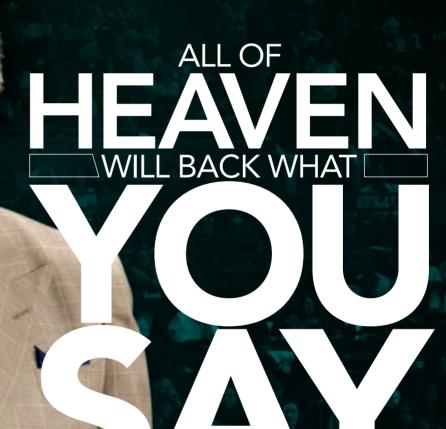
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1982 HISTORIC MOMENT



T.L. Osborn joins Kenneth Copeland in receiving Communion.



WORLD COMMUNION SERVICE

KENNETH COPELAND CALLS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR BLOOD COVENANT WITH GOD "ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL TRUTHS I'VE EVER SEEN IN THE **BIBLE." IT'S A COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND** MAN—THE MOST SACRED OF ALL UNIONS, FIRST **CUT WITH ABRAHAM,** LATER COMPLETE IN JESUS. AND TODAY, WE REMEMBER THE BLOOD OF JESUS AND ALL HE DID FOR US BY PARTAKING IN COMMUNION TOGETHER.

Thirty-five years ago, on Aug. 28, 1982, Brother Copeland taught about this powerful blood covenant, not to α church or in a convention... but to the Church—in what was considered by many at that time the single largest gathering of the Church since Pentecost.

From the Fort Worth Believers' Convention in Texas, being held in the Tarrant County Convention Center, the first world Communion service was broadcast by satellite to 200 locations in the United States and 20 cities around the world. Until then, the technology had not even existed to support such a service. The convention center was packed to capacity as the satellite feed sent images of Dr. David (Paul) Yonggi Cho and his congregation to a huge screen. The group in Korea saw, via satellite, the crowd in Fort Worth

Believers around the world joined Brother Copeland in

Texas, and Dr. Cho, pastor of the largest church in the world, in Seoul, South Korea, via "split-screen" picture feed, for Brother Copeland's powerful message on the blood covenant, which was followed by unified Communion.

Together the two groups, along with believers in 218 other locations worldwide, took the most sacred sacrament of Communion.

This history-making event was called by technologists a "first in communications history—the largest closedcircuit television broadcast ever." A consultant from NASA stated that, "This is the beginning of α new phase of Christians utilizing technology provided by God through the Space Program.... The International Indian Ocean, Atlantic and Pacific satellites, as well as the Western Union and RCA satellite systems will allow the World Communion Service to literally surround the globe. The magnitude

of this project will require more than 600 highly trained people throughout the world."

In the days leading up to the Communion service, Kenneth Copeland said his vision for the service was "to see the largest number of Wordoriented, faith, heart-felt, strength-believing Christians learning new and vital things about receiving from God through Communion. I can see a great manifestation of the meeting of people's needs—spirit, soul and body—on a greater level than ever before."

Gloria Copeland projected it to be "the greatest healing service within the Body of Christ. As we join together to receive Communion, we know the Spirit of God will be in our midst to minister to every need."

"If ever there was a message worthy to share through every voice," said Brother Copeland, "it's the message of the blood covenant God offers to us." V











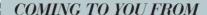


Clockwise:

Top: Kenneth Copeland conducts Communion service while Dr. David Yonggi Cho and his wife, Dr. Kim Sung-Hae Cho, join in via satellite.

Right: Church members in Hong Kong participate in world Communion service.

Bottom: (from left to right)
T.L. Osborn, Hilton Sutton, John
Osteen, Pat Boone,
Jerry Savelle and Charles
Capps onstage during
Communion service



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10 a.m. Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons

6 p.m. Pre-Service Prayer

7 p.m. Billy Burke

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10 a.m. Pastor George Pearsons

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MOST ALL OF US, AS BELIEVERS, HAVE MADE THIS MISTAKE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER: WE'VE VIEWED CERTAIN VERSES IN THE BIBLE AS PROMISES YET TO BE FULFILLED, WHEN ACTUALLY THEY'RE STATEMENTS OF FACT. WE'VE PRAYED OVER THEM, THINKING WE'RE WAITING ON GOD TO BRING THEM TO PASS, WHEN IN REALITY HE'S WAITING ON US TO SIMPLY BELIEVE THEM AND PLUT THEM INTO ACTION. ((This is a local statement of the property of the Law 1412-142).

PUT THEM INTO ACTION. // This is what's happened to a great extent with John 14:12-13. Multitudes of Christians have treated those scriptures like prayer verses. They've prayed...and prayed...

and prayed for God to bring to pass in their lives the words Jesus said there: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father

may be glorified in the Son." // The problem is, those are not prayer verses. They're an accomplished reality. Jesus has already gone to the Father so we don't have to pray for God to grant us the privilege and the power to do the works of Jesus. He's already provided us with that power! // Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus has given every believer everywhere the right to ask (or to "make a demand," as it's more accurately rendered) in His Name and get the same results Jesus would get Himself.

That's what Peter did in Acts 3. You remember the story. He and John passed by the lame man at the Temple gate, and when the man asked them for alms: "Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted

him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God" (verses 4-8).

"Yes, Brother Copeland, but that happened because Peter was an apostle," someone might say.

No it didn't. It happened because he made a demand on Jesus' Name, and Jesus did what Peter said. As the Healer, the High Priest and Administrator of the New Covenant He released His mighty power and made that man rise and walk.

Peter himself confirmed that's how the miracle happened immediately after it took place. When the people gathered around staring at him and John in wonder and amazement, he said: "Why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?... the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus.... And his name through

POINTS TO GET YOU 3 THERE:

When you speak in Jesus' Name, all of heaven will back what you say, as if Jesus was personally present saying the words Himself. John 14:12-14

Peter used the power of Jesus' Name to heal the lame man at the Temple gate.

Acts 3:6

The healing didn't happen because Peter was an apostle but because he had faith in Jesus' Name.

Acts 3:16

Because you are one spirit with Christ and a member of the family of God, the Name of Jesus is your name too.
Ephesians 3:14-15

As you spend time in The WORD and develop faith in Jesus' Name, you'll increasingly see the marvelous benefits of salvation.
Psalm 91:14, 16

faith in his name hath made this man strong...[and] given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all" (verses 12-13, 16).

Notice Peter didn't mention anything there about being an apostle. He didn't say the miracle happened because he had a special ministry call. He said it happened because of the power of the Name of Jesus. He said much the same that Name to any man (or woman or child) who will believe in it.

The Name of Jesus can do anything He can do! His Name carries the same power He carries Himself.

Really, that's true to some degree where any name is concerned. Even in the natural, a man's name carries the same weight he does. If a man isn't any good, his name isn't any good either. knew that my daddy is Oral Roberts?"

At the sound of that name suddenly things changed. "Certainly it would matter!" exclaimed the banker. "We all know Brother Roberts around here. Why didn't you say before that you're his son? Just sit down here and fill out this paperwork and you can go buy yourself a car."

That's a great picture of what happens when you, as a born-again child of God, speak the Name of Jesus. Every angelic spirit in the heavens, all of this earthly creation, and every demon in hell recognizes that Name!

First, it's the Name of God Himself—the Name that contains the full measure of His almighty power. It's the Name that has been inherited by the One, as Hebrews 1 says: "[God] hath appointed [his Son] heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they" (verses 2-4).

Second, it's the Name conferred on Jesus because, as a member of the Godhead equal to the Father, He made Himself of no reputation, came to earth as a man, and went to the cross to secure mankind's redemption. As Philippians 2 says: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him [His] name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things [names] in heaven, and things [names] in earth, and things [names] under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (verses 9-11).

Third, it's the Name Jesus won by conquest when He conquered the devil and all his minions and took from them the keys to death and hell. It's the Name He earned when, "having spoiled principalities and powers...[making] a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:15)—He declared, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18, New King James Version).

IT'S FAITH IN THE NAME THAT DOES THE WORK, AND FAITH COMES BY HEARING THE WORD.

IT DOESN'T COME ANY OTHER WAY.

IT DOESN'T EVEN COME FROM SEEING MIRACLES HAPPEN IN JESUS' NAME."

thing again the next day to the Jewish priests who arrested him and John and demanded an explanation of the miracle.

"By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" they asked (Acts 4:7). And Peter answered: "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.... for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (verses 10, 12).

The Name Can Do Anything Jesus Can Do

Look again at what Peter said there. He didn't say the Name of Jesus has been "given among apostles." He said Jesus' Name has been "given among men." In other words, God has given

On the other hand, if a person is highly respected for his power, wealth and integrity, that person's name can accomplish great things—even when they're not physically present.

I like how Brother Oral Roberts' oldest son, Ronnie, illustrated this. He told about a time when, as a young man, he'd grown tired of the notoriety that came with his father's famous name and he became reluctant to mention it. He'd just gotten out of the military and, though he had a job, he didn't have much money and he badly needed a car. When he went to the bank to apply for a loan he was told he didn't qualify.

"Son," the banker explained, "the problem is we don't know you. We don't know anything about you."

"Well," Ronnie said, "I didn't want to do this...but would it matter if you

His Name Is Your Name Too

The Name of Jesus is the Name that changes everything—and it belongs to you as His joint heir as surely as it belongs to Him!

It's yours because you've been born of the same heavenly Father, the "Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Ephesians 3:14-15). It's yours because when you entered into blood covenant with Jesus you were named after Him and the Father. You weren't just given permission to use that Name once in a while to make the devil listen to you. God has *given* you that exalted Name. It is now your name!

It's like what happens in a marriage. When Gloria and I got married my name became hers. She became known as Gloria Copeland. She took the Copeland name and started using it without any qualms because she knew it belonged to her. It's not just hers legally, it's hers because, through the marriage covenant, we became one.

By the same token, when you entered into the New Covenant by faith in Jesus you became "one spirit" with The LORD. You became part of His Body, "of his flesh, and of his bones." The Bible even goes so far as to say that "as He is, so are we in this world" (See 1 Corinthians 6:17; Ephesians 5:30; 1 John 4:17.).

This is the astounding reality of your union with Jesus. It gives you such absolute power of attorney to speak in His Name, that all of heaven will back what you say, as if Jesus was personally present saying the words Himself!

Of course, you have to read and meditate on what The WORD says to take full advantage of that power of attorney, because it's faith in the Name that does the work, and faith comes by hearing The WORD. It doesn't come any other way. It doesn't even come from seeing miracles happen in Jesus' Name.

Look back at Acts 3 and the healing of the lame man and you'll see what I mean. The people who witnessed that miracle weren't instantly filled with faith. No, initially they were just "filled with wonder and amazement" (verse 10).

Then Peter began to preach the gospel to them. He told them that Jesus is

"the Prince of life" (verse 15) and that God had raised Him up and sent Him to BLESS them and turn them away from their iniquities (verse 26). While Peter was preaching, faith came to those people! Instead of just being amazed, "many of them which heard the word believed" (Acts 4:4).

The same will happen to you where the Name of Jesus is concerned. As you attend to what The WORD says about it, faith will come. Not only will you grow in your faith and understanding of the power in Jesus' Name, it will grow in you that His Name really is yours!

Protection, Provision and Deliverance

To see a picture of what it's like to truly walk in this revelation, read Psalm 91. It describes a life marked by continuous supernatural protection where you're delivered from pestilence, dangers and snares of every kind. It talks about angels surrounding you at all times to aid and defend you, and a life so victorious you can trample the devil under your feet.

It almost sounds too good to be true, but that's the life that's been provided for the born-again child of God! It's the power that's been made available in Jesus' Name to the Christian. As God put it in Psalm 91:14-16: "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation."

I know from experience what can happen when God shows off His salvation. I saw it the first time I preached on the authority of Jesus' Name. Talk about a meeting I'll never forget! I was ministering in Jamaica, up in the mountains in a little village called New Hope. It was a pitch-black night, and the service was being held under a brush arbor made out of poles and chicken wire with banana leaves piled on top.

Because the only light in the place shone from a single kerosene lantern that only illuminated about a 3-foot circle around the podium (which consisted of two boards hammered together and nailed to a stump) I couldn't see much of the congregation. I couldn't tell how many people were there or how they were responding to what I was preaching about the power of Jesus' Name. So I was surprised when all of a sudden a man stepped out of the darkness and said, "Lay your hands on me in that Name!"

I did, and a split second later another person stepped up...then another...and another. By the time I got finished, I'd ministered to several hundred people simply by laying hands on them and saying, "In the Name of Jesus!"

After the service was over, as I was getting into the car to leave with the pastor, a little woman walked up and said to me very matter-of-factly, "Brother Copeland, thank you very much. I was blind. Now I see. Praise God." Then she turned around and left.

Her demeanor was so unemotional I thought she was speaking metaphorically, so I asked the pastor if maybe she meant her spiritual eyes had been opened to new revelations.

"Oh, no," he said, "she was completely blind and she received her sight tonight!"

What caused that miracle to happen? The same power that caused the lame man to walk in Acts 3: The power of the Name of Jesus.

The Name that changes everything!





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TEENS

It's Time to reCalculate at SWBC

Perhaps the best kept secret of the Southwest Believers' Convention is the youth meeting known as 14forty, where more than a thousand teenagers unite in one place with one purpose: to seek God. Drawing teens from around the globe, a host of dynamic and high-energy speakers come together to inspire and empower young people to live out their faith in a world of moral and spiritual ambiguity.

If you have teenagers, you don't want them to miss this.

A team of on-fire, faith-filled believers are hard at work making BIG plans to minister to students at SWBC. Headed up by Pastor John Jester of KCM's Eagle Mountain International Church, 14forty is designed to totally immerse your teens in the Word of God, fuel their faith, and cause them to leave inspired and on fire for God.

Man With a Mission

"We need to open the deep wells of foundational teachings, and use them like a map to guide this generation to Truth. Young people have real questions—it's time to offer them real answers," says Pastor John.

Keeping in sync with Kenneth Copeland's heart and message for SWBC, the goal for these youth meetings is to translate

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the same power-packed teaching into a message that young people can relate to.

reCalculate

"Our message for teens at SWBC is there is a True North," Jester says.

The theme of this year's teen meetings is reCalculate, which is based on Jeremiah 6:16. "Go stand at the crossroads and look around. Ask for directions to the old road, the tried-and-true road. Then take it. Discover the right route for your souls" (The Message).

Pastor John's passion is to see this generation rise up and become spiritual powerhouses. He wants to teach teens how to allow their spiritual GPS, the Word of God, to recalculate their path and stay strong in a world going wrong.

Not Just a Meeting

14forty isn't just a meeting—it's a movement. One that's sweeping across the globe. This one week each year at SWBC has led to a wave of 14forty Campus Clubs across the U.S., as well as Uganda and Canada that is impacting teens for Christ. Reports of salvations, healings and miracles pour in each week from clubs in public schools, private schools and even home-school groups.

"We want them to have a chance to put feet to their faith," says Jester.

"They are the next phase of the Church, and our goal is to keep the fire of faith burning from previous generations. We are closer than ever to the coming of Christ, so they are needed in this hour. They need to know

they're a part of something bigger than themselves; that they can have an impact on their generation," says Jester.

That's what 14forty SWBC is all about!

An Experience Like No Other

When you send your teens to 14forty at SWBC, you can be assured that they will experience total immersion in the Word of God, on-fire faith and a no-compromise approach to Christianity.

We're expecting God to pour out His Spirit onto this group of young people according to Joel 2:28, which says, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy... and your young men will see visions" (New Living Translation).

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Commander Kellie

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"We fix our gaze on [the INVISIBLE.] For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the [INVISIBLE] will last forever" (2 Corinthians 4:18, *NLT*).

We're expecting notable miracles in our Superkid Academy meetings this year. Kenneth Copeland delivered a prophecy for 2017, with much to say about our children:

Watch for the children coming forth with miracle-



working power manifest around them. And they are just children. And they will be just children. And I'm not talking about 15- to 20-yearolds. Of course, they're involved. But. saith The LORD, watch the little ones. A child shall lead them.

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THERE'S NOTHING STINGY ABOUT GOD. HE WANTS TO PROSPER YOU.

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PUTTING GOD FIRST PLACE IN YOUR LIFE KEEPS YOU CONNECTED TO HEAVEN'S ECONOMY.

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THIS WAS THE FIRST ARTICLE BY BILL WINSTON TO APPEAR IN THE BVOV MAGAZINE.

THE DOMINION MANDATE

WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH WHAT IT TAKES TO BE VICTORIOUS IN EVERY SITUATION! :: FIRST JOHN 5:4 SAYS, "FOR WHATSOEVER IS BORN OF GOD OVERCOMETH THE WORLD: AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH." BY FAITH WE OVERCOME THE WORLD AND FULFILL WHAT I CALL THE "DOMINION MANDATE." IT'S THE MANDATE GOD GAVE TO ADAM.









e read about it in Genesis 1:26: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

I want you to notice one thing: God expected Adam and mankind to have dominion over this earth. Having *dominion* means "to rule, to govern, to subdue or to manage." God expected Adam and those of us who came after him to exercise stewardship and ownership. We were

meant to be in charge here. That was, and is, God's plan.

Man's Reconnection to God

Before Adam sinned, he had a direct line of communication to God. He was able to name all of the animals because the Lord was constantly giving him revelation. Adam perceived what God thought—he was vitally connected to God.

Once he sinned, however, that connection was broken. Adam went from receiving revelation to operating on information—the things he knew through his five senses. Since the Fall of Man, sinful mankind has been sowing to the flesh and the earth has been reaping corruption. As a result, judgment is coming on the land. In fact, I believe we are living in the last days the days Paul called "perilous times" in his second letter to Timothy. But you and I have been chosen by God to live in this day and hour. Like Queen Esther, we have been born "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14).

And thanks to Jesus, that God connection has been restored to us. After we are born again we become reconnected to God. We learn from God's Word how to walk by faith and we begin receiving revelation knowledge. We begin seeing through the eye of faith instead of only seeing things in the natural. We are made in the image and likeness of God. That means we are made to act just like God. We are to walk just like God—by faith and not by sight. We're to talk just like God, "calling things that be not as though they were." We're to see just like God, "looking not at the things that are seen, but at the things that are not seen."

I realize you may be thinking, That's some pretty strong stuff, Pastor Winston. I just don't know...after all, I'm from Hicksville, USA.

Well, I want you to know if you are born again, where you are *from* now is *from God!*

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Forest Park, III.: Sept. 11-12 2017 International Faith Conference billwinston.org or livingwd.org Orlando, Fla. : Sept. 28-29

Jesus Conference 2017 (registration fee required) jesusconference.tv

Douglas, Ariz. : Oct. 7-8 Ministerios Palabra de Fe

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Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:10). They are works you can do only with God's ability. We have to operate the same way God operates—with His power, His Anointing, His faith, His love and by speaking His Word. We are His children, joint heirs with His Son, Jesus, and we have been given that ability. The world desperately needs to see those good works! We are living in a time when the earth is reeling from sickness, disease, famine, natural disasters and pestilence. Jesus said these types of things would be seen in the last days (Matthew 24:6-8). He also said in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

When we operate in faith, we overcome the world.

Faith Operates From the Heart

God's plan has always been for man to have dominion in the earth. Jesus demonstrated that when He was in the earth. He said to the father of the demon-possessed boy in Mark 9:23, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

How do you believe? With your heart. You don't believe with your head. The mind only believes what it can see or feel—it feeds off the senses. The head is not designed to see the invisible—the heart is. Your heart, or spirit, feeds off the Word. At times when you speak the Word your head may go "tilt," because to your head it's impossible.

That happened to Martha at the gravesite of Lazarus. She came up to Jesus and basically said, "If you had been here earlier, my brother wouldn't have died." Jesus answered her, "Thy brother shall rise again" (John 11:23).

Martha thought Jesus was speaking of the Last Day Resurrection. She couldn't get her mind around the idea that Jesus was going to raise up Lazarus then and there. Martha was looking at the situation in the natural. Jesus wasn't.

What Jesus really was saying to Martha was what God said to Moses in Exodus, "I AM." God has no future and no past. He's outside of time.

Faith Overrides Time Delays

When you're dealing with faith, you are operating outside of time and in the

eternal. When you walk by faith, you can have dominion over time.

The Syrophenician woman who came to Jesus in Mark 7:26 had faith that moved Jesus out of time. Her daughter was sick at home and she wanted Jesus to heal her. She wasn't a Jew, so she didn't have a covenant. Still she persisted with her faith.

When Jesus told her He was sent only to the Jews (at that time), and not to the Gentiles, whom the Jews considered the same as dogs, the woman called Jesus "Lord" and said that even the dogs get the crumbs that fall under the table.

Seeing her great faith, Jesus stepped out of time and healed her daughter. He gave her the same blessing we have as Gentiles after the Cross. He responded to her faith as if she were under the New Covenant.

When you really have faith in God and His Word, all things become possible!

God has a heavenly reservoir, or treasury, for us. Peter described it this way, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3). God has already given us all things, and *all things* means nothing is left out.

It's important for us to be fully persuaded about that truth. We are living in times that are "hard to deal with and hard to bear" (2 Timothy 3:1, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition). It's only going to get worse in the world's system. But you and I are in the kingdom of God—we're on the kingdom system. We are to manifest God's will in this earth no matter what Satan has done or will do. We're here to manifest the Kingdom and draw people in to be saved!

It's up to us to demonstrate the power and the glory of God. Our job is to take back everything Satan has stolen. Our job is to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Our job is to fulfill the dominion mandate!



TRIBUTE FROM BILL WINSTON

Dear Brother and Sister Copeland,

Our hearts rejoice as we join so many families and friends in celebrating with you 50 years of ministry through Kenneth Copeland Ministries! Your ministry has truly changed the Body of Christ and the world for the better. You have taken us from "milk to meat," and have taken the "voice of victory" where His Word had not been heard.

For over five decades, you have set the pace for countless believers to stand on and live by the uncompromising Word of God. For those of us in full-time ministry, you have continually raised the bar in ministry excellence. You've equipped us through your teachings, your example and your evidence to live by faith. Above all, you have always reminded us not to forget the love walk;

that it is the foundation for everything in God's kingdom to work.

You've heard me jokingly say, "I try to steal Brother Copeland's stuff every chance I get!" But in all seriousness, this is said out of my deep respect for you and the wisdom the Lord has given you. Thank you for the years of counsel to us, your faith in us, and above all, your and Sister Gloria's love for us. You've not only helped to make us what we are, but vou've made a mark that cannot be erased.

Congratulations on 50 glorious years of ministry! May the Lord bless you as you continue to take His voice to the uttermost parts of the earth!

In Service to the King,

Bill and Veronica



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'INSPIRED. **UPLIFTED... ENCOURAGED'**

Your ministry kept me inspired, uplifted and oh, so encouraged in prison for four years. Praise God I just got my own place.... I feel so blessed just having my own space now. I am now having a more growing relationship with God. Thank you, KCM.

P.B. | Columbus, Ohio

'THANK YOU'

Today, I received Six Steps to Excellence in Ministry and immediately praised God and thanked Him for you. Sending the request [for this product] was one of the most intimidating steps of faith that I have ever made, because I always want to be in line with God. You don't know the journey I have been on, but one day I hope you will, when the test becomes a testimony to the glory of God, and for your obedience to Christ in investing in me.

Thank you so much. Tears are coming to my eyes as I write this letter. Thank you for answering the call and believing in me enough to respond to my need in faith. God bless each of you at KCM.

A.B. | Cairo, Ga.

SHE TOOK AUTHORITY OVER THE WINDS

March 8. I woke up to very strong winds. As I was getting ready for work I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to take authority over the winds for my home and my business. I had learned about taking authority and the power of a blood line from KCM's teachings. Little

did I know at the time that this would be the worst windstorm in Michigan's history! More than 2,000 utility poles were down, leaving 800,000 homes and businesses without power for days. Praise God-neither my home nor my business was affected! God is so good and as I continue to put my trust

in Him I fall more in love every day. He is faithful, no matter the circumstance. I am learning to stand on His Word, thanks to your ministry and your teachings. I am so honored to be a Partner. Thank you and God bless

Karen S. | Okemos, Mich.

NO MORE BRACES

I would like to thank the Lord and shout praises! I attended the Calgary Victory Campaign and I am healed! I had used a brace on my feet since 2012, suffering from tendonitis in both my ankles. When Kenneth prayed for healing, including people who will no longer wear braces, I received my healing in Jesus' Name. After that day and up to now, I have not worn my braces. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah! Glory to Your Name. AMEN. May A. | Edmonton, Alberta

GOD SPOKE INTO OUR LIVES

Thank you Pastor Kellie and Gloria for your broadcast on "Heirs of God's Glory"! Your words of truth about God's correction and unfailing love came at such an important time in my family's life. It felt like God was speaking directly and clearly into our

lives and we received it that way! We are so thankful for you and thankful that our Lord is so exceptionally faithful to lead and guide His people with unfailing love!

Tyrone E. | Randburg, South Africa

'THE LORD GRANTED MY PRAYER'

Good day, KCM. I remember the day I ask your help from your prayer team to pray for me to own a house and now the Lord granted my prayer. He gave me the desires of my heart, now my heart is full of joy! Thank you so much, KCM. You are really a blessing!

M.V.S. | Philippines

A HARVEST OF JOBS FROM SEED SOWN

In early January, after four months of unemployment, I called KCM and I sowed a seed into your ministry by God's leading, and asked for prayer for a job. The next day, I was called, offered a position and started working two days later. By Feb. 1, I had another job and I am focusing on it being ministry. Work isn't work when you are working for God where He wants you to be.

Bethany Z. | Manitoba

'A DAUGHTER OF THE MOST HIGH'

Time is far spent since I received my thoughtful, inspiring birthday gift Receive as a Child, Live Like a King. Thank you for opening my eyes to the fact that, because of Christ Jesus, I am no longer a servant, but a daughter of the Most High God.

Dovie W. | Odessa, Texas

WHOLE AND **HEALED!'**

In April 2015, my husband almost died from ulcerative colitis. We knew little about it and his local doctor knew little more.

We were finally referred to Rochester's Mayo Clinic. The specialist there said my husband was too sick to be helped in the clinic and immediately admitted him to the hospital where he stayed for 12 days, until his symptoms improved. While in the hospital, my husband watched as much Kenneth Copeland and Christian, Spirit-filled TV as he could.

He was put on a biologic infusion, which helped the symptoms. He stood on Christ as his healer and came home a different man. spiritually. A proud man, a "fixer," he had to depend on God and others, which was very difficult for him.

Fast forward, he was declared in full remission in September 2016. The doctors never thought he would live without having his colon removed. Praise God. his colon is whole and healed! We watch BVOVN every day to keep our faith growing. Thank you and bless you!

Debra S. Cambridge, Minn.





If you do not know Jesus as your Savior and Lord, simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your

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

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

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If you have just prayed this prayer, please let us know of your decision. We have a Free Gift to help you begin your new life in Jesus! kcm.org/salvation

Prayer is our priority.







Desiree looked at the check, and then the stack of books.

The check. The books.

Maybe she was taking the long route by attending college. She had made thousands of dollars from one commercial, and was still making money from it three years later. And it wasn't as though she didn't have opportunities to work in the industry now.

Her family was a Hollywood success story.

Her father, Hubie Kerns, was an actor, stunt man and stunt coordinator. Just one of a long list of famous TV shows that bore his credits was *Batman*, where he worked as a stunt double for Adam West. Desiree's mother, Dorismae Kerns, was a publicity writer for MGM. Her client and good friend, Elizabeth Taylor, was godmother to Desiree's brother, Hubie Junior.

Certain that her family would help her navigate the family business, Desiree quit college, moved back to California and enrolled in an acting class.

"Dad," Desiree said, "I want to be a stunt woman."

He laughed.

It wasn't a mean laugh. Just a spontaneous, unplanned response.

"What?"

"Desiree, vou're too fat."

Shocked, Desiree looked down at her body. Sure, she'd packed on some extra weight sitting in college classes all day. But, fat?

Not compared to most women. *That was the problem*. As a stunt double, she had to be the same size as the actresses starring in the movies.

Desiree pulled on her tennis shoes and went out for a long, exhausting run. From then on, she ran every day. She trained for and ran marathons, while starving herself. Her body became as lean and lithe as the Hollywood stars.

Even then, she couldn't make herself stop running. The word *fat* kept her pounding the pavement, mile after mile. She pushed herself to run more marathons. She starved herself, bingeing and purging to make sure her body stayed lean—hoping no one suspected her secret. Especially her father.

Ever since he'd become a Christian, he'd gone a little overboard about God.

He even headed the Hollywood chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Association. He worried about Desiree's spiritual life, praying for her every day.

Desiree wished he'd just stop and realize that she was very spiritual. So far she'd tried Science of Mind, Hare Krishna and numerous New Age religions. Although, to be honest, she hadn't found anything that helped her kick anorexia and bulimia.

The Power of Prayer

"I walked into my acting class one day and met a fellow student by the name of Mel Ayres," Desiree remembers. "I took one look at him and decided that he was the man I would marry. Even if he did carry a big black Bible around. I tried to get his attention but he didn't notice.

"My cousin was a Christian and he invited me to visit his church. I wouldn't have gone, but his church was in Westwood and I'd heard that Mel attended a church there. Just in case it was the same one, I agreed to go. We walked into the sanctuary and the first thing I saw was Mel down front with his hands in the air.

"During worship, for the first time in my life, I experienced the presence of God. Nothing had prepared me for that. I wept and cried and invited Jesus into my heart. Once I was born again, Mel was very interested!

"On our second date, Mel planned on taking me to Dr. Fred Price's church, the Crenshaw Christian Center, but his car broke down. My dad *really* wanted me to date a Christian, so he drove all over Los Angeles to pick us up and take us to the church.

"Mel and I went back the following week and I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. On May 23, 1982, Mel and I eloped to Las Vegas and got married. Afterward, we realized that our families and friends were going to be very disappointed. We didn't tell anyone we were married, just that we were engaged. Back home, my mother started planning our wedding. Eventually she learned the truth when she found a copy of our marriage license under my bed. On Sept. 17, 1982, we flew in the same minister who had married us in Las Vegas, to marry us a second time. He was Spirit filled and we loved him.



"We had a rough start to our marriage. I'd been born again, but I hadn't learned how to handle my flesh. When I got angry at Mel, I cussed and threw my high heels at him. I'm not sure our marriage would have survived if we hadn't gone to the West Coast Believers' Convention that July. That's when Kenneth and Gloria Copeland became our role models. We wanted to be just like them. Mel had already started the journey, but I joined him in learning to live by faith, walk in love and forgive. Through that process, our marriage was healed."

Secrets Revealed

Throughout their relationship, Mel had no idea Desiree was battling anorexia and bulimia. She had managed to hide it from him while they were dating, through two weddings, a honeymoon in Europe and months of marriage.

Over and over, she took her stand by faith. She confessed scriptures. She prayed. She released her faith. Time after time, her starving body screamed for food until she binged. Then shame and guilt drove her to purge.

Mel came home from work one day and found Desiree sobbing.

"What's wrong?" he asked, gathering her in his arms.

Desiree blurted out the whole story. How she'd been *fat*. She told him about the running. The starving. How she'd binge on a whole bowl of cookie dough. The awful purging. The vicious cycle she was powerless to stop, and how hard she'd tried.

"This faith stuff doesn't work!" she wailed.

"Desiree Ayres! I don't care how many times you slip! I don't care how many times you fall! You *are healed* in Jesus' Name!" Mel declared.

Desiree blinked and stopped crying. It was the strangest sensation. She felt his words go into her body. In that instant, she stopped seeing herself as a victim. What Mel said was true. Bingeing and purging didn't change the truth. The truth was that by Jesus' stripes she was *already* healed. She'd received her healing when she'd asked. She was already a victor in Christ.

Over the next few months, whenever Desiree felt hungry she would remind herself that, "Jesus said...'I am the bread of life." Then she ran to the Word of God. One day, overwhelmed with the urge to eat cookie dough, Desiree heard these words: I want you to pray in the spirit.

From Victim to Victor

"I started praying in tongues and after a while I felt God's presence fill me," Desiree recalls. "I threw down the cookie dough. I learned there were two things which, operating together, would defeat the flesh-including anorexia and bulimia. The first was to devour God's Word. Then add to that, the strength that comes through praying in the spirit, especially when I was tempted. Jude 20 says, 'But you, beloved, [build] vourselves up on vour most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit' (New King *James Version*). That was the answer when my spirit was willing but my flesh was weak. Through that combination, I defeated anorexia and bulimia."

From that point, Desiree's career took off with her landing jobs on several TV shows.

"I was Catherine Bach's stunt double in the *Dukes of Hazzard*. I was Heather Thomas' stunt double in *The Fall Guy*," she said. "I worked on *Remington Steele* and *Knight Rider*. I also acted in *The Incredible Hulk*, *Riptide*, *Brain Storm* and many other shows."

While Desiree's career was raging, so was Mel's. He had acting roles in the popular TV soap operas Days of Our Lives, General Hospital and Falcon Crest, as well as the hit comedy Three's Company. Mel was a good actor and roles kept being offered to him. There was only one small problem. He didn't enjoy his work.

What Mel did enjoy was spending time with and serving such inspiring ministers as Fred Price, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, Richard Roberts, and Lloyd Ogilvie. Even more, he loved listening to their conversations.

Mel loved going to church, and attending multiple services each week. He couldn't get enough of the Word of God.

"I grew up in Florida where I'd made a profession of faith in Jesus," Mel says. "When I left Florida I went to California to disappear. I got involved with the wrong crowd and started drinking and using drugs. I just wandered through life until, one day in 1980, I was driving across the L.A. freeway when the presence of God filled

my car. The experience was so powerful I couldn't drive. I pulled over on the side of the road where the Lord ministered to me for two hours. He never mentioned my sin. The message was this: I love you.

"I experienced a real deliverance and came out of it a different man. I found a church and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. That was two years before I met Desiree.

"One day in 1984, I was on the set of General Hospital. While I was waiting to do my lines, I struck up a conversation with a security guard. The man was a former pastor who'd lost his church. I was ministering to him, encouraging him to believe God for restoration, when they called me to do my lines. I didn't go. What I was doing with that security guard was eternal. Eventually, I went and filmed my part. Back in my dressing room, I knew acting wasn't for me. I'd been called to the ministry."

When Mel arrived home that evening he said, "Desiree, don't ever pay my Screen Actors Guild dues again. I'm not going to act anymore. I'm going into the ministry."

Desiree looked at her husband like he'd sprouted two heads. She felt like passing out. He had a successful career and he was tossing it away. Someone needs to be the responsible adult and pay the bills, she thought. I guess that will be me.

Passing Through the Fire

Desiree was working every day—even turning work away-when she was offered a job as a stunt woman on the popular 1980s TV series Airwolf. While it made financial sense to take the job, her heart kept tugging her in a different direction. Lester Sumrall and Norvel Haves were speaking at their church and she wanted to attend the services. Instead, she did the adult, responsible, grown-up thing. She accepted the job.

Desiree had done a lot of scenes where she'd taken high falls while engulfed in flames—always wearing protective gear. In this particular scene, the script called for her to ride inside a Jeep 4x4 with a control button concealed in her hand.

On cue, Desiree would press the button and smoke would be released.

Nothing in the script mentioned fire, so for this scene she didn't wear protective clothing.

The 4x4 bounced across the terrain as cameras rolled. The moment Desiree pressed the button, it set off a fire bomb that engulfed her in flames and knocked her unconscious. Paramedics flew her by helicopter to the burn center of a nearby hospital, where she arrived in critical condition.

Desiree had suffered second and third degree burns on her chest, arms and neck, and her face was burned off.

Mel and Desiree's father cried as they stood next to her bedside. Her hair had been protected by the wig she was wearing, and her hands had been spared by the work gloves she had worn. But...her face?

During her stay in the hospital, Mel brought a cassette player and teaching tapes by Kenneth and Gloria, and some of Kenneth's music recordings for her to listen to. Mel and Hubie took turns staying with Desiree, keeping the Word of God or praise music playing 24 hours a day. Desiree's mother, who had been sick with a cold, was not allowed to enter her daughter's room. Mel also posted 8-by-10-inch photographs of Desiree's beautiful face all around the room.

Taking a Stand

"I remember regaining consciousness," Desiree says. "I realized that God had been tugging me not to take that job. I shouldn't have survived that fire bomb and it was a miracle I was alive. I knew God was giving me another chance at life. I told Him that I would do whatever He wanted me to do with my life.

"My face was wrapped in bandages and whenever they tried to remove them, the bandages ripped away my flesh. Night and day, I listened to Kenneth and Gloria. When the pain kept me from sleeping, I lay in bed at 3 a.m. listening to the Word of God and worship music.

"When I was finally strong enough to walk to the shower, I stood there sobbing in pain. Then I dropped to my knees and just worshipped Jesus. The presence of God fell in that shower. When I opened my eyes, all my bandages were folded in a neat stack on the shower floor."

BROADCAST CALENDAR







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Copeland

Kellie Copeland

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Sun., June 11 The Power of Faith **Put Into Action** Kenneth Copeland

June 12-16 Called and **Chosen by Love** Kenneth Copeland

Sun., June 18 The Lovingkindness of Your Heavenly **Father**

Kenneth Copeland and Kellie Copeland

June 19-23 From Their Praver Cabin in Arkansas...

Kenneth and Gloria Copeland

Sun., June 25 The Healing Compassion of Jesus Kenneth Copeland

June 26-30 From Their Praver Cabin in Arkansas... Kenneth and Gloria Copeland

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MORE WAYS TO WATCH







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Watch our Spanish broadcast on Enlace or at es.kcm.org/medios Desiree let the Word of God heal and strengthen her body. She continued to worship Him, but the one thing she refused to do was look in the mirror.

"Desiree," a nurse said to her one day, "you've got to look at your face in the mirror and accept the fact that you're a burn victim with scars."

"No!" Desiree said. "We're believing God for a miracle!"

Mel pointed to a picture of Desiree on the wall. "This is how God made you, Dezi! Never forget that we're standing on Proverbs 4:20-22, '[My words] are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh" (NKIV).

Faith for a Miracle

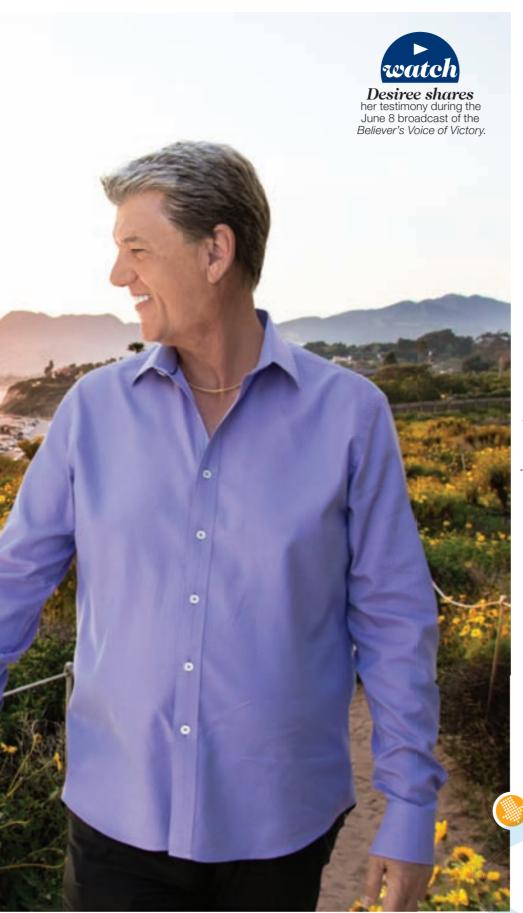
The day her mother was cleared to visit, she stepped into the room and found her daughter singing in the spirit. She looked at Desiree with wide eyes and said, "I have to have this!" In the moments that followed, Desiree led her mother to the Lord and into the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Then

they both sang in the tongues of men and angels.

Doctors and nurses watched in awe as Desiree's face miraculously grew back—with no evidence of scarring. Ten days after she'd been admitted to the hospital, fighting for her life, she was discharged. The doctor told her, "Desiree, it was your faith in God that did this."

News of Desiree's miracle swept the nation. She was interviewed on The 700 Club, Women's Aglow and The Phil Donahue Show. Hundreds of people responded to her miracle testimony, with many sending her gifts of stuffed animals. When the stuffed animals kept coming, Desiree ended up taking them along when she visited area hospitals where she would pray for the sick. Mel, who was an anointed psalmist, would sometimes go along and minister to people in song. Together, the two saw many people miraculously





his acting career, Mel had gone back to managing a restaurant. He was at work one day when their pastor asked him to come on staff at the church. Having stood in faith for Desiree's miracle, ministry opportunities abounded for them.

"In 1988, Desiree and I were ordained through Oasis Church," Mel explains. "In 1993, we were sent out to start a church. We began holding services on Friday evenings, and prophetic breakfasts in Hollywood on Saturdays. In 1996, we held our first Sunday service as In His Presence Church on Easter Sunday, and began holding weekly healing services on Wednesdays. It's been 21 years now, and we're still seeing blind eyes opened, tumors disappear and crippled people walking out of wheelchairs."

Desiree has published two books, one titled God Hunger: Breaking Addictions of Anorexia, Bulimia, and Compulsive Eating, and the other, Beyond the Flame: A Journey from Burning Devastation to Healing Restoration.

"Everything we've done can be traced back to our partnership with KCM. Kenneth and Gloria gave us a solid foundation that changed our lives," says Mel. "No one has impacted us like they have. As Partners, we enter their covenant blessing, which includes divine life, healing, authority and blessings. Years ago, I felt impressed that we have a responsibility to pass along this message of faith. We're in debt to God's goodness. We must give it away."

Mel and Desiree Ayres had to decide if they would accept the medical verdict, or stand against the enemy of doubt and unbelief and believe God for a miracle. They got theirs. You can get yours too.

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DON'T EVER MAKE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING YOU'RE TOO BUSY TO SPEND TIME IN THE WORD OF GOD. THE TRUTH IS, YOU CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO SPEND TIME IN IT. // EVEN IF YOU'VE WALKED WITH THE LORD FOR YEARS, YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO REST ON YOUR SPIRITUAL LAURELS AND JUST TRY TO LIVE ON THE WORD YOU HEARD IN THE PAST. YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE ALL YOUR ATTENTION TO NATURAL THINGS AND THINK, WELL, IF TROUBLE COMES MY WAY I'LL GRAB MY BIBLE AND BUILD UP MY FAITH.

THAT'S A DANGEROUS WAY TO OPERATE!

Jesus already warned us, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33, New International Version). So trouble is coming your way, no question about it; and wherever you've been putting your attention is where you're going to turn when it hits. If you've been attending to God's voice, you're going to turn to Him for solutions. If you've been attending to the world's voice, you're going to turn to the world.

The world is a pitiful place to have to go for help when you're in trouble! Its resources are extremely limited. It can't heal you from a disease the doctor says is incurable. It can't promise you protection when danger is all around. It can't provide prosperity for you, regardless of economic conditions.

God, however, can do all those things! That's why He wants you to continually put Him and His Word first place in your life. It's why He said in Proverbs 4:20-23: "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

One time years ago, Ken and I were ministering in Manila and I was preparing to preach on those verses. As I was studying

in the hotel room, I happened to look out the window. Outside I saw a big fountain shooting water way up in the air with tremendous force.

As I watched it, I realized the water coming out of that fountain made it impossible for any trash to get into it. Even if the water was turned down to the point where it was just barely coming out, as long as it was flowing at all, it would push out the trash and keep the fountain clean and junk free.

As I stood there thinking about that, the Lord showed me that's the way it is with our hearts. If we're diligent to keep them full of the Word, the forces of divine life will constantly flow out of them. They'll push back the forces of darkness, and Satan won't be able to put his garbage in us!

That's not to say he won't try, of course. He'll continue to bring his ugly stuff around and do his best to contaminate us with it. But he won't be able to make it stick because the Word in our hearts will cause the life of God to spring forth from us like a fountain and repulse the work of the enemy.

In the New Testament, Jesus put it this way. He said: "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make

POINTS TO GET YOU © THERE:

What you consistently put in your heart will determine whether you walk in victory or defeat. Proverbs 4:23 Staying continually in the Word liberates you from the bondage of the devil.

John 8:31-32

You fill your heart with the Word by listening to it and looking at it every day. Proverbs 4:20-21 As you feed on the Word and listen to God's voice the fruit of the spirit flow out of you and overcome the law of sin and death. Galatians 5:22-23

Time spent with God is never wasted, it always pays rich dividends. Galatians 6:7-8

If you're not consistently putting the Word in your heart...when difficulties arise, your faith won't be ready.

you free" (John 7:38, 8:31-32).

The Most Time-Efficient Thing You Can Do

"But Gloria, you just don't understand how busy I am. My schedule is packed."

Then unpack it a little. Spend less time watching the news. Get up a little earlier in the morning or go to bed a little later at night. Do whatever is necessary to make time to fill your heart with the Word.

What you consistently put in your heart will determine whether you walk in victory or defeat. If you're continually putting in the Word by keeping it in your ears and in front of your eyes, you'll be able to walk in victory. You'll be strong in the Lord, and when the devil comes against you to steal, kill and destroy, you'll be able to rise up in faith and put him on the run.

If you're not consistently putting the Word in your heart, however, you won't be in that position. When difficulties arise, your faith won't be ready. Although you can still call on the Lord and He'll do as much for you as He can, but because of your weakened spiritual condition, you may have to rely a lot on natural help.

Talk about taking a lot of time! The natural systems human beings have come up with can consume massive amounts of it. Think, for instance, how many hours people spend in the lawyer's office or banker's office trying to rectify some mistake they made because they weren't operating in the wisdom of God. Think about the entire mornings, afternoons and even whole days people can spend lying in bed because they're sick and they don't have enough of God's Word inside them to believe for supernatural healing.

Clearly, when you look at it in that light, putting God's Word first in your busy schedule is the most time-efficient thing you can do!

I figured this out years ago when Ken and I first started learning about faith. I noticed, particularly in the area of healing, that as we began to put into our hearts what the Word said about it, we didn't waste much time dealing with sickness anymore. The whole time our children were growing up we never had to take them to the doctor. We would have, if it had been necessary, but it wasn't because they rarely ever got sick. If they did get sick, we'd pray for them, believe God and they'd receive their healing. They might not have received it instantly, but within a short time they'd always be well.

Other than when John hurt himself on one of his wild adventures and had to be stitched up, I only took our kids to the doctor once a year to get their forms signed for summer camp. But on those annual visits I was always struck by how full of sick and hurting people the doctor's office was. I knew that some had been waiting for several hours for their appointments and many would end up with a big bill to pay.

As the kids and I quickly got our little forms signed, I couldn't help but think of all the time and money I'd saved over the years, not having to go to the doctor. I couldn't help but rejoice over all the benefits of living in divine health.

Being sick is time-consuming and expensive!

That's why I never apologize for taking my time when I'm ministering in Healing School at our Believers' Conventions. The way I see it, even if I preach for several hours, comparatively that's not very long.

Of course, not everyone always agrees with that perspective. Some people come to Healing School wanting a quicker fix. They don't realize that it took them years to get into a sickly condition and it's going to take God a little while to get enough revelation to them to get them out of it.

One woman actually wrote us after a convention in Anaheim once and admitted she was so eager for me to finish preaching that she actually prayed, "Lord, don't let Gloria give another scripture!" Her prayer didn't work, though. I just kept right on preaching. She stayed to the end of the service, and because she hung in there she wound up getting healed.

I'm telling you, it pays to hang in there with God!

Every one of us, as Christians, ought to be eager to give Him as much time as it takes to develop our faith. We ought to be delighted not only to read our Bible and pray every day but to spend time filling our hearts with the Word in other ways—going to meetings to hear faith-filled preaching, for instance...listening to the Word on CD or MP3 when we're driving to work...or spending an hour or so in the evening watching some on-fire man or woman of God minister the Word on the BVOV Network or on a DVD.

You could do all those things on a regular basis and you'd still end up spending less time than you'd spend on most medical procedures. They're usually a very long haul.

If you've ever had to go in for an operation you know very well the hospital can't get the job done in 15 minutes! You'll spend an hour or more just getting registered. After they send you to your room, it will take another two or three hours for you to undergo the necessary tests. Then they'll work on you for a few more hours to get you ready for surgery, and afterward you'll spend anywhere from days to weeks to months recovering from it.

Don't get me wrong. I'm thankful for medical science. It can be a great help, and when you need it, you should avail yourself of it. But if you really value your time, you'd be wise to avail yourself first of God's Word.

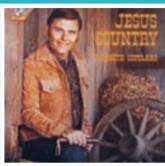
Keeping that Word in your heart with all diligence will enable you to avoid a lot of trouble. It will cut way down on your trips to the doctor, the lawyer and

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DID YOU KNOW?

Kenneth Copeland's Music Ministry





Partners and Friends know Kenneth Copeland as a powerful prophet and teacher. But often they're pleasantly surprised to discover he has a successful music ministry as well. In fact, over the past 43 years, Brother Copeland has released 32 albums—one of which included a Grammynominated song: "Only the Redeemed."

Brother Copeland's love

for singing stemmed from his childhood, but took first place in 1957, when he recorded a song called "Pledge of Love" for a mainstream label—long before he accepted his Godgiven call to ministry.

"That very day, I received my draft notice," Brother Copeland once said while reflecting on those early released while I was in basic training in the U.S.



Army. It did real well, but I couldn't do anything about it. While that record was on the move, instead of being available to accept offers to perform on national TV and on movie soundtracks, I stood guard duty.

"Today, I thank Almighty God for protecting me. Two other voung men had their first records on the charts at the same time as 'Pledge of Love.' Their names were Johnny Mathis and Elvis Presley. That kind of success would have destroyed me."

When he was released from the Army, a young Kenneth Copeland walked away from his 20-year dream of being an entertainer.

"I didn't sing for a long time after I began this ministry." he recalls. "I had a lot to unlearn. I knew how to entertain, and I knew how to sell a song. That's not what I was called to do. The call on my life is to preach The WORD of God. I can do that with or without a melody, but the motive of my heart has to be that The WORD goes forth. I'm not saying there isn't an element of entertainment in ministry music. I am saying that it's wrong for someone with a call on his life to make entertainment a priority."

Since making that decision, God has blessed Brother Copeland with countless opportunities to use music as a ministry. Though it has been several years since the release of his last recording, music and singing continue to play an integral part in ministry for Brother Copeland. His psalmist gift continues to minister life, healing and salvation to hundreds of thousands around the world.

1974 Jesus Country "Jesus Is Lord"*



1975

More About Jesus*

1979

I'll Fly Away

Sing Hallelujah

I'm a Believer*

Music Ministry of Kenneth Copeland*

1980

In His Presence

The Word

1981

Bread Upon the Water

He Is Jehovah

Kenneth Copeland and Friends Live!*

1982

"Worship Him"*

1983

Spirit Wind*

1984

Then Came the Morning What Child Is This?

1985

Best of Kenneth Copeland*

I Give You Jesus

Great Songs of Praise*

Down From His Glory

The Kenneth Copeland Collection. Volume I

1990

The Kenneth Copeland Collection. Volume II

1991

I Wanna Go

Christmas Every Day

London Praise Collection

1994

I Was on His Mind

1997

What a God You Are

1999

Just a Closer Walk

2004

Home for Christmas Big Band Gospel

the banker. It will keep the forces of God's life flowing out of you, pushing away the devil's trash, and keeping your life on track.

The Unstoppable Fruit of the Spirit

"Well, all that sounds good," someone might say, "but I don't understand exactly what you mean when you refer to 'the forces of God's life."

For one thing, I'm talking about spiritual forces the New Testament calls the fruit of the spirit. According to Galatians 5:22-23, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

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Thu	1	2 Kgs. 4-5	Eph. 6
Fri	2	2 Kgs. 6-7	Phil. 1
Sat	3	2 Kgs. 8-9	Phil. 2
Sun	4	2 Kgs. 10-12	Phil. 3-4
Mon	5	2 Kgs. 13-14	Col. 1
Tue	6	2 Kgs. 15-16	Col. 2
Wed	7	2 Kgs. 17-18	Col. 3
Thu	8	2 Kgs. 19-20	Col. 4
Fri	9	2 Kgs. 21-22	1 Thess. 1
Sat	10	2 Kgs. 23-24	1 Thess. 2
Sun	11	2 Kgs. 25; 1 Chr. 1-2	1 Thess. 3-4
Mon	12	1 Chr. 3-4	1 Thess. 5
Tue	13	1 Chr. 5-6	2 Thess. 1
Wed	14	1 Chr. 7-8	2 Thess. 2
Thu	15	1 Chr. 9-10	2 Thess. 3
Fri	16	1 Chr. 11-12	1 Tim. 1
Sat	17	1 Chr. 13-14	1 Tim. 2
Sun	18	1 Chr. 15-17	1 Tim. 3-4
Mon	19	1 Chr. 18-19	1 Tim. 5
Tue	20	1 Chr. 20-21	1 Tim. 6
Wed	21	1 Chr. 22-23	2 Tim. 1
Thu	22	1 Chr. 24-25	2 Tim. 2
Fri	23	1 Chr. 26-27	2 Tim. 3
Sat	24	1 Chr. 28-29	2 Tim. 4
Sun	25	2 Chr. 1-3	Titus 1-2
Mon	26	2 Chr. 4-5	Titus 3
Tue	27	2 Chr. 6-7	Philem.
Wed	28	2 Chr. 8-9	Heb. 1
Thu	29	2 Chr. 10-11	Heb. 2
Fri	30	2 Chr. 12-13	Heb. 3

longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, [and] temperance."

Generally, people tend to think of those things as just nice qualities. But in reality, they're something much more powerful. They're the attributes of God Himself. They're created in you the moment you're born again, and as you feed on the Word of God and listen to His voice they flow out of your spirit and produce godly conditions in your life.

Nothing Satan has can counter the forces of the fruit of the spirit! He can't use the law of sin and death against them because, as verse 23 says, "Against such there is no law." He can't use the flesh to stop them because, as verse 16 says, "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

It's very difficult for Satan to succeed in making you sick when the spiritual forces of love, joy and peace are flowing in your life.

He can't break down your physical immune system with the tension that comes from strife and unforgiveness because "[love] pays no attention to a suffered wrong" (1 Corinthians 13:5, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

He can't take you down through weakness because "the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

He can't successfully saddle you with all the diseases that are caused by stress because "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" continually guards your heart and mind (Philippians 4:7, New King James Version).

If the force of temperance is flowing out of you, the devil faces even more problems. He can't wreck your health by getting you to overeat or getting you addicted to drugs or some other unhealthy substance because you're able to discipline your body. You're able to walk in dominion over its carnal desires and take care of it the way God intended.

God knows what it takes for you to live in victory in this world, and He's provided every bit of it for you! He's put His life in your spirit and He's given you His Word to keep that life flowing.

I've found, after walking with God for more than a half century now, that when I'm staying in the Word and walking in the spirit I just don't experience many symptoms of sickness. Sometimes I go for years at a time and hardly know I have a body at all. Yet, even after all these years, if I slacked off the Word and quit feeding my spirit, the forces of God's life would quit coming out of me. They'd quit repulsing the things of the devil and before long I'd find myself getting sick.

It's easy to get sick. All you have to do is nothing! Just stop listening to God and start listening to what the world is saying and—voilà!—pretty soon you'll be catching whatever viruses or bugs the devil is passing around.

"But Gloria, if that happens can't I get back into the Word and believe God to be healed?"

Yes, but it's better not to wait until you're under attack to start preparing for the faith fight. It's better to get ready in advance by spending time in the Word and in prayer every day. Even if life is going well for you right now, and you're not looking to be divinely delivered from some kind of trouble, such time spent with God is never wasted. You don't have to worry that you might get up an hour earlier every morning to read the Word and pray, and wind up with nothing to show for it.

That can't possibly happen. The Bible guarantees it. Galatians 6:7-9 says: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

I've already said this but it bears repeating: It always pays to hang in there with God! It pays rich dividends to consistently spend time in His Word. So if you aren't doing it already, get with it and stick with it.

Don't wait until the devil attacks you and puts you on the defensive. Get out ahead of him. Live on the offensive. Put God's Word first place every day and let those forces flow!

DIGGING FOR DIAMONDS



UPERKIDS, I HAVE BEEN ON ANOTHER GREAT TREASURE HUNT...DIAMOND MINING AT THE CRATER OF DIAMONDS IN MURFREESBORO, ARK. THEY LET YOU DIG FOR DIAMONDS, AND YOU GET TO KEEP WHAT YOU FIND.

The biggest diamond ever found there was named the Uncle Sam and weighed 40.23 carats. That's huge! In 2016, 501 diamonds larger than 1 carat were found. The day after we were there, a young boy found one and named it the Superman Diamond!

Why didn't I find it? I thought, but the answer was pretty obvious. I wasn't looking in the right place! Sure, I was looking, but I was at the other end of the field from where the Superman was found. I finally gave up and went to the visitors center to wait for my friends to finish. I was looking at a map of where the diamonds had been found over the years, when I made an important discovery—most of the diamonds had been found in one certain area. And the Superman was found in the same area as the other big ones.

How I wished I had paid attention to that map BEFORE I went diamond huntina!

Later, I thought about you and the treasure hunt we began last month (BVOV May 2017), when we talked about searching for wisdom using all the tools God has given us. Remember what they are? Listening, choosing to treasure the commands, tuning your ears, concentrating, crying out, asking, searching, seeking—these are God's tools for you to gain wisdom. I certainly didn't use all the tools available to find a diamond, but I did find some WISDOM to share with you, along with a pretty awesome picture of me digging in the dirt. (Pretty funny, I think!)

We read Proverbs 1:5-6 last month, so let's start at verse 7 and dig a little deeper into God's Word. "Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline" (New Living Translation).

I ignored the wisdom the visitors center had to offer: the maps, explanations, even

the video about finding diamonds. I was too eager to hunt and have fun. So, I decided not to stop along the way to gain some wisdom, but it would have been much more fun to find a diamond! Superkids, too many kids lead their lives that way. They don't pay attention and explore God's great wisdom or use the Treasure Tools to dia for those diamonds. Those who don't "respect and regard" (or fear) TRUE wisdom, knowledge and discipline, the Bible calls

Panning for Treasure

fools.

One tool I disregarded and skipped was a screened strainer. You can put chunks of dirt in it and wash the excess away under water. That often makes it easier to spot the diamonds. But I was too cold to get wet messing with it, even though I really did need a strainer for diamond mining.

Last month we saw that God wants us to look to Him and to our godly parents for wisdom. The Holy Spirit and His wisdom is like that strainer in our lives, sifting away what doesn't belong. This month I am going to ask you to do some homework. DON'T panic! It's not that hard. We are going to pray and ask the Lord to show us where we've missed it, like He showed me that map of the diamond field. Then Superkid, I want you to make a list of what He shows you. Work on this as a family: Mom and Dad may find some distracted

that keep you distracted?
Where are you focusing your attention? Is

places, too. What are the things

inconvenience or discomfort keeping you from searching for wisdom? God knows and He will tell you. Pray this as a family:

Father, thank You for the wisdom offered to me in Your Word (James 1:5). I receive it in the Name

of Jesus. Please show me where I have turned my back on wisdom. Show me what I have focused on, instead of the treasure You have for me. I receive Your correction because I know You love me. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Superkids, I didn't find a diamond when I was searching, but I believe I found some good treasure for you! And the next time I go diamond mining, I will use all the wisdom and knowledge I've gained, to at least be looking in the right place to find that treasure.

So happy hunting for wisdom and knowledge, Superkid, until next month when we talk about Treasure Buddies!



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