

## RAISING UP SUPERKIDS // IN A NOT-SO-SUPER WORLD \\

IN A 2011 NATIONAL SURVEY, 22 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN THE U.S., FROM BIRTH TO 17, LIVED IN POVERTY. THAT PERCENTAGE REFLECTED THAT THESE CHILDREN WERE "FOOD INSECURE," A TERM THAT SIGNIFIED THAT, AT TIMES, EITHER THEY OR THEIR PARENTS WERE UNABLE TO ACQUIRE ADEQUATE FOOD FOR ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIVING BECAUSE THE HOUSEHOLD HAD INSUFFICIENT MONEY AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR FOOD.







In a similar study conducted in 2012, 47 percent of the high school students surveyed said they were sexually active; 16 percent of all 10th graders and 24 percent of all 12th-grade participants admitted to heavy drinking; and 19 and 25 percent of those same groups, respectively, said they had used drugs

at some time between 2011 and 2012. And in yet another survey conducted around that same time, an alarming 90 percent of American high school students reported that some of their classmates were using illicit drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, during the school day.

The statistics remain grim for

America's children growing up in this not-so-super world. And while some say these figures may be declining, other reports indicate just the opposite.

The truth is, the enemy would love nothing more than to derail tomorrow's leaders while they're still young.

But God has a different plan.

He sees our children as *His* children. He sees them as leaders, as world changers, as the next generation of those who will give glory to Him. It's for this reason that, at Kenneth Copeland Ministries, we have ministered to children in many different ways for nearly 30 years. From audio adventures to action movies, from children's novels to an award-winning magazine, and from coloring books to live meetings, all our efforts have had the same heartbeat: *Whatever we must do, we are going to reach our kids*.

We refuse to lose one child to the enemy!

#### Taking Up the Cause

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

"We set out to do full-length motion pictures, and in those motion pictures, train and teach the power of The WORD of God," Brother Copeland recalls.

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

In April 1993, the first children's activity page appeared in the monthly

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

"God has great things for this generation to do, but it takes a lot of time, effort, resources and finances

to outweigh the barrage of worldly input that kids are faced with every day," says Kellie Copeland, who spearheads KCM's children's ministry. "We're committed to this cause, and I know the KCM Partners are too."

Other faith-filled KCM materials for children over the years have included Baby Praise videos, audios and books for babies; 11 Superkid Adventure novels, activity books,

coloring books, comic books and music CDs; and the *Over the Edge* and *Load Up* devotionals for teens. In partnership with Dana Johnson Ministries for more than 20 years, Superkid Academy has been part of major KCM meetings for years, and has become a regular fixture at Eagle Mountain International Church.

For all these efforts, what has been the result?

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

things are hard or when they are in need. They know to go to God, because He is their Source."

#### Partnering With You

On a consistent basis, with the latest technology and developments, we need to prepare our children for what's out there—prepare them to take a stand against the kingdom of darkness so they don't become another tragic statistic. That's why KCM is excited about its most recent children's ministry effort, the Superkid Academy Curriculum, which is designed to provide one-on-one

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interaction and faith training for kids—all in partnership with churches around the globe.

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

Through the curriculum, which includes DVDs, object lessons, offering lessons, praise and worship

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

"By arming young people with the Word and biblical core values, and helping to strengthen their spirits, it helps them make right decisions and live anointed lives," said Kellie. It's just one more way KCM is reaching out to

children, fulfilling those prophetic words: "Whatever we must do, we *are* going to reach our kids."

In 2013, KCM released a fulllength feature titled Superkid Academy: The Mission—the first movie project designed in conjunction with the Superkid Academy Curriculum program. One of the things that made this project so special was that it was written and directed by Lyndsey Rae, who not only is Kellie's daughter but who grew

up as a Superkid.

"Lyndsey had been involved in writing the video shorts for the first five volumes of the Superkid curriculum," Kellie explains, "and was actively working on shorts for Volume 6 when the Lord gave her a unique direction. As she was praying about the project, the Lord had Lyndsey write 13 individual scenes, and then He showed her how to put them together and develop them into a movie. The result was *The Mission*."

During an interview with BVOV, Commander Kellie fielded some questions about Superkid Academy, its success, and what she sees in the future for SKA and Commander Kellie. Here are some of her comments:

**BVOV:** Superkid Academy is about to be 30 years old. How did you come up with the concept?

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

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

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

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

**CK:** When I look at how far we've come, sometimes it's striking. Personally, I want to know that I have pleased the Lord with my life, and what I've been able to do for the kids, and I believe that I have. But there are times when I wonder, *Could I have done more? Should I be further along?* Then, I see all these kids who are now all grown up, and some of them even have kids of their own. And they come up to

me and say how much I've impacted their lives, and that I helped them to find out what God wanted them to do with their lives. That's a really good feeling!

**BVOV:** How significant is that to you?

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

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

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

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

**CK:** Absolutely! For more than a quarter century, we've been trying to reach kids and show them who they are in Christ—to give them the messages Dad has been teaching. And we've been very successful in doing that. The latest Superkids movie, *The* 

Mission, is probably one of the biggest proofs that it's working! The cast for this movie, which centers on the Superkid Creed, is not only made up of Superkids, but it was written and directed by Lyndsey, who grew up as a Superkid. It's the same Word they grew up learning, only it's being shared with a new generation of Superkids!

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

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

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

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

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

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



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#### 10 Diligence by Melanie Hemry

Tim Cruz has been connected with Superkid Academy since he was 12 years old and living in California. At 17, he worked all summer so he could travel to Texas to volunteer with SKA at the Southwest Believers' Convention. As he grew older, Tim eventually moved to Fort Worth. Now married and with a child of his own, Tim continues to sow into Superkids

by volunteering every year at

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# Born-Born-By Kenneth Copeland NATION

Some time ago, I was praying for this nation and The LORD presented me with a question: Do you think George Washington, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin had any idea what the United States would eventually look like? He asked. // The answer was obvious. // They didn't have a clue! Nothing like this had ever existed before. They couldn't have possibly known how it would turn out.

Kenneth, at this point in time you're in the same situation they were, The LORD told me. I am causing the United States to be born again, and you don't have any idea what it's going to look like when I get done with it because there's never been anything like this before.

In the two years or so since The LORD spoke those words to me, I've pressed in to find out more about what He's doing in this nation. I've listened more attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying, and asked Him to show

me what's going on here not in the natural but from God's perspective.

As a result, I've seen some things in times of prayer that have absolutely thrilled me. I've seen this nation coming to the place where it's fulfilling God's original plan. I've seen it by the Spirit, overflowing with an outpouring of the gospel of Jesus Christ that's so outlandish it's affecting nations all over the earth.

I've seen all races of people worshipping together, showing the world what it looks like



when racism is defeated. And I've seen the Body of Christ coming together as one—just as Jesus prayed in John 17.

"Brother Copeland, that sounds wonderful," someone might say, "but it also sounds rather unrealistic. With political parties in this nation practically at each other's throats and protests breaking out all over, America seems more divided now than ever. The way things are going, I'm wondering if we're experiencing the judgment of God and we're about to go under."

No, this nation isn't going under! It's not being judged by God. What's being judged is the Babylonian socialistic system that's been attacking it for 115 years. That system is not the form of government our forefathers, under God, set up. It's a demonized counterfeit that's made our country sick, and God, in His mercy, is overturning it.

That's why there seems to be so much upheaval right now. This nation is getting operated on. It's going through some serious surgery, and what it needs from us, as believers, isn't a bunch of fear and fretting. It needs us to get with God's program, add our faith to what He's doing, and assist in the healing process that's taking place right now.

You can be part of that process, you know. As a believer, you can use the same faith God gave you by which to be born again, to help bring forth the fulfillment of God's great plan for the U.S. You can use your faith to change not only your own life but your family, your community, your state and, yes, even your nation.

I don't care how many goofy things the politicians may have done. I don't care how many messes they've made, God can straighten them all out. If you doubt it, look in the Bible! It not only says that "with God all things are possible" and "all things are possible to him that believeth" (Matthew 19:26; Mark 9:23), it clearly declares we can believe for the impossible where our country is concerned.

As God put it in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

#### Turn Off the Bad News and Turn On the Good

The problem has been that, until the past few years, not many people have actually believed God for the United States to be healed. A lot of Christians have been praying for it to happen but they haven't been praying in faith.

How can you tell whether you're praying in faith or not?

Faith calls things that be not as though they were. It sticks with God's WORD and refuses to be moved by contrary evidence. Faith doesn't sit at the dinner table grumbling about the evening news. It doesn't get mad and say things like, "I just don't know what this is all coming to. Those knotheads in Washington are going to ruin this country for sure."

No, if the news reports become bothersome, faith just shuts them off. It does what The LORD told me to do a while back. I had the TV on and I was getting irritated, judging everyone from the politicians to the reporters, and He said, Kenneth, you can't be trusted with news broadcasts. Quit watching them.

I said, "Yes Sir, amen," and did what He said. I turned off the bad news and tuned in to the good news. I got back over in faith and love, cast the care of this nation over on The LORD and started rejoicing in Him.

"Brother Copeland, how can you rejoice when there's so much trouble and turmoil in this country? Don't you care?" No, I don't.

I used to. I used to care heavily, but I'm not carrying that care anymore. I'm obeying The WORD instead. I'm acting on the command in 1 Peter 5:6-7, which says, "Therefore humble yourselves... under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you, casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully" (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition).

Turning the care of this nation over to Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and believing He'll do something about it, is the most responsible thing I can do for this country! Not only does it align me with the will of God, it brings exaltation—and that's what the U.S. needs. She needs to be exalted by the hand of God.

I'm not saying, of course, I've given up praying for this nation. I haven't! Although I'm not carrying the care of it, I still pray for it every day —for the most part in other tongues.

Why do I pray for it primarily in tongues?

Because I don't know exactly what to pray as I ought. In the natural my knowledge is limited. When I pray in tongues I rise above those limitations. The Holy Spirit takes hold together with me and prays "according to and in harmony with God's will" (Romans 8:27, AMPC).

Each time I pray in tongues for this nation I know I've prayed the perfect prayer, so when I'm finished I make sure to release my faith. I say, "Thank You, Father. I believe I receive."

I also ask The LORD each time to further enlighten my mind by giving me the interpretation of what I prayed (1 Corinthians 14:13). Since Jesus said, "Every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth" (Matthew 7:8), I expect when I'm seeking the face of God about this nation to find out something about it—and I always do. That's how I found out God had a plan for this nation to be born again!

#### The Prayers That Make All the Difference

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, you're a prophet. I'm not."

That doesn't matter. You don't have to be a prophet to receive insight from God. You can get it just because you're a believer. You can get it because you have the Holy Ghost living in you, and He's been sent by Jesus to "teach you all things" and "guide you into all truth" (John 14:26, 16:13).

You can find out anything from God if you'll pray in tongues long enough! He'll give you all kinds of wonderful revelations. You just have to position yourself to receive them by praying in the spirit, listening for the voice of The LORD, and releasing your faith.

As I've already said, prayers of faith are what this nation needs most right now! It needs the confident prayers of Christians who believe God's WORD, are free of strife and walking in love. It needs intercessors who are clearheaded and tuned in to the voice of God so that when the Holy Spirit calls on them and says, "I need you to pray right now!" they're quick to hear and respond.

How much difference can the prayers of such believers make?

All the difference in the world!

Abraham proved that in the Old Testament. When he found out from God that the city of Sodom was about to be destroyed because of its sin, he interceded for it. He asked God if He would spare it for the sake of 50 righteous men. Sure enough, The LORD agreed to do it and said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.' Then Abraham answered and said...'Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?' So He said, 'If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it.' And he spoke to Him yet again and said, 'Suppose there should be forty found there?' So He said, 'I will not do it for the sake of forty" (Genesis 18:26-29, New King James Version.)

Abraham kept on interceding and standing before God on his covenant authority until God eventually agreed He would save the entire city of Sodom if He could find just 10 righteous people there. Think about that: 10 good people could have turned the destiny of that place.

Certainly the U.S. has a lot more than 10 righteous people in it!

There are multiplied thousands, even millions, of believers living in this nation. There are churches all across this land full of born-again people and Jesus has said to every one of us, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 18:19).

It's no wonder God said this nation is in the process of being born again! He not only has a Body of faith-filled believers agreeing in prayer for it to happen, He has a bunch of people like you and me who are eager to be part of it. He has an ever-growing group of WORD-believing, tongue-talking Christians seeking Him for ways to be a BLESSING—in their neighborhoods,

their communities and their workplaces.

There's no limit to what God can do through such people!

I'm thinking right now, for example, about what He did a number of years ago through Clyde McGee. A good friend of our family, Clyde worked back in the early 1960s for an aerospace company that was trying to develop technology for the government. His job was to help figure out how to build a communications satellite, park it out in space 24,000 miles away from the earth, and keep it steady in one spot.

At the time, no man knew how to do that. But God did...and Clyde not only knew God, he knew how to connect with His wisdom by praying in the Holy Spirit. Time after time Clyde would come home from work and say to his wife, "OK, sweetheart, the project has hit another snag. We need to pray."

He couldn't tell her any details because the program was top secret. So they'd just pray together in the spirit, believing they'd receive. Eventually, Clyde would get the answer. "That's it!" he'd say. Then he'd go back to work and implement the solution to the problem.

Clyde's team members thought he was the smartest guy who ever lived. He later became known as the Father of the Satellite. But it was really the God he was talking to who is the smartest One who ever lived. God knows everything! He knows all the answers to all the problems everywhere. He knows everything from how to cook...to how to turn around a floundering business... to how to fix the clutch on a '47 Dodge.

Best of all, He knows how to communicate His knowledge to you. He just needs you to give Him some faith to work with. He just needs you to stop worrying and saying, *I don't know*, and start praying in tongues and believing you receive.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist like Clyde McGee to bring the wisdom of God on the scene and be a positive force in this nation. You have the mind of God inside you! You have the most gigantic, magnificent storage of information in existence available to you 24 hours a day.



#### POINTS TO GET OYOU THERE

Right now this nation may look like it's in a mess. But in the realm of the spirit something wonderful is happening. God wants you to rise up in faith, bring forth His wisdom, and be a positive force wherever you go. Here are some points to get you there.

- No matter how many messes the politicians may have made, God can straighten them all out.

  Matthew 19:26
- He simply needs us to pray and believe He will do it.
  2 Chronicles 7:14
- When you don't know exactly what to pray for, pray in other tongues.
  Romans 8:26
- After you pray in tongues, ask God for the interpretation expecting Him to give you new insights about the nation.

  1 Corinthians

  14:13-14
- There's no limit to what God can do for this nation through people of faith. Mark 9:23

What are you doing wasting your time whining around in the natural about politicians and all the problems they're causing? Come on up into the realm of the supernatural where you, as a born-again believer, are created to live.

Do in the spirit what I do as a pilot when I get into the cockpit of a jet airplane. Fire up your spiritual engines by praying in other tongues and keep pushing up the power until you take off and rise above the realm of the flesh and the carnal mind. Let the lowlands of the natural drop away behind you and soar up to the place where you can view things from God's perspective.

I can guarantee you'll like what you see from up there. Instead of seeing this nation in a mess and going under, you'll see a land that's being healed. You'll see a nation that truly is being born again!

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# IT WAS THE COOLEST THING. MY BROTHER DAVID AND I FELL IN LOVE WITH COMMANDERS KELLIE, DANA AND LINDA. WHEN IT WAS OVER, WE COULDN'T WAIT TO GO BACK THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

#### **READ THROUGH THE BIBLE**

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Sun	2	2 Chr. 16-18	Heb. 5-6
Mon	3	2 Chr. 19-20	Heb. 7
Tue	4	2 Chr. 21-22	Heb. 8
Wed	5	2 Chr. 23-24	Heb. 9
Thu	6	2 Chr. 25-26	Heb. 10
Fri	7	2 Chr. 27-28	Heb. 11
Sat	8	2 Chr. 29-30	Heb. 12
Sun	9	2 Chr. 31-33	Heb. 13; Jas. 1
Mon	10	2 Chr. 34-35	Jas. 2
Tue	11	2 Chr. 36; Ezr. 1	Jas. 3
Wed	12	Ezr. 2-3	Jas. 4
Thu	13	Ezr. 4-5	Jas. 5
Fri	14	Ezr. 6-7	1 Pet. 1
Sat	15	Ezr. 8-9	1 Pet. 2
Sun	16	Ezr. 10; Neh. 1-2	1 Pet. 3-4
Mon	17	Neh. 3-4	1 Pet. 5
Tue	18	Neh. 5-6	2 Pet. 1
Wed	19	Neh. 7-8	2 Pet. 2
Thu	20	Neh. 9-10	2 Pet. 3
Fri	21	Neh. 11-12	1 Jn. 1
Sat	22	Neh. 13; Est. 1	1 Jn. 2
Sun	23	Est. 2-4	1 Jn. 3-4
Mon	24	Est. 5-6	1 Jn. 5
Tue	25	Est. 7-8	2 Jn.
Wed	26	Est. 9-10	3 Jn.
Thu	27	Job 1-2	Jude
Fri	28	Job 3-4	Rev. 1
Sat	29	Job 5-6	Rev. 2
Sun	30	Job 7-9	Rev. 3
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Job 10-11

Mon 31

Rev. 4

Tim knew that all he had to do was make a phone call and his dad would wire money to his account. No question about that. But the Lord had shut that door too.

Don't make the call, the Lord had told him.

"Why not?"

Because I'm your provider. You've always looked to your dad as your provider, but in this next season, I am showing you that I'm your provider.

Had he missed it? Had he gotten into presumption and taken a wrong turn?

Tim settled onto the sofa to worship the Lord. After a while he said, "If I missed it, Lord, just tell me! What do You want me to do? I need a sign!"

Look out the window.

Tim walked across the living room and opened the curtains. He saw an overcast sky. He saw trees stripped of leaves. He saw debris being whipped down the street by the wind. What he didn't see was anyone offering him a job.

Look at the sign.

Tim scanned the horizon and saw a sign.

What does it say?

"You've got to be kidding me! Sonic?" *That's your sign. Go apply.* 

"You want me to apply at Sonic?"

The Lord had nothing else to say on the subject. Tim phoned Sonic and asked if they were hiring.

Of course they were.

He drove to the assigned address to pick up an application. When he arrived, the manager waved him inside.

"Someone was supposed to come in for an interview but they didn't show. Come on in and we'll talk."

A few minutes later, the manager handed Tim a Sonic hat. "Welcome aboard. You've got the job."

Back at his apartment, Tim dreaded calling Stephanie, his fiancée.

"Hey, what are you doing?" he asked when she answered.

"Getting ready for Bible study. What about you? Any good news?"

"I got a job."

"Wonderful! What is it?"

Tim glanced up and saw his image in the mirror. The Sonic cap made him look like a clown. He fought to swallow the lump in his throat. How could he tell the woman he was about to marry that he was a 26-year-old carhop?

#### Where It All Began

"I'd never dreamed of being in the ministry," Tim explains. "I had no desire to minister. Growing up, all I ever wanted to do was be a Superkid. My first CD was *Armor of Light*. The summer I was 12 years old, my parents said that we were going to spend a week at a meeting with Kenneth Copeland in Anaheim, Calif. I had no idea who Kenneth Copeland was; I only knew him as Wichita Slim!

"'You'll be going to Superkid Academy,' my parents explained.

"You mean it's a real place?' I asked, thrilled beyond my wildest dreams.

"When we walked in, all the kids gave us high-fives and the service started with a game! It was the coolest thing. My brother David and I fell in love with Commanders Kellie, Dana and Linda. When it was over, we couldn't wait to go back the following year. Commander Dana told me to bring my guitar the next time.

"I've never missed a year since. David and I volunteered as ushers every year at Anaheim. When I was 17, I asked my dad if I could go to the Southwest Believers' Convention."

"Let me get this straight," Tim's father said. "You want to travel from California to Texas so you can volunteer at the convention?"

"Right."

Tim did yardwork all summer to earn the money to go.

Arriving at the convention center in Fort Worth, he reported to Superkid Academy where he planned on volunteering as an usher.

I want you to volunteer for bathroom duty all week.

Tim gasped. No one wanted bathroom duty! It was the grossest thing you could be asked to do. Swallowing his disgust, Tim put a smile on his face and volunteered for bathroom duty. When the week was over, Commander Dana pulled him aside.

"We appreciate the way you served," he said. "We'd like for you to be on the Superkid team next year."

What just happened? Tim wondered. Was there a connection between volunteering for the worst job at the convention and being promoted?

The following year, Tim graduated from high school and served at both the Anaheim and Southwest Believers' Conventions. That year, KCM launched the Great Lakes Believers' Convention in Green Bay, Wis. He served there too.

"I got into pride about that time," Tim remembers. "Commander Dana asked me to take a year off from serving on the team. The following year he reinstated me. I'd always played drums at my church but still had no interest in full-time ministry. The year I turned 21, I realized that my heart had changed."

#### A Divine Spark

Tim had no way of knowing that the summer of 2007 would change his life. One of the friendships he had developed at Superkid Academy was with Josh Coad. While Tim was in Fort Worth for the convention, Josh invited him to visit Gateway Church, the church he attended in Southlake, Texas. When he did visit, Tim felt at home.

What was that about? Tim wondered.

Three years later, in the summer of 2010, Tim stayed with friends in Texas for two months following the Southwest Believers' Convention. During that time, he volunteered at Gateway and signed up for their membership class. After returning home to California, Tim asked the Lord a simple question: "What do You have for me to do?"

When he woke the next morning, several things were clear to Tim. California wasn't his home anymore.

His heart was in Texas. He felt impressed that he was to move there in January 2011.

Obeying the Lord meant leaving his fiancée. It meant leaving his family while his mother was in a battle for her life due to illness. And he had to leave his church.

It hadn't been easy.

Now, here he was—a carhop at Sonic. To make matters worse, his supervisor was a 17-year-old girl who didn't know what she was doing.

#### An Attitude Adjustment

Tim listened as his pastor talked about how Jonathan's armor bearer gave him his full support, even when he knew the plan to attack the Philistines was a terrible idea.

"Then, he asked this question," Tim explains: "'Are you submitted to the season you're in?'

"I had to admit that I hadn't submitted to the season I was in, and I wasn't submitted to my leader. That night I made a decision not only to submit to her, but to become the best carhop ever. The first thing I did was stop complaining, even in my heart.

"Sonic was the season I was in and I determined to be super diligent in it. The absolute worst job at Sonic was cleaning the stalls. No one wanted to do it—except I knew God wanted me to do it. So I volunteered for the job. It was one of those character-building experiences.

When Tim moved to Texas, Dana and Linda Johnson were on staff at Gateway Church. Dana was the children's worship leader there.

"We connected as often as possible, but no ministry opportunity opened up for me," Tim recalls.

In June 2011, Tim and Stephanie married and she moved to Texas. Eventually, Stephanie got a job at Sonic, too. Since the couple only had one car, Tim would leave the car with her and, at 5:30 each morning, make the 5-mile trek to Sonic—usually running most of the distance. Some mornings it seemed as though that 5 miles stretched to 20. Even in the



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dark, frigid mornings, Tim worked up a sweat on his way in and would take his work clothes in a backpack and wash up and change once he got there.

Marriage, Tim had learned, wasn't as easy as he had assumed it would be. That had been a learning curve. Running to work, cleaning stalls, submitting to his leader no matter what—with a smile on his face—those 5-mile runs were when he wondered, step after step and mile after mile, *What am I doing here?* 

He didn't know the answer.

Months passed, and one of his friends from the Anaheim Superkid Academy, Anna Byrd, helped Tim get a job at a car dealership. Stephanie got a job at a grocery store. But in terms of ministry, it appeared that they'd gone backward.

Still, they forged ahead, being diligent to the season.

#### The Choice

The following year, in 2012, Tim unlocked the door to their apartment and found Stephanie on the floor, sobbing. "What's wrong?" he asked, running to her.

She lifted her tear-stained face.

"I miss our families," she said.

Tim sank to the floor beside his wife and pulled her into his arms.

"I miss them too." They wept together. "Can't we just go home?" she asked.

There it was: the million-dollar question.

What was stopping them? In all the time since he'd moved to Texas no doors had opened for him in ministry. They could just pack up and go back home. Call it a good try, a learning experience, and move on. After all, he'd

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done everything he knew to obey God and stay diligent, even when doors of opportunity slammed in his face.

Tim thought back to the early days of Superkid Academy, when the Lord told him to clean bathrooms. Afterward, he'd been promoted. He remembered falling into pride and Commander Dana asking him to step down while he dealt with it. He remembered the Lord telling him that Sonic was his sign, and led him to a job as a carhop—a very humbling experience. And he remembered the Lord leading him to volunteer to clean the stalls, to submit to authority, to stop complaining and to be diligent in that season.

He'd done all of that, and more. Couldn't he just go home?

Tim pondered 1 Peter 5:5-6: "In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time" (New International Version).

Without a doubt, their due time had not arrived, Tim reasoned. The season they were in was one of being humbled. One thing he knew for sure was that being humbled was a prerequisite to being promoted.

Pulling Stephanie close, he called her by her nickname and said: "Nanie, I think we're supposed to stay here."

She dried her tears and agreed.

#### The Call

"I was a volunteer leading the children's worship at our North Richland Hills extension campus, figuring I might as well not be there, when Commander Dana called and asked me to meet him for coffee," Tim recalls. "I drove to Starbucks, wondering what I'd done wrong. As I pulled into the parking lot I heard these words, Your life is about to change right now. I didn't have any idea what that meant. I went inside expecting Commander Dana to tell me I'd messed up some way."

After getting their coffees and settling

down at a table, Dana said, "Tim, we have a position that opened up in our department. I think you're the guy for the job."

"Really?" Tim asked, stunned.

"Yes, you've been so diligent even though it's been hard for you."

"What's the position?"

"Associate Pastor of Kids' Worship."

"Wait, what? An associate pastor?"

"Tim, you've been pastoring kids for years but God has made it public now. When this position came up, we knew you were the person."

It had been one month since he and Stephanie almost packed up and headed back to California.

"I went to work as a kids' pastor, and soon after we bought a house," Tim says. "Two years later, the Lord impressed us that we were going to move. I was offered a position at our Frisco campus, where I'm currently serving as their Students' Worship Pastor."

All the while, Tim never forgot his spiritual roots. He never disconnected from the ministry that brought him to this place in life: volunteering each year with Superkid Academy during the Believers' Convention.

"This is my 20th year to volunteer at Superkid Academy," Tim says. "I am who I am today, because of everything KCM sowed into me as a child. Superkid Academy gave me years of ministry, doing worship and teaching segments. More than anything, it gave me a heart for ministry."

Looking back over his journey, Tim realizes that how someone handles the humbling experiences determines their promotion in God's kingdom.

"Joseph was sold into slavery and thrown into prison," Tim said. "David and his men hid in caves before he ruled as king. For many of the patriarchs their seasons of humility lasted for many years."

Today, Tim and Stephanie, who also works in the kids' department at Gateway, are enjoying being parents to their first child, 1-year-old Zion Ezra.

"We love the season that we're in!" Tim says. "But we keep our Sonic visors in the closet to remind us to stay humble before God." •

# TREASURE BUDDIES

Commander Kellie's Corner

# Hey, Superkids, how is your treasure hunting going?

THE LAST FEW MONTHS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT HUNTING FOR THE GREATEST PRIZE TO BE FOUND, WISDOM! I LET YOU IN ON MY ADVENTURES IN TREASURE HUNTING. I SHARED A PICTURE OF ME DIGGING IN THE DIRT FOR DIAMONDS. WHAT A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE LENGTHS AND EFFORT WE SHOULD BE WILLING TO GO TO FOR WISDOM, SEASHELL HUNTING OR DIAMOND MINING CAN'T COMPARE TO FINDING REAL LIFE AND REAL HELP IN JESUS, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND!

When we find wisdom, the Bible says we've found the main thing. But how do we "keep the main thing, the main thing"? How do we stay focused on not only finding wisdom, but walking in the ways of wisdom that we discover? You'll find a few great answers in God's Word, but one of the most important treasure tools the Father gives us is godly friends. They make such a difference in our lives! I call them Treasure Buddies. I have some amazing treasure buddies in my life. Do you? And how do you know if your friends are treasure buddies or more like pirates? God's Word describes both kinds of people.

Have you ever known kids who want to grow up too fast or think it's cool to make their own choices-who want to do their own thing and go their own way regardless of what their teachers or parents say? They may think it's the quickest way to have fun and impress others, by getting their own way or being a big shot. But the goals your friends consider to be great treasures may not be treasures at all. Being the best at sports, being popular, being the funniest or the cutest, pales in comparison to the life God has planned for them. When you choose to run with those friends, you'll focus on the same things they do and you'll be looking in the wrong places for treasure and end up in a pirate trap!

Proverbs 1:10-15 (New Living Translation) talks about some pretty bad charactersmurderers, thieves and out and out pirates, but LOOK! The Bible considers people who sin and think it's fun, in the same category.

My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them! They may say, "Come and join us. Let's hide and kill someone! Just for fun. let's ambush the innocent! Let's swallow them alive, like the grave; let's swallow them whole, like those who go down to the pit of death. Think of the great things we'll get! We'll fill our houses with all the stuff we take. Come. throw in your lot with us; we'll all share the loot." My child, don't go along with them! Stay far away from their paths.

You're probably not tempted to hang out with people who are that bad, but how bad is OK to you? The verses above talk about people who think it's funny to steal, and to be mean, selfish, sneaky and hurtful. Know anyone like that? Study the people you hang out with at school. What are they looking for? What is treasure to them? Do they help you follow God and help you respect wisdom and authority? I pray so! That would mean they are actually like treasure maps, giving you direction that flows along with God's Word and the wisdom from your parents! Did you even realize friends could do that? Think about this: Did you ever think that YOU could be a

treasure map for YOUR friends?

Having someone to run after God with, is like a diamond in many ways. One thing about a diamond that helps you find it, is that dirt won't stick to it. It slides right off! Just like sin won't stick to someone who loves Jesus! Even when they mess up or sin. Jesus helps them get rid of it. We all need friends like that! Another interesting diamond fact is what happens when light hits it. Actually, several things happen. Not only is light reflected, but when light hits the top, it swirls around inside before shooting back out the top. It can even create a rainbow effect!

You and a godly friend can bring out the Jesus treasure in each other, the same way a great relationship with your parents can make you shine like a wellcut and polished diamond!

Loads of wisdom can be found in 1 and 2 Timothy, including how we should live our lives. And one of my favorite jewels is found in 2 Timothy 2:22 where it says. "Run from anything that stimulates vouthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts" (NLT).

In other words,

Run from anything that stirs a desire to sin.

Run toward God and all His ways.

Run with friends who love Him. too.

Those are your TREASURE BUDDIES! If you have friends like that, be thankful! If you don't, then ask the Lord to bring you one! Either way, YOU be a treasure buddy and run after wisdom! You'll find that treasure-hunting friend God is sending your way!

Happy Hunting, Superkids!



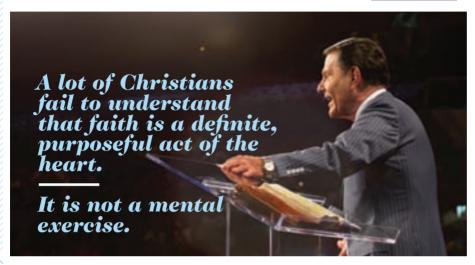


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# GET IN THE HABIT OF BELIEVING

I'VE BEEN CALLED A LOT OF THINGS OVER THE YEARS, AND GULLIBLE IS ONE OF THEM. :: MAYBE I AM GULLIBLE. BUT I WOULD MUCH RATHER BE GULLIBLE THAN HARDHEARTED.

by Kenneth Copeland



For instance, if a guy came up to me and said he had fallen out of the space shuttle last week, drifted through outer space a couple days, then re-entered the earth's atmosphere, splashed down in the Pacific Ocean and swam to California under the power of the Holy Spirit...of course, in the natural I'd pay no attention to a wild tale like that. But when the Holy Spirit is brought into it, that changes everything—I would believe him. At least, I would believe him until someone proved otherwise

Now, I realize some people might think it would be foolish to believe a story like that. But they can think what they like. I just make it a habit to always believe. I choose to live on the *believing* side of life.

I purpose to stay on the positive side...the side that says, "All things are possible!"

Have the Heart to Believe // We know of at least one time when Jesus got on to His disciples for being hardhearted. It all started when Thomas made a faithless decision after hearing reports about Jesus being raised from the dead. Thomas told his fellow disciples, "Except I shall see [Jesus]...I will not believe" (John 20:25).

Well, not long afterward, Jesus "appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and *hardness of heart*, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen" (Mark 16:14).

Jesus called Thomas "faithless" (John 20:27). And rightly so. Thomas rejected The WORD of God. He rejected the things Jesus had said for the past three years. And he rejected the testimonies he had heard of Jesus' resurrection.

Thomas wasn't the only one, however. The other disciples didn't believe what Jesus had told them concerning His death and resurrection. They, too, rejected the testimonies of those who said they had seen Jesus alive.

So Jesus rebuked them all for their "hardness of heart." Their hearts were hard because none of them was in the habit of believing.

Like many believers today, the disciples had processed almost everything they heard and saw through their minds, instead of their hearts.

Faith Is an Action Word // A lot of Christians fail to understand that faith is a definite, purposeful act of the heart. It is not a mental exercise.

Accepting something as fact is not *faith*. That's merely giving mental assent. It's reasoning with your mind. You can mentally acknowledge that something is true and still never really believe it in your heart.

Real Bible faith is a matter of the heart, and it carries with it God-given responsibilities.

A man once went to Jesus for some help with his son.

"Master," he called out to Jesus, "I have

brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; and wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away..." (Mark 9:17-18).

Then he challenged Jesus with this statement: "If thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us" (verse 22).

When the father pleaded for compassion, Jesus threw the responsibility back on him, saying, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (verse 23).

The boy's father was trying to get Jesus to do *his believing* for him. But Jesus cannot do that.

Finally the man broke down in tears and cried out, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (verse 24). He was believing in his heart, yet he was having trouble with it in his head. His heart was saying, I believe, I believe! But his mind was resisting.

Had this man known Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding," there would have been no problem with his head. He could have trusted more in his heart and less in his head.

In the end, when the father cried out in faith, "Lord, I believe," he enabled Jesus to cast the deaf and dumb spirit out of his son and the boy was healed.

Jesus will do the work for you, but He cannot do the believing for you. You have to do that.

But remember, heart faith grows out of God's WORD.

If you want to condition your heart to be in the habit of believing, then you must give God's WORD first place in your life. You must feed it into your heart constantly. And you have to realize that The WORD is actually God speaking to you...personally. It's not just a lot of information for your head to carry around.

Then, you must make the quality decision that your body and all its physical senses will never override The WORD of God in any given situation.

If your body screams, I'm sick! I'm sick! I'm sick! I'm sick!...don't allow that natural, physical evidence to be the final authority about what you believe. Go to The WORD as your final authority. And The WORD says, "By [Jesus'] stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

So abide in The WORD and let The WORD abide in you (John 15:7).

It will get out of your head and into your heart. It will get you out of the *impossible* and into the *possible*. You will get into the habit of living on the believing side of life.







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#### A PROMOTION, A RAISE AND OVERTIME, TOO!

A few weeks ago I submitted a prayer request concerning a part-time job to go with my full-time job. Since then I received a promotion at work with a raise and was also cleared to work additional hours of overtime. God is so great! Thank you all and your ministry for standing with me when I most needed it. God bless.

Christy D. Monticello, Ky.

#### **CANCER DEFEATED!**

Your magazine got into my mailbox "by mistake"...I know God had it put in my box. I read it from cover to cover and oh how you blessed me! Thank Gloria for me for the article about how to be healed anytime. When the devil struck me with the curse of breast

cancer, God told me what to do to overcome and be healed. When I read Gloria's article, she said the very same things that God told me to do. What an anointed, God-loving woman! God took it from me in eight months and I am now cancer free. I stood on the Word of



God and what He said and I came out victorious. Praise God

for your ministry and all you have done for His glory. Jesus is Lord!

Ethel D. | Houston, Texas

#### **HOUSING AND A JOB!**

I called the prayer line a short time ago requesting housing and a job. Not only did God work out housing, He also gave me a job at the university I've always wanted to work at and have applied to for over three years! Praise God!

Randi T. | Longmont, Colo.

#### YOU GAVE ME HOPE!

Just wanted to say thank you so much for your ministry and 24-hour prayer line. Your ministry has been a true lifesaver. God has used you and your beautiful wife to minister to me at the lowest point in my life. I was homeless, sick and very depressed, and in a violent, abusive relationship with a man

bound by drugs and alcohol. My self-esteem was at the lowest possible level due to years of childhood abuse and trauma.

I was in a miserable environment and state of mind when you sent me a devotional free of charge. It gave me hope and a reason to go on. Your ministry gave me a new perspective and outlook.

I now have a place to live, and I am healed from manic depression and many physical ailments. I am going back into prison ministry, looking forward to my future, and continuing my education to get my doctorate in ministry. Thank you again for being a true man and woman of God.

"Thank you so much. I almost gave up on the Church and my life."

for sharing your tools and planting seeds of greatness in my life and the lives of my children and grandchildren.

Carol M. | Florida

#### Thank You for One Worship Thank you so much for Lord with these songs. I was also wonderfully sending me the CD One Worship. What a tremendous blessed to read your blessing! It is powerfully Covenant Partner Report. What awesome things KCM anointed and every song ministers to me greatly! I so is accomplishing in the appreciate worshipping the world, through our Lord. I love and appreciate you and your ministry and all involved in it. Thank you! K.W. Independence, Mo.

#### 'THE BEST THING I EVER DID'

I've been involved with your ministry for about 12 years now, and I really do love it. If it weren't for KCM sending me that first magazine in 2004, when I was in county jail, I don't know if I would have turned my life over to follow God. That was the best thing I ever did and it was due to your showing and telling me how much God loved me! Since then, God has blessed me and taught me all kinds of stuff every day.

Thanks to you and Gloria for leading me to the Lord back then.

Thank you for everything your ministry has ever sent me. And thanks to your ministers for praying for me before I went in for surgery last month. The post-op pain never came and I have made a fast recovery. Thank you for all the prayers and for everything you have done for me.

D.H. | Represa, Calif.



# 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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#### MONEY DOES MATTER TO GOD!

In fact, God said He gives us the power to get wealth so that He may establish *His* covenant. What covenant? The one He made with Abraham when He promised him that He would bless him and make his name great in the earth (Genesis 12:1-3).

God wants to bless us as believers. He wants to make our name—the name of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ—great. But before He can do that, we're going to have to let Him straighten us out where money is concerned. We're going to have to let Him teach us how to have and how to handle money according to His Word.

Exactly what does that involve? In a word: Worship.

For years now, God has been showing me that He wants us to worship Him with our money.

Some people say, "Well, I don't think material things are important. What God cares about is our hearts." What they don't realize is that you can't separate the two. When you bring God your money, you bring Him part of yourself. You bring Him what you've labored for, what you've studied for, what you've given your time for. That money is part of you. It represents you.

God wants us to worship Him with our money—all of it! He doesn't want us to say, "Well, I'll give God the 10 percent, but the other 90 is mine." He didn't say, "I so love the world that I'll give them 10 percent of Jesus." He gave all.

Several years ago, the Lord told me that He wanted me to give away a leather coat my dad had given me, to a preacher I knew. I was at a meeting in San Antonio, Texas, at the time, and I had to go back to the hotel room and

pray because I didn't want to give away that coat. I loved it.

That was the problem.

I actually knelt there on the bed in the hotel room and wept over it. Finally I gave in. "OK, God, I'll do it." But He said, No, I don't want you just to make yourself do it. I want you to be totally willing.

I had to pray a little longer to get willing, but eventually, I did.

That night I went over to the meeting, found this preacher, called him over, wrapped that coat around his shoulders and said, "The Lord told me to tell you, "This is a coat of love...."

The next night that preacher came back to me and said, "Brother Caldwell, when I got home last night, I asked the Lord why you gave me this coat. I don't need a coat. But the Lord told me that you needed to give it."

"That's right," I answered. "I did."

"Well, the Lord told me to receive it and then to give it back to you," he said. Then he laid his hands on me and prophesied, "Yes, indeed, this is a coat of love. And because you were willing to give it, I'm giving it back."

Listen, God wants us to be willing to worship Him with everything we have. He wants us to be willing to give all. Then He can bless it, multiply it and give it back to us.

Have you ever read about how the Israelites gave toward the building of God's Temple? King David gave more than \$612 million of his personal wealth to get it started. Then the priests gave several hundred million dollars more. Finally, they called the people together and they gave too.

And when the Queen of Sheba came from the South and saw it all, she said, "This God is greater than any I've ever known." Then she summoned her servants and they brought all their treasures too and said, "We will now worship your God."

You see, it not only has an impact on God when we worship Him with our money—it has an impact on the world as well!

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A few years ago, at my church in Little Rock, Ark., we took up an offering of \$10,000 and gave it to the Little Rock Police Department. Sometime later, I heard that during a meeting in Anaheim, Calif., Larry Lea had taken up an offering of \$10,000 and given it to the mayor of Anaheim. Do you have any idea what would happen in the United States if churches all over the land started doing that?

A worldwide revival has already begun. But the only way we're going to see the completion of it is if we make this last adjustment of worshiping God with our money. If we'll do that, we won't have any problems in the Body of Christ ever again. And through us, God will make His Name great throughout the earth.

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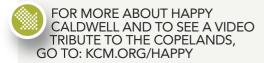
Congratulations, Kenneth and Gloria, on 50 years of ministry!

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Love, Happy and Jeanne









#### by Gloria Copeland



Every believer I know has some problem in life they want God to fix. Some of those problems are big and some are small, but almost everyone is dealing with something. That's just the way it is in this fallen world. Even for those of us who are faith people, there's always a challenge to overcome. There's a mountain of some kind looming large in front of us.

Each time another one crops up, the devil tries to use it to discourage us. "This time you're facing the impossible," he says. "This time the problem is going to defeat you. No matter how much you try to believe God, this mountain is *not* going to move."

The devil, however, is a liar.

The truth is, we can speak to the mountain by faith, tell it to be removed, and it will obey us (Mark 11:23).

As believers we don't have to let the devil—or our natural circumstances either, for that matter—dictate what can happen for us. We're born-again children of the Most High God. We have on our side the One for whom "all things are possible..." (Matthew 19:26) and His power is unlimited. He can do the supernatural and work miracles for His people. There's nothing too hard for Him!

It doesn't matter whether it's cancer, divorce or financial

problems, God can fix anything in your life. He can turn any situation around. All He needs is for you to give Him one thing to work with—the spirit of faith!

What exactly is the spirit of faith?

It's the spirit that makes us, as God's people, "more than conquerors" in every situation (Romans 8:37). It's the attitude of heart the Apostle Paul talked about when, in the midst of one of the most trying times of his life, he wrote:

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at

### POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

God can fix any problem you'll ever face, as long as you give Him the spirit of faith to work with!

- The spirit of faith doesn't focus on the problem—it focuses on God. 2 Corinthians 4:18
- God is on your side and He can do anything.

  Matthew 19:26
- You can always win the victory if you have faith in your heart and in your mouth. 2 Corinthians 4:13
- Words of faith can move any mountain.
  Mark 11:23
- However much
  Word you deposit
  in your heart,
  that's how much
  spirit of faith
  you're going
  to have.
  Romans 10:17



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the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:13, 16-18).

That's a perfect description of how the spirit of faith operates! It doesn't look at what's going on in the natural. It doesn't focus on temporal things, like circumstances, symptoms and earthly conditions. The spirit of faith looks into the eternal face of God. It looks to His unchanging Word. Instead of listening to what the mountain has to say, the spirit of faith talks to the mountain and tells it what God said. It says to cancer, "You can't kill me! I'm healed by the stripes of Jesus" (1 Peter 2:24). It says to that pile of debt and those stacks of unpaid bills, "My God meets all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus! The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want!" (Philippians 4:19; Psalm 23:1).

Rather than letting circumstances get the upper hand, the spirit of faith causes you to take authority over the environment around you. It gets you out of bed in the morning and puts you to bed at night talking the Word of God.

When you're walking in the spirit of faith, the mountains in your life can't get a word in edgewise because you're saying all day long, "Mountain, you be removed, in Jesus' Name. I am well. I am prosperous. I am victorious. I am a joint heir with Jesus and I'm walking in THE BLESSING of God! Jesus Himself redeemed me from the curse!"

#### Be a Spiritual Body Builder

"Well, I'd like to have that kind of attitude," you might say, "but for some reason it's a real struggle for me. Even though I try very hard to think and speak positively, when things in my life get bad, I can't seem to do it."

That's because the spirit of faith is more than just positive thinking. It's more than the result of making a mental decision and exerting your willpower. The spirit of faith is a force. It's one of the "springs of life" (Proverbs 4:23, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*) that flows out of your heart, your inner man.

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When you put the Word of God in your heart, that force of faith grows stronger. Your "inward man," as Paul said, "is renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). When you neglect to put the Word in your heart, the opposite happens. The outflow of faith from your spirit man gets weaker and weaker.

Think about how your physical man functions and you can see what I mean. When you feed your body regularly on good, healthy food it produces strength. When you fail to feed it and work out, your muscles diminish and you can't do very much.

Professional body builders feed their bodies extraordinary amounts. They might eat a dozen eggs and 60 ounces of meat in a single day. Why? Because they want to develop extraordinary strength and they know that (in addition to pumping iron, of course) that's what it takes.

Much the same principle applies in your life as a believer. You can go on an 800-calorie Word diet if you want and you'll deteriorate to the point where spiritually you can't do very much. Or, you can become a spiritual body builder by feeding on God's Word all the time.

You never have to worry about overindulging on the Word! Unlike natural food, it can be consumed in mass quantities without any downside. You can take in all you want and your spirit will just keep assimilating it. Your inner man will just keep getting stronger and stronger, and the words of your mouth will keep getting bolder and more confident.

Remember: "Faith cometh by hearing...the word of God" (Romans 10:17) and words of faith are what move mountains (Mark 11:23). So if you get enough of the Word you can move as many mountains as you want. It doesn't matter whether they're big or little, they'll have to do what you say. As long as you have faith in two places—in your heart and in your mouth—if you tell those mountains to be removed, they have to go.

"But I just don't have that kind of faith," you might argue.

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Sure you do. God gives all of us "the measure of faith" (Romans 12:3) the moment we're born again. So you have the same kind of faith every other believer has. You have *the* measure of the God kind of faith.

What you do with that measure of faith is up to you. You can either let it lie dormant, or you can choose to increase it. The decision is yours. However much Word you deposit in your heart and act on, that's how much spirit of faith you're going to have.

Personally, I like to make big Word deposits. I like to keep the Word inside me in abundance. That way I know I won't run short of faith when I'm confronted with some seemingly impossible challenge. I won't find myself struggling to believe God because I'm facing a mountain that's bigger than the amount of Word I have in my heart.

I don't ever want to be in that position! I don't ever want to have to do spiritually what I had to do naturally years ago when Ken and I were broke and covered up with debt. Back then we had so little money that when I went grocery shopping, I had to wonder how much I could afford to buy. I used to have to pray in tongues as I walked up and down the aisles and believe God that I'd be able to

pay for what I put in my basket.

That's not very enjoyable! It's more fun to grocery shop with plenty of money in the bank. It's better to be able to fill up the cart knowing for sure that when you get to the checkout counter you can pay the bill with ease.

That's how you want to be spiritually! You want to have enough of God's Word deposited within you to pay off any bill the devil tries to send you. You want your heart and your mouth to be filled with so much faith that you know, by the power of God, you can triumph over any trouble, any time.

#### Just Like Abraham and Caleb

If you want to see someone who walked in that kind of faith, read in the Bible about Abraham. He's a wonderful example! He stood in the face of the impossible and believed God's promise that his descendants would be like the sands of the sea and the stars in the sky. He called himself the *father of many nations* when he and his wife were old and wrinkled, still childless, and his wife had been barren all her life.

Talk about being confronted with a mountain! In the natural Abraham's situation looked absolutely hopeless. Yet, he was so confident God would

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> Other people might have made fun of Abraham's faith in God but in the end it paid off. The mountain moved and God did what He'd promised. He turned around the barren condition in Sarah's body and renewed her and Abraham's youth. They had a baby and their descendants have been multiplying

turn it around that he called things "...

which be not as though they were. And

being not weak in faith, he considered

not his own body now dead, when he

was about an hundred years old, neither

yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He

staggered not at the promise of God

through unbelief; but was strong in

faith, giving glory to God; and being

fully persuaded that, what he had

promised, he was able also to perform"

(Romans 4:17, 19-21).

If you want to see another scriptural example of the spirit of faith, read about the life of Caleb. One of Abraham's descendants, he was among the 12 Israelites sent in by Moses to spy out the Promised Land. You probably remember the story.

Caleb returned from Canaan with the other spies and gave the people of Israel a good news/bad news report. The good news was the land God had promised them flowed with milk and honey. It was a land so fertile that grapes grew so large, one cluster was carried on a pole between two men! The bad news was it was fortified with walled cities and inhabited by fierce enemies—the Amalekites, the Hittites, the Jebusites and the Amorites.

That's the way things always go. When it comes to receiving the fulfillment of God's promises, there are always enemies arrayed against us. There are always "ites" of some kind trying to keep us out of our land. When we come up against them, we must choose either to go with faith or go with unbelief.

Ten of the Israelite spies chose the latter. They decided the giants in Canaan were too big to be beaten. "The inhabitants of that land will devour us," they said. "We're as small as grasshoppers in their eyes!"

Caleb, however, saw the situation differently. He wasn't looking at the giants. He was focused on God and His Word, so he said, "Let us go up at once, and possess [this land]; for we are well able to overcome it. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not" (Numbers 13:30, 14:9).

Moses and Joshua agreed with Caleb. But the rest of the Israelites didn't. They kept looking at things in the natural. They got stuck in unbelief, so God sent them into the wilderness and said: "Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have... not hearkened to my voice; they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers...but my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it" (verses 22-24).

Sure enough, 45 years later what God had said about Caleb came to pass. He went into the Promised Land with a new generation of Israelites, still believing God and saying: "I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now.... Therefore give me this mountain [where the Anakim are and the cities are great and fenced]...then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said. And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance" (Joshua 14:11-13).

Think about that! After 45 years of waiting, Caleb was still speaking by the spirit of faith. He was still believing God would turn things around in his life. As a result, at 85 years old he was defeating giants and taking mountains.

If Caleb could do that, we can too. So, let's follow his example. Let's fill our hearts and our mouths with the Word and take whatever mountain we happen to be facing. Let's say to that mountain, "Move!" and believe for the God of miracles to do the impossible in our lives.

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