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Dear Partners and Friends,

Christmas!

We rejoice in this special time every year and remember God's marvelous love for this world.

Jesus was born and the angel declared, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day...a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord!"

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As the year 2012 draws to a close, we enter 2013 with great expectation, as together we fulfill what God has called us to do in His plan to give the world Jesus...to give them His love!

Enjoy this Christmas issue of *Believer's Voice of Victory*. We believe the stories and articles from our family will bless you. We have prepared each one with the prayer that you will receive an extraordinary word of love from The LORD for you and your loved ones.

Once again, as the Copeland family gathers this Christmas, you will be in our hearts and in our prayers. We will join together to thank The LORD for you and declare THE BLESSING over you—our worldwide family of Partners and Friends...the ones He loves so much!

We love you!

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Contrary to popular belief, God isn't against us being exalted. He just doesn't want us trying to exalt ourselves.



Will you do me a favor? If I ever have the privilege of meeting you and asking how you're doing, will you please make it a point *not* to answer by saying: "Well, Brother Copeland, I suppose I'm fine...*under*

the circumstances." » When I hear born-again believers use that phrase, I can hardly contain myself. I'd like to shout (all in love, of course), "What are you doing under the circumstances? Get up on top of them where you belong!"



I'm not the only one who feels that way, either. The LORD does too. In fact, He spoke to me not long ago while I was preparing for a week of believers' meetings and gave me these instructions:

Tell the people this is a great lifting-up time. Tell them, "We're going up!"

Usually when Christians think of *going up* they picture a time in the future. They think about taking off

in the Rapture or heading for heaven when they die. But that's not what The LORD was talking to me about. He wasn't referring to the ultimate resurrection that awaits us in the sweet



by-and-by. What He had in mind was the resurrection power that can raise us up in the rugged here and now.

That power can put us on top even when the whole world seems to be going under. It can make us the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. It can turn us into a manifestation of THE BLESSING right in the middle of the curse.

Even though we're living on a fallen planet that's groaning under the bondage and condemnation brought on by mankind's sin, we can live above it all because, as Romans 8:1-2 says: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made [us] free from the law of sin and death."

"Well, I know that's in the Bible," you might say, "but I haven't been living very far above anything lately."

Then maybe you should do what The LORD instructed me to do many years ago. He told me to write this right next to those verses in the margin of my Bible: "There is now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, *who walk not after the five physical senses but after The WORD of God.*"

I still have that written in my Bible today. Every time I read it, I'm reminded that when I'm walking in the spirit it doesn't matter what my senses say. It doesn't matter how things look, feel, sound or seem in the natural. What matters is what The WORD says. I might be in a situation where I don't look prosperous at all. I might be hearing bad financial news on every side. But God says my needs are met according to His riches in glory, so I'm going to side with Him. I'm going to believe what He says no matter how much evidence to the contrary the devil piles up.

Do you know what I'm doing when I take that attitude?

I'm giving God honor.

You can see why that's true if you put it in the context of human relationships. Take how I relate to Jerry Savelle for example. If he gives me his word about something, I believe him. It wouldn't matter what anyone else said about it. A whole crowd of

everything. When He looks up, He doesn't see anyone because there's no one above Him. But He's not satisfied to sit there

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people could tell me he'd lied and it wouldn't affect me at all. I'd just tell all the naysayers, "Jerry will do exactly what he said. I know it because I know him. I know his integrity. I've banked on his word for 40 years and he's never let me down."

Does it honor Jerry when I regard his word with that kind of respect? Certainly it does; and it honors God when we do the same for Him.

From the Garbage Dump to the Boardroom

What does honoring God have to do with our "going up"?

Everything!

God says, "Them that honour me I will honour" (1 Samuel 2:30). *To honor* means "to make heavy with glory; to highly esteem, promote, exalt or lift up."

Contrary to popular belief, God isn't against us being exalted. He just doesn't want us trying to exalt ourselves. His will is for us to obey the directions He gives us in 1 Peter 5:6: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you."

That's actually been God's plan from the beginning! Ever since Adam fell in the Garden of Eden, God has been working to lift mankind back up. Raising people up is what God does!

He's in a good position to do it, too. As the Most High God, He's above

alone. He wants us up there right next to Him. That's why "[He] humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth! He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; that he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people" (Psalm 113:6-8).

What does it mean to be lifted up out of the "dust" and the "dunghill"? It means no more living in poverty of any kind—spiritual, physical, financial or social! It means we don't have to scrape by on the world's leftovers. We don't have to wear their worn-out clothes, drive their worn-out cars or live in their worn-out houses.

God has promoted us from the garbage dump to the boardroom of heaven! He's put us on the throne with Christ Jesus and given us authority to reign with Him. That's the whole reason Jesus came to the earth.

He didn't come here so He could be exalted. He was already up. He had to come down—way down—where we were to purchase our redemption. He had to take the same dive Adam took and make Himself subject to death and the curse.

Unlike Adam, however, Jesus didn't take that dive by committing sin. He did it through faith and obedience to God. You and I use our faith to get healed but Jesus used His to be made sick with our sickness. He used His

faith to be made sin with our sin. Then He went to hell and defeated the devil, the curse, death and the grave.

Once He won the victory, God released the “working of his mighty power,” raised Jesus from the dead, glorified Him “and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all

That power doesn’t just affect our spirits, either. It doesn’t just lift us up on the inside and leave us “under the circumstances” on the outside. Far from it! According to Romans 8:11: “If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken [or raise up] your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

Most people think of that verse in connection with the great resurrection. They assume it’s talking about

believers who know better are still poor-mouthing around about how they can’t afford this or that.

We’re kings! What king walks around saying, “I can’t afford that”?

Get those kinds of phrases out of your vocabulary. Knock them in the head and drive them out of your family. If your kids ask you to buy them something and you don’t have the money, sit down with them and say, “Listen sweethearts, all things are possible with God and all things are

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things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all” (Ephesians 1:20-23).

Live in the Power of the Resurrection Right Now
“But Brother Copeland, according to those verses Jesus is the One who’s been raised up. He’s the One who’s exalted.”

That’s right, and we’re in Him! We’ve been raised up together, and seated together in heavenly places in Him (Ephesians 2:6)! We’ve been regenerated by, and filled with, the same Holy Spirit power that raised Him from the dead.

Think of it! As born-again, Holy Spirit-baptized believers, we have inside of us:

- » The same power that lifted Jesus out of the pit of hell
- » The same power that transformed His body and flooded it with the life and glory of God
- » The same power that exalted Him to the highest place of honor heaven has to offer!

the moment of the final glorification of our physical bodies. But it also refers to the quickening (or raising up) power that’s available to us while we’re still on earth dealing with mortality. It’s telling us that we don’t have to wait until the last trumpet sounds to live like resurrected men and women. We can, in a very real sense in every area of our lives, live in the power of the resurrection right now!

If that’s hard for you to believe, check out the words of the Apostle Paul. He said he was determined to keep pressing in to the knowledge of Jesus and His resurrection power until that power lifted him “out from among the dead [even while in the body]” (Philippians 3:11, *The Amplified Bible*).

It’s time we begin to think more like Paul did. It’s time we stop seeing ourselves as little bitty weaklings and get in agreement with what God had on His mind when He engineered the plan of redemption.

Some of us who’ve been around this message awhile have made some progress in that direction. But we’re still way behind what God has actually done for us. There’s still too much dirt and dunghill talk going on among God’s WORD people. Too many

possible to them who believe. It may take us a few days to build up our faith for this but we’ll do it. I’ll put together some Bible verses for us to stand on, we’ll believe God together, and we’ll get it—no matter how much it costs!”

That’s not bragging, it’s honoring God! Those are lifting-up words, and you need to say them because increase starts with the mouth. The power of life and death is in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21).

Sail, Devil, Sail!
This is the truth, my friend: You don’t have to spend one more moment under your circumstances. You can put God’s WORD in your mouth and start going up right now. You can take your seat with Christ in the heavenlies.

That’s what your heavenly Father desires you to do. It’s what He’s equipped you to do. Even now He’s saying to you by His Spirit, “I have purposed to lift you up. So come on up here with Me. Come on up here and think My thoughts. Roll all your care over on Me and let Me exalt you above all those things. Come sit in a place of authority with Me!”

If you'll say yes to that invitation, it will change your life. Instead of crying about the problems the devil has tried to pile on top of you, you'll just look down at them and laugh.

Why? Because God is already laughing—and when you sit with Him, you can laugh with Him. Read Psalm 2:1-4, and you'll see what I mean. It says: "[When] the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing.... and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."

God doesn't get upset over the stupid schemes of the devil. He never wrings His hands in worry and says, "Uh-oh! We're in trouble now. The devil has conjured up a problem and I don't have any solution for it." No! The biggest thing the devil has is a joke to God. He looks down at it and says, "Ha! Ha! Ha! That's funny, isn't it? Look at what that fool has done this time. He's never going to wise up."

From God's perspective, the devil is nothing more than a *sail cat*.

Do you know what a sail cat is? It's the West Texas term for a cat that gets run over by an 18-wheeler on a hot summer day. After a few hours in the sun, he's so flat and stiff you can peel him off the pavement and sail him across the pasture like a Frisbee® disc.

In the end, that's what will happen to the devil. When The LORD gets through with him, he'll be flattened out and sailing off into a lake of fire where he'll live forever.

Remember that the next time he tries to put you under his thumb. When he starts threatening to take away everything you have, just laugh and say, "Mr. Devil, you'll just have to sail on out of my way, because the law of the Spirit of life has made me free from the law of sin and death...and I'm going up!" VICTORY

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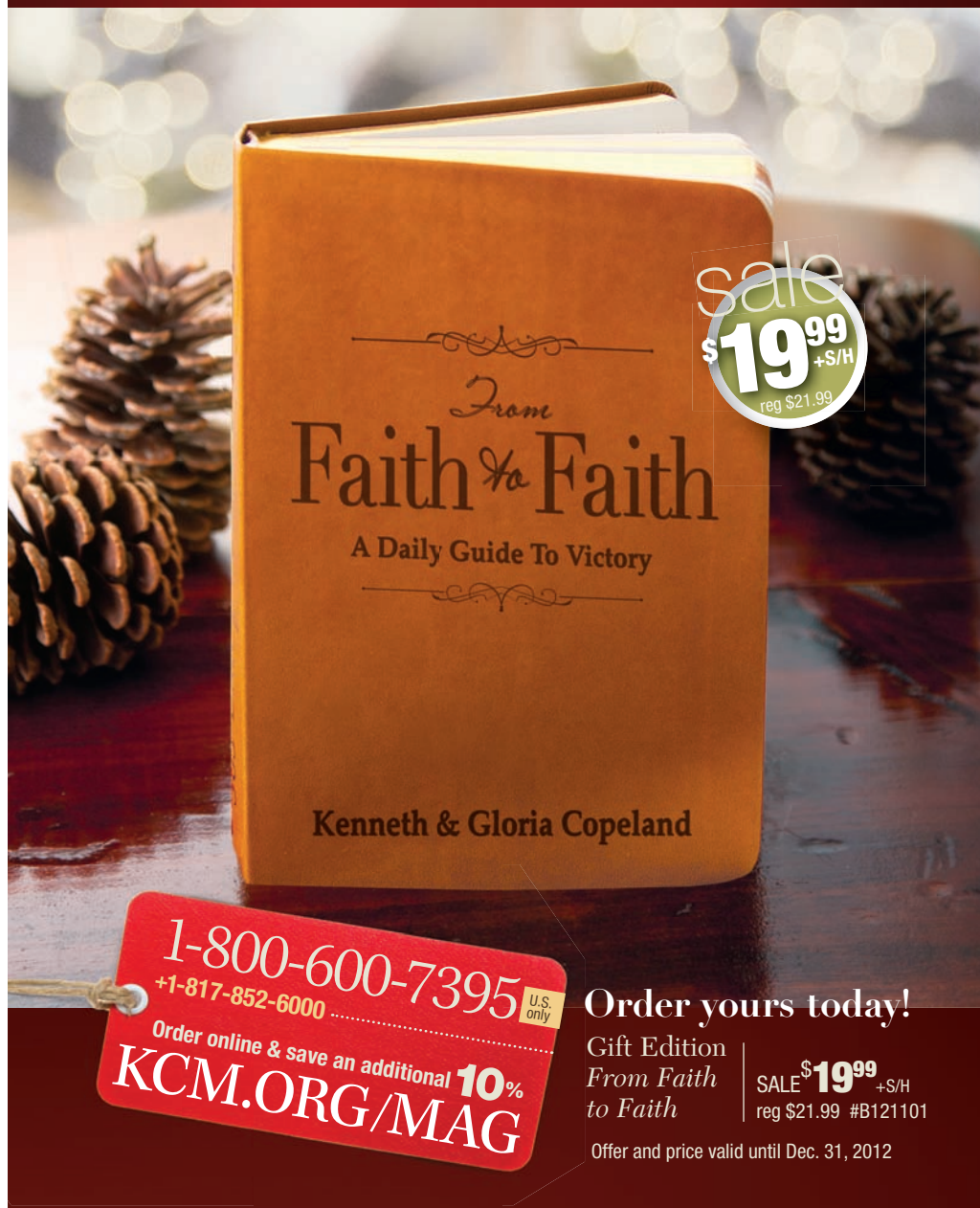
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THE Joy is Back!

BY PASTOR GEORGE PEARSONS



Where's the joy of Christmas? » That's a pressing question these days. Researchers tell us that for many, Christmas is the most stressful time of year. More people suffer depression, worry about finances and grieve over the disappointments in their lives during Christmastime than during any other season.

But as born-again believers, you and I have good news for those people. We have the same message for them that the angels had for the shepherds in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. We have "tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10)!

With a smile on your face and a sparkle in your eye, you can lovingly let them know that Jesus has come to help them and deliver them. He has come to heal and prosper them, and bring them peace.

Jesus has come and the joy is back!

People these days need to hear that message as desperately as they needed to hear it that first Christmas night when Jesus was born. They need to hear believers praising God and saying, "Hey, everyone, you don't have to be depressed. God loves you. He has goodwill toward you. He has sent you a Savior—Jesus Christ, the Lord!"

"But It's Just Not Enough"

Some people think that message is too simple to solve the complex problems we face today. They think the world is too dark, that times have become too bad. They think the message that lit up the night sky

thousands of years ago of "the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" just isn't enough anymore.

The truth is, if it was enough for the people back then (and it was!), it's enough for people today. Those were dark times. Joy had disappeared from the nation of Israel. As the Old Testament prophets wrote:

"The vine is dried up and the fig tree fails; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also...even all the trees of the field are withered, so that

joy has withered and fled away from the sons of men" (Joel 1:12, *The Amplified Bible*).

"Joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field" (Jeremiah 48:33).

"All joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is banished and gone into captivity" (Isaiah 24:11, *AMP*).

A People in Mourning

At that particular time in history, there was no joy and no peace. Terror and fear were the order of the day. The political system was exceedingly corrupt. King Herod was detested by the people. They abhorred his unparalleled deeds of reckless cruelty and bloodshed. Historians record that no woman's honor was safe, no man's life secure as long as Herod reigned.

His suspicious nature drove him to murder anyone he considered a rival, including his wife, her mother and his own three sons. Even the Roman emperor (who was



no paragon of virtue himself) called Herod a “murderous old man” and said it was better to be Herod’s pig than his son. Proverbs 29:2 says, “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” No doubt, people were mourning in Herod’s day.

It was then, during the darkest of times, that the angel of God appeared to the shepherds and said, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11).

When those words rang out, earth’s atmosphere changed forever. A new government had been announced. A new Ruler was about to begin His reign. Isaiah’s prophecy had been fulfilled (Isaiah 9:6-7).

He Is Still Immanuel

That was the day the joy of the Lord was born in the earth. And, praise God, that joy is still with us today!

I say that boldly even though 2,000 years have come and gone since Jesus was born. Why? Because the Bible says in Matthew 1:23, “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, ‘God with us’” (*New King James Version*).

God came to be with us in Jesus on the first Christmas morning—and He is still with us in Him today. Even though Jesus died on the cross and bore our sins, even though He was raised again and ascended physically to be with the Father, Jesus is still here. Through the Person of the Holy Spirit, He is still on the earth, living in the hearts of everyone who receives Him as Lord of their lives.

Jesus said, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20). He also

promised, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

Jesus is here to bring fullness of joy into our lives (John 17:13). He is here giving us the joy of the Lord, the greatest Christmas present anyone could ever imagine. So no matter how dark things may seem to be around us, we can confidently say to ourselves...to each other...and to a lost world, “The joy is back!”

Unto You Is Born a Savior!

“I don’t know about that, Pastor George,” you might say. “I’m a Christian. I’ve trusted Jesus as my Savior and Lord but, even so, I don’t feel joyful right now.”

Well, are you fellowshiping with Him—enjoying His presence and focusing on the wonder of what He has done within you? Or are you so focused on the negative things happening around you that you’ve lost sight of the fact that the Son of God has been born unto you?

Think about how excited a couple gets when their first child is born. I remember how it was for Terri and me. We were so thrilled about the birth of our son, Jeremy, that we could hardly think of anything else. We spent hours and days getting his little room ready. We made great preparations for him because we knew he would be a focal point of our lives for a long while. The moment he was born, Terri yelled, “Praise God!” Then the nurses brought out that little boy to me and I knew I’d never be the same. My heart was so full of joy I could hardly stand it. Unto me a son was born that day and he has brought me great joy ever since!

When our daughter, Aubrey, was born a few years later, I experienced that same joy again. Our children changed our whole lives. Terri and I scheduled our lives around our children. And we’ve taken enough

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photos and videotapes of our times with them to start a museum. And in all those pictures you can see that there was great joy in our household.

How much more should we be that way about Jesus? How much more should we center our lives on Him? How much more should we think about Him and talk to Him and enjoy His presence in everything we do?

If we’ll do that, we’ll find—sure enough—the joy is back in our lives!

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Gift of Eternal Proportions

by Terri
Copeland
Pearsons

It's Christmas! Time to put up the tree, hang the wreath on the door and start shopping for the biggest gift-giving season of the year! : Have you ever wondered why we do those things? : Maybe the question crossed your mind at some point. But truly, when it comes to Christmas, ours is not to ask *why*; but only *to do*. If it's tradition, we just do now and maybe ask "why?" later.

Thankfully, the Holy Spirit encouraged me to dig a little into the background of a few of our traditions. Once you see what I discovered, I'm sure you will be as surprised—and ministered to—as I was.

'Oh, Christmas Tree!'

First, why do we put up a Christmas tree?

Originally, the Christmas tree was an evergreen tree and represented the eternal life that Jesus brings. When it is cut down and then put up again, the tree represents the resurrection of our Lord.

What about the wreath?

The wreath is a circle which represents the eternal, divine love of God, which has no beginning or end. Lovely, isn't it? When we know what they stand for, mere decorations can serve as a reminder that Jesus truly is the reason behind the season.

The Giving of Gifts

The tradition of gift giving runs deeper in meaning than decorations. It comes from the account of the Magi bringing gifts to Jesus in Matthew 2. Beyond tradition, there is something of great significance in what the wise men gave that deserves investigation.

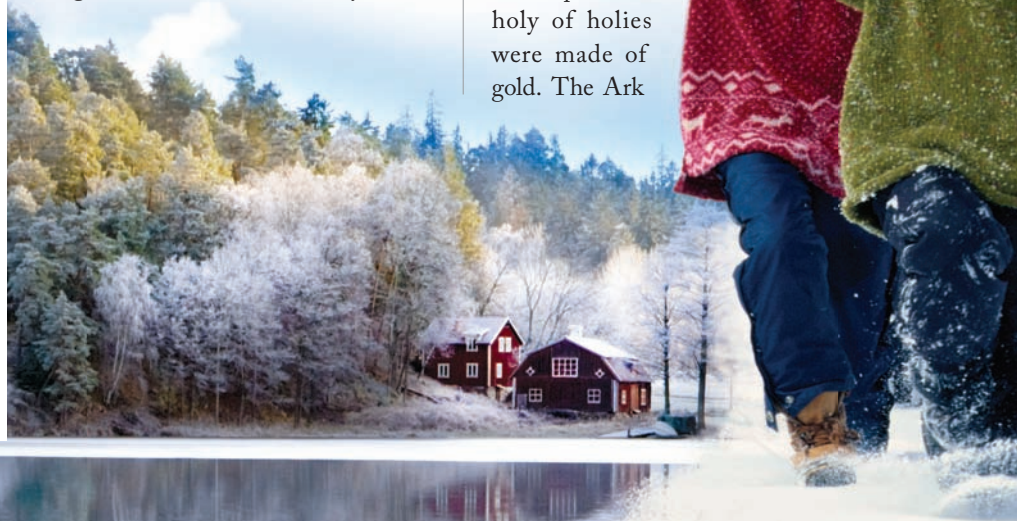
Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men [astrologers] from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, where is He Who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east at its rising and have come to *worship* Him. When Herod the king heard this, he was disturbed and troubled, and the whole of Jerusalem with him. So he called together all the chief priests and learned men (scribes) of the people and anxiously asked them where the Christ was to be born. They replied to him, In Bethlehem of Judea.... Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, Go and search for the Child carefully *and* diligently, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come

and *worship* Him. When they had listened to the king, they went their way, and behold, the star which had been seen in the east in its rising went before them until it came and stood over the place where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they were thrilled with ecstatic joy. And on going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down *and worshiped* Him. Then opening their treasure bags, they presented to Him gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh (verses 1-5, 8-11, italics added, *The Amplified Bible*).

Three times in these few verses *worship* is mentioned. And there were three gifts as well: gold, frankincense and myrrh. How do these gifts connect to worship? They were also the three symbols of worship in the original Temple!

Gold has great value that has never depreciated. It has never been worthless. Gold has been the constant mainstay of value. It was certainly a gift suitable for a king.

In the first Temple, the vessels and furnishings for worship in the holy of holies were made of gold. The Ark



of the Covenant was covered with gold, including the mercy seat where the sacrificial blood was sprinkled. Gold has an eternal quality about it, being found in both heaven and earth.

Your Eternal Quality

What is it about you that's eternal? Your spirit is eternal. Eternal-ness is in you because God put it in you and it can never be undone. But sin brought a state of death to our spirits. When we bring our gift of worship to Jesus as Savior, His gift to us is victory over spiritual death through the gift of eternal life.

Why frankincense? Frankincense is an aromatic, milky-white resin extracted from trees. It has been touted for its medicinal, soothing, calming, restorative properties, which the ancient world used for treating depression. In the Temple, a frankincense-based incense was burned by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement in the holy of holies. The aromatic smoke would rise from the incense and the presence of the Lord would appear in the midst of the smoke. Revelation 5:8 says the incense of heaven is the prayers of the saints. And Psalm 22:3 tells us God inhabits such praises.

Now, put that together with the properties of healing and reversing depression. Jesus not only gives us eternal life for our spirits, but also peace for our minds (Isaiah 53:5). As we bring our gift of worship, our prayers are lifted into the presence of God where we can receive His gift of blessed peace.

Then there was myrrh. It is also a highly fragrant resin produced by a small, scraggly tree in North Africa. Yet, it was considered a wound-healer because of its strong antiseptic, anti-inflammatory property. The Chinese have used it medicinally for centuries. In the Temple, myrrh was the main ingredient of the anointing oil. This perfumed oil made anything it touched

consecrated and holy to God. The priests were anointed for service with this very special oil.

Why, then, would Jesus say in Matthew 26 that the woman who poured the expensive perfume on His head did so as a preparation for His burial? Because the most famous use for myrrh was embalming. In Scripture, it is named as one of the burial spices used to bury Jesus. Jesus was anointed to bear our sins *and* our sicknesses. Thus, myrrh represents both the death of Jesus and the healing His death made available to us: "By His wounds you have been made whole" (1 Peter 2:24).

As we bring our gift of worship, beyond salvation for our spirits and peace for our souls, the oil of the Holy Spirit brings healing to our bodies.

Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Three gifts. All symbols of the first Temple.

Now, *we* are the temple (1 Corinthians 3:16). So we worship by faith, which is to serve, yield to and recognize His kingship. We recognize Jesus as the Gift given by the Father—the only begotten Son of God—so that anyone who believes can have eternal qualities for his spirit, peace for his soul and healing for his body.

The Gift of eternal proportions!

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Stay Fit in Season!



BY MARTY COPELAND



Let's face it—Christmas is a busy time of year. But, as believers, we realize the importance of maintaining our spiritual fitness—no matter what season we are in. We understand if we don't keep ourselves spiritually fit we can give the enemy entrance into our lives, which is why we keep our focus on Jesus—the real reason for the season.

Well, guess what? Maintaining our physical fitness requires that same no-compromise attitude.

Do we really have to slack off on our health and fitness goals during the holidays and put on extra weight? Certainly, we are free to do this if we choose—but do we have to? No, we don't. And we shouldn't.

During Thanksgiving and Christmas, let's make a quality decision to stay focused on maintaining a strong, healthy body. I know that can be difficult—especially when Christmas cookies and Grandma's fudge may be calling your

name. But the Lord has shown me a few simple strategies to help maintain my weight throughout this season, and I know they will work for you, too!

1. Get God involved!

Ask God to give you wisdom about how you can best fight cravings and resist temptations throughout this season. Ask Him to show you available time in your schedule for increased cardiovascular exercise. Proverbs 4:5 says, "Get wisdom, get understanding..." God wants to be involved in every part

of your life, and He wants you to have a strong, healthy body.

Take time, especially throughout this season, to acknowledge that Jesus came to earth and paid the price on the cross for our strong, healthy bodies. First Corinthians 6:19-20 (*The Amplified Bible*) says, "Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own, you were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own]. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body."

So, while I don't think it's a sin to eat Aunt Martha's pecan pie and enjoy it without guilt, let's not see Thanksgiving and Christmas as opportunities to pig out. That's called lasciviousness and it's the opposite of self-control. So what can we do if we desire some special treats, but we don't want to blow our health endeavors? That leads me to strategy No. 2.

Make sure you move your body after eating to rev up your metabolism.

Grab a football and toss it around outside with your children. Or, take a walk around the block with your cousins.



2. Never show up famished at a holiday party!

If your blood-sugar level is low and you're really hungry, you could be a glutton waiting to happen. Don't rely on willpower to get you through a long night of fudge, Christmas cookies and party mix. Instead, go to the party prepared by eating a healthy snack and drinking a glass of water 30 minutes before arriving. Having your blood-sugar level stabilized will enable you to make better food decisions and feel more in control.

You can still eat a serving of sweet potatoes and a piece of pumpkin pie, but you won't be tempted to eat the whole dish of sweet potatoes or the entire pie. Just think—each party presents the perfect opportunity for you to sow to the spirit. In other words, you can restrain yourself entirely, or simply eat half of that piece of pie and victoriously say, *"Father, I am sowing self-control right now by leaving half of my pumpkin pie on the plate. Thank You, that I reap a huge harvest and grow daily in self-control."*

3. Focus on relationships.

I think it's important to remember these parties and family get-togethers are filled with much more than just fattening foods. What about partaking in family traditions such as reading the Christmas story around the fireplace, or catching up with those relatives you only see once or twice a year? Bottom line: You should be enjoying Aunt Martha more than you're enjoying her famous pecan pie. Focus on your family and friends more than you focus on the fabulous food.

4. Move it!

As the fellowship and feasting come to an end and you push away

from the dinner table, remember two words: Move it! While your relatives are making their way to the couch to watch football on TV, why not head for the great outdoors instead? Grab a football and toss it around outside with your children. Or, take a walk around the block with your cousins. Just make sure you move your body after eating to rev up your metabolism. Then go ahead and have a good rest on the couch. After all, that's part of the fun, right?

5. Exercise more.

During the Christmas season, life gets very busy with family get-togethers, shopping, church commitments, parties and much more. However, we must find time to work out. Exercise could be your best friend during this season because it will definitely help you maintain your weight, even though your diet may not be as healthy as usual. Here's what I do.

Knowing that I could possibly splurge on high-calorie treats on Thanksgiving and Christmas, I intentionally increase my cardio workouts a few days before to compensate for the extra calories I'll be consuming. By increasing your workout time and level of intensity, you'll get extra caloric expenditure during a time you'll need it most.

I believe if you implement these simple strategies this Thanksgiving and Christmas, the scales will be balanced in your favor, and you'll be much happier and healthier as you maintain your health and fitness goals.

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WHAT'S HOLDING you back?

by John Copeland

God has big plans for all of us. For you, it may involve a dream or goal, like working in ministry or starting your own business. You just have to find out where God wants you to plug in.



Life can pass right by while you're trying to figure out what you're going to do. But when we hear the Word and do it, ***that's when we set ourselves on course for success.***

What's holding you back? There is nothing wrong with watching a good sporting event or movie on television. But what's causing you to sit on the couch with the remote when you know you could be doing something to advance your dreams?

What's keeping you from stepping out, and doing what you know God has called you to do? Maybe it's fear. Or it may be ignorance of what God is saying to you. Possibly it's just procrastination. Well, while you're procrastinating, time is ticking away. Instead of relaxing and kicking back, you need to be attending to the things God has called you to do. Good intentions never accomplish anything.

In my life, for example, I've always

known I was called to ministry. But there was another part of me that wanted to know more about business. Sure, I had money. But when I stepped back and took a look at my financial situation, I realized that I was existing off of cash flow. I knew nothing about investing.

I had a desire to own real estate, but it wasn't until my wife, Marty, and I

prayed, started learning about real estate and decided to step out in faith, that God came along with the answers. We acted in faith, stepped out and things started happening for us.

Many of us are waiting on God to do something, but He's actually waiting on us. He's saying, *I'll put some super with your natural and we'll get it done.* It's not all up to us to make things happen in our lives, but it is up to us to take the necessary steps. God's not going to do it for us.

Take Off the Limits

If you're not putting something in yourself for God to work with, then He's limited in what He can do. You have to give Him something to work

with. You need some knowledge, and the more you know about a subject—particularly when God is directing you—the more He has to work with.

To some degree, we all have been guilty of hearing the Word but not paying heed to it. We simply do not become doers of that Word.

James 1:22-25 from *The Message* has a warning about this type of behavior:

Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.

The *King James Version* says, “Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.”

Life can pass right by while you're trying to figure out what you're going

complicated essay. Make a petition, a commitment before God of what you are believing for. It's just you talking to God. There is a lot of power in writing out your plan and keeping it before you. Get your family involved by having them sign the petition as a way of saying, “This is where we're going.” You'd be surprised at what can come out of that kind of agreement. There is power in setting those things before you.

Pray with your family and ask yourself where you want to be in the next one, five or 10 years. Then set yourselves in agreement to accomplish that goal. Write out those things so you can come back a year from now and see your progress. Just remember, plans are always subject to change as the Lord directs, or you get revelation.

Just as you are writing your plan, it's important to recognize what might keep you from meeting those goals and decide how to keep that from happening. Address those risks and your weaknesses. When you do, you take them out of the devil's hand and you have a plan to avoid doing the things that keep you from reaching your goals. If you *don't* meet your goals, ask yourself, and the Lord, why, and fix those things.

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to do. But when we hear the Word and do it, that's when we set ourselves on course for success. If you don't become a person of action—action that's based on the Word—you'll never accomplish very much in life.

The best way to keep moving, stay on track and keep your priorities in order, is to write a plan for your life. With the New Year just around the corner, now is as good a time as any to start.

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'I Love Pastor George's Teachings'

I so love Pastor George's teachings on prosperity. Much has already changed this year—I received a great job offer and since I began there the business has experienced increase each and every month. I have also seen increased quality of clients for my own business and our family has been in a season of celebration for months!

Nannette L. :: Minnesota



'Tongues'... Life Changing

Pastors George and Terri are amazing—they really minister to me! I began speaking in tongues after they taught on it a few months ago. It has been life changing.

T.H. :: California

We Prayed the Word

At Pastor George's suggestion, we prayed Deuteronomy 33:23, to possess the west and south.

And after seven months, we now own our own home at 60 percent less than the original price.

Stephen & Linda G. :: Surprise, Ariz.

Eye Condition... Healed!

Praise God. I am grateful to God for healing me of an eye problem on June 6, 2012.

I was led by the spirit to call the KCM prayer team due to the agonizing situation this eye has caused—I couldn't read very well. After I called and was prayed for, by faith I received my healing. The next day when I was

reading, the pain was gone! I am so grateful to God and to KCM for this merciful act, may His Name be glorified!

And I want to use this opportunity to thank you for the impartation you have made into my life via your prayers and Sunday broadcasts. God bless you and your ministry.

J.J. :: Nigeria

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."

(Romans 8:11, *New Living Translation*)

My Mind Renewed, and Free From Fear!

I thank God for you and your ministry. As I was watching Kenneth and Rick Renner the week of May 7-11, I was set free from fear and a lot of other things that were troubling me.

From January 2012, I experienced a great, uncontrollable fear that came up in my belly, and at the same time my shoulders would become heavy and my neck would get tight. At first, the fear would come into my heart and it would palpitate. I went to the doctor more than once and he would tell me everything was fine. At night, I could not sleep because of the fear, and then I began to tell myself I would die in my sleep.

Thank God for His Word! As I listened to Kenneth and Rick, I soaked up the Word and received it, and my mind was renewed. I am free from all that fear and the lies of the enemy. Praise and thanks be unto God who gives me the victory in Jesus' Name—hallelujah. Continue to preach the Word!

Hyacinth D. :: Canada

Two Disasters...No Damage

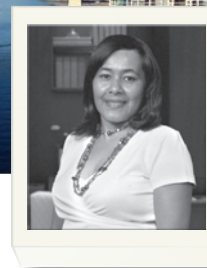
I wanted to thank KCM as you have taken our family through two disasters: Hurricane Andrew and just recently a huge fire—no damage to our home other than smoke.

Carolyn V. :: Reno, Nev.

You Prayed, We Conceived!

I phoned in to have someone pray for me. My husband and I had been trying to conceive a child for almost two years. After the KCM prayer minister prayed, we conceived and we have a healthy little boy who was a year old on Sept. 10, 2012. Glory to God!

A.W. :: Canada



A Life-and-Death Situation

My daughter was pregnant with her third child, scheduled to deliver Friday, March 9, 2012, by C-section. She went to the doctor who examined her and said, "You have time, besides there are no rooms available right now—the hospital is on bypass." She went home and the following Monday, she starting vomiting blood and hemorrhaging. Her husband rushed her to the hospital 30 minutes away in rural Wisconsin where an emergency C-section was performed. They discovered the baby had detached sometime over the weekend. My daughter had lost a lot of blood, and Joseph was not breathing when he was born. Our son-in-law called us, and we immediately called KCM and everyone started praying for Joseph and our daughter. Both my wife and I believe it was the power of prayer that saved our daughter and grandson. The doctor told our son-in-law that 10 minutes later, both of them would have been in fatal condition. Thank you, and God bless you.

Jerry P. :: Illinois

Overtaken and Blessed by God's Favor

Thanks, it was so encouraging to read.

I had been praying and trying my best to stay in faith and rebuke negative thoughts as I was applying for jobs. Then, I decided to sow a seed of faith to KCM. In my prayers I asked for a specific salary, which was a slight increase to my previous salary. I slept so well that night and felt excited when I awoke, but didn't know why! I continued to confess that the battle is not mine, it is the Lord's.

Around 11 a.m., Friday, March 9, I received a phone call from an agency about a job I had applied for. The miracle is they offered me the contract without an interview, and I started the next day!

Kenneth had prophesied about "suddenlies" and I believe this was one of them. The Lord made a way speedily and beyond my expectations...I was also offered the pay increase I had asked for in my prayers without having to verbally ask for it. I didn't think it was realistic in the current [economic] climate but I do know all things are possible with God.

B.G. :: Buckinghamshire, U.K.

You mentioned that I should use your letter as a point of contact to join my faith with yours for a new, good job and you blessed me with a number of scriptures to read, confessions of God's favor and the law of abundance.



Healing School—Online From Branson

I watched the Healing School service this morning online from Branson and received healing in my knees. There's no more pain or swelling.

W.P. :: Washington

'I Had Never Thought About God Trying to Teach Me His Language!'

My son was suicidal, but after praying with KCM he went to church on Sunday and joined the men's leadership group, a Bible study reading the Word and Alcoholics Anonymous.

My 10-year-old granddaughter got saved.

On the BVOV broadcast, Jeremy has been speaking directly to me—this is new thinking for me. I had never thought about God trying to teach me His language!

S.S. :: Tacoma, Wash.

Canada

Debt Free!

I'm tithing on part of a gift that Jesus gave to me in order to pay off ALL my past student loans. I am totally debt free now! Hallelujah! I

thank God for Kenneth and Gloria and your ministry that has taught me so much, especially concerning God's provision.

Gregg D. :: Canada

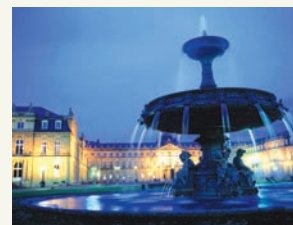
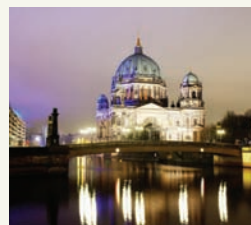
Prayer Protects— Our Baby Lives!

We are Partners for many years now, but I never called the prayer ministry. Last year I got pregnant, but when I went to the doctor she could only see an empty amniotic cavity. In 2003, I was pregnant with our third child when I had the same diagnosis, which ended in a miscarriage in the 10th week. I didn't want to have another miscarriage so I called the prayer line for the first time because I wanted this child to live.

The woman at the phone really encouraged me. It was so good to have someone standing in faith with me as my friends were very negative. I did what the woman said and spoke "Live!" to my baby every day. I thanked God all day that this baby would live and not die. After 10 days, I had my next appointment at the doctor. Praise God! She could not only

see an embryo she could also see his heart beating.

Our baby boy was born Jan. 11, 2011. He was protected



a second time without me knowing, and I'm sure your prayers did a major part in this protection. After the birth, we saw the placenta had removed partly and there was a hematoma as big as half a liter. But our son was absolutely well, praise God. We named him Joshua Nathanael.

What was really great in this...you always say, "We are here for you." You not only say it, you *are* really here for us! And for that I want to say a big thank you!

D.S. :: Berlin, Germany

The Lord Healed Me

Please let Brother Copeland know that when he gave his testimony of praying over his mother, that I took that for myself! The Lord healed me. I am 85 years old.

M.B. :: California



Jesus Works Through KCM

I was reading the first BVOV magazine mailed to me from your Singapore office. My wife and I had been hunting for teaching jobs in South Africa for a very long time. Yesterday, my wife received a job-offer email from a top school in South Africa. I am astonished by what Jesus can do for me through Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Thank You, Jesus.

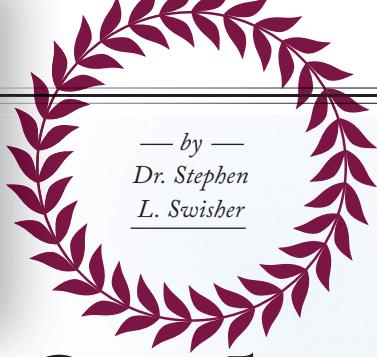
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Will God Do It?

Will God do it? Can God do it? Will anything happen for me? : These are questions that seem to echo in the hearts of every person who desires to step out of the ordinary and into the extraordinary, out of the natural into the supernatural.

The Bible reminds us that when these questions are asked of Jesus, He responds, “Can you?” The proof of that is found in Mark 9:23, where Jesus told His disciples, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes” (*New King James Version*).

The temptation to be overwhelmed by the so-called impossible, is something every believer faces. Even Mary the mother of Jesus found herself in that position at one point. In Luke 1, after the angel Gabriel announced to her that “thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son,” Mary’s first response wasn’t one of joy and glee. Instead, she said, “How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” (verses 31-34).

Her response was based on the fact that she was temporarily focused on the natural, not the supernatural. It is important to remember that focus can either be an ally or an adversary of your faith. What you focus on is what you believe, what you believe you speak, and what you speak is what will eventually manifest in your life.

Believing Without Seeing

Faith is the ability to believe something exists that isn’t perceived by

the senses. In other words, there is no physical evidence that it exists. It can’t be detected by any of the five senses (sight, smell, touch, taste, hearing), yet you perceive that it exists.

In Hebrews 11:1, the Bible says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” The Apostle Paul understood how faith worked. He knew that you don’t have to see it to believe it. That’s why he was able to say to the church at Corinth, “We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the

things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18, *NKJV*).

It’s important for every believer to understand we don’t have to convince, cajole or twist God’s arm to get His help. He wants us to be strong, prosperous, healthy, happy and blessed in Him. He can’t love us any more than He does at this very moment, and He will never love us any less.

In Matthew 9, two blind men asked Jesus to restore their sight. In response to their plea that He have mercy on them, Jesus asked: “Believe ye that I am able to do this?” When the men answered, yes: “Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened...” (see verses 27-30).

When we ask, “Lord, will You help me?” His response is “Yes.”

But even more, God is asking, “Can



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you believe? Can you have faith? Can you stand and walk this out with Me and see the miracle happen?"

Faith steps in—when you employ it—to make a way where there seems to be no way. As a believer, with the Holy Spirit alive inside you, your life becomes a powerful, walking miracle going somewhere to happen! Suddenly, that situation that seems impossible to everyone else becomes very possible for you. The problem that has everyone else confused, finds a simple solution in you. The difficulty that has halted production on this thing or that, now finds breakthrough in you. Why? Because you know the love of God is operating in you. With laser-like precision you are focused on your faith, and with dogged determination you simply refuse to believe you can't do it!

Say this out loud: "When I walk into a room, healing walks in, prosperity walks in, wisdom walks in, love walks in and resurrection power, too, in Jesus' Name."

When a believer in Jesus gets hold of this truth and walks in it, the powers of darkness back off—because you become dangerous to them.

The Bible says in Luke 1:37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." I've read that verse more times than I can remember, but not long ago a pastor friend of mine helped me get a better understanding of what it is saying. When you place the emphasis on the word *nothing*, the literal interpretation is, "It is impossible for God to do nothing!" That means when you have been believing God's Word, standing in faith and faithfully sowing into His kingdom, and now you're wondering if anything is going to happen, remember:

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It is impossible for God to do nothing.

As you read this, many of you are searching for just this kind of help. You're believing for a miracle and you're wondering if it's ever going to come. You may not see anything at this moment, but as you believe, speak and act on your faith, out of the balconies of heaven, God is dispatching a message for you right now. He's saying, "It is impossible for Me to do nothing."

That's what Christmas is all about. God chose to do something for each and every one of us. Jesus got involved and became like us, so we could become like Him! It is the greatest, most miraculous exchange in human history, that Jesus became poor that through Him we might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). This is why the Christmas season evokes such peace, happiness and nostalgia deep within. No matter how busy or harried we may feel on the outside, just a simple Christmas carol, a card with just the right verse of scripture, beautiful lights, a memory from childhood or even a delicious holiday cookie, brings so much joy flooding into us. The awareness these "trimmings" of the season trigger is the knowledge that God cares, we are loved, we are empowered, we are Christ(ians). We are followers of the Christ—Christmas people.

This must be why churches across the country can't wait for December and celebrate "Christmas in July." And why people pen songs like "We Need a Little Christmas Right This Very

Minute," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "Why Can't Every Day Be Like Christmas?" We all seem to want to hurry up the season, and yet prolong it, so we can take a breath of something extra special. But this experience does not need to be relegated only to this time of year.

When you come face to face with the awe-inspiring truth of Christmas—that God loves you so much He came to give you power to change your circumstances—then you realize it is impossible for your God to do nothing. It becomes unthinkable for you to stay just as you are.

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Our God is Faithful



Christmas is a very special time for us as believers. Not only do we celebrate our redemption and the birth of our Savior, but we make time to be with family.

Many of my favorite memories are centered on the activities and celebrations of Christmas. Memories of past



Christmases with the children, or with grandparents who are now with the Lord, are very precious to me.

I remember, too, how the pressure of the season can become overwhelming. But if we allow Him, God will minister His grace to us during those busy times. He always has for me.

Take the time to remember the promises God has made to us in His Word. The more we remember those promises, the more faith we can exercise in them. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. This is a message to you of God's faithfulness, goodness and sufficiency!

Faithfulness

Psalms 33 is a great place to start when speaking of the faithfulness of the Lord. Take out your Bible and read it, and you'll see what I mean.

Verse 4 shows that the Word of the Lord holds true and we can trust everything He does. Verse 5 assures us that He loves whatever is just

and good, and that His unfailing love fills the earth. Verses 6 and 7 speak of His creative power. It is important to realize there is nothing facing you that He doesn't have an answer for! If He has to create something totally new to meet your need, He will!

In verses 13-15, the Lord reminds us that He sees each one of us and nothing is hidden from Him. He made our hearts; He understands everything we do. So, why would we trust in anything else for our help? He is the only source of our help (verses 16-17).

God is watching over us and rescuing us; He is keeping us alive even in times of lack and famine. We put all our hope and trust in Him, because His love surrounds us at all times! (See verses 18-22.)

This is a wonderful word for us today! He is your provider now and at all times.

Take a few moments to examine

yourself. Have you been relying on something or someone else to see you through? Maybe you're trusting in your own abilities. Make a quality decision today to believe that God is faithful to you and to His Word. Decide to believe what He says to you and about you. As you place your faith in His Word, you open the door to His power working in your life to bring that Word to pass.

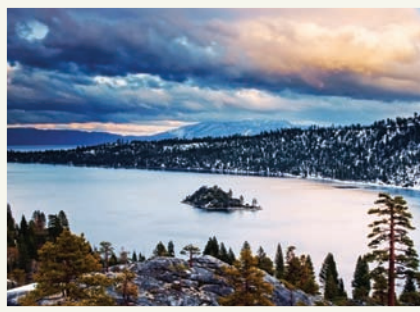
Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that it takes faith in God to please Him. If we want to come to Him we must believe not only that He exists, but that He rewards us when we come in faith. And in Hebrews 4:16 we're told to "come boldly to the throne of grace..." (*New King James Version*).

A Manifestation of His Grace

Recently, Steve and I sold our house. As we were packing years of accumulation, I came to a place where I needed a manifestation of God's grace—both in my body and my mind.

As I meditated on this scripture, faith rose up in me. It struck me as the very answer to what I needed. And it was so simple: I needed HELP! This was a large and potentially overwhelming job I

I needed help! This was a large and potentially overwhelming job I was facing. Instead of being stressed and pressured, I came boldly to God's throne.



was facing. Instead of being stressed and pressured, I came boldly to God's throne and and received "grace to help in good time for every need, [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it]" (*The Amplified Bible*). I had peace in my mind and body, and I got the help we needed as people began showing up to offer us a hand.

When God says He will meet your needs, He will do just that.

Goodness

Matthew 6:24-33 speaks of God's encompassing goodness:

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Who would know better of God's provision of goodness than Jesus? If anyone is qualified to make us a promise from God, it's Jesus. What do His words in these verses tell us?

- We cannot serve God and money. There is no way to serve both.
- So, when we serve God, not money, He will take care of our everyday lives!
- Food, clothing and living expenses should not be our focus. God will supply these things, and more!
- These concerns dominate the mind of the unbeliever. There is no rest, help or hope of them coming by any other means but struggle.

• As a believer (someone who takes God at His Word), these things don't take precedence in our thoughts. We walk in faith, pursuing God's plan while He gives us *everything* we need.

I like that way of life so much better!

Stop right here for a moment and pray; then say this out loud:

"Father, I choose to take You at Your Word. I believe in Your faithfulness toward me. I believe in Your goodness toward me. I let into my heart the words that I read now. Faith comes as I read and say Your Word. There is no circumstance or need

that can stand against Your Word in my heart. I seek and pursue Your kingdom. I lack no good thing because Jesus said You would see to my supply. I have ears to hear what Your Word says to me in Jesus' Name."

Sufficiency

As you read the following verses dealing with God's sufficiency, what will you believe? Your circumstances? Your bank account? Lack? Psalm 34:10 says, when we trust in Him we'll lack no good thing.

- But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)
- What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32)
- The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. (Proverbs 10:22)

• Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. (Luke 6:38)

God is faithful. He is full of goodness toward us and He has all sufficiency to meet all our needs. So, go ahead. Have a very merry Christmas! After all, He *is* on the throne! And He has given you and me a standing invitation to boldly and confidently come to His throne—confident that we will find the grace and help we need.

God loves you! Let that sink into your heart...and believe it. And you will have the best, most glorious Christmas you've ever had. **VICTORY**



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Just Jesus



What if there was one answer to every question? One solution to every problem? And what if you were the only one who knew that one answer? You'd be rich!

BY JEREMY PEARSONS

Look at something Jesus said in John 14:21: "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him" (*New King James Version*).

Now, notice how the last part of this verse reads in *The Amplified Bible*: "...I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.]"

I dare you to come up with a question, a problem, a challenge of any kind that couldn't be radically turned around by a manifestation of Jesus.

Is it a sickness or disease of some kind? No. Healing is a manifestation of Jesus.

What about a really "serious" financial hardship? Are you staring at a huge stack of overdue bills, school loans and credit-card debt? If so, then you need a manifestation of Jesus—the One who was rich but for your sake became poor that you, through His poverty, might be made rich!

Perhaps there are relationship-ending

levels of strife in your life. There's an answer for that too: a manifestation of Love Himself, Jesus.

Quick Keys to Failure

We've become so accustomed to hearing sermons that give us "Three Steps to Victory," "Six Keys to Receiving," or "12 Principles of Successful Saints." While there's nothing wrong with steps, keys or principles, I need to remind you that none of it works apart from Jesus! The principle is powerless apart from the Person!

Simply applying your best effort to any given problem is "Three Steps" toward total failure in the eyes of God. In His eyes you are either *working* for it, or *resting* in Him. But it can't be both. The one thing you are in need of is a manifestation of Jesus. You need Him to show, reveal and manifest Himself to you. What you need is for Jesus to let Himself be clearly seen by you and make Himself real to you. The good news is, according to John 14:21, this is exactly what He wants to do!

So what is the One answer to every question?

Just Jesus!

How about the One solution to every problem?

Just Jesus.

The knowledge of this One answer makes you and me very, very, very rich!

According to this verse, Jesus is in manifestation in the life of anyone who has His commandments and keeps them. That means His words are more valuable to you than any other words, feelings or emotions.

But notice what else this manifestation of Jesus is connected to. He said, "I will love Him and manifest Myself to him." His manifested presence in your life is intimately and inseparably connected to a revelation of how much He loves you! So get your attention off of the problem and start meditating and talking about how much Jesus loves you!

Think about this: A manifestation of Jesus is a manifestation of the glory of God. In Exodus 33, we find Moses in private conversation with God in which God tells him things like: "You have found grace in My sight," and "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

If you didn't know any better you might think Moses was living on the New Testament side of life. He's found grace, rest and the constant presence of God—things that belong to you and me today, but only through the finished work of Jesus. Moses is dangerously close to a New Testament experience, and with things going strongly in his favor he decides to go all in and ask for, well, everything.

In Exodus 33:18 Moses said, "Please, show me Your glory" (*NKJV*). The Bible doesn't record awkward silences, but if it did, I think there may have been one right there. God's response to Moses' brash request was, in essence, "Uh, no." You know the story and how God told Moses He would make His goodness pass before him but he would



get to see only the residue of where God had been. But make no mistake about this. God was very clear with Moses when He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live” (verse 20, *NKJV*). Essentially, God was saying to Moses, “I could show you but then I’d have to kill you.”

Moses saw a lot out there that day, but did he see it all?

No.

Moses asked to see the glory, and God said, “You cannot see My face....” Verse 22 says, “So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by” (*NKJV*).

You can see from this that God and His glory are one in the same, and His glory is in His face.

Two Glories

Now, let’s look at the New Testament perspective of this event.

According to 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 (*NKJV*), whatever took place on the mountain that day was enough to make Moses shine. But based on verse 7, he was shining with a glory that was passing away. These verses are a comparison of two glories: One resulting from the “ministry of death, written and engraved on stones,” and another from the ministry of the Spirit—the ministry of righteousness.

Look at verses 9-11: “For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no

glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.”

We know Moses

had to put a veil over his face to hide the glory that was passing away. But look at verse 16 and get ready to shout!

“Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.”

Because of Jesus, the veil has been removed and “we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (verse 18). Continuing into the next chapter, verse 6 tells us, “For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

Moses asked to see the glory and God said, “No!” But you and I have moved from glory *to* glory. The veil has been removed, and now God is giving us the light of the knowledge of the glory! And where is it to be found? In no other place than the face of Jesus Christ. We get to see what Moses asked to see, but was denied. We get to see the face of the glory Himself! When you look in the mirror, you are beholding (reflecting) the face of Jesus!

The sad truth is that many Christians are trying to copy Moses by crying out to God, “Show me Your glory!” Stop begging God to do something He’s already done. He’s already shown us His glory, and we have Him resident within us right now! A manifestation of Jesus *is* a manifestation of the glory of God. Come, live on this side of the Resurrection.

Do you need healing? Look straight into the face of the glory. Are you looking for peace? Look into the face of Jesus Christ who is the brightness of the Father’s glory. Don’t be pressured by the abundance of needs in your life. You only need one thing: a manifestation of Jesus—the very glory of God. **VICTORY**

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by Ronald C. Jordan

a Word to BUILD On

Greg Texada had always dreamed big. Even as a young boy growing up in the rural community of Bayou Rapides in Louisiana, he envisioned one day being a success—making something of himself and living life large.

From every indication, it looked as though Greg would get what he wanted.

And why not? Though he didn't come from a wealthy family, he, along with his five brothers and two sisters, had a solid upbringing—raised in a Christian home by hardworking parents who taught them the importance of family, to love each other, to get an education, to love each other, to get an education, and to honor and obey God.

“We were a close-knit family and church was always a big part of our life,” Greg recalls. “My daddy had a strong influence on our family. He worked three jobs to take care of us, and he taught us a strong work ethic. My mother kept us in church. If we weren't sick or in the hospital, we were in church.”

Because he grew up in church, and was active in choir, devotions and other church functions, Greg considered himself a Christian. But after going off to college at Southern University in Baton Rouge, something happened that caused him to reevaluate himself, his life and his relationship with God.

“I was walking across campus headed back to my dorm when this guy came up and started witnessing



Greg & Celeste Texada

to me,” Greg recalled. “I kept telling him I was already saved, but he just kept talking. When we reached the dorm, we separated—I went right and he went to the left. After taking about 10 steps, I turned to look at him and saw beams of light streaming from his body. Instantly, I recognized it was the glory of God shining through him. At that moment, I realized that he had Jesus in a way that I didn’t.”

Though he had asked Jesus into his life at a young age, Greg explained, he realized he had never nurtured and developed a real relationship with Him.

Despite that experience, Greg didn’t immediately give his life to the Lord and soon found himself faced with challenges. The temptations that often accompany college life began to draw him away from church and into a world of sinful habits.

“I tried to live right, but I never lasted longer than two weeks,” Greg said. “I’d go through seasons where it seemed like the Lord would visit me really heavy, and then I would slip back into sin. I thought all I needed was a car, money and a woman in order to be satisfied. Well, I had all that, and I was miserable!”

“Things finally came to a head one Sunday morning when I realized my life was headed nowhere. I felt like I had hit rock bottom—I was totally empty and had no reason to live—I even considered suicide.”

In desperation, Greg cried out to God: “Lord, if You’re real, if You are who they say You are, then please change my life today. Give me purpose and a reason to live.”

“I asked God if I could start all over again, if I could have a fresh start.

“Almost instantly, the Lord said, *I’ll give you a new start, a fresh beginning.* He showed me a vision of a chalkboard, and written on it were all my sins. Then, He took a giant eraser and began to wipe them all away. *I have forgiven you of all your sins. They’re all gone. I don’t remember them anymore.* From that moment, I didn’t want to sin

anymore and gave my life to Jesus.”

At 21, Greg began a new life.

A Fresh Start

While in school, Greg was involved in Christian activities—taking great joy in telling others about God’s goodness. Along the way, he was introduced to the teachings of such well-known ministers as Kenneth Copeland, Fred Price, Charles Capps, Kenneth Hagin, John Osteen and R.W. Schambach.

Greg was particularly drawn to the ministry of Kenneth Copeland, who, he says, “really helped me to understand faith and how to appropriate it. Someone gave me a tape series by Brother Copeland on the love of God,

“When you trust and obey God, knowing that He is the only Source you need, then He will show you how to get it done.”

and that did it for me. I listened to it over and over, and it opened my eyes to who God is and what He means to me.”

When he graduated in 1982, with a degree in mechanical engineering, Greg sought the Lord about where to look for a job. Early offers from companies in Michigan, Kentucky and North Carolina all seemed to line up with the vision he had carried since childhood. Finally, he could exchange the boredom of small-town living for the big city.

But that was not to be the case.

“I was praying when I heard the Lord say, *I’m going to send you back home and you’re going to work at the paper mill,*” Greg recalled. “I was finished with school, and now I wanted to see the world. But for some reason He wanted me to stay in Louisiana.”

Reluctantly, Greg returned home and got a job as an engineer in the paper mill, where he prospered and was quickly promoted up the ladder.

In July 1983, he was sitting in church when he noticed an unfamiliar

face in the congregation. When the visitor stood to identify herself, Greg listened as the young woman said she was born again and was “filled with the Holy Spirit.”

“Our church didn’t know what she meant by being ‘filled with the Holy Spirit,’ but I did,” Greg said, adding that he had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit a year earlier. Following the service, Greg was formally introduced to the woman, Celeste Williamson.

The two dated for nearly a year, and in June 1984 were married.

A New Beginning

In August 2000, the Lord directed Greg and Celeste to start a church in

central Louisiana. Five months later, The WORD Christian Center began meeting as a home Bible study with 14 people. The church held its first service in a local hotel in July 2001. Since that time, the 250-member congregation has held weekly services in a 6400-square-foot storefront in Alexandria.

“The Lord put into our hearts the desire to build a ministry center that would be a blessing to our region,” Greg said. “I learned from Brother Copeland and others the principles of seed-sowing, and knew that if I wanted God to bless me and our church, we needed to bless others. So, years ago we started sowing into the lives and ministries of others.”

To fulfill the vision, Greg was believing God for 25 acres—a vision he shared with a close friend and prayer partner. One day, as the two prayed about the land, the friend told Greg, “I keep praying and I see 27 acres,

not 25.” When Greg responded that he would be grateful to have 25 acres, his friend smiled and said, “Well, there’s two more acres out there for you.”

At the end of 2008, Greg had been teaching from Isaiah 42:9 and 43:19, sharing with his congregation that “God was going to do new things, and that before those things happened, He

would tell us about them.” In January 2009, Greg and Celeste traveled to Fort Worth, Texas, for a three-day ministers’ conference. During one of the sessions, speaker Bill Winston ended his teaching by receiving an offering.

“It was a spontaneous offering,” Greg said, “and remembering everything I had learned about seed-sowing, I wanted very much to be part of it.”

Reaching into his pocket, he pulled out a \$10 bill—all the money he had on him.

This isn’t enough seed for me to sow, he reasoned.

He started to put the money back into his pocket, when “all of a sudden, I had a nudging from the Holy Spirit to give what I had. The Lord said, *Give it. You’ve already sown a lot of seed.*”

In obedience, Greg stepped out into the aisle and moved toward the front of the auditorium to give his offering. As he approached the platform, he heard Winston say, “Stop thinking small. God is a big God, and He’s ready to do big things for you.... You’re sowing because you have a need or there’s something you desire and you’re sowing a seed to get it.”

“I was going to put the offering on the platform,” said Greg. “But I heard that same voice say, *No, go and put it in his hand.* As I handed the money to Bill Winston, I said ‘25 acres of land’ and walked away.”

Just then, Winston stopped, pointed to Greg and said: “Twenty-five acres of land. Praise God. You’ll have that land in seven days. You go out there on that land and you point at that land. You’ll have that land in seven days.”

Walking back to his seat, Greg recalled the words he had been declaring to his congregation: “God will show you the end from the beginning.”

Was this one of those times? he wondered.

When he returned to his hotel, Greg called the church administrator and shared what had happened.

“God has told us about it before it happens. We just need to go and find that land,” he said. “In my heart it was a done deal. I walked out of that sanctuary that day acting pretty calm. But on the inside, I was dancing with excitement!”

Within days of returning home, Greg was in touch with a real-estate agent and the search was on.

“We were convinced there was nothing anywhere near the size we needed available inside the city, and had focused our search outside the city,” said Greg. “But when the agent spoke with an associate, he was told about a piece of land inside the city that used to be a drive-in movie theater that had been closed for about 30 years.”

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The owners wanted \$990,000 for the property, but after praying Greg sensed the Lord directing him to offer no more than \$500,000, so he offered \$400,000. The owners countered, asking for \$750,000. Greg made one final offer of \$486,000, this time giving the owners three days to respond. The next day, the agent called and told Greg, “I don’t know what happened, but they accepted your offer.”

The church put \$100,000 down to secure the property, then negotiated a loan for the balance.

“The bank looked at our financial records and was very impressed,” said Greg. “They gave us a loan for \$386,000, (\$236,000 of it unsecured, during the middle of the banking crisis in 2009). In addition, the bank did not want a mortgage, so we essentially paid cash for the land. That is the favor of God.”

Church members were asked to

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"I was hesitant about asking people to give," said Greg, "but the Lord told me, *I'm going to bless the people. You present the vision and the people will give.* God started blessing our congregation and the people began to prosper."

In July 2009, the 250-member congregation began an aggressive fundraising campaign to pay off the balance. Two years later, in July 2011, the loan was paid in full.

"I can't say we had any really large gifts come in, but people were very generous in their support and giving," says Greg. "God just saw to it that it happened."

Today the Texasdas, their two children, Gabriel and Treasure, and the members of The WORD Christian Center, are looking forward to the day they move out of the storefront that has been home to them for the past nine years, and into the church facility they have been dreaming of.

Though Greg will soon see his vision become a reality, he is certain of one thing: It would not be happening had he not connected with Kenneth Copeland Ministries, and had he not obeyed the Holy Spirit the day he sowed a \$10 seed.

"The Bible teaches that a wise man will hear and increase learning," Greg said.

"Brother Copeland is probably the biggest voice and influence in my life and the life of our church," he says. "I have almost all of his books, and we design much of our teaching curriculum around KCM materials. As I'm sure many pastors will tell you, the biggest hindrance to ministry is not having the finances to get things done. But when you trust and obey God, knowing that He is the only Source you need, He will show you how to get it done." **VICTORY**



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Born to Win

by Gloria Copeland



People enjoy victory. No matter where we live, whether we're young or old, male or female, we all like to win.

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It hasn't, of course. And more than likely, 24 hours later you've forgotten

about it. Because, as fun as they may be, those kinds of victories don't amount to much in the overall scheme of things. They won't put any money in your bank account. They won't heal your body. They won't even give you peace of mind.

But there's another kind of victory that changes everything in your life. It provides the solution to every problem. It empowers you to conquer every challenge and overcome any negative circumstance. And it's not available just to a handful of gifted



every believer has access to such victory.

The problem is, not everyone takes advantage of it.

*You must speak words of faith with
your mouth—even if only to yourself.*

athletes, either. It belongs to every born-again child of God who will dare to believe and act on His Word: “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).

As Christians, we should be far more excited about living by faith than we are about anything in the wide, wide world of sports. We should be absolutely thrilled over God’s Word because that Word can make us winners—not just for a moment at the end of a game but all the time, in every area of our lives.

I realize to some that might sound unrealistic. They think a little defeat is inevitable so we should get comfortable with losing every now and then.

They can do what they want, but I’m never going to be comfortable with losing. I enjoy victory and I do not like defeat of any kind. What’s more, I don’t believe I have to put up with it, because I’m born of God and He can’t be defeated—by anything or anyone.

You’ve heard of born losers, haven’t you?

Well, I’m a born-again winner! And if you’ve made Jesus the Lord of *your* life, the same is true about you. You’ve been spiritually reborn with the victorious DNA of Almighty God. He is your heavenly Father. You’ve been re-created in His image.

Think about that. You’re walking around with the life of God in you!

You don’t have any business being defeated. You don’t have any reason to go around all depressed and humped over, saying, “Woe is me—poor, pitiful, little, old me!” So if that’s what you’ve been doing, stop it and start thinking about who you are. Throw back your shoulders and walk like a son or a daughter of the King.

If your earthly father was a king don’t you think you’d act like you were someone with some clout?

Sure you would! And there’s no king anywhere who compares to your spiritual Father. He’s the greatest of all. What’s more, He’s given you, as His child, His own authority over every evil thing in this world system.

That means you can live in triumph over all the wickedness, hate, sickness, lack and destruction that has come on this earth through the curse. You can go through dangers, storms and threatening situations and come out untouched. Just as God Himself could walk through the middle of the worst part of the world without ever being harmed in any way, so can you. You are His offspring!

Too Far-Out? Or Just Bible Faith?

“Oh, Gloria, surely you’re not saying we can live like God. That’s too far-out!”

No, it’s not. It’s just living in the reality of Psalm 91:7, which says: “A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.” It’s just simple Bible victory.

Every believer has access to such victory. The problem is, not everyone takes advantage of it. Look again at 1 John 5:4 and you can see why. It says, “the victory that overcometh the world” is activated by “our faith.”

What exactly is faith?

It’s really very simple.

Faith is believing what God says and acting on it.

Sadly, a lot of Christians are afraid they can’t do that. They think they

don’t have any faith. But according to Romans 12:3, God has “dealt to every man the measure of faith.” It’s not some second-rate, inferior quality of faith, either. It’s just like our Father’s because it came from Him. As Jesus said, “Have faith in God” (Mark 11:22), or have the God-kind of faith.

That’s why we shouldn’t go around talking about how hard it is for us to believe God’s promises. We should be saying just the opposite! Instead of whining about how weak and small our faith is, we should be shouting, “I have the God-kind of faith! The very faith that God Himself possesses has been put inside of me. The same faith that created the universe was put into my heart when I was born again.”

Of course, we have to nourish that faith with the Word if we want to operate in it effectively. Otherwise we’ll take the world-overcoming faith and authority we’ve been given and use it against ourselves. Instead of believing God’s promises, we’ll believe the lies of the devil. Instead of moving forward in triumph, we’ll get stuck in defeat.

Ken and I know this from personal experience because we did it. For five years after we were born again we lived like prisoners of doubt, poverty, sickness and failure. We had no idea how to walk in the victory that belongs to us in Christ. Then we found out what the Word says and our lives began to change.

We started thinking, talking and acting like the overcomers God created us to be. Granted, there was a lot we didn’t understand at first. We didn’t

realize, for instance, that we had to grow in faith and take things one step at a time. So we decided we would immediately buy a new house—and pay cash for it.

Never mind that we were still believing God to pay off our old, overdue bills. Never mind that we had so much

debt people were threatening to sue us. We went house hunting. When the realtor asked us how we planned to finance our purchase, Ken just said, “Our Father takes care of that.”

As you might guess, we didn’t get a new house that year. We hadn’t yet developed “pay-cash-for-a-new-house” faith. But we had developed “pay-our-bills” faith so before the year was over we were out of debt.

Several years later, because we stayed in the Word and our faith kept getting stronger, we got our new house. After a few more years we got another. Today, we’re living in our dream home and because we got it by faith we don’t owe a dime on it.

In an era where foreclosures abound and multitudes of mortgage holders are in trouble, that’s what I call victory!

Faith in Two Places

Anyone can have the same kind of victory Ken and I have experienced. It’s available to “whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ” (1 John 5:1). So, if you’re a born-again child of God, it’s yours.

But what you do about it is up to you. It’s your choice: Do you want to live by faith? Or do you want to live in unbelief?

If you choose the faith life, you’ll have some work to do. That’s the way it is for everyone. All of us who decide to be “faith people” have to exert some effort to uproot the unbelief, error and lies the devil has implanted in our minds. We have to feed on the Word and spend time fellowshiping with the Lord in prayer to keep our faith flourishing.

We also have to watch what we say. We must make sure our words line up with God’s Word because, as the Bible says, for faith to work in our lives it must be in two places: “...in thy mouth, and in thy heart.... For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and

with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:8, 10).

Contrary to popular belief, those verses don’t just refer to the new birth. They apply to every aspect of *salvation*, a word defined in the original Greek as “soundness in spirit, soul and body; material and temporal deliverance from danger and apprehension, pardon, protection, liberty, health, restoration and wholeness.”

The word for *confession*, according to *The Amplified Bible*, means “to declare openly and speak out freely your faith.” So if we want to walk in total victory, this is what we must do in every area of our lives: We must believe in our hearts what God says and declare our faith with our mouths.

Our words confirm our victory!

That’s why you can’t wait until all symptoms of sickness have disappeared to say, “I’m healed!” You can’t wait until all your bills are paid to declare, “I’m debt free!” If you want to make a faith confession *unto salvation* you must make bold statements of faith even before you can see any evidence of victory in your circumstances.

I’m not saying you have to make those statements to other people, especially if they don’t understand the principles of faith. You don’t have to cast your pearls before swine. But you do have to change your words to agree with what you want to come to pass.

You can’t talk sickness and receive healing. You can’t talk poverty and prosper supernaturally. You must speak words of faith with your mouth—even if only to yourself—and no words of unbelief to anyone.

The Labor That Makes Everything Else Easy

“All this believing and speaking sounds hard!” someone might say. “I thought you told us faith is simple.”

It is simple. But it’s not easy. As

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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