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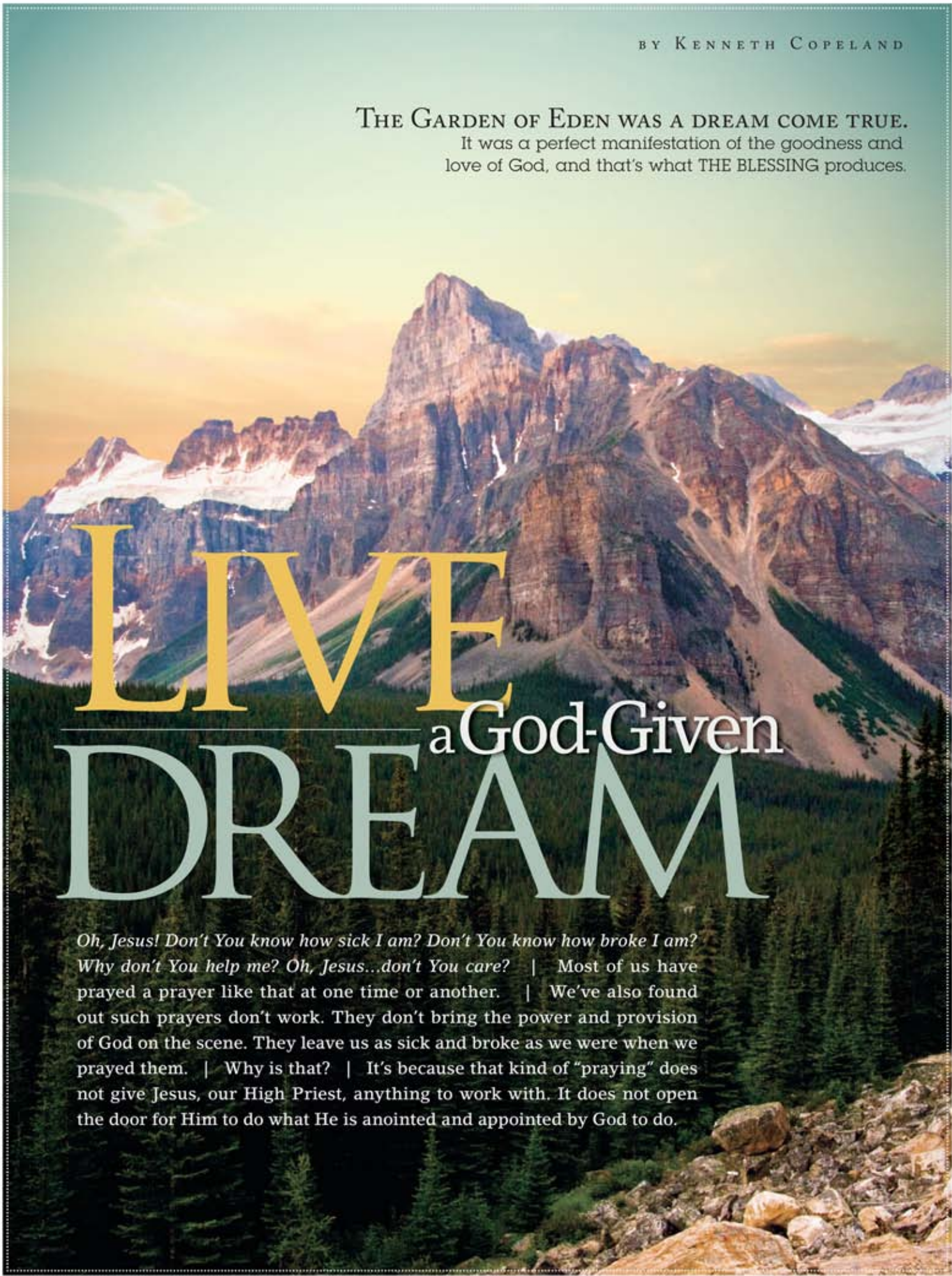
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LIVE a God-Given DREAM

Oh, Jesus! Don't You know how sick I am? Don't You know how broke I am? Why don't You help me? Oh, Jesus...don't You care? | Most of us have prayed a prayer like that at one time or another. | We've also found out such prayers don't work. They don't bring the power and provision of God on the scene. They leave us as sick and broke as we were when we prayed them. | Why is that? | It's because that kind of "praying" does not give Jesus, our High Priest, anything to work with. It does not open the door for Him to do what He is anointed and appointed by God to do.

I realize that statement might come as a shock to some. They assume because Jesus is Lord, He can do anything He desires. But, that's not the case. According to the New Testament, our heavenly Father has given Him a particular ministry to fulfill. Hebrews 3:1 tells us what that ministry is. It calls Him "the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus."

The word *profession* used there can also be translated *confession*. It refers to the words we speak. Its literal translation is "to say the same thing." Therefore, according to that verse, Jesus is anointed to bring to pass the words we say when we speak His Word.

In light of that, let me ask you something. What is He supposed to do when we stand before Him and say things like, "I'm sick! I'm hurting! I'm broke!"?

I'll tell you what He'll do.

Nothing.

Jesus is not anointed to administer those kinds of professions. He is not called to bring to pass devilish things like sickness, pain and poverty. They're part of the curse and He has defeated them. They are under His feet.

"Then why doesn't He deliver me from them?" you might ask.

He *has* delivered you! Through His death and Resurrection He has already provided you with absolute victory in every area of life. The problem isn't with His giving...it's with your receiving.

Tune In to God's Channel

Think about times when you've tried to tune a radio to a particular station and you'll see what I mean. If the radio is not set on the right frequency, you can't hear that station. You can't receive what it's broadcasting.

What do you do when that happens? You don't call the station and say there's something wrong with their equipment. You don't wonder if they've gone off the air. You know enough about technology to understand the problem is not with their transmitting, it's with your receiver. So you check the batteries in the radio or you keep adjusting it until you can hear the station loud and clear.

We need to have the spiritual sense to operate the same way with God. If we're not receiving what He has promised us in the Bible, we should stop assuming He is withholding it from us. Instead, we should trust that God is faithful, and go to work to find out what adjustments we must make to receive from Him. We should grab our Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to show us how to tune in to THE BLESSING of God, and look for scriptures that reveal how God operates—scriptures like Genesis 26:2-3. There, God said to Isaac during a time of famine: "Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will

bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father."

Notice that God said He would perform for Isaac the oath, or the word, He gave to Abraham. He didn't say, "Sometimes I will perform that word and sometimes I won't." No, He said, "I will perform it!"

If that was the only time God made that statement, we might think it applied only to Isaac; but it wasn't. He made the same declaration in Jeremiah 1:12: "I will hasten my word to perform it." One translation phrases that verse, "I am quick to perform My Word." Another says, "God watches over His Word to perform it."

God hasn't changed a bit. He said the same thing to Isaac that He said to Jeremiah. He performs His Word!

Untie Jesus' Hands

What does that have to do with Jesus' high-priestly ministry?

A great deal because, as our High Priest, He operates by that same principle.

Mark 16:14 confirms it. There we read about a time just after Jesus' resurrection when He appeared to the disciples and upbraided them (or sternly corrected them) for "their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen." Then He said:

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following (verses 15-20).

Notice the word *them* in the last verse is italicized. That's because it isn't in the original Greek manuscripts. It was added at the discretion of the translators. Sometimes such additions are helpful, but in this case, the added word doesn't belong. Only when we take it out do we see the clear meaning of the verse: *They went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with and confirming the Word with signs following.*

According to that scripture, signs and wonders didn't follow the disciples just because they were the first apostles of Jesus. They followed them because they were speaking the Word. Jesus, their High Priest, was working with, confirming and performing the Word.

No wonder He upbraided the disciples when He found them huddled in a back room feeling sorry for themselves! As long as they were wallowing in unbelief, He didn't have anything to work with. Until they started confessing His Word in faith, His hands were tied. He didn't have anything to perform.

Rejoicing in Hope

That wasn't true just in the lives of those first disciples—it's true for us today. Jesus Christ is still the High Priest of our profession. God has anointed and appointed Him to perform the Word we confess, and He will do it, as Hebrews 3:6 says, "...if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Look at verse 14 of the next chapter: "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."

That last phrase is important because Jesus can't fulfill His high-priestly ministry on our behalf if we're confessing

His Word one minute, and moaning about our problems the next. For Him to perform the Word in our lives, we must hold that Word fast in faith and confidence. We must rejoice in hope over it until it comes to pass.

What does it mean to rejoice in hope?

Imagine someone walked up to you and said, "I own a Fortune 500 company and I've decided to pay off all your debts. I've put \$5 million into your bank account and when you spend that, I'll give you \$5 million more. I've also put you on our company's board of directors."

If you believed that person was telling the truth, you'd have goose bumps climbing on top of goose bumps. Your hair would be standing straight up with excitement. You'd be so thrilled you couldn't wait to call all your friends and relatives to tell them the good news. Even though you hadn't seen a dime of the money yet, if you were confident of that person's word, you'd be rejoicing in hope.

We ought to be the same way about the promises of God. When we read that God will meet all our needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19)...or that THE BLESSING of Abraham is ours in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:14)...or that in Christ we've been blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3), if we really believed it, we'd whoop and holler with joy. But most of the time, we don't.

Instead, we just ho-hum our way through those promises. We say like one fellow said, "Yeah, well, praise God...I'll put it on my Sears bill and see how far it will go. Ha, ha, ha."

Why is that? Why does the natural promise of \$5 million from a man excite us so much more than the supernatural, limitless promise of our Almighty God?

The first one is received by our natural, carnal mind. It comes to us from the outside in, through our natural, physical senses. If we have enough evidence to back it up, a natural promise requires no faith to believe. So our mind and emotions just respond and start doing back flips.

The revelation of God's Word, on the other hand, comes to us through our spirit. It comes to us from the inside out. Before our mind can fully take hold of it and start rejoicing over it, that Word has to become strong enough in us to overcome the outward evidence to the contrary, and take over our entire being.

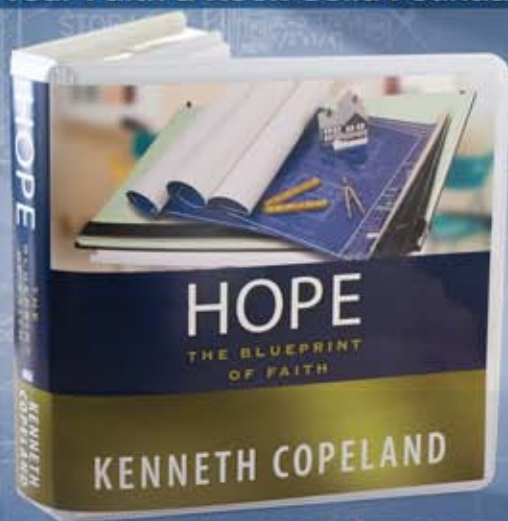
For that to happen, we must meditate on the Word. We must feed on it and stir ourselves up on purpose with the truth of it. We must spend time developing our faith.

What Is the Gospel?

If you'll do that, one of these days the reality of the gospel will hit you. It will spill out of your spirit over into your soul (your mind, will and emotions) and when it does you'll take off like your coattail is on fire.

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hope. Once you start rejoicing in hope, it won't be long until the Word of God is made flesh in your life.

That's how the power of the gospel always works. It becomes a reality first on the inside of you. The external manifestation always begins with an inner revelation. That's why Hebrews 4:2 says, "For unto us was the gospel preached...." We must hear and receive the gospel in our hearts before it can show up in our lives.

"But what does the gospel have to do with my healing and my finances?" someone might ask.

Everything—because the gospel isn't just the good news that through Jesus we can go to heaven when we die. Let's read Galatians 3:8: "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed."

Do you see that? Praise God. It's the glorious truth that: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:13-14).

The gospel is the good news that THE BLESSING God preached to Abraham, which is the same blessing He gave to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, now belongs to us as born-again believers. Certainly, heaven is included in that blessing, but so are healing, prosperity and every other good thing God has to give.

Again! Was there any sickness in that Garden? *No!*

Was there any poverty or oppression in that Garden? *No!*

The Garden of Eden was a dream place—a little heaven on earth. It was a perfect manifestation of the goodness and love of God, and that's what THE BLESSING produces. As we confess it with confidence and give our High Priest the opportunity to administer it, it turns our lives into a God-given dream come true! He is Lord over the curse. He is high priest over THE BLESSING!

Start Building

"But I don't have any dreams, Brother Copeland."

Then open your Bible and get yourself some!

Read and meditate on God's promises. Build your faith in His goodness and the integrity of His covenant Book until you begin to see a picture of your life that lines up with it. If you've been plagued with sickness, build a dream of health and strength and long life. If you've been dogged by financial lack, build a dream of abundance. Stay in the Word of God until you see yourself "always having all sufficiency in all things," so that you "may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Real Bible hope is a God-ordained dream. So build yourself a dream from the Scriptures and start rejoicing over it.

In the initial stages, it will be a dream without substance,

but if you'll keep feeding it...and feeding it with the Word, your faith for it will start to grow. Then that faith will begin to draw the reality of that dream out of your spirit and it will begin to manifest in your life. It will flow out from inside you and start healing your flesh, bringing you finances and making your dreams come true.

I know from experience just how true that is. I've been watching it happen in my life and ministry for more than 40 years now, and so have my children. Years ago, for example, when my son, John, who is grown now, was just a little boy, our whole family developed a God-given dream for a station wagon. The car we'd been driving just wasn't big enough to carry all the stuff for our meetings, so we all started confessing the Word over the situation.

We didn't cry and moan and say, "God, can't You see we need a new car? Why don't You give us a car? Why don't You give us the station wagon we need?"

No, our High Priest couldn't have done anything with those words. So we said, "Our God meets our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. We have our station wagon, in Jesus' Name!" Then we sowed seed toward it—both word seed and financial seed.

Eventually, it got so real inside me that I quit saying much about it. It was mine. I could see it with the eyes of my spirit.

One day, I realized John could too. We were driving down the road and he said, "Daddy, we got our station wagon! It's ours, right?"

"Yes, that's right, John," I answered.

"Why don't we go get it?"

It was so real to him he couldn't figure out why we weren't already driving it. The reason in the natural was \$3,000. In John's spirit and mine, it was finished.

Sure enough, within a few days a fellow called me, weeping. "Brother Copeland," he said, "please forgive me. Some time ago the Lord told me to send you some money and I haven't done it. But I'm sending it to you now."

The money was just the amount we needed to buy the station wagon of our dreams.

If you'll put the Word of God in your heart and in your mouth, your High Priest will do the same kind of thing for you. He'll perform His Word on your behalf.

So get rid of those old, unbelieving prayers and confessions. Replace them with words Jesus can work with. Spend time in the Bible and develop some God-given dreams. Keep meditating the Word and feeding your heart with it until those dreams become real to you and you have such confidence in them that you are rejoicing in hope.

If you'll dare to do it, I can promise you on the authority of God's Word, you'll never be disappointed. For you have a High Priest who is anointed to make your God-given dreams come true. **VICTORY**

Death, Where Is Your Sting?

Julie Fields straightened a stack of invoices and looked up as Bret Smalling, her 21-year-old son, sauntered into her office with a saucy smile. He moved with grace for a man his size—6 feet 4 inches in his stocking feet, and muscular. | “Where are you off to this morning?” Julie asked, watching the way his blue eyes gleamed with good humor.

“I’m going to get a haircut,” he said, running a hand through his brown hair.

It had only been five months since Bret left Phoenix and moved to Wickenburg, where she and her husband Don lived. She loved the way Bret took time to drop by and tease a laugh out of her. Since arriving in Wickenburg, he’d met the love of his life, Shyla, and they were talking about getting married. Julie sighed with contentment...life was good.

Weeks earlier, Julie and Bret had driven past a church with a large cross on the steeple. “Mom, do you see that cross?” Bret had asked.

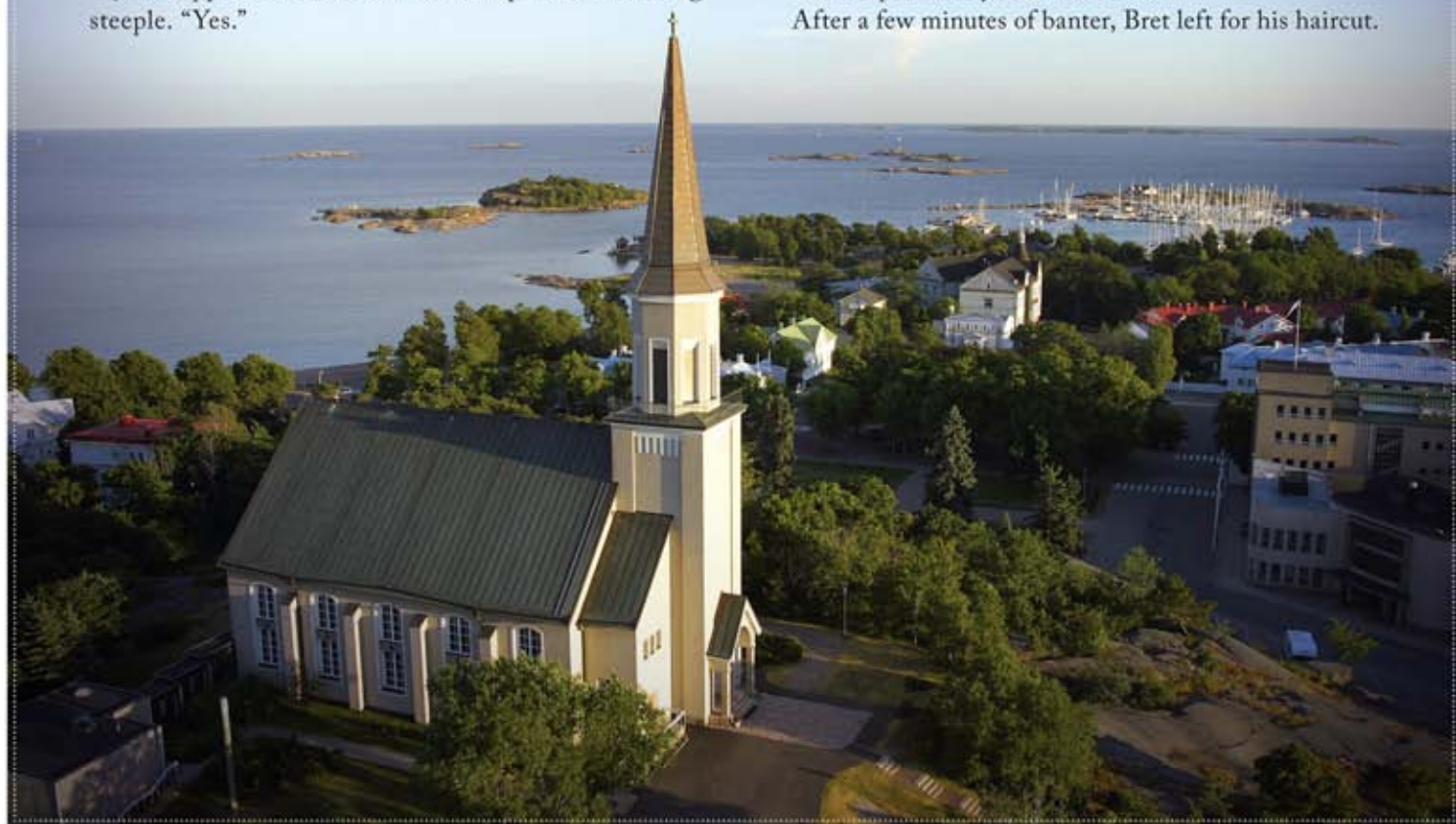
Julie tipped her head and looked up at the towering steeple. “Yes.”

“The other day Shyla and I were walking down the street and when I looked up and saw the cross I *had* to pray. I dropped to my knees right there.”

Julie looked at her son and pictured the scene he’d just described. Bret had always been tender toward the Lord, but as a teenager he’d gotten involved with the wrong crowd and made some poor choices that had gotten him crossways with the law. He was trying to straighten out the mistakes he’d made and get his life back on track. It sounded like he was trying to get things right with God as well.

“I’m so proud of you,” she’d said.

After a few minutes of banter, Bret left for his haircut.



Julie had no way of knowing she would never see his face again.

Gone Missing

"Bret dropped by the office March 1, 2004," Julie recalls. "That night Shyla called and said she hadn't seen or heard from him all evening. The next day she called again. Bret had never arrived home. I felt uneasy because that wasn't like him. Shyla and I drove around and talked to his friends, but none of them had seen him."

The third day Bret was missing, Julie called the police. They said since Bret was of legal age there was nothing they could do unless he needed medication or foul play was suspected. Soon, Bret's sister, his stepbrother and stepsisters, had joined the search. Bret loved to collect rocks, and they wondered if perhaps he'd gotten lost. They combed the desert washes looking for any sign of him, but to no avail.

"Both my mother and I had been Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries for about 29 years," Julie said. "After Bret had been missing for a week, someone from the ministry called my mother and asked if she needed prayer. She asked them to pray that we find Bret. People from my church and my sister's church were praying as well. We covered the town with missing-person posters showing Bret's picture."

A week and a half after Bret vanished, Don suggested they run an article in the newspaper offering a reward.

Two days later, Julie's phone rang. A woman said her daughter felt uneasy about something she and her boyfriend had heard about the time Bret disappeared. The daughter, shaken and upset, got on the phone.

"These guys were drunk and we thought they were joking," she said. "They bragged about killing someone and burying him in the desert. The thing is...I saw Bret hanging out with them before he disappeared."

Julie's world tilted off its axis. *Murdered? Bret? That couldn't be. Bret is alive; he'll come home.* Even as she thought it, some terrible knowing welled up from deep within. No!

Don met the young couple at the police station where they told their story, and a homicide team arrived from Phoenix to investigate. Three young men were implicated in the possible murder, but two of them had left the state. The youngest, age 18, was brought in for questioning.

He later confessed to witnessing Bret's murder.

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know God was not a killer;
she would never blame this
atrocious crime on Him.

Praising Through the Pain

Three weeks to the day after Bret disappeared, police found his body in a shallow grave in the desert, 15 miles outside of town.

Julie's heart felt like it was shattered into a million pieces. A pain deeper than anything she'd ever imagined engulfed her. So great was her agony, it seemed only the grace of God held her together and kept her from spinning into eternity with her son.

The following week the other two suspects, ages 19 and 21, were arrested in Montana. All three men were charged with first-degree murder.

The medical examiner needed to keep Bret's body for an indefinite period of time, so the family held a memorial service. Despite her loss, Julie was determined to make a statement. She wanted the world to know God was not a killer; she would never blame this atrocious crime on Him. She wanted everyone to know that no matter what happened on this earth, she would never stop giving praise and glory to God.

Taking a deep breath, Julie stood and walked to the podium. Standing with her sister and a friend, she lifted her broken heart to God and sang "Agnus Dei." Fifteen people gave their lives to the Lord.

Help in Times of Trouble

"I'd never needed God's arms around me as tightly as I did in the days, weeks and months following Bret's death," Julie remembers. "One of the ways He held me was through KCM. This experience taught me a whole new meaning of the term partnership. People from the ministry never stopped calling, praying and encouraging us; the outpouring of love was incredible. One of the first things they did was send a minibook called *Sorrow Not* and some teaching tapes dealing with the destructive power of spirits of sorrow and grief. These were invaluable to the whole family. I knew at some point I would have to forgive, but at first it was all I could do to sort out my emotions and deal with them. My anger grew as the events of that day were revealed."

After their arrests, the three of them reported that when Bret lost his job he had borrowed \$300 from two of the brothers. Frustrated that he hadn't been

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able to pay them back, they discussed the situation with the third man and hatched a plan to scare Bret.

An Unfitting End

What they saw as a scare tactic, authorities called premeditation.

According to police reports and court testimony, the three had discussed getting Bret out into the desert to scare him into repaying the loan. The day before the murder, they drove into the desert and dug a grave, saying they would kill Bret if he did not pay back the money.

The following day they invited Bret to go rock hunting with them, according to testimony. Once in the desert, one of the young men pointed a shotgun at Bret and told him, "When you mess with them you mess with me."

He then pulled the trigger, killing Bret.

After the three men buried the body they burned their bloody clothes, testimony revealed.

Some days were harder for Julie than others, but the mental image of Bret's murder circled her mind like a vulture. One day when the loss threatened to overwhelm her, the Lord spoke.

I know the pain of losing a son, He said.

"Yes, Lord, but Your Son was raised from the dead."

So was yours.

Fighting Back

"Each time I thought I was making progress forgiving," Julie recalls, "I would remember that the young man who shot my son saw him take his last breath. He heard Bret's last words. He didn't have that right! I'd get so angry, I'd have to start over."

"Eventually, I realized it was just what Brother Copeland had warned about—I was being tormented by a spirit of sorrow and grief. According to the Bible, Jesus bore our grief on the cross. I knew the time had come for me to put my foot down and fight back. I decided I wasn't going to let the devil replay the murder in my mind."

Even as Julie gained victory over the sorrow and grief, unexpected things would send her drowning in a sea of loss. One day, walking down the aisle of the grocery store, she looked up and saw a box of Fruit Roll-ups. As a child Bret loved Fruit Roll-ups. Overwhelmed with the pain of losing him, Julie hurried out of the store to her car. Weeping, she pulled out of the parking lot. A bumper sticker on the car in front of her read, "Expect a miracle."

"Expect a miracle?" she cried, "Lord, I just want to survive!"

Just then words of a worship song welled up in

Julie's heart. By faith, she lifted her voice and sang to the Lord. The darkness fled.

Bubble of Love

For two and a half years after the murder, Julie and her family endured a long series of court hearings. When it appeared the case was going to trial, Julie was warned she would see and hear things that would haunt her. In fact, the murder would be re-enacted. Not sure how she would handle it, Julie pondered the situation one day while stuck in traffic. Her mobile phone rang and it was someone from KCM asking if they could pray with her. Julie explained the situation and the person prayed, "Lord, just keep them in a bubble of love so they'll even have love for all those people."

"The moment she said the words 'bubble of love' I flashed back to when Bret was 8 years old," Julie says. "He was ready for bed and I was praying with him. For some reason I prayed, 'Lord, just keep Bret in a love bubble for me.'"

"Bret opened his eyes and started laughing. 'What's a love bubble?' he asked. He and Jessica teased me about the love bubble for days. I had never heard that term spoken since that day, until a minister at KCM prayed it over me during one of the hardest times of my life. Only the Holy Spirit could have known how it would comfort me."

Day in Court

When the man accused of shooting her son accepted a plea bargain, Julie realized there would be no trial. She expected everyone in the courtroom to be adjourned until a sentencing date could be arranged. In a surprising turn of events, the judge decided to do the sentencing right then.

Every eye turned to Julie when the judge asked if she would like to address her son's killer. Julie stood and walked to the front of the courtroom. She stared at the accused. His face showed no remorse—void of any expression as their eyes met.

Before she could speak, Julie heard Kenneth Copeland's voice. *We don't wrestle against flesh and blood, he said. Satan is your enemy. When Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been beheaded, He didn't retaliate against Herod who ordered it. He went out and destroyed the works of the devil by healing everyone He could find!*

A hush fell over the courtroom as Julie stared into the eyes of a murderer.

"Only God knows the pain you've caused me and my family," she began. "I've been working for more than two years to forgive you, and I'm almost there. I serve Jesus Christ, and He teaches that we must forgive others, just like He wants to forgive you. God loves you. He wants you. He has hope for you. He's provided forgiveness for you just like He has for all of us."

The young man dropped his head. Across the courtroom people wiped their eyes. Moments later, he was given a life sentence.

Julie Fields walked out of that courtroom a free woman.

Today, Julie is filled with the joy of the Lord. There is no pain in the memory of her son's life, or his death, that the Lord isn't quick to comfort.

Months after Bret had gone home to be with the Lord, Shyla gave birth to his daughter, Angel. One of Julie's greatest joys is spending time with her granddaughter several times a week. A 3-year-old filled with love and laughter, Angel has her mother's eyes, and her father's saucy smile. VICTORY

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BY VIKKI BURKE

ENTRAPMENT OF Kingdoms in Conflict



Have you ever wondered how Jesus was able to sidestep the booby traps that were set for Him? What kept Him from being drawn and lured into Satan's snares? | Religious leaders frequently ambushed Jesus with an onslaught of hostile questions, yet He skillfully dodged each one. At one point, Jesus made the crowd so angry the people led Him to the edge of a cliff with every intention of throwing Him over. But there at the cliff's edge, Jesus just turned around, walked through the midst of the crowd, and went on His way (Luke 4:28-30). He was in complete control of the situation.

Go After the Root

If we could identify the secrets that kept Jesus from getting ensnared in the traps set for Him, we could apply those principles and sidestep every trap as successfully as He did. For instance, one thing is certain: Jesus never allowed human opinion to affect Him. Proverbs 29:25 (*New Living Translation*) warns, "Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but to trust the Lord means safety." I like the way *The Message Bible* says it: "The fear of human opinion disables...."

If fear disables, then fearlessness must enable. We see this principle continually operating in Jesus' life. Human opinion didn't affect Him at all. In speaking to a group of powerful leaders, He said, "Your approval or disapproval means nothing to me..." (John 5:41, *New Living Translation*). Now, that's fearlessness!

Because Jesus was always mindful of the spiritual climate and culture present in the world, He was able to look beyond human actions or opinions and identify their source. In other words, He followed the fruit to the root.

Jesus understood that although people harassed and attacked Him, they were merely the "fruit" and that He had to deal with the root. Jesus knew full well He was in a spiritual battle against spiritual opponents. He recognized the evil author and the dark kingdom that was behind each and every attack. Aware of this unseen conflict with the powers of darkness, Jesus never retaliated when people attacked or insulted Him. He understood that the enemy often used people as bait to ensnare Him.

"Fighting fruit" is a waste of time, yet too often we spend all our time trying to deal with problems at this level. But if we want to permanently affect fruit—such as opposition, criticism or personal attacks through other people—we must follow Jesus' example and deal with the root.

This knowledge equipped Jesus to sidestep every trap the enemy set for Him. And His life wasn't trouble free, as many suppose. Jesus was despised and rejected, a man of sorrow and familiar with grief (Isaiah 53:3). He faced angry mobs, accusations from powerful leaders, beatings and ultimately crucifixion. Yet He never defended Himself or retaliated against people. Consequently, when His life was over, Jesus could honestly say the prince of this world had no claim on Him (John 14:30).

Avoiding the Booby Traps

Yet Jesus had to wisely navigate through dangerous, mine-infested waters to avoid Satan's booby traps. An example of one of these traps set for Jesus is found in Matthew 22:15 (*New Living Translation*): "Then the Pharisees met together to think of a way to trap Jesus into saying something for which they could accuse him." Although the Pharisees were responsible for setting a trap for Jesus, Satan was the mastermind behind the strategy. The Pharisees were merely Satan's pawns used to get Jesus to say something wrong with which the devil could accuse Him. As Revelation 12:10 tells us, Satan is the accuser.

Can't we just ignore Satan's accusations and go on with our lives? Not when we understand that the Greek word *accuse* means "to ensnare or to fasten a noose." Satan couldn't lay a finger on Jesus unless He said something that gave the devil access into His life. Satan knew he needed words that were contrary to truth with which to hang Jesus. Remember, Proverbs 18:21 says that death and life are in the power of the tongue. Furthermore, Proverbs 6:2 (*Bible in Basic English Version*) says, "You are taken as in a net by the words of your mouth; the sayings of your lips have overcome you." That's why every response out of Jesus' mouth agreed with God's Word.

This is Satan's hidden agenda that's behind every harassing word spoken against us and every hurtful deed done against us. Each of these fiery darts is designed to get us to say something that will hang us. But once we become aware of how important our



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words are, we can pray as David did: "Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3, *New International Version*). As long as we keep a watch over our mouths, Satan's noose can't tighten around our necks.

Yet Satan doesn't give up just because we've become aware of his methods. Instead, the fight becomes more antagonistic.

The simple questions asked of Jesus escalated into an intense interrogation. "...They grilled him with many hostile questions, trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him" (Luke 11:53-54, *New Living Translation*). Again, notice that the purpose of the Pharisees' questions was to trap Jesus into saying something wrong so Satan could put the noose around His neck and lynch Him with it.

Notice that when Satan wasn't successful in trapping Jesus with one line of questioning, he resorted to a variety of subjects. Once again, the devil hoped to provoke Jesus into a response he could use to hang Him. Satan pressed Jesus to give His opinion about divorce, taxes, the importance of keeping tradition, adultery, the most important commandment and the way to get to Heaven—yet Jesus never took Satan's bait. With each question, Jesus never got upset or gave His opinion. Instead, He pointed them to God's Word rather than engaging in their debate.

Shortly after being grilled by the Pharisees and Sadducees, Jesus taught His disciples how Satan lures us into his traps. "Later, after they crossed to the other side of the lake, the disciples discovered they had forgotten to bring any food. 'Watch out!' Jesus warned them. 'Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees'" (Matthew 16:5-6, *New Living Translation*).

Recognize the Yeast

The disciples thought Jesus had said this because they'd forgotten to bring bread on the trip. But didn't they realize Jesus had fed 5,000 people with five loaves of bread just a few days prior to this trip?

No, Jesus wasn't talking about food at all. There was a much greater purpose behind this statement. What Jesus was about to tell them would shine light on one of Satan's methods of trapping people. His point was revealed in the Greek word for *yeast*. This word means

"something that agitates or causes fermentation; leaven (rising)." *Fermentation* refers to a substance causing a state of excitement, commotion, unrest, boiling up or agitation. The warning Jesus gave the disciples exposed Satan's plan to use people or situations to agitate us and to bring unrest, commotion or the destructive kind of excitement in our lives.

Satan will use any opportunity to agitate us, hoping to get a rise out of us emotionally so we'll lose our cool. The moment we allow that to happen, we have stepped out of the realm of the spirit into the realm of the flesh where Satan rules. This is the legal meaning of entrapment. It refers to a situation where a person is induced or persuaded to commit an act he had no previous intention of committing. The yeast, or the agitation, is meant to entrap us, so we'll yield to the flesh and say something foolish. That's when the trap is sprung as Satan gleefully tries to hang us with our own words.

One characteristic of yeast is that it makes the object appear much larger than it actually is. Just think back to the last time someone agitated you until you lost your cool. Maybe it was something as simple as a car cutting in front of you. Or perhaps the clerk at the grocery store was rude or extremely slow. One thing is certain—when you live in the flesh it only takes a small amount of yeast to get a big rise!

Yet when you realize you're in the midst of a conflict between kingdoms, you'll become more skillful at recognizing the traps set for you and simply refuse to take the bait. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize the yeast before it has its agitating effect on you. Then, the next time a situation arises that would normally push your button, resist the temptation to get agitated. Instead, lean on the fruit of the spirit, such as longsuffering, patience and gentleness. Soon those petty irritants won't be able to agitate you the way they once did. And it won't be long before you'll be able to declare with confidence, "The devil has nothing on me!" VICTORY

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QUESTION AND ANSWER

BY KENNETH COPELAND

Q: I know God respects the free will of every man. So does it really do any good to pray for people who consciously refuse to receive Jesus as Lord? Can they be saved against their will?

A: One of the primary keys to understanding how to pray effectively for the lost can be found in 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. There the Apostle Paul says, "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Most every unbeliever who has purposely refused to receive Jesus as Lord thinks he's made that decision of his own free will. But according to the Bible, that's not the case. Unbelievers are being blinded by Satan. He's blocking their perception of the truth. Thus their decision hasn't been freely made at all.

That's an important point for you to grasp. Because even though there is no prayer you can pray that will change the will of another human being, through the prayer of intercession you can interfere with the satanic forces that are influencing him.

You can also change circumstances with your prayers and help create situations that would bring him in contact with the Lord. You're well within

your spiritual rights when you do that. In fact, Jesus Himself instructed us to "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

Ask the Lord to send His messengers—tongue-talking, faith-preaching, Word-believing folks—across the paths of your lost friends. I prayed that prayer with a friend of mine once who'd been praying for his lost brother for years. He'd done everything else he knew to do to get him into the kingdom of God, but the boy wouldn't budge.

In almost no time at all his brother called him, and sure enough, he'd been born again. "What have you been doing up there?" he asked. "In the past few days, everyone I've come across has started preaching to me. Today I was hitchhiking and I got into a car with this guy. He handed me what I thought was a newspaper—it turned out to be a Bible!"

Don't sit by and let the devil take your friends without a fight! Pray. Pray. Pray. For in every circumstance and in every life, "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

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No More Cravings

About a year ago, Kenneth Copeland talked on the broadcast about God setting him free from overeating and the desire for sugar. This inspired faith in me and I asked God to set me free. The scripture He gave me was, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

I started confessing every day: "Thank You, Lord, that I am free from greed and gluttony, free from overeating and comfort eating and free from the desire for sugars, fat or chocolate." Up until then I used to crave chocolate and would eat some most days. I continued to confess the scripture and for a while I was still eating chocolate and sweet things. After a holiday abroad where I didn't eat any chocolate, I came home and to my delight, I found that not only did I not desire it, but I actually *disliked* it!

Since then the same thing has happened regarding cakes, biscuits, coffee and other sweet things. Like Kenneth said, I don't have to resist, I just don't like them anymore. The side effect is that I have lost more than 21 pounds! Others have noticed my weight loss and I have been able to give my testimony—and give the glory to God!

S.B. | England

Yet the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen [you] and set you on a firm foundation....

(2 THESSALONIANS 3:3, THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

Healing Is God's Will

I am writing to let you know how thankful I am for your faithfulness to the Lord to teach the word of faith.

I was diagnosed last year with lung cancer. When I asked the doctor if I could go back to work, he said, "You will never work again." My son insisted I move to Memphis to live with him and have treatment. One night while I was staying with him I was reading the Word and praising the Lord when my eyes fell on a CD I had brought with me. I don't know how only that one CD from the Great Lakes Prosperity Overflow Convention ended up with me. It was by Keith Moore. I looked at it and felt impressed of the Lord to listen to it, but hesitated as I said, "Lord, that's about prosperity." I finally said, "OK, I will listen." And of course it was about healing and how to receive it. He addressed the issue that so many Christians deal with, "If it is His will to heal." Praise God, it *is* His will to heal! I laughed, shouted and praised the Lord. That night I received my healing.

The next week a new doctor ordered a CT scan and it showed my tumor, which had been the size of a softball, had shrunk. This doctor also thought my other doctor had misdiagnosed. I am now free of lung cancer. Glory to God for He is good all the time!

Peggy Dorsey | Rupert, W.Va.

Resting in God

Your preaching on finding rest in God really ministered to my spirit. I'm very active in what God wants me to do and it sometimes gets a bit overwhelming when I try to do it *my* way. Your teaching reminded me to give it all up to God and I did. I have experienced a renewal, refreshing and rebirth—Praise God!

My 21-month-old daughter came down with the stomach flu. Usually, I feel helpless that I can't do anything for her. This time I cleaved to God's peace and deliberately *rested* in Jesus' arms. I handed her over to Him because He can do what I can't. I put my confidence in Him, spoke healing to her body and commanded sickness to release her, in Jesus' Name.

That night I went to church and even though she was weak, I took her with me. I led worship, as an act of faith and confidence that she was completely well. We came home and she was fine! The next morning she woke up completely healed! Thank you so much for stepping out in obedience and faith and preaching as the Holy Spirit prompts you.

Keila Stevens | Chula Vista, Calif.

Thank You for Your Ministry

We felt led by God to move from our home. During one of the most difficult times, Kenneth Copeland Ministries Canada called and asked if they could send us a free gift. As God already knew, the CDs they sent were exactly what we needed to hear at that time in our lives. KCM has been the hand of Christ here on this earth to hold us up when we felt we could not stand. Your ministry was also very instrumental in saving our marriage. Thank you now and forever for your obedience.

W.B. | Canada



The Name Above All Names

My community was hit hard by tornadoes. I remembered how Kenneth and Jesse took authority over Hurricane Katrina, so I did the same thing, and boy, did it work! My area was completely untouched while a block away there was total devastation.

Someone called from KCM to see how I was doing. I couldn't believe this. How great is our God and KCM? We had prayed the power would come back on soon—and it did—nine hours before it was due to come back on. I know it was because of intercessory prayer. We also prayed people would come to know the saving grace of our Lord through this ordeal, and many lives were turned around. I listened to people tell their testimonies of how they were unbelievers, but called upon the Name of Jesus and He saved their lives in very treacherous situations. The wind was blowing trees down all around their homes, but they were not harmed.

I am so happy to be a Partner with KCM. You are the only ministry that contacted me. What would Jesus do? Exactly what KCM is doing. God bless you all.

Carol Townsend | Americus, Ga.

Grief Is Gone

I want to give glory to God because I've just been delivered from the spirit of grief as I've been watching you on the Internet! When Kenneth Copeland mentioned it, that spirit just came right out of me. The truth is I didn't even know I had it! I am so thankful for this broadcast. God bless you all.

E.L. | Bulgaria

God Is Doing a New Thing

I just wanted to let you know I accepted the gift of speaking in tongues while watching the webcast of Gloria Copeland. Your ministry has been a great catalyst that God has used to cause growth in me and my friends during the past year. I am stronger spiritually than I ever have been because of the way God has been working in my life since I was baptized last year—even though I have been a Christian all my life. Thank you so much for listening to God. I am determined to believe what the Word says and spread it to those around me. God bless you!

Elizabeth Conklin | Pennsylvania



Abundance of God's Provision

Recently, we sowed a seed of \$200 into your ministry and asked for prayer that a debt of \$2,000 would be removed from us. A few weeks later we received a tax refund almost three times what was expected! We paid off the debt completely with \$5 to spare! We praise God for His grace and provision and we eagerly sow this week's offering in faith that He will lead us deeper into His will and blessing for our lives.

S.T. | Canada

Blessed With a Furnished Home

The Lord provided me with a home of my own and I was praying for furnishings. I was given everything I needed free of charge, including painting and decorating. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. God bless you!

J.R. | United Kingdom

The Word Changed Our Lives

Thank you for changing how I think and how I live my life every day. My *From Faith to Faith* devotional has prospered my family and changed us for the better—in just one year!

My husband and I started our own company in October 2005. We stood on God's Word in Deuteronomy 8:11-18 for prosperity, tithing 10 percent, as well as being able to give a love offering of \$25 a month to KCM. Before our year end was over we had grossed over \$250,000. Our God is the God of abundance!

Thank you, Kenneth and Gloria, for your prayers and your uncompromising faith that helps us all know our wonderful Savior more.

C.B. | Canada



If you've been wandering in the wilderness, your promised land may well seem worlds away. But head for it anyway and you'll quickly discover that it's

Closer Than You Think



BY GLORIA COPELAND

If all you want from your salvation is the privilege of going to heaven when you die, you don't need to read this article. Because this article is for people who want more than that. | It's for people who aren't content to get born again and yet still live their earthly lives in sickness and defeat. It's for believers who aren't content to let Satan run their lives and tear up their families and steal their money.

It's for those who don't want to postpone their victory until the sweet by-and-by, who want to live as more than conquerors in the here and now.

If you're one of those people, God is looking for you.

That's right. If you'll read the Bible, you'll see that ever since the world began He's been looking for people who, by faith and obedience, would allow Him to bless them right here on the earth. He's been looking for people who would allow Him to demonstrate His power on their

behalf. People whose supernaturally abundant lives would make them a walking advertisement of the mercy and power of God.

For example, look in the Old Testament at the children of Israel. That's the kind of people He wanted them to be. He prepared a marvelous land for them to live in. A land, the Scripture says, that was flowing with milk and honey (Exodus 3:8). It was a land of rest. A place of abundance where no enemy could stand before them and no sickness

or disease could stay on their bodies (Exodus 23:25, 27).

In fact, after God brought them out of slavery in Egypt, He wanted them to go immediately into that land. It was only a short journey, and God was ready to take them. But they wouldn't go! Instead they spent 40 years wandering around in the wilderness getting nowhere.

Now I know all that happened thousands of years ago, but do you know what? God hasn't changed one bit since then. (See James 1:17.) He still wants to lead His people into a place of blessing and prosperity.

The problem is that in many ways His people haven't changed that much either. And the same thing that kept Israel from going into the Promised Land back then is keeping most of His people out of their promised land today. Do you know what it is?

It's unbelief.

I bet you're thinking, *Well, that doesn't apply to me. I believe in God.* But that doesn't necessarily get you off the hook. Israel believed in God too. They'd seen Him do signs and wonders with their own eyes.

Yet even though they believed *in* God, there were many times when they didn't believe what He *said*. When He told them about the Promised Land, for instance, He assured them they wouldn't have to take it in their own strength. He said: "I will send My terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people to whom you shall come, and I will make all your foes turn from you [in flight]....I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand and you shall drive them out before you" (Exodus 23:27, 31, *The Amplified Bible*).

But when most of the scouts they sent into the land came back and reported there were giants there, they got scared. "Why, we can't try to fight those people," they said. "We look like grasshoppers."

If they had believed God, it wouldn't have mattered how big those giants were, they could have marched right in there expecting God to make those giants scatter in every direction. *But they didn't believe God.* So, instead of following His instructions and going forward to victory, they simply refused to go into the land.

Now I want you to notice something. Their unbelief led them into disobedience, didn't it? Unbelief always does that.

So often we try to be smart and figure things out instead of just trusting God and doing what He says. And as a result, we end up in disobedience.

Listen, God doesn't ask us to be smart. All He asks us to do is listen to His Word and obey His voice. Why? Because He knows that if we don't, we'll end up living out our lives on this earth in a wilderness of defeat like that generation of Israelites did.

Read the warning the Apostle Paul gives us in Hebrews 3:15, 19 (*The Amplified Bible*). There he says: "Then while it is

[still] called Today, if you would hear His voice and when you hear it, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion [in the desert, when the people provoked and irritated and embittered God against them]. So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest], because of their unwillingness to adhere to and trust in and rely on God [unbelief had shut them out]."

In the next verse, Paul says something else that's very important so read it carefully. He says, "Therefore, while the promise of entering His rest still holds and is offered [today], let us be afraid [to distrust it]."

"Let us be afraid to distrust God's promise." Did you know we're not supposed to fear the devil? We're supposed to fear God. We're to have so much reverence and respect for Him that we would immediately make any adjustment in our lives just to please Him.

When He tells us to do something that looks risky from a natural point of view, we ought to be more afraid of what we'll miss if we don't obey Him than of what will happen if we do.

In other words, when He tells you that you are more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37) and instructs you to march in and take back some part of your life the devil has stolen from you, you shouldn't sit around debating whether or not you can do it. You should just start marching!

"Well, I just couldn't do that. After all, I've been defeated in that area of my life for so long that I've got a poor self-image."

If that's what you're thinking, let me tell you something. If you'll believe God, even a poor self-image won't keep you from success. There's one Israelite who proved that. It was Moses.

Moses didn't have a very good self-image. He'd made a terrible mistake early in his career. It was a mistake that drove him into the wilderness and kept him there 40 years herding someone else's sheep.

No doubt he assumed his ministry as a deliverer of God's people was over. But as far as God was concerned, he hadn't even started.

In fact, when God came to Moses in that wilderness and gave him his seemingly impossible assignment, He didn't ask for Moses' credentials. He didn't mention his shady history. He just told him to go see Pharaoh and tell him to let God's people go.

Moses, however, was still wrestling with his poor self-image. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" he stammered.

You know what God said in response? He just said, "Certainly I will be with thee" (Exodus 3:12).

He didn't say one word about who Moses was. He just said, "I will be with you." You see, it didn't matter who Moses was. What mattered was that the living God was with him.

The same thing is true for you today. When God calls you to do something—whether it's to lay your hands on a sick person or go to another country and preach the gospel—it doesn't matter who you are. What matters is who is with you.

We've got to get away from being so self-conscious, so aware

of what we think we can or can't do. That's what keeps us from entering into our promised land. Instead of simply obeying God, we start to wonder, *Now what will people think of me if I do that? What if I command that person to get out of the wheelchair and he doesn't get up? What if I start believing for prosperity and go broke? What about that, God? I won't look too good, will I?*

It doesn't matter how you look! What counts is that you obey God. Your own reputation doesn't count and the sooner you forget it, the better off you'll be.

But you know what's ironic? Once you do that, your reputation gets better. Funny thing. When you lose that desire to protect your image, your image gets better. Why? Because then the image of the Lord Jesus can come forth instead of that puny little image you had of yourself.

"Certainly I will be with thee," God said. And He's said it to us just as surely as He said it to Moses (Hebrews 13:5).

That's what we need to grab hold of. That's what will cause us to live in the supernatural and do impossible things. We've got to quit hanging on to our own idea of ourselves. We've got to do what Moses finally did—abandon our ways of thinking and start agreeing with God.

We've got to stop looking at things with a natural perspective. Because a natural, worldly perspective will keep us from living the life God intends for us to live. It will keep us from being supernaturally healthy and prosperous and peaceful.

Remember what I said a moment ago about fearing God instead of the devil? Believers who have a natural rather than a supernatural perspective get that switched around. Instead of walking in the fear of God, they walk in the fear of the devil and his work. In the fear of death. In the fear of sickness. In the fear of poverty. And those fears keep them from listening to and obeying the Word of God.

Look again at what the Israelites did when they came out of Egypt. They just had seen a marvelous display of God's miraculous power. Yet as they faced the Red Sea with the Egyptian army at their backs, they turned on Moses and said, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?" (Exodus 14:11, *The Amplified Bible*).

What could possibly have caused them to doubt God and make such a traitorous statement after all He had already done for them? Fear.

They began to fear what the enemy could do to them, and they were overwhelmed by the drive toward self-preservation. Let me tell you something. That apparently innocent desire you have to protect yourself will cost you dearly when it comes to walking with God.

It infected the Israelites to such a degree that they forgot the signs and wonders. Suddenly they saw themselves as just people again—not people with whom God dwells, but just people.

If you don't watch out, Satan will try to give you that perspective too. When you start believing the promises of God and marching toward victory over sickness or sin or poverty, Satan will try to tell you you're just a natural person. He'll tell you that you can't trust the supernatural power of God to pull you through.

That's why you need to learn to think with the mind of Christ. You need to learn to live with your thoughts on the things of God instead of the things of the world, to come to a place where you're resting in the power of God.

God wants us to rest in His power. He wants us to know Him so well and trust Him so much that when Satan tries to threaten us, when he tells us we're going to go broke or we're going to die or whatever manipulation he uses, we just laugh at him.

You and I need to come to a place in this world where we trust God with every detail of our lives. When we do that, when we're not trying to preserve or protect ourselves but trusting in the living God to do that for us, we'll be in that place of rest we read about in Hebrews.

Make no mistake though, that place of rest is not a place of inactivity. In fact, to get there and stay there, you'll have to take more aggressive action than you've ever taken before. The difference will be that your action will be based on God's plans and power instead of your own.

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When Moses and the Israelites were caught between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army, Moses appealed to God and God said a remarkable thing.

He said, "Moses, why are you crying to Me? Speak to the children of Israel. Tell them to go forward. You lift up your rod and stretch your hand over the sea and divide it." That's what we need to do, too. We need to hush up our complaining and rise up in faith. When we do, the same thing will happen to us that happened to them. God will give us His plan of action, and He'll deliver the power to carry it out.

If you'll determine to go forward with God, He'll tell you what steps to take. Moses didn't know what to do in that impossible situation. But he did know how to rise up. He knew how to tell the children of Israel, "On your feet—we're going on."

You see, the hard part of walking with God is not the miraculous. Moses didn't have to know how to part the Red Sea. All he had to do was lift up his rod and speak the command. God did all the rest.

I'll tell you what the hard part of walking with God is. It's learning to give Him your time and attention so you come to know His voice.

That's where the labor comes in. If you're going to march forward in victory toward your promised land, doing

what God says for you to do, you're going to have to know what it is He's saying. You're going to have to learn to hear His voice.

The hard part for Moses was not that moment at the Red Sea when he lifted up his staff and commanded the waters. The hard part was the time of preparation, that time when nothing significant seemed to be happening. That time of learning about God, of learning to trust Him, to obey His voice and know His ways.

What if, during those preparation days, Moses had said to himself, *I don't know about all this. I've failed so much already. I don't think I can ever learn to know the voice of God?* What if he had let his past, his opinions or his self-image stop him?

Thank God, he didn't! And you don't have to either. It doesn't matter if you think you've failed or succeeded, or what you think you've done with God in the past. Remember, it doesn't matter who you are...it matters who is with you.

So don't look back. Today is a new day. Determine that you are going to rise up in faith. To throw aside that fear. To throw aside the unbelief that has kept you from taking God at His Word.

Determine to rise up and go forward. Don't put it off any longer. Your promised land is closer than you think. **VICTORY**

did
you
know?

1966

In 1966, Kenneth Copeland had a "Jonah" experience when he was suddenly swallowed up one night in Marshall, Texas. Only God didn't send a whale to turn Brother Copeland around.

"God, who is my Deliverer, was waiting on me in Tulsa," Brother Copeland recalls of that life-changing incident. "But instead of heeding the call of God to head on over to where I belonged—where my deliverance was—I went the other way."

For a while, Brother Copeland tried his own pursuits such as working at an insurance company. But he couldn't get away from the call of God on his life. He just kept thinking, *Man, I'm not supposed to be here. I'm in the wrong spot. I'm doing the wrong thing.* Every time he prayed, God would say, *I want you in Tulsa, Okla., at Oral Roberts University.* And Brother Copeland, who never enjoyed school, would respond, "Oh, I can't do that."

Then, after attending a Holy Ghost meeting in Houston, someone approached him about being their church's music minister. Kenneth

accepted, though on the inside he kept hearing, *ORUI ORUI Tulsa! ORUI!*

"I decided we were going to Houston," says Kenneth. "I knew it was wrong."

On Oct. 31, 1966, while driving on Highway 59 through Marshall, Texas, en route to begin that job, Kenneth and his family were involved in a car wreck. His young son, John, was flung into the front, breaking his arm and some ribs. Gloria's face slammed into the car's dashboard. Kellie, also a small child, was—thankfully—fine.

"If it hadn't been for the grace of God, it would have killed us all," Kenneth later said of the incident.

Sitting in a rocking chair in the hospital following the accident, Kenneth prayed in the spirit, repenting to God. He told God he was tired of running and that he'd been "a Jonah

too long." Something miraculous happened on the inside of him—and Kenneth was touched by the Spirit like never before.

The next day, Kenneth's parents drove down to get them, since his car was totally destroyed. They took the family back to Fort Worth. "We were driving along," Kenneth recalls, "and there's silence in that car. I'm just sitting there praying, thanking God my family is alive."

Suddenly, from the silence, Kenneth's father said he had received two extra invitations to an Oral Roberts partner meeting—and asked if Kenneth and Gloria wanted to go. Kenneth asks, "Do you think I'd pass up another chance to go to Tulsa? No!"

At that meeting, Oral Roberts laid his hands on Kenneth and the vision for Kenneth Copeland Ministries was born. **VICTORY**



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—Kenneth Copeland

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Let's get this year in gear!

It's that time again—time to get it in gear and set new fitness goals for this year. Forget about any past failures. This is a new year and God is a God of new beginnings. | So let's make a fresh commitment to get God involved in our workouts, and present our bodies as living sacrifices to Him. Let's change our attitude toward exercise and start viewing it as an act of worship unto the Lord, because that's exactly what it is.

BY MARTY COPELAND

Romans 12:1, *New International Version*, says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." We must take care of our temples of the Most High God, so let's be encouraged and get excited about exercise!

You don't have to join a health club, or even be a great athlete to get a great workout. Simply put one foot in front of the other, and you're ready to embark on one of the most effective and popular exercises in the world—fitness walking.

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Walking is not only the easiest, most popular form of exercise, but it is also very beneficial to our health. Studies show that walking briskly on a regular basis can improve your body's ability to consume oxygen during exertion, lower your resting heart rate, reduce blood pressure, lower bad cholesterol, rev up your metabolism and increase the efficiency of your heart and lungs.

Here's more good news:

Walking will help you live longer. In fact, one 12-year study of retired men showed that those who walked more than two miles per day lived longer than those who walked less than a mile a day (*New England Journal of Medicine*, Jan. 8, 1998). This goes for women, too!

Walking helps you lose weight. Walking burns calories which will help you lose weight. One study revealed that middle-aged women who walk 10,000 steps a day have lower levels of body fat than do women who are less active.

Walking wards off osteoporosis. Women over the age of 50 who currently walk more than 30 minutes a day are 20 percent less likely to develop dowager's hump as a result of osteoporosis, according to the *Journal of Bone and Mineral Research*, Vol. 12, 1997.

Walking is a stress-buster. Regular fitness walkers report a decrease in sleepless nights and an increase in positive moods. Walking causes your body to release endorphins which lessen the effects of "stress" hormones.

Walking poses few health risks. Because it's not as strenuous as running, cycling or aerobic dance, it poses almost no risk to your overall health. With that said, you should always

consult your doctor before beginning any exercise program.

What You'll Need to Get Started

Invest in a good pair of walking shoes and wear comfortable clothing for your workouts—brightly colored if you walk at night. Then, pop in one of my *Walkin' Strong!* CDs and go for it!

Try to walk at least 20 minutes at a steady pace three to four times a week, and increase your workout time, intensity and frequency as your fitness level improves. You might even add a little interval training to your fitness walking by implementing 30 seconds to a minute of jogging five or six times during your workout session.

Sow each minute of exercise to the spirit and reap a healthy harvest this year! I'll be praying for you and believing God's best for your life. VICTORY

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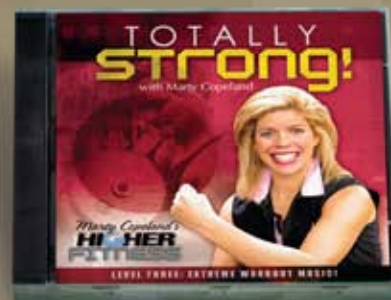


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 BY KENNETH COPELAND

Your Ballot Is Your Seed

Awhile back, I found myself griping about some things the president had been doing. Then the Lord reminded me my only source of information was from the news media. Now, not all of them lie, of course, but some distort the facts for a living. They don't know much about the president, and it makes them mad that he doesn't tell them anything. I don't blame him—I wouldn't tell them anything, either!

But I fell over into a gripe mode for a few days and the Lord got on to me about it. He got really straight with me about allowing television, television news and television people to influence my thinking.

We all need to be very, very cautious about that.

Isaiah 1:21-23 says, "How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: thy

princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards...."

Those *rewards* Isaiah was talking about were bribes or under-the-table deals.

Compare his words to our generation. Our nation now is a lot like the city of Jerusalem was then. Just reading that scripture, you'd think you were reading the newspaper.

Isaiah continues: "...they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them. Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies: And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross [or, your slag and your alloys—the stuff you've mixed in with your purity], and take away all thy tin" (verses 23-25).

God always puts first things first. Notice what He said He will do first to change a city or nation: "And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors [your lawyers and your pastors] as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, the city of righteousness, the faithful city" (verse 26).

He said we will be called "a righteousness nation" again!

It doesn't matter what administration is in power or who's in what position of authority. When you get right down to it, everyone is influenced in one way or another by a judge.

Judges affect everything, and over the past 40 years

Supreme Court judges have really messed up our country. But I'll tell you something—you can't blame them for it. You have to blame us. Why? Because we quit praying, we quit believing God and we quit voting.

You have to understand, the ballot is your seed, and God doesn't do anything without a seed. When you don't sow it, you have sown to your enemy. It's the same principle that applies to farming. You sow corn, you harvest a crop of corn. You sow nothing, you get nothing. There's no in-between.

Everything you do and everything you say is a seed. To think you can sow one thing and reap a different harvest is insanity. That kind of thinking is not even practical. A seed always produces after its own kind.

So by getting hung up on the political parties and all of the show business—supposedly political campaigns—that have little or nothing to do with what's going to happen in office, and then not sowing your ballot...it's like not having been involved in the first place.

What's your responsibility? Get involved! You pray and you follow God when it comes time to vote. And then you do more than that: You stay involved.

God really got after a preacher friend of mine about this very thing. He lives in a small town in central Texas and his church wasn't liking the direction the city council was going at all. So the whole church got together and went to a city council meeting. There were more people there from that church than anyone else. In fact, no one else showed up. They voted on everything and ended up taking over the city. They started turning the whole city around in one night.

The city council realized what was going on, but there wasn't any way they could turn them off. They were in every city council meeting—two or three hundred of them—filling the whole room up. They turned that whole city around in a matter of weeks, and eventually changed the city council.

"Is that the right thing to do?" you ask.

It is when you're right. And being part of the political system—exercising your voice and being heard—is right!

It's time for you to be heard. But you can't if you don't stand up and speak out. It starts with sowing your seed. Your vote really does count. VICTORY





Receive Your Inheritance!

BY GLORIA COPELAND

Have you ever been invited to an attorney's office for the reading of a will? | I haven't. Where I come from, there was never enough money left for the relatives to fight over when someone died. Most of the people I knew didn't leave wills...they left bills.

But, glory to God, that's not the case anymore. I became heir to a fortune more than 40 years ago in Little Rock, Ark., when I gave my life to Jesus. At that moment I was born again into the richest family ever known. I was born into the royal family that

owns and operates the universe. I received an inheritance so vast it will take me all of eternity to fully comprehend it.

Some people get excited about tracing their natural family history. They like to know if they have great

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people in their family tree because it makes them feel they've come from good stock.

You and I ought to be that way about our heritage as believers. Our ancestors are the greatest men and women who ever walked the face of the earth. We can trace our lineage back to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, King David...all the way to Jesus. Think about that! Those are our forefathers.

"Now wait a minute," you may say. "Those are Jewish men. They lived in Canaan and Israel. You're an American from Arkansas! You're not part of that family."

Well, not physically. But spiritually, according to the Bible, yes I am. And if you've made Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, you are too, because Galatians 3 says:

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise* (verses 13-14, 29).

Let's Read the Will

As a Christian, you are the seed of Abraham! What does that mean? It means everything God promised him belongs to you. It has been passed down to you through Jesus.

Abraham's blessing is your inheritance! It has been willed to you by the Word of God. So let's read the will today. Let's look in the Bible and find out how God treated Abraham, because that's how God has promised to treat us.

Genesis 12:2-3 is a good place to start. There we see the first promise God made to 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 I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

To fully grasp what God was saying here, you must realize when He blesses someone, He is not just telling them to have a good day. He is conferring upon them the power to increase and prosper in every area of life. In fact, according to W.E. Vine and Webster's dictionary, the true definition of *bless* is "to cause to prosper, to make happy, to bestow favor upon, to consecrate to holy purposes, to make successful, to make prosperous in temporal concerns pertaining to this life, to guard and preserve."

It was actually THE BLESSING of God that made Abraham rich! It caused him to prosper wherever he went.

In fact, he became so "very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold" (Genesis 13:2) that he and his nephew, Lot, who was traveling with him, eventually had to go separate ways "for their possessions were too great for them to live together" (verse 6, *The Amplified Bible*).

Do you know what Abraham did when that happened? He gave Lot first choice of the available land. He said: "Is not the whole land before you?...you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you choose the right hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot looked and saw that everywhere the Jordan Valley was well watered.... Then Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley..." (verses 9-11, *The Amplified Bible*).

Notice that Abraham wasn't greedy or concerned about his own welfare. He didn't have to be. He had a covenant of blessing with God and he knew God would bring him success no matter where he lived.

Put Your Name in the Promise

Financial prosperity wasn't the only benefit God's blessing brought Abraham either. It also made him an overcomer. Because God had declared that those who cursed Abraham would themselves be cursed, Abraham could conquer any enemy that came against him or his family.

You can see that fact borne out in Genesis 14. It tells of the time when Lot and his family were taken captive by wicked kings who made war on Sodom and Gomorrah. When Abraham received the news about his nephew, he didn't sit around wringing his hands wishing there was something he could do. "He armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued...and smote them.... And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people" (verses 14-16).

Imagine that. Abraham and his servants single-handedly whipped four kings and their armies, then recovered everything and everyone they had taken captive!

What gave Abraham the boldness to go after those kings? He knew he had a covenant with God. He knew God had promised to be an enemy to his enemies, and he dared to act on that promise.

Abraham understood that God was God! Abraham took God at His Word when He said, "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1).

We need to do the same thing. We need to take that promise and put our name in it. After all, it's ours! We're the seed of Abraham.

Years ago, when Ken and I first started to walk with the

Lord, we were facing debts and problems that seemed overwhelming. So I took that promise from God to Abraham and put my name in it. I read it like this: *Fear not, Gloria. God is your shield, your abundant compensation, and your reward shall be exceedingly great!*

I decided that since I was an heir of Abraham, those words were just as true for me as they were for him. And sure enough, they have been. In the years since, God has protected me and rewarded me beyond anything I could ask or think. He has been as faithful to me as He was to Abraham!

God keeps His promises, and He promised Abraham that He would bless his seed. He said: "I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee" (Genesis 17:6-7).

Circumstances Can't Stop THE BLESSING

When I look at the life of Abraham, I'm convinced there is no limit to what THE BLESSING of God can do for those who dare to believe. It makes the impossible possible!

For example, when God told Abraham and Sarah they would have a son, naturally speaking there was no way. They were both more than 90 years old, and Sarah had been barren all her life. But that didn't matter. Their covenant of blessing with Almighty God overcame those obstacles.

It not only enabled Sarah to give birth to Isaac, it kept her alive until he was 37 years old. It's amazing enough for an old, barren woman to have a baby. But for her to live long enough to raise him to manhood, that's really something!

The power of God's blessing didn't stop there, either. God so renewed Abraham's youth that after Sarah died, he was able to remarry and have six more children. At 175 years old, the Bible says, "Abraham's spirit was released, and he died at a good (ample, full) old age, an old man, satisfied and satiated, and was gathered to his people" (Genesis 25:8, *The Amplified Bible*).

What happened then? Did the covenant of blessing die too? No! Verse 11 tells us

that "After the death of Abraham, God blessed his son Isaac."

If you'll read about the life of Isaac, you'll see THE BLESSING of God caused him to prosper just like it did his father. It didn't matter what happened around him, he just kept increasing.

Once, when there was a famine in the land, Isaac considered moving to Egypt to escape it. But the Lord appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt.... Dwell temporarily in this land, and I will be with you and will favor you with blessings...and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father" (Genesis 26:2-3, *The Amplified Bible*).

Keep in mind, famines back then were just as terrible as they are today. I'm sure it was just like the pictures we see where the babies' bellies are swollen from starvation and their arms and legs are little more than skin and bone. Yet right in the midst of it all, "Isaac sowed seed in that land, and received in the same year a hundred times as much as he had planted, and the Lord favored him with blessings" (verse 12, *The Amplified Bible*).

I want you to know, that's what THE BLESSING of Abraham will do. It will enable you to prosper no matter what's happening around you. It will cause you to increase in the midst of recessions, depressions and every other kind of economic calamity the devil can dream up.

If you're the seed of Abraham, you shouldn't even worry about such things. They don't have to affect you. You're not dependent on the economic cycles of this natural realm. You're not dependent on what the Federal Reserve does. You are dependent on your covenant with Almighty God—and that never changes! He never alters the Word that comes out of His mouth, and He has said you are BLESSED!

What's more, He's said you're a BLESSING. That means the company or corporation you work for will be blessed just because you're there.

"Well, I don't know about that," you may say. "I'm just a janitor and the company I work for is full of heathens!"

So what! Genesis 41 tells us Abraham's great-grandson, Joseph, started out as a slave in the ungodly nation of Egypt. But because he was the seed of Abraham, he ended up saving that nation from being destroyed by famine. Not only that, he became the most powerful man in the nation next to the Pharaoh himself. The

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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entire country was blessed because of Joseph and his covenant with God!

Use the Anchor

Joseph had quite a success story, but you should have an even better one. You are an heir, not only of the covenant Joseph had, but of a better one with even better promises (Hebrews 8:6). Available to you are all the natural blessings that Abraham, Isaac and Joseph enjoyed, plus the spiritual blessings Jesus won for you when He died on the cross and rose again.

Jesus obtained those blessings as an heir of the Abrahamic covenant. That's right! God promised Abraham that "thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies" (Genesis 22:17), and on the strength of that promise, Jesus invaded the devil's domain, defeated him and came out with the keys of death and hell (Revelation 1:18).

Glory to God! Because Jesus possessed the gates of His enemies, you have everything He had under the Old Covenant and, in addition, you have the fulfillment of the promise of the Spirit. You've been born again. You have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you.

You've Inherited It All!

God wanted you to be so sure of that, He gave you a double guarantee. He not only gave His promise, He backed it with an oath:

For when God made [His] promise to Abraham, He swore by Himself, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, saying, Blessing I certainly will bless you and multiplying I will multiply you. Accordingly God also, in His desire to show more convincingly and beyond doubt to those who were to inherit the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose and plan, intervened...with an oath. This was so that by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false or deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the hope appointed for us.... [Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul... (Hebrews 6:13-14, 17-19, *The Amplified Bible*).

The fact that God has sworn to give you the blessing of Abraham should be an anchor to your soul! You should hold fast to it. When Satan comes to you and says, *You won't make it. You'll never prosper. You'll never have a good job. You'll never have that home you need...*, God's promise and oath ought to rise up within you. You ought to say, "I am an heir. I have inherited a promise that in blessing,

God will bless me. And in multiplying, He will multiply me. I rebuke you, unbelief! Now get out of here devil, you're not going to get my inheritance!"

Faith Opens the Door

That's what the devil does, you know. He tries to talk you out of your inheritance. He doesn't have any inheritance of his own. He has to steal everything he gets from the seed of Abraham, because the whole world belongs to us.

It's true! Romans 4:13 says plainly that God promised us, the seed of Abraham, that we would be "heir of the world!"

You should never entertain another thought of poverty again. Don't ever let the devil discourage you and push you around. Instead, you should wake up every morning shouting and singing about how blessed you are.

You may not feel very blessed right now. You may not look very blessed. When you check the balance in your bank account, it may not appear that you are heir to anything. Naturally speaking, your situation may seem absolutely hopeless.

If so, remember you're in good company. Abraham once faced similar hopelessness. When God first promised him he'd have a son, he and Sarah both were old and wrinkled. They'd tried for years, without success, to have a baby.

But Abraham, "[human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised" (Romans 4:18, *The Amplified Bible*).

Abraham believed God when there was no hope. He believed even when the world said, "It's impossible." "And being not weak in faith...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" (Romans 4:19-21).

THE BLESSING of Abraham comes to us when we do what he did. It comes to us when we believe God's Word. As Romans 5:2 says, "We have access by faith into this grace."

Faith gives us access to the favor and grace of God...and it gives God access to our lives. It opens the door to our inheritance. And since faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God, I suggest you get out your Bible.

Start reading it with a new perspective, not like a book of stories, but as the record of your forefathers. Read and believe it like you would a will that detailed your inheritance and you will begin to enjoy the riches that are yours by virtue of the new birth.

You'll discover for yourself that you are truly an heir to the limitless resources of the family of God! VICTORY

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