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## BETHUEL DONGO

survived the brutal and corrupt Ugandan regimes that left hundreds of thousands dead and more than 2.5 million children orphaned. Armed with faith, and a desire to change the lives of children for good, Pastor Dongo opened a school where they now learn about God and can experience His love.

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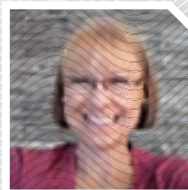
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In 2015, connecting with word of faith believers has been a critical piece of my personal and spiritual development that was missing in my faith journey with the Lord. This community has sustained me in good times and bad, and I receive encouragement every time I sign on. The people I've met here continually teach me how to build and sustain my relationship with the Lord and with others! I cannot tell you how grateful I am!



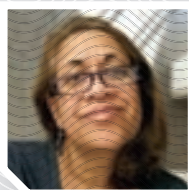
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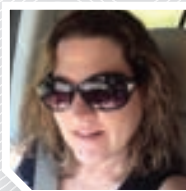
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It is easy to say we trust God, we believe God, we are men and women of faith. But when God seems to be silent and we feel alone and lost...*that* is the proving ground. [We must] put our faith into action, trusting God without even a shadow of doubt. I came through that and have seen God move in ways that had me shouting and dancing.



**Avis L.**

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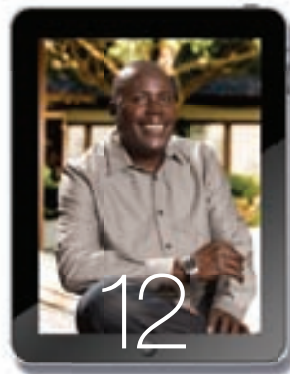


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Copeland*

# All you need IS FAITH IN GOD

**If the only news  
you ever hear is  
what comes from  
the secular media,**

you might think everything that's happening these days is bad. You might think the only tide that's rising around the world is the tide of evil. But I have a news flash for you that will give you a more accurate perspective.

The big story right now isn't what the devil and his bunch are doing. The big story is what's happening in the kingdom of God.

Although you won't see it yet in the headlines, God is doing unusual, over-the-top things all over this planet. Not only is He still on the throne, He's on the move! I see

evidence of it everywhere I travel, and I can tell you, the back of the Book is true: Jesus is LORD, and at this very moment we're in the early stages of an end-time outpouring of God's glory, the likes of which we've never seen.

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, there's also a lot of trouble in the world.

Things out there just keep getting darker. Problems just keep getting more and more complicated."

I know. But as a believer you don't have to get depressed about it. You can keep right on rejoicing because Jesus has given you the key to living in victory right in the midst of it all. He's summed up

What's the secret to living in victory in complicated times? It's simple. Just have faith in God! Here are some points to get you there:

- 1 Faith in God is the secret to solving any problem.  
Mark 11:22-23
- 2 Faith connects you to Jesus, and He knows the answer to every situation you'll ever face.  
Colossians 2:3
- 3 Jesus promised to speak to you by the Holy Spirit and tell you everything you need to know.  
John 16:13
- 4 Receive all the wisdom you need by asking for it in faith.  
James 1:5-6
- 5 Since faith works by love, when you pray and receive wisdom, always finish your prayer by forgiving anyone who's wronged you.  
Mark 11:24-25

in four simple words what you need to do: “Have faith in God” (Mark 11:22).

“But what about the economy?”

*Have faith in God.*

“What about the mess the Democrats and Republicans have made?”

*Have faith in God.*

“What about the Supreme Court?”

*Have faith in God.*

Faith in God is the secret to solving any problem. It’s the answer to anything the world can throw at you because it connects you to Jesus, and in Him “are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3). It doesn’t matter how complicated the devil tries

he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.”

If you want to get a picture of what this really means, imagine yourself standing in front of an enormous building that’s gorgeous beyond description. Imagine that inside the building is a supercomputer that contains all the plans God made before the foundation of the world. Included in them are the plans He

### He’s Talking All the Time

This is why you don’t have to be depressed over all the mess the devil is stirring up in the world these days. Jesus hasn’t left you to deal with it on your own. He didn’t just pat you on the shoulder and say, “Well, I hope you figure out a way to make it through.”

No, Jesus is the Head of the Church. He’s taken full responsibility for everyone in it. He’s done everything necessary to provide all of us with everything we need to live out God’s glorious plan for our lives, and He’s speaking to each one of us about that plan all the time, by the Holy Spirit.

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to make things, Jesus can tell you how to deal with them because He knows everything the Father knows...and the Father knows *everything*!

He knows the end from the beginning. He knows every detail about the past, present and future. He knows what the devil is going to do before he does it.

Science has discovered that even the human brain has the capacity to contain three million years’ worth of information. So just think how awesome God’s brain must be! His mental capacity is beyond calculation. Yet you can tap into it because, as a believer, you have the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Truth—living inside you, and Jesus promised in John 16:13-15: “The Spirit of truth...will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever

designed especially for you—plans so wonderful they’re beyond anything you can ask or think and so powerful the devil can’t touch them.

As you’re standing there admiring the building and marveling over everything that’s in it, a very kind, wonderful person walks up to you. His eyes are lit up with fire and love at the same time, and He says to you, “May I help you? I’m the One who built that building. I programmed that computer and I’d be happy to assist you in finding out anything you need to know.”

Sounds like a wild, wonderful dream, doesn’t it? Yet, for us as children of God it’s a spiritual reality. Jesus has said to us, “Everything the Father has is mine, and the Holy Spirit will take of what is mine and show it to you.”

The Holy Spirit is never silent. He’s always hearing from Jesus on our behalf and telling us what He’s saying. He’s always leading us, guiding us and teaching us “all things” (John 14:26).

Some believers claim God never talks to them, but they’re wrong. When they get to heaven, Jesus isn’t going to say to them, “Oh, you pitiful little darling. Did I forget to speak to you about My will for you? I guess we’ll just have to chalk that up as My mistake.”

On the contrary, if those believers try to tell Jesus He didn’t talk to them, He’s going to remind them about the church He put in their city so they could hear His WORD preached every week. He’ll remind them that they had a Bible; they had the Holy Spirit living inside them; they had the ability to pray; and they could watch preachers

# what should I be?



like the Copelands, Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis, Keith Moore, Creflo Dollar and many more on television almost every day of the week.

"What were you doing?" He'll say. "Why didn't you take advantage of those things?"

"Well, LORD, I was always too busy."

"I know you were. That was the problem. I spoke every day, over and over, but you were always occupied with something else. You weren't paying attention."

I remember one time when The LORD said something very much like that to me. It was shortly after I started this ministry. I received a call one day from my spiritual father, Brother Oral Roberts, and he told me he was coming to spend the weekend with Gloria and me.

I was thrilled. "Yes, sir!" I said. "Just tell me what time you'll be here, and I'll be at the airport to pick you up."

When we finished our conversation, I told Gloria about it and both of us sprang into action. The prophet was coming; we had to get things ready!

The first morning after Brother Roberts arrived, when I went into the kitchen for breakfast, he was already there at the table waiting for me. He had his Bible lying open in front of him, so Gloria and I grabbed our Bibles and sat down with him. We spent the whole morning talking about The WORD and having a marvelous time.

Some really outstanding things happened that weekend, and afterward I was praising The LORD for them.

"Oh, God, thank You!" I said. "It's just been glorious having Brother Roberts here."

I'll never forget how The LORD responded.

"I've been there every morning," He said.

*That's right!* I thought. *You're Almighty God, Creator of the Universe,*

Happy New Year, Superkids, Superparents and Superkids at heart!

I have an expectation that this year is going to bring more life and more grace than we've ever seen before! I see change happening all around me! Maybe you do, too. People always say that change is hard, and while that may be true, change is also GOOD! Especially the Jesus kind of change. And, that's what this year will bring, if we allow God to do a work in us.

The Lord began talking to me about you this morning as I began to write to you. Before I tell you what He wants you to know, I have to tell you about my youngest daughter, Emily. She's 4, and is in preschool. All week long, Emily has dressed up as different characters for different themes at school. We have put her costumes together at the last minute, so the mornings have been a bit hectic with all the hairspray, pins and costuming needed. However, the end result has been worth it. Emily has been supercute every day.

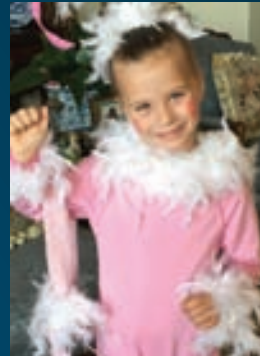
Today's theme was "Dr. Seuss." Last night, I laid out some things for a pretty decent Cindy Lou Who character. But, as I was half asleep last night, I had a sudden inspiration that Emily should be a "PINK YINK." You know what I'm talking about:

Now Yinks are not pink but what do you do?  
When the PJs you have  
are not yellow, but blue?  
You look and you look  
until you can find  
Some PJs whose color  
will do as a rhyme!

OK, I got carried away so I'll stop Dr. Seuss-ing. I went through her drawers, my laundry room and our costumes—all the things we had around the house to transform Emily into a Yink. We took her pink princess

footie PJs, turned them inside out, and added feathers, using safety pins. I made a wild Yink-like hairdo from socks, rubber bands and pipe cleaners. Go ahead, you can laugh. It was pretty funny!

As I was working on the fountain-ish Yink-do, Emily began to do some Seuss rhyming herself: "Pink Yink or Yellow Yink, what should I tweet?" We both began making up endings to her rhyme, such as "Color doesn't matter, just be



sweet!" *Pretty clever for a 4-year-old, I thought!*

A great thing to ask *ourselves* is, "What should I be?"

Emily's Pink Yink transforming process is a great example of how we should decide the answer to that question. Let's go back and look at how Emily was changed into a Pink Yink.

People may have other ideas, like a Cindy Lou Who, life for you. But when God INSPIRES who you should be, the fit and the look are always just right. The word *inspire* means "to fill someone with the URGE or ABILITY to do or feel something especially CREATIVE." And who inspires us with greatness like our CREATOR?

God breathed your life into you before you were born. Psalm 139:13 says He formed you in your mother's womb,

He put you together with so many different colors, like a fabric that is woven from many colored threads. What does that mean? Before you were born, He breathed the talent, desires, personality, gifts—all the things inside you that you would need to be YOU—not someone else. That's why it's a struggle to try to be like someone else or to have their talent, personality or mind. That person's personality is made for them; yours is given to you for WHO God has called YOU to be.

Just like Emily's costume was put together from the things we had HANDY around the house, your life and calling come from all the things God has placed IN YOU. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart..."

Eternity is your destiny, your future! God has placed it in you. You don't need to go looking for it or asking anyone, "What should I be?" He knows. He put it together. There is just one thing to remember. James 1:23 compares the Word of God to a mirror. Look in it and find out what He says about you, and the Word will begin to bring those God-things out in you.

After Emily was all YINKed up, she went to the big mirror in my closet to see how she had been CHANGED. Wow!

And Emily laughed at the Pink Yink she saw, For she was not like the others at all. But this little Yink was inspired by God, And not by the colors or look of the lot.

So let this inspire your life to this end, You don't need to look or sound like your friends. For you're NOT a Yink from Dr. Seuss, For Superkids learn who they are from God's Truth!

Happy New Year, Superkid. And Happy Changes! 🍎



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*and You're right here with me every day. You've put Your Holy Spirit within me to answer my every question and impart to me Your wisdom. But instead of taking the time to sit and visit with You, a lot of times I just rush right past You because I have something else to do.*

I resolved right then and there to make some adjustments. I decided my time with Jesus would always be my No. 1 priority. It would always come first.

## A Dangerous Time to Be Spiritually Lazy

These days, more than ever before, all of us, as believers, need to make that decision. We're living in intense times. On one hand, God is on the move in a mighty way. He's doing things we don't want to miss out on. On the other hand, the devil is stepping up his operations. He's pushing ungodly people to cross lines we never expected them to cross.

Who would have ever thought in the 21st century people would go back to crucifying Christians? Who would have ever thought we'd see beheadings posted on the Internet? Just a few years ago, such things would have been unimaginable. Yet they're happening.

Right before our eyes, the world has sunk lower than we've ever seen it, and it's not going to get any better. We can snatch some people out of it by the power of the gospel and the grace of God, but this world isn't on the way up; it's on the way down because these are the end times. These are the times when, as 2 Timothy 3:13 says, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."

As believers, we can't afford to be spiritually lazy anymore. We don't have time to lie around, get an answer or two from God here and there, and just kind of hope everything will be all right. It's time for us to clean house, spiritually—to walk according to The WORD of God and make seeking Him and His plan for our lives a daily matter. It's time for us to put Him first, listen constantly to the Holy

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Spirit, and get His direction about everything we do.

In other words, it's time for us to get completely committed to walking with Jesus every step of the way.

How do we do that?

By having faith in God! By obeying Hebrews 12:1-3, which says: "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, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

If we set our faith on Jesus, we won't faint when the world around us gets darker. We won't be wearied by all the problems it's throwing at us. We'll tap into the wisdom of our heavenly Father and find out everything we need to know about how to finish running our race.

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "I've made some major mistakes in my life. I've gotten so far off course I can't even figure out what race I'm supposed to be running."

Then don't try to figure it out. Just act on James 1:5-6. It says: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering."

According to those verses, even if the problems you're facing are problems you created yourself, God won't "upbraid" or find fault with you when you ask Him to help you solve them. He won't punish you by withholding the answers you need.

You could be sprawled on the floor of a jail cell, locked up because of a crime you committed, and if you

repented and asked God for wisdom He'd immediately start helping you. In spite of all the mess you made to get there, He'd start telling you how to handle the situation, how to give Him glory in it, and how to get out of there.

God is for you, not against you! You can ask Him for anything you need. Just be sure to ask in faith.

Jesus said in Mark 11, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them.... And when ye stand praying, forgive..." (verses 24-25). So when you pray for wisdom, believe it's yours the instant you pray for it. Say out loud, "God promised me His wisdom and I receive it now. From this point on, I declare it's mine. I say I have it, and I'll keep saying it no matter how I feel or how much pressure the devil puts on me to say something else."

Then, finish up your prayer by forgiving anyone who's wronged you. That's vital. If you don't forgive, your faith won't work, because faith works by love (Galatians 5:6), and love forgives.

This is how we as believers were born to live!

We weren't created to worry about all the bad news in the world and focus on what the devil is doing. We were created to walk in God's wisdom and love, and tell people the good news about Jesus. What He's doing is the real story these days. So stay focused on Him. Wake up every morning expecting Him to say things to you that you've never heard before. Spend time with Him in The WORD, expecting Him to show you things you've never seen before.

Jesus will give you the answer to every situation. No matter what happens in this crazy, complicated world, He'll keep you on the path of victory, as long as you have faith in God! 🙏

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## What impact did Brother Copeland's article have on you?



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**Debra N. & Mark F.**  
Thank you, Brother Copeland! God is so faithful! He has not left us without help. So thankful He gave us His Word filled with precious promises to live victoriously!

**Elizabeth B.**  
I laughed as I got to the part where Brother Copeland said some of our problems we caused ourselves. Boy, that's the story of my life! Wrong decisions, wrong desires. I'm happy to say that was years ago. The verse he quotes, Hebrews 12:2, "Keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus," changed my life. Now I enjoy looking to Jesus for answers and helping others do the same.

**Frank & Brenda R.**  
We're not going to say, "Yeah, I know that" and "Yeah, I believe in that" anymore. From now on, we are going to practice and live what we know the Word of God says. And with His help, our daily lives will be different. Let's do it!

**Kim K.**  
What you shared is so true. I have found that more than 99 percent of the time Brother Copeland has just the right word at the right time! I feel doubly blessed after I read the BVOV magazine.

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#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

This article was written following an interview in June 2015 with Pastor Bethuel Dongo of Uganda while he was visiting in the U.S. On Oct. 10, 2015, Pastor Dongo went home to be with the Lord. We honor Pastor Dongo, and the legacy he leaves behind as a Kingdom builder and a great man of faith.

# HOPE



## FOR THE HOPELESS

**IN NOVEMBER 1984**, DEATH SEEMED TO HOVER OVER UGANDA, SEEPING INTO ITS PORES LIKE A DISEASE. BETHUEL DONGO SAT IN THE DARK, INSIDE A TWO-ROOM HOUSE IN A SUBURB OF KAMPALA, HOPING HIS WIFE, FLORENCE, COULD SLEEP. HE COULD NOT. :: EVIL LURKED IN THE STREETS, OF THAT HE WAS CERTAIN.



Every day, citizens of Uganda watched as government officials murdered innocent people for their meager belongings. While the days were filled with violence, during the night, it escalated into a fevered pitch.

Dongo dared not allow even the light from a small candle. It would draw them.

In the distance, an animal howled. The earth seemed to groan from the blood of so many innocents soaking into the soil. Death had stalked Uganda almost as long as he could remember.

Dongo had been born in Eastern Uganda in 1959 on a dusty piece of land with seven huts—one





"Reaction Tour is honored to be returning to Uganda for a fourth time in January 2016. In honor of our friend, the late Pastor Bethuel Dongo, our anthem going into this camp is, "For the Lord, and for Dongo." We are honored to be able to do something great for Pastor Dongo's people. I owe so much to this man, who literally saved my life! We will have 500 students in attendance, and expect to have a glorious camp! Our hearts and prayers are with the Dongo family and church."



Courtney  
Copeland

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for each of his father's wives. Each wife had borne seven children. His father could not support all seven wives and 49 children, and each wife and child had toiled hard to scratch sufficient food from the parched soil.

When Dongo was 12, Idi Amin had overthrown the elected government and declared himself president of Uganda. He'd closed all churches and deported the missionaries. His eight-year reign of terror left more than 300,000 dead, piled in heaps under the scorching African sun. Somehow, Dongo and his family had survived, only to be stalked by a new government, intent on murder and mayhem.

"Give us your money!" someone screamed, as men in military uniforms burst into Dongo's house.

"We have no money," Dongo replied. Looking into the faces of the intruders, Dongo knew he was a dead man.

*So this is it, he thought. Today I will die. I made it to 25 and just got married.*

Dongo wasn't afraid to die. But there was a lot of life he'd still like to have lived. He had only just gotten married, and it would have been nice to raise a family.

Dongo watched as the men ransacked his house. They packed up their dishes and all their clothes. They took everything they owned. As they left, Dongo saw murder in their eyes.

A deafening blast erupted as bullets ripped through a closed door. The gunman heard Dongo scream and saw blood rushing like a river under the shattered door. Turning, he left with a satisfied smile.

### Homeless

"The bullets hit me in the hand," Dongo explains. "Blood poured from the wound, but there was nothing left in the house to wrap

it with. At that time, just walking around after dark meant you might never return. But I was losing so much blood that I had to go for medical treatment.

"A friend showed up to help us. We walked in the dark for one-and-a-half miles while blood continued to run from my wounds. The pain was overwhelming. It was not just in my hand; it went through my whole body. I lost two fingers and had the wound stitched with no anesthesia or pain medicine. We never went home again because there was nothing left for us. We stayed with my wife's sister for almost six months."

Back in 1979, when Amin was forced to flee from Uganda, the church had come out of hiding. That same year, Dongo had given his heart and life to Jesus. Leaving his family and the seven huts, he'd moved to Kampala and soon became a missionary. From there, Dongo traveled around the country holding crusades, witnessing on the streets and planting churches.

Now, while they lived with his sister-in-law, he still traveled on the weekends to hold crusades. In 1985, Dongo helped plant a church in Kabalagala, a Kampala suburb. When no one stepped up to shepherd the people, he became their pastor. While the war raged on, Florence gave birth to a daughter who was their delight. After almost two decades of war and senseless murders, death now stalked the people in the form of poverty, privation and disease.

Two years later, in 1987, their daughter died of measles. There was no vaccine available in war-torn Uganda.

### Castaway Kids

"I never knew such pain existed," Dongo admits. "My only comfort was knowing that I would see her again in heaven. In time, we had

four children survive, three boys and a girl. Because of the war and AIDS, there were 2.5 million orphans in Uganda. Our hearts were broken because no one could care for them. Many of the people took them in just to use them as servants.

"One woman who was dying had two little girls, Peace and Patience. She gave her property to some people in exchange for their promise to take care of her children. When she died, the people took her property but kicked the children out in the street. We took them in, and that's how our family started growing.

"During those years, a friend of mine began getting books and magazines from Kenneth Copeland Ministries. I read them all and started learning about faith. Life in Uganda was hard, and we needed to hear encouraging messages."

In 1999, Dongo started a ministry called *Buyamba*, which means "Help." With a vision to reach out to orphans, his goal was to change their lives—to love them, care for them and educate them. He didn't want to just help them survive. He wanted to help them grow up to be teachers and engineers.

In 2002, he opened God Cares—a school for orphans based on 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (*New King James Version*). Although they were limited by space and resources, soon hundreds of orphans had a place to live and a place to learn. "We tell the children that no matter what happens, God cares for them and He has a great plan for their lives," Dongo explains.

### A Different Reaction

When a group of high-school students arrived from Liberty

Christian School in 2011, Dongo learned that one of the young women was Courtney Copeland, daughter of John and Marty, and Kenneth and Gloria's granddaughter. While visiting a friend in New York, Dongo had seen Kenneth Copeland for the first time on the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast. Even more excited about the ministry, he enjoyed getting to know Courtney.

While in Kampala that year, Courtney looked out over the sea of orphans and had an idea. What if there were a way to empower these children, and others like them, using sports, discipleship, dance and music to impart the love of God? With a goal of displaying that love, could they reach them in a way that would change their lives forever? Might the love of God create a domino effect—a chain reaction of love expressed to everyone in their lives? After seeking the Lord and the counsel of her family, Courtney launched Reaction Tour.

"I listened as Courtney talked about different activities that would be fun for youth and teenagers while reaching them with the gospel," Dongo remembers. "She started bringing her team every year. They brought all the equipment, the soccer balls, net balls, transportation, food and drinks. But it wasn't all just play. They also disciplined the children, teaching them to be worship leaders and to preach the gospel.

"The first year they started with 400 kids. The second year they had 500. Getting children interested was not a problem. Everyone wanted to come, but the numbers were too great and we had to turn some of the children away. In January 2016, she'll be

"My responsibility where my Partners are concerned is to pray for them... to support them....

I've committed my life to seek God and receive revelation from God that I can preach and teach to *my Partners.*"

—Kenneth

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## In 2013, KCM helped with finances to build a third floor onto the school.

Today, the elementary school has 900 students enrolled who are either orphans or needy children.



"A newborn. Less than a week old. Poor thing. We don't think she's fed it or bathed the baby since it was born. Probably won't last until she comes out of the bush again."

"Then we'd better get that baby now!" Dongo said, easing toward the woman.


### Family of Faith

"We weren't planning on adopting any more children, but the baby was dying. We managed to get him, and we adopted him. His name is Michael. He is 4 years old now and is the joy of my life. Michael was our 20th child. Maybe he will be the last. I don't know. There are so many infants, we're planning to build a baby house for them.

"Seven of our children are married now, two boys grew up and moved out, and we have 11 grandchildren.

"Today, the elementary school has 900 students enrolled who are either orphans or needy children from the community. Of that number, 350 live here at the school and the other 550 live somewhere else, but come here to school every day. Our high school has more than 450 students living in the boarding school. In 2013, KCM helped with finances to build a third floor onto the school. I am so grateful. God bless them.

"My parents died long ago, but when I met Brother Copeland, he prayed for me and spoke to me like a father. He's like a parent, willing to accept me as I am and to help these orphans. He and Gloria have taught us about faith. They have shown us that God is still the same as He was from the beginning. He still works the way He used to work. KCM has sent help through the Reaction Tour and through financial support. They are giving hope to the hopeless."

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returning for the fourth time.

"I'm so proud of the team. They're changing the next generation by giving them hope and a vision for their lives. The children believe that God can use them because He's using Courtney."

### A Growing Family

Through the years, the Dongo family continued taking in children, until they'd adopted 15. Along with their four, they had a total of 19 children. "It wasn't a problem," Dongo says with a sparkle in his eyes. "We have a big house! Four bedrooms!"

In 2011, when he was out in the bush doing training, Dongo paused under the shade of a tree and wiped perspiration from his face. Sweltering heat rose from the ground in steamy waves, clinging and cloying in the African bush. Far from the bustling city, he listened to the sounds of birds, monkeys and insects. In some ways, it seemed louder than in the city and teeming with more life. A woman stumbled into view, shocking Dongo into silence. She appeared wild and unkempt. "She's mentally ill," one of the local men explained. "She won't let anyone get close enough to help her."

A weak cry rose from the bundle in her arms, prompting Dongo to take a closer look. The sound arose again, something like the wail of a wounded animal. Gasping, he turned to the other man. "It's a baby!"

## JANUARY

		Old Testament	New Testament
Fri	1	Gen. 1-3	Matt. 1-2
Sat	2	Gen. 4-5	Matt. 3


Sun	3	Gen. 6-7	Matt. 4
Mon	4	Gen. 8-9	Matt. 5
Tue	5	Gen. 10-11	Matt. 6
Wed	6	Gen. 12-13	Matt. 7
Thu	7	Gen. 14-15	Matt. 8
Fri	8	Gen. 16-18	Matt. 9-10
Sat	9	Gen. 19-20	Matt. 11

Sun	10	Gen. 21-22	Matt. 12
Mon	11	Gen. 23-24	Matt. 13
Tue	12	Gen. 25-26	Matt. 14
Wed	13	Gen. 27-28	Matt. 15
Thu	14	Gen. 29-30	Matt. 16
Fri	15	Gen. 31-33	Matt. 17-18
Sat	16	Gen. 34-35	Matt. 19

Sun	17	Gen. 36-37	Matt. 20
Mon	18	Gen. 38-39	Matt. 21
Tue	19	Gen. 40-41	Matt. 22
Wed	20	Gen. 42-43	Matt. 23
Thu	21	Gen. 44-45	Matt. 24
Fri	22	Gen. 46-48	Matt. 25-26
Sat	23	Gen. 49-50	Matt. 27

Sun	24	Ex. 1-2	Matt. 28
Mon	25	Ex. 3-4	Mark 1
Tue	26	Ex. 5-6	Mark 2
Wed	27	Ex. 7-8	Mark 3
Thu	28	Ex. 9-10	Mark 4
Fri	29	Ex. 11-13	Mark 5-6
Sat	30	Ex. 14-15	Mark 7

Sun	31	Ex. 16-17	Mark 8
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A photograph of Jerry Savelle, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a light blue checkered shirt. He is gesturing with his hands while speaking to a large, blurred audience in a church or auditorium.

Have you ever  
commanded the  
hand of God on  
your adversary?

Did you know  
that's what God  
wants you to do?

# *the* HAND *of* GOD

*by*  
**Jerry**  
*Savelle*

Over the years, since I began ministering, I had heard the phrase “the hand of God” many times, but never studied it myself. I never spent

time meditating on it and researching it until one day the Lord said to me, *There's more.* So I dug into the Scriptures to see what I could find about

commanding the hand of God on your enemy.

*Here's what I discovered in Acts 11:19-21:*

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

Notice the words “the hand of the Lord.” When you see that phrase, it speaks of God’s power as expressed

and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him. And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking

and a New Testament principle, I’m certainly not going to get God’s best or reach the next level. But since the Apostle Paul did this, apparently it’s something that can be done by New Testament believers, as well.

Notice that the hand of the Lord came on Satan’s vessel, and it silenced and defeated him. I believe the Spirit of God wants us to practice this in our own prayer lives. Exodus 3:19-22 says:

And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders

*Personally, I have a problem with commanding God to do anything.*

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## THEN THE LORD SAID TO ME, YOU’LL NEVER GET INTO OVERFLOW WITHOUT IT, NOR THE FULLNESS OF IT.

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in judgment or in blessings. In this passage, God’s power is expressed in blessings. The Church was under heavy persecution, but the hand of the Lord was with them. As a result, “a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.” This was an expression of judgment against their adversaries, but a manifestation of blessing to God’s people.

Now, look at Acts 13:6-11:

And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas

some to lead him by the hand.

You can see that when the hand of the Lord came on the apostles, His blessing was manifest. When it came on the enemy of righteousness, His judgment was manifest. Barjesus was full of deceit. He was a fraud. He wasn’t what he appeared to be. He considered himself a prophet, but Paul denounced him and called him an enemy of righteousness. This man twisted and perverted God’s Word, until finally, Paul, by the direction of the Holy Ghost, declared, “The hand of the Lord is upon thee.”

I’ve never prayed that against an adversary! Have you?

If I’m not doing something scriptural

which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty. But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

### **A Mighty Demonstration**

In this Old Testament example, God was telling Moses it would take a demonstration of His mighty hand to get Pharaoh to let His people go. As

I was studying this, the Lord said to me, *My people are letting their adversary get away with too much, and they're not making him pay for what he's put them through.* Isaiah 66:6 says, He is the Lord that "renders recompense" or pronounces a verdict on his enemies.

In Exodus 3, the Lord said that once the demonstration of His stretched-out hand took place, Pharaoh would not only let them go, but Israel would go in overflow. The Lord said to me, *Most people would have been happy with just leaving Egypt.* But that wasn't God's best.

When you've been in bondage all your life, and someone says you can go, you might be satisfied with that. But that's not God's best. God's best is recompense. God said not only would He deliver Israel from bondage, but He would make their adversary pay the wages due them. And not only that, but their adversary would pay them wages due them *plus* the wages due their ancestors for over 400 years. Now that's what I call recompense!

When the hand of God was on Pharaoh, it brought judgment. When His hand was on His people, it brought not just blessing, but overflow.

Moses told the people in Exodus 13:3 to "remember this day in which you came out from Egypt." *The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* says they were to "earnestly remember... for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place." God attributed Israel's deliverance out of bondage to the hand of the Lord, and they were to remember that.

Every time God mentions Israel's deliverance, He reminds them it was the hand of the Lord that accomplished it. Why have we treated this so lightly when God told them to earnestly remember it? He even says in time to come, they were to tell their descendants how He brought them out of Egypt. It was important that their children and their children's children knew it



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happened by the hand of the Lord.

Obviously, our adversary is Satan, not the Egyptians or the Philistines. His works, his operations, his assignment against us cannot stand nor succeed when the hand of God is manifest. When Moses faced an impossible situation in the natural, God asked, “Is the Lord’s hand waxed short?” (Numbers 11:23). He wanted Moses to remember that nothing is impossible when the hand of the Lord is in manifestation.

There are many other examples of the hand of the Lord expressing God’s power in judgment against the enemies of Israel. Joshua, Samuel and David all saw the hand of God against their adversaries. Psalm 78:42 says, “They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.” One of the ways Israel limited God in their lives was that they forgot the power of the demonstrated hand of the Lord.

Isaiah 45:11 is a scripture that has bugged me for a long time: “Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.”

Personally, I have a problem with commanding God to do anything. But then the Lord said to me, *You’ll never get into overflow without it, nor the fullness of it.*

*Strong’s Concordance* says the word *command* used in Isaiah means “to appoint.” The word *appoint* means “to assign, or to commission.” God is asking us to release Him to command, appoint or assign to do something. He’s saying when you appoint Him to do something on your behalf, the manifestation of power by the hand of God will bring blessing on you and judgment on your adversary.

I decided to check the New Testament to see if anyone else

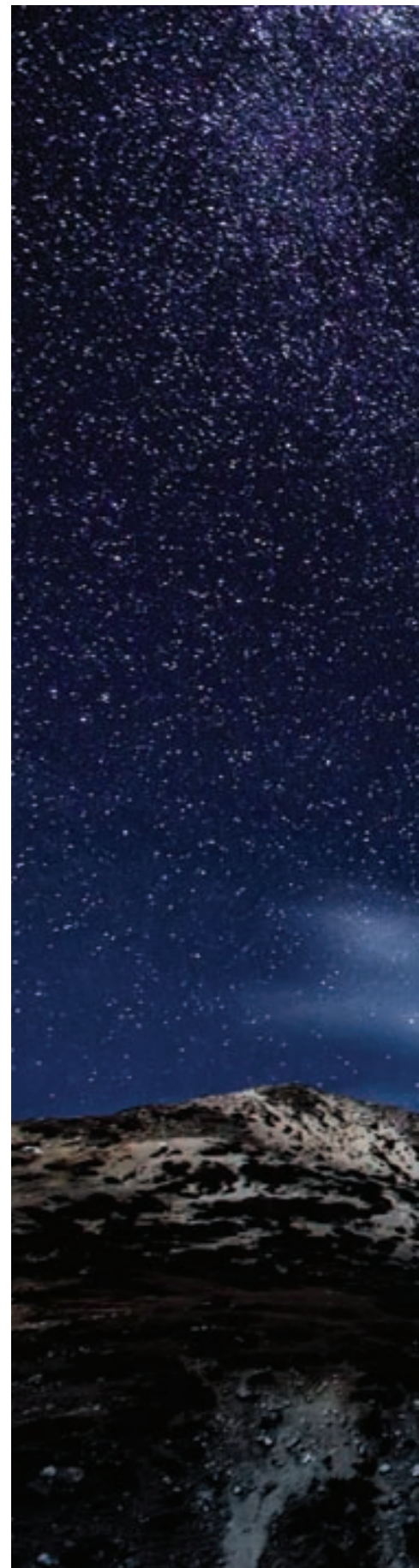
had commanded the work of God’s hand. In Acts 4:29-30, the followers of Christ prayed and said: “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand....” The New Testament Church believed in commanding the work of God’s hands.


I’ve never done that in the more than 40 years I’ve been walking with the Lord. But, apparently it’s still a New Testament principle. When believers commanded the work of God’s hand, it brought blessing on the Church. How? More people were added to the Church daily, and it brought judgment on their adversaries.

The Lord said to me, *Tell My people, don’t just pray for deliverance when the enemy has attacked you. Commission Me to bring judgment on him by declaring, “Now, God, stretch forth Your hand against him.”* He went on to say, *Appoint Me to punish and penalize him for what he has put you through, and I will force him to compensate you for damages caused.*

I believe if we will exercise this principle of commanding the work of God’s hand, God will not only cause our adversary to cease his attacks against us, but we will collect for damages he has caused! It’s called *retribution*, or payback, for the evil that has been done. Isaiah 66:6 says, “A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompence to his enemies.”

When God’s vengeance is carried out against our adversary, the devil, we’ll have perfect recompense as a result. As the Scripture says in Deuteronomy 28:7, “They shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.” That’s God’s kind of vengeance. We won’t get back what we *think* we should have. We’ll get back what *God* thinks we should have—overflow! ❶





*“No matter  
how long  
you have  
to wait  
for your  
dreams to  
come to  
pass, don’t  
quit on  
them.”*

Don’t believe for  
them for a few  
months or a few  
years and then say,  
‘I give up. Nothing  
is happening.’”

—Gloria



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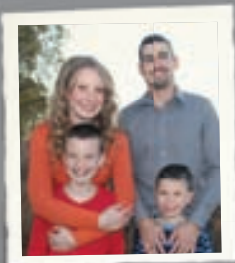
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“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17, *New King James Version*

## Knee Pain—Healed!

Last night I was watching the *BVOV* broadcast on GODTV. When Dr. Richard Roberts and Brother Copeland prayed, I was instantly healed from pain in my right knee. Praise the Lord!

M.P.B. | India



## God Is a Rewarder!

As we have been setting ourselves on going after God, we have been seeing absolutely amazing breakthroughs, revelations and transformations in our lives and our marriage. The continual solid teaching that comes from KCM has been a huge factor in helping us build a solid foundation on the Word for our lives and our family. God is so good! To Him be all the praise and glory and adoration!

Joel and Claudia P. | Alberta, Canada

## Back Pain—Healed!

I would like to testify about the goodness of the Lord. I attended the 2015 South Africa Victory Campaign from May 14-16, at Rhema Bible Church. When Brother Copeland finished preaching on Thursday, before closing he said we must put our hands on the area where we have pain. I had been having back pain since last year. When

bending, it was a struggle to get up, so I had all kinds of rubbing stuff in each and every room—bathroom, by my bed pedestal, etc.

Since May 14, 2015, I have not once used the stuff nor taken any tablets for back pain. I praise the Lord for totally healing me through Kenneth Copeland ministering.

C.S. | South Africa

## Thank You!

My wife and I were at your conference in Fort Worth, Texas, last year. I just wanted to thank you. It blessed both of us. I have been dealing with issues from an accident I was

involved in where a man died. God has really been there for me, watching you on television and receiving your emails. Bless you both. I just wanted to say thank you.

R.O. | San Diego, Calif.



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## A Debt-Free Car

I want to praise God for an answered prayer; I have received a debt-free car. Glory to God!

A.S.K. | Karnataka

## Blessed of the Lord

Praise the Lord! This is Rachel from Mumbai, India. First of all, I would like to thank God for all He has done in my

life. He has healed my mom from cancer—she was suffering from breast cancer and Jesus completely healed her. I was jobless for almost nine months

and had sent in a prayer request in March, and by May, I was blessed with the kind of job I wanted.

Rachel M.

## KCM Has Helped Us Grow

I really enjoy and am encouraged by the *BVOV* magazines. The account that Melanie Hemry wrote in the June 2015 magazine regarding Steven being healed by the Lord three times when it looked like he was going to die really spoke to me. Three times the devil tried to take me out, but the Lord rescued me every time and I am still here to fulfill the plan that He has for my life.

I am testifying of God's mercy because I did not know how to stand on God's Word for protection, or that I needed to apply the blood of Jesus over me. We saw Kenneth and Gloria Copeland on TV in 1995-96, and wow, did they ever open our eyes. They helped us grow up in the Lord and we consider them our spiritual parents. We now go to a great church where we are taught how to stand on the Word of God and the whole gospel is preached. There have been healings, supernatural deliverance and so much more. The congregation, well we really love our pastors and each other. There are no judgmental attitudes and we truly rejoice with those who are blessed of the Lord.

Blessings to all who work at KCM. We love and pray for you.

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**He Healed Me!** You became my first Word teachers 16 years ago. Gloria, your testimony about healing saved me. I said, “Lord, if You healed Gloria, heal me too.” And He did. I had cancer. Thank you for letting the Holy Spirit bring life through you and for providing us with this necessary knowledge of God’s Word through the broadcasts.

L.P. | Kharkov

## *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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# Find Your WEALTHY PLACE in God

**“He loves that child so much, he’d give her the world.” We’ve often heard that expression used to describe the great love of a father for a child. We know no man could actually do that. It’s just a word picture to express the depth of a father’s love.**

**What I want you to think about is that God, too, is a “family man.” Like any father, God’s desire has always been to give His children the world.**

**And long before any of us were ever born, that’s just what He did.**

*by Kenneth Copeland*

**F**or since the beginning of the world,” Isaiah 64:4 tells us, “men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.”

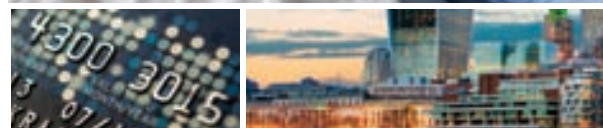
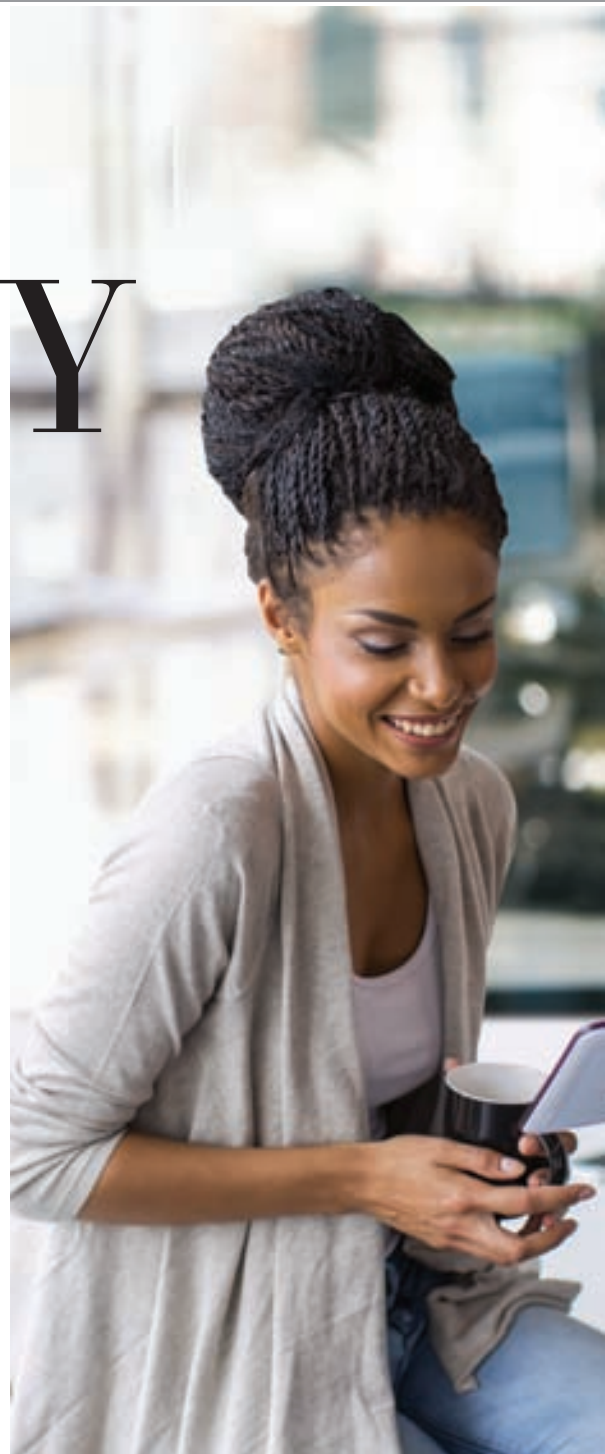
When God decided He wanted a family, He did what parents do. He started making plans. He started preparing. He looked around heaven, and heaven was a nice place, but somehow it just wasn’t enough. God wanted something new for His family. So, He created the universe.

The Genesis account of Creation tells us that as God carried out His plan, He took time to examine what He had done. And what He saw, He liked. He called it “good.”

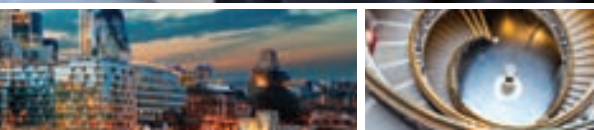
It was all so good, in fact, that by the time He was finished, God had made every man and woman who would ever be born into this world wealthy beyond their wildest dreams and imaginations.

Imagine tending to a garden that has gold lying around on the ground. That’s how the Bible describes the Garden of Eden. I would call that wealthy.

What the Church has not completely grasped is that making



man wealthy beyond his wildest dreams has been God’s intention all along. Since the beginning of time, God has fully intended for every person to spend all of eternity exploring the abundance of possessions and inheritance He had prepared for them



before the world ever began. He has fully intended for every man and woman to prosper in every way possible. That was His plan under the Old Covenant.

In Psalm 66:12, we read: “Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went

through fire and through water: but thou *broughtest us out into a wealthy place.*” Other translations use the phrase, “a place of abundance.”

God had prepared a wealthy place for His people. It was a place in Him that offered an abundance of wisdom, an abundance of health, an abundance of financial prosperity, an abundance of love, and so on.

His intention is no different today under the New Covenant.

“For we are God’s [own] handiwork (His workmanship),” the Apostle Paul writes, “recreated in [the Anointed] Jesus [by His anointing], [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [*living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live*]” (Ephesians 2:10, *The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

Before the foundation of this world was ever set into place, before Adam and Eve ever took their first breath, God prepared for each one of us a wealthy place...a place of abundance in Him.

“But, Brother Copeland, if God has that wealthy place for me, why did He put it where I can’t see it or touch it with my natural senses?”

That’s easy...He put it someplace where man wouldn’t lose it.

#### A Win-Win Life

When God laid out the framework for this place of abundance before the foundation of the world, He not only made us wealthy, but He also designed it all in such a way that it could never be stolen from us.

Although God had made the Garden of Eden for His family, He knew it wouldn’t be long before Adam would turn it all over to the devil. So, He had a plan, and the secret to that plan is found in

Ephesians 1:3-5:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus [the Anointed One], who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in [the Anointed One, and in His Anointing]: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself....

Notice the word *hath* in verse 3—“*hath* blessed us.” That’s Old English for “has already.” From this, we see again that God blessed us before the world existed.

In fact, this verse goes on to say, “who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings *in heavenly places*....” If you think about it, before this natural, physical world existed, there was nothing but *heavenly places*. Earthly places had not been created yet. All this planning had to have happened before the foundation of the world.

Just what was all the planning about?

God was carefully preparing our eternal covenant. And that is where the word *blessed* (verse 3) comes into play. The word *blessed*, when applied to a covenant situation, literally means “empowered to prosper.”

Now, it’s pretty obvious we do not need a covenant or binding agreement with someone in order to become poor. We can become poor all by ourselves. “A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep,” Proverbs tells us, and poverty will come as an armed robber. The point is, we don’t need a covenant to show us how to reach a lower level of living—whether it’s failing at life, going broke, getting sick or whatever.

What we do need is a covenant with someone who is at a higher state than us, if we want to move to a higher level of living. It takes a covenant with Almighty God to reach our wealthy place in life, to be free of sin and its effects, to be born again and have the very Anointing of God abiding within us.

So, here, in Ephesians 1, we find that *to bless*, or *to empower to prosper*, is a covenant term. It is “to excel in something desirable,” or “go to the highest place.”

Actually, the Hebrew word for *prosperity* means “peace, wholeness, nothing missing, nothing broken”—

acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; in hope of *eternal life*, which God, that cannot lie, promised *before the world began*” (Titus 1:1-2).

Before the world began, God—who cannot lie—promised us eternal life. He promised it before Adam was ever created. He promised it before sin ever existed. Consequently, God’s promise of eternal life was not a reaction to our sin.

When we cried out to Jesus to be our LORD and Savior, God was not looking down from heaven and seeing a messed up, bummed out, no-good piece of trash. That may be how we

can possibly stop it. Not satan. Not any force of darkness.

Describing this *promise* and its *workings* even further, Hebrews 4:1-3 says:

Let us therefore fear, lest, a *promise* being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the *works* were

## “BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, GOD MADE MAN WEALTHY BEYOND HIS WILDEST IMAGINATION.”

prosperity is far more than just having a lot of money. When God prospers or blesses us, He empowers us to excel to the highest place in everything desirable, which is what He did by choosing us in the Anointed One, Jesus, before the foundation of the world.

### See Yourself as God Does

When God decided to have a family, He counted the cost, came up with a plan and then made a promise. The Apostle Paul gives us some insight into that promise.

“Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect, and the

saw ourselves, but that’s not what God was seeing. To begin with, that’s not the first time He saw us.

In Ephesians 2:10 we read that we are God’s own handiwork, re-created in the Anointed Jesus by His Anointing. God actually saw us the first time *before* the foundation of the world—not the day we were born into this earth. Before sin occurred, before a human was ever known, God saw us as wonderful, perfect, whole, sound, complete...in the Anointed Jesus. Think about that for a while and it will get rid of all the condemnation in your life.

So, we have a “hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began,” and nothing

finished *from the foundation of the world*.

We were chosen in the Anointed Jesus, promised eternal life, and all the “works” were finished before the foundation of the world. These “works” included all that God did to secure our wealthy place in Him.

First, God had to ordain Jesus. “But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained *before the foundation of the world*, but was manifest in these last times for you” (1 Peter 1:19-20).

To *ordain* means to “separate,” or “set apart.” Before the foundation of the world, God set Jesus apart to become a man. Then He gave Jesus

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a predestined path to take and a predestined work to do.

Revelation 13:8 tells us that Jesus was “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” God ordained Jesus to come to this earth and preach, to be the Lamb without blemish, to be slain and raised from the dead, then reign as LORD, as Advocate General and as High Priest of the Church. In short, God ordained Jesus to guarantee our wealthy place prepared for us before the foundation of the world.

Now, there were also some “works” that God predestined for us to do. You may recall that Ephesians 2:10 said we were “recreated...[born anew] that we may do those good *works* which God *predestined* (*planned beforehand*) for us [*taking paths* which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them” (AMPC).

God had “good works” planned for us, and “paths” prepared for us—and all before the foundation of the world. We already know that the paths take us to our wealthy place in God. But what we also need to understand is that our place of abundance in God is where all the goods necessary to do these “good works” are kept. God created it all, then set it aside for us before the world began. It has been ours all along.

### Unveiling the Good Life

We began our study with what had been prophesied to us under the Old Covenant—that “men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen” all that God had prepared for us (Isaiah 64:4).

But, now, let’s examine the New Covenant revelation that the Apostle Paul added to this passage when he quoted it in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10: “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the

heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.”

*God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.*

Our wealthy place is not off somewhere in heaven. If it were, how could we possibly do the “good works” God predestined us to do? No, it has already been revealed to us.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:21). That means, our wealthy place is inside us—right now. We have the Spirit of God. The Anointed One and His Anointing is inside us, and He has revealed our wealthy place in God.

Now, it may not look like you are enjoying all of the peace and provision of your wealthy place, at the moment. But, remember, God has a plan and He also has a path specifically designed for you. He can get you on that right road.

In 1967, Gloria and I and our children were living in Tulsa, Okla. I was a 30-year-old freshman at Oral Roberts University. We were living in a little shotgun house in an area where houses were later condemned, and we were \$24,000 in debt. Our wealthy place seemed an eternity away.

One day, however, Gloria and I sat down at our little homemade dining room table and took Communion. We took that covenant meal together as an open show and seal to the commitment we made to put God’s WORD first place in our lives. We agreed by the eternal covenant sworn in Jesus’ blood that The WORD would be final authority in every matter we faced.

Really, what we were doing, though we didn’t know it at the time, was choosing God’s predestined plan for our lives. And by doing so, God was able to put us on

the path to our wealthy place in Him.

Psalms 119:105 says that God’s WORD is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, and I like to add...*a light to my path to my wealthy place.*

God’s plans, God’s paths, God’s WORD, only have one direction—our wealthy place in Him. They are all headed to a place that is debt-free, sickness-free, worry-free, demon-free. It’s the good life which God made ready for us to live.

Jesus suffered, bled and died, so you and I could have that good life and never lose it. What’s more, He did it so our Father could have the family He has always wanted.

The Apostle John, having caught a glimpse of the “family,” writes:

“I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God” (Revelation 21:2-3).

At this very moment, you and I are headed toward the Rapture of the Church. We’re headed for a family reunion like no one has ever seen.

Individually, however, our wealthy place in God—on this earth—is waiting on us. While there’s still time, go ahead and press in for it. After all, your wealthy place has been waiting on you since the foundation of the world.

Make the decision today to get on your path. Let The WORD be the light that gets you there. Stay on The WORD, and you’ll find an abundance in God—an abundance that is beyond your wildest dreams and imaginations. ❶

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On the cross Jesus took on Himself the curse of poverty so that you could be set free. 2 Corinthians 8:9

2

Even if you’re starting at zero, God can prosper and promote you. Psalm 113:7-8

3

What looks hard to you isn’t hard for God. Matthew 19:26

4

When you get your eyes off yourself and begin to give, God will turn your financial desert into a Garden of Eden. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

5

Jesus blesses what you put in His hands, and THE BLESSING causes it to multiply. Proverbs 10:22



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# Healing

from the heart of Jesus

God's goodness is revealed throughout the Old Testament. But the best and most perfect revelation of it comes to us in the New Testament through His Son.

Jesus is the fullest expression of the Father's heart.

Jesus embodies the character and nature of God and He told His disciples, "Anyone who

has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9, *The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*). Hebrews 1:3 calls Jesus "the sole expression of the glory of God...the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature" (*AMPC*).

We know everything Jesus said and did while He was on the earth was an expression of the will of God because He said,

# Faith always gets Jesus' attention.

"I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.... I do always those things that please him" (John 8:28-29). Therefore, if we'd like to know what God desires to do for us today, all we have to do is look at the ministry of Jesus and see what He did for people while He was on the earth. See His attitude toward people and you see God's attitude. See His heart and you see God's heart.

Acts 10:38 sums up His ministry by saying, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Jesus went about doing good because *God is good*. According to this verse, we can know for sure that it seems good to God for all to be healed. Jesus said, "...the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10). God the Father was present and involved in every healing and deliverance.

God the Father and Jesus His Son can never change. They are good and everything they do is good because they love mankind. Healing comes straight from their heart!

## Jesus Cares About People

The religious people in Jesus' day were no different than many religious people today. They were constantly upset with Jesus because the things He did violated their religious traditions—things like healing people on the wrong day of the week and

letting His disciples pick grain to eat on the Sabbath.

Obviously, Jesus did not care as much about religious traditions as He did about people, because that's the way God is. When He saw people were physically hungry, He didn't just turn His back and say, "Well, they'll be OK. They ought to be fasting more anyway." No, "Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way" (Matthew 15:32). Then He worked a miracle to feed them. It was the Father's will.

In the same way, when people were spiritually hungry, He fed them with the Word. He sat down among them and taught them scriptural principles through stories, unfolding the mysteries of heaven to

them. When people were sick and came to Him, Jesus healed them.

One of my favorite accounts of Jesus' heart to heal is that of blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10, starting at verse 46. Bartimaeus heard Jesus was coming, and he cried out to Him, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." The disciples tried to shut him up, but he cried out even more—he wanted to be healed!

When he cried out, the Scripture says Jesus then stopped and stood still. Faith always gets Jesus' attention. When the disciples called the blind man to Jesus, Bartimaeus jumped up from the place where he sat, threw off his garment and came running. Listen to the heart of Jesus, hear His kindness and goodness as He responds in verses 51-52: "Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

That was Jesus' heart.

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## Healing Is for Everyone!

Now, religious tradition might say, "God doesn't always choose to heal. Sometimes He will heal you and sometimes He won't." But the life of Jesus proves otherwise. He healed every person who ever reached out to Him in faith, believing and acting on what He said.

Healing is not a doctrine. It is straight out of the heart of God because He loves you and me!

You only need to read some of the accounts of His ministry to know this to be true.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them (Matthew 4:23-24).

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick (Matthew 8:16).

Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all (Matthew 12:15).

And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole (Mark 6:56).

...and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; and they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and *healed them all* (Luke 6:17-19).

What other conclusion can you

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draw from this but that healing is God's heart? Jesus heals anyone and everyone! Why? Because He is just like Father God—He is good and He loves us and healing is an expression of His love and goodness!

### Jesus—Always Willing to Do Good

Jesus was always willing to express His heart of love. Whatever those who came to Him for help needed, He supplied. And nothing has changed. He is just as full of compassion today as ever. He is easily entreated, and receiving from Him is always easy.

Man-made religious tradition would have us believe God is not willing to heal all who come to Him, but that He demands near perfection from us before He is willing to give us anything.

Jesus demonstrated that God loves everyone and desires to meet the needs of all who come to Him in faith. Certainly among the multitudes who reached out to Him in these scriptural accounts were those who were just like some today—imperfect people who fail and make mistakes. People who, by their own natural merits, do not deserve to receive anything from God. Yet Jesus healed every one of them.

Jesus showed us at the wedding feast in Cana that when He is asked, He will step in to meet what some would consider even the most insignificant needs. The hosts of the wedding had run out of wine—an embarrassing situation to be sure, but hardly of great significance. Yet when Jesus' mother called on Him for help, He abundantly met the need by turning the water, not into ordinary wine, but into such wonderful wine that "the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now" (John 2:9-10).

That was so characteristic of Jesus! He never failed to give the best to those who came to Him in faith for help. According to His own words in John 14:9, when you see Him, you

have seen His heavenly Father—you have seen a perfect picture of the compassion and goodness of God.

### Jesus' Unchanging Heart

You may say, "Well, that was how Jesus was back then. But does He still deal with us that way now?" The answer is, *Yes!*

Year in and year out, I am privileged to share the healing ministry of Jesus with people around the world. I have witnessed hundreds of healings straight from Jesus' heart, and I receive reports from hundreds more every year! And in the Body of Christ worldwide, healing from the heart of Jesus is as prevalent as it ever has been.

We can read about healing and deliverance through the technology of the Internet. God has made a way that any hour of the day we can watch Christian programming on television and witness the healing power of Jesus. We can know beyond a doubt Jesus heals today!

*Will Jesus heal you?* Yes, He will!

Jesus loves you! He doesn't care where you are from, how hard your heart may have been, or however tough you think your "case" may be. None of that matters. What matters is: Do you have faith? Do you believe what Jesus says? Will you dare to believe Him when He asks, "What would you have Me do for you?" Will you boldly respond, "Jesus, I believe You love me, I believe You are good, and I believe You desire to heal me!"?

Really, it's just that easy for us to receive healing from Jesus today.

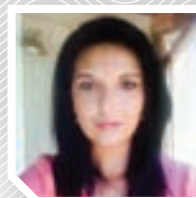
Hebrews 13:8 tells us, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Jesus is the never-changing expression of the heart of God the Father. He is the same right now as He was when He walked the shores of Galilee and healed every person who reached out to Him in faith. He is good, He does love you, and He is always ready to heal you.

What would you have Him do for you today? 🙏

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