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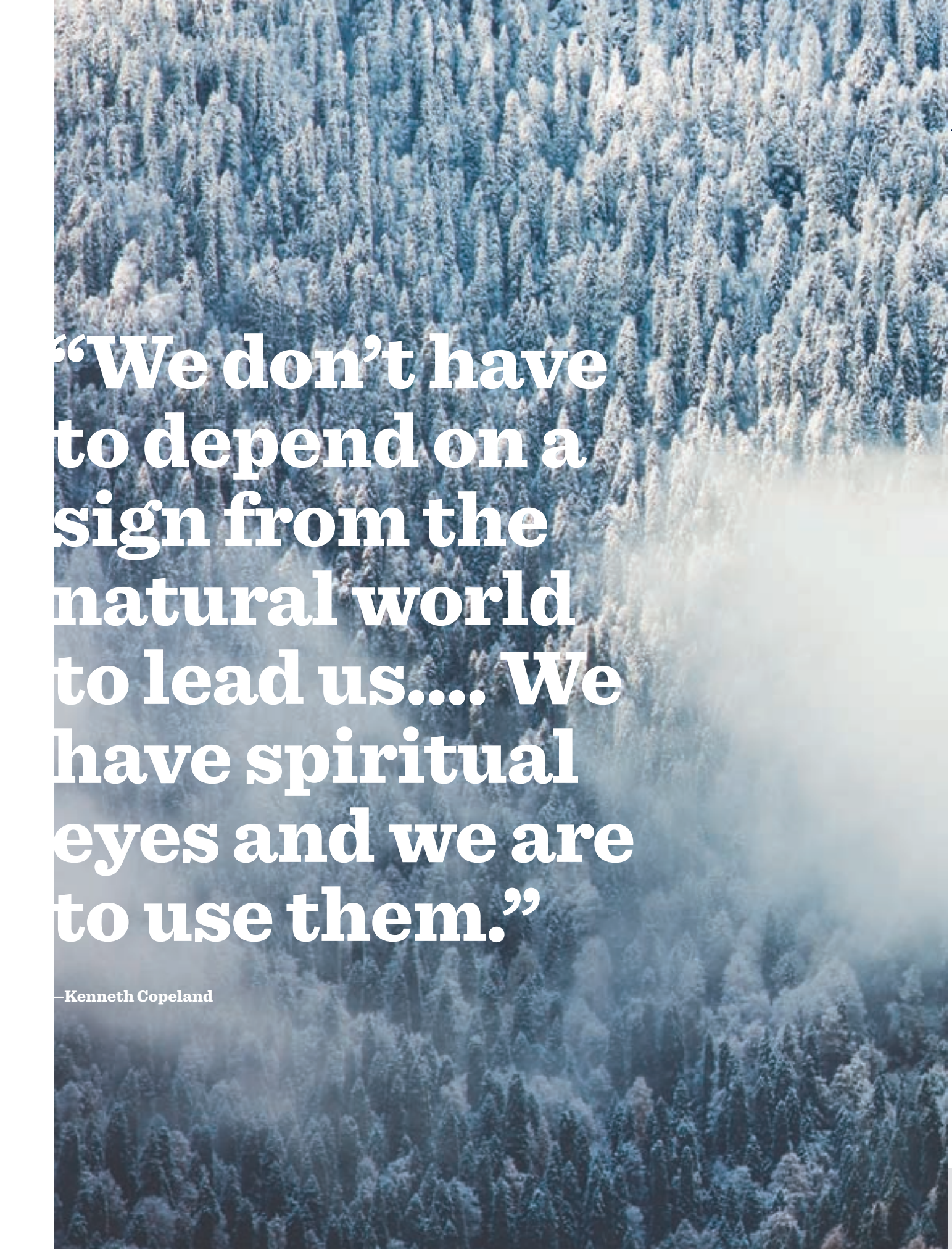
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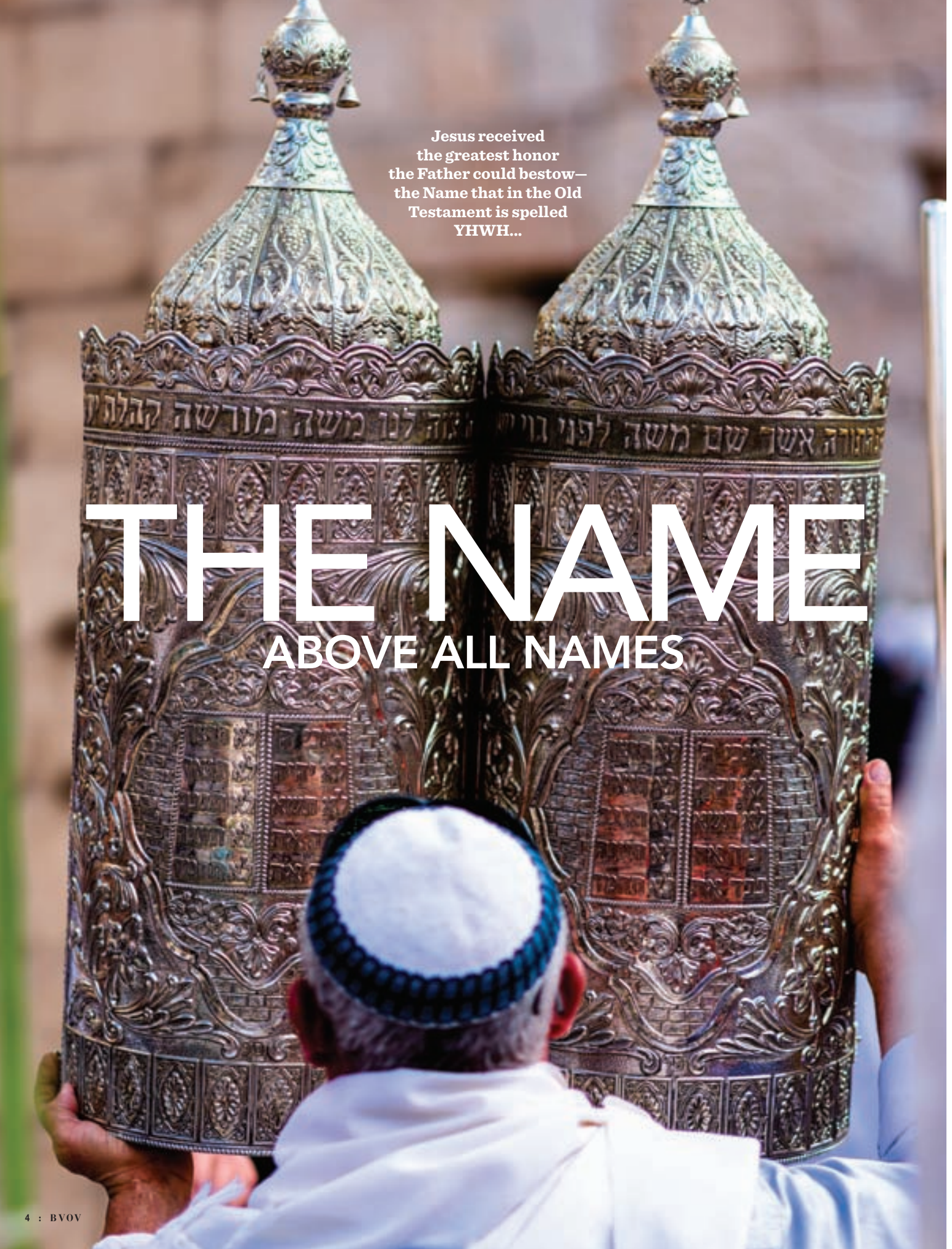


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THE NAME

ABOVE ALL NAMES

by *Kenneth
Copeland*

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE FIRST TIME I SAW CANCER BOW ITS KNEE TO THE MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS. IT WAS IN 1967, IN THE INVALID TENT AT ONE OF BROTHER ORAL ROBERTS' HEALING MEETINGS.

I hadn't expected to be in the tent that day. Green as a gourd when it came to ministry, as a recent addition to Brother Roberts' flight team I'd just expected to be his transportation. But instead I'd found myself ministering to the sickest group of people I'd ever seen.

Initially, I had simply been told to stir up their faith.

I was just supposed to recap the healing message Brother Roberts had preached in the main service, and then he would come in and pray for them.

When Brother Roberts showed up, however, he informed me I'd be the one doing the praying and laying on of hands. Then, seeing all the color drain out of my face, he assured me he'd be right there to correct me if I messed up.

The first person we ministered to was an emaciated-looking woman who was lying on a little canvas army cot. So weak she couldn't even sit up without her nurse's help,

she'd been so eaten up with stomach cancer she was just skin and bones, except for her tummy which pooched out with a tumor so big it made her look pregnant.

I knew Brother Roberts taught that when ministering healing it's important to establish a point of contact when releasing faith, and since I'd been studying about the power of the Name of Jesus I used that as my point of contact. I reached out and as I laid my hand on the woman I began to say, "In the Name of Je—"

Before I could finish, Brother Roberts' voice boomed out from behind me. "IN THE NAME OF JESUS," he roared, "whose I am and whom I serve: You foul, unclean spirit, come out and take your hands off God's property!"

Instantly, the woman blew that tumor out on the floor. She jumped up off the cot and screamed, "I'm healed!" and took off running around the room. Her nurse went chasing after her, afraid that any second she might

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die, and I just stood there big-eyed, marveling at the power of Jesus' Name.

Not too long afterward, in another one of Brother Roberts' meetings, I saw the same kind of thing happen again. That time, though, I didn't have Brother Roberts standing behind me. Because so many sick people had come for prayer, I was praying for a line of them by myself.

One woman I prayed for had a monstrous-looking malignant cancer on her face. Bluish in color and twisted throughout with bulging purple veins, it covered her eye and had grown all the way up into her hairline. The moment I put my hand on it and said, "In the Name of Jesus," it just vanished!

Everyone around saw it happen, and the collective gasp practically sucked all the air out of the room. My mother, who'd been standing behind me as I prayed, said, "Where did it go?"

I didn't know.

I did know though what had happened to it. That cursed thing had been destroyed by the all-powerful Name of Jesus. It had dematerialized at the sound of His Name because, as Philippians 2:9-11 says: "God...hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Jesus and His Name Are One

"But Brother Copeland, you and Brother Roberts are both called to the fivefold ministry. The Name of Jesus works miracles for you because you're specially anointed."

No, Jesus' Name works miracles for us because *He's* anointed, and His Anointing is in His Name. Jesus' Name, spoken in faith by any believer, can do anything He can do because He and His Name are one!

Peter and John proved this in Acts 3

when the lame man was healed at the Temple gate. You remember how that happened. As they were passing by, the lame man asked for alms and looked to them, expecting to receive something.

“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God” (verses 6-8).

When the people in the Temple saw the man had been healed, they were astonished. They knew he’d been lame from birth and that this was a notable miracle. Realizing it had been done at the hands of Peter and John, everyone crowded around them and started treating them like spiritual supermen. But Peter stopped them.

Rather than going along with the idea that the miracle had happened because he and John were apostles and therefore anointed with special power, he said just the opposite.

“He answered unto the people... Why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus...whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all” (verses 12-13, 15-16).

Faith in the Name of Jesus is what caused the lame man to jump up and walk! Peter didn’t even pray for that man. He just released faith in Jesus’ Name, and that Name did exactly what Jesus Himself did in those kinds of situations.

In Acts 4, we see another confirmation of this. We see that after the Jewish

leaders commanded Peter and John not to say anything more in Jesus’ Name, the whole company of believers got together and prayed: “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus” (verses 29-30).

Notice that doesn’t say that signs and wonders may be done “in” the Name of Jesus. It says that signs and wonders may be done “by” the Name of Jesus.

How can His Name work miracles?

The same way He Himself worked miracles during His earthly ministry. He didn’t do them by His own power. As He said in John 14:10, “...the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.” That statement is still true today. Jesus isn’t physically on earth anymore but His Name is, so the power of the Father that dwells within does the works through that Name.

There’s a whole lot more to Jesus’ Name than most of us have understood!

Proverbs 18:10 says, “The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous



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**WE USE HIS NAME WITHOUT
RELEASING ANY FAITH.”**



There is nothing in heaven, on earth or in hell that can stand against the power of the Name of Jesus.
Phil. 2:10-11

Jesus inherited that Name and won it by conquest when He defeated the devil through His death and resurrection.
Heb. 1:3-4

You inherited that Name when you received Jesus as your LORD.
Eph. 3:14-15

As a believer, you have the right to use Jesus’ Name boldly, as your very own.
Phil. 2:5

runneth into it, and is safe.” Jesus said to the Father before He went to the cross, “While I was with [my disciples] in the world, I kept them in thy name” (John 17:12), or in other words, “I kept them safe in the strong tower of God by the mighty power that is present in His Name.”

“But Brother Copeland, those verses are referring to the Name of the Father,” you might say. “They’re not talking about the Name of Jesus.”

They’re talking about both, because when Jesus was raised from the dead, the Father bestowed on Him His own Almighty Name. The Name that, in the Old Testament, was revealed to Moses when God talked to him out of the burning bush. The Name God told Moses to give the Israelites when they asked him to tell them who had sent him to be their deliverer: “I AM THAT I AM: and [God] said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.... This is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations” (Exodus 3:14-15).

The Power That Split Hell Wide Open

In the Hebrew language, the Name God used in those verses is spelled YHWH. It has no vowels in it, so no one in our day knows how to pronounce it. Originally, the Jewish people knew, but over time they became too awesomely afraid of that Name to say it.

The scribes would write it when copying the Scriptures (although they would go and bathe, even before writing it). But there was so much power in it, they were concerned that if they said it in vain it would kill them. So, when they spoke of it they just said, “The Name,” and eventually the pronunciation of YHWH was lost.

Maybe their attitude was extreme. But we, as believers today, can’t criticize it because we’ve gone to the other extreme. We tend to say “in the Name of Jesus” a lot, but we say it shallowly, without much thought or reverence.

“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:4-5



**WORDS
ON FAITH**

Don't Think Like the World

If you think like the world thinks, eventually you will act like the world acts. Unrestrained thoughts produce unrestrained actions. So control your thoughts by bringing them into obedience to the Scriptures.

Program your mind with The WORD of God. The WORD is spirit and it is life. When your mind is totally saturated with The WORD of God, your will becomes strong to exercise authority to overcome every ungodly thought and evil habit.

Don't let satan deceive you into sacrificing the glory of God in your life for a few moments of self-indulgence and sin. Restrain your thought life. Meditate The WORD instead of selfish, carnal thoughts. Keep your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith.

by Kenneth Copeland

We use His Name without releasing any faith.

How do we change that?

We renew our minds with what the Bible says about it. We study and meditate on what the Scriptures say about the great power of that Name and let The LORD reveal to us the mighty things it can do.

He is eager to talk about it! I can tell you that from experience. I remember one time, for example, I was studying along these lines and He said, *Kenneth, in your opinion, what is the largest, most powerful expression of the power and glory that's in My Name?*

“That’s simple,” I replied. “It was the power that was released when you created the heavens and the earth.”

No, He said, *that was easy. At Creation, no one was arrayed against Me. All I had to do was just speak. But when I raised Jesus out of hell, everyone was arrayed against Me. All of hell and even My own people were against Me.*

What’s more, when Jesus went into hell as our substitute, no one had ever gotten out of there before. The devil had a right to rule there, and up to that point his rule had gone unchallenged. Yet Jesus went there anyway. He did what the Father sent Him there to do, and when His work was complete He used His massive faith to call on God’s Name, and the power of that Name split hell wide open.

It flashed into that place like a lightning bolt out of heaven, re-created Jesus’ emaciated spirit, and brought Him up out of there as the first born-again man. It resurrected His body and, as Hebrews 1 says: “When he had by himself purged our sins, [He] sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high...[having] by inheritance obtained a more excellent name” (verses 3-4).

Talk about a mighty inheritance! When Jesus completed the work of Redemption, He inherited the excellent Name of the Most High God Himself. He received the greatest honor the Father could bestow—the Name that in

the Old Testament is spelled YHWH, the Name above all names.

Unlike those of us who, as believers, received that Name as an unmerited gift of God's mercy, Jesus earned that honor. He won that Name by conquest! He defeated the devil at every turn during His life on earth and conquered him on Calvary by offering Himself up to death as the Perfect Sacrifice. Then, "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, [He] took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:14-15).

Just think about all Jesus had to do to win His Father's Name! He suffered beyond anything any other human being has ever suffered or will ever suffer again. He took on Himself the world's sin and bore all humanity's sicknesses, sorrows, poverty and pain. He went through more than we can imagine, and passed all the tests. And once He'd paid the full price for man's Redemption, He forced satan to bow his knee and took the keys of death and hell away from him. Then He came up out of that place alive, in the image of the Father.

Now He's your LORD!

You're named after Him!

He says to you what He said to the disciples in Matthew 28:18-19, "All authority has been given unto me, both in heaven and in earth. Therefore, you go into all the earth and take My Name!"

Do you know what satan hears when you say that Name?

He hears the Name that stripped him of his power and left him with nothing. He hears the Name that invaded hell 2,000 years ago and whipped him once and for all.

So, start putting pressure on him in that Name! Develop your faith in it, and as Philippians 2:5, 9 says: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.... God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name"! ⑦



by Jesse Duplantis

ADVANCE!

During a recent conversation I had with the Lord, I said, "Lord, what would You have me to do this year?"

The Lord replied with a question. *If you could define Christianity in one word, what would it be?*

I stood up and began pacing.

I thought a good answer might be "healing," or "the Holy Ghost" or "salvation." But the Lord beat me to it.

Advancement, He said. *I love babies, but I expect them to grow up.*

Then He added, *The whole armor of God is for your front. There's nothing for your back because you never turn around and you always go forward.*

That reminded me of Jesus' last words: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). That's advancement!

THERE ARE 7 BILLION PEOPLE ON PLANET EARTH, AND WITH TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO REACH THEM ALL. IF WE WANT IT TO HAPPEN IN OUR LIFETIME, WE HAVE TO ADVANCE.

What would God have me do this year? The answer was clear: *Advance.*

Advance in What Really Matters

The goal of Christianity is to advance. Word of Faith people get this. We believe for things we can't see. We have a deep desire to move forward in life, in ministry and in the Word. The key is that we must advance in things that really matter.

I'll never forget when I heard the Lord say to me one day, *Jesse, make Me wealthy.*

It nearly stopped me in my tracks. I said, "Uh...God? It looks like You're doing pretty well. I mean, You *own* the universe. You've got gold streets and



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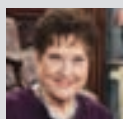
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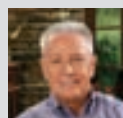
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no shortage of diamonds, jasper, onyx or rubies.”

I don't count My wealth that way, Jesse, He replied. I count My wealth by the number of souls I possess. I told you to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature. That's how I create My wealth: Through people.

If you and I want to advance—really advance—it means reaching the world around us. Remember, the only Jesus many people will ever see is the Jesus in you and me. We are each a representative of who Christ is and must reflect Him in all we do.

Advance With the Holy Spirit

To advance and be a reflection of His love, we don't need help from anyone but the Holy Ghost.

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit is our Helper. We should be following Him and stepping in His footsteps.

In Philippians 3:13, the Apostle Paul specifically says how he relied on the Holy Ghost: “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.”

That's very revealing. Paul advanced in his life through doing those two things: forgetting the past and reaching toward the future. Sadly, most believers never do either.

He continues, “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect [or mature], be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you” (verses 14-15). In other words, the Holy Spirit isn't going to leave us in the dark. We will know *what* to do, *when* to do it, *where* to do it, and *how* to do it—no matter what happens—when we're following the Holy Ghost.

We should never say we can't do something! We have to believe the unbelievable. We have to receive the impossible. Why? Because in Christ, it's all doable. All we've got to do is get in line and start advancing.

Advance for the Future

Advancement isn't about the here and now. It's about the future. We advance into the future. As Paul said, we're “reaching forth.” So, as a believer, the first thing you need to do is create *with your mouth* an

atmosphere, or a channel, through which you advance toward the future.

What do you believe about your future? What do you believe about your advancement? What are you willing to do? What are you willing to receive?

Your future is at stake, so don't hang around people who want to drag you down or undermine your faith with words of doubt. You know better. Commit to speak God's Word and pray God's Word. That is what Paul meant when he said, “I press toward the mark.” You advance when your faith is activated. Advancement brings revelation, revelation brings inspiration, and inspiration produces manifestation.

Most people's faith is dormant, and that's why they're stuck in place. You have to agree with the Word, even the parts you may not like, such as “Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you” (Luke 6:28). No one *wants* to do that. But if you want your faith activated—if you want to advance—that's exactly what you'll do.

Advance Through Tough Times

Of course, advancement isn't always easy.

We all face times when we don't know what to do. There are times we don't know how to advance. That's not the time to seek out other people's opinions, to try and get a “word” from someone. Instead, that's when you must pull on the power that's within. Instead of seeking a “word,” go to *the* Word. Then, when someone gives you a word, what you'll hear is simply confirmation that you're on the right path. No matter what life throws at you, the God inside of you will not crack or break.

There came a point when I realized I could only go as far as my own intelligence and talent could take me. Then I got saved and realized I could go as far as God goes! If you're going through tough times, it may sound like an old Texas cliché, but it's true: *Tough times don't last; tough people do.* Stand on your foundation, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

Advance With Vision

When you understand that the goal of Christianity is to advance, something happens. When you advance, a quickening power of vision comes upon you—as well as the energy to act on it.

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something you can't do. He's broadening your vision. Before you know it, you'll be able to advance inwardly, outwardly and upwardly.

Advance Inwardly

You must advance inwardly. You must recognize the presence of God in you. I'll never forget the first time—35 years ago—when I heard Kenneth Copeland say, “God loves me as much as He loves Jesus.”

I thought, *No way that's true*. But of course, it was. Brother Copeland had advanced inwardly. I hadn't. I still had to receive the revelation, inspiration and manifestation to understand that God loved me that much.

Advancing inwardly means you recognize the presence of God in you.

Sometimes when I'm out having a meal with someone, they may say to me, “Jesse, you're a great tipper.” I reply, “I am because I have Christ in me, the hope of glory...and He's not broke!”

Sometimes my tips are bigger than the cost of the meal. I just like being a blessing. And so many times that opens the door for me to be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Prosperity does that. To the person receiving, it's a money thing. But to me, it's a God thing. Money is just one small facet of prosperity, and you recognize revelation like that when you advance inwardly.

Advance Outwardly

You must also advance outwardly, because people notice you from the outside. But you can't advance outwardly if you're carrying excess baggage.

Hebrews 12:1 says, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us 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.” You can't

advance if you're carrying weights and sin. You must lay those things aside so when others see you, they see your advancement.

There have been so many times when I've been believing for something for my ministry and the devil has tried to mess with me. Suddenly, out of the blue, someone from the bank will call and say, “Reverend, we know your finances. It's in the bank. Go buy the plane. We know you can handle the note.” But again, 35 years ago, Brother Copeland preached something to me that hit me like a ton of bricks. He preached Romans 13:8: “Owe no man any thing, but to love one another.”

Ever since I heard that, everything I've ever done has been cash—my car, my home, everything. I won't carry any weight, like debt, because I want to advance outwardly, and people take notice.

Advance Upwardly

Finally, you must advance upwardly. Colossians 3:1-2 says, “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

“Things above” are things that are of supreme importance to God. When you preach, you don't preach for money; you preach because your affection is set on things above. The only two places where money isn't used is in heaven and on “Star Trek,” and we should want His will done on earth as it is in heaven. When we do, we're advancing upwardly.

What is God saying to you for 2019? What would He have you do this year? I believe it's His will for you to advance in every way possible. Inwardly, outwardly and upwardly, this is your year to be a reflection of Jesus and set your future in motion. He's with you. Now, Christian soldier, *advance!* 🙏

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Jim & Jennifer Reynolds



by Melanie Hemry

Proof of Life

Jennifer Reynolds packed a box of camping supplies and added it to her stack. Tonight she and her husband, Jim, were going with friends for one last camping trip in Colorado before moving to Island Park, Idaho. Jim had worked for years as a flooring contractor, supplementing his income with remodeling jobs. However, on a recent trip to Island Park, near Yellowstone, he'd been offered his dream job: a fly-fishing guide.

Jennifer knew that doing what he loved wouldn't feel like work for Jim. She was so happy for him she could have danced.

Two days earlier, Jim had bought a used dirt bike he'd found on Craigslist. It would be perfect for the terrain in Idaho. She slipped outside into the chilly Colorado night air as Jim started the bike.

"I'm going to take it for a spin around the block," Jim said with a grin that crinkled the laugh lines around his eyes. "You want to go?"

"I'm cold," Jennifer said, hugging herself. "I'm going to change into some sweats and finish packing."

Inside, Jennifer pulled on a warm sweatshirt while pondering the new life that awaited them in Idaho. She was on the phone with her grandmother for a few minutes when she glanced at the clock. Jim had left at 9 p.m. Where was he? A buzz of alarm washed over her.

Jennifer walked outside, listening for the sound of a motorcycle.

Nothing.

She noticed her neighbor had pulled out of her driveway and gotten out of the car. She was staring at something in her headlights. Jennifer walked over to investigate. What she saw made

her heart stutter.

It was Jim, unmoving on the cement. His arms were splayed out to each side as though he'd been crucified. His right cheek rested on the cement. Something like chocolate pudding ran out of his nose. Only it wasn't pudding—it was blood.

Jennifer dropped to her knees and rested a gentle hand on Jim's back. He didn't blink. He didn't move. Moments later, a policeman dragged her away.

"Officer!" Jennifer said, "This is my husband. I understand that this is a dangerous situation, but we're people of faith. Let me just touch his back and pray. As soon as the medics arrive, I'll step out of the way."

He nodded his agreement.

Soon, medics swept Jim into an ambulance and rushed him to Swedish Medical Center.

He died on the way.

Dealing With Death

"Your husband's heart flatlined on the way here," an emergency room doctor explained to Jennifer. "They resuscitated him, and he's on life support now. But he's not going to make it."

Continuing with his grim report, the doctor said Jim had suffered a traumatic brain injury. He

"As Jim began to emerge from the coma, it became clear that he didn't know who he was."

—Jennifer



“THREE WEEKS AFTER THE PAIN LEFT, I RAN A 5K RACE WITH JESSE. SINCE THEN WE’VE RUN ANOTHER 5K AND A 10K RACE. I COACH HIS SOCCER TEAM, AND I’M BACK AT WORK DOING CONSTRUCTION.” —Jim

had a subdural hematoma and brain shearing. His face was crushed, his right eye had popped out of its socket and was hanging by the optic nerve.

Jennifer stood next to her husband’s bed in the critical care unit. He didn’t look anything like himself. He didn’t look like he could live. But in those moments before the medics arrived, Jennifer had prayed, “Father, only You know what’s wrong with him. I have faith that You’ll heal him.”

Inside, she’d heard a whisper.

He’ll be fine.

The moment she heard those words, Jennifer felt flooded by a waterfall of peace.

“My mother and birth father met when they were young,” Jennifer said. “My father moved to Alaska before Mom knew she was pregnant. A few years later, my mother married a godly man who adopted me. He was a pastor, and I was raised in a good home. My parents were Partners with Kenneth Copeland Ministries, and we attended their meetings when they were held in Denver. We listened to teaching series from Kenneth and Gloria Copeland all the time at home. When I got older, Dad made me write reports about what I’d learned. I became very good at writing reports, but I resented it.

“When I became a teenager, the enemy convinced me that I wasn’t loved. I believed that my birth father rejected me and didn’t love me, and that my adoptive dad didn’t love me. I rebelled and walked away from the Lord, and started smoking marijuana.

Dealing With the Devil

“In December 1990, Jim and I met on a blind date. He hadn’t been raised in a Christian home. His father had been a violent alcoholic, and he didn’t know anything about God. Jim introduced me to cocaine, and later we both used LSD.

“On Jan. 29, 1993, we hallucinated on LSD. Long after the drugs had worn off, we sat down to watch a comedy. A green presence came out of the TV and filled the room. This wasn’t a hallucination—both of us experienced the same thing. An evil presence enveloped the room. It got stronger and stronger until we heard

screams and smelled something awful. We both believed that we were on the precipice of hell—and about to die.

“Around 4 a.m., I called Mom and told her what was happening. She told us to get on our knees and repent to God, ask Him to forgive us, and ask Jesus into our hearts to save us. When we knelt and started praying, the blinds on the windows flew up toward the ceiling. The green presence flew out the window, the blinds went back down, and a bright, white light filled our home. The putrid odor was replaced by a wonderful fragrance. We heard glorious music from heaven. We both felt washed clean and flooded with God’s blessings.”

Now, as Jennifer sat listening to the moan of the respirator that forced air into Jim’s lungs, she realized that when Jim died, faith rose in her from all the teaching series she’d heard.

Despite all odds, faith in God was keeping Jim alive.

Somehow, Jim lived through that long night.

The next day, his doctors explained to Jennifer that if he did survive, he would have to be spoon-fed, like a baby, for the rest of his life. He had suffered a severe brain bleed in the left frontal lobe. A facial surgeon found he had more than 100 fractures in his face. If he lived long enough to have facial reconstruction surgery, he would need a tracheostomy. The surgery couldn’t be performed while he was intubated.

The Face Peel

Days later, Jim was scheduled for that surgery. Jennifer prayed, “Lord, I ask You to guide the surgeon’s hands as if You were doing the surgery. I ask that his face be restored to perfection.”

The surgeon expected the surgery to take five hours. Nine hours later, he walked out of the surgery suite.

“I wasn’t planning on doing this,” he explained, “but something told me that I’d better do a peel down of his face. I cut from one ear to the other and from the bottom of the right ear on the right side and around the jawline. Then, I peeled down his face. When I did, I found bone fragments on his brain that would have killed him in a week or two. I put at least

30 titanium plates in his face. This is the most incredible surgery I’ve ever done.”

Even though the facial reconstruction went well, the rest of Jim’s doctors were still dismal about his chances of survival. Staples ran around his head like railroad tracks. His swollen face was black and blue.

Jennifer played Christian music nonstop, asking the nurses to keep it going when she went home to shower. While the music played, Jim’s vital signs were stable. When the nurses turned the music off, things went downhill.

In the months leading up to the accident, Jennifer had sought God with diligence. She had pored over back issues of the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* magazine. She’d watched Christian television programs, including KCM’s *Believer’s Voice of Victory* TV broadcast. During the week of Mother’s Day, she was watching a broadcast when Kellie Copeland said something that not only changed Jennifer’s life, but prepared her for the fiery trial she now faced.

“Listen,” Kellie said, “you need to go before the Lord in faith. Not crying and in fear. Go in faith, fully expecting an answer. Say, ‘Lord, what are You going to do about this?’ You’ll get an answer.”

Assessing the Damage

Kellie’s words were still alive in Jennifer. Not only would she not give in to tears, she refused to let negative, weepy people in the room. One day, however, the whole barrage of death-filled warnings became too much for her. Feeling alone, Jennifer hid in her car and wept. Afterward she called her mother.

“Jennifer, you need to listen to the voice of Truth,” her mother said. “Medical facts are just facts. God’s Word is Truth. Are you going to be like the 10 spies, or are you going to be like Caleb and Joshua?”

Jennifer climbed out of the car, ready to take her promised land.

From the night Jim had arrived at the hospital, Jennifer had refused to believe that he would die. Now that it was clear he would live, the physicians believed that he was brain-dead. Things reached a climax when a neurologist spent a good deal of time determining Jim’s

neurological condition.

“Jim, can you squeeze my hand?”

Nothing.

“Hey Buddy, can you move this finger?”

Nothing.

“Can you wiggle a toe?”

Nothing.

At last, the doctor turned to write in Jim’s medical record.

“I’m sorry, but he’s not in there,” he told Jennifer.

Exasperated, Jennifer walked to the bed.

FEB		READ THROUGH THE BIBLE	
		Old Testament	New Testament
Fri	1	Ex. 23-24	Matt. 24
Sat	2	Ex. 25-27	
Sun	3	Ps. 18; Prov. 3:19-35	
Mon	4	Ex. 28	Matt. 25
Tue	5	Ex. 29	Matt. 26
Wed	6	Ex. 30-32	Matt. 27
Thu	7	Ex. 33-34	Matt. 28
Fri	8	Ex. 35-37	Mark 1
Sat	9	Ex. 38-40	
Sun	10	Ps. 19-21; Prov. 4:1-19	
Mon	11	Lev. 1-4	Mark 2
Tue	12	Lev. 5-7	Mark 3
Wed	13	Lev. 8-9	Mark 4
Thu	14	Lev. 10-12	Mark 5
Fri	15	Lev. 13	Mark 6
Sat	16	Lev. 14	
Sun	17	Ps. 22-24; Prov. 4:20-5:14	
Mon	18	Lev. 15-16	Mark 7
Tue	19	Lev. 17-18	Mark 8
Wed	20	Lev. 19-20	Mark 9
Thu	21	Lev. 21-22	Mark 10
Fri	22	Lev. 23-24	Mark 11
Sat	23	Lev. 25	
Sun	24	Ps. 25-27; Prov. 5:15-23	
Mon	25	Lev. 26-27	Mark 12
Tue	26	Num. 1	Mark 13
Wed	27	Num. 2	Mark 14
Thu	28	Num. 3	Mark 15

"Jim, they don't believe me that you're in there. Will you please show them?"

Without a moment's hesitation, Jim sat up in bed and stuck out his tongue.

The astounded doctor stared with his mouth open.

"Well...he's definitely in there."

Like a Child

"As Jim began to emerge from the coma, it became clear that he didn't know who he was," Jennifer explained. "I put pictures of him fishing and doing things he loved on the walls. I had a whole page of scriptures I prayed over him. My favorite was Psalm 118:17. I said, 'Jim, you will live and not die, and declare the works of the Lord.'"

"He regained memories as a baby and then as a toddler, progressing in age as he improved. The toddler stage was the hardest. He'd pull out his feeding tube and try to drink from it. When the staples were removed from his head, he tried to eat them."

One day Jim kept asking for his cleats.

"Jim," Jennifer asked, "how old are you?"

"I'm 11 years old."

"Jim, do you recognize me?"

He looked sheepish when he shook his head no.

"But I know I love you," he admitted.

"My name is Jennifer, and I'm your wife. You were in an accident and bumped your head. You have a big bruise on your brain."

Jim had been in the hospital for a month when the police released the results of their investigation into the accident. The dirt bike had malfunctioned. It throttled itself, going faster and faster without Jim increasing the speed. It wouldn't slow down, and it wouldn't stop. They discovered that Jim had even turned the engine off. Instead of stopping, the bike revved up to 100 miles an hour before hitting a curb and face-planting Jim onto the cement.

On July 22, Jennifer and Jim were watching Perry Stone when a nurse came into the room. Perry looked at the camera and said, "There's a woman out there who has longed for many years to have a child. You'll conceive that child."

"A cold wind just blew over me," the nurse said. "That word was for you. You'll conceive in September."

Miracle After Miracle

The truth was that Jennifer had longed for a child—ached for a child—for years. She and Jim had been together for 17 years, but he hadn't agreed to have children. She laughed at the idea. For now, Jim was the only child she could handle.

"I went home to shower one day and called KCM for prayer," Jennifer recalls. "I reached a recording of Kenneth Copeland. He said, 'I'm going to pray for you right now. You release your faith with me and it will come to pass.' As he prayed, I released my faith for Jim to regain full consciousness. The anointing was so strong that I felt the Holy Spirit fill me."

"By Aug. 3, Jim was fully alert. He knew who he was and where he was. When I told him it was August, he was shocked. 'I missed the Fourth of July?' he asked."

Jim was about to be released from the hospital and sent to a rehab hospital that specialized in traumatic brain injuries.



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For days, he begged Jennifer to take him home.

"Jen," he said, "I've got a lot of obstacles to overcome, but you and I both know I like obstacles and I can get 'er done."

On Aug. 6, they left the hospital against medical advice.

"Once we got home, everything came crashing down," Jennifer admits. "This was during the economic crash of 2007 and no one was buying homes. Our house hadn't sold and people weren't even looking. We had piles of unpaid bills and no income. I couldn't work because Jim required constant care."

"I developed severe heartburn trying to deal with everything. When I told my mother about it, she said, 'Jen, could you be pregnant?' The moment she said that, I remembered the word that came through Perry Stone and that nurse. It was September!"

Double for the Trouble

Twelve years earlier, Jim had had a vivid dream where he saw a little boy.

"Who are you?" Jim asked.

"Dad, it's me! Jesse James! I'm your son!"

Jennifer rested her palm on her flat belly and whispered, "Hello, Jesse."

"I was pregnant with a boy," Jennifer says. "My due date was June 22, 2008—one year to the day from Jim's accident. I went into labor that day, but Jesse didn't make his appearance until two days later. I was pulled in two directions trying to take care of Jim and a newborn. Finally, Jim's mother suggested that we move in with her. It was a tremendous help."

While Jim's survival and brain function were miraculous, some of the effects of his injuries were slower to resolve. For instance, while he could handle a peaceful environment with his small family, his senses went on overload if he was in a room with more than two people. Doctors diagnosed his symptoms as post-traumatic stress syndrome.

"The hardest thing for me was losing my identity," Jim explains. "Everything I thought I was, changed in an instant. I not only lost my identity, I had to relearn so many things. The medical staff and others talked *about* me rather than *to* me."

Ready to rid yourself of the hurts and resentments that have been dragging you into defeat? You can do it by the power of God. Just learn to forgive and...

Jen had to correct me all the time and teach me how to do things again. As a man, that was difficult to deal with.

"I suffered side effects from 18 different drugs my doctors prescribed, and for several years I suffered from cyclic vomiting. I became emaciated and weak, but during that time I was also learning how to trust God. When we joined the church that Jen's parents pastored, things changed. My father-in-law prayed for me in 2016, and for the first time since the accident, I woke without pain. Three weeks after the pain left, I ran a 5K race with Jesse. Since then we've run another 5K and a 10K race. I coach his soccer team, and I'm back at work doing construction. I still love to fish, but my desire now is to be a fisher of men.

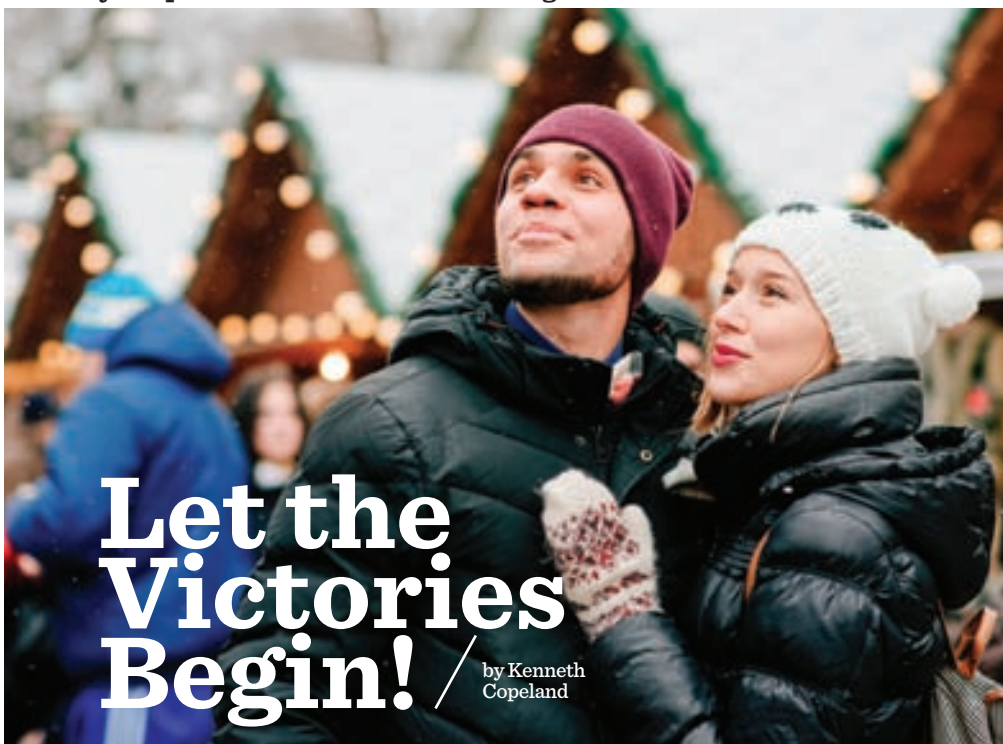
"In 2017, we attended the Southwest Believers' Convention in Fort Worth, where we were infused with a new level of faith. I'd hurt my finger and Kenneth Copeland gave a word of knowledge that someone's finger was being healed. That was my finger! Jesse loved being a Superkid, and it was wonderful for us all."

A few years ago, the Lord directed Jennifer to search for her birth father. She found him, and realized afresh that the devil is a liar. Her birth father loves her, and they have a wonderful relationship. Today, Jennifer enjoys her relationship with her dad, her birth father and her heavenly Father.

"We've only been Partners with KCM for a few years," Jennifer explains, "but I've lived in the overflow of God's blessings most of my life because of my parents' partnership. It was through KCM that faith was planted in my heart at a young age. Without their teaching, I would be a widow today.

"Whenever I look at my husband, I'm overwhelmed with God's goodness. We've been best friends for 28 years, and I'm so very thankful to grow old with him. He is a wonderful husband and father. He is a spiritual leader in our home, and I admire him so much.

"The one thing we hope people take away from our story is that you can never be too far down for God to reach. Never give up." 🙏



Let the Victories Begin!

by Kenneth Copeland

Forgiveness. Lots of people talk about it. But very few actually do it. :: Oh, they *try*...and try and try. But trying just doesn't get the job done.

You can come around and talk to those "try-ers" years later and they're still carrying around hurts and resentments. They're still saying, "Well, I'm trying to forgive that person, but what they did to me was just so bad that I just haven't been able to do it yet."

That's why The WORD of God doesn't say anything about "trying" to forgive. It simply commands us to forgive "one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32). Since God has never commanded us to do anything without providing us with the ability to do it, we can be sure He has given every believer the power to forgive in any and every situation.

You may think it is hard to forgive. It's not. Nothing you do by the power of God is hard. You can make it hard by messing around trying to do it in your own strength. But if you'll learn to rest in God through faith in His WORD, the

struggle will disappear.

You see, if you'll trust God's WORD, that WORD will fight the fight for you in any area of life. You won't have to wrestle your problems to the ground and solve them with your own great willpower. All you'll have to do is open your Bible and start speaking out God's WORD about the situation. Release your faith in that WORD and it will conquer any problem—including unforgiveness.

That's right! God's WORD will fight the fight of forgiveness for you. If you'll find out what God has to say on the subject—and believe it—it will drive unforgiveness completely out of your life.

No Shades of Gray

Now when I say it will drive unforgiveness from your life, you need to understand, I'm not just talking about a major resentment you've been carrying against someone. I'm

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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also talking about those "little" hurts and offenses that cause you to avoid someone. I'm talking about those memories that cause you to treat someone with less warmth and love because they have injured you in some way.

I'm talking about any attitude you have that falls short of the full light and love of God Himself.

Some people don't want to give up those kinds of things. They'll say, "I love God. Glory! Hallelujah! My fellowship with Him is fine. I'm just having a tough time fellowshiping with Sister So-and-So. But after what she did to me, I just can't help it."

According to the Bible, people who say things like that are lying. They're trying to walk in darkness and light at the same time, and 1 John 1 tells us it can't be done: "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" (verses 5-6).

Notice John didn't stutter there. He didn't say, "Well, bless your heart. Unforgiveness is a sin, but I know how hard these things can be sometimes." No, he said bluntly: "If you walk in darkness and say you have partnership with God, you're lying about it."

The sad thing is many Christians who are walking in unforgiveness don't know they're in darkness. They think that because they read their Bible and say "Amen" at church they're in fellowship with God. But 1 John 2:11 says, "But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." A man who does not forgive is hating his brother.

"I don't hate him," you may say. "I just don't like him very much!"

How far outside of love do you have to go before it can be called hate? As far as God is concerned, just one step outside of love is hate. To Him there are no shades of gray. In His eyes, anything less than love is sin.

Let me show you something that will mark your thinking. We've already read that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If you'll look at 1 John 4:8, you'll find that "God is love." Add to that the fact we learned in 1 John 2:11 about

hate being darkness. Put that all together and you can paraphrase 1 John 1:5 and say, "This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is love, and in Him is no hate at all."

No Whining, Please

What I'm saying is simply this: We need to face up to the fact that we can't walk with God and be even a *little* unforgiving or a *little* offended. If we're going to walk with God, we must allow His love to drive out every trace of any kind of unforgiveness.

"But you just don't know how badly they treated me!"

Has God forgiven your sin?

"Yes."

Then you forgive them. Period. End of discussion.

Quit crying and whining about how hurt you are. Maybe you have been mistreated, but if so—get over it! Everyone has been mistreated in some form or another.

The reason I can talk so straight to you about this is that God has already said these things to me. I remember one day when I was moping around at home. I'd just come in from preaching on the road and it seemed that as soon as I got there I had to start fighting the devil. I was whining around about it when Gloria said something to me I didn't like.

"Oh, she doesn't care about me anyway," I muttered in self-pity.

Right then, The LORD spoke up in my heart and said, *It isn't any of your business whether she cares for you or not. It's your business to care for her.* Then, He added something I'll never forget. He said, *I'm the One Who cares whether you hurt or not. Your hurts mean everything in the world to Me, but they ought to mean little or nothing to you.*

As a Church we need to learn that today. We need to quit paying so much attention to our own hurts and cast them over on God. We need to take a lesson from the pioneers of the faith. People like Peter and John and those Pentecostal old-timers years ago would walk into the very jaws of hell. They'd go through persecutions that make the things we face look like child's play. They didn't come out crying about how they'd been hurt either. They came out saying, "Glory to God! We're getting

an opportunity to suffer for His Name. What a privilege!”

When you have that attitude, it’s not hard to forgive because your focus isn’t on yourself. It’s on God and His purposes, God and His love.

If you really want to discover the secret of real forgiveness, that’s where your focus has to be—on God. For as we read earlier, we are instructed to forgive others in the same way, or on the same basis, that God has forgiven us.

Because of the Blood

Just what is the basis for the forgiveness God has extended to us? First John 2:12 tells us He has forgiven us “for his name’s sake.” In other words, God has put His Name on an agreement. He has given us His oath that, because Jesus poured out His blood and paid the price for sin, all men are forgiven in His sight. He has put His name to a document which says He has reconciled the whole world to Himself by Jesus the Anointed, and He is no longer holding anyone’s sins against

them. (See 2 Corinthians 5:18-19.)

Why did God put His Name on that document? Because of the blood of Jesus. God forgives our sin because He honors the blood. He has said, “I will accept any man, any woman, any child from any place in the world regardless of any sin they have committed. I swore it

in the blood and I will do it because of My Name.”

Romans 3 puts it this way:

The righteousness of God [righteousness simply means right-standing, or being right with God] which is by faith of Jesus Christ [the Anointed] unto all and

“Every problem that we, as believers, face in life can be conquered if we will do this one thing: Take time to hear from heaven.” —Gloria Copeland

1 By staying in communion with the Lord you can walk every day in His rest and His BLESSING. Acts 9:31

2 Developing your fellowship with Him requires some effort on your part. Hebrews 4:11

3 You walk with God not by relying on the strength of your own flesh but by walking in the spirit. Philippians 2:13

4 You’re born again to walk and talk with God. John 10:27

5 The Holy Spirit has come to live in you to serve as your personal Counselor. John 16:7



upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ [the Anointed] Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God (verses 22-25).

Now, according to those scriptures, there are only two requirements for being made the righteousness of God. No. 1, is to have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, which we've all done; and No. 2, is to have faith in the blood of Jesus. Verse 26 goes on to say, "...that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

Considering our sin, it would be just for God to say to us, "Get out of My sight. What are you doing walking in

here wanting to be a part of My family? Look at your mean, ugly self! Who do you think you are wanting to come into My heaven?"

But, praise God, He doesn't consider our sin. He considers the blood of Jesus. He administers justice based on His blood-sworn oath of forgiveness and, because He honors that blood, He justifies us by wiping out all our sin. The Bible says He remembers our sins no more!

Once those past sins are wiped away, if we miss it and sin again, all we have to do is repent and confess our sin. When we do, the Bible says God is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Why does He do that? Is it because now that we're saved and we're acting better, we deserve to be forgiven? No!

Let me tell you, when I sin there is no way in this world I'm going to go before the throne of grace asking God to forgive

me on the basis of how many years I've been in the ministry. I'm not going to pull a dumb stunt like that. I'm just going to go in and plead the blood of Jesus, because I know God honors the blood.

I know His blood is even now in the heavenly holy of holies, along with a copy of the New Testament. The blood that came out of Jesus' veins is contained in that place ever reminding all of heaven this New Covenant—every word of it, including God's promise of forgiveness—was made in the blood of God's Lamb.

That's where my faith rests. I don't have to wonder what God is going to do. I don't have to wonder if He's going to forgive me. I know He will because He swore it in the blood of His own Son.

Serious Business

Now, with all that in mind, I want you to think again about the fact that we are to forgive others as God has forgiven us. Can you see what that means? It means that we're to forgive on the same basis that God forgives—the basis of the blood of Jesus.

My forgiving someone doesn't have anything to do with what that person did or didn't do to me. I forgive them because of the blood. God honored the blood and forgave me in the face of my sin, so even as He has forgiven me, I forgive you.

For me *not* to forgive would be to dishonor that blood.

This is serious business we're talking about here! When you dishonor the blood of Jesus, you're stepping out from under its protective covering into the devil's territory. You're stepping out into darkness where he can get a shot at you.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to go out there. I don't care what anyone may do to me, I'm not going to let their mistreatment of me push me out into darkness. No, I'm just going to honor the blood, forgive them and keep right on walking in the light. If someone hits me on one cheek, I'm just going to do what Jesus said, forgive and turn the other cheek.

Some people think if you do that, you'll get the daylights beaten out of you. But they're wrong. If you keep your faith up, when you turn the other cheek, God will protect you from the one who's trying to hit you.

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I know a preacher who experienced that. He was witnessing to a member of a New York street gang who was threatening him with a knife. Instead of fighting back, the preacher just kept telling him Jesus loved him. The guy kept swinging that knife, trying to cut that preacher, but every time he tried, a force he couldn't see stopped him short. He literally couldn't touch him.

As a result, that gang member fell down on his knees, received Jesus and today he is one of the most outstanding evangelists in the world!

Listen, my friend, forgiveness is one of the most powerful forces in existence! To walk in forgiveness is to walk in victory. To the natural mind, it may look like if you just keep on forgiving and forgiving, people are going to walk all over you. But it won't happen that way!

Just read what Romans 8 says, "As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Is that right? Are we sheep for the slaughter? The next verse tells us. It says, "NAY!" *Nay* means "no." NO! NO! NO! We're not sheep for the slaughter. "In all these things we are *more than conquerors* through him that loved us" (verses 36-37).

When you walk in forgiveness, you're walking in love—and love is more powerful than all the hate satan can muster. Love never fails. Love makes you more than a conqueror.

What does it mean to be more than a conqueror? Here's the best explanation I ever heard: Imagine a heavyweight boxer who works out day after day; sweating, training, preparing for a big fight. The day of the fight comes and he gets into the ring and goes 15 rounds with some guy who's trying his best to beat his brains out.

When he's finished, he aches from one end to the other. Even his hair hurts. But he won the fight so they hand him his multimillion-dollar prize money.

Then he goes home and his wife says, "Oh, we won! We won!" He says, "Yeah, we did," and hands her the check. He's a conqueror, but she is *more* than a conqueror. She didn't get hit one time, but she got all the money!

The Hard Part Is Done!

That's what happened to you. Jesus

"WHEN YOU DISHONOR THE BLOOD OF JESUS, YOU'RE STEPPING OUT FROM UNDER ITS PROTECTIVE COVERING INTO THE DEVIL'S TERRITORY."

went into hell itself and suffered the penalty for sin. He became obedient to death. But by the power of the Holy Spirit and The WORD of God, He rose up in great conquest and defeated the devil. He made an open show of him.

Then He turned to you and said, "All power has been given unto Me both in heaven and in earth, now you go in My Name. Here's the prize—now take it and go cast out the devil."

You didn't do any of the fighting, but you got all the power. Jesus *gave* you the keys to the Kingdom!

Don't you dare go around whining about how hard it is to forgive someone. It's not hard! Jesus has done the hard part already. He has shed His blood. All you have to do is honor that blood by making a decision to forgive just as God has forgiven you.

You may not feel any different at first, but that doesn't matter. Forgiveness based on the blood of Jesus is an act of your will, not an act of your feelings. Once that decision is made, don't ever turn back on it. If you see the person you've forgiven a few days later and the old bad feeling knots up in your stomach, don't be discouraged. That's just a symptom of the flesh.

Rebuke it. Say, "No, I refuse to receive that symptom of unforgiveness. I honor the blood of Jesus and I have forgiven that person." Then treat the person as if no wrong had ever been done.

If you'll keep doing that, the supernatural forgetfulness of God will wipe

that wrong out of your consciousness. It won't be long till you see that person walking down the street and you actually won't remember they ever did you any harm.

I can tell you from experience, that kind of victory is sweet. You don't have to wait another moment for it either. You don't have to wait until you "feel" better. You don't have to spend another minute in the dark.

Just make the decision now and say:

"LORD, forgive me of this anger and hate. Forgive me on the basis of the blood of Jesus and cleanse me by that blood. I commit before You to honor that blood by forgiving this person of any wrong they have ever done to me. I release them from my personal judgment.

"Jesus, bless them, heal them and deliver them. I will speak nothing but good over them from this moment on. LORD, You died for them. You have accepted them in Jesus and if they're good enough for You, they're good enough for me. Therefore, I love them completely and without reserve in Jesus' Name. Amen."

If you just prayed that prayer, rejoice! You're no longer trying to forgive, *you've done it*. You've stepped out of darkness into the Light. You've hooked into the supernatural, never-failing power of love.

So, shout hallelujah—and let the victories begin! 🙌

TOTALLY NEW BABY

I recently called for prayer for my daughter whose shoulder was severely inflamed, and her 4-month-old baby who was suffering from colic, acid reflux, constipation, not eating, sleeping nor gaining weight as he should.

One week later, the chiropractor/physio said my daughter is so much better and that she could go on a three-hour road trip, disallowed a week prior. The baby is a totally new baby. He is calm, smiling and happy, and not screaming. He's eating and sleeping more!

Thank You, Jesus, for healing them and thank you, KCM, for praying with me on the phone for this miracle!

Carolina H. | Calgary, Alberta

DEBT FREE AFTER PRAYER ANSWERED

I'm grateful for KCM, with whom I partner. I am delighted to say I've paid my debt of £8500 in eight months as I have got the best job! I asked for prayer from KCM last year when I reached the bottom financially and physically. But now I'm debt free. Glory and praise to God!

J.M. | England

Out of Debt in Six Weeks

I WAS BLESSED WITH A JOB THAT PAID TWICE AS MUCH AS I WAS BEING PAID BEFORE! I HAD BEEN BELIEVING FOR IT, GIVING WHERE GOD TOLD ME TO, AND KEEPING MY HEART CLEAN.

It turned out to be a 6-week assignment. During that time, we were able to get out of debt, praise God! I am seeking His will for where He wants me next. In the meantime, He

continues to bless us with the sale of heavy equipment and trailers. Thank you for all your support and for standing with us!

S.R. | Virginia

“No matter how impossible your situation may seem, The LORD has the plan to deliver you.”

—Kenneth Copeland



DELIVERED FROM ADDICTION

I prayed with a [KCM prayer minister] for deliverance from alcohol addiction—I am free of it now for more than a year! Whom Jesus sets free is free indeed. Praise the Lord and thank you, KCM.

Brigitte G. | Québec

Praying Brought Deliverance
PRAYING GOD'S WORD OVER MY HUSBAND LED TO HIS COMPLETE DELIVERANCE FROM A LIFE OF HEROIN ADDICTION AND INCARCERATION. WHEN I STARTED LISTENING TO KCM, I STARTED SEEING SO MANY MIRACLES OF HEALING. Carrie R. | Yorkville, Ill.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY

I want to thank you and Gloria for praying for me. 2017 was a rough year. I was in the doctor's office or the ER almost every month due to severe pain and swelling in my joints. One time my left hand had swollen, causing unbearable pain in the arm itself. I was diagnosed with arthritis and gout. In July, I could barely walk. An X-ray confirmed that I had bursitis. To my surprise, medication didn't clear up the problem, and soon my other leg got painful and weak. I had difficulty walking for about eight weeks. After those two months, I prayed so hard for two days. On the third day, I know God healed me. He took away the pain as I slept! The next morning I had no pain—I just praised God!

V.A. | Virginia

AN UNEXPECTED CHECK

I just received a check for more than \$27,000 from a department store pension I did not know I had. Now I can pay off my credit card and I will be out of debt. I just sent the tithe to KCM. Thank you for your teaching on finances and sowing. The Lord told me where to sow, and I did!

Randy M.
Kings Mountain, N.C.

ARTHRITIS HEALED

I woke up with extreme pain in my left foot from arthritis in my big toe. As I was watching the 2018 Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign, Kenneth Copeland made the comment, "You are healed." As soon as he said that, I felt warmth just flow through my feet and the pain went away. It doesn't hurt now—my arthritis is healed!

B.T. | Michigan

WATCH HIM MOVE!

by Kenneth Copeland

BLESSED WITH NEW ROOF

My family and I want to praise our God Almighty for blessing us with a totally debt-free, brand-new roof on our house. I want to thank Pastor George and Gloria for the wonderful teachings on the *BVOV* broadcast, *The Prosperous Life*, and sharing that it is God's will for us to be prosperous in every area of our lives. I really believe that listening daily to this program has been a real inspiration and expectation to receive the already available blessings of our heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless this ministry in abundance, and thank you for your prayers and support. I am very grateful to be part of this ministry.

O.S. | Salem, Va.

Your confession is what you say—not just with your lips, but with your actions. Jesus is the High Priest of your confession. That means He has the authority to bring to pass anything you confess by faith that's in line with His WORD. That's what He was sent by God to do. The Apostle and High Priest of our confession literally means the One God sent to watch over our words and actions of faith and see to it that they come to pass.


That means when you're broke and you confess by faith, "My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19), Jesus has the authority to deliver to you the necessary finances. Or, when you are sick and you confess by faith, "I'm healed by the stripes of Jesus," you put yourself in position to receive that healing from Him.

Some people say, "Oh, I couldn't confess I'm healed when I'm actually sick. That would be lying!"

Really? Then the prophet Joel told people to lie because he said, "Let the weak say, I am strong" (Joel 3:10).

Joel wasn't telling people to lie. He was delivering a spiritual principle. He was telling God's people they should say what God says about them, instead of what their circumstances say about them.

The reason that seems strange to most people is they're so self-centered. They see everything from their own viewpoint. But when you confess The WORD instead of your circumstances, you're laying down your own viewpoint and speaking from God's viewpoint instead. When you understand that, it won't seem strange.

So speak God's words over your circumstances today. Speak His words in faith...and watch Him move! 

HEALED THROUGH PROPER DIET

I'd had acid reflux for over 20 years and was bound to antacids. I had been prayed for, had hands laid on me, and believed that I was healed. Through my partnership with KCM, I learned about the ketogenic diet and Dr. Don Colbert. I started the diet to lose weight and, PRAISE GOD, my healing was made manifest! No more sickness and no more pills! Glory to God, Jesus IS Lord!

K. H. | Sylvania, Ohio

BACK ON THE RIGHT PATH

I was arrested in 2016, at a time in my life when I was very lost. While I was in jail, I found a book called *From Faith to Faith*, by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, which helped me find my way back to God through Christ. Since then, I've continued to improve myself to do God's will. My eternal gratitude to you for your inspiration. Thank you, and God bless you in everything you do!

O.C. | Ontario

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If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.” Isaiah 1:19

“If God wants His children to eat the best, He wants them to wear the best clothing, He wants them to drive the best cars, and He wants them to have the best of everything.”

—Kenneth E. Hagin






by
Gloria
Copeland

EXCEEDING, ABUNDANTLY ABOVE

A lot of Christians are going to be shocked
when they get to heaven and find out what really belonged to them
when they were on earth. They're going to see the riches in glory God
wanted to pour out on them while they were down here and realize
they spent their time on this planet living far below their
divine privileges.



They're going to realize they were cheated out of the supernatural abundance that belonged to them in Christ Jesus, because they let people talk them into thinking about prosperity like the world does instead of thinking like God's Word says in the Bible.

I'm telling you, when it comes to financial abundance, God thinks BIG! His thoughts about our prosperity and His ways of getting it to us are as far above the world's thoughts and ways "as the heavens are higher than the earth" (Isaiah 55:9).

Even under the Old Covenant, God was able to prosper the Israelites beyond what they could ask or think. He was able to deliver them from poverty and slavery in Egypt and bring them out with an abundance of silver and gold (Psalm 105:37). He was able to provide for them a Promised Land with no scarcity, where they lacked nothing, and bless them there with the "power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18).

If God could do that under the Old Covenant, think what He can do for us, as believers, under the New Covenant! Unlike the Old Testament Israelites, who are referred to in the Bible as God's servants, we're His born-again sons and daughters. We're joint heirs together with Christ of everything He has!

As God's obedient children, we're in the same

position financially that the elder brother was in the parable Jesus told in Luke 15. You remember that story. It's about a rich father, his two sons, and their inheritance.

In the beginning of the parable, the younger one asks the father to give him his inheritance early and then leaves home and squanders it on riotous living. After he goes broke and winds up living in a literal pigpen, he returns, repentant, and his father receives him with open arms, kills a fatted calf in his honor, and throws a party to celebrate.

When the older son comes in from working in his father's field and finds out about the party, he gets mad and says to his father: "You never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the finest calf we have" (verses 29-30, *New Living Translation*-96).

"And the father said to him, Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours" (Luke 15:31, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

It's clear that the older son didn't understand his rights and privileges as his father's son. He didn't understand that, as his father's son, he was already entitled to everything his father owned. All the cattle belonged to him just as much as they belonged to his father.

The same is true for us, as God's obedient

children. Because we're "in Christ," everything our Father owns is ours. And that's saying a lot, because He owns it all.

Talk about a real estate magnate! God owns the entire earth and everything in it. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10). He owns the silver and the gold (Haggai 2:8) and all the rest of the wealth that's here. And He has made it all available to us, as His sons and daughters.

It wasn't put here for the devil and his crew. God created the wealth of this planet for His family and He wants us to have it in abundance. He wants you, as His child, to have "richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17).

God wants you to have so much money that you can do things like go to a Believers' Convention, for instance, anytime you please. He doesn't want you to have to stay home because you can't pay for the gas to get there. He wants you to be able to buy airplane tickets for your whole family and stay in a nice hotel. Better yet, He wants you to be so prosperous you can pay for another family or two to go with you!

God Isn't Broke

"Well," you might say, "that sounds like a pretty expensive lifestyle."

That's OK, God can afford it. He's not anywhere near broke. He can come up with any amount of money with no problem. His only problem has been getting His people to believe Him for it, to act like He meant it when He said in His Word:

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22).



POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1

When it comes to financial abundance, God thinks BIG! Isa. 55:9

2

Even under the Old Covenant God blessed His people with supernatural abundance. Deut. 8:18

3

Under the New Covenant, God can do even more to prosper us than He did for the Israelites. 2 Cor. 8:9

4

God has no problem getting money to us, His only problem is getting us to believe Him for it. Mark 9:23

5

Don't let your own human reasoning limit your believing, base your faith on the limitless power of God. Eph. 3:20

"For...our Lord Jesus Christ...though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

"The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just" (Proverbs 13:22).

"To the sinner [God] giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God" (Ecclesiastes 2:26).

"And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]" (2 Corinthians 9:8, *AMPC*).

All too often, instead of simply believing those verses with our hearts, we, as God's people, try to figure them out with our heads. We resort to limited human reasoning, look at our natural circumstances—our job, our bank account, the economy, or whatever—and think, *How could I ever be rich? How could I possibly get the money to pay off my house or pay cash for a new car? How could I ever afford to finance someone's ministry?*

That kind of thinking undermines our faith because it's all about me...me...me. It assumes we're our own source and that it's up to us to bring in the money. But that's not the case.

God is our Source!

All we have to do is put our faith in Him, put our lives and resources in His hands, and let Him do for us what He did in Matthew 14 for the little boy who gave Jesus his lunch. Have you ever read about that? God multiplied that little boy's two-piece fish dinner so unreasonably that it not only fed thousands of people, there were 12 baskets full of leftovers for the little boy to take home.

Would God really do that kind of thing for us, as believers, today?

Certainly He would! He's our heavenly Father. He wants to prosper us beyond what, in the natural, is even possible.

"GOD MADE YOU WEALTHY BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAM BEFORE SIN EVER HAPPENED.

—Kenneth Copeland

Then He ordained Jesus, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, to keep you from losing it."

He's just waiting for us to release our faith and give Him the opportunity.

Sadly however, a lot of believers never do that.

They might release their faith for something small, something they can reasonably expect to happen. They might believe God to help them make their house payment. But they never go out beyond what they consider "reasonable." They don't go on and believe, for instance, for the money to pay off their entire 30-year mortgage.

I understand, of course, everyone has to start where they are. Ken and I had to do that ourselves. When we first started walking with God we just believed Him for the money to make payments, because at the time, given the mountain of debt we owed, even payment-faith was a stretch for us. After we really got into the Word though, we began believing God to get us out of debt completely. We began tithing faithfully and giving offerings. Eleven months later, even though in the natural we hadn't been able to figure out how it could happen, we were completely debt free.

Today we live in a home that's beyond anything I could have dreamed of in those days, and we've never owed anything on it. We've also been able to pay off a lot of things for other people. God has multiplied our resources so much that we're able to sow more now than we once could have imagined having. We truly are unreasonably blessed!

Let God's Word Pull You Up to His Level

I can confirm from experience, though, that moving out into this kind of blessing does require you to get out beyond what you can reason. You can't do it by basing your praying and your faith on just what you can see in this natural realm, or what you think logically might be able to happen. You have to base your faith on the ability of God. You have to focus on what His Word says and let it pull you up to His level.

One thing that helps me to do that is reading and meditating on true events in the Bible when God supernaturally prospered His people. Times when,

in the face of seemingly impossible circumstances, He provided them with more than they could ask or think.

I especially like to read about how God miraculously provided for the Israelites. As I've already mentioned, He did all kinds of amazing things for them! When they were in the wilderness, where there was nothing

to eat, He fed them supernaturally by pouring out manna from heaven every day. When they got tired of manna, and cried out for meat, He was able to supply that for them too.

Even though they were being rebellious at the time and complaining, He spoke to them through Moses and said He'd give them meat to eat, "not one day,

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REPENT— AND RECEIVE THE GLORY!

“[Moses said to the Lord], Show me thy glory. And [God answered him saying], I will make all my goodness pass before thee.” Exodus 33:18-19

Good overwhelms evil—and God’s goodness and glory are one and the same. That’s why God made all His goodness pass in front of Moses. It was the glory Moses was wanting to see.

If you’ll read the entire passage in Exodus 33, you’ll also find that God told Moses He would have to hide him from that glory, because if he saw God’s face, he would die.

Why? Because as an unborn-again man, Moses had sin in him. His heart had never been born again. Sin is darkness. God doesn’t have to try to kill darkness. He doesn’t have to lift His mighty right arm and bash it in the head. When God walks on the scene and His goodness is released in its full force, it is so powerful, it just blasts evil into nothingness.

That’s the reason God

and man had to be separated after the Fall. He had to protect man from the power of His glory.

But I want you to know, God isn’t separated from us any longer. He is dwelling inside our reborn, human spirits—and, in these last days, He will break forth and overflow from there to touch once again the flesh of men.

The Holy Ghost on flesh! Think about that. The flesh is the domain the devil thought he had locked up for himself. He’s dominated that area for thousands of years and because of it, we’ve had to learn how to walk by faith and not by sight or by manifestations of the flesh. We’ve had to learn how to ignore the flesh and control it, walking by faith in Almighty God’s Word.

But the time at hand is one in which God will start affecting people’s flesh. You’ll still have to walk by faith, but you need to be prepared for physical manifestations. Because when this fire of God’s glory starts affecting the flesh, some people won’t know whether to run or hide, or jump and shout.

They’ll quickly realize that you just can’t play around with this glory. It is sure power. It is the kind of power that forces

sickness and disease to disappear from human bodies. It’s the kind of power that makes the devil pack his bag and flee!

It’s the kind of power that will bring in the end-time harvest, and God is ready to pour it out in fullness. That’s the reason He is calling on us to get the sin out of our lives. That’s why He is saying, *Repent, so I can manifest the glory!*

If He pours out the fullness of that glory and you’re hanging on to sin, it will destroy your flesh. So get the sin out! Cleanse the temple! The fire of God wants to come forth! 🔥

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nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, but for a whole month” (Numbers 11:19-20, *New King James Version*). Moses, although he was generally a faith man, couldn’t figure out how God was going to do that. It sounded impossible to him!

“Just the men of Israel number 600,000!” he said, “not to mention women and children. Even if we slaughtered all the livestock we have and caught all the fish in the sea, it wouldn’t be enough to feed this bunch of people for a month.”

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Is the Lord’s hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not” (verse 23).

The Bible says in verses 31-32, “Now a wind went out from the Lord, and it brought quail from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day’s journey on this side and about a day’s journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground. And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp” (*NKJV*).

God provided so much meat for the Israelites, the scripture says, that eventually it became loathsome, or repulsive to them (verse 20).

God kept His Word. He proved that His arm wasn’t too short to miraculously provide. He proved that time and again to the Israelites, sometimes taking them from poverty to prosperity literally overnight!

Take what He did for them in 2 Kings 6-7, for instance. It tells about a time when the Israelite city of Samaria had been surrounded by the Syrian army for so long that their food supply had completely run out. Because they weren’t seeking God for help, the situation had gotten so bad the Israelites had been reduced to eating dove droppings and paying two ounces of silver per dropping for the privilege! Can you imagine?

Then one day, right in the midst of that impossible mess, the prophet Elisha declared a word from the Lord. He

said to the Israelite king, “By this time tomorrow, in the markets of Samaria, five quarts of fine flour will cost only half an ounce of silver, and ten quarts of barley grain will cost only half an ounce of silver” (7:1, *NLT-96*).

An officer of the king heard the prophecy and scoffed: “Look, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?”

“In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it,” Elisha answered (verse 2, *NKJV*).

Sure enough, overnight the Lord caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and horses, and “they panicked and fled into the night, abandoning their tents, horses, donkeys, and everything else, and they fled for their lives.” (verse 7, *NLT-96*). Shortly thereafter, four Israelite lepers ventured into the camp to beg for something to eat and realized the Syrian army was gone.

The lepers helped themselves to some of the Syrian’s abandoned food, supplies, silver and gold. Then, realizing they should share the good news, they went back and told the people of Samaria what had happened, and they all rushed out and plundered the Syrian’s camp.

“So, it was true that five quarts of fine flour were sold that day for half an ounce of silver, and ten quarts of barley grain were sold for half an ounce of silver, just as the Lord had promised. The king appointed his officer to control the traffic at the gate, but he was knocked down and trampled to death as the people rushed out. So everything happened exactly as the man of God had predicted” (verses 16-17, *NLT-96*).

I love that story! It always reminds me that God is able to provide miraculously for His people in any situation.

Let’s believe Him to do it! Instead of being like the king’s officer who doubted what God said, just because it didn’t seem reasonable, let’s put our faith in God’s Word and be expectant. Let’s become miracle minded, blessing minded, and supernatural-increase minded, and dare to believe, that as Ephesians 3:20 says: “[God] is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think!” ❶



by Keith Moore

Don’t Leave HOME Without It!

Many Christians

see faith as a means of receiving from God and having their needs met, and that is true. But there is another dimension to faith that is often overlooked, and that is: Faith is a protective force.

Ephesians 6 talks about faith as a very important part of the armor of God.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.... Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; *above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked* (Ephesians 6:11, 14-16).

The enemy will come against you with wiles, craftiness and deception. But God has equipped you with armor that will enable you to stand and resist

his arsenal. Notice the importance given to the shield in verse 16. It says, “*above all, taking the shield of faith....*” In other words, above all, don’t leave home without your shield!

The word *shield* in this verse means “very big shield.” God wouldn’t give you a shield so small that if you moved a millimeter, you would get blasted. This shield is bigger than you—it’s the size of a door! You can pull out a lawn chair, put your feet up and relax behind it.

Not only that, the shield of faith is extremely effective—it quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked. Now the word *wicked* means “hurtful.” The devil is out to hurt you. But the word



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quench means “to extinguish, put out, render ineffective, nullify” all the darts. The word *all* leaves no exceptions.

Does the devil have any big, nuclear-tipped missiles that could blast through the shield of faith?

Friend, the shield of faith is *impenetrable*. It cannot be penetrated by any fire-tipped dart or devil-inspired wile. Nothing can ever pierce through or destroy the shield of faith. Nothing.

So keep your shield up by keeping your faith operative. Meditate on the Word, believe it and speak it. You’ll see the same kind of results the disciples saw.

Nothing Can Hurt Me!

In Luke 10, we read that Jesus sent out 70 of His disciples and empowered them to do what He had been doing. When they returned, they received a life-changing revelation: “And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld

on things that sting and bite and hurt and poison?”

Uncertain thoughts might try to creep into your mind: *I’m just not sure. I think we could be hurt.*

Well, we have to decide: Do we walk by sight and reasoning? Or do we walk by the Word of God that promises, “There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling” (Psalm 91:10)?

As long as you’re standing, saying and believing what the Word says about protection, you’ll be safe. But you have to be bold and declare, “Nothing shall by any means hurt me.”

Now when you say that, most of the religious world will jump up and yell, “Who do you think you are? A lot of good Christian people didn’t plan on having bad things happen to them. Do you think you’re better than they are?”

It has nothing to do with being better. It has to do with being a believer, and not just believing in and experiencing the

a demonstration of the keeping power of God—a testimony of His faithfulness and miracle-working power. We find examples of this over and over in the Bible.

The three Hebrew children mentioned in the book of Daniel were not delivered from being thrown into the fiery furnace. But they believed God, raised the shield of faith and said, “Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us...” (Daniel 3:17). Paul wasn’t delivered from the shipwreck, he went through it. Daniel was thrown into the lions’ den but came out untouched.

These people didn’t gripe, doubt, fear, rationalize or ask, “God, why did You let this happen?” That would have lowered their shield. In the midst of bad situations, God protected those who trusted Him, and He can and will do the same for you.

But you have to understand that everything we receive from God, we receive by faith. The first time you took hold of a promise in His Word and declared, “By His stripes I am healed,” you were probably thinking, *Yeah, but I’m not*. Every day you have to decide if you’re going to believe what Jesus said. Or are you going to go by experience, sight or feeling?

Nothing Gets Through Faith

If you’ll keep your shield of faith raised, nothing can hurt you because it can’t get through faith. Why?

The faith that’s in you came out of God Himself. It’s a portion of the same substance He used to create the universe. To get through faith, it would have to go through God. That’s why nothing can get to you. That’s why you can’t be hurt.

First John 5:18 says, “He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, *and that wicked one toucheth him not.*” How do you keep yourself? In faith.

A weapon might be launched against you. You might hear the thud of it against the shield, but you won’t feel it. It won’t get through to you. Ecclesiastes 8:5 says, “Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing...”

You can believe the Scriptures and take them literally, without exception. So put your armor on. Strap on the truth. Take the sword of the Spirit and raise that great big, door-sized shield of faith. Remember, as long as you’re behind that shield, “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper” (Isaiah 54:17). So above all, don’t leave home without it! 🛡️



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Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: *and nothing shall by any means hurt you*” (verses 17-19).

In the Greek, that’s stated as a double negative for emphasis. It means much more than just nothing. It means none, not at all, no way at any time can anything hurt you!

I was listening to a CD of the Bible before I went to sleep one night. When it came to this part, “Nothing shall by any means hurt you,” I sat straight up in bed. I thought, *Glory! Nothing can hurt me!*

Then the Lord said to me, *You haven’t been taking that seriously. And many, many like you have not been taking that seriously.*

Does the Bible mean what it says? Are there exceptions that we should read in between the lines? Or did Jesus really mean that if we would follow and obey Him like the 70 did, that we would have power and authority to tread or trample

new birth, but believing in the protection of the Most High and claiming it for yourself.

You can, by believing, by standing in faith, raise up that mighty shield of faith and have a barrier of protection about you.

I’m not saying that you’ll never have any trials or attacks. But I am saying that no matter what is fired at you, it can’t hurt you. It can’t get to you. The psalmist said, “A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee” (verse 7).

Delivered Out of Trouble

Every time you have been hurt or hit, it was because you lowered your shield of faith. The enemy is always ready to fire, so it’s never OK to drop your shield and become an open target. Remember, there is no cease-fire in this war.

While we would prefer to be delivered from ever experiencing an attack, that is unlikely. But each time we’re delivered out of the midst of one—that’s



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A VALENTINE MADE FOR YOU

Happy Valentine's Day, Jesus! Here is my homemade valentine for You! MY LIFE is Yours to keep—forever and ever!

Superkids, could it be that simple to give Jesus your life? As easy as exchanging valentine cards and goodies with friends at school? Good NEWS! It's even simpler!

Notice that I said SIMPLE, not EASY.

Really though, the simpler you allow life with Him to be, the easier it becomes. I've said it before: What makes things complicated is when you try to live one way on Sunday or with your parents, and you live another way at school or with your friends.

So, this month we are going to **decompartmentalize** our LIVES and give it ALL to Him.

I know, that's a pretty big word.

Decomartmentalize means "to undo the compartmentalization." That doesn't help? Look at it this way. When you take your lunch to school, and you separate your sandwich from your chips, and your chips from your cookie, you have compartmentalized your lunch. When you separate your baseball stuff from your soccer stuff you have compartmentalized. Or when you separate your Legos by color. Have you ever tried that? In the end, to make something good, you must mix all the colors together to build what you want to build. Then you have decompartmentalized. Or, when all your toys get thrown into your closet and nothing is in order, you've what? Decompartmentalized. I am being funny with it, but you get the picture. The root word means, "divide into categories" (Dictionary.com).

It's easy to divide your life into parts or categories. But it's not so easy to live like that. For instance, Jesus is involved with your life at home. You pray with Mom or Dad over breakfast, on the way to school, at dinner and at bedtime. But what about during lunch when you're at school? You pray over your knee when you fall at home, but do you pray over your knee when you fall at school? You would never use bad language in front of Mom and Dad. Nor

would you be mean to someone in front of them. But what happens when it's just you and your friends? Can you be tempted to use bad language, be a bully, make fun of someone or cheat on a test when you aren't at church or with your parents?

Don't feel bad if you answered yes. We all must realize that we respond this way at times. It's not because we are evil in our hearts; it's because we are divided in our love and devotion! It's not unusual, but it is wrong. And it makes walking with Jesus difficult.

That's not HIS fault. It's our own fault, or weakness.

So, hey! Let's fix that weakness as your valentine heart you give to Jesus. Let's pull all the pieces of your LIFE together in one container (YOU) and give it to Him.

I have listed some ways the word *life* is used. Let's go through some of them, and think about how you can give that part of yourself to Jesus. I am not going to give you all the answers. It's YOUR life, so take a moment to make your own heart for Him, just like you would make a valentine with construction paper, scissors, markers, stickers and glue.

Life, as in...



- 1** Your life span. From the time you were in your mother's belly until the time you go to heaven to be with Jesus. Will it ALL be His? Or will you wait to give it to Him when you get to be an adult?
- 2** Your daily life. Are you a Sunday-kind-of-Jesus person, or are you a Jesus person seven days a week? EVERY DAY JESUS!
- 3** When something bad happens, sometimes people say, "That's life." Will you trust Him to see you through when times are hard? Or will you blame Him for letting you down?
- 4** Life can mean a part of life, such as your social life (your friends), family life, church life, play life, school life. Will you be the same, love Jesus the same, give Him your all no matter what part of your life is going on?

5 Some people don't like their lives. They would rather be like someone else—to have what they have. Can you love who Jesus made you to be? Can you give Him the opportunity to develop the LIFE He put in you?

6 People use the phrase, "Full of life" to mean that someone has a lot of spunk, pizzazz or excitement and they SHOW it. What will you be FULL of? Will you be full of yourself or other things? Or, will you be full of Jesus, and show HIM all the time? This doesn't mean you don't like other things or get excited or passionate about the things you care about; but it does mean your life is centered on Jesus. You wonder, *What does Jesus want, think, do, like or think about me?*

Superkid, I hope you will take this whole month and think about each of these. Add to the list of ways you can give Him your LIFE, and love Him with your LIFE. Make it a family project to craft a TRUE valentine heart for Jesus. Remember: You are not making a one-day decision, but a LIFETIME choice that your LIFE, in all its forms, belongs to Jesus. If you make a quality decision and commit to it now, you'll make a ONCE-in-a-lifetime choice that you will walk in every day. Will it always be easy? No. But it will always be simple because you will be walking with the One who makes it EASIER! Jesus is the One who gave us this life, and He's the One who will keep it safe.

Jesus will watch over your life—your hand-crafted valentine. He offered you His own life on the Cross! Today, you can hear Him say, VALENTINE, PLEASE BE MINE!

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