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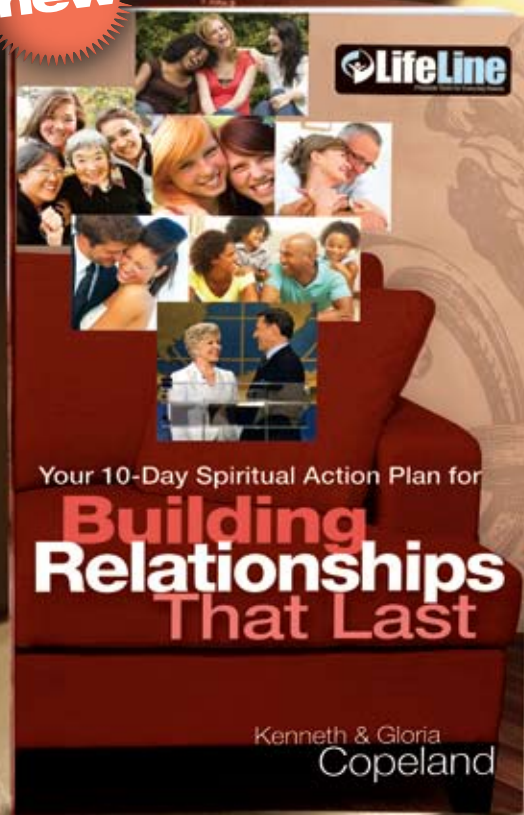
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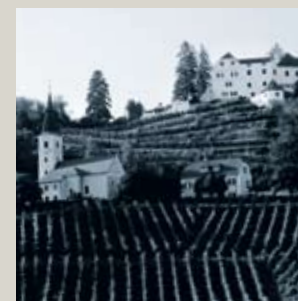
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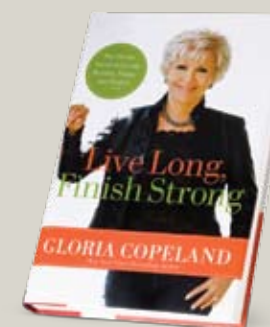
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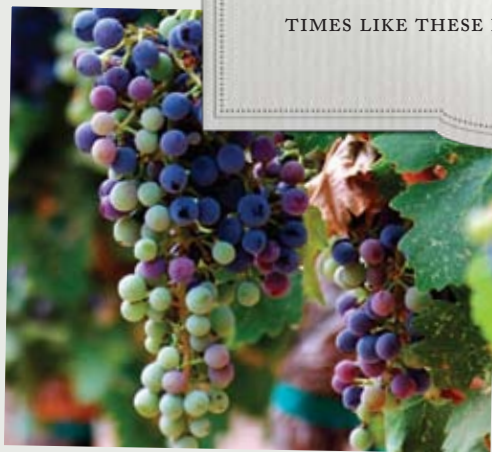
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Sojourning *in the Land of* Promise

BY KENNETH COPELAND

The world's biggest fortunes are made during bad economic times.

IT'S A HISTORIC FACT. THE GREATEST FINANCIAL DYNASTIES EMERGE NOT IN GOOD TIMES BUT DURING RECESSIONS AND DEPRESSIONS. THEY ARE ESTABLISHED BY PEOPLE WITH THE WISDOM TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN OTHERS ARE WRINGING THEIR HANDS IN FEAR, BAFFLED BY THE CONDITIONS AROUND THEM. >> IN OTHER WORDS, FINANCIAL FORTUNES ARE MADE IN TIMES LIKE THESE BY PEOPLE LIKE YOU.



You have all the wisdom you need—not just to survive the economic storm that's been raging around us, but to prosper in the midst of it.

You may be thinking I have you confused with someone else. “Brother Copeland, I’m just not good with finances,” you might say. “I’m one of those baffled people who can’t figure out what to do with them. I don’t have the wisdom it takes to prosper in times like these.”

Yes, you do.

If you’re a born-again, Holy Spirit-filled child of Almighty God who has a

Bible to read, you have all the wisdom you need—not just to survive the economic storm that’s been raging around us, but to prosper in the midst of it. God has perfectly positioned you in this time of famine, shortfall, bad debts, foreclosures and dreams gone up in the smoke of the stock market, to bring THE BLESSING into people’s lives again.

He has called you to build hope where there is no hope. He has anointed you



to bring life, spiritually and financially, where there is no life, so people can see the real Source of life—God Himself, the Greater One who lives within you.

You don’t have to be a financial expert to do it, either. You don’t even have to be especially wise when it comes to economics. According to Jesus, all you have to do to enjoy victory in the midst of a storm is to be “*liken[ed]*... unto a wise man” (Matthew 7:24).

That means, if you’ll follow the example of a wise man who increased financially during hard economic times—if you’ll think like he thought, believe what he believed, do what he did, and say what he said—you’ll be like him and get the same results. You’ll prosper and be a blessing to people even in tough times.

You Have The Book!

“But I don’t know anyone who has done that!” you might say.

That’s OK. You can get to know plenty of them just by reading the Bible. It’s full of people who have been blessed and blessed others in the midst of financial catastrophes. Take Isaac, for instance. He found himself in the middle of a national famine. It was so severe he figured he’d have to leave the Promised Land and immigrate to Egypt just to survive. But he didn’t, and here’s why:

The Lord appeared unto him, and said, 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 sware unto Abraham thy father; and I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed (Genesis 26:2-4).

Before you start complaining about how Isaac had an unfair advantage because God appeared to him and told him what to do, let me remind you that you have something even better than Isaac had. You have The Book. You have a written record of what God said not only to Isaac but to Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and a host of other extremely successful people of God. What’s more, you have the Holy Spirit inside you to illuminate that Book and to “teach you all things” (John 14:26).

Talk about having the advantage! When you get to heaven, ask Isaac which he would rather have had: God

appearing to tell him something every 40 or 50 years, or a Book of His Word to carry with him so he could hear from God 24 hours a day. I can tell you right now, Isaac would choose The Book! I know he would because Peter, who heard God’s audible voice, referred to the Scriptures as “a more sure word” (2 Peter 1:19).

As believers, you and I can apply that “more sure word” to ourselves in this time of financial famine. We can receive from God the same words He spoke to Isaac. After all, we too are heirs of the oath God swore to Abraham. Those of us who are in Christ are, as Galatians 3:29 says, “Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Therefore, God has said to us just as surely as He said to Isaac: “Don’t run to Egypt for help in this famine. Don’t look to the world and its ways to supply your needs. Sojourn in the land of My promise and I will bless you and make you a blessing!”

Although that’s the Copeland translation, one word comes directly from the *King James Version*. The word *sojourn*. These days we don’t use it much but it’s a great word. In addition to its dictionary definition, it conveys an attitude of ownership. It carries the idea of walking around a land like you own it, walking through it without any fear of enemies.

As sojourners in the land of promise, you and I ought to walk out of our houses every morning with smiles on our faces like we own the world.

Why?

Because we *do* own it! That’s right. As the seed of Abraham and joint heirs with Jesus, we have inherited the world (Romans 4:13). So, no matter where we go, or what kind of financial misery the world is howling about, we should walk around like victors not victims, knowing there is nothing in this world order our faith can’t overcome. We should sojourn in confidence enjoying the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith (1 John 5:4).

You Won’t Be on Your Own

One reason we can have such confidence is because God has said to us as He said to Isaac, “If you’ll stay in My land and sojourn, I will be with you.” In other words, “You won’t be on your own. I’ll be right there telling you what to do. If you’ll listen to Me and do what I say as if it makes sense, you’ll be a success right in the middle of this mess and THE BLESSING working in your life will help break this famine.”

“But Brother Copeland,” you might say, “how can I be a financial success? I’m broke! I don’t have any

“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.” —Matthew 18:19

Mature in Love

BY GLORIA COPELAND

Strife has many dangers. But one serious consequence to walking in strife is that it will hinder your prayers by robbing you of one of the greatest promises ever given to us. You can find that promise in Matthew 18:19.

The devil hates agreement between believers. Agreement opens the windows of heaven to us, and it closes the door on every destructive thing he can do. So he will continually try to disrupt that agreement by causing strife and division in the two places where believers come together in the most powerful way: the family and the church.

Until now, you may not have thought of your family as a powerful force for God, but it is if you're in agreement with one another. So make it your goal to stay out of strife and walk in love at home.

Oddly enough, home is often the most difficult place to be loving. I think that's because we don't have our guard up when we're at home. We're not worrying about our reputation or trying to impress anyone. At home, nothing will stop you from being selfish—except your commitment to walk in the love of God.

But don't be fooled into thinking it doesn't matter how you act at home. It matters a great deal. In fact, years ago, the Lord said this to me and I have never forgotten it: *If you allow Satan to stop you with strife at your front door, you'll be no threat to him anywhere else.*

So make the commitment to keep strife out of your home. Learn to live a lifestyle of agreement with your spouse and your children. See to it that your prayers prevail by being in harmony with the members of your family. The moment you mess up and get in strife, make it right. Say to the other person, “Please forgive me. I love you. I don't want to be in strife with you.” Then say to the Lord, “Father, I repent of that. I'm not going to be a strife person. I refuse to yield to strife. I choose to walk in love.”

You may have to repent quite a bit at first because you've probably developed habits that will take awhile to change. But don't get disgusted with yourself and give up. Just keep acting on the Word, and you'll continue to mature in love.

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money for God to tell me what to do with.”

So what? Gloria and I didn't either when we started living by faith some 40-plus years ago. All we had were the promises of God we'd found in the Bible, so we focused all our attention on those promises. Years went by when Gloria and I had no idea what kind of shape the world's economy was in because we'd turned off the television. We just didn't watch it. We were too busy training ourselves in The Word and listening to our spiritual elders preach about what belongs to us in Christ.

We stuck like glue to the teachings of people like Oral Roberts and Kenneth E. Hagin. We listened multiple times to every tape we could get our hands on. We read and reread every book. We didn't get in the car and turn on the radio—we turned on the big reel-to-reel tape player that was sitting on the front seat. (It ran on carbon batteries that went dead so fast it took a grocery sack full of them to listen to one set of tapes.)

I went to bed listening to those tapes at night. I got up the next morning and listened to them while I was shaving. All the while I had my ear tuned to the preaching of The Word.

What was I doing?

Sojourning in the land of promise! I didn't have any money but that didn't make any difference. I had the written Word. I had God Himself with me. I didn't need money, I had faith! I had the leading of the Spirit. If I missed it or made a mistake, God would pick me up, dust me off and here we'd go again—sojourning!

As the years passed, I learned to stay steady on The Word. When a negative circumstance (financial or otherwise) would come up, I'd say to myself, “Just keep sojourning. Don't fly off like a Frisbee in every direction. Don't start talking about how afraid you are and how bad everything looks. Don't ever let the devil see you sweat. Just keep walking by faith, turn your ear to the Lord and do whatever He tells you to do.”

Prepare to Be Surprised

In the process, I found out that much of the time what God told me to do would surprise me. It would be just the opposite of what everyone around me was doing. In times of scarcity when others were hoarding their pennies, He'd tell me to give more than ever before. When others were pulling back, He'd tell me to go forward.

That's what He did during the televangelist scandals 20 years ago. What a time that was! A few TV preachers messed up, the news media jumped on them

and so did all the unforgiving Christians. People pulled back on their giving and entire ministries were destroyed that didn't have anything to do with those scandals. Almost everyone who had any part in gospel television saw their income fall.

About the time when things were the worst, Gloria and I were preaching in Australia. I made the mistake of turning on the television and found out the Australian media were having a field day with it all. Afterward, I started talking to Gloria about it and when I did, the word of the Lord came to us. He said, *When you get home, I want you to go on daily television. My Word is the only thing that will build your country back up and I want it out there. I want the word of faith going out on the airwaves every day.*

Oh, man! I didn't like hearing that and I had no desire to do it. It looked to me like that was the time to lay low, not go on more television. What's more, I was already busy and tired—I didn't care to add anything else to my schedule.

All I could think about all the way home from Australia was, *Daily, daily, daily...I had no desire to be on TV daily!*

When I got home, I said, “All right, Lord. I'll do it.” Then I called my daughter Terri who was our television producer at the time. She gathered up her crew, they went to work building a studio, and within a few months—in January 1989—we launched the *Believer's Voice of Victory* daily broadcast. We doubled our TV bill right at the time when television evangelists everywhere were at their lowest point financially and every other way.

The broadcast took off like a jet and God put us to work keeping up with it.

After a while, I got worn out, walked into the studio and said to Terri, “I'm not making any more broadcasts today. Bye.” I was running on empty spiritually. I needed to refuel. So Gloria said, “I'll do it.” She didn't like it, but she did it.

Before long, we both realized

this was God's plan all along. He was developing us into a husband-and-wife preaching team. In those days, there weren't very many such teams. But God was developing something that would impact the future of the Body of Christ—and it turned out to be a great blessing not only to us but to multiplied thousands of others.

Get Jesus' Results

Why did things work out like that? Why did we wind up increasing in that time of televangelist famine?

We kept our focus on Jesus. We kept sojourning in the land of promise—acting like He acts, thinking like He thinks, doing what He told us to do—and we got His results. You can do the same thing.

“But what if I go to work some morning and find out

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I've been laid off, Brother Copeland? What should I do then?"

I'll tell you what *not* to do. Don't act like the world, and don't let the devil or anyone else see you sweat. Instead, take authority over your thinking and stay steady in faith. Focus on the promise of God and keep sojourning.

Then judge yourself. Don't judge the people who fired you. Ask yourself, *Is there anything I've done that opened the door to this?* Be honest. If you're late half the time and walk around with a bad attitude, judge yourself, repent and receive the forgiveness of God. Roll the care of the situation over on Him, then do something unexpected, something the devil can't figure out. Respond in love!

If you're a cook, bake something nice, take it to the person who fired you and say, "I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you how much I love you. I don't know where the Lord is going to put me to work now, but I'll tell you one thing, He'll take good care of me. So don't feel bad about laying me off—I'll be blessed wherever I go and I'm praying you'll be blessed too."

Go Forward and Wax Great

Regardless of what kind of financial situations you may face, if you'll walk through them with that kind of faith and love, if you'll listen to God and follow Him, He will not only get you through this time of trouble, He will bring you out to a high place, a rich place, a strong place of victory. That's what He did for Isaac. He led Isaac to sow in the middle of a famine and gave him a hundredfold harvest that same year.

As a result, Isaac "waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great" (Genesis 26:13). He went forward when everyone else was going backward. They were dying. They were starving. They were suffering shortages. They were in a drought. But Isaac prospered.

Everywhere he went, he'd dig a hole and find water. The ungodly crowd around him would dig a hole and find nothing but dirt. So they'd come over and steal his well. Instead of fighting and arguing with them, he'd go dig another well. They'd take that one, and he'd dig again. Eventually, God moved Isaac across the valley. He dug a well there and tapped into an underground river. THE BLESSING of Abraham on Isaac blessed the whole land and stopped the famine.

God can do the same thing for and through you. If you'll keep sojourning in the land of promise, He can move you forward and make you *wax great* in the middle of this whole financial mess. In the process, He may move you out of the job you have now. If He does, just give Him thanks. Say, "Praise God, now I'm free to really go to work! I can pray as much as I like! I can spend my whole day witnessing, giving and doing whatever God tells me to do!"

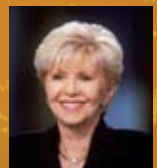
Then go after it. If God tells you to open a business, do it. When folks around you say, "Oh, you can't start a business in this economy!" just smile and keep sojourning in the land of promise. Just walk around like you own the world. Follow the example of Isaac, and remember that the greatest financial fortunes are made not in the world's economic *good times* but in the *bad times*.

They are made by those who walk like wise men in THE BLESSING of God. **VICTORY**

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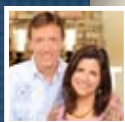
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Homecoming 2010. It was an instruction from the Lord to Kenneth Copeland
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August 2-7, for “one big homecoming”—and we want you to be part of it!

Featured speakers will include not only Kenneth and Gloria
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Taking place during the 30th anniversary of the Southwest
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and up, will be able to receive a word from the Lord.

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the World is Waiting

LONG BEFORE THE SUN LIFTED ITS FACE OVER AFRICA, DAVID OYEDEPO OPENED EYES THE COLOR OF BELGIAN CHOCOLATE AND LEAPT OUT OF BED.

Much like the heat that pulsed from the earth on a sultry afternoon, joy pulsed through every molecule of his being. “Thank You, Lord!” he said, beaming with joy as he praised God for his home. Anyone listening would have thought by his exuberance that he lived in a palace.

BY MELANIE HENRY

“That’s it! I can never be poor!” That revelation not only changed Oyedepo’s life, it ignited a fire inside him that would eventually change the face of his nation.

In truth, he lived in a single room.

At 29, lean and lanky, young David Oyedepo was as much an enigma as his native Nigeria, the most populated country in Africa. From the hills to the ocean-kissed beaches and the rain forest, Nigeria was rich in natural resources. It was the twelfth largest producer of petroleum in the world and had the tenth largest proven reserve. Yet the people of Nigeria were among the poorest on earth.

A government with a history of corruption and debt, under which nothing could be accomplished without hefty bribes, had left the average Nigerian with no hope of prosperity. The nation’s Christians, most impoverished of all, were commonly said to be “poor as rats.” No pastor could afford to be in full-time ministry. So most people who knew David Oyedepo shook their heads in collective dismay over the choice he had made. In their eyes, the man was on a slippery slope to defeat, and possibly death.

First, he believed God had called him to full-time ministry. If that weren’t bad enough, he’d started a church in Kaduna—the city of persecution. Located in north central Nigeria, Kaduna had a large Muslim presence and a long history of violence against Christians. The city simmered with hostility. In addition, young Oyedepo refused to pay bribes.

God help him.

Driving an old blue Volkswagen, David Oyedepo pulled up to his church which appeared to be clinging to life in Kaduna by its fingernails. Inside, rows of wooden benches lined the room, although there were only four members. He told anyone listening that God would prosper them. He claimed that one day his sanctuary would seat 50,000. He went so far as to preach that the ministry would own an airplane to take the gospel around the world.

David Oyedepo was close to being laughed out of the country. Except it wasn’t a laughing matter.

School of the Holy Spirit

“Some people laughed at me and others threatened me,” Oyedepo recalls. “None of it bothered me because I knew God had sent me to Kaduna and He would back me. For years prior to starting the church, I had put myself through the School of the Holy Spirit. First, I meditated on the Word of God. In addition, I read about the revivals in Indonesia where miracles, signs and wonders were manifest. Those testimonies stirred me to believe for the supernatural power of God to manifest in my life.

“I read *The Purpose of Pentecost* by T.L. Osborn in a single sitting. That book introduced me to the Person of the

Holy Spirit and I learned to heed His voice. That same year, I read *The Man God Uses* by Oswald J. Smith and it inspired me to give myself over to Christ in love. He became my only reason for living. I became so lovesick for Jesus I vowed to seek only the kingdom of God.

“I read all of Kenneth E. Hagin’s books, and formed a strong platform of faith in my life. When I read E.W. Kenyon, I experienced an unusual romance with the revelation of redemption. From Smith Wigglesworth’s books I encountered an anointing for boldness.”

Those who sneered at Oyedepo had no idea there were seeds of greatness in him—seeds that had begun to bud years before when he suffered from tuberculosis. One night in September 1969 while attending secondary school, 15-year-old David had awakened to find that all the students had moved their beds to the other side of the dormitory due to his coughing. Slipping outside, he’d cried out to God. “Jesus Christ, if it’s true You did all the miracles reported in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, heal me now!” Before he could finish his plea every trace of tuberculosis left his body.

The following year, David was home from school when his 7-year-old brother contracted a deadly case of measles. The next morning the boy died. David warned his mother, “Don’t cry! If you cry he’ll be gone forever!”

Choking back her tears, she followed David’s instructions. Carrying the dead boy on her back, she walked through town. David followed behind her to cover the body so that no one would see the child’s lifeless legs dangling. Outside of town, they laid the boy’s body on a wooden plank. Kneeling, David made a heart cry to God.

“Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!”

The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead raised David’s brother back to life.

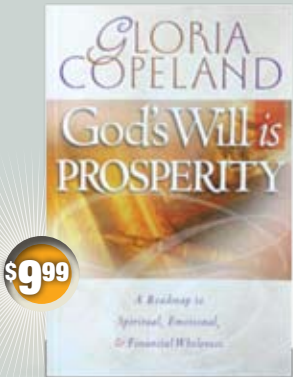
Unraveling the Mystery of Prosperity

From that point on, there were few things that could stop David Oyedepo. But unraveling the mystery of kingdom prosperity was a puzzle he couldn’t seem to solve. Kingdom prosperity existed, of that he was sure. Abraham and Isaac both prospered and became rich during times of famine. Job was the greatest man in the East and ended his life with twice as much wealth as he started with. David gave millions to build the temple. It was puzzling that few New Testament believers enjoyed that kind of prosperity although they had a better covenant based on better promises.

What revelation did Old Testament saints have that we don’t?



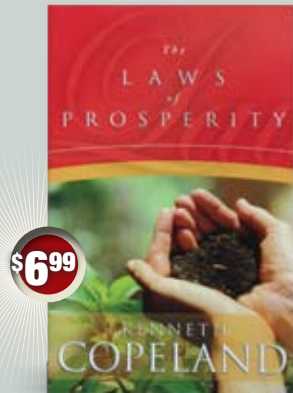
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In March 1981, two years before starting the church in Kaduna, Oyedepo set aside three days to meet with the Lord and uncover the secrets of kingdom prosperity. For the journey he took his Bible, Gloria Copeland's book *God's Will Is Prosperity* and Kenneth Copeland's book *The Laws of Prosperity*. On the third day of his quest, he read Jeremiah 33:20-21 and the light of revelation exploded in his heart. "Thus saith the Lord; if ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers."

"*That's it! I can never be poor!*" That revelation not only changed Oyedepo's life, it ignited a fire inside him that would eventually change the face of his nation.

Keeping Covenant

"What God's Old Testament people understood that we didn't, was covenant!" Oyedepo explains. "According to Genesis 8:22 and Deuteronomy 8:18, prosperity was included in the covenant between God and Abraham. The covenant promises were passed down to his descendents all the way to Jesus and, through Jesus, to those of us who believe today. When I read those verses in Jeremiah 33, I realized that as long as night and day continue on earth, that covenant still stands.

"God will never fail to keep His Word, which meant that all I had to do was learn how to properly align myself with the covenant and prosperity would automatically be my portion, because prosperity is a covenant promise."

Oyedepo realized the Bible wasn't a book of suggestions, but of commands. And one of the most frequent commandments in the Bible is to rejoice always and let praise to God be continually on our lips.

Reading 1 Corinthians 10:10, he also understood that one of the most grievous sins mentioned in the Bible was to murmur and complain.

Through Scripture, Oyedepo saw that Christians are called as priests before the Lord in order to offer the sacrifice of continual praise. No wonder King David was a man after God's own heart! Whether in the fields with his sheep or ruling as king, he lived a life of radical praise and worship to the Lord.

The Sacrifice of Praise

In Malachi 2:1-3, David discovered a truth King David must have known. Failing to continually give God glory brings a curse. "And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces."

With the knowledge of that truth, David made a radical decision to never again pray for finances or take finances from another country. Instead, he would align himself with God's covenant and praise his way to success.

In 1988, David was commissioned a bishop in the Anglican Church in Africa.

"Prayer is wonderful," Oyedepo explains, "because prayer draws angels. But God *inhabits* our praise! I realized that if I wanted God to show up in my situation, I could draw His presence through praise. I believe you can praise your way out of any situation. When businessmen in my church tell me they are losing money, my advice is always the same. 'If you have 10 minutes to pray, be sure that seven of them are spent in praise.'

"In the secular world you only say thank you to someone who has done something for you worthy of thanks. But in the kingdom of God, until you say thank You to

God, nothing gets done. Since I stumbled upon that truth, I spend 90 percent of my time in God's presence in thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is the spiritual yeast that brings multiplication wherever it is found. When you praise God and shout with a loud voice, you provoke Him to enforce what is written, contrary to what is happening in your life."

The Power of Praise

In 1989, God spoke to Oyedepo and said, *Get down to Lagos and raise Me a people*. Leaving the church in Kaduna in the hands of a pastor on his staff, Oyedepo and his wife, Faith, left for Lagos, a city teeming with millions of souls. God directed them to purchase 530 acres so far outside Lagos everyone decreed it would fail.

Christians and unbelievers all laughed in scorn.

Today, the church in Lagos, Winner's Chapel, has grown to a staggering 95,000 members. Those "poor as rats" Christians in Nigeria paid cash for their 50,000 seat sanctuary. When the Lord directed them to build a university, they paid cash to build Covenant University which offers 43 graduate and undergraduate degrees and houses 7500 students. The 530-acre facility has grown to almost 5,000 acres which includes the headquarters of Winner's Chapel International, Faith Tabernacle Church and Covenant University. Business ventures operated by the church include Dominion Publishing, House of Hebron Bottled Water Processing Plant, a bakery, various restaurants and a bank. They paid cash for the ministry's airplane which is used to take the gospel around the world. In addition to planting churches in Europe, the U.S. and Canada, Oyedepo has planted more than 3,000 churches in Africa. Today, the church in Kaduna has 20,000 members.

All of this was through a minister who never prayed for finances.

"If you want to duplicate my success," Oyedepo explains, "you have to love Jesus like I do. If you give your tithes and offerings from compulsion or in order to get something back from God, you may as well keep your money. The secret of my success is that I'm lovesick for Jesus and love motivates everything I do."

In addition to outrageous prosperity—signs, wonders and miracles are the norm in Oyedepo's ministry. For example, he brought one young girl back to life who'd been dead for more than 13 hours. That would be success enough, but those same miracles are duplicated not only in the lives of the ministers on his staff but by the members of his church.

No one is laughing now.

In 2008, David Oyedepo was an honored speaker at KCM's Ministers' Conference. "I give glory to God for Kenneth and Gloria Copeland," Oyedepo says. "The revelation through their books taught me how to walk in kingdom prosperity, and now countless thousands are walking in that revelation as well."

Not only has God prospered many Christians in Nigeria, but in 2006 Nigeria was the first African country to pay off its national debt—an estimated \$30 billion.

The life and ministry of Bishop David Oyedepo is a living example of Romans 8:19, "The earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God" (*New King James Version*). The world has been waiting for great men of faith like David Oyedepo.

Now the world is waiting for you. **VICTORY**



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“He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness....” (Psalm 23:3, *The Amplified Bible*)

Jesus Brings Family Members Home

I am a new Partner with KCM and I watch the programs faithfully. I was watching a particular broadcast during the healing weeks and Kenneth Copeland was very much in the Spirit of God and he began to pray for his Partners.

I said, “I’m getting in on this,” so I lifted my hands and took it all in. He prayed that our lost family members would call and come home. That night my brother called; we hadn’t heard from him in months. In addition, my other brother in another state called and said he wanted to be removed from his current lifestyle and live for Jesus. After hanging up the phone my mother got in her car and drove three hours to get him and bring him home.

Praise the Lord! With Jesus all things are possible. Thank you!

Rhonda Ward :: Indianapolis, Ind.



True to His Word

I want to give glory to God for my total healing and hopefully give some encouragement to those of you trusting God for personal breakthrough.

By the time I was diagnosed with cancer in 1994, it had spread from my neck to my groin area. At that time I didn’t think my faith was strong enough to believe that God would heal me and I went through a series of chemotherapy treatments that were extremely unpleasant. I tested clear after the treatments, but six months later I found another lump on my neck and it turned out to be the same form of cancer. I made the decision I would not go through chemo again and to confess and pray the Word of God over myself instead.

I gathered scriptures on healing and began praying and confessing them out loud over myself throughout the day. I also worked hard on removing hindrances that would keep me from receiving my healing. I dealt with unforgiveness and fear, and avoided negative thinking. I stayed away from people who expressed negative or unbelieving statements to me. I continued praying and confessing, “By His stripes I AM healed!” no matter how I felt or what my body was telling me.

While I was confessing daily, I was still suffering a lot of pain and side effects from the chemo. I also discovered that more lumps were developing during a period of time, but as I continued to pray the Word of God over myself the tumors started to disappear. In 2001, I was tested again and found to be clear of cancer. God provided my healing as I did my part by confessing and praying God’s Word. It built up my faith so I was able to receive and maintain my health. I am still confessing and praying those same scriptures over myself daily.

M.U. :: Canada

Complete Restoration

One night during the 2009 West Coast Believers’ Convention, a friend who is in the Los Angeles area got on Facebook and without the intent of telling me about the service, realized Jesse Duplantis was speaking that night. She knows I’m in Louisiana, so she told me about watching it.

The very moment I turned it on, Len Mink was singing “Oh, The Blood of Jesus” when he suddenly changed the words of the song and said someone was watching with a needle in their hand, ready to end it all. Then, he went on about a baby forgiving its mom for not letting it live. When Kenneth got up he said the abortion hadn’t cost that person their salvation. I’m not only the survivor of a late-term abortion, but I had a partial-birth abortion and was totally overwhelmed and mad at God about it all.

I had a needle in my vein when Len was singing, but pulled it out when he said God said to stop, that He had bigger plans.

I came to my first KCM meeting, the 2009 Southwest Believers’ Convention, and the first night my left knee was instantly healed after 13 years of trouble with it. My right foot was also healed Friday evening, and during Healing School on Saturday my left hip and eyesight were healed. There’s nothing I can say other than GEAUX JESUS! Thank You, Jesus, and KCM!

Brandi Lozier :: Louisiana

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Nothing Is Too Big for God

Three years ago, after being diagnosed with an infectious lung disease, nine doctors gave up on me. I went to the hospital for tests, followed by high-powered medication. I was spitting up blood, coughing and losing a lot of weight when I heard Gloria Copeland and began to “live” her healing tapes. I was healed as I listened to them every day.

I am 82 years old, take no medications and have more energy than the Energizer Bunny. I have also regained all my weight. We listen to the Copelands every day. God bless you all!

Mr. Carmen Amadio :: Sarasota, Fla.

Supernatural Healing Baffles Doctors

In August 2005, I had booked four weeks of meetings to go and minister and also take my daughter with me to visit my home state and family. I had been out of ministry for two years with illness and burnout, so this was my day of return.

One night I decided to take my new bike to put air in the tires and give it a run before leaving the next day. While out, I had an accident and ended up in the emergency room with the surgeon’s report of two major breaks in my hip and a fracture in my lower spine. The doctors said I could expect symptoms of stiff hip, arthritis and fluid, and use of a walking stick as a result of having aggressive surgery.

Well, here is the good part. A friend of mine brought me a two-part tape set called *The Power of the Anointing* by Kenneth Copeland. I placed my headphones on and played them over and over for five days. The result was amazing! After five days of waiting for surgery the surgeon said we’d take some scans to see what was happening with my hip. He came back astounded and said, “I have never seen anything like it. It’s healing itself.” Then he said, “If you can pass the test on a crutch you can go home.” So, on day six I walked on a crutch and on day seven, at home, I climbed back on that bike and rode it around the block, just to show the glory of God. God is good!

L.R.D. :: Australia

All Clear!

Thank you so much for your prayers for healing after I heard I had a malignant melanoma. I received news that the PET scan showed that what I had was totally clear. I praise and thank God for His faithfulness!

C.B. :: South Africa

Lives Changed Through Prayer

I called in to ask for prayer for a woman who was sick in the hospital and not saved. My wife had the opportunity to pray with her and she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Praise God! We are believing that her husband will also come to the Lord. Hallelujah!

W.G. :: Canada

Completely Whole

I wrote to you asking for materials concerning healing. You sent *God’s Creative Power for Healing* by Charles Capps and several other materials by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland.

I had one operation and a stint was put in. The doctor decided to put in another one, but before the operation he decided to take another CT scan. This time, to his amazement, the CT scan came out clear and the doctor told me there was no need for another operation. I thank God for Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

S.M. :: England

A Changed Life

I just want to say this ministry has touched my life! I went to the 2009 Southwest Believers’ Convention and it changed my life! I am 16, and I rededicated my life to Christ. The joy I am filled with is overwhelming. Thank you for the time and work you do for our Lord!

A.P. :: Texas

A Light Unto My Path

Thank you, Brother Ken and Sister Gloria. I was in a deep, terrible and tormenting pit, but God brought me out by a literal IV of the Word from listening to a CD of yours over and over again all night. The anointing brought rest, deliverance and peace—at last.

Samantha Spangler
Texas

Deliverance and Renewal

Not long ago, I hit a physical bottom from using crack drugs. Today God has delivered me from the disease of addiction. I have been clean for several months and it gets better and better without the use of drugs.

Your teachings are wonderful—they are good for the renewing of my mind.

B.T. :: Georgia

My Life Is in God’s Hands

I have been listening to the Los Angeles prayer conference with Pastor Terri. The last message on the return of Jesus blessed me so much! As Pastor Terri prayed, I believe things were broken in the spiritual realm concerning my life. I had been asking God to reward my intercession, which was something Pastor Terri specifically prayed about. I feel so blessed!

P.M. :: Ireland

Ireland

Stand YOUR Ground

Pastors often face the challenge of needing a new sanctuary when their facility becomes too small.

We faced this situation as our congregation increased. We simply ran out of space. The decision was made—it was

time to build! I had no idea, however, what kind of a learning experience lay ahead. I did not realize to what degree I had to learn how to stand my ground.

Kenneth E. Hagin once said,

*“If you’re willing to stand forever,
you won’t have to stand very long.”*

I discovered that standing is not always easy—especially when building a debt-free church. The “easy road” would be to borrow the money. “Get a loan and get it done,” they say. But as you know, Kenneth Copeland Ministries does not borrow. Everything at KCM is debt free—including our sanctuary. Praise God!

Construction of our sanctuary began with a bang. We celebrated. We broke ground. Offerings were received. But, as time passed, the cost of construction increased. The process got complicated. The pressure began to mount.

At one point during construction, I had to get away. My family and I were on vacation when the phone rang. Someone from our construction team was calling. “Pastor George, the price just went up \$1 million.”

“It did *what?*”

The next day they called again. “It’s gone up another million.”

“Did I hear you correctly?”

Third day: “Another million.”

I said, “I’m coming home.”

I had to cut short our vacation in order to return home and keep the price from escalating any further.

I discovered something very interesting. The finances were not the problem. The real problem was that I got under pressure. I let down on my faith and began to waver. That eventually opened the door for the devil to step in and bring confusion.

My faith was up and down and all around throughout the project. There were too many sleepless nights and stress-filled days. We eventually finished the building, but not without a fight. After a time of deep reflection, I realized what I should have done: I should have cast the care, entered God’s rest and stayed in faith. I should have stood my ground!

STAND FIRMLY IN YOUR PLACE

In Ephesians 6:10-11, *The Amplified Bible*, Paul talks about standing. “Be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]. Put on God’s whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.” *We can* stand against the devil. *It is* possible. We can stand against fear, lack and sickness. We can even stand against an overwhelming building project—and succeed!

In verses 13-14, he says: “Therefore put on God’s complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]. Stand therefore [hold your ground].”

We must get to the place in our lives where, no matter what happens, we stand firmly and hold our ground. Throughout the years, I have personally observed Kenneth and Gloria Copeland in every kind of pressurized situation possible—in life *and* ministry. They have stood on God’s Word in every instance. They have solidly held their ground—staying in His rest and refusing to allow pressure to enter their hearts. They remained fixed and stable. They really are the consummate examples of Psalm 112. Their hearts are established!

HOW DO WE STAND OUR GROUND?

Second Corinthians 1:24 has the answer: “...for by faith you stand” (*New King James Version*). Our stand comes from one place: faith in God’s Word.

The more of God’s Word we deposit in our hearts, the more effectively we will be able to stand our ground. The stronger we are, the easier it is to believe and receive. As a pastor, I often ask congregation members what they are believing for. When they tell me, I usually follow up with this question: What scriptures are you standing on?

Sometimes people don’t know. That’s a big mistake.

The stand you take is founded on the Word of God that is in your heart and on your lips. That Word must be so real to you it becomes part of your DNA. You must live, breathe, think, walk and talk that Word.

If you were to ask me what I’m believing for this year, I would tell you this: I am standing for God’s perfect will in my life, my family and my church. There really isn’t time for anything else. Proverbs 19:21 (*AMP*), says: “Many plans are in a man’s mind, but it is the Lord’s purpose for him that will stand.” I want God’s strategic plan. Only that plan will stand.

In addition, I am also standing on Hebrews 13:20-21 (*AMP*): “Now may the God of peace...strengthen (complete, perfect) and make you what you ought to be and equip you with everything good that you may carry out His will; [while He himself] works in you and accomplishes that which is pleasing in His sight.” I have been depositing these verses into my spirit for quite some time. The Word I’ve been meditating and confessing is becoming such a stronghold on

the inside, it is helping me to confidently stand my ground.

I have read those verses over and over again. They have become so real to me, I fully believe God's perfect will is being accomplished in my life, in my family and in my church. I am standing my ground on those scriptures. The stronger I have become in the Word, the easier it has become to stand my ground.

THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Our church is presently constructing another building. It is our new youth and children's facility. And, of course, we are building it debt free! Like the main sanctuary, it has taken a while. Issues have come up we didn't expect. We are believing for all the finances. But, something is

very different this time—I am handling it differently. I am armed with my “new building” scriptures, walking in God's rest, casting all my care on Him and staying in faith. And this time, I am aggressively standing my ground!

I have not lost one wink of sleep over this project! God has given me His Word, a great plan and a wonderful faith-filled team and congregation. That is an unbeatable combination. My days of worry, care, stress and anxiety—especially concerning building projects—are over forever!

We are making tremendous progress. Check it out on emic.org. We are calling our youth and children's building, “Finished, Furnished, Full and Free!”

Let me ask you this: Have you backed away from standing *your* ground? Has discouragement settled in over the passage of time or the lack of provision? If so, it's time to get back up on your faith. It is time for you to stand your ground.

As Kenneth E. Hagin once said, “If you're willing to stand forever, you won't have to stand very long.”

What are you believing God for? Write it down.

What scriptures are you standing on? Write those down as well.

Confess them. Meditate on them. Become rooted, grounded, anchored and established in God's Word.

The more rooted you are, the stronger you will stand.

Now, say this out loud: “I make the quality decision to stand my ground. I am strong in the Lord. I stand firm on God's Word. I refuse to back down, give up or quit. I cannot be shaken and I will not be moved. I stand my ground in Jesus' Name!” **VICTORY**

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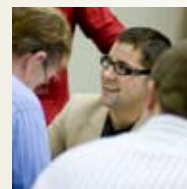
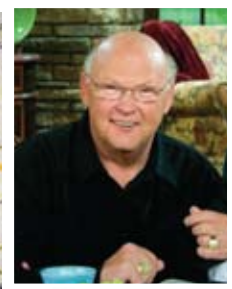


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—Mac Gober

Mac, Sandra and the **Canaan Land staff succeed** where other programs have failed.

Canaan Land's Hope

One of the outreaches KCM Partners support is Canaan Land Ministries, located just outside Montgomery, Ala. This Bible training center focuses on ministering to men, ages 17 to 60, giving them the rare opportunity to start over—and live life like never before. For many of the residents who have struggled with a life-controlling problem, Canaan Land is their last hope.

During their one-year residencies, Canaan Land gives men “direction with affection.” This unique Bible-based approach teaches spiritual, emotional and vocational skills so they can succeed not only in their jobs, but also in their callings and their families.

Mac Gober, who along with his wife, Sandra, founded Canaan Land Ministries, said that's the reason for their success: “We're taking in guys people have given up on. Even their parents have given up on them. But the Lord never gives up on anyone. I'm living proof of that.”

Change From the Inside Out

Mac understands the life-changing power of God because at one time he himself was a man in need of divine intervention. After years of struggling with addiction, brutality and flashbacks from the Vietnam War, Mac had an encounter with Jesus Christ that changed his life. Understanding the struggles the residents at Canaan Land face, and knowing the freedom Jesus gives, is what has allowed Mac, Sandra and the Canaan Land staff to succeed where other programs have failed.

“We've had some phenomenal miracles and successes over the years,” Mac said. “We preach the word of faith and the greatest impact on our guys is teaching them who they are in Jesus Christ. I tell them they are new creatures in Christ Jesus, so there's no shame when they serve Him.”

The men at Canaan Land are immersed in an atmosphere that changes them from the inside out. They attend three Bible classes a day, five days a week, where they learn to build a strong foundation and develop a close, lasting relationship with the Lord. They are taught how to live by faith, and how to apply godly principles to everyday situations. The residents are given the opportunity to earn a high-school GED and learn a trade such as

auto mechanics, electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, carpentry, furniture building and refinishing, swimming pool maintenance, lawn care and landscaping, and more. They are also assigned work duties for four to five hours each weekday and some Saturdays. These daily routines are an important part of the training that improves each man's work ethic and attitude while giving him a sense of ownership and pride in a job well done.



Lasting Success

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With the success of Canaan Land in the U.S., the ministry has continued to grow to more outlets worldwide. Canaan Land Bible Training Center in Mapleton, Australia, opened in 2009, and there are plans to build training centers in Virginia; Texas; and Nova Scotia, Canada. Each is another opportunity for the life-changing power of Jesus to reach those who may have otherwise lost all hope.

“People had given up on me,” Mac remembered. “I'd been told so many times that I'd never amount to anything, that I'd always be a loser.... If I can help one guy not go through what I went through, then to me it's all worthwhile.”

Thank you, Partners, for joining with us to preach “Jesus Is Lord!” from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around. Each time you give to KCM, 10 percent of your offering goes on to help other ministries—like giving a hand-up to the men at Canaan Land, helping them to understand who they are in the Lord.

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Notice how healing and forgiveness go together here like hand and glove. God does not separate them. The reason is simple. **They are not separate!**

BY KENNETH COPELAND



A REVELATION OF Redemption

YOUR DAYS OF SICKNESS AND DISEASE ARE OVER!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY GOD SPOKE THOSE WORDS TO ME: IT WAS SOME OF THE BEST NEWS I'D EVER HEARD. I BELIEVED IT AND HAVE BEEN WALKING IN THE GLORIOUS TRUTH OF IT FOR MORE THAN 38 YEARS NOW. | IF YOU'RE WISHING GOD WOULD SAY THOSE SAME WORDS TO YOU, I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU: HE HAS. | HE HAS SAID IT TO EVERY ONE OF US.

He said it with such power and force it made hell tremble and heaven ring. He wrote it in the covenant blood of His own Son. He shouted it down through the ages through prophets, apostles and preachers.

The problem is, most Christians haven't truly let it reach down into their hearts and become truth to them. God has said it...but they haven't yet believed.

If that's the case with you today, then what you're about to read can change that forever. If you'll take this message, study it out in the Scriptures and see for yourself it's the truth, if you'll dare to believe it and act on it, it will not only change your heart, it will change your body.

This one message will forever alter how you see sickness and disease. It will put to rest every doubt about God's will for your healing and open the door of divine health to you.

Jesus Paid an Awesome Price

What message could possibly be that powerful? Only one. The redemptive message of the Cross.

Calvary was the most complete event that has ever taken place.

God left nothing out of it. Not one cursed thing

that came about through mankind's union with Satan was left standing. Jesus triumphed over it all. By taking upon Himself every foul thing that fallen man has ever suffered, He set us free—spirit, soul and body.

He became our substitute. He became poor, that we might be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). He became weak so that we might be strong. He endured death so that we might be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:22). He “bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: *by whose stripes [we] were healed*” (1 Peter 2:24).

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Some theologians, however, have tried to rob the message of the Cross of its full power by teaching that this healing is merely spiritual healing. But Isaiah 53:5 says, “He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

I'll admit, judging by the sickness-ridden, defeated lives of many Christians, it may seem like redemption did little more than save us from hell by the skin of our

teeth. But that's because, for the most part, we don't have any idea what really happened at Calvary. And that lack of knowledge has destroyed many precious Christian lives.

But the Word of God says Jesus was *bruised* for our iniquities...and with the *stripes* that wounded Him, we are healed. The words *bruised* and *stripes* are translated from the same Hebrew word...so that means we can say it this way: He was bruised for our iniquities and with those bruises we are healed.

Healing and forgiveness of sin were bought by the same blood that poured from the same wounds on Jesus' body. He paid the same awesome price for them both. He took on His own body every sickness and infirmity of every man, just as He took on Himself the sin of every man. He suffered the torments of them all so we could be free of them all.

The very thought of this staggers the mind. Sin alone is powerful! It will change the color of a person's hair. It will twist their countenance. It will darken the light in their eyes.

But His sacrifice expanded to include the sicknesses of every man, woman and child who will ever live on this planet. Of course, we cannot imagine such horror. But if we could, we would be able to see the awful price Jesus paid for us at Calvary.

In the light of such a sacrifice, how dare we then, ignore what happened on the Cross and tell some sick brother that it is God's will for him to be sick a little longer so he can learn something?

That's like saying God would want someone to be in sin a little longer to learn something. And of course that's absurd.

It's high time we realize God hates sickness the same way He hates sin. Sin, sickness and disease all came out of the same pit at the same time!

Now if by some convoluted stretch of the religious imagination we *could* decide it is His will for us to be sick, we'd have to condemn every doctor and every nurse for trying to thwart God's will. That doesn't make sense, does it?

Just Follow the Instructions

God's Word is plain. He said, “By His stripes we are healed.” He said, “The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up” (James 5:15). He said, “[Jesus] Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses” (Matthew 8:17).

And God always keeps His Word—healing always comes. The new birth comes the same way to anyone who will follow the instructions in Romans 10:9-10:

“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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

The problem has been in our receiving, not in God's giving.

“But if receiving healing is as simple as receiving salvation,” you ask, “why are so many Christians still sick?”

Primarily, it's because the truth about healing hasn't been consistently preached. Since “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17), it follows that failure to teach the fullness of the gospel has left many Christians without enough faith to heal a headache—much less cancer.

If you're wishing right now that healing would begin in your body, stop wishing and start digging into the Word! Study, meditate and listen to faith-filled tapes about healing and redemption. Then start preaching it. Preach it to yourself. Preach it to your children. Preach it to your dog if he's the only one that will listen. It probably won't do much for him, but it will help you—and that's what matters.

I'm not saying it will be easy. It won't be. Not in this life. Not in this world. You can't live in victory over sin without making an effort, and you can't bumble along in life and expect God to just drop healing in your lap.

No, you'll have to stand for it. You'll have to fight the good fight of faith.

But it's a fight you can—and have the right to—win!

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Salvation Prayer

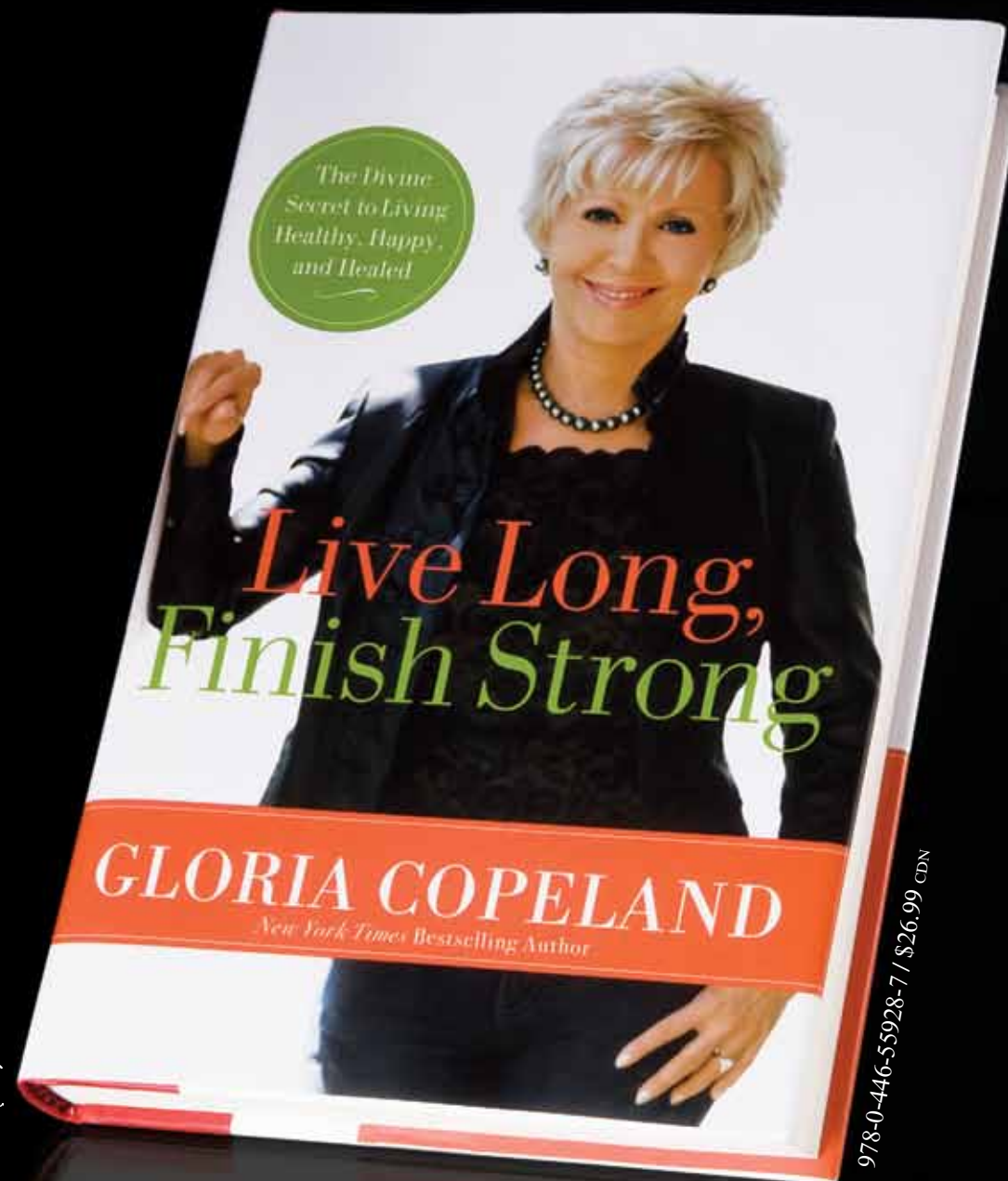
If you do not know
Jesus
as your Savior and Lord, simply
pray the following prayer in faith,
and Jesus will be your Lord!

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

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

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BY GLORIA COPELAND

Protecting Your Fountain of Youth

I'm amazed at how often people claim to have discovered the “fountain of youth.” Month after month, year after year, magazine covers and book jackets tout the latest and greatest longevity secrets. Scientists come up with genetic keys, and nutritionists proclaim the one...or two...or seven foods that guarantee long, healthy lives to those who eat them. Fitness experts invent exercise plans that promise to keep us young, slim and agile at any age. | Although good nutrition and exercise really do help, no one has yet come up with a guaranteed life-lengthening, youth-renewing plan that provides people in their 80s, 90s, hundreds and beyond the strength and vitality of people half their age. | No one, that is, except Moses.

His secret for long, strong life, echoed throughout the Bible, is the only one that really works. He proved it beyond any doubt by staying youthful to

the ripe old age of 120. Moses practiced what he preached. Despite his rugged life in the wilderness and his potentially high-stress job of leading a



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million-plus cantankerous, unbelieving people to the Promised Land, he tapped in to a fountain of youth that kept him young year after year, decade after decade. He found a source of life-renewing power that kept him sharp-eyed and physically strong 20 years beyond the century mark.

What was Moses’ secret? What was the force that kept him going so strong for so long?

It wasn’t a particular gene. It wasn’t a certain kind of food (although I’m sure manna was perfect). It wasn’t some kind of super-duper exercise program (though the Israelites’ walking program was exceptional)! It was the living Word of Almighty God. It was the Word Moses received on Mount Sinai in the midst of the fire of God’s glory, the Word he believed and obeyed (with one rock-striking exception) from the time he was 80 until his mission was finished 40 years later. It was the Word of God that prolonged Moses’ days. The Word from God was his life. It protected him, preserved him, and kept him going... and going...and going.

That’s why, just before he sent the Israelites into the Promised Land, Moses called them together and said: “Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. For it is not a vain thing for you; because *it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days* in the land” (Deuteronomy 32:46-47, italics added).

The *New Living Translation* quotes verse 47 this way: “These instructions are not mere words—they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life....”

For the most part, the people Moses spoke to on the border of Canaan grasped the truth of his message. That particular generation of Israelites truly honored God’s Word. They believed it and received it as their life. As a result, they experienced victory after victory in the land God gave them. They overcame their enemies and received the inheritance He promised them. The Bible doesn’t tell us how long they all lived, but if their leader, Joshua, was any indication, they did all right. He lived to be 110 years old.

Sad to say, most people these days aren’t as wise as those Israelites were. They don’t treat God’s Word as if it is their life. Instead of honoring it and hungering for it, they act as if they’re bored with it. They seem to think spending time reading and studying it is a waste of time.

But they are mistaken. God’s Word is not a vain thing. It contains the very life of God. When we

receive it in faith, when we set our minds on it and fill our eyes and ears with it, it energizes us with divine power. It affects us in a wonderful way—spirit, soul and body.

I know that’s true, not only because the Bible says so, but because I continually experience the reality of it on a regular basis.

Many times, especially when preparing to minister, for example, I get caught up in the Word and I experience such stirring up of my spirit, I am physically affected. I feel it start churning within me. Sometimes my face will actually get hot! It will turn red as if I’ve been running a race, even though all I’ve been doing is sitting, receiving revelation from the Bible.

Sometimes when I’m preparing to do a television broadcast, Sher, the lady who applies my TV makeup, will comment on it. “I can tell you’ve been in the Word,” she’ll say. “Your face is flushed.”

If the Word can affect my physical appearance that much, think what it does for the rest of my body. Think what it’s doing for my heart, lungs, liver and muscles!

“Oh, Gloria,” someone might say, “surely you don’t believe God’s Word affects you the way it affected Moses! He lived in Old Testament times. Believers today are under a different covenant.”

That’s true, but it’s a better covenant, and God’s Word is still as alive and full of power as it ever was. Granted, we aren’t bound to Old Covenant law anymore. We live, instead, by faith in Jesus. What does the New Testament call Jesus? It calls Him “the Word”!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him *[In whom? In the Word!]* was life; and the life was the light of men.... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:1-4, 14).

That passage makes it very clear: Life is in Jesus, and Jesus is the Word made flesh.

That means it’s impossible to separate Jesus from God’s Word. He and the Word are one. When we, as born-again believers, open God’s written Word, we find Jesus there. We find the quickening power of His Holy Spirit. Don’t ever let anyone convince you that God’s Word isn’t essential to us as New Covenant believers.

Life is in Jesus, and *Jesus is the Word made flesh.*

It is still as powerful and indispensable as ever. If you doubt it, read the New Testament book of Hebrews. It says that God’s Word not only created the world in eons past, but it still holds creation together today. Hebrews 1:3 declares that right now Jesus is “upholding all things by the word of his power.” He is literally keeping the universe on course with His Word. Don’t you think He can keep *you* going long and strong?

What’s more, Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word affects us as born-again believers in a real and dynamic way. It is life to us just as it was to the people in Moses’ day because now, as then:

- The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. *(NKJV)*
- The Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart. *(AMP)*
- The word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are. *(NLT)*

It’s not surprising that I can sometimes sense the Word affecting my physical body because, according to that verse, the Word impacts more than our souls and spirits. It penetrates all through our cells and organs to the innermost part of our bones. It reaches all the way to our marrow—a place where our blood is made!

That may sound far-out, but other scriptures confirm it. Proverbs 3, for instance, says:

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones (verses 1-8).

Look again at that last verse. It says God’s Word will be “health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.” Or, as another translation puts it, “health to your nerves and sinews, and marrow and moistening to your bones” *(AMP)*. God’s Word literally gets inside you when you receive it in faith. In a very real way, it “effectually worketh also in you that believe” (1 Thessalonians 2:13) by touching not just your spirit and soul but your body as well. To those who will believe and obey it, the Word becomes a veritable fountain of youth.

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Feeding the Real You

“But how is that possible?” you might ask. “How could God’s Word affect our bodies in such a literal way? The life in the Word isn’t physical, it’s spiritual!” That’s true. But it is our spirits that give life to our bodies. People often forget that. They get so body-oriented (because the body is what’s seen and felt) that they start thinking their outer man is more real than their inner man. The truth, however, is just the opposite. Your inner man, your spirit (or what 1 Peter 3:4 calls “the hidden man of the heart”), is the most powerful part of you. It is actually the real you. Your body, on the other hand, is just your “earth suit.” The Bible refers to it as your earthly tent or your mortal clothing (2 Corinthians 5:1-4). It’s like a coat that wraps around your spirit. Someday, if Jesus tarries, you’ll finish your earthly assignment and you (the spirit) will leave your body and go to heaven. (At least, that’s what will happen if you’re born again. If you’re not born again, you will go somewhere else, a very hot and horrible place where you definitely don’t want to be. So if you haven’t yet done it, I’d encourage you to make Jesus your Lord right now, and make sure you don’t spend eternity in the wrong place!) Do you know what will happen to your body when your spirit leaves? It will die. It will become as still and lifeless as a cast-off coat. The mortician will fix it up and make it look as nice as possible. Your friends will probably go to the funeral home and talk about how sad it is to see you there and how “natural” you look. But in reality you won’t be there at all. Only your empty earth suit will be left behind. The real person, you the spirit, will be alive and well, celebrating in heaven! Once you truly understand that your spirit is the real you and that it actually keeps your body alive, it’s easy to see how God’s Word, which strengthens and gives life to your spirit, can affect your body as well. Suddenly, verses like Proverbs 18:14, which says, “The spirit of a man will sustain [him in] his infirmity...,” don’t seem far-fetched at all. In fact, they make perfect sense because if our spirits sustain our bodies, it’s obvious that the stronger our spirits are, the better off our bodies will be. The more vibrant our spiritual health, the more ability we’ll have to live long and strong. It’s also obvious that if we allow our spirits to grow weak, we’ll go the way of the grave more quickly. That’s why God’s Word is so vital to us as believers. It’s the Word of God that nourishes our spirits

(1 Timothy 4:6). It’s the Word that feeds our inner man. Jesus said it this way: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). In the same way that natural food becomes the fuel of life to our physical cells, the bread of God’s Word, digested by faith, becomes fuel for our inner man. The Word keeps our spiritual engines running. When we believe and obey it, it becomes the quickening spark that renews our lives, day after day. One man who discovered that the inner quickening of God’s Word can affect our outward man in a most powerful way was F.F. Bosworth, the early 1900s author of the wonderful book *Christ the Healer* and a minister who helped multitudes receive healing from God. Mr. Bosworth made a habit of praying and trusting God to quicken not only his spirit but his body with divine life. As a result, he preached into his 80s with such tireless fervor that, according to his son, “It was as if he had...lived two lives.” When he died, it was not because of sickness, but because he was satisfied that he had finished his race. Of course, to receive the kind of supernatural quickening from the Word Mr. Bosworth experienced, we must do more than just look mindlessly at scriptures. We can’t just read a few verses, yawn, close our Bibles, and say, “Ho hum. I’ve done my spiritual duty for today.” That kind of attitude is a sure sign we’re not letting the Word get through to us. If we have that attitude, we can change it simply by reading the Bible with expectancy. We can approach God’s written Word believing it’s the truth and trusting Him to speak to us through it the very thing we need to hear. When we receive God’s Word like that, it doesn’t just get into our minds, it goes down into our hearts. Notice I said our *hearts*, not just our brains. That’s important because God’s Word is not just a head thing. It’s a heart thing, too! It becomes a fountain of life and youth for us only when we let it take root and come alive inside us. Jesus explained it this way: “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” (John 15:7). The word *abide* means “to live, dwell or take up residence in a place.” How do you know if God’s Word is abiding in your heart? The Word that abides in you will talk to you. As you go about your day and encounter various situations, it will speak to you about them. It will tell you what to do and how to live. It will direct your thoughts and actions.

When the Word comes alive in your heart and begins to guide your life, it becomes what Proverbs 3:13-18 calls “a tree of life.” Long life is definitely influenced by the Word of God. *Victory*

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