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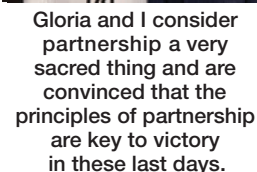
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# Healing

Did you know that receiving healing from God isn't hard?

People sometimes make it sound like it is. They talk about it in religious terms that leave the impression that divine healing is a strange, mysterious phenomenon that's both rare and difficult to understand. But really, the truth is just the opposite.

*by  
Kenneth  
Copeland*





## HOW DO WE OPEN THE DOOR FOR GOD'S *SUPER* TO COME ON OUR *NATURAL* SO THAT WHENEVER THE NEED ARISES, WE CAN BE SUPERNATURALLY HEALED?

Divine healing is actually simple. It's one of the most obvious, easy-to-grasp manifestations of God's power there is, and it's so common it's accepted as a fact of life by Christians and non-Christians alike. Even skeptics who claim they don't believe in healing, do.

When they nick themselves while they're shaving, they believe the cut will heal.

When they get a cold, they believe that within a few days they'll get well.

If they break a bone, when the doctor tells them it will be healed in four to six weeks, they believe it without question.

"Well, that's not really believing in divine healing," someone might say. "Those kinds of healings are just natural occurrences. They don't have anything to do with God."

Yes, they do! He's the Source of all healing. He's the One who created the human body and put healing in it in the first place. Even natural healing is, in a sense, divine because the Divine engineered it and set it in motion.

Although unbelievers don't think in such terms, as believers, we should. Rather than thinking of divine healing as something foreign, unfathomable and infrequent, we should renew our minds so that we think of it as normal.

Even when healing manifests in strikingly supernatural ways, we ought to see it as God just doing what He does. We should see it as His Anointing causing the natural system of healing He created to operate at a higher level.

Take the case of a broken bone, for instance. When the anointing comes into that situation, instead of taking four to six weeks the bone might heal in four to six seconds. From a natural perspective, that's nothing short of miraculous. But it was produced by the same healing process that normally takes place in the body. The anointing just sped up the process.

The anointing can work at the speed of light if you'll turn it loose to do what it's fully capable of doing. It can also work progressively, over time. Either way, it can accomplish the seemingly impossible. And because of what Jesus did it's always available to us.

All we need to know is how to activate it. How do we open the door for God's *super* to come on our *natural* so that whenever the need arises, we can be supernaturally healed?

As I've already said, it's really quite



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Your heart or spirit is where your life is, so when you fill your heart with The WORD, it ministers the life-force of healing to your body.

Prov. 4:23

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The WORD of God is spirit food; it nourishes you spiritually in the same way physical food nourishes you physically.

Matt. 4:4

3

Spend time feeding on healing scriptures until by the eye of faith you can see yourself healed just like The WORD says.

1 Pet. 2:24

4

Don't be moved by contrary symptoms, but instead believe and speak The WORD until healing manifests in your body.

Mark 11:22-23



# “Make the decision, I CHOOSE TO BELIEVE THIS.”

simple. God laid it out in detail for us in the Bible. He said in Proverbs 4:20-22: “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 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 [or *medicine*] to all their flesh.”

Notice, those verses say that God’s words are what activate His healing process. We put that process to work in our lives by attending to what He says and inclining our ear toward it.

To *attend* to something means “to give our attention and make it our priority.” To *incline* means “to lean.” So, applying those terms to God’s WORD means that we make it our authority. We don’t pull away from it when we find something in it we don’t understand or that doesn’t fit our lifestyle. We lean toward it.

We say, “That’s in the Bible, so it must be true. It doesn’t matter if it contradicts what I see and feel in this natural realm. It doesn’t matter that it requires me to change. I’m going to receive it. I’m not going to alter The WORD to fit my lifestyle. I’m going to alter my lifestyle to fit the Book!”

## The Best Flu Shot Ever

If you’ll take that attitude, you can tap into God’s supernatural healing power even if you don’t yet know a lot about the Bible. I proved that very early in my Christian life. Even before I learned anything about how to walk by faith, in my early years as a believer, I got healed by simply believing and receiving one scripture.

I’ll never forget that day. I was coming down with the flu and I was really hurting. I’d driven Gloria to the dry cleaners, and sitting in the car waiting for her I felt so sick I thought, *She’s going to have to drive us home.*

I had my Bible laying there next to me on the seat and it was open to 1 Peter 2:24 which says by Jesus’ stripes “ye were healed.” Though I certainly didn’t feel healed at that moment I set my attention on that verse. I leaned into it and thought, *If I was healed, then I am healed. If Jesus purchased my healing by His*

*stripes, then healing already belongs to me. It’s mine now.*

Picking up my Bible, I put my finger on that scripture, read it again out loud, and said, “LORD Jesus, I choose to believe this. By Your stripes I was healed. So, I am healed right now.” I sat there for a few minutes, thinking about that and praising The LORD and when Gloria got back into the car, I realized I felt strong enough to drive home.

By the time we got to the house, I actually felt good enough to eat supper. By bedtime that night I was feeling really good. I got up the next morning with no symptoms at all.

I was such a spiritual novice back then I didn’t even know exactly what I’d done. I didn’t know I’d followed God’s prescription for healing. I was just following the leading of the Holy Spirit. He drew me to The WORD and my spirit instinctively knew how to respond. I received what God said, believed it and produced life.

That’s what the born-again spirit is designed by God to do. As Jesus taught in Mark 4, it’s like the soil in a garden. In the natural, when seed is sown into earthly soil, if it’s good seed and good soil, and you’ve got water and sunshine, the seed will automatically grow.

You don’t have to take a botany class to make it happen. The seed knows what to do and so does the soil. You just have to put the elements together and the process will work. You can put a fence post in the ground and soil will try to grow it. It will treat that post like a seed and try to rot the husk off of it. It will try to release life from that post and grow it like it’s a tree, because that’s what it’s designed to do.

The same is true of your heart. It will take whatever you put in it and grow it. That’s the system God has set in place, and for better or for worse, it will keep working. “A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things” (Matthew 12:35). So your heart will keep pumping out whatever you put into it.

That’s why Proverbs 4:23 says, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of



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it are the issues [or forces] of life.” Your spirit is where your life is! When it gets weak—when the spiritual forces like faith and healing that are supposed to flow out of it begin to dry up—your soul and body become weak as well.

On the other hand, when your spirit is strong and healthy your soul and body are enlivened. The physical part of you is quickened because your heart is pumping out the forces of life.

### Don't Just Remember It—Feed on It

What is it that keeps your spirit strong and healthy so those forces can keep pumping?

The WORD of God! It's spirit food. It nourishes your inner man just as physical food nourishes your body. The more you feed on The WORD, the more you attend to it and incline your ear toward it, the more abundantly the forces of life keep flowing. The more you keep The WORD before your eyes and in the midst of your heart, the more life and health can be ministered to your flesh.

Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.... It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (Matthew 4:4; John 6:63). So, The WORD is the answer to every situation.

It's the first place you turn when symptoms of sickness come on you. Even before you start praying, open your Bible. Read what it says about health and healing. Then pray God's WORD back to Him. Remind Him of what He's already said and receive it by faith.

Once you've done that, keep looking at The WORD. Stop looking at symptoms and practice envisioning yourself without them. Particularly if it's a situation you've been dealing with for a while, set aside some time to just sit and meditate on the healing scriptures. Take verses like 1 Peter 2:24 and say, “LORD, I believe this. Now help me with my imagination so that I can see myself walking in it. Help me see myself healed.”



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by Gloria Copeland

## The Sure Path to Promotion

“Servants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not only when their eyes are on you as pleasers of men, but in simplicity of purpose [with all your heart] because of your reverence for the Lord and as a sincere expression of your devotion to Him.”

Colossians 3:22, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

You may not realize it, but if you're a born-again believer, you have a quality within you that is in great demand in the world today. It's a quality employers prize so highly that they'll promote people who have it—and often pay top dollar for it. It's a quality so valuable it can make you a success in every area of your life.

What quality could possibly be so precious? The quality of faithfulness.

Employers are desperate for faithful people. The world is full of employees who will just do enough to keep from getting fired. It's full of people who may come to work—and may not. That's how worldly people are!

But it's a treasure for employers to find a person who works wholeheartedly at his job, who is trustworthy and dependable and honest. So when an employer finds a person like that, he's usually eager to promote him.

The fact is, every believer ought to be that kind of person. Each one of us should live a lifestyle of faithfulness. As Ken says, we should

make it a lifestyle to do what's right, because it's right. Anything less is disobedience to God's Word.

We should follow Colossians 3:22-24. It's God's instruction for employees. Ken and I have seen some of the staff members in our ministry take that attitude and, as a result, be promoted again and again. One man started out with the job of duplicating tapes for us, but over the years he was so faithful that he eventually became the director over the business affairs of the entire ministry.

You may think, *Well, that wouldn't work in my case. My boss is an unfair man. He wouldn't reward my faithfulness.*

That's no problem. The Scripture doesn't say your reward will come from your employer. It says your reward will come from the Lord!

You see, God has established a principle of sowing and reaping in the earth—and that principle is always at work (Galatians 6:7). If you plant faithfulness in your job, you will receive blessing in return—even if that blessing means a different but better job.

So make up your mind to put your whole heart into your work, no matter how menial or unpleasant it may seem to be. Do it well. Do it with a smile and an attitude of enthusiasm and say, “Lord, You know I am believing for another job. And I am sowing faithfulness into this job as seed for a better job.” I guarantee you, a better job will soon come along. ⑦

“The Scripture doesn't say your reward will come from your employer. It says your reward will come from the Lord!”



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Your imagination is a powerful thing, and God is the One who gave it to you. So don't be afraid of it. Let Him train you to use it for good. Instead of just reading a few healing verses on the run, fellowship with The LORD over them and let Him help you dig into them. Chew on those verses and picture what they're saying until suddenly one day you say, "Yes! I see it! I'm healed!"

Gloria refers to that as the moment when faith boils over. It's the moment when faith flows out of your heart with such force that it drives out all doubt.

"But Brother Copeland," someone might say, "I know the healing scriptures by heart. I can practically quote them all by memory, and my faith for healing isn't boiling over." That's because faith doesn't come by knowing and remembering. It comes "by hearing, and hearing...the word of God" (Romans 10:17). It comes from actually feeding on The WORD.

You can know what a potato tastes like, but that's not the same thing as feeding on it. You can remember what you had for lunch yesterday, but that memory won't nourish you today.

The same applies to The WORD. While knowing The WORD and memorizing it are wonderful, that's not the same as feeding on it. To feed on it, you have to do what Proverbs 4 says and attend to it, by looking at it and listening to it. You have to take it into yourself anew and make the decision, *I choose to believe this.*

Something happens inside your spirit when you do that. When you decide to believe something, particularly when you say it out loud, it gets your spiritual juices flowing, so to speak. It's like when you decide to eat something in the natural. Once you make the decision, your taste buds wake up. Your mouth starts watering and your digestive juices start flowing. You don't have to tell your body to do those things—it's an involuntary reaction.

Likewise, when you decide to believe

The WORD and say it, your spirit involuntarily kicks into gear. It gets ready to produce the force of faith and release the power of God that's resident in The WORD so that word can become life and health to you.

*Can it really be that simple?* you might wonder.

Sure. That's what God intended. He never meant for healing to be hard to receive. We're the ones who made it hard with our religious traditions. Religion messed up God's system by saying things like healing isn't always God's will and that He sometimes makes us sick to teach us something. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Jesus purchased our healing when He went to the cross just as surely as He purchased our salvation. Through His death and Resurrection, He "redeemed us from the curse" (Galatians 3:13) and that curse is threefold. It includes spiritual death, sickness and poverty.

The devil is the author of all those things. He's the author of all human suffering, all disease, all pain, all stress, and Jesus defeated him. He destroyed the works of the devil and secured for us a threefold Redemption. A Redemption that includes eternal life, healing and prosperity.

By providing that Redemption, God settled the fact once and for all that healing is His will for you. It's already yours in Christ. All you have to do to receive it is follow God's prescription. So, go ahead and do it.

Treat The WORD of God like you would a life-saving prescription from your doctor. Don't just leave it sitting on your nightstand. Don't just look at it now and then and say, "I wonder why that's not working for me?" Take it as prescribed.

Attend to it. Incline your ear to it. Keep it before your eyes, in the midst of your heart, and in your mouth. Believe and declare, not what you see or what you feel, but the words of God.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh! 🙌

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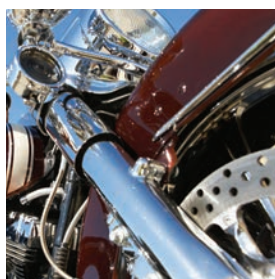




# On the Road, Touching Lives

by Melanie Hemry

**The Harley-Davidson® motorcycle roared as Mylon and Christi Le Fevre ascended a precipice before coming to a stop. Down below, the sun glistened on turquoise-colored water that lapped the shore. Birds swept down over the waves in graceful descent, hoping to retrieve some fish.**



It was bike rides like this, more than anything else, that relaxed Mylon. He and Christi enjoyed two-lane roads, far away from buzzing traffic and busy crowds of people. God's creation sparked such peace in him that Mylon often felt like bursting into song.

Music had played a major role in his life for as long as he could remember.

The youngest son of the singing Le Fevre family, he grew up expressing his love to God through music. His dad had formed one of the first recording companies, and the first nationally

***"Kenneth Copeland leaned over and said, 'I really like your show. I want to be on it.'"***



syndicated television show. It would be the beginning of a life surrounded by the joys that accompany singing the praises of the Lord. But it would also spell some dark times for the young prodigy—times that would result in heartbreak, rejection and disillusion and led to a literal battle for his life.

At the age of 17, Mylon sat in his room meditating on Jesus' words in John 15:5: "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (*New King James Version*). A melody bubbled up within him and he penned the words to the famous hymn "Without Him." After hearing Mylon sing the song, Elvis Presley recorded "Without Him," and it soared to the top of the charts. Then, within a couple of years, singer Johnny Cash and more than 120 artists recorded songs written by Mylon.

#### Broken Heart

In his earlier years, Mylon's father fired him from the singing group because his sideburns were too long. At a time when the Beatles competed for supremacy over Elvis, Mylon desired nothing more than to write and sing contemporary music that gave glory to God. But now, there seemed to be no place for him or his music in his family or in the Church.

Heartbroken and disillusioned, Mylon offered his gifts to the world. He became a rock star, finding fame and fortune



**You can read more about Mylon's story online in our April 2008 issue [kcm.org/read/magazine](http://kcm.org/read/magazine).**

worldwide. He partied hard, but he didn't find peace. And in 1973, he found himself battling a serious heroin addiction that led to a near fatal overdose.

While attending a concert in 1980, featuring the group 2nd Chapter of Acts, Mylon cried out to Jesus. He gave up rock 'n' roll and returned to his home church. Within months, he started a new band called Mylon and Broken Heart, and over the next 13 years the group led more than 200,000 young people to receive Jesus as Lord of their lives.

Although he was finally doing what God had called him to do, the years of drug abuse had taken a toll on Mylon's health. After suffering a heart attack in 1989, doctors advised that he quit the band and rest for whatever remained of his life.

But God had another idea.

He arranged for Mylon to meet Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. They

took him under their wings, spending countless hours teaching him what the Bible had to say about healing. When they laid hands on him, Mylon was healed.

Afterward, Mylon accepted the call of God on his life to preach and teach the gospel. From that time until now, he has traveled the world preaching the gospel. Through it all, he and Christi have always found time to ride their Harley. Sometimes they ride alone, and at other times as many as 20 pastors ride alongside them. Regardless of the number, they always start their trips with a short devotion and prayer.

#### Digital Devotions

Seven years ago, God inspired Mylon and Christi with an idea to incorporate those road trips and the devotions into a specialized ministry. He told them to film 365 of those outdoor devotions, and to post them on their website. Over the next four years they produced 365 "Church on the Run" digital devotions. When the project was completed in 2015, Mylon and Christi began airing the daily devotions online at [mylon.org](http://mylon.org).

The following year, in January 2016, Brother Copeland offered them a slot for a TV program on the ministry's Believer's Voice of Victory Network. They didn't have a crew, or money to produce such a show. But because they knew God was opening a door for them, they chose to walk through it—by faith.

Mylon was doing his due diligence, traveling around looking at different film studios, when suddenly he heard the Lord say: *I've already built the most beautiful studio that anyone has ever seen. It's free.*

Mylon froze. Was the Lord saying what he thought He was saying?

That they should film outdoors?

Had the past four years been preparation for the real call?

In May 2017, Mylon and Christi began filming *On the Road to Freedom*. They shot 25 pilots before deciding on one. The common theme was that they were all filmed outdoors. The first five were shot in Mylon and Christi's backyard while they researched beautiful locations with stunning views.

#### Finding the Right Location

God didn't just tell them *what* to do. He told them *how* to do it.



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*You don't need to wear a suit and stand in a pulpit, the Lord said. You're not called to that. You know why some people are so angry, depressed, drunk and high. You have credibility. Appeal to them.*

When they were invited to minister in scenic places, they filmed while they were there. In Steamboat Springs, Colo., using drones, they shot footage skiing down mountains. They shared magnificent revelations of Jesus while having fun in places like Sedona, Ariz.; Big Sur, Calif.; Deer Valley, Utah; and Maui, Hawaii.

At first, they rented hotel rooms for themselves and their crew. They rented cars, and the crew left before sunrise each morning to find the best locations. They used drones to get shots of stunning scenic beauty. Then the Lord gave them another hint from heaven's think tank: The ultra-rich own multiple homes located where they filmed. Many of them were for rent. It was cheaper and easier to rent one of those mansions, stay there and house all their crew, while enjoying serene privacy in a quiet and secluded location.

In Maui, they filmed 19 shows in six days. They stayed so busy that they never got in the ocean or the pool. Their crew hiked 4½ miles to get the best shots.

For Mylon and Christi, everything they do is about souls. They could reach so many more people through television than they could reach in person. For years, the Lord had told Mylon that his latter years would be greater than his former. That agreed with the scripture which says, "And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great" (Job 8:7, *Revised Standard Version*).

Though he believed and confessed it, Mylon had no idea what that would look like.

While he and Christi had filmed their devotions, they had also released a book on Mylon's testimony, titled *Without Him*. Instead of taking royalties, for every book sold they donated one to a prisoner or a soldier. So far, they've donated over 20,000 books.

They were at a Salvation Army event one evening when a young man approached them. "Hey, I know you," he said to Mylon. "I read your book while I was in prison. It's still being passed around."

Moments like that made Mylon

remember that God had unusual ways of making his latter days greater than his former. While filming *On the Road to Freedom* he realized that, like his book, the program was touching people who might have otherwise never been reached.

### Inheriting the Nations

Mylon also prayed and confessed Psalm 2:8, "Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession" (*New International Version*).

Not long ago, Mylon and Christi were at Keith Moore's church in Sarasota, Fla., when Kenneth Copeland leaned over and said, "I really like your show. I want to be on it."

Stunned, Mylon thanked him.

Later, during a phone conversation, Brother Copeland told Mylon, "I'm going to be on *your* show, and *your* show is going to be on mine."

Suddenly, Mylon says, asking for the nations as their inheritance took on a whole new meaning.

*What did reaching the nations look like?* he wondered.

Through their television show, they reached 200 nations worldwide. That was a potential audience of 680 million people.

Earlier this year, Brother Copeland was a guest on Mylon and Christi's TV show, *On the Road to Freedom*, when the program was taped on location in Monument Valley, Utah. Those tapings will air August 19-23 on KCM's *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast, which can be seen on the Believer's Voice of Victory Network, TBN and Daystar, as well as on stations in Hong Kong, China and Russia—making it available to a potential 885 million households around the world.

Through it all, Mylon heard the Lord say to him, *Son, I just opened a door that no man can close.*

Truly, God is doing a new thing with Mylon and Christi. But it's nothing that wasn't already planned and purposed.

"During those five years of digital devotions, God had us in Holy Ghost school for such a time as this," Mylon says. "It was already inside of us, and God just started blowing the doors open when we began filming. After all these years, my heart's desire is still to tell people how good God is, how much He loves them, and that they don't have to live without Him." 🙏

## AUG BROADCAST CALENDAR



Kenneth Copeland

**July 29-Aug. 2**  
**Raising a Family in the House of Faith**  
Jeremy and Sarah Pearsons



Gloria Copeland

**Sun., Aug. 4**  
**The Power of Praise and Worship**  
Kenneth Copeland

**Aug. 5-9**  
**Heirs of God**  
Gloria Copeland and George Pearsons



George Pearsons

**Sun., Aug. 11**  
**Praise Defeats Your Enemy**  
Kenneth Copeland

**Aug. 12-16**  
**God Is Our Source**  
Gloria Copeland and George Pearsons



Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons

**Sun., Aug. 18**  
**Faith and How It Is Released**  
Kenneth Copeland

**Aug. 19-23**  
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Kenneth Copeland, Mylon and Christi Le Fevre



Mylon & Christi Le Fevre

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# GoodNEWSGazette

## A Birthday Blessing

I was in the hospital for three days due to my leg. I couldn't walk and couldn't go to church for two months! I was released April 4, and that same day, I received a birthday gift from Kenneth and Gloria in the mail. It was *Bulldog Faith* by Pastor George and Ms. Gloria. I was so blessed! I have been playing those CDs every day and it has really built up my faith! Last Sunday I went to church and was so happy to be there again, praising God! Thank you for the birthday gift! And to George, Gloria and Kenneth, keep up the good work! You are changing people's lives.

L.M. | Rochester, N.Y.

## Raised From the Dead!

I am a Partner with KCM and believe in the power of God to heal. My sister was in the hospital having had two heart attacks and I wasn't able to visit her. I remembered the scripture that says, "He sent his word, and healed them." I asked God to give my sister more time to live, at least past 70, and even if she died to bring her back. Well, my sister died and the doctor stopped resuscitation, noted the time of death, removed all their equipment and left her children to mourn over the body. After a while, she suddenly came back to life! Jesus resurrected her just like I asked Him! Her family ran to the nurse and told her my sister had come back to life. It had been noted in hospital records her date and time of death. But my Jesus is the Resurrection and the life, hallelujah!

E.T. | Altadena, Calif.

## By Grace Through Faith

I just received my April Partner Letter and I am praising God for Kenneth and his ability to let God just flow through him. In the very first paragraph God came right through his words and into my exact circumstances. My daughter, who is in her 30s, was hospitalized suddenly for what the doctors thought was a slight stroke. Then they found an abnormality in the back of her brain. Things looked awful in the natural as she has six children. But God in His grace, in two days, brought it all to nothing and she is home today normal as can be. Also I have

major tax debt to the IRS.

Your letter pointed these two things out specifically and I felt God say, *Honey, I know and you know I've got you covered by grace through your faith.* Just had to thank you for delivering this miracle word. God doesn't have to give us these times of strengthening but He always does. The power is always in His love. Thank you so much for being the vessel God worked through. I love KCM so much!

B.C. | Elmore, Ohio

## JESUS IS ALIVE AND REAL

I was raised in a Christian home, but I didn't know Jesus Christ as my personal Savior until your beautiful messages of Love became available to me on TV. From the bottom of my heart, my thanks to you! Kenneth and Gloria, you made Jesus alive and real to me. I.S. | Portland, Ore.



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Living a  
lifestyle  
of love is  
essential if  
you want to  
maintain  
living  
contact  
with God.”

—Gloria Copeland

## Knee Relief

I am 81 years young and have lived a very active life. I have had knee pain for a number of years, and finally decided to call for prayer. The minister who prayed with me was very thorough and I was immediately pain free for a time. Since then, I am still experiencing some pain relief and am continuing to stand for total and complete healing.

M.J.W. | Newport, Ore.

## God Watches Over His Word

My great-niece was born March 27, and my sister texted our family the next day to pray: The baby had been admitted to NICU for testing because her heart rate was too fast (due possibly to fluid on her lungs) and not stable, and her blood sugar was low. The fluid issue was being resolved, but the unstable heart rate and low blood sugar remained. All our family was praying, yet I felt it was important to call KCM for prayer of agreement. I know God watches over His Word to perform it and KCM stands on God's Word, and in prayer we would see a good result. I called and Allen prayed. The next morning my sister texted that all tests came back normal and the baby was discharged that evening, March 29. I praise God for healing my great-niece, and I thank the Lord for all the prayer support KCM provides standing on the Word of God!

Janet H. | Gilbertsville, Pa.

## Putting the Word First Pays Off

For years my husband and I have been diligent in paying our estimated taxes, and at times it has been a struggle to stay on top of it. However, through the study of the Word and partnership with KCM, we received a large refund of overpayment. Glory to God!

M.N. | Paola, Kan.



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### ***From Faith to Faith Starts Our Day!***

Pastor Terri, I wanted to tell you how very much my wife, Cathi, and I have enjoyed your Sunday services the last few weeks. We watch on live stream. In all honesty, we have fallen in love with your mom and dad. We started watching the half-hour program in the morning about a year ago. We have learned so very much from the two of them. We have ordered their teachings and read the *From Faith to Faith* daily devotional each morning before starting out the door. We found out about your Sunday service within the last few months. The service on Feb. 17 was simply awesome. You and Pastor George are so filled with the Spirit of God that we get to jumping around in our chairs. We love the fact that like your folks, yours is a healing ministry. It's simply incredible to watch so many get their healing and be slain in the spirit.

I'm a bit sad it has taken us 64 years to come upon your entire family and teachings. Better late than never, I guess. George is a wonderful speaker, and we really enjoy his word on Sunday. We saw him on your folks' show one week while your dad was away and he spoke about your church. That's how we found out. We will keep watching on Sundays and want you to know that your service fires up the spirit within us and carries us throughout the week. Please do us a favor: Tell your folks that with all the great material we've read over the years, that little *From Faith to Faith* [devotional] means so very much to my wife and me. It's as if we can see Brother Kenneth coming alive as we read the morning teaching. As you well know, there isn't a preacher on earth who can point into the camera and make you feel like he's talking directly to you more so than Brother Kenneth.

M.K. | Mendon, Ill.

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COME TO

# The Table

Karen Noble locked the door to her dream home in High Point, North Carolina for the last time. Before the moving truck pulled away, she gazed at the 17 acres which had been an oasis for her family for years. Jim, her husband, was an amazing chef and restaurateur who had run numerous successful restaurants.

← Jim Noble at The King's Kitchen, his ministry restaurant

*by Melanie Hemry*

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		Old Testament	New Testament
Thu	1	Neh. 1-3	2 Cor. 4
Fri	2	Neh. 4-6	2 Cor. 5
Sat	3	Neh. 7	
Sun	4	Ps. 90-92; Prov. 19:18-29	
Mon	5	Neh. 8-9	2 Cor. 6
Tue	6	Neh. 10-11	2 Cor. 7
Wed	7	Neh. 12-13	2 Cor. 8
Thu	8	Est. 1-2	2 Cor. 9
Fri	9	Est. 3-5	2 Cor. 10
Sat	10	Est. 6-8	
Sun	11	Ps. 93-96; Prov. 20:1-15	
Mon	12	Est. 9-10	2 Cor. 11
Tue	13	Job 1-2	2 Cor. 12
Wed	14	Job 3-5	2 Cor. 13
Thu	15	Job 6-8	Gal. 1
Fri	16	Job 9-11	Gal. 2
Sat	17	Job 12-15	
Sun	18	Ps. 97-101; Prov. 20:16-30	
Mon	19	Job 16-19	Gal. 3
Tue	20	Job 20-23	Gal. 4
Wed	21	Job 24-29	Gal. 5
Thu	22	Job 30-32	Gal. 6
Fri	23	Job 33-36	Eph. 1
Sat	24	Job 37-39	
Sun	25	Ps. 102-103; Prov. 21:1-15	
Mon	26	Job 40-42	Eph. 2
Tue	27	Eccl. 1-4	Eph. 3
Wed	28	Eccl. 5-8	Eph. 4
Thu	29	Eccl. 9-12	Eph. 5
Fri	30	Songs 1-4	Eph. 6
Sat	31	Songs 5-8	

Who would have ever imagined that the attack on the twin towers in New York City's World Trade Center would shake the foundation of the restaurant business? Who could have guessed that people would hunker down at home, eating out less?

She and Jim had incurred massive debt trying to keep their restaurants in business. Now, in 2004, the Lord had told them to sell their home and land and move into a neighborhood in Charlotte, N.C. They had been advised to declare bankruptcy, but refused.

While their situation looked hopeless, Jim and Karen knew better. Their faith in God had taught them better.

In 1994, their 2-week-old daughter, Olivia, had been diagnosed with encephalitis. Her situation, doctors said, was hopeless. Karen remembers being in the hospital with Olivia when she started having seizures.

Then she coded.

The doctors were able to resuscitate her, but even so, Olivia wouldn't live, they were told. It was hopeless.

Then someone told them the truth about healing.

### A Different Kind of Restaurant

Karen turned to look in the back seat and smiled at their two young daughters, Margaux and Olivia, making sure their seat belts were buckled before driving to their new life in Charlotte. Sure, they were millions of dollars in debt, but Jim and Karen no longer believed in hopelessness. Somehow, they would pay it all off.

Once she got everything settled in their new house, Karen curled up on the sofa to read *Southern Living* magazine. She read about a restaurant in Louisiana that employed at-risk youth.

Couldn't they do something similar?

"When Karen asked what I thought about opening a restaurant that employed at-risk people, I loved the idea," Jim says. "The word *restaurant* comes from the French word *restaurer*, which means 'to restore.' I believe that's why Jesus enjoyed sitting around the table with His disciples. It was a form of restoration. We knew we wanted to restore the homeless—those in poverty and people with substance abuse issues.

"We wanted to do something like the restaurant in Louisiana had done, but there

was a major difference. They were funded by the Catholic Church. At the time, we had no support. As KCM Partners, for years when we attended the Ministers' Conference the only other minister we met who was working outside the Church, was Nancy Alcorn. She had founded Mercy Ministries of America, providing homes for troubled girls in four different locations. We adopted her model: no government assistance and no debt.

"Soon after that, the Carolina Panthers, a professional football team here in Charlotte, asked if we had a project that they could partner with us to accomplish. When we described our plan, they loved it.

"The industry changed drastically after 911, and we lost a lot of money. For a couple of years, just to keep the restaurants in business, we didn't take a salary. I had owned four restaurants, but during that transition I closed two of them. I had a fine dining restaurant in Charlotte, and in 2006, we opened Roosters Wood-Fired Kitchen."

Unlike their other businesses, Jim and Karen wanted their new King's Kitchen to be located in uptown Charlotte. While it was the most expensive real estate, it was also where most of the homeless congregated.

In the summer of 2009, Jim found a restaurant in their target area that was going out of business. They were asking \$400,000 for it. In keeping with their decision not to go into debt, Jim asked Karen to pray and get a number from God about how much to offer.

### Taking a Stand

"The Lord gave me \$45,000," Karen later told him.

"That's a low number," Jim said. "Don't you want to round it up to \$50,000?"

"The number the Lord gave me was \$45,000," Karen replied.

Jim called the real estate broker.

"Offer them \$45,000."

"Wow, they're going to get mad," the broker told him. "Don't you want to at least round it up to \$50,000?"

"No, that's our offer."

As expected, the offer made the owners angry. They refused to consider it.

Believing they'd heard from God, Jim and Karen held their ground and stood in faith.

Four months later, in 2009, the owners dropped the price to \$200,000.

"Our offer is still \$45,000," was Jim and





**“These people become dear to us. When one of them overdoses, when they have no food to feed their children or their slum lord kicks them to the curb... we care deeply.”**

**Karen**





# **“THE WORD *RESTAURANT* COMES FROM THE FRENCH WORD *RESTAURER*, WHICH MEANS *TO RESTORE*.”**

Karen's response.

It was refused.

The following year, they purchased the restaurant for \$45,000.”

“We wanted to get the restaurant up and running for six months before adding the discipleship program,” Jim remembers. “In April 2010, we opened The King's Kitchen for lunch. That summer we added dinner.

“There were two aspects of our training and discipleship program, in which each person receives on-the-job training,” Jim explained. “We also close for three hours each day, and during that time we teach Bible study and discipleship training.”

Not everyone they took in met with success in the one-year program, but three people graduated after the first year.

“There were people who disappeared after getting their first paycheck,” said Jim. “Some started the program and then went back to the streets.”

## **A Mess or Two**

In 2011, Jim and Karen started Restoring Place Church, which meets in the restaurant.

“Most of the congregation is people we met on the streets,” says Karen.

“In one Sunday service, for example, while a former American Idol contestant led worship, a young woman sat on the front row drinking alcohol. I told one of our ushers to ask her to leave if she was going to drink. She left, guzzling her drink as she went. After a while, I asked the usher to find the woman and tell her she could come back if she didn't drink. She came back and sat on the front row.

“The scripture that best describes our ministry is Proverbs 14:4 in *The Passion Translation*: “The only clean stable is an empty stable. So if you want the work of an ox and to enjoy an abundant harvest, you'll have a mess or two to clean up!”

“Our ministry is real and raw, and I wouldn't have it any other way,” says Jim. “Jesus said when we minister to the least of these, it is as though we are ministering to Him. I believe He meant that then, and He still means it today.”

In addition to The King's Kitchen, the discipleship program and Restoring Place Church, Jim and Karen have also started the Charlotte Mecklenburg Dream Center. Modeled after the one

in Los Angeles, they meet the needs of people by providing food, clothing and free resources for those suffering poverty, addiction and abuse. They help find solutions to homelessness, hunger and joblessness.

On Friday nights in uptown Charlotte, the smell of chili cheese dogs wafts in the air. People from The King's Kitchen and the Dream Center walk the streets giving away 160 chili cheese dogs. As the food draws the people, volunteers introduce them to Jesus, minister to them and invite them to Bible study.

On Saturday mornings, Dream Center staff and 300 to 400 volunteers a month show up in rough neighborhoods where they Adopt-A-Block. This isn't a short-term ministry. They show up on the adopted block every Saturday without fail and do whatever is needed—from mowing lawns and making repairs, to providing groceries and praying for people. They become friends. According to the FBI, the Adopt-A-Block program, carried out in different cities across the U.S., is the most effective revitalization program they've ever seen.



### It's All About Relationships

"These people become dear to us," Karen explains. "When one of them overdoses, when they have no food to feed their children or their slum lord kicks them to the curb for being five hours late on the rent, we care deeply. In the past five months, 18 families from our Adopt-A-Block program have disappeared. Developers buy the properties and they are displaced. We have no idea where they are."

But there have been many success stories.

Ronnie, for example, is a young man who had a hard life and needed a job when a friend told him about King's Kitchen. He went through the ministry's discipleship program, got his life back on track, and today is still actively involved with ministry. In fact, both Jim and Karen refer to him as the "undisputed mayor of the kitchen."

Another man, Horace, was homeless when he came to King's Kitchen. "He had a lot of issues to deal with, and it took him four years to go through the discipleship program. Today, he owns a car debt free, and he has his own apartment," said Karen.

"There was a woman here in Charlotte who ran a prostitution and crack house, and a federal warrant was out for her arrest. A woman who lived down the street from the crack house started praying for her, as did members of a nearby church. Eventually, someone got a chance to witness to the woman and told her the glorious truth that her sins had been forgiven, that she had been redeemed from the curse of the law, and that she was free to live under God's blessing.

"As a result, the woman received Jesus and eventually came to The King's Kitchen, and attended Bible study five times a week. She later attended and graduated from the Charlotte campus of Charis Bible College.

"Today, she is an ordained minister—a powerful woman of God who fills our pulpit when we're out of town," Karen added.

### Speaking the Truth in Love

Jim and Karen's goal and purpose has always been to tell people the truth. They were members of a denominational church when doctors told them there



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was no hope for Olivia. They'd never been told that by Jesus' stripes she'd already been healed. No one had ever mentioned to them the truth that, just as Jesus had redeemed us from sin, He also bore her sickness.


Later, Jim discovered that his grandfather had known that truth.

A Pentecostal holiness preacher, in 1905 he had been sick and was healed. Everyone in his family thought he was crazy, but he had underlined Mark 11:23-24 in his Bible and determined to stand on God's Word for his healing.

Many years later, someone shared those same verses with Jim and Karen. They had listened, and believed God's Word as Charles Capps taught the truth and prayed for Olivia, who is alive today

at 26.

"When we learned the truth, we were so hungry for the Word of God that we sat in front of the television, with duct tape covering the antenna, so we could watch the *BVOV* broadcast. Every salvation, healing and deliverance in our ministry is fruit to KCM and our pastor, Bishop James C. Hash. We're just so thankful to God that we are Partners with a ministry of integrity—that tells the truth around the world."

As they faithfully work to wipe out debt incurred as a result of 911, being faithful to tithe and give as they go, Jim and Karen purpose to build their ministry on that same philosophy: Tell the Truth. Nothing but the Truth! 



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# *words of faith*

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**When Jesus was on earth, He did everything by the power of God's words.**

John 5:19, 8:28, 14:10

**As a believer, you're called to do the works of Jesus by using the same process of hearing and speaking God's words.**

John 14:12

**To receive God's wisdom, simply ask for it in faith.**

James 1:5-6

**Spend time in The WORD and in prayer, believing to receive revelation from The LORD.**

Mark 11:24

**You can hear what God is saying about every situation because the Holy Spirit is dwelling within you.**

John 16:13



by  
Happy Caldwell

God has a plan for each  
of us.... But the fulfilling  
of that assignment—no  
matter how grand or  
impactful—is not

# THE Prize



**The Apostle Paul was quite a man. He had a list of credentials that would make most Hebrews of his day jealous—or at least stand in awe. He was impressive, plain and simple.**

Just look at the list he detailed out in Philippians 3:5-6: “Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.”

Paul made it clear that if anyone could boast about his own accomplishments or status, he could. He was a model of the perfect religious man. He was a Hebrew of Hebrews. He was raised right and lived full of zeal.

I’ve fallen in love with this passage of Scripture, but not because of Paul’s lengthy list of credentials. What I love is what he said next, in verses 7-8: “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.”

As extraordinary as Paul was, he realized that all those



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credentials, all those status symbols, were not important at all. For all he was born into, for all he had become, every bit of it was *worthless* compared to winning Christ.

The word *win* in that verse means “to gain.” As far as Paul was concerned, gaining Christ was worth whatever it cost.

Jesus confirmed that thought in a parable He spoke in Matthew 13:44. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.”

I can’t read that parable without remembering a time when I sold things that were valuable to me in order to buy something greater—a 25th anniversary gift for my wife. Jeanne had been believing for a special watch, so I asked the Lord to help me buy it for her. His response was swift: *Well, Happy, if you’d sell your motorcycle and your restored 1950 Ford pickup truck, you’ll have the money to buy her that watch.*

That motorcycle and truck were special to me, but I didn’t think twice. I sold them. As far as I was concerned, those things weren’t nearly as valuable as giving Jeanne what she wanted.



**The vital side of redemption is in living for Christ day by day. It’s about working out our salvation and building our relationship with Him.**



Yes, God gives us all things to enjoy, but sometimes we have to decide what’s most important—what we’ll treasure. That’s what the Apostle Paul did. He had every reason to boast, but instead he counted his many achievements as “dung” compared to gaining Christ.

#### **The Vital Side of Redemption**

As believers, we are in Christ and He’s in us. We’re the redeemed! That’s the legal side of redemption. But there’s also a *vital* side of redemption that Paul is leaning into here. The vital side of redemption is in living for Christ day by day. It’s about working out our salvation and building our relationship with Him.

One day I was praying, when all of a sudden I had this revelation: *In Christ I have no identity of my own.* In this world, I’m my father and mother’s son. I’m my sister’s brother. I’m my wife’s husband. I’m my son’s father. I’m a grandfather to my grandkids, a great-grandfather to my great-grandkids. Here on earth I have identity. But in Christ I have no identity of my own.

I’m in Him. Period. Even when we know that to be true, the struggle is to live that way. That’s the vital side of redemption. Legally, I’m in Him and He’s in me. But vitally I want to *live* like that. I want to be

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like Him. I want to be conformed to the image of Christ.

And yet...sometimes I find myself falling short.

Occasionally I find myself wondering *why* I have a certain desire or want. Why do I feel I need a certain something to satisfy me? If I'm ever mistreated or go unrecognized for an accomplishment, I have to ask myself, *Why do I feel bad about that? What's lacking in me?*

God said He would supply my needs, and even give me what I wanted. Yet, at times I find myself upset or bothered. Whenever I feel that way, I realize it comes back to this: I'm not yet complete in Him. In Him is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11). In Him, I don't lack anything (Philippians 4:19). In Him, there is no envy or desire for recognition (1 Corinthians 13).

When I study the words of Paul, it's clear to me that this is exactly where he was heading.

#### Running for the Prize

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:24, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." Despite his credentials, Paul was striving for a prize more important to him than his "perfect" credentials. He was heading to a place where he'd be full of joy, wanting nothing.

Now, often we confuse running for the prize in Christ with fulfilling the assignment He's given us. But those are not the same.

We each have an assignment, a course we must stay on.

Some people don't know that Charles Capps taught me how to fly an airplane. He taught me that when I'm on a course, I have to stay *on course*.

"If you get off 1 degree," he used to tell me, "in just a few miles you could be heading in the completely wrong direction."

If we get off course in our spiritual walk with the Lord for any length of time, it can be a disaster. We could wind up in the ditch and not even know how we got there.

When the Lord called Jeanne and me to found Agape Church in Little Rock, Ark., He told us everything He wanted us to do in our ministry. Then He said, *I want you to know that you were not My first choice.*

"Well, if You don't mind me asking, what number am I?" I asked.

*You're No. 7.*

"Seven? You mean You already asked

*six* other people to do what You've called us to do?"

*That's right, He said, and if you don't do it, I'll get someone else.*

God has a plan for each of us and an assignment for us to accomplish to fulfill His will in the earth. But the fulfilling of that assignment—no matter how grand or impactful—is *not* the prize.

The prize is not hearing, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The prize is not hearing, "Enter into the joy of the Lord."

The prize is not related to the size or scope of your ministry.

Full-time ministers sometimes have a hard time understanding this. Often, when I ask a pastor, "How are you doing?" he'll respond with an answer like, "Well, we had 44 people baptized last week," or "We're running 300 in our Sunday school." But that wasn't the question.

The prize is not what you think it is.

#### What Is the Prize?

So, what *is* the prize? What is the high calling of God in Christ Jesus that Paul was pressing toward?

The answer is revealed in Colossians 1:26-27: "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory" (emphasis mine).

That's the prize! Christ in you! Christ in me! Christ in each of us! Yes, when we obey the Lord, we'll get credit for fulfilling our assignments, but that's not the prize we should be going after.


The prize is Christ being formed in us!

As Acts 17:28 states, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being." This should be our No. 1 priority: to live and move and have our being *in Him*. Or as Paul put it in Philippians 1:21, "For me to live is Christ."

I want to be like Him. I want to look like Him. I want to talk like Him, and I want to act like Him. That's what I'm after. That's the prize. Christ being formed in me.

As the psalmist wrote, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness" (Psalm 17:15).

All else is fodder compared to gaining Christ.

How about you? Is that the prize you're focused on? 



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## UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES

by Gloria Copeland


"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries."  
1 Corinthians 14:2

#### What are mysteries?

Mysteries are things we don't know. Sometimes we don't know what the perfect will of God is for our lives. We don't know exactly what steps to take and what moves to make each day to fulfill the plan God has laid out for our lives. And no one in the world can tell us!

As 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit!"

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God has things that are so far better than what we've seen that we can't even figure them out. But if we'll pray in the spirit, we'll get beyond our natural knowledge and receive supernatural understanding. Spend time praying in the spirit every day. Tap into the mind of God. Receive wisdom from heaven. And unlock the mysteries of God's plan for your life! 

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**John Adams: Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Second President of the United States**

[I]t is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand.



**Fisher Ames: Framers of the First Amendment**

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**Benjamin Franklin: Signer of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence**

I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God

governs in the affairs of men.... We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe...that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages....

I...move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business....



**Benjamin Rush: Signer of the Declaration of Independence**

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## WE'RE LIVING

IN THE LAST OF THE LAST DAYS. JESUS IS COMING SOON, AND THE GREATEST SPIRITUAL OUTPOURING IN ALL OF HISTORY IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL. MORE SIGNS, WONDERS AND MIRACLES ARE GOING TO BE MANIFESTED IN OUR DAY THAN EVER BEFORE, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP BRING INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD THE GREATEST HARVEST OF SOULS THAT'S EVER BEEN REAPED IN ONE GENERATION.

Already, it's beginning to happen all around us. As anyone who's been paying attention can tell you, the last days' move of God is on!

For it to come to its fullness, though, something more must happen. The Church as a whole, and each one of us, as individual believers, must come up to a higher level of holiness.

For God's glory to flow through us to the max, we must cleanse our lives of anything that's contrary to His will, get our flesh under control, and go all out for God. We must drop everything that pulls us away from Him so that we're living

like 2 Timothy 2:21 commands: As "an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work" (*New International Version*-84).

God isn't going to bring His work to a climax in this age through half-baked believers who have one foot in the world and one foot in His kingdom. He's going to put on the front lines of His grand finale, Christians who are running their spiritual races full out. He's going to pour out His power through a Church that's rejected worldliness and sin and given itself 100%—spirit, soul and body—to Him.

That's the kind of Church Jesus intends for us to be in these last days. It's what He had in mind when He gave His life for us. According to Ephesians 5:25-27: "Christ... loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Those verses don't say Jesus gave Himself for the Church so that we could live pretty much like the rest of the world and then go to heaven when we die. They don't say He gave us His Word so that we could be *just old sinners saved by grace*. No, they say that Jesus gave Himself for us so that He can present us to Himself, a Church that is glorious, holy and without blemish.

"Well," someone might say, "that holiness business sounds like bondage to me. It sounds like legalism, and I'm into grace."

I'm into grace too! I love everything about it.

I love that grace causes God's unmerited favor to manifest in my life. I love that it's by grace we're saved through faith and not by our own works. I love that by God's grace, all His promises and BLESSINGS are mine in Christ Jesus.

But you know what else I love about



POINTS  
TO GET  
YOU  
THERE:

1

When you cleanse your life of everything that's contrary to God's will, His glory can flow through you.  
2 Tim. 2:21

2

God empowers you to reject ungodliness and live in holiness by His grace.  
Titus 2:11-12

3

The Holy Spirit will lead you to put to death your fleshly tendencies to sin.  
Rom. 8:13

4

You weren't born again to live like people in the world, you were created by God to live in holiness.  
2 Cor. 6:17

5

Laying aside worldly weights and sin enables you to run your spiritual race to win.  
1 Cor. 9:24

## 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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grace? I love that, as Titus 2 says: "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared...teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (verses 11-13).

I'm not sure we talk enough these days about that aspect of grace. But we should because all the aspects of grace work together. For the divine favor of God to operate in our lives, the grace of God that teaches us to deny ungodliness must also be in operation. For us to experience the grace that enables us to be BLESSED and a BLESSING, we must embrace the grace that empowers us to live in holiness as well.

### Nothing Scary About It

I realize the word *holiness* scares some believers, but it really shouldn't because for us there's nothing scary about it. It doesn't represent some impossibly high standard that we can't achieve. The word *holy* just means "separated to God, taken out from the rest of the world and set apart for Him." Holiness simply refers to conduct befitting that separation.

You were made holy when you were born again, so for you, living in holiness is normal. It's just walking out what God has already done in you. It's acting on the outside like who you are on the inside. It's taking dominion over your flesh, yielding to your inner man, and living in tune with the Holy Spirit.

Many believers don't realize this, but one of the Holy Spirit's primary missions is to lead us to "mortify" the sinful tendencies of our flesh and live holy lives. He constantly helps us to do that because He understands (even if we sometimes don't) how important it is. "For if ye live after the flesh," Romans 8:13-14 says, "ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

In your Christian life, every time you got into trouble by giving in to your

flesh, you had to override the leading of the Holy Spirit to do so. Every time you messed up and got into sin you had to ignore His still, small voice, because He was talking to you and telling you not to do it the whole time.

He wasn't just talking either. He was also making available to you the power you needed to do what He was saying. But for some reason, you didn't choose to use it. Either because of spiritual immaturity or because you just wanted to do things your own way, you chose instead to sin.

We've all done that at times, and because we're all still growing and maturing spiritually, we'll do it again from time to time. When we do, thank God, we can repent and receive the Lord's forgiveness. It's always there for us no matter what we've done.

Even so, we don't want to become flippant about it. We don't want to start thinking that sin is no big deal, or that we can persist in it willfully and there won't be any price to pay.

That's just not true.

Sin is a destroyer. The Bible says so, and I've seen it proven out time and again. I remember one ministry I visited many years ago. It was doing quite well at the time I was there, but during my visit I became concerned about it. Although I didn't see anything going on that was blatantly sinful, a casual attitude toward holiness had crept in among the leaders. They seemed to be taking on the spirit of the world.

After I got home, I realized those leaders didn't have anyone around them who could alert them to the problem. They'd surrounded themselves with paid staff who said only what they wanted to hear. It was a dangerous situation, as it would be for any of us, as believers.

We all need people around us who will speak truth into our lives. We all need Christian friends and mentors who love us enough to tell us when they see us slipping back in our relationship with the Lord. When everyone around us agrees with us, we can overestimate ourselves. We can become legends in our own minds and think that we're no



longer subject to the commands in the Bible. That we're so special we won't be negatively affected by sin.

Sadly, the leaders in this particular ministry fell into that mindset. Over time, they became involved in immoral behavior and the ministry was destroyed. When it all came to light, people were appalled. "How could such a well-known minister ever slip into such shocking sin?" they asked. "How does that kind of thing happen?"

It happens a little at a time. A little sin here, not repented of, leads to a little more sin there, not repented of. As the sins pile up, the heart gets hardened to them. It stops sounding the alarm, and the sinning believer keeps moving further and further away from the light and into the darkness.

No matter how far out into the darkness that believer gets, if he'll repent, God will receive him with open arms and help him get back on track again. And in the case of these dear Christian leaders, that's how the story ended. But the sobering truth is, it's not always that way.

Sometimes believers who willfully and persistently choose to sin get to the place where their hearts are so hardened, they no longer have any desire to repent. They could repent if they only would, but they don't want to.

Kenneth E. Hagin used to tell a story about a woman like that. She was a pastor's wife with a beautiful voice who'd spent years singing in church. One day the devil started whispering in her ear, telling her she was missing out on something better. "You're a beautiful woman," he said. "You could have anything you want. You could be a movie star. Your life is being totally wasted here."

For a while she resisted the devil's lies, but he kept coming back and talking to her—and eventually she started listening. She started thinking about what he was saying, and it took root in her mind. Eventually, she embraced it so completely that she left her husband and turned her back on the Lord. She rejected the pleas of the Holy Spirit and

# "THE WORD *HOLY* JUST MEANS 'SEPARATED TO GOD, TAKEN OUT FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD AND SET APART FOR HIM.'"



## Understanding Holiness

- 1** The devil is the author of sin, and when you yield to it, you open the door for him to bring destruction into your life.  
Rom. 6:23
- 2** God wants you to enjoy THE BLESSING of His abundant life so He has called you to separate yourself from sin and walk with Him.  
2 Cor. 6:17-18
- 3** In your spirit, God has already made you as holy as He is.  
1 Cor. 1:30
- 4** All you have to do to be holy is to cooperate with Him and give outward expression to who you really are on the inside.  
Heb. 12:1-2

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the other believers who tried to help her, committed herself to a life of sin, and never repented.

## Seek Those Things Which Are Above

Such stories are sad to hear. They're also relatively rare because sin is so foreign to our nature as believers. In our hearts, we really don't want to walk in darkness because we're literally born of the Light.

That doesn't mean, though, that we don't need to take the warnings in the New Testament seriously. If we're going to shine brightly in this sin-darkened world, when the devil tempts us to become a little more like it, we must remember that the Lord says in 2 Corinthians 6, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?... Come out from among them, and be ye separate...and touch not the unclean thing" (verses 14, 17).

*To separate* means "to disconnect," and that's what we must do to live a holy life in this unholy world. We must disconnect not just from the sinful behaviors it considers acceptable, but from its ungodly mindset. We must disconnect from sinful thoughts.

Don't buy the idea that you can fantasize in your mind about sin and it won't affect you physically. Don't think, *I'm just going to imagine what this would be like, but I'm not going to act on it.* You can't have an unclean mind and a clean body. If you think about something long enough, you'll do it.

So, don't even go there in your mind. The moment you catch unholy thoughts trying to get a hold on you, take authority over them and steer your mind in a different direction. Separate yourself from them and rise above them, like cream separates from milk and rises to the top.

"But Gloria, I'm not sure I can do that. Sometimes my flesh and the temptations of the devil are just too strong for me."

No, they're not!

You're a child of Almighty God. You're born of Him and indwelt by the

Holy Spirit. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

Unholy thoughts and fleshly lusts can't conquer you. You have Holiness Himself living inside you. You have God's holy Word to guide you, and an unlimited supply of His mighty grace to empower you to overcome. All you need to do is avail yourself of it and do what God says in the Bible:

"Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. [And] set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:1-2)

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.... And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:1-2)

"Lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Granted, doing those things takes effort and commitment. But the rewards will be worth it—especially in this day and hour.

This is the time of God's grand finale. The greatest move of God this world has ever seen is starting to take place. Jesus is about to present to Himself "a glorious church,...holy and without blemish," and you have the opportunity to be part of it.

Don't slough off and waste that wonderful opportunity. Give yourself to God 100%—spirit, soul and body. Drop everything that pulls you away from Him and head toward the finish line of this age, as if how you cross it will matter for eternity, because it will.

As the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:24, "Those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize[.] Run in such a way that you may obtain it" (*New King James Version*). By the power of God's grace, run your race to win! 🏆

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# Twinning & Winning



***This is my gift to You, Jesus. I give You ME! My life, my thoughts, 24/7, every beat of my heart, my skill, my talent, my good and my bad, my strengths and my weaknesses, I give to You now. My gift will be just as daily as Yours is, Jesus. If I begin to hold anything back from You, please show me and I will give it back.***

This is our Superkid Prayer for 2019! When we began this year giving Jesus our all, I didn't realize how much it would change me! The more I give myself to Him, the more I SEE Him. The more I see Him, the more I know Him. Superkid, I would love to know how He is showing Himself to you. So, write me a letter! Jesus is doing such GOOD things in us all!

Have you noticed that you have begun to trust Him more? If you started this gift-giving with me in January, you gave Him YOU—your life, your thoughts, your 24/7, every beat of your heart, your skill and your talent. When you give these to Jesus, you receive HIM—HIS life, HIS thoughts, HIS 24/7, every beat of HIS heart, HIS skill and HIS talent! Just stop and think about that for a minute. Let the truth of it sink into your heart. This is why He came—His life for yours. Now, as you trade YOUR life for HIS, you will begin to know His love for you in a real way. It's a good time to go back and reread the messages I have written to you since January (if you can't find the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazines, you can find all the Commander Kellie's Corner messages at [kcm.org](http://kcm.org)). Tear or print the messages out and keep them in your Bible or notebook this year.

## **Superkid, I know this is a turning point for you.**

This is a new season in your life. It doesn't matter how old you are or where you live or how good or bad your life is now. Jesus is calling you to a deeper place in Him. To go deeper we have to come closer to Him. Does come close mean to become perfect, so you are good enough to get near Jesus? NO! He has already made the first move and He chose to come close to us first! Now, it's our turn to respond. Over and over in His Word we see the invitation to come to Him.

When He wanted Peter, Andrew, James, John and others to be with Him, what did He say? "Come, follow me." What did He say to Matthew? Let's see what Matthew writes about himself in Matthew 9:9, *The Passion Translation*: "As Jesus left Capernaum he came upon a tax-collecting station, where a traitorous Jew was busy at his work, collecting taxes for the Romans. His name was Matthew."

A traitorous tax collector? Surely, Jesus will tell him to go repent first and to come find Him when he is perfect enough to follow the Son of God. NO! That's not Jesus at all! "Come, follow me," Jesus said to him."

So what did Matthew do? "Immediately Matthew jumped up and began to follow Jesus."

Look back at how Peter and Andrew responded in Matthew 4:20: "Immediately they dropped their nets and left everything behind to follow Jesus."

What did James and John do? "And at once



they left their boat and their father, and began to follow Jesus" (verse 22).

Once they came in close, Jesus began to teach them how to live differently. The Bible doesn't say that the disciples became perfect overnight. They made lots of mistakes! Jesus didn't get angry with them. He was honest with them as He corrected them. He was patient with them when they missed the mark. They watched Him heal people. As they walked with Him, they learned what real love looked like. Jesus did more than teach them, He became The Faithful Friend. These friends of Jesus learned that being a leader meant being a servant because they EXPERIENCED Jesus being a servant. As He walked with them, He SHOWED them how to be like Him.

## **This is how He wants to walk with us.**

He doesn't expect us to perfect ourselves and then come to Him! He just calls us to come closer. When you accepted the invitation to give yourself to Him you began that walk with Him, but it doesn't end there.

The more you give Him your attention, the deeper into Him you will go! Even though our gift to Jesus this year has been purposely, one area of our lives at a time, just like the disciples, we are dropping other ways of living. We are living for Jesus every day and in every way. As we do, He is walking with us and showing us how to live our lives empowered by His Spirit and filled with His love.

We are truly seeing Him live in front of us as we keep our eyes on Him. As 2019 goes on, our Superkid Prayer will take us so DEEP into Jesus that we look just like Him! Know what that means?

**WE'RE TWINNING AND WINNING!**

Stay Tuned!  
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