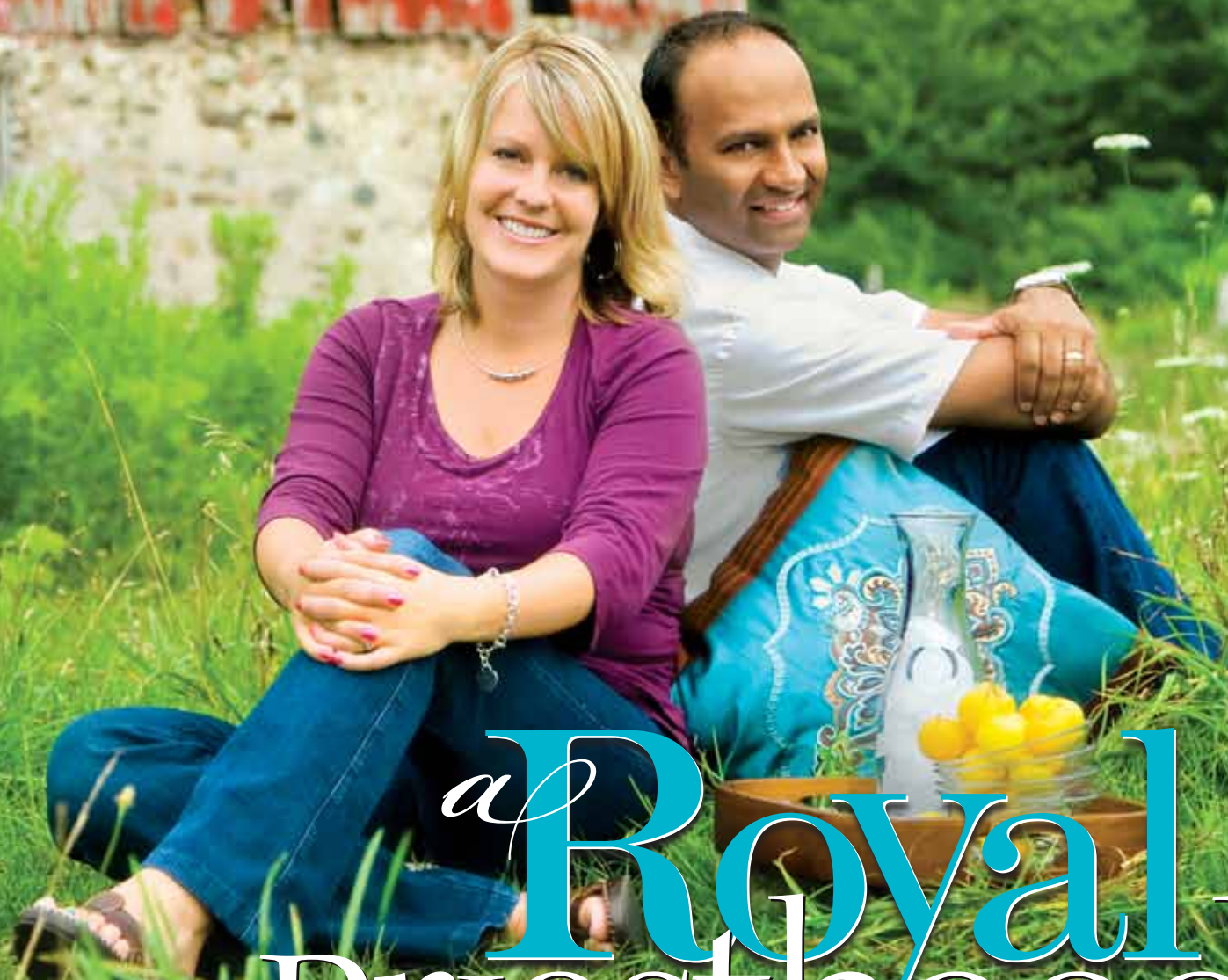


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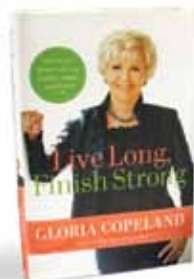
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I Have a Cookie!

About a year ago, four words began to rise up in my spirit. *Have faith in God.*

They're familiar words. I've studied them, and the verses in Mark 11 that surround them, for more than 40 years. But for some reason in September 2009, God began saying them to me over...and over...and over. | I'd wake up in the middle of the night and there they'd be. *Have faith in God.* I'd run into some kind of challenge during the day, wonder what should be done about it, and right away the answer would come: *Have faith in God.*

Have faith in God. The Lord kept those words in my face all the time.

In some ways it was puzzling. After all, I've been living by faith for more than four decades. I thought I had faith in God—and I did. But He was stirring me up, getting me ready to learn even more about what Jesus meant when He said: "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:22-24).

On Oct. 11, the lesson began: God woke me up about 4 in the morning, and I saw Jesus in the spirit.

I didn't see Him with my physical eyes but in my spirit I could see Him as plain as can be. He was standing at the end of my bed, not on the floor but elevated a little. In His hands He was holding a tray so big He had to stretch His arms full length on both sides to hold the handles—and the tray was heaped with cookies.

A Serious Command

You'd think someone with a tray of cookies would be smiling. But that morning, Jesus wasn't smiling. His brow wrinkled, looking very stern, He fixed His eyes on me and said, *Have a cookie!*

There wasn't anything about that command I didn't understand. I knew right away He was using the same tone of voice with me He had used with the disciples in Mark 11 when He said to them, "Have faith in God."

When the disciples heard that phrase, they weren't looking at a plate of cookies—they were staring at a dead fig tree Jesus had spoken to the day before. After finding leaves but no fruit on it, He'd said to it, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever" (verse 14).

He didn't whisper when He said it, either. His words were loud enough for all the disciples to hear. So 24 hours later, when they saw the tree withered up from the roots, they had some questions. They wanted to know how Jesus had done that and if they could do it too.

As usual, Jesus gave them a straight answer.

He didn't mealy-mouth around and say, "Ah, now boys, don't you be trying this. I'm the Son of God. I can do these things. But don't you go around talking to trees, calling things that be not as though they were. You'll fall flat on your faces and give us all a bad reputation."

No, Jesus always expected His disciples to follow His example. He challenged them to walk by faith like He did, so in Mark 11 He answered them in the same commanding tone of voice and said, "Have faith in God!"

I know how He sounded because I heard Him myself when He said to me, *Have a cookie!*

It's been a long time since I've had a cookie, but I knew that morning if God was offering me one, I was going to have one, and Jesus told me how to do it. He said, *Your response is: "I believe. I will. I take it. I have it. I thank You."*

Then He added, *Now, if anyone asks if you'd like a cookie, you tell him, "No, I have a cookie, thank you."*

First...Forgive

I knew the whole time, of course, Jesus wasn't really talking about cookies. He was talking about faith. The heaping tray of cookies simply represented the sweet things that belong to us through His work of redemption. They symbolized the gifts of the Spirit and the promises of God that can fix any bad thing this world hands us and make our life sweet.

Through the vision, Jesus was giving me a fresh revelation of how we receive those things. He was showing me that we activate the process of faith by saying: "I believe. I will. I take it. I have it. I thank You."

After He outlined those five phrases, He went on to say this: *The first thing you do with your faith, always, is release the power of forgiveness.* Mark 11:25-26 confirms that. It says: "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

To drive that point home, Jesus reminded me of Matthew 9:2-7. It tells about a time when some people brought to Him a man who was bedfast with palsy:

And Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick



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of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house.

As I was thinking about those verses, Jesus spoke to me again and said, *Always remember it is the same power. The power that forgives is the same power that heals.*

That's the truth. I've seen it proven time and again. I've seen people get sick, pray for healing and then realize they've been carrying bitterness against someone. When they forgive the person, they get healed.

Why is that?

It's because a spiritual law is at work. We reap what we sow. If we sow grace and mercy to others, we reap grace and mercy from God (Ephesians 6:8).

"Brother Copeland, are you saying that if I don't forgive others, Jesus will hold my sins against me?"

No, it's not that He is holding anything against you; it's that He can't get through to you. By refusing to forgive, you are refusing forgiveness.

Think of it this way. Jesus *is* forgiveness. He *is* grace. He *is* love. He *is* mercy. Anyone who refuses those things puts himself in a place where the forgiveness and grace Jesus has already released through the cross and resurrection can't reach him.

That's why it's vital when we stand praying, first and foremost, we forgive.

The Six I's of Faith

By the time my early morning vision was over, I was wide awake. I was so stirred up I could hardly stand it. In the months since then, the six statements Jesus taught me—I call them *The Six I's of Faith*—have stayed with me all the time. The more I say them, the more fully I understand them. The more I meditate on them, the more I see how complete they are.

- *I believe* engages our spirit which is vital because that's where real, Bible faith lives.
- *I will* engages the soul and puts it in agreement with our spirit.
- *I take it* puts our faith into action. (James 2:26 says faith without works or corresponding action is dead.) The word *receive* in Mark 11:24 where

Jesus said, "believe you receive" literally means "take." It's an active word—not passive.

- *I have it* is our confession of faith. It's what we hold fast to (Hebrews 4:14) and continue to say after we have prayed the prayer of faith.
- *I thank You* is our expression of gratitude and thanksgiving to God for giving us what we've asked.
- *I forgive* keeps us connected to God's mercy and grace so we can freely receive.

I'm so thrilled about the power of those six statements that I use them all the time now. A few months ago, the devil tried to put flu symptoms on me and the first things I thought about were The Six I's of Faith and Jesus saying to me, "Have a cookie!"

In that situation, the *cookie* was divine health—freedom from the flu. Thank God, I found out about that spiritual cookie 35 years ago! I learned early in my life of faith that the sweet gift of healing belongs to me as a born-again child of God. I remember one time in the early '70s when the Hong Kong flu was hitting big time. Whole schools were empty because of it. Everyone was hollering about how we all ought to get flu shots, so Gloria and I called the kids together and told them that's what we were going to do. "We're going to take our flu shots," we said.

John, the youngest, got all bug-eyed and concerned until he saw me take out my Bible and realized the shot would only involve God's Word. (He understood that because it's how we did everything.)

It was a landmark event for our family. We sat around the table and read in Deuteronomy 28:61 that all sickness is part of the curse. Then we read Galatians 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse..." and together we declared by faith: "I am redeemed from the curse of all sickness and disease—and that includes the flu."

From that time to this, that's been my confession. So when flu symptoms tried to come on me recently, I went back to that stand of faith. I said: "I believe. I will. I take my redemption from the flu. I have that redemption now. I thank You for it, Lord. I forgive and release the grace and mercy of God to anyone and everyone, in Jesus' Name."

Then, without my even thinking about it, the Lord led me to say, "I believe. I will. I take my place of rest in the secret place of the Most High God."

Talk about a tray of cookies! Right in the middle of those flu symptoms I found the peace and presence of God, and within the hour all those symptoms were gone.

Your Tools of Faith

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "I tried that. I

said, *I believe. I will. I take it. I have it. I thank You. I forgive.* But I'm still sick. I guess I'll just keep believing that one of these days I'll be healed."

Wait a minute. You told me you already took your healing. You said you have it.

"Yeah...but I still feel lousy. If I didn't say so I'd be lying."

No, you wouldn't and here's why. Words are not just a means of communication. They are tools we use, by faith, to bring things to pass. That's what Jesus was getting across to us in Mark 11:23. He was teaching us to use words the way God uses them.

Our words determine our future. Jesus made that clear in Matthew 12:34-36. Most Christians, however, don't know that. If they did they wouldn't talk like they do. They wouldn't say things like: "I'm scared to death." "I'm just dying to do that." "I believe I'm getting the flu." "If anyone gets laid off down at the plant, it will be me."

"Oh, Brother Copeland, people don't really mean that stuff. They're just talking."

The devil doesn't care whether they mean it or not. He is a legalist. He will use their words against them. What's more, as long as people talk like that, God can't entrust much spiritual power to them. If He did, they'd tear up everything in sight. It would be like putting a gun in the hands of a 10-year-old child.

I know something about that because when my son, John, was a boy, I began teaching him to hunt. He quickly became as good a shot as I was, but he didn't have the maturity to match his skill, so I watched him every minute.

One day he and I were out in the pasture bird hunting and we saw a monstrous spider clinging to the side of the barn. John spotted the spider, trained his shotgun on it, and was about to send it into the next life when I grabbed him and said, "No, boy, don't shoot it! You'll blow a hole in the barn!"

"Oh...I didn't think of that," he said.

Just as John had to grow up in his thinking about guns, we, as believers, must grow up in the way we think about words. They are power. We must practice using them on purpose to release our faith. We must train ourselves to say: *I believe. I will. I take it. I have it. I thank You. I forgive.*

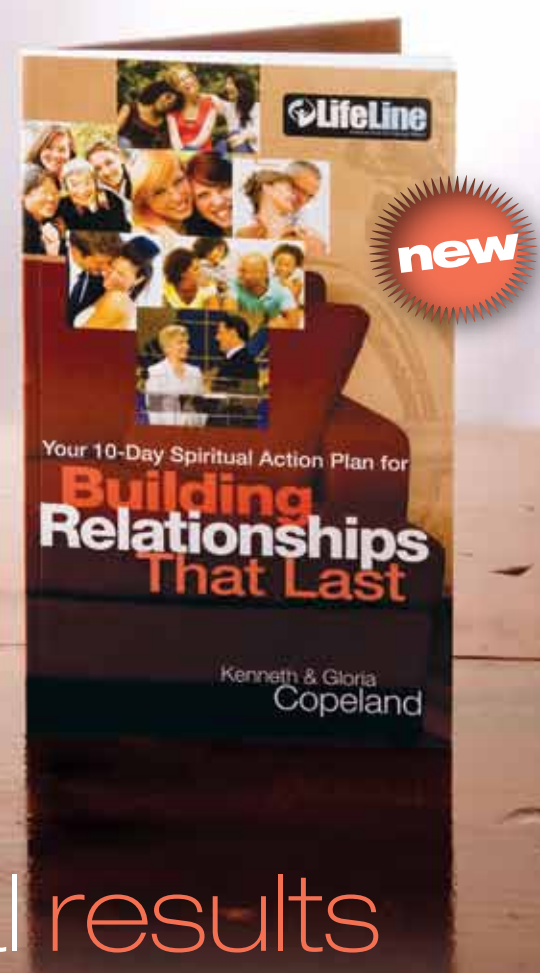
Right now, Jesus is speaking to every one of you about those six declarations of faith as emphatically as He spoke to me about them in that early morning vision. He is calling you to use your words to manifest THE BLESSING at a time when the world is crying out for it. He is holding out to you a heaping tray of the sweet things of heaven, commanding you to *have faith in God*—not only so you can be blessed but so you can become THE BLESSING He has destined you to be. **VICTORY**

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BY MELANIE HENRY

a royal priesthood

Thirteen-year-old **Hrishi Baskaran** felt the lingering gaze of several hundred eyes bearing down on his chestnut skin. He'd been born for this moment and the life he now led, but the weight of responsibility felt heavy on his small shoulders and slender frame. His mind raced back over the years of preparation that had preceded this ceremony. In addition to countless prayer and devotional gatherings, Hrishi had attended religious classes on weekends, and memorized ancient scriptures others were forbidden to speak.

Seated before an idol, from his left shoulder to his right hip stretched a sacred thread that signified his role as a Hindu Brahmin priest. Hrishi glanced at his father who'd long fulfilled his role as a Brahmin. His grandfathers on both sides of the family had also been Brahmin priests—an honor granted only to those of the Hindu caste into which he'd been born.

A devout Brahmin, Hrishi's father had built an extension onto their home for a shrine—to keep Hindu idols and pictures of deities they worshipped. Hrishi had logged countless hours bringing offerings to the idols, bowing in worship and chanting the mantras.

It was a necessary and thankless task, Hrishi says now. Even after he had poured milk over the idols and chanted mantras 1,008 times, he'd sensed no response. Hindu life was about trying to appease the gods, and did nothing to fill the aching void he felt inside—nothing to put out the smoldering ember of anger.

Still, Hrishi was grateful that, as a Brahmin, he knew more about God than anyone on earth.

"I was born in Sri Lanka and spent my childhood in Zambia, Africa, where my family moved when I was 7 months old," Hrishi explains. "When I was 12, we migrated to Canada, but it was a financial strain on my parents. The one constant in our lives was our worship. Although we moved to a different country, we still worshipped in the temple and at our shrine at home."

During his first two years of priesthood, Hrishi fulfilled his duties as a Brahmin while developing his own unique view of life. The anger inside him grew hotter every day. Watching his parents struggle, it exploded into a raging fire and he decided that the power to change a life was not in God, but in money. His

father's generation had been the first to work outside the temple. Hrishi was glad because he planned on making lots of money—legally or illegally, morally or immorally. He didn't care.

By age 15, Hrishi had a lucrative business providing pagers for his friends—many involved in drugs. He dabbled in drugs and abused alcohol, eventually becoming so explosive and confrontational his parents couldn't carry on a simple conversation with him.

"I smoked like I was on fire and drank like I was trying to put it out. I was the epitome of selfishness," Hrishi admits. "I argued with my family, wore 'gansta' clothes, talked slang, grew a goatee and dyed my hair different colors. I was in-your-face confrontational. I didn't care about anyone except myself."

The Truth Will Set You Free

"When I was 20 a friend introduced me to Faisal Malick who was involved in a network marketing business. Faisal didn't have much money and his car was worse than mine, but there was something about him that impressed me. He always talked about doing business with integrity. I later learned that although he was of Pakistani descent and raised a Muslim, Faisal had converted to Christianity."

One day Hrishi met Faisal at a coffee shop to discuss business.

"I've tried this business but it doesn't work," Hrishi complained. "I can't make any money at it."

Looking him in the eye, Faisal said, "I know why you're not successful in this business. Nobody likes you. You can't build relationships."

"Excuse me?" Hrishi said in a menacing tone.

“Your biggest problem is that you don’t know God. You think you know God, but if you don’t know Jesus you’ll never get to heaven. He’s the only way.”

Fury blazed through Hrishi. Jumping up, he screamed that their business dealings were finished and he would never speak to Faisal again.

“For three days I was beside myself with anger,” Hrishi says. “I was so bitter I couldn’t sleep. How dare he say those things to me? Me! A Brahmin! Didn’t he know if God had wanted me to be a Christian I would have been born into a Christian family? Besides, no one knew more about God than a Brahmin.

Something Missing

“As angry as I was, I had the strangest feeling I missed something. I had no idea what, but sensed it had to do with Faisal. I was miserable, so I called and told him we should continue working the business and agree to never discuss God again. Faisal kept his word and never spoke to me about God or religion, but every time I stepped into his house or car he was playing a teaching tape by a man named Kenneth Copeland or someone named Rodney Howard-Browne.”

“Why are you so upset?” Faisal finally asked Hrishi during a phone conversation.

“I don’t know.”

“I know what you need,” Faisal said.

“You think you have all the answers!” Hrishi shouted.

“I don’t have all the answers, but I have the one you need.”

“Fine!” Hrishi raged. “Who is your God and why do you think He’s so great?”

“Let’s meet in person to discuss it.”

Sitting in a 24-hour restaurant, Faisal opened his Bible as Hrishi stared at it confrontationally. He knew nothing about the Bible, but the moment Faisal opened it, Hrishi sensed the very feeling he missed after the coffee-shop meeting and it surrounded him. In a split second, Hrishi knew the love he felt wrapping him in a cocoon was God, which meant *God is love!*

While his friend talked, Hrishi was washed in wave after wave of liquid love. From somewhere he heard a voice saying, *I love you, son*. Trying not to weep, he grabbed the table in

a white-knuckle grip. About an hour later, Faisal asked, “What do you want to do?”

“How do I ask Jesus into my heart?”

At 2:00 on a cold October morning in 1997, Hrishi Baskaran forsook his idols and invited Jesus into his heart and life.

“That night I had the most glorious sleep,” Hrishi recalls. “When I woke the next morning I was a different man. All the anger and bitterness were gone. Every addiction was gone. It melted in the presence of that love. I woke up singing—I loved life. Faisal told me about a Pentecostal church not far from my home. That Sunday morning I walked in and sat in a pew. It was so wonderful I longed for more.”

Persecution for the Word

A few days later, Hrishi was approached by his father, “There’s something different about you. What’s this about?” Beaming, Hrishi answered, “I received Jesus as the Lord of my life! I’m born again! God *loves me!* And He loves you!”

Hrishi’s news was met with ferocious anger.

Away from home, Hrishi told his Hindu and Muslim friends about Jesus and they were saved. He was so happy, he told the good news to his Hindu cousins and relatives. When he tried to share the gospel with his sister, she threw his Bible across the room: “I want nothing to do with this!” she shouted. “You’re a disgrace to this family!”

News of Hrishi’s conversion spread to relatives around the world, prompting phone calls accusing his father of being an unfit parent and an embarrassment to the family. Although family relationships were strained to the breaking point, Hrishi was experiencing a joy and peace like he had never known. In addition to going to church and studying his Bible, from 1997 to the end of 1999, he read every book he could find by Kenneth Copeland. Soon a few churches in the area heard about the fervor of Hrishi’s faith and asked him to share his testimony.

At one of those churches Hrishi heard about a pastor who had also been a Brahmin priest. “The next Sunday I drove two hours to his church,” Hrishi recalled, “where he taught the same things I’d been reading in Kenneth Copeland’s books.”

For the next eight years, Hrishi attended church there every Sunday.

Soon, a situation in his sister’s life gave Hrishi the opportunity to tell his entire family about the love of God. Two days later his sister asked: “Do you believe all those things you said?”

“Yes, it’s all true.”

“God would forgive me? And love me?”

On Sunday, she went to church with Hrishi and gave her heart to Jesus.

More Than Enough

Hrishi was stunned to learn one of his friends at church had driven to Fort Worth, Texas, the year before to hear Kenneth Copeland preach.

“It’s possible to hear him live?” Hrishi asked.

In 2001, Hrishi and two friends traveled to Anaheim, Calif., to attend the West Coast Believers’ Convention.

“It changed my life,” Hrishi says. “The first day I was so moved that I was in line by 5 a.m. the next day for good seats. After Anaheim, I became a Partner with KCM and started attending Believers’ Conventions and Victory Campaigns every year.”

Hrishi had just returned from a Believers’ Convention when his father invited him to go out for coffee. They drove to the coffee shop where they sat in the parking lot and talked. “I’ve spent my life studying Hinduism, mantras and meditation, and you go to church and it seems you know God more than I do,” Hrishi’s father said. Fighting back tears as he began to speak, Hrishi shared the gospel with his dad. The following Sunday, both his parents went to church with Hrishi, where they met the pastor, who spoke with them in their native language. That same day they prayed to receive Jesus as Lord of their lives.

Today Hrishi’s relationship with his family is sweeter than ever.

In 2004, Hrishi attended a Believers’ Convention in Green Bay, Wis., and went to a singles event where he met a young woman named Tiffany. For nearly a year, the two communicated by phone and email, and in 2005 they met up at the Believers’ Convention in Milwaukee. In 2006, Hrishi and Tiffany were married, and today are the proud parents of an infant daughter, Maliyah Rayne. As a family, they continue to travel and share their wonderful testimony with believers everywhere.

Hrishi’s sister is now married. She and her husband are associate pastors of a church in Boston. His friend Faisal now pastors a church with his wife in Vancouver, British Columbia.

“The call on my life is to tell the world there is a God in heaven who loves them,” Hrishi says. “I believe in every tenet of the gospel, but it’s the love of God that draws the lost. It was the love of God which drew me to Him. It was the love of God which drew my sister and parents. When I was lost in darkness and despair, I didn’t go to a church to get saved—the Church came to me.” And that is Hrishi’s primary objective: to take God’s love to the people. “I’m grateful for the many opportunities God has given me to share the gospel.”

Hrishi clings to 1 Peter 2:9, a scripture his previous pastor shared with him: “You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (*New King James Version*).

“Once we were Brahmin priests,” Hrishi says, “but now, because of the blood of Jesus, we are royal priests! God has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.” *That’s* the love of God. **VICTORY**

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BY GLORIA COPELAND

was that Me, LORD, or was that You?



I have asked believers all over the world this question: “When you think God may be directing you, do you say, ‘Was that me, Lord, or was that You?’” I believe this uncertainty to be the major drawback to our following God through our spirit, directed by the Holy Spirit. | Most serious Christians would do anything God told them to if they

knew for sure they were being directed by God—if they heard Him with their natural ears or saw Him with their natural eyes. But most of the time God does not deal with us that way. He sent His Spirit to live in our spirit to constantly teach, enlighten and guide us. We must learn how to hear God in our spirit.

As we spend time daily praying in the spirit, it becomes easier for us to hear the direction of the Holy Spirit as He reveals His will to our spirit.

RECOGNIZE THE PROMPTINGS

“So now we serve not under [obedience to] the old code of written regulations, but [under obedience to the promptings] of the Spirit in newness [of life]” (Romans 7:6, *The Amplified Bible*). We are no longer bound to obey written regulations, but we are to serve by obeying the promptings of our reborn spirit, which is controlled by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit communicates with our spirit. He dwells in our spirit.

I believe this is an area of confusion when we are learning to walk in the spirit. As the Lord was clarifying this to me, He made me realize that most of the time I would hear my own spirit speaking to my soul, which is my mind, will and emotions. The audible voice of the Lord is rare in most of our lives. Almost every leading we will receive in everyday life will be a prompting, an impression, a thought, an inward witness, a leading or an unction from our spirit.

The reason it sounds like us is because it is ourselves that we hear. The Holy Spirit communicates with our

spirit, and our spirit prompts, or enlightens, our mind. “But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him” (1 Corinthians 6:17, *AMP*). The key word *united* in Greek means “to glue or cement together.” Jesus said, “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him” (John 14:23). This describes being joined, or united, to the Lord.

When we start our day by praying the will of God by the Holy Spirit, many times we will have already prayed concerning the problems we will face during the day. We will perceive an interpretation, a prompting, an impression, a word or a sentence that will enlighten us and give us the answer to the situation. It will be so natural to us that we might not even realize it is the Holy Spirit leading and revealing Himself to us. Things that would have been stumbling blocks to us before will now be handled with ease by hearing and obeying the will of God as the Holy Spirit leads us.

TRUSTING THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT

We need to learn to instantly obey the voice of our spirit. I don’t think there is any way to cultivate this communion

between the Holy Spirit and our spirit, and between our spirit and our mind, except by spending time in prayer and in the Word of God. We read that the Holy Spirit teaches by comparing spiritual things with spiritual. Hebrews 4:12 says, “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit.”

Only the Word of God will separate or differentiate between the soul and the spirit. Our soul relies on natural knowledge to form its opinions until natural knowledge is replaced by the supernatural knowledge of God. In Romans 12:2, this process of replacing the thoughts of natural, carnal man with the thoughts of God is called “the renewing of your mind.”

You might be asking, “How can I tell the difference and be sure when it is God or just me?” You will have to begin a quest for the things of God. The Scripture lets us know that if we seek God, we will find Him. Spiritual things do not come without serious effort.

We are told in Hebrews 11:6 that “without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” We know that we have to approach God in faith—that is, without being able to see proof in the natural realm. We must learn to believe Him without seeing Him. From that verse we also find another key to knowing God: He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

GIVE GOD ENTRANCE

There is no selfish, easy way to walk with God while we live in the earth and in a natural body. We will do it God’s way or not at all.

His way is for us to serve Him with our whole spirit, soul and body. We have to change our thoughts, opinions and actions to agree with His. God wants us to live the rest of our time in this earth not conforming to the will of man, or to our own will, but conforming to His will. When we put ourselves in a position of obedience, we give God the freedom to overwhelm the natural circumstances of this life with His supernatural power.

Remember, God’s Word comes to us in two ways: (1) by the written Word, and (2) by the Holy Spirit speaking to our spirit. We begin with the assurance that God’s written Word is our sure word. The Holy Spirit will never lead you contrary to the written Word of God. If you receive a prompting that is in opposition to the written Word, you will know it is not from the Holy Spirit.

Simply ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to follow Him. Give Him control of your life and He will reveal to you the will of God, step by step. He knows how to bring you to maturity. All He requires of you is your attention and your obedience. *Victory*

a winning Spirit

The spirit of faith speaks! It calls things that be not as though they were. It makes faith confessions—not because it’s “supposed to” or out of desperation, but because it’s so full of eager anticipation and confident expectation, it can’t keep its mouth shut!

The spirit of faith says, “I don’t care what God has to do, He’ll turn the world upside down if He has to, but He will change this situation for me.”

Every time I talk about the spirit of faith, I think about my high-school football team. For years the school had losing teams. But something happened to the bunch on my team. A spirit of winning got into them.

When we were sophomores, we were on the B-squad. We were the nothings. But we somehow got the idea that we could win. Every year the B-squad would have to scrimmage the varsity team, and usually the varsity just beat the daylights out of the sophomores.

But the year our B-squad played them, that changed. We didn’t just beat them, we had them down by several touchdowns, just daring them to get the ball, when the coach called off the game. He was so mad at the varsity team, he didn’t even let us finish.

What happened to that little

“We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”

2 Corinthians 4:13

B-squad? We reached the point where we expected to win. We had an inner image of ourselves as winners, and it eventually took the best team in the state to beat us.

If a varsity giant is staring you in the face today, get that winning spirit in you. Get an inner image of yourself as the real winner. Stir up the spirit of faith. Confess over that situation, “I don’t care what God has to do, He’ll turn the world upside down if He has to, but He will change this situation for me. I am more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus (the Anointed One and His Anointing). I am an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony.” And then celebrate the victory because you’re a winner! *Victory*

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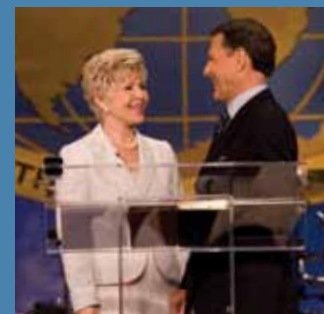
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My experience at the Copeland Family Meeting was phenomenal! I took the day off and drove to Orlando expecting a full day with the Lord. Not only did I have a full day with the Lord, but I received an impartation for my finances. I immediately felt the transfer, and money has been flowing to me ever since. Last year was a pretty good year for me in my real-estate business, but I still believe for the best to come. Thank you for all the teachings! KCM feeds me spiritually and I am happy to give back.

L.M. :: Palm Harbor, Fla.

THE POWER OF THE BLOOD

My daughter, Melanie, was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2009. We went to many doctor appointments. When she told them about a knot in her throat, they did a biopsy and diagnosed her with thyroid cancer.

I asked my sisters to stand in agreement with me that God would heal her body and no more cancer would be found. I got a call from KCM asking if I needed prayer. I said yes and told them about my daughter.

She had surgery on Jan. 7, 2010, for removal of her thyroid and the lump in her left breast. God had healed her before the surgery. When the results came back, both doctors said they didn't find any more cancer in her body. Recently she went through reconstruction surgery and the pathology reports are clear. All the cancer is gone! Praise goes to our Lord Jesus who healed her and washed her blood with His blood. I thank the Lord every day for His healing and thank you, KCM, for your prayers.

Ellen McKenzie :: Fayetteville, Ark.

COMPLETE FINANCIAL BREAKTHROUGH

I am a single parent and I love God for all He has done, what He is doing and what He is about to do. I had sent in a prayer request and sowed a seed of \$20 believing for a miracle. In my prayer request I had asked for prayer for funds to be released to pay my oldest son's school fees at a private school in Sydney.

At the beginning of the year, my mother blessed me with the *Your 10-Day Spiritual Action Plan for Complete Financial Breakthrough* pack. Although I was aware of the blessings from tithing and giving, I have been encouraged, been enriched and broadened my understanding of the financial blessings God has for us.

My older son was offered a full scholarship to a private school last year. The deal at the beginning of his scholarship in 2009 was that because he would be over the legal age to play rugby for school in 2010, the result would be me having to pay the entire school fees for 2010. This was my mountain! But I pressed on and agreed to accept it because in the stillness of everything, I knew and believed that every good thing my Lord started He would see to its completion.

As 2010 approached, I knew we would be receiving an invoice sooner or later from the school. It arrived and stated the first-term fees of \$7800 were due in February. In the natural I knew there was no way I could afford this, so I cast all my cares on Jesus and reminded Him I am a tither and a giver. I bound the spirit of lack and commanded Satan to get out of the way of my blessings. I then began to thank God. At the same time I had applied for a full-time job. I went in for the interview and negotiated my salary above what was advertised. A few days later the heads of the private school called and offered my son a 60-percent tuition scholarship, which meant I only had to pay 40 percent. Later, I received an offer on the job I had interviewed for. With this new job I can pay my son's school fees and sow more seed into the kingdom of our Almighty God. He is the God of more than enough!

E.V. :: Australia



SURROUNDED BY GOD'S PEACE

This letter is long overdue. Thank you so much for your ministry and the blessing it has been to me and this whole world.

In 1993 I discovered a lump on my upper left breast—I remember it as if it were yesterday. I went to my doctor and she informed me that I needed a CT scan. The following Sunday, I was at home reading and felt the presence of death come into my room. I remember the whispers telling me I needed to make out my will and make arrangements for someone to take care of my son.

I had gotten up to get a piece of paper to do that, and then I heard the Holy Spirit tell me to open the Partner Letter I had recently received from Kenneth Copeland. Enclosed were all the scriptures that Brother Copeland prays for his Partners and instructs them to pray also every day. I did as he instructed immediately. As I started saying the scriptures out loud, I could sense the spirit of death leave and God's peace surrounded me.

The next day I told my mother about the lump and I could see fear in her face. I looked at her and told her, “I will live and not die.” She said OK and nothing else. Needless to say the test results came back negative stating it was a fatty tumor. I have quoted these scriptures ever since.

G.T. :: North Carolina

PROTECTION IN DANGEROUS TIMES

I'm a teacher in a public school of about 3,000 students and 200 staff. In January, our school was on lockdown because several cases of semi-automatic ammunition and other ammunition were found in a classroom garbage can and the boys' bathroom ceiling tile. We were on lockdown for over four hours while police searched our buildings and learned the ammunition was the kind that could be used in assault rifles or other harmful guns. It was going to be sold to someone, and a suspect was immediately detained.

We are thankful for the protection God gave each of us—no weapons were found, no medical emergencies happened and all the students and staff remained safe. Pleading the blood over my school each day—well, we saw it in action that day. Thank you for teaching us how to walk in love and the anointing so God could work through us, too.

Mary Decker :: Minnesota

COMPLETE AND TOTAL HEALING

I just want to give God the glory. Several months ago I requested prayer for my brother who had tuberculosis. He was so weak he couldn't do anything, and my older sister had been looking after him. You sent me a prayer and a letter. I used the prayer every day.

My brother is now off treatment and has been taking driving lessons. Thank you for your prayers!

N.W. :: England

Walking in Honor and Integrity

I've read your books and magazines for over 14 years and I've learned honor and integrity from you. I've been in my current city, where the Lord told me to move, for 10 years and have constantly prospered. Sometimes it has been difficult, but at a time when many are shouting lack and recession, I am prospering in a full-time job and draw a constant salary.

Our church is prospering also. I attribute all my financial blessings to God, KCM and you, Brother Copeland, because you've taught me to believe God's Word instead of man's and to be a man of integrity. God is good all the time!

Spencer Evans :: Tennessee

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You have been standing with us in faith for a job for my husband. We are excited to report that he was offered and accepted a job as a project manager. Glory to God!

The last 11 months have been a stretching experience for both of us in our faith walk, but God is faithful to His Word and has kept His promises to us. We believe this job is a steppingstone to where God wants us. The Lord is good and His mercy endures forever!

R.H. :: United Kingdom

GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

I want to thank you for standing with me in prayer for freedom from nicotine—I have been free since January. It took no effort on my part because He did it all. I had tried in my own strength before and it was so hard that I would only last three days at the most. This time was so different—His grace abounded. Thank you, KCM, and praise and thanks to my Father.

J.B. :: Ireland

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Patience

Think you know
what it means? You'd better
think again...



Most of us aren't too excited about developing the quality of patience.

We know we should be. After all, the Bible rates it highly. But still, if we're honest, we'll have to admit it's not usually at the top of our list of priorities. | Why? Because over the years patience has gotten a bad reputation. It's been passed off as little more than the ability to tolerate a bad situation without complaint, as a kind of spiritual consolation prize we ask God for when we can't seem to get what we really want. | When, for example, we want healing and can't get it, we ask for patience to endure our sickness instead.



When we need a better job but can't find one, we ask for the patience to be good-natured about our poverty. And while we might agree that "patience" is better than nothing, given our choice, most of us would much rather have gotten the healing or landed the job.

Today, however, I want to show you some scriptures that I believe will forever change your attitude about the quality of patience. And what's more important, if you'll apply them, they'll change your life! You'll find the first of them in James 1. Let's read there beginning with verse 2: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (verses 2-4).

Can you get excited about being totally supplied in every way, in want of nothing? Well, according to that scripture, if you'll let patience have her perfect work, that's precisely the position you're going to be in!

You see, patience doesn't mean what you think it means. It does *not* mean settling sweetly for second best. It does *not* mean standing meekly by while the devil romps all over you. No, *patience* is a powerful word. The New Testament meaning of it as translated literally from the Greek is "to be consistently constant or to be the same way all the time, regardless of what happens."

To understand how much power is involved in that, you have to realize that it's one of the most outstanding attributes of God Himself. He's absolutely constant. The Bible says He's the same yesterday, today and forever. Or to put it in plain old Texas talk, "He ain't about to change."

Think about that for a minute. The guy who absolutely cannot be changed by anyone or anything is an extremely powerful fellow, wouldn't you say? Obviously, God has that much power.

But you know what? You do too!

By the power of the Holy Ghost working within you, you can be the same every day no

matter what happens. If you'll just put your trust in The Word of God and let patience go to work, it won't matter how you feel when you get up in the morning. It won't matter how bleak the circumstances seem to be. You'll know that The Word says the same thing today that it said yesterday. You'll know it says that you're free, that you've been reborn, that the One who's in you is greater than he that's in the world! And you'll refuse to accept anything less than victory.

Now *that's* real scriptural patience. Look at a few more verses with me, and you'll get an even clearer picture of it. Hebrews 6:12-15, for example, says, "Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise."

And Hebrews 10:35-36 says: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

Can you see by reading these scriptures what a distorted idea we've had about patience? We've thought it would help us to suffer failure gracefully, but according to these scriptures, it will actually put us on the path to success!

Let me show you how it works.

Patience (or being consistently constant) is the power twin of faith. They work together to see to it the promises of God are fulfilled in your life.

Say, for example, you need a job. You can go to The Word and see clearly that God promises to provide your needs. You can see He takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servants. Once you see that, faith takes hold and you shout, "Hallelujah, I've got the job I need."

But what happens to that faith tomorrow morning when you go to three interviews and get turned down all three times? Then what?

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That's when patience has to take over! That's when you have to make a decision to stay constant, to act as if nothing's changed.

The truth is, if you based your confidence on The Word of God, nothing *has* changed. It says exactly the same thing it said yesterday.

And, if you'll put patience to work, you know what you're going to say after those three unsuccessful job interviews? You're going to say, "Hallelujah, I've got the job I need!" just like you did before.

You see, faith opens the door to God's promise for you. And patience keeps it open until that promise is fulfilled. Without patience, the door will slam in your face at the first sign of trouble.

"All right already, I'm convinced!" you say. "I want patience and I want it NOW! So how do I go about getting it?"

You already have it! You may find that hard to believe, but it's true. When you received Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior, His Spirit was put right there inside you. That means you've got all the qualities He has. You've got the faith, the love, the hope, and yes, the patience as well.

The reason you've been seeing so little of those qualities is that, for the most part, you've kept your spirit backstage and let your soul run the show. And though your spirit has been re-created in the image of God, your soul (if you haven't worked hard to renew it with The Word of God) is still just as worldly and stupid as it ever was.

Jesus knew you'd run into that problem. That's why He said, "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19).

How do you possess your soul? By making your spirit the boss over your mind, your will and your emotions. By refusing to give in to them when they start whining around and saying things contrary to The Word of God.

When your soul starts to fuss and fume over some situation, you've got to say, "Shut up and be still. God is still on the throne. His promises are still good. And you're going to straighten up and believe them."

You see, the moment any trying situation arises, your spirit releases the force of patience, or constancy, within you. But in the past, rather than letting it have its perfect work, you've usually allowed your mind and emotions to short-circuit the process.

"Oh, I'm never going to make it," you moaned. "This is so awful; it will never work out. Blah, blah, blah...." Yet all the time you were going through that junk, there was something within you that knew better. A soft, inner voice

saying, *You'd better hush that. You're a born-again child of God. You don't have to let this stuff destroy you.*

Instead of heeding those warnings, however, you probably just let your thoughts and feelings take you into anger and depression, doubt and fear, and finally into failure.

Next time stop that downward spiral before it starts!

Possess your soul. Don't let it possess you. Make your mind think what you want it to think. If it starts thinking fear and doubt, just say, "Look here, mind, the Bible says I'm to bring every thought into captivity to Christ Jesus and to cast down imaginations and reasonings that are contrary to His Word (2 Corinthians 10:5). So you quit thinking those thoughts!" Then give your mind a scripture to meditate on.

Do the same thing with your emotions and your will. Take command over them. Refuse to let them disrupt the work of patience.

Look again at what James said: "Let patience have her perfect work...."

Let. Patience is not automatic. It won't go to work unless you let it go to work. Many people don't understand that. They somehow think this whole process will work without their help. They just let the devil tear their lives apart and then they say silly things like, "Well, I guess God sent that trial to strengthen my faith."

Don't you ever get caught saying that!

In the first place, James says, "Let no man say when he is [tested], I am [tested] of God" (James 1:13). And in the second place, that trial isn't going to make your faith stronger. In fact, it'll destroy it if you let it.

Say I was to give you a set of weights. Would that set of weights make you any stronger? No. As a matter of fact, if you dropped one of them on your foot, you could end up painfully weaker. It's not the weights that would make you strong. It's what you *do* with them that counts, right?

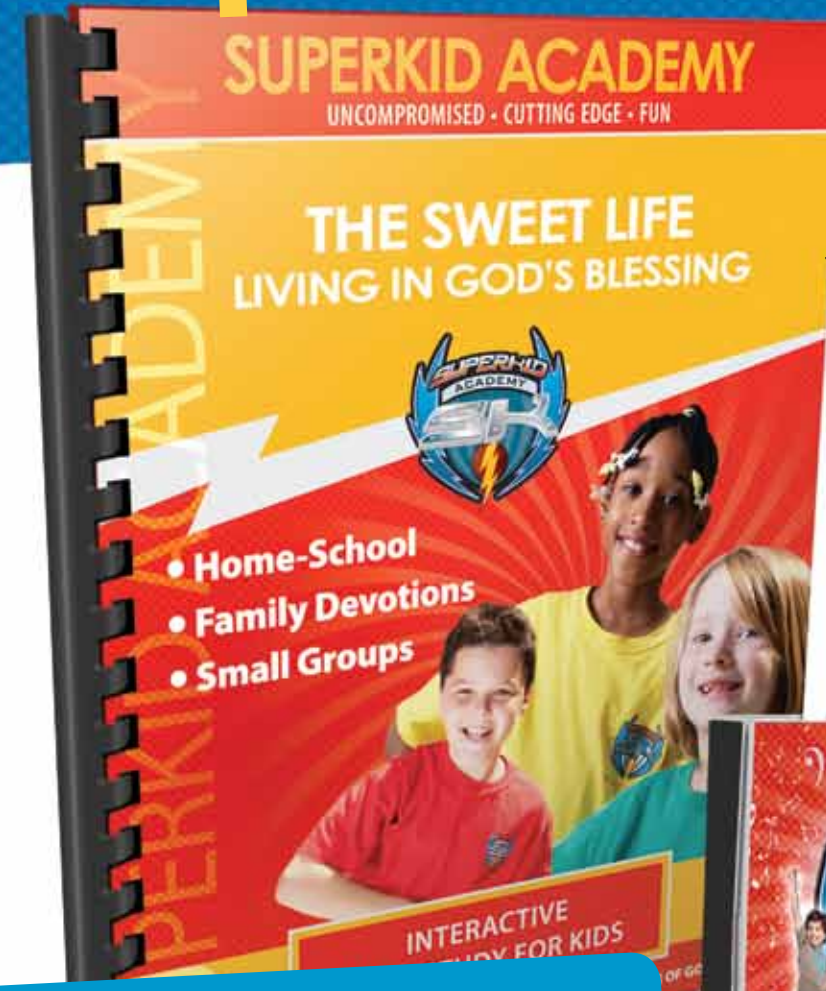
Well, the same thing is true when you run into some kind of trying circumstance the devil's brought your way. If you just lie down and let it run over you, it will damage you. But if you'll let patience have her perfect work, if you'll remain consistently constant, trusting in and relying confidently on The Word of God, you'll end up perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

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ELITE CX TEAM

Going the Extra MILE

In 2003, when Kenneth Copeland Ministries' longtime friend and Partner Mac Gober presented his God-inspired idea for the Elite CX Team to Kenneth Copeland, he explained it like this: "I began to get very excited about what God was showing me—a team 10,000 strong who would stand shoulder to shoulder in a very special relationship to the man of God. I saw a group ready and willing to be called to special assignment, above and beyond our partnership commitment."

The scripture God gave Brother Mac from which the team vision came is 2 Samuel 23:13-16 (*New International Version*):

During harvest time, three of the thirty chief men came down to David at the cave of Adullam, while a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem. David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem." So the three mighty men [or you could say the 10,000 Elite CX Team members] broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David.

Gober said, "When I read this, it summed up the Elite CX Team in a nutshell—men and women willing to go the extra mile to help a man of God—a special forces team. I became accustomed to elite teams when I served in Vietnam in 1966-67. Delta Force, Green Berets, Army Rangers and Navy SEALs were each a select group of men who would come together to do specialized work."

The year before, the Lord had given Brother Copeland a prophetic word through Keith Moore:

I am rallying and raising up support to you. It will far surpass all you have previously seen or known. I'm joining to you new Partners who are very strong financially, and they will obey Me. I'm prospering your longtime Partners with supernatural increase and they will obey Me.

Mark this day—Friday, Sept. 20, 2002. From this day, there is a release to you and to all those joined to you. And all that you need and all you desire will now come quickly and much easier than it has in the times before.

With Brother Mac's vision, and a prophetic word from Brother Keith, the Elite CX Team was deployed for its special missions!

The team is made up of volunteers from among the ranks of KCM's nearly 300,000 faithful Partners around the world. It is a group of people whom God has called to go the extra mile—to accomplish special assignments He gives the ministry. Their commitment enables Kenneth, Gloria and other members of the Copeland family to

minister the good news of Jesus at the highest levels of excellence and effectiveness!

The Special Missions

The Elite CX Team's first mission was to bring the Cessna Citation X corporate jet into the work of the ministry. The team contributed \$20 million to see the mission completed in spring 2006.

When the Lord instructed Brother Copeland to believe for a Citation X, He said: *If I call you to be in Tokyo in the morning, I don't want you to have to ask someone if you can go.* Only a plane like the Citation X, an international-range plane that can be ready on a moment's notice, could do the job!

The Citation X has enabled KCM to respond quickly and strategically to the end time harvest of souls—able to move out as the Lord directs—in a day in which world events can change dramatically in an instant. It is just one part of God enabling us to fulfill our mission and vision—getting the word of faith to the world—and to do it above and beyond the level of everything we've ever done before!

The Elite CX Team's second mission, now in progress, is *Operation HD*. KCM's TV equipment is now over 19 years old and regularly requires searching for obsolete and expensive replacements when components fail—challenging timely production of the *BVOV* broadcast.

The goal of *Operation HD* is to take the necessary steps to produce television programming that will keep us on top of industry standards. The biggest blessing of the upgraded equipment will be providing viewers around the world with the best possible transmission of the gospel.

The Elite CX Team's missions are for the sole purpose of fulfilling KCM's overall mission statement, which in part reads: "We are called to proclaim that 'Jesus Is Lord' from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around...." (You can view our full mission statement at kcm.org.)

Celebrating Missions Accomplished

The Lord has worked faithfully with the Elite CX Team as He has with all our Partners for more than 43 years. Every time we have come together over all these years at Victory Campaigns, Believers' Conventions and so many other times, one thing we love to do is celebrate

with you all God is doing in all our lives and ministry.

On April 1, 2006, we celebrated the arrival of the Citation X at the KCM headquarters in Fort Worth!

It was a great day as Brother Keith Moore, himself a CX Team member, declared when the plane landed: "That plane is preaching...proclaiming *God is real*. The Word works. Sowing and reaping work. God's a good God. Every time that plane takes off and lands it's preaching." And since we took delivery of the Citation X, the plane has done exactly that, traveling hundreds of thousands of miles taking the good news to the world!

Although *Operation HD* is still in progress, we already celebrate the soon finishing out of the retooled TV truck. We're looking forward to ministering the good news through state-of-the-art TV engineering and production equipment!

What's Next?

One of the joys of being ministers of the gospel is the expectation of what the Lord will do next to ensure every nation of the world receives the good news! So we will be ready when He gives KCM our next assignment!

In the meantime, every day we thank the Lord for all our faithful Partners in ministry. Day in and day out we work side by side to fulfill the mission He has given us.

We believe the Lord, not man, is going to provide from His unlimited resources what is needed for us to be obedient to the calling He has given KCM. He will work through men and women to get this provision into the ministry. We are so grateful for every person He has called to be part of His work through this ministry.

And the Elite CX Team is always wide open for membership to those whom God calls out from among our entire partnership family to be part of this special team. Today the Elite CX Team has reached and exceeded our membership goals with 11,917 members, and we are still growing!

We invite you today to ask the Lord if He would have you be part of this team He has called to go the extra mile in partnership. If He says, *Yes, that's you*, you may go to elitecxteam.org to find out more about the Elite CX Team and sign up! Remember the purpose of every team—**Together Everyone Accomplishes More! VICTORY**

Living *in a place called* rest

BY JEREMY PEARSONS



My wife, Sarah, and I have been living in the midst of constant momentum since we were married in September 2007. We hit the ground running in ministry. Now that we're parents of a new baby boy, life is fuller than it's ever been. Everyone told us how much things would change, and they were right. But we've loved each moment because we can see God's design and timing every step of the way. In fact, everything we have ministered to others over the last couple of years has prepared us for the next step on our own fast-moving path.



That alone is why I'm immensely thankful and excited that the Lord has been talking to me about the concept of *rest*.

For some, rest is just that—a concept. Not a reality, not a life practice—it's just an idea. It's something only rich people with spare time on their hands do a few times a year. But for us, rest has become a way of life. And it can become that way for you, too.

'It's Time to Rest'

Mark 6 tells us about the beginning ministry of the disciples. Jesus grouped them in teams of two and told them *they* were going to be doing the ministry (gulp!). Not only did He give them specific instructions, the Scripture says He also gave them "power" and then sent them on their way—not in their own strength, but in His ability and authority.

Then, Mark 6:30 states, "The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they

had done and taught" (*New Living Translation*). Notice they're called apostles now instead of disciples because they've been *sent*. I imagine those guys were a very giddy group, huddled around Jesus, all talking at once.

"Jesus, You should have been there! It was amazing! We preached what You told us to preach and then we prayed for the sick, and they were healed!"

"We did it just the way You did it...and it worked!"

I've felt that way before. Sarah and I have come in from ministering on the road, pumped up because of how rich the anointing was, or how people were blessed by God, and we just wanted to tell someone! It's thrilling.

What's interesting though was Jesus' response when the apostles returned. It wasn't, "That's good boys, but there's more to be done." Or, "You think that's special? What about all the people who are still out there dying and going to hell?"

Instead, Jesus said: "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31, *NLT*). Wow! That

was Jesus' prescription for those who have been hard at work for a while: "It's time to rest."

Take a Load Off

It's important to take time to rest our physical bodies. Resting gives our bodies time to rebuild and recover what they've lost throughout the day or over the course of several days.

"I don't need rest," some might say. "I've got to do the Lord's work!"

That sounds great, but if Jesus and His disciples needed rest, how much more do we need it?

I understand the drive to labor for the Lord. But let me ask you something: Is God blessed if one of His kids has an addiction to spending? No. What about an addiction to eating? Of course not! Then why do we think He is blessed by an addiction to work?

Yeah, I know. *Ouch*.

You may find it interesting to discover how God feels about physical rest. Take a look at Genesis 1 and 2. The first six days of creation He called "good." The seventh day, the Sabbath—the day of rest—is the only day He called "holy." Think about it.

Too many men and women of God have worn themselves out "working for the kingdom." What if Jesus' disciples had gone out in their own authority? What if they had decided it was time for *them* to preach and pray for the sick? Well, they'd have produced little-to-no results and worn themselves out needlessly. That's what happens when you do things in your own power.

No matter how noble the task or godly the work, if He didn't send you then you are out there under your own strength...and *that* won't last long. The disciples-turned-apostles were effective *because* Jesus sent them with *His* power. When they came home, it was time to rest.

Don't get me wrong: I'm

not saying Christianity is supposed to be some kind of ethereal, perpetual vacation where you do nothing. The walk of faith is an energized and active life, focused on impacting this world with the kingdom of God. It's not about sitting around waiting for something to happen. It's about stepping out by your faith in Jesus to live big and bright for the glory of God.

Picture it like a coin. On one side God has called us to be active, energized world-changers. On the other side, He has called us to rest in Him.

A New Era

The practice of rest doesn't only apply to our physical lives. As believers, we need to understand there is a place called *rest* where God wants our faith to live, too.

Jesus revealed this resting side of faith in Matthew 11:25, 28: "At that time Jesus answered and said.... Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." You may have read those verses

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a hundred times before. But to really grasp the enormity of what Jesus said here, you have to focus in on those first few words, “*At that time....*”

The *Wuest Expanded Translation of The New Testament* translates it this way: “At that epochal, strategic moment of time....”

Jesus was speaking at a strategic moment. *Epochal* means, “highly significant or important, especially bringing about or marking the beginning of a new development or era.” So Jesus’ invitation to all who were weary and heavy laden marked the beginning of a new development—a new era.

It was a new idea for those listening to Him that day. Their road to righteousness had been paved with law upon law, and the burdensome interpretation of the law was enforced by hypocritical and unjust “preachers” called Pharisees. Jesus’ invitation turned their thinking upside down. He was announcing the beginning of a new era in which we no longer *work* for our salvation, but instead we *rest* in what His work has accomplished for us. That would soon be the finished work of the Cross and His Resurrection. He was talking about the new era of *grace*.

Grace is a gift. As a matter of fact, the Greek word for grace—*charis*—is often translated in the New Testament as both *grace* and *gift*. “Come to me,” He said, “and I will *give* you rest.”

The Resting Side of Faith

Are you resting in the finished work of Jesus, or are you standing under your own strength, trying to earn something from Him? Sure, you know you can’t earn your salvation. Why? Because you receive salvation by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). It’s a gift. If you worked for it, then it wouldn’t be a gift (Romans 4:4).

Still, for some reason, Christians who agree with that statement forget about grace when it comes to the healing of their bodies, wisdom for living or provision for their needs. You can’t earn *any* of it! It all came through Jesus in salvation, and it’s *all* grace!

There are those of us who consider ourselves “faith people” who are frustrated because we have confessed 1,001 times that we are healed, yet symptoms remain in our bodies. We must understand that healing is not payment for our persistent confessions, or a reward for our many lengthy prayers. Just like salvation, healing is the grace that came through Jesus.

Perhaps you were born again years ago. Are you working for that salvation now? No. You are resting in it. You are confident that you *were* born again.

The Scripture says, by Jesus’ stripes you *were* healed. Past tense! So are you working *for* it now, or are you resting *in* it? You can’t do both. Your healing confession should come out of your place of rest and confidence in the integrity of God and His Word. Your prayer should be prayed out of the leadership of the Spirit and not out of habit or tradition. There is no power in tradition. The power is in revelation. And the revelation you are after is *grace*—the finished work of Jesus.

Grace, Humility, Faith

When you realize it’s the day of grace—the day when all the work of the law has been satisfied by Jesus—you’ll understand you are no longer “working for a living.”

When a group of people said to Jesus, “We want to perform God’s works, too. What should we do?” Jesus told them, “This is the only work God wants from you: *Believe* in the one he has sent” (John 6:28-29, *NLT*).

That is the work left for us, too. We must believe what Jesus said and did. Am I suggesting you should quit your job and expect God to send you a check in the mail every week? Of course not!

Here’s the point: There is something in the carnal nature of man that wants to *work for* and *earn* what he has. That something is called *pride*, and God hates it. That’s why it takes humility to live in grace. Humility is recognizing you’ve been given a gift, then thanking the Lord for that gift by faith.

Grace is God saying, “You’re forgiven.” Faith is you saying, “Thank You, I receive it.” Grace is God saying, “You are healed.” Faith is you saying, “Thank You, I receive that.” Grace is God saying, “You are righteous, because I see you through My Son Jesus.” Faith is you saying, “Thank You, I receive that.”

When we live that way—receiving all Jesus did, not by working for it, but by appropriating it through faith in Him—we’re letting all that harried work go.

We’re resting in our faith, resting our bodies, resting in *Him*.

There’s absolutely no better place to live. **VICTORY**

From a rich heritage of faith, Jeremy Pearsons ministers the uncompromised Word of God to congregations at home and around the world. He and his wife, Sarah, recently launched *Pearsons Ministries International*, a ministry that preaches the importance of holding fast to what we have been taught while reaching beyond ourselves to teach the next generation. For more information on the outreaches of their ministry visit pearsonsmministries.com.

BY GLORIA COPELAND



Faith & LOVE:

YOUR BODY ARMOR

Do you realize how close we are to the Lord’s return to this earth? The signs are all around us. :: Every day there are reports of wars, terrorism, natural disasters, famines and epidemics. The world today is just as Jesus described it in Matthew 24. And, as He warned, this is just the beginning!

But Jesus also said something else in that chapter—in verse 6, He said, “Don’t panic” (*New Living Translation*-96)! And in verse 14, as He sat down with His disciples, He told them: “And the Good News about the Kingdom will be

preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then, finally, the end will come.”

Glory to God! Before the end comes, every nation will have an opportunity to hear the good news that Jesus is

Lord! And who are they going to hear it from? From you and me, that's who! That's the important part you and I play in God's plan for these last days.

We'll get the job done because we are personally committed to be part of His plan. We will be right in the middle of the battle. He has provided everything we will need to stand and give the world Jesus! We are His Body in this earth and He has us totally covered.

As we live our lives before others in these last days, they will take notice of us. They will ask us: "Why aren't you panicking?" "Why aren't you caving in to the circumstances?" "How do you do it?"

How Do We Do It?

Almost every day we see images from around the world of military personnel on the front lines in all kinds of situations. In the war zones, they are protected by body armor, trusting that their governments have given them the best equipment and tools to keep them safe from enemy attacks.

Just like those military personnel, we stand against an enemy—against the strategies of the devil—with God's perfect equipment and tools protecting us.

So here's our answer to those who watch us and ask their questions: We don't panic, and we don't cave in by the power of faith and love—our body armor!

In 1 Thessalonians 5, the Apostle Paul gives a clear picture to the Church as we prepare for the Lord's return:

But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night.... But let us who live in the light think clearly, protected by the *body armor of faith and love*, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation (verses 4-5, 8, *NLT*-96).

The Hebrew word for *armor* is a word that means "circle." Armor makes a circle around us for protection. Faith and love, then, encircle us to protect us always from the tactics of the devil. They are the foundation of all we are as children of God.

A day came for each of us when we heard how much God loves us. And through faith we believed and received Jesus as our Savior, the fulfillment of God's love. The salvation Jesus provides covers every area of our lives where the devil might be able to get a foothold. It covers our peace, our health, our prosperity and our relationships.

From the day we received the covering (the helmet) of our salvation, we began to grow and mature in faith and love. The more we learned from God's Word about how much He loves us, the more we fell in love with Him and His Word. And the more we began to see that the devil has nothing in us or on us, we discovered he is powerless over our lives because of the faith and love that cover us as body armor!

Faith has never failed us, and neither has love. And they never will!

Faith Always Works

Ken and I have walked by faith for many years now. We've lived by faith, have been healed by faith, have prospered by faith and our family has been blessed by faith.

We know that faith in God's Word always works!

We have no place to go but to His Word to live our lives. We are totally dependent on it. It has seen us through more than 43 years of gospel ministry. It has raised our children and fulfilled God's plan for each of their lives.

I believe these are monumental days on earth. Every day is dangerous and presents opportunities to overcome. Just like you and your family, the Copeland family has faced some pretty challenging days. But, our armor of faith has always been in place, it has always held fast and sure, and it has

always protected us—no matter what the challenge. We are ready for whatever may come.

But that's not because of anything we've done in ourselves. Jesus gave us His Name and the authority to overcome in every battle. We have the Word of God directing us, and keeping our thinking straight—increasing our faith. As we keep the Word in our eyes and in our ears, it tells us how to pray, how to act, how to respond, how to speak in every situation. We have the Spirit of God teaching us, guiding us into all truth, praying with us and empowering us. We really have no excuse not to face every situation with confidence!

Whatever happens in this world today or tomorrow doesn't have to unsettle us, because we're not of the world. The Apostle John said, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4). That means, believing what the Word says—that Jesus is the Son of God (verse 5), and being armed with faith—is the victory that overcomes the world. That means depression, recession, war, famine—whatever you can think of—faith knows how to handle it all. Hallelujah!

So, we don't have to face the days ahead in fear. We don't have to panic! Because we live and walk in faith, we are not normal people. We are supernatural people, connected to the Lord Jesus Christ, to our heavenly Father and to the Holy Ghost, who made this world and to whom it all belongs! We are connected by faith, and faith always works!

Faith Works by Love

Faith gets its strength and power from love!

God loves you! That's probably the first word of God any of us heard that began to build faith in our hearts.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave

his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

We are not in this world without a savior. When we believed that God sent Jesus to save us and received Him, we were born again. Before that, we were like a disaster going someplace to happen. Now we minister to people in disasters and say, "We're here for you! We're here to let you know God loves you! We're here to help you get in on His love!"

God loves us and He loves every person in this world. What a great privilege to be messengers of His love, telling men, women, children—people everywhere—that God loves them. We get to demonstrate His love, reaching out to them in their time of need—walking with them and sharing the truth of His Word with them.

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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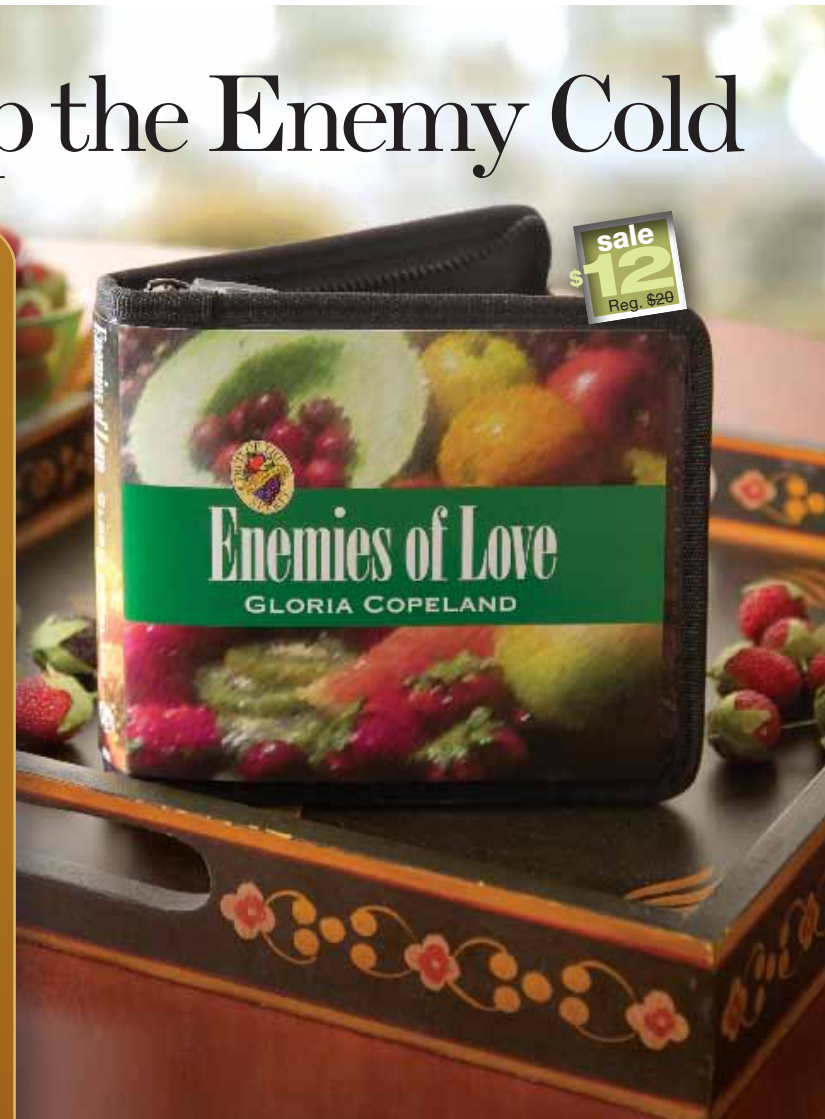
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The Hebrew word for armor is a word that means “circle.”

Armor makes a circle around us for protection. Faith and love, then, encircle us to protect us always from the tactics of the devil.

God has commissioned us to be His love in action. But we’re not out here on our own—we have His Word to show us how we are to respond to situations, regardless of what they are or how intense they may appear. We have the Holy Spirit to give us direction and understanding as He guides us through those situations. And we have the Body of Christ—we have each other—to partner with, to join resources and to do so much more together than any one of us could do alone.

Love is the fuel of faith. Paul helps us understand this in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (*New King James Version*):

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails....

This is what the love of God looks like in His children. Love reaches beyond itself and right into the lives of others. Our love puts other people before us. This is who we are and how we live out God’s love by the power of the Holy Spirit.

It’s what activated faith looks like as it is fueled by love. This is how the body armor of faith and love works!

Staying Covered!

We may soon be facing some pretty tough times in our nation and in the world. And Jesus says we’ll see worse.

But we do not have to panic or worry, because we will be continually covered and protected during these times.

There is no end to our body armor. We cannot slip out from under its cover unless we remove ourselves. The key to staying covered is simple—the Word of God.

Faith is built in our hearts and increased by the Word of God. There is no other way to receive faith and keep it built into our lives except by the Word.

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:8-17, *NKJV*).

We were all saved by faith in God’s Word. We live every day of our lives in faith by the Word, and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. Nothing can take the Word from us—not the devil; not religious traditions. All the devil can do is lie to us about the circumstances in our lives. And religious tradition can try to make us think we can get by without the Word of God—

without our body armor of faith and love. But as we spend time with the Lord in His Word, neither the devil nor religious tradition can shake our faith or stifle our love. We can face the days ahead knowing we have nothing

to fear, and that the gospel of Jesus will be preached to every nation. Nothing can remove your body armor of faith and love—God’s got you covered! **VICTORY**

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