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A Special Message From Kenneth & Gloria

Over the years, Kenneth Copeland Ministries has received some extraordinary assignments from The LORD to help establish His kingdom on earth. And our covenant relationship with you, our Partners and Friends, has been *key* to the fulfillment of all He has asked us to do.



As 2013 drew to a close, The LORD spoke to us that the new year would be one of victory over death and manifested love for the Body of Christ. And 2014 was just that! We stepped out in faith for God's BLESSING in every area of ministry—television, Internet, publications, products, meetings, prison ministry, music, prayer and personal contacts. And as we pressed forward, with you standing alongside us in partnership, we experienced God's fullness of victory and love in great measure in everything we did!

So that we can share with you what happens when we join together in partnership, we've chosen to prepare an abbreviated edition of the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine this month and, along with it, send you our *2014 Covenant Partner Report*. This report, which covers ministry activity throughout all of 2014, shows the impact we're having around the world as we cover the earth with God's WORD! Throughout this report, you will read how The LORD has worked through your covenant partnership with us to reach and change the lives of countless men, women and children all over the world!

We praise and thank Him for all the great things He has done! And we also thank you, Partners! Through your faithfulness to hear and obey God's WORD and follow His instructions, the power of our covenant relationship is working to establish His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven!

Next month, look for the *Believer's Voice of Victory* to return in its entirety.

*Kenneth
and Gloria*

The Power of a Grateful HEART

I was mad at my legs.
I was mad at the devil and
anyone who came near me.
And I hadn't slept in days.

It was just after Labor
Day 2004, and I was at
the height of one of the
most intense battles for
healing I'd ever fought.

A few days earlier I had ruptured
a disc in my back. It felt like a
toothache that was 4½ feet long—
from my hip to the tips of my toes.

During my life, I have been beaten
up, shot, thrown off horses and run
over with cars...but never had I hurt
as bad as I did at that moment. All I
wanted to focus on was the pain and
getting free of it.

God met me in it, but in a very
different way than I would have
imagined.



This principle applies to far more than just receiving healing. Expressing gratitude by faith will change everything around you.

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Copeland

my heart to begin shouting out my gratitude for all my heavenly Father had done for me.

“Oh, Father, I’m so grateful to You! I’m grateful that my other leg doesn’t hurt. I’m so grateful my arms aren’t hurting, my fingers are all working well, and my head doesn’t hurt—it is sleepy, but it doesn’t hurt!”

In the midst of all that pain, by an act of obedience I expressed gratitude to God...*by faith!*

More Praise—Less Pain

Being grateful *by faith*.

Not by feeling. Not by temperament. But by a deliberate act of faith, I did something I’d done many times before. That night on the porch I decided I would no longer talk about the way I felt, my flesh or its condition.

Instead of focusing on the pain and hurt, I filled my thoughts and mouth with gratitude for my life, my family, for all the years I’ve been in ministry, and for every other good thing that arose in my spirit.

I started praising and thanking God and the more I praised Him, the less pain I had in my leg.

And as I was expressing my gratitude to Him, God began talking to me.

The more He talked, the better I felt. Each day I progressed; not one day was as bad as the day before.

There were a number of things that brought me to the place where complete healing manifest in my body. Thousands of my Partners; many believers from Spirit-filled churches; faith-talking, true healing-believing doctors; my family and friends; all added their faith to mine.

Nothing, however, had more impact than what began that night on the porch. The moment I began thanking God for all that was going right in my life, I was on my way out of the problem.

Redirected Focus

If you’ll think about it, we only have two real options in times of extreme

pressure. Those options are to focus either on the problem...or the gratitude. You cannot do both at the same time.

For instance, what happens if you have one sore finger? You may have nine fingers, toes, arms, ears and numerous other body parts that are working perfectly, but that isn’t your focus. No. All you can think about is how you are going to get that one finger healed. You begin confessing healing scriptures and try to decide what else you need to confess or do, to stop the pain.

But if you don’t water those confessions with praise and thanksgiving, your focus on the one sore finger—or whatever *problem*—will continue to dominate your thinking.

If you don’t redirect your focus, the problem can consume you. So start giving God thanks for everything that is working right. Praise Him for all the good things He has done in your life. As you do, you’ll come to a place where you can release your faith and receive your answer.

“Yeah, but Brother Copeland, you don’t know what has happened to me.”

You’re right, I don’t. But I do know you’re breathing—not pushing up grass!

So just start thanking God for your life! Remind yourself that no matter what your circumstances are—it could be a whole lot worse. You’re not dead yet!

And this principle applies to far more than just receiving healing. Expressing gratitude by faith will change everything around you. It will change the whole complexion of your life.

Shouts Silence the Devil

I’m not saying the challenges will be over when you start filling the atmosphere with shouts of praise and thanksgiving. In fact once you begin praising God with purpose, you’ll become a prime target for the devil. Why? It’ll scare the daylights out of him when you begin operating in

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Back-Porch Praise

There I was on the back porch facing another sleepless night. One heating pad was wrapped around my calf. Another was wrapped around my thigh. Each was held on by a bathrobe sash. The heat was turned as high as I could get it. But nothing seemed to help—I was still lying there on my back crying.

I didn’t feel very grateful. I certainly didn’t look very grateful.

Right in the middle of all that pain, though, the Spirit of God dropped it in



by
Gloria
Copeland



Entering Your *promised land*

Since the days of Abraham, God has been promising His people a land of their own. It's a promise that has captured the minds of the Jewish nation for generations. And it's a promise that applies to you today as surely as it has ever applied to anyone.

Yes! God has promised to give you a land of your own. Not necessarily a piece of property, but a state of being that's far more valuable than any plot of ground could ever be.

It's a place where all the promises of God are "yea" and "amen" in Christ! It's a land flowing with milk and honey—a land where your every need can be met. It's a place where you keep sin underfoot, ruling and reigning as a king and a priest with Christ *in this life*. It's a place where no weapon formed against you shall prosper. When you occupy your promised land, you are seated with Christ in heavenly places, far above principalities and powers—far from oppression.

As you study the Word of God, you'll find that's an accurate description of the kind of victory you should be experiencing in Christ. However, be prepared—there will be some giants along the way trying to keep you from entering into your promised land. But

that's no problem once you get God's perspective—then those giants will become little more than grasshoppers in your sight.

You may say, "Yes, that sounds like a nice theory, but I'm dealing with reality here, and all I see is poverty, sickness, sin, oppression and fear everywhere I look."

That's to be expected—the devil isn't going to lie down and play dead just because God has promised us the victory. Jesus said, "And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion]" (Matthew 11:12, *The Amplified Bible*).

In order to have a share in the heavenly kingdom, you must get "violent" and seize it with ardent zeal! You must not take a passive attitude and mistakenly believe the devil is more powerful than you, because he isn't! He does *not* have the

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power—you do!

Jesus said, “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19). Naturally, the devil doesn’t want you to know that you have this power because once you realize it, you’ll start using it against him to enforce his defeat.

Just listen to what God said to the children of Israel when they were about to enter into the Promised Land: “When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places: and ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it” (Numbers 33:51-53).

Notice God didn’t promise the Israelites the inhabitants of the land would just hand it over to them. He didn’t say they wouldn’t have to fight for the land.

He *did* promise, however, that as long as they obeyed Him, He would give them victory.

Empty Threats

As believers, we’re in much the same situation. If we’re going to enjoy the promised land, we’re going to have to drive the devil out of it! God has given us the power to do it. We’re much better armed than our enemy! In fact, he is totally unarmed. Colossians 2:15 tells us: “[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross]” (*The Amplified Bible*).

We have absolutely no reason to cower down to the devil. Jesus defeated and disarmed him through His death, burial and resurrection.

The devil can’t defeat you unless you let him. All he can do is make empty threats.

But beware! Even his empty threats



“When you become connected to the Word, you won’t see yourself in failure any longer.” —Gloria

can stop you cold if you believe them. The children of Israel proved that. Moses sent spies into the land, and they came back with a frightening report about the giants who occupied the land: “And there we saw the giants [they said], the sons of Anak and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight” (Numbers 13:33). The Israelites allowed that report to intimidate them. They forgot who they were—the real giants, empowered and supported by the invincible power of Almighty God. And they began thinking of themselves as grasshoppers.

It works the same way today. If you’re weak in your own sight, that’s how you’ll be in the devil’s eyes. So when the devil tries to convince you that you’re not going to win the battle, when he tells you he is a giant and you are just a grasshopper, refuse to receive his bad report. Dare to believe God’s report of victory instead.

That’s what the Scripture tells us Joshua and Caleb encouraged the Israelites to do. But instead they rebelled and believed the lies of the devil and sentenced themselves to 40 years in the wilderness.

After those 40 years had passed, God once again led His people toward the Promised Land. He gave their leader, Joshua, these instructions: “Be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:7).

To successfully take the Promised Land, God said the Israelites were going to have to be strong and very courageous. He goes on to tell them where that courage was going to come from—the

Word of God. He said: “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success” (verse 8).

They had to keep the Word in their thoughts and in their mouths constantly. They had to remember that God was on their side and to see themselves not as grasshoppers but as giants in Him.

Now it’s your turn to take the promised land. Jesus has defeated Satan and He’s promised you the victory if you’ll submit yourself to Him and stand up to the devil. You must forcibly remove Satan from the territory he has taken in your life—whether it be your home, health, business, church or nation.

It will undoubtedly take courage to do it. But you can experience that kind of courage the same way Joshua did—by meditating on God’s Word day and night. The more you fellowship with the Lord in the Word and in prayer, the more confidence you’ll have in God and the harder it will be for Satan to discourage you.

Begin to be courageous and forcibly take back what Satan has stolen from you and your family. Arm yourself for battle by spending quality time with the Lord every day. Allow Him to strengthen and encourage you. He will prepare you for what’s ahead and help you overcome every obstacle.

God has given you the victory! “Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:9).

So, march right into Satan’s territory and slay the giants in your land!

It's Just a Name!

by Ronald C. Jordan

It had been as normal a week as any for April Nelson as the energetic young single mom scurried about, making sure she had everything she needed for her trip to Washington, D.C. It would be the second straight year she had traveled to the nation's capital to attend the annual Christians United for Israel Summit, and April was looking forward to spending the time away with fellow believers.

That's when the first symptoms occurred.

"The Lord told me that as quickly as this thing had come, that's how quickly it had to go. And that's exactly what happened."

I was packing and just trying to get things together and I was running into the walls," April recalls. "My balance was a little bit off, too, but I just thought, *Well, I'm tired. I've had a lot to do this week with work and now getting ready for this trip, I just need to get some sleep.*"

Satisfied that physically she was OK, April finally made it to the airport and was off to Washington.

Then, it happened again. The fatigue returned and April's equilibrium was off.

"There was something wrong, and I didn't really know what," April said.

Again, she reasoned: *I'm just tired, I need to get some rest.*

"On the day before I was leaving to go home, I woke up in my hotel room and everything was off in my body," she said. "I knew something was wrong so I had my roommate call 911."

Before the ambulance arrived, April had collapsed.

At the hospital, doctors first determined that April was suffering from extreme dehydration and had neurological symptoms. Two CAT scans later, they diagnosed multiple sclerosis.

"We've looked at your brain, we see some things we don't like," the doctors told her.

"They wanted to keep me in the hospital over the weekend to run more tests and determine treatment, but I was scheduled to fly home the same day," April recalls. "They didn't want me to risk traveling, and suggested I have my family come to Washington."

"This is a serious thing," the doctors told her. "If you leave here now, you can die."

'You're Supposed to Go Home'

Despite the doctors' warnings, April sensed that

she was to return home to her family and friends.

"The people who had traveled to Washington with me, and my family back home felt the same way," she said. During her overnight stay at the hospital, people called and said things like: "I think you're supposed to go home." Or, "Don't allow the doctors to tell you to do something that is not in your heart."

During that time of struggle, the Lord gave April a word.

"He said, *As quickly as this thing has come upon you, that's how quickly it's going to go.* So, I wasn't afraid. There was pressure coming at me from the doctors to stay, but I just told them I wanted to go home. So, they released me."

When she returned to Fort Worth, April was immediately surrounded with spiritual support.

"My father had told me, 'We're going to beat this thing here at home,'" April said. "When I got home, he prayed for me, laid hands on me and commanded healing to come forth."

The next day, April remembered something she'd heard Jeremy Pearsons say a month earlier during a teaching at Eagle Mountain International Church.

"The next time something comes against your body, whether it's a small thing, a major thing or a serious thing, focus on the love of God," Jeremy said. "Meditate on the love God has for you and see what that will do in your body."

On Sunday, April went to church despite feeling weak from symptoms that had returned.

"My coordination and balance were off, so I needed to be assisted everywhere I went," she recalls. When she returned home from church, April pulled out a message by Pastor George Pearsons, Jeremy's dad, titled *My Father Loves Me*.

"Because I was still thinking about what Jeremy had ministered about God's love, I got that message and began to listen to it," April explained. "I knew God loved me and that He had healed me. So, like Jeremy had encouraged, I put my

primary focus on the love He has for me.” In addition, April spent time reading, meditating and confessing healing scriptures.

‘Healed People Go to Work’

The next day, April was due to return to work. As she considered whether or not she should go back to work, her father had another word of encouragement for her.

“Healed people go to work in the morning,” he told April. “You can’t lay around and still say you’re healed. Healed people get up... and go to work. You’re a soldier, and you’ve got to endure hardship. But you’re healed, so go.”

Encouraged by her father’s words, April decided to return to work. However, lingering symptoms made getting out of the car and walking difficult.

“That was a major battle, because I began to experience self-pity. But the Lord told me, *You’ve got to put a stop to that right now because that’s the enemy! That’s not consistent with what you’re believing for.*”

At that, April told herself: “Healed people don’t feel sorry for themselves. I’m healed, so there’s nothing for me to feel sorry for myself about.”

During her healing process, the Lord spoke something else to April.

“He told me that every step I take, I’m enforcing the victory Jesus won for me. And with every step I take, I’m enforcing the defeat the devil has already experienced,” she said. “It’s already done. I’m already healed.”

“I began to speak to my brain, and I would command my brain to line up with what God said about me,” she said. “I would speak over my equilibrium and my balance and I would say, ‘My balance and my equilibrium are fully restored in the Name of Jesus.’”

Those words became a daily confession for April, who gradually saw her body begin to mend. As she continued confessing God’s Word for her healing, the day came when all the symptoms vanished.

“One day I woke up and got up and

“I know I’m covered in prayer every day, and if I need prayer, I can just pick up the phone and there’s someone on the other end of the line who’ll pray with me in faith and share the Word with me.”

—April

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didn’t have any dizziness. I was clearheaded and I just began to walk like normal,” says April. “I thought, *This is gone, I AM healed.* And I began to walk and it was just a normal thing. People would notice and say, ‘You haven’t been to the doctor?’ And I’d say, ‘No, I haven’t been to the doctor. I’m standing on the Word.’”

Today, April says all her symptoms are gone and “I’m completely healed and whole in the Name of Jesus.

“The Word is always true, and I know from the Word that Jesus is the Healer,” she says. “I have experienced for myself that Jesus is the Healer, and nothing is too hard for Him. That diagnosis did not scare me. Multiple sclerosis is just a name. And it had to bow its knee to the Name of Jesus.

“The Lord told me that as quickly as this thing had come, that’s how quickly it had to go. And that’s exactly what happened. When I’m tempted to think the symptoms are still there, I say, ‘No, in Jesus’ Name. I’m healed. That is over.’ And I’m walking in my healing every day.”

Today things have returned to normal for April, who continues to raise and support the talents of young daughter, Najeé, and work a full-time job. She is grateful for that day in 2007 when she first learned about KCM, and began listening to Kenneth Copeland’s teachings.

“I’m a Partner with Kenneth Copeland Ministries, because of the work the ministry is doing all over the world—teaching people who they are in Christ and reaching out to the lost,” April says.

“That means I’m never alone. I wasn’t then, and I’m not now.” 🙏

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gratitude...and he’ll try to stop you.

He’ll use the only tactic he possesses. He’ll try to steal that word out of you by stirring up your flesh. Mark 4:16-17 tells us, “These are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word’s sake, immediately they are offended.”

The enemy will try to get you to become offended. But that will only work if you have no root—if you’re not grounded in the love of God.

However if you are loving The LORD your God with all your heart, soul and mind (Matthew 22:37) and expressing your gratefulness for all He has done, you are becoming rooted and grounded in love. That’s what Paul wrote to the Ephesians. He said:

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God (Ephesians 3:16-19, *New Living Translation*).

Become so filled with His love that offense can’t come near you. Praise Him for His marvelous love. Praise Him, and as you do the enemy will be stopped cold because praise “stills the avenger” (Psalm 8:2).

Fill your mouth and the atmosphere with gratitude—thank God for all He is, for all He has done and is doing in your life. You and the world around you will change! 🙏



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