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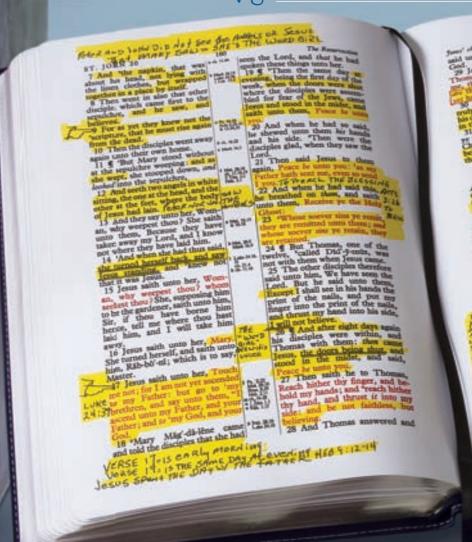
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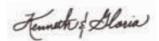
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Have you ever been stuck in traffic on the freeway at rush hour? You're creeping forward just inches at a time, doing your best to be patient. Then you look over a couple of lanes and see a line of cars zipping past you like you're sitting still (which, in fact, you are). :: What's your first impulse? :: You want to find a way to get into that lane!

faith lane

On the freeway, everyone wants to be in the fast lane.

In much the same way, when it comes to living, everyone should want to be in the *faith lane!* As believers, we ought to be enjoying life in such abundance—spiritually, physically, financially and socially—that unsaved people look at us and say, "I want to know how you're doing this! How do you keep succeeding when the rest of the world is going down the drain?"

"God supplies all of my needs according to His riches in glory," we'd answer, "and He has plenty of supply for you, too. If you'd like, I can show you how to tap in to it. I can introduce you to Jesus and He'll tell you what you need to know."

If God had His way, those kinds of

conversations would be going on all the time. Everyone who has been born again would be so BLESSED and such a BLESSING to everyone else that they'd be after us constantly, wanting to hear the secret to our success.

It would be happening, if it weren't for one thing: A lot of Christians aren't yet living in the faith lane themselves. They're saved, all right, but when it comes to the business of day-to-day living, they're inching along just like everyone else in the world.

Why?

Because living in the faith lane requires *faith*; and "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

"But most Christians I know go to church," you might say. "They hear The WORD every week. Doesn't that mean they have faith?"

No, it doesn't. People by the millions hear the Bible read and preached, but because they only hear it externally, with their physical ears, they don't benefit from it. They walk out of church without any more faith than they had when they walked in.

That's why it's so important for us, as believers, to listen to God's voice on the inside, with the ears of our spirit. Faith comes when we hear what God is saying through His written WORD directly to us. It comes not just from listening to Bible verses but from hearing the voice of God speak through them to our own hearts.

"Well, Brother Copeland, I think you're being a little unrealistic. Not everyone can hear God like that."



Yes, they can. Jesus confirmed it. He said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come





in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

Notice, Jesus said any man (or any human being, no matter who they are) can hear His voice. That means He is talking to everyone in the whole world all the time, and anyone can choose to listen and respond.

Am I saying that Jesus even speaks to unsaved people? Absolutely.

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I used to be a part of that lost world. You did, too. But God cared about us anyway. He didn't just get interested in us after we got saved. He loved us and started talking to us before we were ever born again.

That's how we got saved. We heard Him calling us and became one of the whosoevers who decided to believe on Him and respond. Thank God, this is a whosoever gospel!

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Jesus didn't stop talking to us after we got saved, either. On the contrary,



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He stepped up the program. He made sure that we could constantly hear what God is saying, believe it and speak it, so the Father can bring it to pass.

That's how God's kingdom works. It's His process and as citizens of heaven we're supernaturally equipped to operate according to it. We're divinely created to hear and recognize God's voice.

John 10 leaves no question about it. There, Jesus compared His relationship with us to that of a shepherd and his sheep, and said: "The sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers" (verses 3-5).

"If those verses are true, then why do so many of us have trouble hearing from The LORD?" someone might ask.

We've been too carnally minded to pay attention—that's why. We've been so spiritually dense we haven't even noticed much of what God has said to us.

Clearly, if we're going to live in the faith lane, we have to correct this problem. We must make sure we're hearing God's voice all the time. How? Proverbs 4:20 tells us. It says, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings."

When God says, "Attend to my words," He's telling us to give His WORD top authority: to give it our primary attention, make it our priority, believe it above all else and obey it no matter what.

Gloria and I made a quality, once-and-for-all decision to do this back in 1967. We were attending one of Brother Kenneth E. Hagin's meetings at the time. He asked everyone to stand who wanted to make a commitment to put God's WORD first place and make it the

final authority in their lives. Gloria and I jumped up with such force we almost knocked our chairs over.

We've kept that commitment now for 46 years. We don't ever attempt to change The WORD to fit our lifestyle, or to twist it to fit what our flesh wants to do. We change our lifestyle to fit The WORD. That's one reason we hear God's voice in our spirits as clearly as we do. We haven't plugged up our spiritual ears with a bunch of disobedience and excuses.

This is vital to remember: You'll never hear the voice of God accurately and consistently until you have made an irrevocable commitment to do whatever He tells you to do, whether it looks like it's going to benefit you or not

"But Brother Copeland, what if He tells me to do something that's too hard for me?"

No problem. With God all things are possible...and you are *with God!*

I first got a revelation of what that actually means by watching my dad when I was a little boy. He was a world-class salesman and he sometimes let me go with him on business trips. Again and again, I'd see him walk up to someone, shake his hand and say with confidence, "I'm A.W. Copeland. I'm with Draughons Business College."

Eventually, he went into the insurance business, and then he came to work with us here at the ministry, but his approach didn't change. He continued to say, "I'm A.W. Copeland. I'm with National Old Line Insurance Company." Or, "I'm with Kenneth Copeland Ministries."

Over the years, I realized what he was doing. He was not only identifying himself, he was identifying with the company that had authorized him. The company was bigger than he was. It backed him and made it possible for him to accomplish things he couldn't on his own.

The same is true for you. You're with God so you're authorized and empowered by Him to do whatever

Become a Copeland Fruit Inspector

If you want to accurately assess how spiritual you really are, be a fruit inspector. Examine your life and see how much of the fruit of love is there. In your daily interactions at home and at work, are you gentle and kind? Are you thoughtful and courteous? Are you touchy and quick to take offense or are you patient and forgiving when others treat you wrongly?

Those things are the measure of true spirituality.

Most Christians don't seem to know that. They think if a person has visions and dreams, prophesies and has mountain-moving faith, that person must be a real man or woman of God. But that's not the case. The Bible tells us you can have every kind of spiritual gift and power there is, but if you aren't a loving person, you don't amount to anything. Even though you may be born again, you're still fleshly, carnal and immature. In other words, you may be part of God's family but you're just a baby and you don't know Him very well.

First John 4:7-8 confirms that. It says, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (New American Standard).

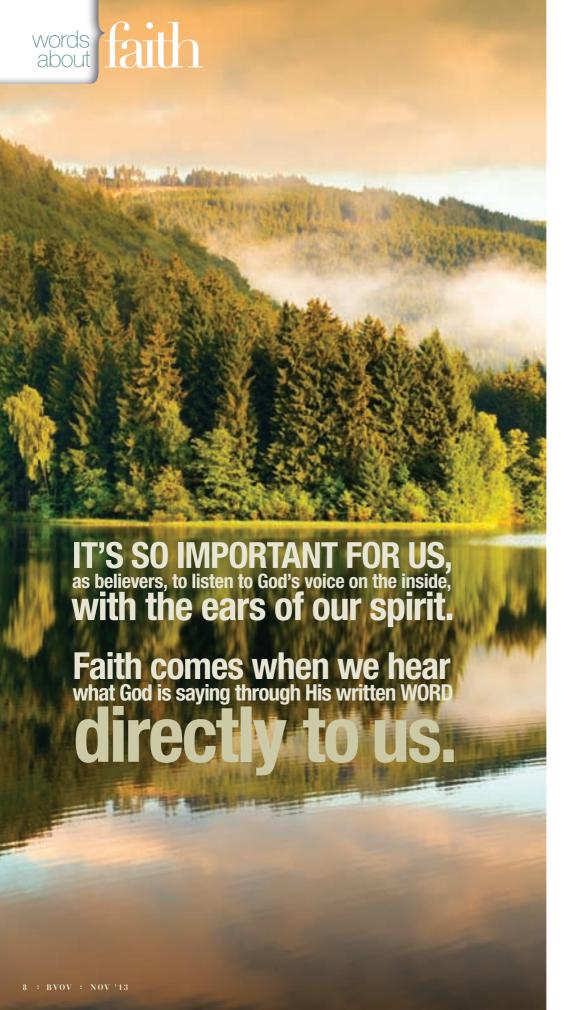
Someone might say, "Well, I'm a loving person. I'm really good to my friends and family so I guess I'm spiritually mature."

But the fact is, that doesn't mean too much. Jesus said even the heathen love those who love them. What's distinctive about the God-kind of love is that it loves the unlovely. God is kind and good to those who don't deserve it. He's patient with those who mess up again and again. It doesn't matter how ornery a person has been, if they'll turn to God, He'll take them in. He'll let them receive forgiveness and salvation in Jesus' Name. Instead of reminding them of their past, He'll wipe it away and BLESS them!

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.... For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

1 Corinthians 3:1, 3

The more you fellowship with God and the better you get to know Him, the more you'll think and act that way. As you spend time in union and communion with Him, you'll grow up to be more like Him. You'll be able to inspect your life and find it laden with the fruit of love. Then—and only then will you know you've outgrown carnality and become a truly spiritual man. 🚺



He commands. Because all things are possible with Him, all things become possible for you too!

Stop Saying, 'Yeah, but....'

Proverbs 4:20 gives us another key to clearly hearing God's voice. It says, "Incline thine ear unto my sayings." In other words, lean into His WORD, listen to it and receive it by faith. Don't draw back from it and say things like, "Yeah, I know what the Bible says, but it just doesn't work for me...I know it says to tithe, but I can't afford it...I know it says to forgive, but you don't know how badly I've been mistreated."

The minute you say, "Yeah, but...," you've stopped inclining your ear. You've shut out God's voice and started listening to the devil and he's going to rob you of your BLESSING.

Peter found this out the first time he went fishing with Jesus. You remember the story. Jesus had borrowed Peter's boat and spent the morning preaching from it to the crowds on the lakeshore. When He finished, He said to Peter, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" (Luke 5:4).

Instead of inclining his ear to what Jesus said, however, Peter argued with Him. He said, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net" (verse 5). Then, because he'd already washed his good nets and didn't want to get them dirty again, he pulled out one rotten net and halfheartedly did what Jesus instructed.

What happened? Peter missed out!

Fish came from all over the Sea of Galilee, jumped into that rotten net, and it broke. Peter had to signal for his fishing partners to bring another boat and some more nets to haul in the catch.

Although the fishing trip ended in success despite Peter's unbelief and disobedience, he personally didn't catch a single fish. Instead, he ended up falling down at Jesus' knees and saying, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (verse 8).

Apparently, Peter learned his lesson that day because the next time Jesus told him to go fishing, he listened. He didn't argue at all, even though the second fishing plan Jesus came up with was more outlandish than the first. It involved fishing with an unbaited hook instead of a net, and getting tax money out of a fish's mouth. (See Matthew 17:27.) That might have sounded preposterous to anyone else, but Peter didn't care. He inclined his ear and believed what Jesus said.

In Mark 4:24, Jesus encourages us all to follow that example. He says, "Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ve mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given."

In other words, if you want to hear (and keep on hearing) what God is saying to you, instead of measuring it with doubt, measure it with faith. Instead of saying, "Yeah, but...," say "Yes, LORD, I'm listening and I believe!"

Eat Right and Keep Practicing

"But sometimes I can't tell if it's really God I'm hearing, or if it's just me and my own thoughts," you might say.

Then sharpen up your spirit by practicing your listening skills. Make it a part of your daily routine, especially as you're reading The WORD, to draw your attention to what's going on in your inner man. Put your hand over your heart and practice listening on the inside, rather than just listening on the outside.

You should also strengthen your spirit by nourishing it with words of faith. (See 1 Timothy 4:6.) Stop spending so much time feeding your carnal mind by watching all kinds of ungodly things on TV. You're not going to hear God's voice while you're sitting there listening to people on television cuss and take His Name in vain. So turn that junk off and open your Bible. Listen to some good faith preaching. Spend more time meditating on God's written WORDS and practice doing what Proverbs 4:21-24 says: "Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee."



This has always been God's system. Ever since He created mankind in the Garden of Eden, He planned for us to hear His WORDS, receive them and meditate on them until we believe them with all our hearts, and then speak them so He can bring them to pass. Jesus lived this way when He was on earth. He said, "The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10).

That's the process of the kingdom of God. It works all the time for anyone who will follow it. Satan can't change it, either. All he can do is change the words. So that's what he does. He tries to get access to your life by getting you to listen to him and say what he says.

Don't let him succeed.

Make a once-andfor-all decision to attend to The WORD of God. Incline your ear and listen to His voice in your spirit. Declare by faith, "I open my ears. I hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and a stranger's voice I do not follow. I'm tapping in every day to what He's saying. I'm living in the faith lane!" 🕔



points to get you there

On the freeway at rush hour, everyone wants to be in the fast lane. But in life, it's being in the faith lane that counts. Here are a few points to help you get there:

Listen to God's **WORD** not just with your physical ears but with the ears of vour heart.

Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Put God's WORD first in your life.

Proverbs 4:20: "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings."

Make an irrevocable commitment to do whatever He tells you to do.

John 14:15: "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Don't argue with God. Simply believe what He says.

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Every day practice listening on the inside for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

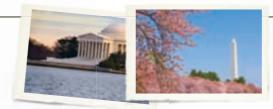
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Faith to Believe!



-Danita Brooks

tucked in her blouse and slipped into her shoes. Taking a seat to await the doctor who had examined her, she tried not to fidget. She didn't expect anything to be wrong. She'd always been healthy; it just took some people longer to get pregnant than others. :: She should know. She'd heard the story so often she knew it by heart. Her parents had married in 1955, hoping to have children soon. They'd waited 17 heartbreaking years before Danita was born.

by Melanie Hemry

hen other young women were marrying and starting families, Danita had earned a bachelor's degree and then moved to Atlanta where she earned a master's in English. During those years, she had volunteered to help with the deaf ministry at her church by learning to sign.

By the time she'd finished work on her master's and moved back to Maryland, Danita had become so proficient in sign language that she enjoyed two careers. On Tuesday and Thursday, she taught English at a college where she worked as a professor. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, she drove to another college where, instead of teaching, she signed to interpret the lectures for deaf students.

So what if she'd been a bit older than some women by the time she married? The fact that her mother had finally conceived was an encouragement. The difference between her and her mother was age. At 35, if it took Danita 17 years to conceive, she would be 52 years old when her first child was born. Not as old as Abraham's wife, Sarah. But still....

The door opened and the doctor walked into the room. Danita looked up and smiled. "Did you find any reason why I haven't gotten pregnant?"

"Look," the doctor said, "a woman is born with all the eggs she'll ever have. That means your eggs are 35. Your eggs are *old!*"

Signs and Wonders

"When I walked out of the exam room, I filed that information where I felt it belonged," Danita remembers. "I refused to buy into the idea that I was too old to conceive. One of my friends in her early 40s was pregnant with twins. Another friend who was almost 40 was pregnant. I didn't believe my eggs were too old.

"With nothing else to do, I went home determined to pray and be patient. A year and a half later, I still hadn't conceived. In the fall of 2009, I got an email from a friend in Alabama. He explained that interpreters for the deaf were needed for Kenneth Copeland's Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign and asked if I would be interested in

helping. I'd heard of Kenneth and Gloria, but hadn't ever listened to them preach. I thought it sounded interesting, so I agreed to help."

Danita had no idea that one message in particular that she would hear during the three-day meeting was about to change her life—forever!

Her fingers flew as Danita worked to keep up with the anointing flowing from Kenneth Copeland as he preached. In sign language, she explained a dream he'd had. In the dream, Jesus had walked up to Brother Copeland and held out a big plate of cookies.

"Have a cookie!" Jesus said. Brother Copeland understood that the platter of cookies represented those things he desired to receive from the November 2012, was the **FOURTH YEAR I'VE ATTENDED** the WDC Victory Campaign.

In addition to teaching us how to be bold in our faith,

I received another revelation from God that shook my world.

'God loves me as much as He loves Jesus. There's nothing He won't do for me.'

Lord by faith. He realized that he couldn't *have* a cookie unless he *took* a cookie.

"Oh, yes, Sir!" Brother Copeland answered the Lord. "I want a cookie! I believe I have a cookie! Now I *take* the cookie! Thank You!"

Then, the Lord showed Brother Copeland that for THE BLESSING to work in its fullness, he had to forgive everyone.

Over and over Danita signed these words:

I believe!

I will!

I take it!

I have it!

I thank You!

I forgive!

Taking by Faith

Excitement welled in Danita's heart. Was this what she needed to do to receive her child?

The next time she repeated the words, Danita personalized them to her own situation, grabbing hold of it by faith.

"I believe I have a child! I will have a child! I take it now! I have my baby! I thank You, Lord! I forgive that doctor for saying my eggs were too old!"

After one of the sessions, the person who served as Danita's contact for signing at the meetings walked up to Danita.

"I'm seeing some things," he said. "I see ovaries. Are you believing for a baby?"

"Yes, sir."

"I see healing and restoration coming for you in that area."

Back home, Danita shared that message with her husband, Aaron, and it became their confession. Danita even hired a graphic artist to make the confessions into a beautiful wall hanging for Aaron's office.

The Winning Game

"The revelation from Brother Copeland's cookie dream became my regular confession," Danita recalls. "I knew God would respond to my faith as surely as He responded to Brother Copeland's.

"While we continued to stand in faith for a child, I was in my third year attending a Bible institute. I was tired, burning the candle at both ends. The stress of our hectic schedules and our struggle to conceive had put a strain on our relationship.

"In June 2010, I graduated from the Bible institute. The following week, I attended our church's women's conference. My pastor gave an interesting bit of advice about how to show our faith for a blessed marriage. He said, 'Act like he's acting like you want him to act, and see how you act."

Back home, Danita pondered how she could show Aaron how much she loved him. Not by words alone, but by actions. One of Aaron's passions was basketball, and his favorite team, the Los Angeles Lakers, was playing in the NBA finals. Because of his schedule, Aaron couldn't watch the game.

Watch it and text him the plays, the Lord said.

Danita watched the game, texting Aaron the plays.

"Kobe's on the line!"

"Oh! He missed it!"

Play by play, she fed the game to

"Thanks, Babe!" he replied.

"Oh, my goodness! That's so cool!"

The Lakers won the game, but Aaron and Danita won an even bigger victory: the war over their seed. A few weeks later, with the remote control in his hand, Aaron settled in front of the TV while waiting for a sports announcement.

Grabbing the remote, Danita said, "I have an announcement to make! I'm pregnant!"

"I knew it!" Aaron said.

Speaking to the Fig Tree

The first thing the doctor did was list Danita's pregnancy as high risk because of her age. "Although being labeled high risk irked me," Danita explains, "early on in my pregnancy I was diagnosed with placenta previa, which can cause severe bleeding before or during delivery. This condition occurs when the placenta attaches low in the uterus rather than at the top or side. I wasn't allowed to stand or walk for long periods and I couldn't lift anything heavy."

During the second trimester of Danita's pregnancy, the doctor ordered a sonogram to make sure the baby was developing normally. The sonogram revealed a problem. Something besides the placenta showed up.

"You have a fibroid tumor at the base of your uterus," the doctor explained, pointing it out on the film. "It's so close to the base of your uterus that it could block your cervix. We'll watch it, but it may require you to have a cesarean section instead of a normal delivery."

That's not going to happen, Danita thought. I refuse to receive it.

"Don't worry," Danita said choosing her words with care, "it'll be gone by the time I have the baby."

The doctor blinked in surprise at her confusion. "No, ma'am," she said, "these tumors don't *shrink* during pregnancy—they *grow*."

Back home, Danita and Aaron spoke to the fibroid, commanding it to shrivel and die like the fig tree Jesus cursed.

The End Game

By now, Danita's pregnancy was marked high risk due to her age, placenta previa and a fibroid tumor. Because the placenta and fibroid were located near the cervix, the doctors monitored her progress using a fetal heart monitor rather than doing physical exams.

Months passed without incident.

Finally, at 35 weeks, the doctor decided to do a physical exam. Frowning, she felt the baby's head. Then she felt it again.

"That's odd," she said. "I don't feel any fibroid."

Danita and Aaron locked eyes and grinned. Exactly as they had believed and confessed, the fibroid tumor hadn't grown during her pregnancy as predicted.

It had disappeared.

Thank You, Lord!" Danita praised. "Now I release my faith and believe I receive a delivery that will be a testimony to the staff. I'm 37 years old, and I want to show them that this isn't a high-risk pregnancy."

March 5, 2011, at 5:45 a.m., Danita's labor began in earnest. In the car on the way to the hospital, she sent a text to family and friends.

"On way to hospital!"

"Praying for a fast delivery!" came a reply.

"Not too fast! We have 45-minute drive!"

March Madness

"How are you doing?" the doctor asked Danita at the hospital.

"I'm doing well."

"Do you want an epidural?"

"No, I don't think so. Why don't you check my progress and see how long you think it'll be?"

The doctor examined Danita and said, "Oh my! It's too late for an epidural! You're fully dilated! Let's deliver this baby!"

A short while later, Aaron Michael Brooks II was placed in his mother's waiting arms. His tiny fingers wrapped around hers and he seemed to know he was home.

Today, at 2½, Aaron Michael likes watching Mickey Mouse and Sid the Science Kid on his mom's iPad, which he operates with some degree of skill. Born during March Madness, it's no surprise that his favorite pastime is snuggling up with his dad and watching basketball.

"November 2012, was the fourth year I've attended the WDC Victory Campaign," Danita recalls. "In addition to teaching us how to be bold in our faith, I received another revelation from God that shook my world. It happened when Brother Copeland told us to repeat these words: 'God loves me as much as He loves Jesus. There's nothing He won't do for me.'

"Having a son of my own has helped me understand the depths of God's love for us. I would do *anything* for my son. Now I get it...God would do *anything* for us. The only thing that limits Him is our faith."

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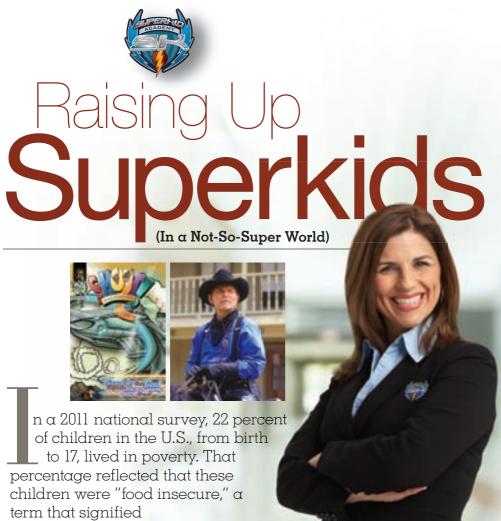
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and 2012.

The statistics are grim

said they had used drugs at

some time between 2011

for America's children growing up in this not-sosuper world. And some say it's only getting worse. The truth is, the enemy would love nothing more than to derail tomorrow's leaders while they're still young.

But God has a different plan.

He sees our children as His children. He sees them as leaders, as world changers, as the next generation of those who will give glory to Him.

Through partnering with the Superkid Academy Curriculum, teachers have everything they need to teach the uncompromised Word of God—real faith—to the children in their churches.

It's for this reason that, at Kenneth Copeland Ministries, we have ministered to children in many different ways for the past 25 years. From audio adventures to action movies, from children's novels to an award-winning magazine, and from coloring books to live meetings, all our efforts have had the same heartbeat: Whatever we must do, we are going to reach our kids.

We refuse to lose one child to the enemy!

Taking Up the Cause

Twenty-five years ago, a new concept in children's ministry at KCM was born with the creation of Commander Kellie and the $Superkids_{TM}$. The characters for this cartoon/animation feature first appeared in audiobook adventure format. But after three albums, listeners wanted more. By 1992 the first Superkid movie, The Intruder, was released. That same year, Wichita Slim-with Kenneth Copeland as the title character-rode onto the screen in *The Gunslinger*.

"We set out to do

We have to give our kids the proper tools to use as they grow and develop, and it's important that we get started with them when they're young.

for food.

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full-length motion pictures, and in those motion pictures, train and teach the power of The WORD of God," Brother Copeland said.

Great success, coupled with the delight of both parents and children, resulted in three more Superkid movies—Armor of Light, The Sword and Judgment: The Trial of Commander Kellie—and two additional Wichita Slim movies—Covenant Rider and The Treasure of Eagle Mountain. But that's not all.

In April 1993, the first children's activity page appeared in the monthly *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine. A year later, in May 1994, *Shout! The Voice of Victory for Kids* magazine debuted, growing from 5,000 subscriptions to more than 150,000 when its last issue was distributed in 2006. For more than a decade, *Shout!* not only won awards, it also brought the Word of God to tens of thousands of children on a regular basis. When its run was complete, funds for *Shout!* were funneled to other children's ministry projects.

"God has great things for this generation to do, but it takes a lot of time, effort, resources and finances to outweigh the barrage of worldly input that kids are faced with every day," said Kellie Copeland Swisher, who spearheads KCM's children's ministry. "We're committed to this cause, and I know the KCM Partners are too."

Other faith-filled KCM materials for children over the years have included *Baby Praise* videos, audios and books for babies, 11 *Superkid Adventure* novels, activity books, coloring books and comic books, music CDs, and the *Over the Edge* and *Load Up* devotionals for teens. In partnership with Dana Johnson Ministries for the past 20 years, Superkid Academy has been part of major KCM meetings for years, and has become a regular fixture at Eagle Mountain International Church.

For all these efforts, what has been the result?

"Years ago when we started this Superkid Academy theme, it was just an idea," said Kellie. "But what has happened is that we now have real Superkids—even adult Superkids—who know the Word and really have it down in their hearts; they know how to use their faith and what to do when things are hard or when they are in need. They know to go to God, because He is their Source."

Partnering With You

On a consistent basis, with the latest technology and developments, we need to prepare our children for what's out there—prepare them to take a stand against the kingdom of darkness so they don't become another tragic statistic. That's why KCM is excited about our most recent children's ministry effort: The NEW Superkid Academy Curriculum, designed to provide one-on-one interaction and faith training for kids—all in partnership with churches around the globe.

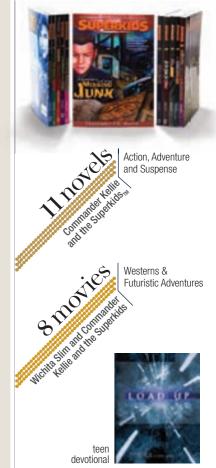
From day one, KCM has believed partnership makes the difference in everything we do. When we partner together, we share one another's anointings and giftings for the furtherance of His kingdom. And now, through partnering with the Superkid Academy Curriculum, teachers have everything they need to teach the uncompromised Word of God—real faith—to the children in their churches.

Through the curriculum, which includes DVDs, object lessons, offering lessons, praise and worship music, games, and outlines for messages, Superkid Academy now appears in churches around the globe. Young people are being raised up as Superkids with a strong foundation: knowing they have a purpose and a mission from God, knowing what it means to live by faith, and knowing who they are in Christ.

"By arming young people with the Word and biblical core values, and helping to strengthen their spirits, it helps them make right decisions and live anointed lives," said Kellie. It's just one more way KCM is reaching out to children, fulfilling those prophetic words: "Whatever we must do, we *are* going to reach our kids."

Earlier this year, KCM released its newest Superkid Academy movie, a full-length feature titled *Superkid Academy: The Mission*—the first movie project designed in conjunction with the Superkid Academy Curriculum program. One of the things that makes this project so special is that it was written and directed by Lyndsey Swisher, who not only is Kellie's daughter, but who grew up as a Superkid.

"Lyndsey had been involved in writing the video shorts for the previous five volumes of the Superkid curriculum, and was actively working on shorts for Volume 6 when the Lord gave her a









unique direction," Kellie explained. As she was praying about the project, the Lord had Lyndsey write 13 individual scenes, and then He showed her how to put them together and develop them into a movie. The result was *The Mission*. Only God and a Holy Spirit-inspired Superkid could have done that!"

During an interview, Commander Kellie talked about the movie, its overall purpose and the effect she believes it will have on young people. Here are some of her comments:

BVOV: Superkid Academy is now 25 years old. How did you come up with the concept?

CK: There were several people involved when the original cassette was done in 1988. At first, I was thinking more along the lines of establishing something similar to vacation Bible school. But, the more we discussed it, we decided we wanted kids to have an academy-type experience. It just developed from there.

BVOV: When did you know you were called to this area of ministry?

CK: It started when my daughter, Rachel, was around 2 years old. She brought home a paper from church that said God made the flowers. For some reason, it sparked something in me to want her to know that not only did God make the flowers, but why. I wanted her to understand that He made flowers as an expression of His love for her. That's the depth of God's love: He loves us so much that He would make something as magnificent as a flower. That caused me to get involved in her learning process, and the Lord just took it from there.

BVOV: How do you feel about the success you've had with SKA?

CK: When I look at how far we've come, sometimes it's striking. Personally, I want to know that I have pleased the Lord with my life, and what I've been able to do for the kids, and I believe that I have. But there are times when I wonder, Could I have done more? Should I be further along?

Then, I see all these kids who are now all grown up, and some of them even have kids of their own. And they come up to me and say how much I've impacted their lives, and that I helped them to find out what God wanted them to do with their lives. That's a really good feeling!

BVOV: How significant is that to you?

CK: It's very significant, because it tells me what we've been doing works. It tells me that, because these kids directed their attention to the Lord to find out who they were, they found that their place was in Him. And today, He is so powerful in their lives. This is not a theory. It's reality, and it works!

BVOV: Through SKA, you've reached hundreds of thousands of kids with the message of God's love. What more is there to be done?

CK: There's plenty more to do, because there are always more kids coming along. The kids around the world who are growing up as Superkids are growing up learning the Word of God. They're facing things that my kids could never have fathomed while growing up. We have to give our kids the proper tools to use as they grow and develop, and it's important that we get started with them when they're young. That way, the teaching becomes like a natural progression for them, not something foreign they have to try and remember.

BVOV: Your dad, Kenneth Copeland, has made a strong affirmation that, "Whatever we must do, we are going to reach our kids." Is that your commitment, as well?

CK: Absolutely! For a quarter century, we've been trying to reach kids and show them who they are in Christ—to give them the messages Dad has been teaching. And we've been very successful in doing that. The new Superkids movie, *The Mission*, is probably one of the biggest proofs that it's working! The cast for this movie, which centers on the Superkid Creed, is not only made up of Superkids, but

it was written and directed by Lyndsey, who grew up as a Superkid. It's the same Word they grew up learning, only it's being shared with a new generation of Superkids!

BVOV: Speaking of The Mission, how significant is this new movie to the mission of SKA?

CK: It's very significant. We've never done a movie based on a Superkid curriculum before. The Mission places strong emphasis on the Superkid Creed, which is the core teaching in the Volume 6 Curriculum. The Creed teaches kids about the importance of having core values, principles that are instilled in them so they can say things like: "I don't gossip," "I'm a tither, not a taker," "Honor those in authority," and "Lay hands on the sick and they recover." If kids can hear these things taught in church, and then hear them over and over again in a movie like The Mission, then these things will get down into their hearts and become core values. Core values will take you all the way through from junior high and high school, to college, and on into adult life. Even if you get away from it for a season, if it's a core value in your heart then you'll come back to it.

BVOV: Any idea how many kids have become Superkids over the years?

CK: No, but I wish I did. I wish they'd all write me so that I can know. But, I meet them all the time: when I go shopping, speak in churches, even when I take my young daughter to the pediatrician. My older kids have even been approached over the years while in college by former Superkids who would ask, "Is Commander Kellie your mother?" I can see that the Word has made such an impact on these kids' lives.

BVOV: How much longer can we look forward to seeing Commander Kellie?

CK: Well, I do have a couple of daughters who look like me. I suppose I could be perpetually young. Or, maybe you can look forward to seeing me in cartoons.

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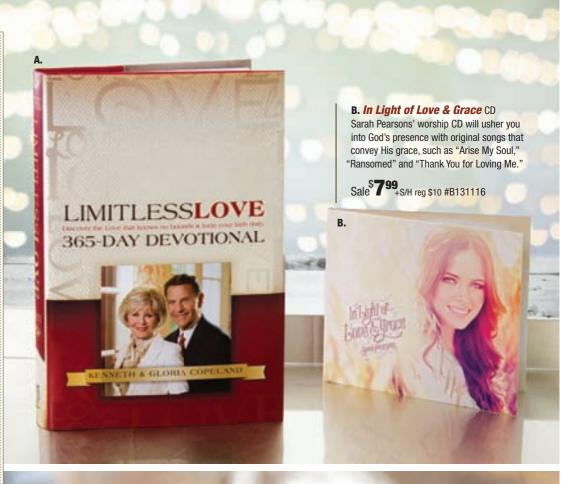
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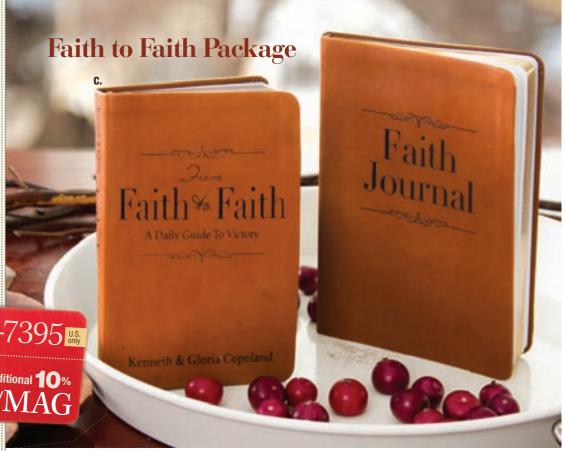
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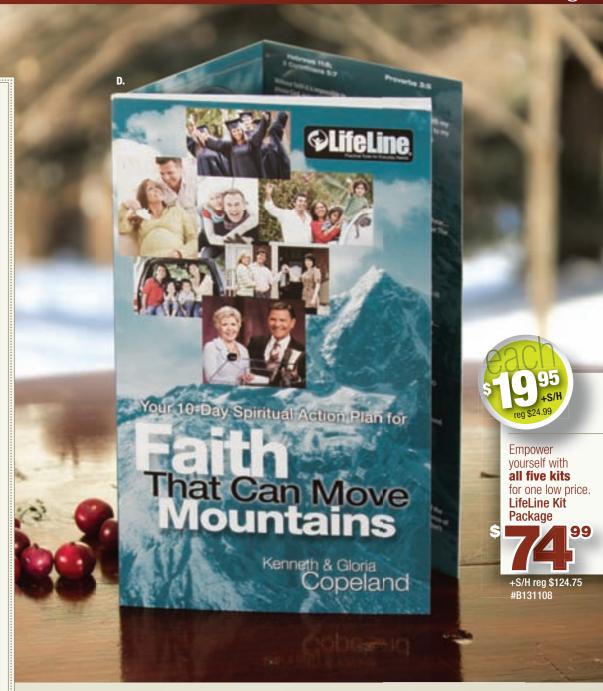
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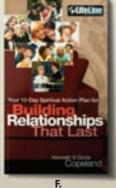
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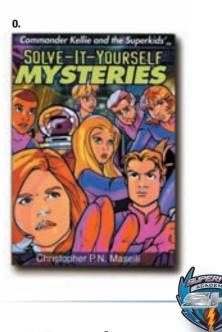
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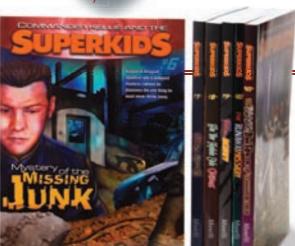
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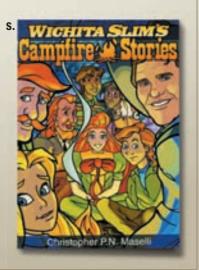
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You have been the strong mortar in the building of my faith for many years now. The answers to prayer have been mighty! The support in struggles is so valuable in having helped me stand firm on the Word in every circumstance. I wish I could hug you all, not just Ken and Gloria, but all the KCM staff who work behind the scenes! Thank vou so much! Vanessa T. | United Kingdom

Favor in Court

A court case against us and all charges were dropped. All praise and glory to God—His prophetic word was fulfilled. We thank you for standing and praying with us and we bless you indeed.

E.K. | South Africa



GoodNewsGazette

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God...." (Romans 8:28)

God Changed Me!

Thank you, KCM! I got into the Word until it changed me! My marriage has been restored through the teachings of this ministry. Also, my son and daughterin-law were facing divorce after only nine months, but now they are restored! I hooked into our covenant promises and teaching on THE BLESSING. I know there are more breakthroughs to come this year!

My Spiritual Garden Is Flourishing

A friend gave me a *BVOV* magazine back in 1979 and I have been receiving them every month since then. They taught me new insights into God's Word that I never gathered from church! I have also attended many of your conferences in England and again gathered many seeds to plant in my "spiritual garden" where they took root, watered by the Word regularly so that they never grew dry but flourished mightily!

I take joy in the knowledge that you and Gloria pray for your Partners daily. I have had several causes to request prayer from your team of prayer warriors in England. I am now 81, and praise God, do not have an aching bone in my body. I have every reason to believe in your teachings of a God of infinite love and the importance of using God's Word when praying. So I am able to report that my garden is mature and produces good fruit and plenty of it!

I thank the Lord for using a friend to introduce me to your ministry—and Jesus is indeed Lord! June W. | England

A Loving and Miracle-Working God

I wrote and asked you to pray for my daughter. She had a birth injury—her nose was like a hawk's beak. I went to doctors and asked if there was any hope. They said to watch for Masha's breathing and if she stopped breathing with her nose then they would break her nasal paths. I felt miserable, cried all the time and didn't see a way out.

I asked God, "Why? Why?

Why?..." Then I repented and asked God to forgive me.

Your answer was right for me. It was a Partner Letter in which you said that we are moved only by the Word of God, not by what people say. I carried the letter with me everywhere I went. You also sent me a healing prayer and scriptures, which I wrote down and twice a day proclaimed over my daughter.

Peace and faith in the healing power of God gradually came back to me, although there were no visible changes. When she was three or four months old her nose started changing. Glory to Jesus! He is the healer! Now she is 9, and she has a whole, restored nose. Only a loving God could make such a miracle.

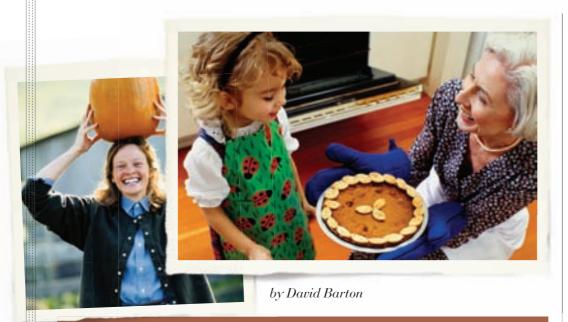
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Still Cancer Free!

I recently sent in a prayer request regarding two breast nodules. I had already had breast cancer and my left breast removed, and was proclaiming that I would not be taken back by the enemy.

Today I took the doctor my analysis reports and she told me all was fine. The nodules were not nodules, but hardened "fat growths" not even requiring treatment. Praise the Lord, I remain cancer free! Thank you for standing by me in this difficult moment. God bless you all! L.S. | Argentina





Thanksgiving The Oldest American Celebration

Celebrating Thanksgiving as a time to focus on God and His blessings dates back almost four centuries in America. Although such celebrations occurred as early as 1607 at Cape Henry, Va., our current tradition of Thanksgiving came to us from the Pilgrims.

ailing from England on Sept. 6, 1620, the Pilgrims spent two months braving the harsh elements of a storm-tossed sea. After finally landing and going ashore at Plymouth Rock, they held a prayer service, then began hastily building shelters. But nothing prepared them for the bitter winter ahead. Before spring half of them had died.

Yet through perseverance in prayer and the help of neighboring Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer. In the fall of 1621, the grateful Pilgrims declared a three-day feast to thank God and celebrate with their Native American friends. America's first Thanksgiving festival began an annual tradition that slowly spread to other New England colonies.

A National Day of Thanksgiving

The first national Thanksgiving occurred in 1789. According to the Congressional Record for Sept. 25 of that year, immediately after approving the Bill of Rights: "Mr. Elias Boudinot said he could not think of letting the congressional session end without offering an opportunity to all the citizens of the United States of joining with one voice in returning to Almighty God their sincere thanks for the many blessings He had poured down upon them."

He moved that the

following resolution be delivered to President George Washington:

Resolved, That a joint committee of both Houses be directed to wait upon the President of the United States to request that he would recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.... Mr. Roger Sherman justified the practice of thanksgiving not only as a praiseworthy one in itself but also as warranted by a number of precedents in Holy Writ.... This example he thought worthy of a Christian imitation on the present occasion.

The president heartily concurred with the congressional request, declaring:

Congress recommends a day of...thanksgiving and praise so that the people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts...and join...their prayers that it may please God, through the merits of Jesus Christ, to forgive our sins and...to enlarge His kingdom which consists in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Continental Congress, 1777 (Samuel Adams and Richard Henry Lee) I...appoint...a day of public thanksgiving and praise...to render to God the tribute of praise for His unmerited goodness towards us...by giving to us...the Holy Scriptures which are able to enlighten and make us wise to eternal salvation.... And to pray that He would forgive our sins and...cause the religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to be known, understood, and practiced among all the people of the earth.

Governor John Hancock, 1790

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.... Now, therefore, I do appoint Thursday, the 26th day of November 1789...that we may all unite to render unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection.

National thanksgiving proclamations occurred sporadically following this one, and most official Thanksgiving observances still occurred only at the state level. Much of the credit for the adoption of an annual national Thanksgiving may be attributed to Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, editor of Godey's Lady's Book. For 30 years she promoted the idea of a national Thanksgiving Day, contacting president after president with her recommendation. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln responded by setting aside the last Thursday of November, declaring:

We often forget the Source from which the blessings of fruitful years and healthful

skies come.... No human wisdom hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God I therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States...to observe the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

For the next 75 years, presidents followed

Lincoln's precedent, annually declaring a national Thanksgiving Day.

Then, in 1941, Congress permanently established the fourth Thursday of each November as a national holiday.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, remember the original spirit of the oldest of all American holidays—gratefulness to God. Amid all the hustle and bustle, take time to give thanks and praise "to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." God. •

I appoint...a day of public Thanksgiving to Almighty God...to ask Him that He would...pour out His Holy Spirit on all ministers of the Gospel; that He would...spread the light of Christian knowledge through the remotest corners of the earth...and that He would establish these United States upon the basis of religion and virtue.

Governor Thomas Jefferson, 1779 David Barton is the founder and president of WallBuilders, a pro-family organization which seeks to educate grass-roots society to rebuild America's constitutional, moral and religious foundations. For more information go to wallbuilders.com; call



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Each year on Thanksgiving, we gather with family and friends to thank God for the many blessings He has given us, and we ask God to continue to guide and watch over our country.

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America is a land of abundance, prosperity, and hope. We must never take for granted the things that make our country great: a firm foundation of freedom, justice, and equality; a belief in democracy and the rule of law; and our fundamental rights to gather, speak, and worship freely.

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This Thanksgiving, we again give thanks for all of our blessings and for the freedoms we enjoy every day. Our Founders thanked the Almighty and humbly sought His wisdom and blessing. May we always live by that same trust, and may God continue to watch over and bless the United States of America.

President George W. Bush Thanksgiving Day, 2003 by Gloria Copeland =

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When sickness strikes, it's wonderful to receive healing from the Lord. But you know what's even better? Living in divine health all the time. :: That's something I've endeavored to learn how to do and I've really gotten the hang of it.

HEALED!

Praise God, I've been living healed for many years now! What's more, I have my faith set on continuing to do so all the days of my life.

If you know much about me, this doesn't come as surprising news. After

all, I've been teaching Healing School in our ministry campaigns and conventions for over 35 years. When I first started, some people worried that I wouldn't be able to apply what I was teaching in my own life. "What if you end up getting sick and dying young?" they'd say.

I suppose they thought I'd look foolish if that happened. But I never shared their concern. I figured even



if I did miss it somehow and died young, I'd rather go to heaven doing everything I know to do to believe God's Word about healing, than go there in doubt and unbelief saying some dumb thing like, "See, I told you God's Word doesn't work!"

Of course, these days no one worries about my dying young anymore. It's too late for it to happen now. I've already passed up that opportunity. Now I'm starting to live in the fulfillment of the promise God made in Psalm 91:16: "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

Don't get me wrong, I'm not winding down. The Lord also promised to renew my youth like the eagle's (Psalm 103:5), and according to Genesis 6:3, that promise is good to at least age 120. So I plan to be around here for a good, long while yet—and I plan to keep living healed the whole time.

"But Gloria," you might say, "if your body stays healed, how will you ever die?"

That's easy! My body is just the house my spirit lives in. My spirit is the





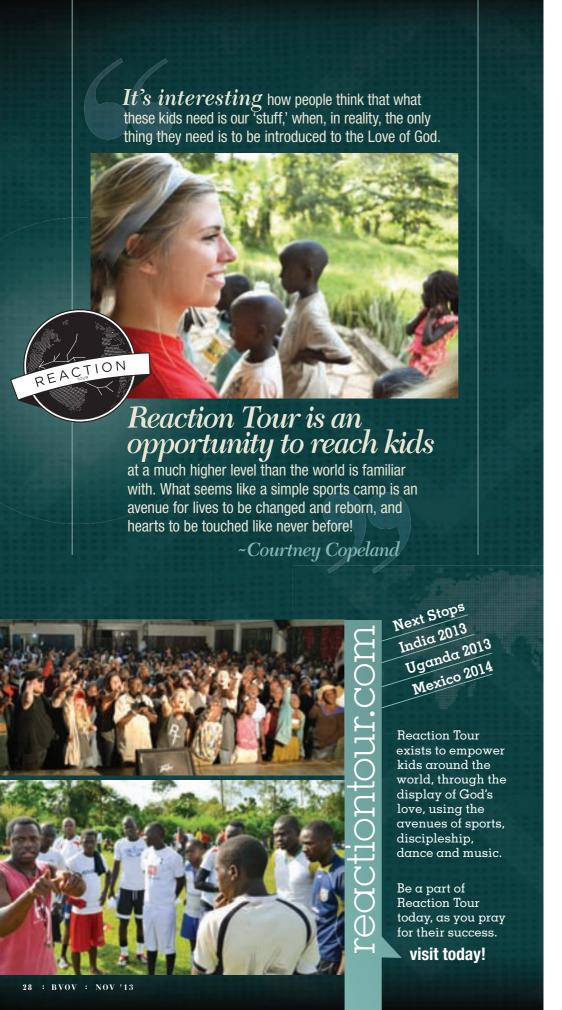
real me. All I have to do when I've been on this earth long enough to be satisfied, and I've finished everything God wants me to do, is leave this physical house.

When my spirit leaves, my body will die. Then they'll dress it up and put makeup on it and everybody will look at it and say, "Oh, doesn't she look natural." But really, I won't be there at all. I'll be in heaven enjoying myself with Jesus!

Actually, I'm hoping the Rapture will take place before then because I really want to be a part of the catching away of the Church. I think it would be so exciting! I always envision it happening in the middle of the night. I picture people all over the world hearing a great noise like people did on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. "What was that?" they'll say. "Was it a storm?" Then they'll get up the next morning to find that the nicest people they know, all the people who are good and full of love, are gone.

Wow! Won't that be something? I'm ready for it anytime! But if Jesus tarries and I die before He comes, I'm still going up. An angel will come get me and off we'll go. I'll be thrilled about it, too, because "to be absent from the body...[is] to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). So I

I can live a life of peace & tranquility even when the whole world around me is falling apart.



don't have anything to fear in death.

If you're a born-again child of God, neither do you. But even so, you want to live out the full number of your days on earth. You want to complete the work God has given you to do here so that when you get to heaven Jesus can say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

All of us who love the Lord want to hear those words someday. None of us wants to get to heaven and have God say to us, "Well...?" We don't want to have to make excuses for why we didn't complete our assignment. I don't think they accept excuses up there anyway. So we need to make up our minds on this side of heaven to do what it takes to obey God, and to live long and in good health!

A Bad Day at Black Rock

Proverbs 3:1-2 gives us the key to this. It says: "My son, forget not my law or teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death], these shall they add to you" (The Amplified Bible).

This is the way you live a long life and have a happy departure when you leave: You do what God says. You keep His Word. That's pretty simple, isn't it? As believers, we ought not to have to attend a lot

of seminars to get hold of it. We should just open our Bible every day, study it, be strengthened in our faith and find out how God wants us to live. We should start our day with His Word and act on it all day long. Personally, I don't let a day go by without spending time in the Word. I think it's the most important thing I have to do.

The reason is simple: If I'm living by faith in and obedience to God's Word, I can live a life of peace and tranquility even when the whole world around me is falling apart. I don't have to be terrified when the newscasters talk about the latest virus that's going around. I don't have to take the flu off a bird, a hog, a dog or anything else.

In fact, I don't have to be afraid of pestilence or epidemics of any kind. Instead I can declare that the Lord "is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust" (Psalm 91:2, AMP).

According to Psalm 91, when you really believe that and say so:

[God] will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.... You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor of the arrow...that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the destruction and sudden death that surprise and lay waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at

your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you (verses 3, 5-7, AMP).

It's a bad day at Black Rock when 11,000 people fall down dead all around you. Yet God says if you stick with Him, live obediently in His secret place and speak His Word, even in the midst of the worst devastation, you'll be protected. When it's all over, you'll still be standing there testifying of the truth of verses like Psalm 145:8-9: "The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion.... The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works"!

Maybe up to now you don't feel like you've experienced much of God's graciousness. Maybe you're thinking, It doesn't seem like God has been very good to me at all!

If that's the case then it's because you haven't been giving Him first place in your life. You've been going along doing whatever you want, ignoring the things you know are right. For life to be good on the earth, we have to get with God's plan. That plan starts when we get born again by receiving Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

It takes another leap forward when we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. So if you haven't already done that, I encourage you to do so. It's very difficult to live a victorious life without it. You can't get the





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I've heard other believers talk about how The WORD of God healed them, delivered them from a problem or even brought them through financial trouble. But even though I read the Bible every day, those things aren't happening in my life. How can I get The WORD to work for me?

You'll find the answer to your question in James 1:22-25. There we're instructed to:

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

According to that scripture, if you want your deeds to be blessed, if you want to see supernatural results in your life, you'll have to do more than simply read The WORD of God. You'll have to put it into action.

That's what I did. Years ago when I realized God was the One who had the answers to all my problems, that He was the One who could supply all my needs, I committed myself to do everything His WORD told me to do. I made a quality decision to step out in faith on every command I saw there.

It wasn't always an easy

thing to do. (In fact, it was hardly ever an easy thing to do.) But when I did it, I always ended up blessed.

When I found out, for example, that God's WORD instructed me to tithe, Gloria and I were already trying to stretch what little money we had further than it could possibly go. We were up to our necks in debt. We couldn't possibly afford to give away 10 percent. But we did it anyway and before too long we began to see financial miracles in our lives.

"Sure, it worked that way for you," you may say, "but will it work that way for me?"

Yes!

So, keep on reading and studying the Bible! Listen to teaching CDs! Go to church and hear The WORD preached! But don't stop there. Go one crucial step further by taking The WORD you've heard and putting it into action

As God told Joshua in Joshua 1:8, don't let The WORD depart out of your mouth; meditate in it day and night so that you can observe to DO all that's written in it. Then God will be able to make your way prosperous and you will have good success.

revelation you need to live healed without the Holy Spirit's awesome help.

He is our Teacher. He's been sent to strengthen us, train us and empower us. Once we receive Him, He's on the job 24/7. We never have to go hunting for Him. He's always there when we need Him.

My life was sad before I got filled with the Spirit. Even though I was born again, I was just struggling along. But once Ken and I received everything God has provided—not just the new birth, but the Word and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit—things started turning around for us. Our sick days were over. Our broke days were over. Life started getting good!

Give Yourself a Little Test

Will God do for you the same thing He did for Ken and me?

Certainly, He will.

He is tender and merciful toward you. He loves you without reservation. He loves you more than your wife, your husband or your children do. Nobody on earth can love you as fully as God does. He is love!

"Yeah, but you don't know the bad stuff I've been doing," someone might say. "The reason I'm sick and defeated right now is because I've been living a sinful lifestyle."

Then repent! If you haven't been doing what's right, receive

God's forgiveness and get cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Then take what belongs to you in Christ which is healing, health and well-being.

Truth be told, every believer needs to repent from time to time. We all miss it now and then, sometimes without even realizing it. That's why in my life, when things aren't working, the first place I look is at me. I don't blame my problems on God or anyone else. Instead, I give myself a little test. I ask, "Am I spending time in the Word every day? Am I believing and acting on what God is showing me? Am I saying what He says about my situation? Am I walking in love and keeping His commands, or have I been disobedient?"

To be clear, I'm not saying that every time you experience a symptom of sickness, it's because you've disobeyed the Lord. Not at all. Many times sickness is just a sign that the devil is up to his old tricks. He's the thief and he comes "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10). So when we have problems with sickness, we often just need to go after him and say, "No you don't, devil! You're not touching my body! You get your hands off me, in Jesus' Name!"

If we're going to be ready to do that, however, we must keep our spirit strong all the time. We must stay built up by staying in the Word!

Take a Double Dose of God's Medicine

According to Proverbs 4:22 AMP, one reason staying in the Word is so vital is because it is "healing and health." or "medicine" to all our flesh. What would you do if you went to the doctor for an illness and he prescribed a medicine for you that could save your life? You wouldn't just put it on the shelf and let it sit there. If you did, it wouldn't help you. So you'd take it as prescribed!

For God's Word to work in us the way He intends, we must do the same thing. We can't just leave our Bible unopened on the nightstand. We have to do what God says: "Attend to my words, consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart" (verses 20-21, AMP).

I like to take God's healing medicine even when I'm well. I want to get His Word in my heart and mind in advance so that when I need it, it's already inside me. I've done this for so many years now that I rarely have symptoms of sickness come on my body at all. But if they do, I increase my dose. I go over healing scriptures and take God's medicine daily, three or four times a day.

What specific scriptures do I use as my healing medicine?

The Bible is full of them and I love them all, but one of my favorite passages is Isaiah 53:4-5, AMP. It says this about the crucifixion of Jesus:

Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment].... He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.

According to those verses, when Jesus went to the cross He took upon Himself all the bad things that came on the earth through mankind's rebellion in the Garden of Eden. He "redeemed us from the curse," as

Galatians 3:13-14 says, so that THE BLESSING could come upon us.

What does it mean to be redeemed from the curse? For one thing, it means all our sins are washed away. There's no sin we could ever commit that hasn't already been taken care of by the blood of Jesus. That's why we can receive Him as Lord, live clean lives, and not only be forgiven of sin but walk in victory over it.

This, by itself, is a tremendous BLESSING. But there's even more to it. As Deuteronomy 28:60-61 AMP says, "all...diseases.... every sickness and every affliction" are included in the curse. Therefore, healing is just as available to us as forgiveness of sin and the new birth simply because Jesus has paid the price for it.

So, receive your healing by faith today. Take your stand on the Word of God and keep His medicine in front of your eyes, in your ears, in your heart and in your mouth until there's not one symptom of sickness left in your body.

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points to get you there

When sickness strikes, it's wonderful to receive healing from the Lord. But you know what's even better? Living in divine health all the time! Here are a few points to help you:

- Keep your attention on God's Word and do what He says. Proverbs 3:1-2: "My son, forget not my law or teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of a life
 - [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death], these shall they add to you" (AMP).
- Dwell in the secret place and declare God's faithfulness over your life. Psalm 91:1-2: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."
- Constantly remember how much God loves you. Psalm 145:8-9: "The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works."
- If you sin, repent quickly and receive forgiveness. 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- threaten, double up on the medicine of God's Word. Proverbs 4:22: "For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh" (AMP).

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