use your faith to move a mountain in your life, you must begin with a *spiritual* foundation on the Word of God.

The *Translator's New Testament* says, "If anyone says to this mountain, 'Be carried away and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is happening, then it will happen for him" (Mark 11:23). Believing you receive is believing that it is happening for you now!

The purpose of mountain-moving faith is to remove the things which come into our lives to hinder us spiritually, mentally, financially or physically. Some people believe that this promise only pertains to spiritual mountains. However, in Matthew 21:21, Jesus used faith-filled words to cause a fig tree to wither from the roots and die. That was *natural*, not *spiritual*.

In Mark 11:22-26, Jesus said, "whosoever," so this is for the believer, not just for the minister or someone with some kind of special calling. You have the potential to operate in the same faith that I have. He also said, "When you stand praying, forgive." Operating in mountain-moving faith is dependent upon operating in forgiveness. Faith pleases God, but faith works by love (Galatians 5:6). It is impossible to please God and to hold something in your heart against someone at the same time. You forgive because you *choose* to forgive and because it pleases God, not because you *feel* like doing it.



Your aim is to cause your soul to work in harmony *with* your spirit.

Believing You Receive

Mountain-moving faith is centered around believing you receive (believing it is happening for you now!). There is more to believing you receive than just having someone lay hands on you and saying, "I believe I receive." Some people will have others pray in faith, but will not put themselves into it enough to really receive anything from God. It takes effort and commitment to the Word of God to walk in this kind of faith.

In order to believe you receive, you must establish in your heart that the Word of God is true. You need a standard, something that will put you in agreement with God. The miracle you need is already inside of you because God is in you. All you need is to find the key that will open the door and release it. The key is getting your spirit, soul and body in agreement with the Word.

You Are a Triune Being

You are a spirit. You have a soul, which consists of your mind, your will and your emotions. And, you live in a body. Each area has a specific role to play in believing you receive.

Each area of your being produces a specific type of strength. As your body is nourished with food, it produces physical strength. Your soul produces willpower as you feed your mind intellectually. Your spirit produces a spiritual force called "faith." It must be nourished with spiritual food—the Word of God. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

God made you a spirit-being which gave you the ability to have dominion over the natural realm. When you begin to use your faith to move a mountain in your life, you must begin with a *spiritual* foundation on the Word of God.

At the new birth, your spirit receives the faith of God and the nature of God. You do not have to be concerned about your spirit believing the Word. It is born of God and it assimilates spiritual food and produces faith. Jesus said, "My words are spirit and

they are life." Basing your faith on the Word of God is the spiritual aspect of believing you receive.

The Word Is Your Foundation

The Word of God is your foundation. Most of the time, when you pray, you can still see the mountain or feel the pain in your body. The Word is the only thing solid enough to stand on when opposition comes your way. First John 5:14-15 says, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." God's Word is His will.

First John 3:22 says that we receive whatever we ask of Him because we keep His commandments and do those things which are pleasing in His sight. We receive our petition when we pray in line with His Word.

Anchoring the Soul

The Word of God must also affect your mind, your will and your emotions. Your aim is to cause your soul to work in harmony *with* your spirit. By doing so, you will open the floodgates of the power of the Holy Spirit within you. It will cause a change to come in your physical body and your natural circumstances.

The participation of your soul in believing you receive involves *hope*. Your mind must have an image to focus upon. Hebrews 11:1 says that faith is the substance of things hoped for. Hope is a vital part of this scripture. It is the goal setter. Hebrews 6:19 says that hope is the anchor of the soul. Without that anchor, the faith of God which is in you cannot be channeled in a specific direction.

Hope is the blueprint, or inner image of the mountain being removed. You need a clear, strong picture on the inside built on the promises of God because

prophetic words 1984



In February 1984, in Soweto, South Africa, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland sat in a small trailer, across from a "young German man, full of fire"—Reinhard Bonnke, and his wife, Annie. It was the first time they'd met the intense evangelist, and suddenly the spirit of prophecy came upon Brother Copeland.

First, he prophesied that Bonnke would one day preach to millions—which happened in November 2000 in Lagos—but when they shook hands to leave, the moment their hands clasped, Kenneth prophesied, "Reinhard, stay prepared. There is coming an hour when I'm going to send you back to Germany to do some things because I am going to take that Berlin Wall down and I'm going to do it miraculously and I want you to be ready with the gospel when I do."

Five years later, the Lord made that prophecy about the Berlin Wall public. On Sunday morning, June 4, 1989, at Eagle Mountain International Church, Kenneth stood up and prophesied

that bold message again: "The Berlin Wall will come down." Of course, at the time it was totally outlandish to even think about the Berlin Wall coming down. But five months later, on November 9, 1989, it did!



A portion of the Berlin Wall is now a monument in Berlin.

Though God delivered the word prophetically through him, Brother Copeland said that "bringing down the Berlin Wall was above my thinking when it came down. Especially the way it happened. It was there in full strength one day and gone the next. No one was allowed to preach openly in Eastern Europe one day and suddenly all of Europe was open the next. When our God decides it's time for change, the impossible melts before Him like butter on a griddle." **VICTORY**

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hope is the plan that your faith will bring to pass. If it isn't clear, faith cannot produce it. If it isn't strong it won't hold as an anchor. The image begins in the mind. After meditating in the Word, it will form in your spirit. As you confess the Word your hope is built on, it builds and takes root in your heart with more and more strength. From that abundance, faith will flow and bring good things to pass (Matthew 12:34).

It takes meditation in the Word—seeing it, writing it, hearing it, speaking it—to change your inner image. God gave you an imagination so that you could paint an image of the Word on the canvas of your mind. That mental picture forms the good treasure of your heart. Out of that good treasure, you will bring good things to pass.

Faith Is an Action

The last area to get involved in, in believing that you receive, is the body. The body always wants to be first, but you must get your spirit and soul in their proper places first. You *must* be on the Word. Your soul *must* be anchored with an inner image of the Word. Then, you *must* act on the Word.

James 2:17 says, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." *Works* in this scripture means "corresponding action." If your spirit and soul believe the Word, but you do not act accordingly, your faith will not come to completion.

Your physical body will do whatever it is trained to do. If you have an inner image of the Word of God and you are speaking it in faith from your spirit, but you are acting contrary to what you are saying, you will hinder your faith. You must train your body to follow the Word of God. If you are believing for healing in your body, do something that you could not do before! Act on what you believe. Begin to act like the Word is true.

Believing you receive is your spirit, your soul and your body working together in harmony with the Word of God, giving the Spirit of God the opportunity to bring it to pass in your life.

Reach out in faith today. Believe "it is happening for you now." Allow the mountain-moving faith, the God kind of faith within you to change your circumstances as well as your life! Glory to God!

VICTORY

Dear Kenneth and Gloria,

Congratulations to you, my dear friend, Kenneth Copeland, on your 70th birthday and your and Gloria's 40th year in ministry!



You are a man of extraordinary faith and deep personal humility. You consistently demonstrate your belief in God's ability to perform miracles in the lives of others and you have strengthened the faith of millions! Only eternity can reveal the profound effectiveness of your ministry's impact in the kingdom of God.

I pray that our Lord will grant you and Gloria many more years of effective ministry.

Pat Robertson
Christian Broadcasting Network
Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Kenneth and Gloria,

Congratulations, Kenneth, on your 70th birthday, and to both of you on 40 productive years in the ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ!

Cathy and I have been at your side for 30 of those 40 years, and we have witnessed your response to God and man, both in public and behind closed doors. Your complete dedication to God and to each other, no matter what, inspires us to excellence—as it has inspired millions!

Thank you for your integrity, compassion, tenacity and love.

Pastors Len
and Cathy Mink
Len Mink Ministries
Tulsa, Okla.



GoodNewsGazette

God Is Faithful

My husband and I have some exciting news to share with you. We gave birth to our firstborn—a daughter. We named her Liberty Nicole. I wanted to thank you for your magazine and CDs. Being immersed in the Word has made all the difference.

We had tried for more than five years to conceive. We also suffered two miscarriages. When we learned that we were pregnant this time, we were more determined than ever to stand in agreement with God's Word concerning this pregnancy. Galatians 3:13, *New International Version*, says that Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. Deuteronomy 28 lists the curses we have been redeemed from and the blessings that are ours. We are thankful that: "The fruit of your womb will be blessed" (verse 4), and that we have been redeemed from the curse of being barren (verse 18). In redemption comes liberation, hence her name—Liberty.

Lisa and Mark | Oklahoma



Fear thou not; FOR I AM WITH THEE; BE NOT DISMAYED; FOR I AM THY GOD; I WILL STRENGTHEN THEE.... (ISAIAH 41:10)

Lullabies Impart Peace and Healing

My little granddaughter underwent two surgeries hours after her birth—the first to close the opening on her back (spina bifida), and the second to put a shunt in her head to drain the spinal fluid.

During her stay at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, the nursing staff agreed to let us play the lullaby CD continuously at Libby's bedside. The music, sung by Kellie Copeland, was within earshot of all the newborns, visiting parents, nurses and doctors who entered the room. As the days passed, everyone who passed through my granddaughter's module was singing or humming the songs. The babies slept peacefully, and a few of the newborns, who in some cases had lived there for several months, were finally going home. It was obvious that the healing hands of Jesus were not only touching my granddaughter, but everyone who entered that room. This CD is truly an inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Please pass this message along to Kellie, and let her know how we greatly appreciate her music and the influence it continues to have on my granddaughter's health and healing. Thank you.

Karen Moore | Indiana

God Healed My Arm

A few months ago, I injured my forearm on the job. I reported the accident and asked the human resource manager to schedule a doctor's appointment for me. A week later the company had not called to set up an appointment, so I went into the office to remind them. After two weeks, there was still no appointment. So, I prayed and asked God how this was going to go. A few days later, your magazine showed up in the mail. There was an article written by Kenneth about letting God do the impossible in your life. I started applying the principles that Kenneth wrote about and in three days the pain was gone. I had to stand on God's Word a little longer to get my strength back, but praise God, I don't have any more trouble with my arm.

P.L. | Kansas

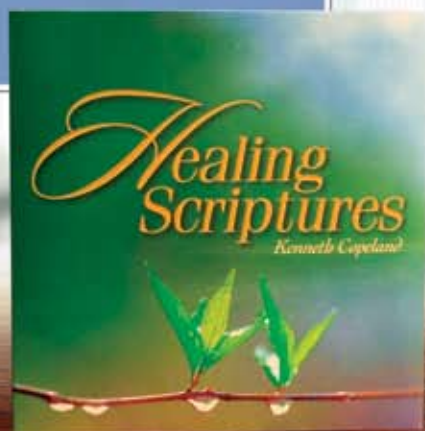
Healing Scriptures Restore Heart

Thank you so much for the healing material you recently sent me. It was an answer to prayer. I emailed you a few weeks ago about my 19-year-old son. He had been having chest pains and shortness of breath. After having several tests, it appeared to his doctor the left side of his heart was not beating correctly and too slowly. He was referred to a cardiologist.

You started praying, my church was praying, as well as other friends. I was looking for all the healing scriptures I could find when your *How to Receive Healing* packet came. I started quoting the scripture about healing and fear, and my son was believing and saying the scriptures.

When we went to the doctor, the PA said his heart was beating and pumping as normal as a well-trained athlete. We are so thankful to God for this miracle, because we believe if we had not stood in faith and had all that prayer backing us up, and most important if we had given in to the spirit of fear that was pressing, the outcome could have been different. So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

S.F. | Texas



I Will Never Leave You, or Forsake You

My wife and I have been watching your program, *Believer's Voice of Victory*, for years and we have been extremely blessed. You and your guests have covered many topics that have really hit home. In February 2005, I was taken to the hospital by ambulance, because I could not use my right leg. I was very weak and could barely stand. Once there, they did an ultrasound and found a blood clot the size of a golf ball. They admitted me and did surgery two hours later.

After several more tests, it was determined that I had malignant cancer. The following Monday I had surgery. After I awoke from the surgery, one of the doctors said with a gloomy face, "You know what we found in there, don't you?"

I said with a smile, "Yes, you found malignant cancer, so what do you want me to do about it?" I had no fear at all. I knew what the Word of God said and

that was all that I needed. That Wednesday I started chemotherapy. The chemo dropped my white blood cells count from 10,000 to 0. I was so weak that I could hardly hold my head up. I was watching a monitor and looking at how good my blood pressure was. All of a sudden, it crashed down to 77/44. I knew from the medical training I had, that I was in the danger zone of going into cardiac arrest, but I didn't. I told a nurse that I could not breathe. The last thing I remember, they were rushing me to ICU, where I spent the next three and a half weeks on a respirator. They kept telling my wife to call all my family; that I most likely wouldn't make it through another night. But my God had other plans.

After I woke up from the coma, I heard the Lord speak to my spirit through His. He said, *I will never leave you or forsake you!* That ministered to me. When I was able to turn on the television, the first program that I saw was *Believer's Voice of Victory*. God healed everything that the devil had tried to steal.

Pastor Grady Lloyd | Texas

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Surrounded by God's Protection

I want to praise the Lord for His protection. My husband was driving on the highway when two other cars behind him bumped into his car. The others were damaged but on his, not even a scratch. Since I've read Kellie Copeland's "Protecting Your Family in Dangerous Times," every morning I plead the blood of Jesus over my son, husband and myself. Glory be to God!
J.C. - Canada



KCM Helped Turn My Life Around

You have turned my life around, and I praise and thank God for the day I tuned in to your broadcast.

Over the last few years I have had what I would call a crisis of faith. I had given up all hope of ever discovering God again. Sometimes I felt I was just a priest who was going through the motions, but lacking spiritual reality. Outwardly, I performed and did what was expected of me, but inwardly I was dying spiritually. God seemed remote and distant. Who could I turn to? It seemed like I couldn't turn to anyone. I was the one who supported and helped others through their crises, stood by and nurtured and encouraged them. How could I admit that I was struggling to hold on to my faith? The church offered me no solace.

I was sinking deeper and deeper into despair and I knew that unless God broke through and touched my life afresh, I could not in all good conscience continue in the church. Then in September 2005 something happened. God broke through in a fresh way. It started with me watching the GOD Channel on Sky TV and listening to such speakers as Kenneth Copeland, Creflo Dollar and others. Initially, I was skeptical of their teaching, but the more I listened, the more I started to do as they suggested: meditate on verses of Scripture and ponder them. I started to talk to God and use what was written in the Bible to form the basis of my prayers. I was hungry for God for the first time in years. My wife started to notice I was changing and commented on those changes. Then as my heart was warmed, I fell in love with God afresh. It felt like I had been born again, again!

My wife and I are now Partners with KCM and I could never imagine that our Christian walk with God could be so real and so full of life and excitement. We have what the Bible calls life in abundance. I discovered God again through KCM.

M.E. | England





BY MELANIE HENRY

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Life Death

The music from 18-year-old Juan Juarez's stereo shook the Cadillac as the bass kept beat with the rhythm of his heart. The effects of his last hit of heroin had worn off and his wasted body screamed for more. Satisfying its demands was costing Juan \$200 a day. The stash of stolen rifles, shotguns and pistols stuffed in the Caddy's trunk would be sold to gangs to pay the bill.



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For all his bravado and youth, Juan felt like a hopeless old man. He had never intended to become a high school dropout or a heroin addict. All he'd wanted was a little fun.

It had started by experimenting with marijuana. From there Juan progressed to LSD and PCP—including using needles in his veins.

Unlike other drugs he'd tried, Juan became addicted to heroin after using it only a few times. Without it he suffered cold sweats and withdrawals. His body held him hostage—demanding *more...more...more*.

At 18, Juan had accepted the fact that he would probably die young of an overdose, a bullet or a knife. It wasn't the kind of future he wanted, but then it wasn't his future that was driving him now. It was his constant craving for the next fix.

That's what was on Juan's mind when the sounds from his stereo were suddenly overpowered by that of sirens. Heart racing, he watched in the rearview mirror as the flashing lights sped up behind him, and his friends jumped from the car like rats from a sinking ship.

Spread-eagle against his Cadillac while being searched, Juan looked up at the warm California sun and felt the breeze on his face.

So this is my last day of freedom.

DEATH BY SWITCHBLADE

The cell door that slammed on Juan's future kept him incarcerated for a year. When he was released, Juan was more hardened, bitter and angry than ever before. He was also more dangerous.

Juan had managed to use enough drugs during his imprisonment to keep his addictions at bay. But once he was released, they raged out of control.

One night at a party where alcohol and drugs were in abundance, Juan got into a drug-related fight. In an instant, the blade of a knife had carved up his face, splitting his nostril in half.

Blood gushed from his face as Juan gasped, fighting to breathe. *Death came through door No. 3*, Juan thought as friends rushed him to the hospital. *It was a switchblade instead of a bullet or an overdose.*

Emergency room doctors staunched the flow of blood and stitched up the gaping wound. The knife had just missed his eye. Surprised to be alive, Juan tried to take advantage of his second chance at life

by staggering home. Heartsick over the condition of her youngest son, his mother nursed him through the cold sweats. But in the end heroin ushered him back to the streets.

Juan had just turned 19 when the drug demons demanded more. Pocketing a stolen .38-caliber revolver, he broke into a home and robbed it. Once outside, two homeowners confronted him.

Pulling the revolver from his pocket, Juan shoved it toward the man's face. "You'd better let me go," he said, an unmistakable menace in his voice.

"Don't you know that there's a better way to live your life?" one of the men asked. "God loves you!"

God loves you.

The words were more powerful than a stun gun. Frozen in place, Juan felt paralyzed by their power. When he hesitated, the man grabbed his gun and both men subdued him.

This time the judge sentenced him to two years in a youth authority prison.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

"I had hit bottom," Juan recalls. "I had lost all hope of living a life apart from heroin."

"I'd lost the friends I'd had. My world consisted of danger, drugs and gangs. I celebrated my 21st birthday in a youth authority prison. My friends, the other inmates, threw me a birthday party. Having grown up in poverty, it was the first one of my life. For a birthday present, they gave me drugs."

At 21, Juan was released from prison. He was a heroin addict and he was weary of the sick cycle of his life.

"I'm never going back to prison," he vowed. But then it happened again.

Arrested on a weapons charge, Juan found himself standing before the same judge who had sentenced him twice before.

"I don't know why I'm doing this," the judge said with a sigh, "but I'm giving you a choice. You'll serve 10 years in prison, or you can go to rehab."

"I'll take rehab, Judge," Juan agreed.

This will be easy!



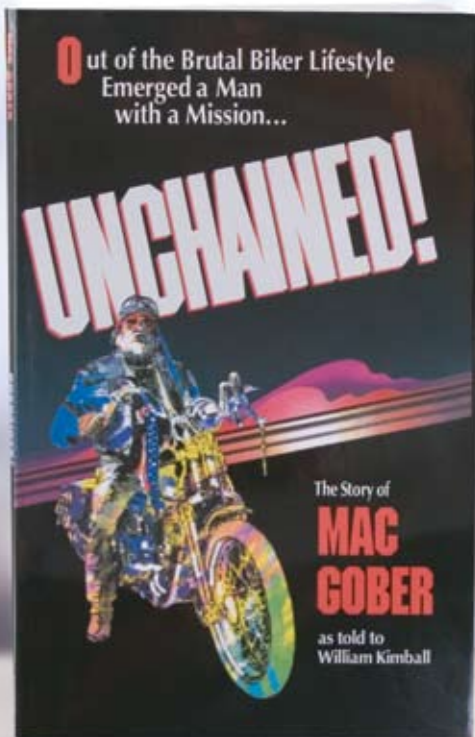
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THE GREATEST CHALLENGE

Juan Juarez had no way of knowing he was about to face the greatest challenge of his life. The judge sent him to Teen Challenge in Riverside, Calif., a faith-based program for people at risk. Teen Challenge required him to give up all his vices: heroin, drugs, alcohol and even cigarettes.

Hardhearted and unwilling to change, Juan copped an attitude and put up emotional walls that were impossible to penetrate. Impossible for everyone...except God. The man at Teen Challenge taught the Word of God in a way Juan had never heard.

After six months in rehab his mind-set began to change. What changed it was a steady diet of messages from three ministers of the gospel—Kenneth Copeland, Jerry Savelle and Kenneth Hagin.



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"It was Kenneth Copeland who broke down my barriers," Juan says. "His testimony touched me and gave me something that had been missing in my life for a long time. He gave me hope. Brother Copeland wasn't your regular preacher. He was bold and matter-of-fact. He talked to me right where I lived and explained the gospel in a way I could understand.

"I learned about righteousness, hope and faith. I devoured tapes and books. I discovered I didn't have to be good enough for God to accept me, because Jesus had already paid the penalty for my sin. He bore it on the cross. I learned to pray.

"I meditated on the Word of God, and Jesus revealed Himself to me through His Word. What that man said to me when I had a .38 pointed at his face was true. God loved *me*, Juan Juarez!

"I learned to take a faith stand over my own ruined life. I learned to live in victory."

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

The change in Juan Juarez's life was so dramatic that months after giving his life to Jesus, his leaders at Teen Challenge took him to juvenile halls where he gave his testimony to teenagers and helped them get out of a life of despair. Toward the end of 1976, after almost 10 months in rehab, Juan walked out a free man.

Back home in Bakersfield, he found honest work. His old friends from the gangs circled like buzzards after roadkill, but Juan simply told them about Jesus. Some walked away, others gave their hearts and lives to the Lord.

A few months out of rehab, Juan was contacted by Teen Challenge and asked if he would supervise a new men's rehab home in Bakersfield.

I lived outright for the devil, why can't I do the same for Jesus? Juan thought before accepting the position.

"I taught those men the things that set me free," Juan says. "During that time I met a young woman named Kathy who lived in Anaheim. With my tape player on the seat next to me, I stocked up on batteries and listened to the Word of God as I drove back and forth to visit her.

"In 1978 we married. That same year Kenneth Copeland held a Believers' Convention in Anaheim. I was so hungry for the Word of God I got up while it was still dark and stood in line for hours to get a good seat. From then on I always attended the meetings. I volunteered to usher just to help out. One year, Dennis Burke headed up the prayer counselors and I volunteered as a prayer counselor.

"Back in Bakersfield after the meeting, I found a box at my apartment. Inside was a first edition Kenneth

Copeland Bible—signed by Kenneth Copeland. That Bible meant so much to me I slept with it one night. I still have it today. My partnership with KCM has always been a matter of life and death for me.”

Shortly thereafter, the Lord called Juan to attend Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Okla. He and Kathy moved there, where their son, Christopher, was born that year. Juan graduated in 1980, and the family moved back to California where he traveled and preached in churches and jails. And in 1982, their second son, Eric, was born.

In 1983, a Christian chief of police contacted Juan and asked for help. “In one month we’ve had eight drug-related killings in the valley,” he explained. “If I rent a hall and get some sound equipment would you preach?”

Juan agreed. The hall, which held 500 people, was packed at each service for three days. As Juan gave his testimony and preached the uncompromised gospel, people streamed to the altar—leaving guns, knives and drugs there. About 200 made professions of faith.

The killings stopped instantly.

What are you going to do with all those new believers? the Lord asked. At His prompting, Juan and Kathy started Valley Faith Fellowship in Delano, Calif. Many of the converts from that meeting became members.

RESTORATION

In the aftermath of Juan’s conversion, his mother, father and brother, Rudy, all gave their hearts to Jesus. Today, Rudy plays bass in the Valley Faith Fellowship band.

In 2006, Juan Juarez celebrated his 30th year serving the Lord. Jerry Savelle preached the service and Juan had Kathy, his wife, friend and co-pastor, at his side. His had been a long journey from the hopelessness of heroin addiction to living a life of faith.

Ever in the business of restoration, God had a surprise gift of His own. In October 2006, St. Thomas Christian College presented Pastor Juan with an honorary doctorate degree. God not only delivered Juan from drug addiction, radically changed his life and surrounded him with the love of a beautiful wife and family, He resurrected the education Juan thought he had lost.

It’s been 30 years since a man in the darkness with a gun in his face uttered those life-changing words to Juan Juarez, “God loves you.”

That same God loves you, and what He did for Juan Juarez, He will certainly do for you. Dare to believe. **VICTORY**

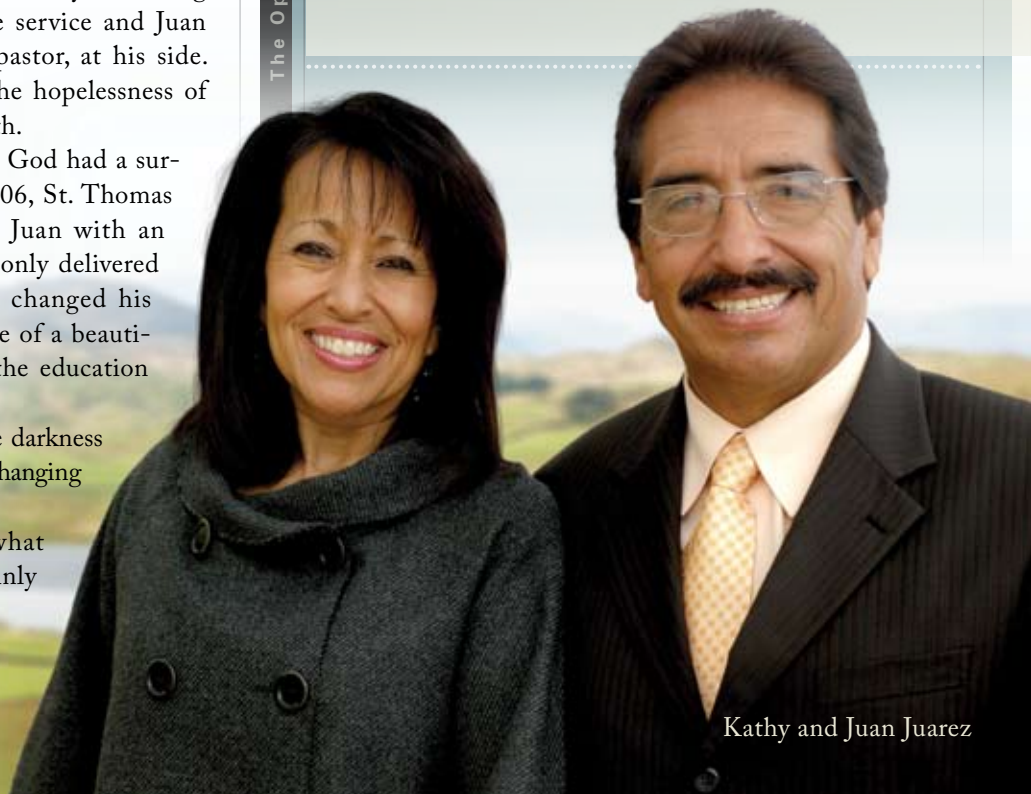
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If you feel you’re at the end of the line, there is *hope*. Partnership—joining your faith with another—can make all the difference. For Juan Juarez, it was the difference between life and death. When a person takes a stand in faith and partners with another, miracles happen. Relationships are restored, finances break through and ministries are born. There’s *nothing* the enemy can do to stop them!

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Kathy and Juan Juarez



DON'T DABBLE IN DREAD!

GOD'S PLAN FOR US IS THAT WE HAVE LIFE AND ENJOY IT! JESUS SAID IN JOHN 10:10, "I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE AND ENJOY LIFE, AND HAVE IT IN ABUNDANCE (TO THE FULL, TILL IT OVERFLOWS)" (*THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE*). | WHY THEN DO WE SEE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO DON'T SEEM TO BE ENJOYING THEIR LIVES? WHAT KEEPS THEM FROM LIVING EVERY DAY IN THE ABUNDANT LIFE JESUS CAME TO GIVE?

The reasons are as many and as varied as people themselves. But I believe a major reason is that most people use so much energy dreading tomorrow, they are sapped of the energy to live each day to the fullest.

DON'T GO THERE

Jesus taught us not to worry today about what we

have to face tomorrow. In Matthew 6:34, He said, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow." He went on to say every day will take care of itself, and that our heavenly Father will supply all our needs if we simply keep our focus on Him.

Most of our thoughts of worry and dread for tomorrow stem from our needs. Dread is fear of the

BY GLORIA COPELAND

On Saturday, don't start thinking about Monday.
Have a good Saturday. Have a happy and blessed day.
Live in today! Enjoy today!

future. *Will I have the money? Will I have the time? Will I have the strength? What will I say? What will I wear? How will I get it all done? Who will help me?* And on it goes, until we have wasted much of today and built up a tremendous amount of unbelief.

Jesus said don't go there. Instead, go to your heavenly Father. Refocus on Him and His promise that He will supply everything when the time comes. The Lord will take care of tomorrow and He'll take care of next week. Jesus said tomorrow, when it comes, will be enough to think about tomorrow's business. God is not going anywhere. He is here today and He will be here tomorrow.

DON'T WASTE ANOTHER TODAY

On Saturday, don't start thinking about Monday. *I have to go to work Monday. I have this meeting out of town on Monday. I don't want to leave town. I don't want to go to that meeting.* Well, it's not Monday yet. Don't go there yet. Stay right here on Saturday. It is your day off. You are at home. Have a good Saturday. Have a happy and blessed day. Live in today! Enjoy today!

We all have things in our lives that we don't enjoy doing as much as others. But don't get into dread over them. Don't waste today's emotional and mental energy on tomorrow's activities.

The Lord showed me something about dread that fixed me forever. If you start dreading something Friday that is coming Monday, and you fret about it Saturday and Sunday, it is like doing that thing four times. If you dread it, it is the same as doing it.

You experience the aggravation and stress over and over. You will have let the dread of Monday steal your fulfilled, abundant, joyful life for four days.

When He showed me that, I decided I wasn't going to waste any more precious minutes dreading. I'm going to live and enjoy life—every day of it!

GOD HAS THE ANSWER

So think about tomorrow from God's perspective. He will take care of it! When you have things hanging over your head, just roll the care over on Him. Proverbs 16:3 gives us that principle: "Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed" (*The Amplified Bible*). Glory to God!

Peter put it this way, "Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you. Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully" (1 Peter 5:6-7, *The Amplified Bible*).

When you have things worrying you, or you are dreading something, go to the Lord. Say, "Father, I roll the care of this on You. I don't know what to do about it anyway. Give me wisdom. Show me Your plan. Tell me if You have something for me to do about it, and I'll do it. I am not going to take the care of it. I know You care about me."

Salvation Prayer

If you do not know
Jesus
as your
Savior & Lord,

simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

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

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

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You will always have opportunities to worry and to dabble in dread over something about tomorrow, or next week, or next year. You have to have already

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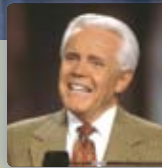
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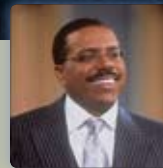
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—Kenneth Copeland



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Get on God's

‘enjoy life’ plan!

BY GLORIA COPELAND

This morning I got up and asked the Lord, “What are Your plans for me? I want to walk in Your paths of peace today. What is the shining path You have for me?” | Every day I look forward to walking with the Lord. It’s exciting! Nothing could be better than walking in His plans for my life. At the end of the day, I love knowing I’ve done the will of God. That gives me a great deal of joy and satisfaction.

The fact is when we obey God, life is good. Our paths become “like the light of dawn, that shines more and more (brighter and clearer) until [it reaches its full strength and glory]...” (Proverbs 4:18, *The Amplified Bible*). The more accurate we become at walking on His path, the brighter and clearer our directions become. And the more fun we have in life because the best place for you and me is right where God wants us to be.

I’ve found that as Ken and I have walked with the Lord in obedience, one step leads to another until it

dawns on us exactly what we are supposed to do.

For instance, you may feel like there is something the Lord is leading you to do, but you don’t know how to do it. Maybe you don’t have the money or understanding you need to pull it off. It seems the details are sort of vague—in the twilight. But as you obey God and follow Him one step at a time, the light begins to shine brighter on that situation. Suddenly one day it is clear. It looks easy. You have faith for the resources and understanding to accomplish it.

God never looks at your ability or your bank account

to see if you can afford His plan. Rather He asks, *Who has the heart to do this? Who am I calling to do it?* God can give you the wisdom and resources you need. He never intends for you to do His plan in your own power. He intends to do it *through* you. You just have to yield to Him and trust Him enough to take the next step He shows you.

That's faith.

Give Him faith, give Him action and give Him obedience. If you'll cooperate with Him, God will see to it you succeed at His plan. Ken and I know that from experience. When we do what He says, things are good, life is good. God is able to do good in our lives simply because we're obedient. The older we get, the happier we get because we get better at doing what God tells us to do!

I want *you* to know, God has created *you* to do something wonderful. And whatever it is, it will be exciting and fulfilling!

GET IN ON THE GOOD STUFF

When God fashioned you, He fashioned you with purpose. You weren't some haphazard afterthought in His mind. No. God watched over every facet of your creation. At the same time, He also designed a detailed, specific plan for your life and that plan was put in place the day you were born.

When God created you and me, He was *involved*. That's what Psalm 139:13-16 tells us. "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb....," it says. "You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion.... You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed" (*New Living Translation*).

Imagine—God is so intensely interested in us that He preplanned every moment of every day of our lives. God knows exactly what He created us to do, and He never changes His mind (Proverbs 19:21). His plan doesn't consist of just a few loosely held-together ideas either. No. God knows our potential. Every *moment* of our lives is important to Him.

According to Ephesians 2:10, "We are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] 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*]" (*The Amplified Bible*).

God has prepared ahead of time a good path that leads to the "good life." He's laid out a perfect plan that leads to joy and fulfillment. But the choice to walk in His plan is ours.

We can live a natural, mediocre life, a barely get-by

existence, and still go to heaven when we die. Or, *we can get in on the good stuff!*...*"living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live"*

Yet many people (even born-again people) choose not to follow God's plan for their lives. Always struggling, they live in misery as they do things their own way. They miss out on heaven *here in the earth* (Deuteronomy 11:21). And they don't have to. They could say "yes!" to God's plan.

Maybe you would say, "Gloria, I've made a mess of my life. I've done things my own way and now I'm in big trouble. I can't see any way out."

Well, no matter what situation you are in today, I want you to know God is big enough to help you. He has a plan to get you out of that trouble and into His blessing. But you have to go through the right door, and get on the right path.

JESUS IS THE DOOR

The way to go through the door of blessing and get on God's plan is to be born again. Jesus says, "I am the Door; anyone who enters in through Me will be saved (will live).... *I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)*" (John 10:9-10, *The Amplified Bible*). If Jesus hadn't paid the price for sin, this kind of life wouldn't be possible.

However, Jesus has already done everything it takes to provide an abundant life for you. You just have to cooperate with Him. So, receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord, get in His Word, pray, then take the next step He shows you.

That's how you get on God's plan. That's how you walk out of that trouble and begin enjoying life. I'm not telling you everything that's wrong will be fixed overnight—but if you'll stick with God, things will begin to change...you will begin to change.

THE PLAN UNFOLDS

When Ken and I were married about six months, we *weren't* enjoying life. We had no jobs, no money and no furniture. We slept on a rented rollaway bed, and I cooked potatoes in a coffeepot. We were in trouble and I was desperate!

One day I picked up a Bible Ken's mother had given him and began to read it. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). I saw that God cared for birds and thought, *If God cares for birds, He must care for me*. As I recall I said, "Lord, take my life and do something with it." I had no idea that I had just been born again, because I knew nothing about the new birth. Not long after, Ken was also born again. We started reading the Bible and we discovered over the years that when you obey the Word, it brings life and blessing. When you disobey, it

brings death and destruction. *We chose to obey the Word.*

We didn't know it, but we had started on the path to God's plan for our lives.

The Bible is actually a plan God has given us. If we follow what is written there, we'll also follow what is unwritten. In other words, we will hear from heaven and be able to do things we never dreamed. We will begin doing the things we were born again to do. When we get in line with the Word of God—begin to say what He says, believe what He says, and do what He says—we will begin walking out His path for our lives, and we'll find the individual place and calling God has for us.

"The Lord will work out his plans for my life..." (Psalm 138:8, *New Living Translation*). He will bring out the best in us and put us on the best path—His path.

When we start walking out God's plan, we won't be desperate. By obeying His Word and His Spirit, things will be prepared for us. We'll have the wisdom we need to succeed.

WISDOM SPELLS SUCCESS

Wisdom is the way God does things *and* how He intends for us to live in victory. The Word of God is the wisdom of God written down.

Proverbs 3:15-18 says, "Skillful and godly Wisdom is more precious than rubies; and nothing you can wish for is to be compared to her. Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are highways of pleasantness, *and all her paths are peace*. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold on her; and happy (blessed, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who holds her fast" (*The Amplified Bible*).

If we walk in the wisdom of God, we can eat continually from the tree of life and be blessed. The wisdom of God puts us back in the Garden before sin entered in. What was in the Garden? Everything needed in life.

When we're in the plan of God, we will not lack. *The path of the wisdom of God will arrive at peace*. Having peace means there will be nothing missing that we have need of (no lack of provision) and there'll be nothing broken in our lives (no broken situations, relationships, health, emotions, etc.).

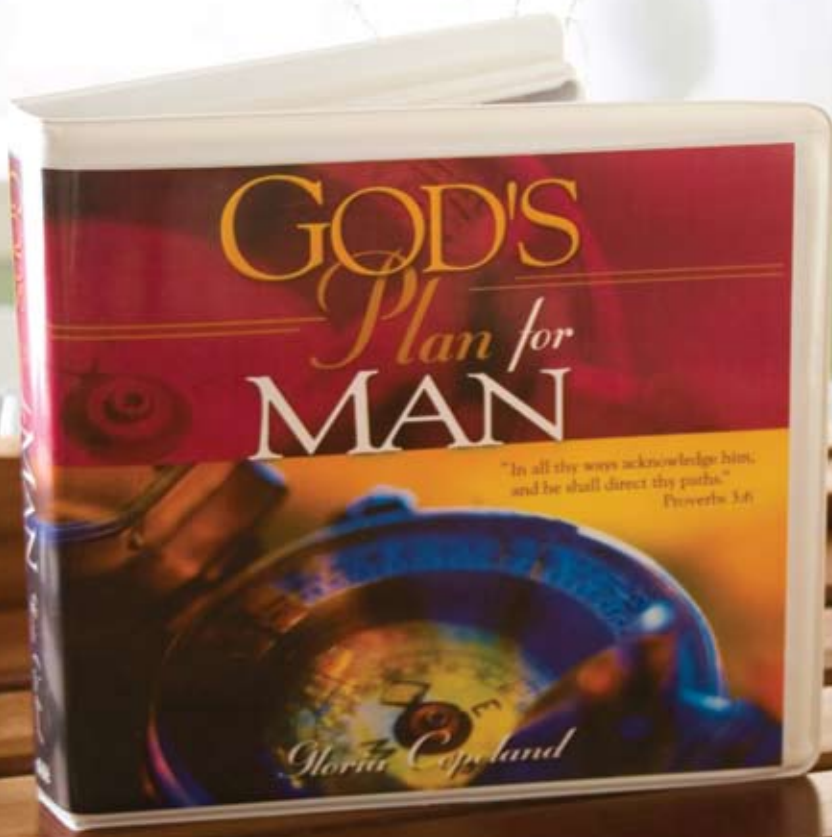
When we get the wisdom of God, we get the plan. We will arrive at peace.

Read your Bible and pray. You'll have wisdom for everyday living. The closer you get to God, the more you'll begin to see what He has planned for you to do in life. Just start taking a step at a time. He'll help you get fine-tuned so

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you can walk in what He has called you to do. And, God will begin to open doors for you.

God's wisdom is the way you succeed in this life spiritually, mentally, physically, financially and in every way. If you are listening, His wisdom will speak to you and tell you which way to go. But you must choose to obey every day.

ARE YOU IN THE ARK OR THE DARK?

If something doesn't agree with God's Word, as Christians, we don't do it. If God says something is bad—it's bad! Bad things have bad consequences so we steer clear of those things.

However, most people in this day and age choose to go their own way. In fact, it seems the longer I live, the crazier this world gets. Some people are way out there! They don't seem to have any sense. Why? Because they're not walking in the light, they're walking in the dark. And they're making decisions in the dark.

Darkness looks like rightness to them.

Now we live in the same world they live in. We breathe the same air, have homes in the same towns, shop at the same grocery stores. There is, however, a major difference in *where* we live and where they live.

We're living in the *light* of God's wisdom, and they are living in the *darkness* of this world.

That makes me think about Noah. He lived in a dark time. Yet Noah didn't live in the dark. He lived in the light, walked close to the Lord and found favor in the eyes of God. (See Genesis 6.)

When God told Noah what was going to happen in the earth and he heard the wisdom of God say to build a huge boat on dry land—Noah got busy. Only Noah and his family had any light on the subject. All the other people thought they were crazy!

"Why is he building such an enormous thing? He is crazy to be wasting so much time when he could be living it up. They've been working on that thing all these years. Why?"

Noah had a path to walk. He knew the wisdom of God.

He simply kept obeying. Building and hammering, and hammering and building that ark. Noah did what was right. He found the plan God had for his life, and held fast to it. He became a boat builder and preacher of righteousness. The whole time he was building that ark, he was preaching to the people, trying to help them get things straight with God. Maybe he told them, "You can be safe in the ark, or left in the dark!"

At any rate, there finally came the day when the work was finished, time was up. The Lord said, *Take your family and all*

these animals and get on that boat. Then God slammed the door and pressurized that ark right then and there.

I'm telling you, God's an operator.

Noah had a path to walk. His obedience to God made the difference in the future of the whole world! He and his family were the last righteous family left in the earth.

If God can find someone who will do what He says, God will see to it the job gets done. We don't have to worry about it or figure it all out. It doesn't depend on our abilities or inabilities. God doesn't expect us to do it in our own power. He expects to do it through us. And He will!

MOVING FROM ONE IMPOSSIBLE THING TO THE NEXT

After doing this for more than 40 years, it has become easier and easier for Ken and me to walk by faith because we can always look back to the impossible things God told us to do and see that when we obeyed, God always worked it out.

It's up to each of us to take the next step God shows us. Psalm 139:3 says, "You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest" (*The New Living Translation*, 1996).

With God directing your steps, you walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). Then when you hit the plan of God, you can enjoy sailing through life!

The will of God is always good. The more you walk out His will and His plan for you, the happier you are, the more joy you have, the more success you have.

The good life is for the obedient.

At times it might look like you'll be sacrificing something to do what God is telling you. But obey Him anyway. You'll never regret it.

Psalm 25:12-13 in *The Living Bible* says, "Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best. He shall live within God's circle of blessing..." Fear of the Lord means you have so much respect and reverence for Him that when He tells you to do something, you do it even when you don't want to. Always, you'll find out it was a good thing after all. You'll be living within God's circle of blessing.

Psalm 23:1,5 in the *New Living Translation* says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.... My cup overflows with blessings."

Get on the path that leads to God's plan and start enjoying life!

Wake up in the morning with a sense of expectation. Before you open your eyes, say to the Lord, "I want to walk on Your path today. What are Your plans for me? What is the shining path You have for me?" **VICTORY**



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