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Konstantin Pavlov has done Russian lip-sync voice-overs for Kenneth Copeland on messages broadcast all over the former Soviet Union since 1992.



“Hello, everybody. I’m Kenneth Copeland and this is the *Believer’s Voice of Victory!*”

WHEN KENNETH AND GLORIA COPELAND WERE UNSURE HOW GOD WAS GOING TO GET THE MINISTRY OF HIS UNCOMPROMISED WORD ON TELEVISION, THEY TRUSTED GOD TO SHOW THEM. THEY TALKED ABOUT IT, AND MEDITATED THE WORD. BUT THEY NEVER TALKED UNBELIEF. THEY JUST KNEW THEY HAD A COMMISSION FROM THE LORD TO PREACH ON EVERY AVAILABLE VOICE—AND TELEVISION WAS CERTAINLY AVAILABLE.



Then one weekend, on the way home to Fort Worth from a trip to Arkansas, Kenneth and Gloria stopped for breakfast. They ordered their food, prayed, then as they ate, began to discuss going on television.

Suddenly, things changed.

God’s plan for the television ministry dropped into Kenneth’s heart, and snapped in place like a piece to a jigsaw puzzle. He looked at Gloria and knew from the look on her face she had heard the same “snap.”

“Gloria,” Kenneth said, “tomorrow is Monday. Let’s go home and get on TV.”

“OK,” Gloria said.

And they knew Jesus was saying, *OK, let’s do it.*

Small Beginnings

The television ministry at KCM was officially launched May 27, 1979. Leading up to that, in the early ’70s, were five tapings of *The Word of Faith* in 1971, and then 50 tapings of *The Prayer Group*, which aired between 1972 and 1978. The programs opened with a traditional hymn, but what followed was unexpected and refreshing: “The WORD will energize your faith, and faith will energize your prayers,” declared a young Kenneth Copeland.

By May 1979, those early programs had grown to become *Believer’s Voice of Victory*, a one-hour Sunday broadcast, taped during Kenneth Copeland Ministries’ Victory Campaigns and meetings which were taking place across the nation.

But God obviously had greater expectations for KCM and its TV ministry.

In 1988, God repeated something He had said to the Copelands in 1967 that put them on a course toward destiny. Then, He had said: *I told you that I was coming so soon that I wanted this uncompromised message of faith on every available voice. I have not changed. I have not released you from that assignment.*

God added a new and seemingly impossible direction, giving them an assignment that would be the biggest step of faith they had ever taken: *I want you to begin airing daily, 30-minute broadcasts through which you will teach believers who they are in Christ Jesus. Bring them from religion to reality.... Use these programs to teach, not preach. Continue your weekly broadcasts on Sunday*

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& '72**

THE WORD OF FAITH
AND THE PRAYER GROUP
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**Sunday
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and do your preaching there.

They didn't have the money to go on daily television. They also didn't have the personnel, the equipment or a studio. But what they did have was that one word from God. And they had their faith.

That was all God needed!

Reaching Around the World!

Those early efforts to get the uncompromised Word of God onto daily television were a resounding success, and laid a solid foundation for KCM's television ministry.

Kenneth explains it so well: "So how did we jump from weekly television to a daily broadcast? By faith. We meditated The WORD. We confessed our success. We built our faith. We called those things that be not as though they were. We did all the same things you'll have to do to reach your next faith goal...we looked to God. As always, God was faithful to His WORD."

Produced by the KCM television department, the BVOV broadcast is often a newcomer's first glimpse into KCM's mission to "preach the uncompromised Word of God through every available voice from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around." The BVOV broadcast helps believers grow in the things of God by teaching and introducing them to the Word of God. From there, the teaching materials and connections with KCM bring them to a deeper understanding of God's Word and the practical application of spiritual principles for everyday life.

Today, BVOV is broadcast a total of 779 hours per week all over the world to more

than 450 stations, six days a week. With a potential viewership of over 885 million, it's reaching areas like Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, Puerto Rico, Eastern Europe, South America, New Zealand and, of course, the U.S.

Through the GOD Channel, BVOV is being broadcast to viewers in France, Italy, Portugal, Germany, Denmark, Holland, Norway and the United Kingdom. On the continent of Australia, the broadcast reaches 70 percent of the entire population. And, the BVOV weekly broadcast is being aired in Spanish all across Latin America and the U.S., as well as Puerto Rico, Spain and Portugal.

In 2013, 75 television stations in the U.S. began broadcasting BVOV in high definition. The broadcast is also in HD 24/7 at kcm.org and through streaming.

One of the biggest additions to the TV ministry to date came in 2015 when KCM launched the Believer's Voice of Victory Network (BVOVN), a faith-based TV network offering 24/7 programming of the Word of God taught by a hand-selected group of today's most trusted Bible teachers. These include Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis, Creflo Dollar, George and Terri Pearsons, Mac Hammond, Joel Osteen, Keith Moore, Bill Winston, Keith Butler, Andrew Wommack, Billye Brim, Kenneth Hagin Jr., David and Nicole Crank, Gary Keesee, and many others.

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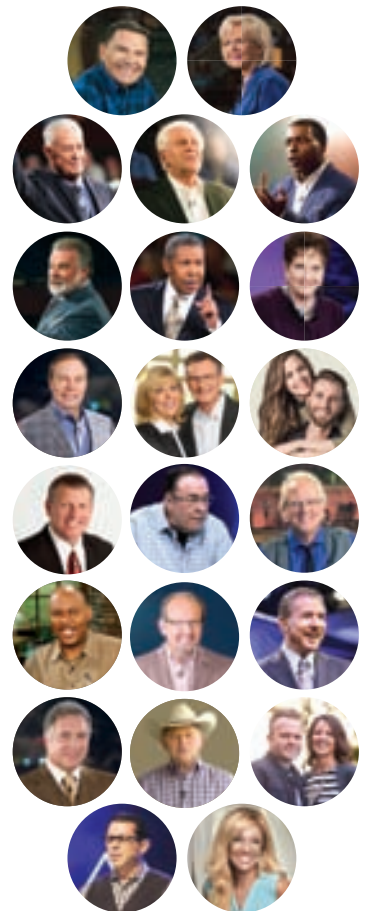
Television is powerful. Its signal knows no boundaries, it obeys no civil authorities. It reaches the darkest, most remote locations on earth. And it transformed KCM.

God has displayed His glory through the BVOV television ministry. And Kenneth and Gloria, by their faith and the faith of their Partners and Friends, continue to preach and teach, bringing God's people to their place of strength in this earth—from the top to the bottom and all the way around! 📺

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Healed



BY THE POWER OF THE BLESSING

by Kenneth Copeland

WITH ALL THE MISTAKEN IDEAS THAT TEND TO SURROUND THE SUBJECT OF DIVINE HEALING, THANKFULLY THERE'S ONE THING ABOUT IT A LOT OF FOLKS ACCIDENTALLY GET RIGHT. WHEN THEY HEAR SOMEONE SNEEZE THEY SAY, "GOD BLESS YOU."

THAT'S ACTUALLY A VERY SCRIPTURAL THING TO SAY. ALTHOUGH MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE IT, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, HEALING TRULY IS A MANIFESTATION OF THE BLESSING OF GOD.

It's not just *a* blessing. It's a part of *THE BLESSING* God gave to Adam right after He created him. It's a manifestation of the same power that was released upon mankind when "God blessed them, and...said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion..." (Genesis 1:28).

THE BLESSING is the most powerful spiritual force there is. It's more than just something God said to just encourage people to have babies. It contains God's own creative power. It was given not only so mankind could populate the earth, but so they could replenish it.

From the very beginning, God knew (even if most folks today don't) that without *THE BLESSING*, as people multiplied on this planet they were going to use it up. They were going to eat everything, wear everything, and build with everything and eventually everything would get depleted.

That's what's happening around us right now. The earth is wearing out. It's being depleted. But the depletion isn't just a result of natural conditions. It's not just being caused by the ozone or car exhaust or the lack of windmills.

The real problem is spiritual. The earth is groaning under the effects of the corruption that entered the world when Adam bowed his knee to satan. It's suffering from the curse that came on it through sin and it's waiting for "the manifestation of the sons of God" (Romans 8:19).

Why is it longing for us?

Because we have *THE BLESSING* that has the power to fix this place. It contains everything that's needed to liberate creation and turn this

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planet back into a Garden of Eden.

God didn't leave anything out of THE BLESSING. He made it all-inclusive. He incorporated into it everything that's needed to produce the conditions of heaven on earth.

Wherever THE BLESSING is in operation it brings God's power on the scene to prosper people in every way. It replenishes us spiritually, physically, financially, relationally and even affects our environment. When you walk in THE BLESSING, believing God's WORD and obeying His voice, as Deuteronomy 28 says, "all these blessings...come on thee, and overtake thee" (verse 2):

You're BLESSED in the city and in the field. (verse 3)

The fruit of your body, the produce of your ground, and your livestock are BLESSED. (verse 4)

Your food is BLESSED. (verse 5)

You're BLESSED coming in and going out. (verse 6)

You're BLESSED financially and in every other way! (verses 7-13)

Notice those verses don't say The LORD "will come and bless you." They say His "blessings will come upon you and overtake you," because as a child of God you're already BLESSED. As you believe and obey Him, THE BLESSING manifests in every area of your life—even while you're living in the middle of a cursed world.

Snug, Dry and Protected

Sometimes, when I read about THE BLESSING in Deuteronomy 28, I envision it like a big umbrella with all God's people gathered up under it. There's rain and hail falling all around us but we're protected. We're nice and snug under there with our Father and everything is just fine.

That's how it is with THE BLESSING. Even in Old Testament times God opened it up like an umbrella as a refuge for His people. He made covenant with them and gave them His WORD so they could be shielded from



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the curse that was operating out there in satan's territory, and live under THE BLESSING of God.

The power of THE BLESSING was actually what Jesus operated in when He was on earth. It was behind everything He preached, every miracle He performed and every healing that took place in His ministry. The power of THE BLESSING was what raised Him from the dead after He was crucified, caught Him up at the Ascension and carried Him off this planet.

Talk about powerful! If THE BLESSING could do all of that, just think what it can do for you. Certainly it can heal any sickness that tries to attack your body. It doesn't matter whether it's a simple cold or a so-called incurable case of cancer, THE BLESSING can handle it.

"Well now Brother Copeland, you have to remember, while God's BLESSING might be powerful enough to heal anything, sometimes He leaves sickness on us to teach us something. Sometimes He even sends sickness as a blessing in disguise."

No, He doesn't! That's a lie of the devil.

There's not one scripture in the Bible that says sickness is ever a blessing. On the contrary, Deuteronomy 28:61-62 says point-blank that "every sickness" is a part of the curse. It's the result of the evil that came into the world through sin and a manifestation of satan's hatred of the human race.

Healing, on the other hand, is a manifestation of God's love and redemption. It's the result of His mercy and of the goodness that overflows from His huge, compassionate heart.

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish." Sickness is perishing coming to pass. It's a part of death. It gained access to mankind through Adam's spiritual fall and Jesus came to redeem us from it. He came, as Acts 10:38 says, "anointed...with the Holy Ghost and with power...doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

God Never Appointed Sickness the Teacher

That last verse alone settles the issue! Sickness and disease are not from God. They're not good and never a blessing. They are from the devil and always a curse.

That's why Jesus healed everyone who came to Him. He never told anyone they had to stay sick because God was trying to teach them something. Even when "great multitudes followed him... he healed them all" (Matthew 12:15).

What's more, He continued to heal "all" through His disciples when His earthly ministry was over. He empowered them to do the same works He did and, as Acts 5 records, they were soon healing multitudes too. "Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one" (verses 15-16).

Some people seem to think Jesus changed His attitude toward sickness after His resurrection. They think He decided sickness is good in certain instances and should be used as a teacher. But clearly, that's not true. Jesus continued in Acts, to treat sickness as an enemy. He continued to release the power of THE BLESSING to the sick people who crowded onto the streets of Jerusalem...*"And they were healed every one."*

God never has and never will appoint sickness to be the teacher of the Church! The very idea is not only unscriptural, it's unimaginable. God is a good Father. He would never put cancer on one of His children in order to teach them something. That would be child abuse in the highest form.

Even we as earthly parents know that. We may not be perfect but we would never purposely give one of our children a disease. We'd never dream of taking away their health or injuring them so they'd learn some kind of lesson—no matter how important that lesson might be.

I remember a time when my son, John, was a little boy and he got interested in knives. He hadn't yet learned that they can be dangerous and one day I found him in the kitchen trying to open a pen knife. "Wait a minute there, son," I said, "that knife is sharp. It could really hurt you. I'll show you how to open it, but I don't want you to try to do it without Daddy here to help you."

"OK," he said.

We had our little lesson and, thinking I'd gotten my point across, I went into another room to do something else. After a while I heard John in the kitchen again yelling at the top of his lungs. I ran back in there to find him flailing around with that pen knife stuck on his hand. He'd tried to open it again by himself and it had closed on his thumb. He'd worked his hand around on the blade trying to get free and it had really done a number on him.

Obviously, if he'd heeded my previous warning he could have avoided that pain. But I didn't just let him suffer in order to teach him a lesson. I didn't say, "Boy, you think it hurts now, let me show you how bad this can be," and then clamp the knife down on him a little harder.

Certainly not. I would never do any such thing and neither would any other decent parent, yet that's what some people have accused God of doing. They've said He gets mad and puts curses like sickness on us when we disobey.

God is not that kind of Father. He's never been into cursing people. He's into BLESSING them. As Psalm 118:1 says, "He is good: because his mercy endureth for ever." Even if we mess up some way and get ourselves into trouble, we can cry out to God and He'll come to the rescue just like I came to John's.

"Yeah, but doesn't God get mad at us when we sin and leave sickness on us for a while as a punishment?"

Absolutely not.

First, to do so would violate His loving nature; and second, it would be unjust. The punishment for our sin has already been meted out. Jesus bore it on our behalf. When He went to the Cross He paid the price for us to be completely

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Sat	26	Prov. 23-24	Ps. 11
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set free from the threefold curse of spiritual death, sickness and poverty. He “redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...that the blessing of Abraham might come on” us (Galatians 3:13-14).

For God to put any part of the curse on us now would be a miscarriage of divine justice. It would be like convicting and sentencing a person to prison twice for the same crime: “Surely [Jesus] 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” (Isaiah 53:4-5, *AMPC*).

This is the good news! Because of what Jesus did, God isn’t mad at us anymore and He never will be again, so we can always run confidently to Him. No matter how badly we might have fouled up, we can always repent and come boldly to His throne of grace, knowing that Isaiah 54 declares: “With everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee” (verses 8-9).

The scriptural promise about the “waters of Noah” is the most famous in the whole Bible. Every believer knows it. You can stop in any church and ask anyone if God is ever going to send another worldwide flood, and they’ll say, “No. God said there wouldn’t be and confirmed it with the rainbow. It’s a done deal.”

For you as a born-again child of God the same is true when it comes to the curse. Your deliverance from it is a done deal. You don’t ever have to bear it again. Through Jesus you’ve been freed from it and you’ve inherited **THE BLESSING** in all its creative, replenishing power.

Once you get hold of that reality, and the revelation of it begins to bathe and renew your mind, your days of sickness will be over. You won’t have to wait anymore for someone else to say, “God bless you.”

Sneeze or no sneeze, your constant, victorious confession will be—“I am healed by **THE BLESSING OF THE LORD!**” 📖

POINTS TO GET YOU 🔄 THERE:

1 **THE BLESSING**
God gave Adam
in the beginning
included all the
power necessary
to turn the whole
earth into a Garden
of Eden.
Genesis 1:28

2 In Christ you’re
already **BLESSED**,
so as you believe
and obey His voice
THE BLESSING will
manifest in every
aspect of your life,
even in the midst
of a cursed world.
Deuteronomy 28:2

3 All sickness is a
result of the curse
and the devil’s
oppression.
Acts 10:38

4 Because you, as a
believer, have been
redeemed from the
curse, sickness has
no right to remain
on you.
Isaiah 53:5

5 Even if you’ve
sinned you can
always repent,
run to God with
confidence and
receive healing.
Isaiah 54:8-9



A RUSSIAN VOICE

BY
MELANIE
HEMRY

Konstantin Pavlov stood on the shore of the Black Sea watching the colorful palette of cobalt, aqua and turquoise in the shifting water. He'd always believed that Odessa was the most beautiful city on earth. Not that he'd actually seen many other cities firsthand. Travel outside Ukraine was not forbidden, but required lots of paperwork and appointments with government officials who subjected travelers to close scrutiny.



IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY

where the government ruled that God did not exist, Christians unofficially had limited rights and protections. They could be fired from their jobs for no reason. In Stalin's day, they could be taken from their homes, never to be seen again. Even now, in 1988, knowing who Konstantin's grandfather had been, officials would interview Konstantin's parents threatening them to keep their whole family quiet. For their own safety, the family guarded secrets.

Born in 1960, in the middle of the Cold War, frightening stories were recounted in an effort to teach Konstantin, a young child at the time, to guard the family secrets. He spent his childhood in perpetual trouble because he could never remember when it was OK to talk about his family's faith and when it wasn't. "If you keep talking about God, who knows what will happen to you and your family," he was continually reminded by family and friends.

At age 5, he was spending time in a state-run child care facility, so his mother could work. Before going to sleep, he knelt in his bed, under the blankets and folded his hands and prayed.

"What are you doing?" a booming voice asked.

Looking up with wide eyes, Konstantin said the first thing that

came to his mind: "Practicing my poem."

"What kind of poem?"

"A poem."

"Get up and come with me."

Under the bright lights of the kitchen, he was told to recite his poem.

In his pajamas, he knelt on the cold tile floor as he began to recite the Lord's prayer.

city behind him. The sea seemed agitated today, waves crashing against the rocky shore like small explosions. It matched his mood. He churned on the inside with the warnings he'd heard as a boy and the realization that, even now, informants still infiltrated churches and he still guarded every word. Know nothing. Say nothing. See nothing. Do nothing. That was the motto of 99 percent of all Soviet citizens, including Christians.

Do nothing. That was part of what had Konstantin so agitated. He was doing nothing. His grandfather had left such a powerful legacy that the controlling regime, so afraid of the truth, would do anything to silence it.

Looking out over the pounding waves, thinking about biblical figures who'd heard from God and remembering experiences of his grandfather, Vasili Pavlov,

For their own safety, the family guarded secrets.

IN STALIN'S DAY, THEY COULD BE TAKEN FROM THEIR HOMES, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN.

Tears slid down his face. He'd done it again.

In spite of such mistakes, however, young Konstantin did manage to keep one potentially dangerous secret. At home his parents had a shortwave radio, as did many families. But his family used theirs to listen to Christian programming. They would put the radio in the middle of the house, turn on the television and noisy faucets to muffle the sound, then gather around the radio. If they'd been caught they would have been tried as spies.

**Know Nothing. Say Nothing.
See Nothing. Do Nothing.**

At age 28, Konstantin stood on the shore with his beautiful

Konstantin felt hopeless. It wasn't just that he hadn't done exploits for God. He experienced fears and habits he couldn't break. He realized the Christian life in his homeland was not much different than that of others in the world. Broken, he made a heart cry to the Lord: *God, don't You have something for me?*

One Word From God

"By that time in my life I'd completed my military service," Konstantin remembers, "and I'd married my wonderful wife, Nadezhda (Nadia), whose name in English means hope. Raised in a Pentecostal family, she had strong faith. But even after we had five children, I found myself struggling.



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"At 28 years old, I had to face the fact that, even though I was a grown man, I was afraid to be alone in a dark room. I suffered fears from superstitions and traditions that I seemed powerless to change. In desperation, I prayed, 'Lord, what is the purpose of being a Christian if I have the same problems as people in the world? If You don't help me, I don't want to be a Christian anymore.'

"One day someone pulled me aside and whispered, 'Here, read this. Share it with people you trust.' It was a little book by Kenneth E. Hagin, *The Faith of the Believer*. It answered so many questions and made things in the Bible clear. In the back, there was a prayer of salvation. I prayed the prayer, and my whole life began to change. Fear disappeared. Old habits changed. Only one prayer! I'd been a traditional Christian, praying and attending church all my life, not sure I would go to heaven. But I'd never prayed the prayer of salvation and been born again.

"While I was changing spiritually, things in my country were changing politically and nationally. Mikhail Gorbachev had launched *perestroika*, which allowed citizens of the former Soviet Union to leave the country. To emigrate to the U.S., however, two conditions had to be met. The person had to have a sponsor, and an invitation. Within one year of being born again, I had both. But I didn't want to leave my homeland unless I had clear direction from God."

One afternoon, a friend and her mother came for a visit. Afterward, according to tradition, they all prayed together. The mother then turned to Konstantin with a word from the Lord: *I have a plan for you. I have a house for you. I have people waiting for you—they need you. Why is this taking so long? You have to go!*

Many wives would have resisted leaving their home, their family, their friends, their church and their country. Nadia, however, took it in stride. She trusted God, and she trusted her husband. Packing up her children, she kissed her family goodbye. They flew 16 hours before landing in Missouri, where they were met by their sponsor who spoke no Russian, and none of the Pavlovs spoke English. His sponsor

helped Konstantin find a part-time job washing dishes at a Chinese restaurant for \$4 an hour.

Money was very tight for a family of seven.

Nadia put in a garden and managed to stretch their meager income so well that they never went hungry. Their oldest daughter, Masha, had finished first grade when they left Ukraine. Their youngest, Anastasia, was only 2 years old.

Konstantin was certain God had brought him to the U.S. because He had a plan for his life. A plan that would include getting the message of the gospel to his people. For two years, he washed dishes and waited, but nothing happened.

Looking Back

Stooping over the sink with his arms in hot sudsy water, Konstantin thought about his grandfather. A committed Christian, Vasili Pavlov had started preaching at the tender age of 19 and been persecuted for his faith. Because of his bold preaching and faith, he was sent to jail in St. Petersburg, where soldiers whipped him until he collapsed. His body was tossed into the morgue with other dead bodies, and more corpses thrown on top of him. Later, the prison guards watched in horror as Vasili climbed out from among the corpses and began praying. Prison officials, afraid of Vasili and the spiritual power he represented, had his death sentence changed to exile in Siberia. But when Lenin rose to power and ordered the release of political prisoners, Vasili was released rather than exiled.

Early in his Baptist ministry, Vasili traveled to a Pentecostal village to oppose what he considered to be their false doctrine. Encountering a little girl, he asked her where her parents were. "Everyone is in the fields for harvest," she said. "What are you doing here?"

"I've come to destroy this satanic cult."

"I don't know what you're talking about," the girl said, "but I have an idea. Let's just pray right now. If what we believe is from God, you'll have the same experience as me. If not, I'm with you 100 percent."

They prayed, and Vasili received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with such power that it changed his life forever. He joined forces with Ivan Voronaev and started a revival in the 1920s. Back home, he founded a Christian village called Hope. People traveled from far and wide to hear him preach and to experience signs and wonders.

Over the years, family members had risked their lives to tell Konstantin their stories about Vasili. "Your grandfather was sent to prison for preaching the gospel and when your grandmother went to visit him, she ended up in jail, too," they told him. "While they were incarcerated, the mayor threw their five small children out on the street, boarding up their home and forbidding anyone from helping them or giving them food. People were afraid to help—they might disappear, never to be seen again. The mayor's daughter was working in a grain mill at the time when an explosion occurred. No one was even injured, except the mayor's daughter who was killed. The mayor then had a change of heart and restored the Pavlov children to their home and promised them protection from further abuse.

"Much later, when your grandfather was out of prison, the mayor's wife went crazy. Vasili saw the mayor driving a

buggy with his wife tied up in back. 'Where are you going?' he asked. The mayor said, 'I'm taking her to a mental hospital. She's out of control.'

"Vasili talked him into bringing her to the church and letting them pray for her. When they prayed, the woman collapsed and appeared to be dead. The mayor screamed, 'You killed her! I'm sending you all to prison!' Before he could finish, his wife stood up, healed and in her right mind."

Quite recently, an older woman pulled Konstantin's mom aside and whispered her story. She had been afraid to testify until she was in America. "My mother was sick with the plague," she said. "She had a fever and was so sick she couldn't walk. Your grandfather grabbed her by the hand and said, 'In Jesus' Name, stand up and walk.' She got out of bed healed. Her fever was gone. The plague had left her body."

The more Konstantin pondered the exploits of his grandfather's life, the more frustrated he grew with his own.

"For two years, I washed dishes," Konstantin said. "I started questioning God. I stood there day after day thinking, *God, I thought You brought me here to help. What kind of job is this?*

Finally, he heard God speak: *What if I want you to stay in this job washing dishes?*

"Then I'll do it and be happy to do it

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forever," Konstantin responded.

"I got a new attitude," he recalls. "As my English improved, my boss increased my hours to full time. He let me run the cash register and raised my salary to \$4.50 an hour.

"One of my jobs in Ukraine had been as a chef. I can taste food and reproduce it. The first time I made chicken fried rice, my boss was shocked, and I started cooking at the restaurant. Then he raised my salary to \$5 an hour and told me he wanted to make me a manager.

"Inside, my heart was crying out for my people. In my country, even Christians were in religious bondage. God was blamed for everything. Wasn't there something I could do to help? Finally, I decided that I would be the best manager I could be, and do it with a good attitude."

God Came Calling

One day a woman from a local church approached Konstantin.

"Could you help us?" she asked. "We're going to Russia to perform a drama, but we don't know how to speak Russian."

"What can I do?"

"We want you to do what's called a voice-over. You'll record the lines in Russian. We'll play your recording while we perform the play about the life of Christ."

They needed different voices for all the parts, so Konstantin recruited his family and his sister's family to help. After the group returned from Russia, the woman visited Konstantin and Nadia. "You've got to see this," she said. Konstantin watched the video in awe as so many people responded to the altar call, just from watching the drama.

He had no way of knowing that the people he'd helped were Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries. The church had sent a copy of the tape to KCM. After watching it and listening to Konstantin's voice-over, Kenneth Copeland told members of his staff: "God spoke to me and told me to preach the gospel to all nations. Now I see how to do it. Can you find me the guy who did the voice-over of Jesus?"

"Two men from KCM flew to Missouri to offer me a job," Konstantin remembers. "I knew this was why God had brought me to the U.S.

"In 1992, we moved to Texas and I went to work doing Russian lip-sync voice-overs for Kenneth. Those messages were broadcast all over the former Soviet Union, and we received many amazing testimonies. My people were hearing messages on redemption, salvation, faith, healing and all the blessings of God.

"When we first moved to Texas, I took my family to Eagle Mountain International Church in the morning, and then to a local Russian church afterward. But my children begged me not to take them to the Russian church anymore. 'We are called to EMIC,' they reasoned, and they wanted to join Superkid Academy. I agreed, and that was a tremendous experience! One year, a team from Superkids traveled to Ukraine to demonstrate how they do children's ministry. I went, along with four of my children. It was amazing to be back in Ukraine. What impressed me the most was how hungry the people were for God."

Divine Connections

Truly, and in an astonishingly supernatural way, Konstantin was walking in his grandfather's footsteps. Generations earlier, God had linked

Vasili Pavlov with a man named Ivan Voronaev and together they had sparked a revival fire that swept across the former Soviet Union. Today, they are recognized as the fathers of the Pentecostal movement in that part of the world.

According to declassified government files, over a seven-year period, more than 350 churches sprang up with 17,000 in attendance. Determined to wipe out the movement, thousands of believers were imprisoned.

When Joseph Stalin died in 1953, most of the prisoners were released. Of them, 800 were pastors and thousands were believers. When they were released, a second great awakening swept through the nations. Declassified files reported that about 1.3 million people were born again in the 1950s.

Likewise, when God connected Konstantin Pavlov with KCM, together they reached millions more Russian-speaking people than either could have reached alone.

Today, Konstantin and his family continue to carry on the rich spiritual heritage passed down to them through Jesus and Vasili Pavlov. Konstantin still works at KCM, now as a producer for the Russian and Ukrainian broadcasts, where he helps the ministry get its messages to Russian-speaking people around the world. The *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine is sent to Ukraine, where it is translated into Russian and distributed to the former Soviet Union from KCM's Ukraine office. One of Konstantin and Nadia's children also works at KCM, and their youngest is a Christian recording artist.

As Konstantin and Nadia watch over their own children and grandchildren, they are reminded of Deuteronomy 7:9, "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments" (*New International Version*).

The multiplication of the blessing of God starts over each time someone from a new generation loves and serves the Lord. The blessing released in the Pavlov family has only just begun—and so has yours. 🙏



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America Stands 2016 was one of the most-watched broadcasts on election night.



America Stands & Revival Radio TV RECEIVE TELLY AWARDS

Kenneth Copeland Ministries took top industry honors in the 38th annual Telly Awards for its live coverage of the 2016 presidential election, and *Revival Radio TV*, a weekly program on the Believer's Voice of Victory Network that focuses on the history of revivals

throughout the world. The program examines the role of the believer during this last Great Awakening.

America Stands: Election Coverage in the Spirit of Faith received bronze Telly Awards in two categories: religious/spiritual programming and

The program included several special guests throughout the evening, including some of our nation's foremost political and spiritual leaders. Among those joining Kenneth Copeland and hosts George and Terri Pearsons in three studios on the property of KCM and Eagle Mountain International Church were David Barton, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann and Bishop Keith Butler, as well as the *America Stands* team. A 48-hour call to prayer preceded the broadcast and continued throughout the evening.

Only the top 25 percent of media is selected to receive Telly Awards, and competition includes mainstream secular media such as Fox, NBC, CBS and The History Channel.

1 Silver award
1 Bronze award



live events. It was the first time KCM broadcasted live election coverage on TV. Coverage has been provided before over the internet, but never on television, and across all KCM outlets. The broadcast, which was viewed as a Christian alternative to election coverage provided by network and cable TV, was also carried live by Daystar® and other Christian networks. *America Stands 2016* was one of the most-watched broadcasts on election night, and one of the first programs across any medium to accurately project the presidential race.

Revival Radio TV, hosted by Dr. Gene Bailey, was awarded two Tellys, including the highly coveted silver award in the category of secular history for an entry, titled *BE the ONE*, and a bronze award for religious/spiritual programming. The entries featured a "Historian's Roundtable" that included guests Doug Bonner, Linda Schulz Lane and Greg Stephens, as well as an interview with Pastor Rick Renner. ⑦

'THE BLESSING OF THE LORD IS UPON US!'

I have taken Brother Copeland at his word, and given up wasting time on TV and newspapers. THE BLESSING of The LORD is upon us! My husband is working and I do charity work instead of paid employment. We are better financially than we have ever been, and my health is now perfect. Yes, I quit pain pills and others over a year ago, after listening to Gloria Copeland and applying her teaching. I am standing on Isaiah 40:31: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." It's all happening and it's all good in Jesus' Name. I give thanks.

A.B. | Shropshire, U.K.

'KCM HAS HELPED CHANGE MY LIFE'

I wanted to let you know how much KCM has helped change my life. All the resources you offer have been very helpful. I have become closer to our Lord and feel blessed each and every day. I particularly enjoy it when Kellie Copeland is on BVOV. I learn a lot from

her teachings and she has a way of really driving her message home to me. She has a way with words and I look forward to more teachings from her. Thank you for all the marvelous work that you do.

H.L. | Lovell, Maine

'I WALK IN DIVINE HEALTH'

Glory to God! Thank you, Gloria Copeland, for teaching me how to pray for healing, trust God's Word and have steadfast faith. I am so blessed right now all because of your help and faithful teachings. I am happy to say that God has made me whole again—no sickness, no disease in my body! I walk in divine health, me and my baby. I give God all the praise!

D.M. | Johannesburg, South Africa

BLESSED BY JEREMY'S TEACHING

I just wanted to drop a quick note to encourage Jeremy Pearsons. I listen to BVOV podcasts almost daily, and KCM has been a significant part of my faith walk dating back to the 1990s. The last few episodes where Jeremy has been sharing have been timely and such a blessing to me.

Not only has the Holy Spirit been speaking to me directly through these sessions, I'm personally encouraged to hear him preach. Jeremy, I'm believing increase and favor upon you, your family and your ministry, in Jesus' Name. Thank you and keep charging, Bro!

Nathan O.
Sydney, Australia

"Compassion is what moves God to do everything He does."

—Kenneth Copeland

SHE CLAIMED HER HEALING!

I had a buzzing sound in my ears for weeks. On New Year's Eve, I decided to watch the EMIC service online. As Brother Copeland was ministering at the end, he instructed us to place our hands on our head and confess after him. Then he started calling out different types of ailments and he mentioned the ears and ringing in the ears,

buzzing, etc. I laid hold of that word and claimed my healing and received it. Since then I have been healed praise be to God! The few times it's tried to come back, I just rebuke it and say the glory has healed me. A few months later, I had pain in my ankle and it was difficult to walk. I prayed about it and trusted God and was healed according

to His Word.

I decided to listen to Brother Copeland's message again...and have done this a few times to stir up my faith for the glory. This time after I listened, I went to bed and woke up pain free. Hallelujah, there is life in the Word of God! Praise be to God.

F.A. | London, England



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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THE ABCs OF Abundance

RIGHT NOW MANY OF US ARE FACING NEEDS. BIG NEEDS. NEEDS SO GREAT THAT WITHOUT THE DIRECT INTERVENTION OF GOD, THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE MET. BECAUSE OF THAT, WE NEED TO BE MORE CERTAIN THAN EVER BEFORE THAT WE UNDERSTAND—AND ABIDE BY—GOD'S LAWS OF ABUNDANCE. THOSE LAWS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT—BUT, PRAISE GOD, THEY'RE NOT COMPLICATED. IN FACT, THEY'RE AS SIMPLE AS ABC.

by
Kenneth
Copeland



A: Decide to Plant // In Mark 4, Jesus compared the workings of the kingdom of God to planting seeds in the earth. “When [the seed] is sown,” He said, “it grows up and becomes greater...” (verse 32, *New King James Version*).

Notice, He didn't say that when the seed is sown it occasionally grows up and becomes greater. Or it grows up and becomes greater if it's God's will. He said, “It grows up and becomes greater.” Period.

God's economy isn't like ours. It isn't up one day and down the other. It's always the same and it always works perfectly. If you have good earth, good seed and good water, you will have growth. It's inevitable. The laws of God will produce that increase every single time.

So, if you're facing a need, don't panic—plant a seed!

That seed may take the form of money, time or some other resource you have to give. But, no matter



what form it takes, you need to understand that the gift itself isn't really your seed. There's no life in it. It's just the husk.

There are people who've planted husks for years. But, because they didn't put any life in them, nothing ever came up. So don't just plunk a husk in the offering bucket when it goes by. Put life in it first. Praise and worship God over it. Say, “LORD, I'm offering You my goods to do Your work with, and as I bring You my goods, I bring myself. I give myself to You spirit, soul and body.”

Pray over that seed. Fill it with faith, worship and The WORD. Then it will be ready to plant.

B: Find Good Ground // Out in West Texas on my grandfather's farm, there were big white patches of caliche. It's the most worthless dirt in the world when it comes to planting seed. It won't grow anything. I don't care how fine your seed is, if you plant it in caliche, you won't get a crop.

There are some ministries that, spiritually, are just like caliche. They aren't good ground for your seed. So before you give, pray about where that gift should go.

Don't rely on your own judgment. Don't reason it out and say, “Well, this preacher over here is screaming and crying and saying he's going under, so I guess I'll give to him.” You go to The LORD of the tithe and find out where He wants you to put your money. He's the only One who can direct you to truly good ground every time.

C: Water! // Once your good seed is in good ground, keep watering it with The WORD of God. Speak faith over it all week long. Call forth the growth of that seed by calling “those things which be not as though they were” (Romans 4:17). It may just be a little seed, but you need to start calling it grown.

Find out where He wants you to put your money. He's the only One who can direct you to truly good ground every time.

You may say, “Well, Brother, I believe in telling things like they are.”

You won’t ever see any growth in your life then, because spiritual things grow as words are released. That’s God’s way.

Charles Capps said the one who “tells things like they are” is like the guy who went out on the porch to give his dog a bone. When he got out there, he found the dog wasn’t there—just the cat. So he started saying, “Here kitty, kitty, kitty.”

His neighbor said, “I thought you wanted to give that bone to the dog.”

“I did,” answered his friend, “but I like to say it like it is—and the cat, not the dog, is the one that’s here.”

Don’t be like that guy. Call the dog. He’ll come. Water your seed with words of faith. Don’t call poverty if you don’t want poverty. Call yourself prosperous. Call that need met. Before long, you’ll be so full of joy and so full of expectancy that even the watering will be fun!

Find good soil. Plant the seed. Water it. Then as Mark 4:27 says, all you have to do is “sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up...”

“But I don’t understand how that works!” you say.

It doesn’t matter. Just do it. Plant and water. Sleep and rise. Sure enough, one of these mornings you’ll wake up to an abundant harvest! 🌱

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YOURSELF FULLY TO
HIS PLAN.
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WHEN THE
STORMS OF LIFE
THREATEN TO
SHAKE YOU, USE
GOD’S WORD TO
ANCHOR YOUR
SOUL. HEBREWS 6:17-19



GOD CREATES WITH WORDS

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THIS IS THE FIRST
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WE KNOW THAT THE CREATION OF THE EARTH WAS BEGUN AND COMPLETED BY GOD OVER A PERIOD OF SIX DAYS, BUT HOW DID HE DO IT? DID HE USE SOME COSMIC HAMMER OR ETHEREAL PICKAX? DID HE FORM THE MOUNTAINS AND DIG THE SEABEDS OF THE EARTH WITH SOME HEAVENLY SHOVEL OR WITH HIS OWN FINGERS?

BY KEITH BUTLER

Genesis, the “book of beginnings,” launches us into our first lesson in “theology” (or the knowledge of God). In the third verse of the first chapter we discover that *God created light with words*.

God said it and, instantly, it was. There is a miracle in God’s mouth that brings whatever He speaks into existence. “And God said, Let there be light,” and there it was. The original Hebrew text says God literally said, “Light be!” and light was.

I am told that certain scientists came up with the “big bang” theory, the idea that the universe was formed by a big explosion hundreds of millions of years ago, because radio telescopes have detected a weak, echo-like signal that is *still* emanating through space. Perhaps this “echo” is actually a lingering remnant of God’s

spoken command: “Light be!”

The record in Genesis 1 takes us through each of the six days of Creation, painting the cataclysmic events of those moments in broad strokes without regard for specific details. God didn’t major on the minors in the first chapter of Genesis. His goal wasn’t to chronicle the Creation process in exact detail or to provide scientific proof for His own existence.

It seems His chief goal was to drive home a point of eternal importance to His highest creation.

Ten times in 10 verses in the first chapter of Genesis alone, we read, “And God said....” This may seem a little repetitious to some, but it is clear to me that God is using the power of repetition to reinforce His main point in Genesis 1: *God said, and it was so*.

In Your Mouth, Too!

How does God create? He does it with words. The miracle of it all is that we are to create with our words too! Not only is there a miracle in God’s mouth, but there is a miracle in *your* mouth as well!

When God breathed the divine breath of life into Adam’s lungs, He also endowed mankind with the creative power of speech and declaration. He planted a seed of divine *inspiration*, or breath, within us. And He expects His seed to be a “seed-bearing seed”—as with all other seeds He created. When God says a thing, it comes to pass. *God has the force of faith* because He *believes* that what He *says* is going to *happen*.

We should, too.

How can you and I begin to rule and reign in the earth as sons and daughters of God when the world is so filled with sin, pain and lack?

The Spirit of God dwells *within* us and gives us the ability to succeed. We are able to rule and reign in this earth because we do it God’s way, *in total agreement with and faith in His Word*. When we speak God’s Word in faith, it is as if God Himself is speaking the Word through us.

It is God’s Word that cleanses and renews our minds and opens the door for us to operate with the mind of Christ instead of the mind of the flesh.

The Spirit of God uses the Word to conform your will to His will, and it is through God’s Word that His creative power and ruling authority was delegated to you by Christ through His Name. The written Word of God is your legal writ. It is your “power of attorney” and King’s commission in writing that certifies your calling and position in Christ. The rest is up to you.

The real key to getting your prayers answered and seeing your professions of God’s Word come to pass is simple: *Align yourself with God’s Word and purposes before you declare anything*. Then your heart, mind and mouth will be in one accord with the Spirit and Word of God.

How Can You Create With Words?

So how and when can a believer “create with words” as God does? This happens virtually every time you use God’s Word to deal with sickness, financial problems, depression or opposition in the workplace or society. It happens every time you obey God’s direction to expand a church outreach effort or step into a new area of ministry by faith. You must do what God the Father and God the Son did: Speak the Word.

Whether God is saying, “Light be!” into the darkness at the dawn of Creation or speaking a promise of countless descendants over the “nearly dead” bodies of childless Abraham and Sarah, we understand from His Word that He “callesth those things which be not as though they were” (Romans 4:17).

You do the same thing every time you speak God’s Word of healing and deliverance over a physical body wracked with pain or debilitated by disease.

When you call for lost souls to be brought in from the north, south, east and west, and when you seek God’s face for the salvation of your loved ones and those you meet and work with every day, you are literally *calling those things which be not as though they were!* You are creating a “present reality” with an eternal word in the face of negative, temporary circumstances.

Moving Mountains of Serious, Negative Circumstance

If God calls you into the pastoral ministry or into missions and it means you will have to change careers or even leave your country and home language, you are faced with some serious mountains of temporary, negative circumstances. You need a miraculous provision of favor, finances, wisdom and abilities that you just don’t have! It is time to begin *calling those things which be not as though they were!*

If you are a young person who knows that God has not called you into a life of celibacy for His purposes, begin to pray for your

spouse now—you may not know your future mate’s name, home address or how they look, *but God does.* There is no better time to start *calling those things which be not as though they were* than *before* you meet your future spouse.

Get involved in their well-being today.

If you are married, but Satan has managed to drive a wedge of division and strife into your relationship with your spouse, you don’t have to settle for it. Take authority over the evil spirit that has been dispatched to dissolve your holy union. Speak the Word of God over your spouse and over your home.

Don’t pray the

problem and don’t proclaim your emotions over the situation. Pray the Word!

No matter how negative your temporary circumstances may be today, begin by *calling those things which be not as though they were!* Don’t start with worry or with the busy plans of man. Lay the firm foundation of faith in God’s Word—pay no attention to the temporary, negative circumstances that seek to deter you from God’s will. Everything God births in the souls of men begins and ends in faith, and is built upon the firm foundation of His unchanging, unchangeable Word.

The Word of God simply cannot be overvalued in the Christian life. It reveals God’s plan for man, His path for you, and the authority we have in this life and will have in the life to come. This is just the first glimpse of what it means to be “made in the image and likeness of God.” As I’ve said earlier, “The rest is up to you.”

“[God] also endowed mankind with the creative power of speech and declaration.”



TRIBUTE FROM KEITH BUTLER

Dear Kenneth & Gloria:

Congratulations on 50 Years in Ministry!

Pastor Deborah and I are products of all that has come out of your work as a result of the Word of God. We call you the Revelation King because you draw so much revelation from the Word of God. We just want to put our two cents in with everybody else, and say just how blessed we are to know you. You are such a blessing to us both. We pray and thank God for you daily and are grateful to God and grateful to you for your faithfulness.

Once again, congratulations!

Keith & Deborah



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GOD'S PLAN OF DOMINION

WHEN YOU'RE FACING negative circumstances and you're tempted to get discouraged, here's a word of encouragement for you: God does not intend for you, as a believer, to live *under* those circumstances. His plan isn't for you to just be a victim of them and keep struggling along the best you can.

No, God created you to be a victor! He intends for you to reign over your circumstances as a king in life (Romans 5:17).

After all, you're His born-again child. You have on the inside of you His own royal nature. You've been raised up together with Christ and seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). So even though you're still living in a natural body you have everything it takes to walk in the supernatural. You can overcome the attacks of the devil and the fallen conditions of this natural world and come through every situation in triumph every time.

When the darkened conditions of this temporal world try to press in on us, we can go to the Scriptures, [and] get a faith picture in our hearts.

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1 As a believer you're seated with Christ above every negative circumstance. Ephesians 2:6

2 God exercises dominion over negative circumstances by speaking faith-filled words. Genesis 1:3

3 His plan is for you to operate the same way He does. 2 Corinthians 4:13

4 Abraham had a son despite impossible circumstances because He spoke God's Word, believing it would come to pass. Romans 4:17

5 Believing and speaking is not only how you got born again, it's how you bring God's will into manifestation in every area of your life. Romans 10:10

How?

The same way God Himself does. By declaring His Word in faith and calling “those things which be not as though they were” (Romans 4:17). By speaking to the circumstances in your life that need changing and believing what you say will “come to pass” (Mark 11:23).

That’s God’s plan of dominion. It’s the way He intends for you, as His child, to operate because it’s the way He operates.

It’s the way He created the earth! He spoke to it by faith. He used His words to change things here to conform to His perfect will.

Before God started talking to this place it was a mess. As Genesis 1:2 says, “The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep” (*Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). But God looked beyond those negative circumstances. He saw the earth through the eye of faith and spoke what He wanted to come to pass.

He said, “Let there be light”...and light was (verse 3).

He continued using the same method throughout the whole creation process. He kept calling things that be not as though they were until He’d framed the whole world by His Word.

Just think! Everything in this natural creation was produced by the spiritual power that was released through God’s words. Everything we see around us is a result of the invisible force of faith. As Hebrews 11 says: “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (verses 1, 3, *New King James Version*).

“Yes, but Gloria, God did all that

before mankind came on the scene. Once people got involved, things changed.”

Things did, but God didn’t. He kept operating the same way. The only difference was that, after He gave mankind dominion, instead of speaking to things He began speaking to people.

That’s what He did in His relationship with Abram. He made it possible for Abram and his barren 90-year-old wife, Sarah, to have a son by giving them His Word. He overrode the natural impossibilities of their situation by declaring, “No longer shall your name

also to perform” (Romans 4:19-21).

Get a Faith Picture in Your Heart

If you’ve read the end of the story, you know how things turned out. God’s Word to Abraham and Sarah came to pass. Not only did they have a baby, their youth was so renewed that Sarah lived long enough to raise that baby. After she died at 127 years old, Abraham, who was 10 years older, remarried and fathered six more children.

No wonder Abraham is called the father of our faith! He showed us how it’s done. He used God’s plan of dominion to overcome an impossible situation and bring forth a nation of people through whom God would eventually BLESS all the nations of the world.

If Abraham could walk in that kind of victory in Old Testament times, imagine what you and I can do as New Testament believers! We’re born of God. We have a Bible full of His words and the indwelling Holy Spirit

to show us how to put those words to work in every situation.

We don’t ever have to let circumstances get us down! When the darkened conditions of this temporal world try to press in on us, we can go to the Scriptures, get a faith picture in our hearts, and say like the Apostle Paul did in 2 Corinthians 4: “We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (verses 13, 18).

For Ken and me, this is what changed

WHEN YOU KEEP GOD’S WORD IN TWO PLACES—IN YOUR HEART AND IN YOUR MOUTH— YOU CAN WALK ON THIS EARTH IN A HIGHER WAY THAN NATURAL PEOPLE.

be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations” (Genesis 17:5, *NKJV*).

Abraham responded by believing God and getting with the program. He put God’s Word in his mouth, called himself by his new name, and went around day after day saying to people, “Hello, I’m the father of many nations.”

“And being not weak in faith, [Abraham] considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able

our lives all those years ago. We began to learn about living by faith in God's Word. That was a whole new concept to us. Although we were born again and Spirit filled, we'd never heard before that God had a plan of dominion for us and we were excited because, at that point in our lives, we needed such a plan—and we needed it badly!

We'd been married just five years and we were so deep in debt it looked like we'd never get out. We'd done everything we knew to fix the situation, but nothing had worked. Instead of getting better, things kept getting worse.

Looking back now, it's easy to see why. We had no idea our words were serious things so we were always using them to undercut ourselves. We were always talking doubt and unbelief and saying how broke and in debt we were.

It never occurred to us we were making negative confessions. We thought what we were saying was normal, because that's how almost everyone around us talked. It's what the world—which is under the influence of the devil—habitually trains people to do.

You know how it is. Out there in the world, if someone loses their job and goes around saying they'll never find another one, people don't think that's strange at all. In fact, they're likely to nod their heads in agreement and say, "Yeah, that's right. You'll probably be unemployed for a long time."

On the other hand, if someone starts talking faith everyone will get confused. When the faith person says he lost his job, but he's excited about it because he believes God will get him an even better one, they'll scratch their heads and say, "Huh?"

If they're religious, they might even get upset. They might say, "Who does that person think he is that God's going to get him some great job? He must be one of those faith nuts. They're always going around trying to tell God what to do."

A Simple Way to Live Free

No, faith people don't go around telling God what to do. He's the One telling us what to do. He said, "believe and speak," and we're just obeying Him.

We're just using the faith process He told us to use.

"But what if you try to use that process to get something that's contrary to God's will?" someone might ask.

It won't work. Because faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17), if He didn't say it, I can't believe for it. I can't truly speak it by faith because, without the Word, faith won't come.

That's how things are, even in the natural. If I say to you, "I'll pay your rent this month," you can have faith that I'll do it. As long as you're confident I'm a person of my word, you can expect what I said to come to pass. If you just decide on your own to believe I'm going to pay your rent, however, you have no basis for such faith. You can't believe it because I never said it.

The same is true with God. If He said in His Word you can have something, it's yours. It belongs to you. Because He's a God of His Word, you can "confess with your mouth...and believe in your heart" what He said, and it will come to pass (Romans 10:9, *NKJV*). That's the way you got born again. It's the way you get healed. It's the way you prosper in God.

When you keep God's Word in two places—in your heart and in your mouth—you can walk on this earth in a higher way than natural people. You can exercise authority over the darkness of this world that tries to encroach on you, and bring the kingdom of God into manifestation in every area of your life.

If the world is in a recession, you can take His Word that says, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich," (Proverbs 10:22) and walk out from under that recession.

If worldly dangers threaten, you can "say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust," (Psalm 91:2) and stay safe.

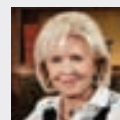
If the world is hit by an epidemic of sickness or disease, you can take the Word of God that says Jesus bore our sicknesses (Isaiah 53:4, *AMPC*), and be healed.

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"Well," someone might say, "I just don't see how it could be that easy."

I didn't say it was easy. The process itself is simple, but sticking with it takes effort. You can't do it by just sitting around watching sitcoms on TV and hanging out with all the naysayers at the coffee shop.

To keep faith in your heart and mouth, you have to continually feed your spirit on God's Word and put that Word first place in your life. You have to keep saying what God says. Even when you have to stand for a while in the face of contrary evidence, you have to keep agreeing with God and fight the good fight of faith.

That's what Abraham had to do. When he started calling himself the "Father of Many Nations," he saw contrary evidence every time he looked at his 100-year-old body. He saw contrary evidence every time he looked at his 90-year-old barren wife. But he refused to consider that evidence. He refused to let it discourage him.

Instead, he followed God's plan of dominion. He kept believing and speaking God's Word, and the longer he did it the stronger his faith became.

You can have the same experience. You can be just as strong in faith as Abraham was. All you have to do is follow his example and consider not your negative circumstances. Keep putting the Word in your heart and in your mouth, and look past your hurting body, your natural inabilities and your inadequate bank account, and stay focused on God.

Over the past 50 years, as Ken and I have learned to do that, we've come through negative circumstances in victory time and again. We've overcome obstacles that looked insurmountable and


seen the fulfillment of faith visions that, when the Lord first spoke to us about them, appeared to be absolutely impossible.

We can testify from experience, God has no problem thinking big! He isn't limited by your negative circumstances. He might tell you to do something that costs a million dollars when you don't even have \$200 in the bank. He won't look at your checking account before He shows you what He wants done, because He doesn't expect you to do it. He expects to do it Himself. All He needs for you to do is keep believing and speaking until the whole picture He has in mind for you is fulfilled.

I remember back when God first told us to go on television, Ken and I could hardly wrap our minds around such a thing. We didn't even know where to start. We didn't have the money or the know-how. But as we kept fellowshiping with the Lord about it and staying in the Word, faith began to come.

One day we were on a ministry trip and we stopped at Denny's to have breakfast. We started talking about our television ministry, and the faith in our hearts started coming out of our mouths. "We can do this!" we said, and suddenly it seemed like the easiest thing in the world.

Had our circumstances changed? Did we have any more money or equipment or staff at that point? No. But a faith picture had formed on the inside of us and we declared it would come to pass. Sure enough, shortly thereafter, we were ministering on TV.

That's how we, as believers, are called to live. It's God's plan of dominion. So keep putting it to work. Keep feeding the Word of God into your heart, believing it and speaking it with your mouth. Rise up over the negative circumstances that have been trying to get you down and live free! 

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Kellie's Corner

Funny thing, Superkids. A few months ago I showed you a picture of me digging for diamonds. Guess what everyone thought; they thought it was my 6-year-old daughter, Emily!

How can I look like a 6-year-old? What's funny is that people usually think kids look like their parents. Not the other way around. Have you ever been told you look like your mom or dad, brother or sister? My kids do all look like me and I look like my parents. How does that happen? You have your parents' DNA, which is the material that transfers their genetic characteristics to you (dictionary.com).

Superkids, Jesus gave us HIS DNA! When you asked Jesus into your heart you became a new person on the inside! Things like fear, anxiety, rage, pain, sorrow, disobedience, hate—those don't belong to you. You've been freed from the control of those things—made new and reborn as His children, the Bible says. In 2 Corinthians 6:16, 18, *New Living Translation*, it says that we are the temple of the living God. He said, "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." In John 14:23 Jesus says, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them."

That's some BIG NEWS, Superkids! We have a heavenly Father who makes His home in us! Galatians 3 tells us that by believing this we receive the promise of the Holy Spirit! We are God's children, and He lives in us. Wow, that makes us EXTRAORDINARY,



SUPERKIDS, JESUS GAVE US HIS DNA!

but the most amazing thing of all is that when we contain God's DNA, we begin to look like Him! Superkids, the Bible calls it FRUIT or evidence. Look at Galatians 5:22-23, "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

Those are the traits of God and as His children they are in us. All we have to do is what verse 16 says, and let the Holy Spirit guide our lives. I talked to you recently about looking for treasure and about having a treasure buddy. But Superkids, I want you to realize that the big treasure in you is Jesus. The more you LOOK to Him and

LISTEN to Him, the more He begins to be SEEN and HEARD. Of course you know what happens next, YOU begin to LOOK like HIM! That was God's plan all along—for you and me, His kids, to look and act just like our Father. Jesus lived that way. He said in John 14:9, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!"

There are many places in the Bible where it talks about you and me being made into His image. Second Corinthians 3:18 says that "the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

Ephesians 4:22, 24 (*The Passion Translation*) tells us to let go of the old way of living, "and you will be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with him!"

Keep looking at Jesus, Superkids, and it's like looking into a mirror—pretty soon you start seeing Him more and more. Philippians 3:20-21 (*TPT*) says, "But our passions are set on the heavenly realm

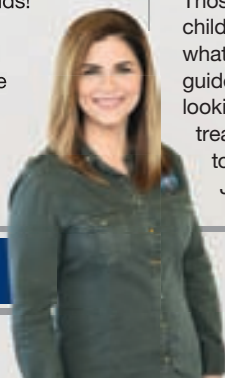
as we cling tightly to our Life-Giver, the Lord Jesus Christ. The transformation of his body took place at his resurrection so that our bodies would also share in the same power, transfiguring us into the identical likeness of his glorified body. And by his matchless power, he continually subdues all that is within us to himself."

Superkids, stick with Jesus. Keep looking at Him. It's not hard or a struggle when you realize He's the One doing the work inside you. You are a child of God and you look just like your big brother, Jesus. How easy is that? It's a done deal! 💖

Until next time,
Commander Kellie



Kellie Copeland



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