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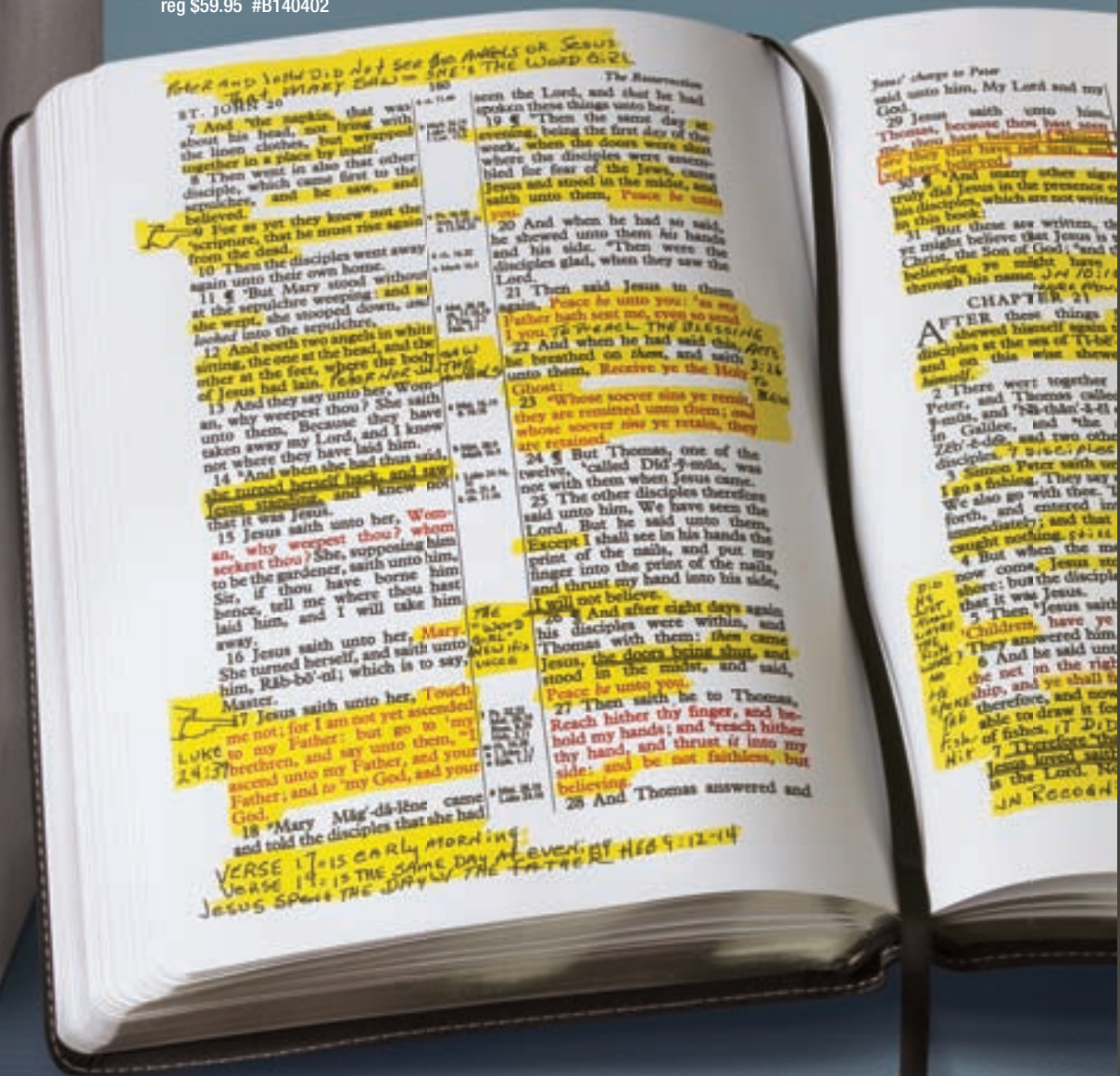
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Coming Through THE FIRE

Living

the Christian life is not a piece of cake. Anyone who says it is isn't telling you the whole story.

Although as believers we have victory in Jesus, although we have the power in Him to triumph in every situation, sometimes things get tough.

SOMETIMES we encounter troubles and trials that drag on...and on...and on (despite our desperate prayers for relief) until we want to say what the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk said in the Bible: "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help and You will not hear? Or cry out to You of violence and You will not save?" (Habakkuk 1:2, *The Amplified Bible*).

Almost every Christian on earth has been tempted to ask such questions at one time or another. It might have been because they needed healing and prayed for it for weeks, months or even years without seeing any results. It might have

been because they were struggling with family issues or financial challenges they couldn't seem to resolve.

In those kinds of situations, we can all make the mistake Habakkuk did. We can be tempted to give in to the pressure of the devil, point the finger of blame at God and say, "Why is this taking so long? Why aren't You helping me? Aren't You listening to me?"

But that is exactly the wrong thing to do.

The trouble in our lives is never God's fault. He is never behind it. When we can't seem to get answers to our prayers, He is not the problem.

The problem is always on our end.





Habakkuk can confirm it. He learned that lesson well when God answered all his questions with one simple statement. “The just shall live by his faith” (Habakkuk 2:4). Or, as *The Amplified Bible* puts it: “The just and the [uncompromisingly] righteous man shall live by his faith and in his faithfulness.”

In a nutshell, that’s where Habakkuk missed it. He’d been complaining up a storm to the Lord, pleading with Him to fix the mess around him, but he hadn’t been operating by faith.

God works with faith and Habakkuk hadn’t given Him anything to work with.

The same can sometimes be said of us. Whenever we aren’t getting the results we want from God, it’s not because God is failing to do His part. It’s because we’re missing it where our faith is concerned. We aren’t doing our part to receive the victory He has already provided.

“But Gloria,” you might say, “I’ve been walking by faith for years. I know how to do my part!”

That may be true, but no matter how much you know, you can let things slip if you don’t stay on top of them. What’s more, every one of us is still learning. No one has arrived yet. So taking a faith refresher course is always a good idea. Especially when we’re facing various tests and trials, we want to make sure we’re handling them the way God expects—not like Habakkuk did, but like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

You remember those three, don’t you? They went through a time of trouble the likes of



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which most of us will never experience. They were literally thrown into a raging inferno simply for refusing to worship a king's idol.

Talk about a fiery trial! Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego really went through it. But they knew what to do. They lifted up their faith shield and quenched all the fiery darts of the devil (Ephesians 6:16). They not only survived the fire, they came out of it unharmed. "Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn't even smell of smoke!" (Daniel 3:27, *New Living Translation*).

All because they lived by faith.

A Substance More Precious Than Gold

What, exactly, is faith?

It's believing what God says, regardless of what we might see, feel or hear in this natural world. It's believing His Word without compromise. It's being so confident God will fulfill His promises that no matter how much trouble the devil brings our way we can say like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did, "Our God whom we serve...will deliver us" (Daniel 3:17, *AMP!*)

According to the Bible, faith is:

"The substance of things hoped for,

the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

"The victory that overcometh the world." (1 John 5:4)

A force so powerful it will move the mountains in our lives. (Mark 11:23)

So valuable, it is truly "more precious than gold." (1 Peter 1:7)

But it doesn't become ours simply because we want it. You can't just decide, "I'm going to live by faith," and let that be the end of it. You have to back up your decision with action. You have to open up your Bible and find out what God has to say, because "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

Anyone who will spend enough time in the Word can be a faith person. I could give a Bible to a beggar on the street and if he would read it, meditate on it and act like what it says is true, he could prosper. By this time next year, his poverty trial could be over. He and his circumstances could be so completely transformed that he wouldn't even seem like the same person.

Such transformations don't take place, however, just because someone reads an occasional scripture now and then. They don't happen to people who just have an easy-going, take-it-or-leave-it kind of attitude toward the Bible. They only happen in the lives of people who are seriously committed to knowing and doing what God says.

"For thus says the Lord...Seek Me [inquire for and of Me and require Me as you require food] and you shall live!" (Amos 5:4, *AMP!*)

This is the first key to overcoming any trouble you'll ever face. It's the primary secret to overcoming faith: Make God and His Word as important to you as the physical food you eat.

Most likely, you rarely go very long without eating natural food. You're very diligent about it. I am too. So is Ken. Every evening at 5:30, we are at

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the dinner table. If I'm not there, Ken wants to know, "Where are you? It's time to eat!"

That's the way all of us, as born-again believers, should be about the Word of God. We should be as loyal to it as we are to the dinner table. After all, God's Word is spiritual food! It nourishes our spirit just as physical food nourishes our body.

You can't go far physically without food in the natural and you can't go far spiritually without spending time in the Word. You need to be feeding on it every day!

Actually, when you're going through a fiery test or a trial, you should feed on the Word as often as possible all day long. Instead of wasting time watching secular television or doing some other silly thing, you should get into the Word and stay there. If you'll do that, you'll be well on your way to walking in victory, because when you require the Word the same way you require physical food, God says, "You shall live!"

Don't Take the Road of Least Resistance

"But I *have* been spending time in the Word," you might say, "and nothing has changed yet!"

Well, just stick with it. Don't quit now! If you quit you won't have any hope at all. So keep giving God something to work with. Stay in faith—and while you're at it, make sure your behaving matches your believing.

That's what Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did. They not only believed God's Word in their hearts, they honored Him with their actions. They obeyed God's commands and became living illustrations of Isaiah 33:14-15: "Who among us can dwell with that devouring fire? Who among us can dwell with those everlasting burnings? He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly..." (*AMP*).

If you want to be a person who comes through the fire without getting burned, you must do the

same. You must not only believe right on the inside, you must do right on the outside. You must be obedient to the Lord's commands.

"But I thought you said faith is what matters!"

It is—and obedience is inseparable from faith.

Think about it. If we believe what God says, we're going to do what He tells us to do. We're going to walk uprightly and talk uprightly, even when we're faced with trying situations like sickness, poverty or persecution.

Don't misunderstand me. I'm not suggesting that as faith people we never stumble or miss it. I'm just saying that when we do, we are quick to repent. We don't try to hide from God or justify our disobedient actions. We just say, "Lord, I was wrong. Please forgive me. I plead the

blood of Jesus and receive its cleansing power. I ask You to help me and give me grace so I'll never do that again."

Then we get right back on track. We go back to walking and talking in line with God's Word. As a result, when trials do come, we have the confidence we need to stand against the devil, who is the one behind them. We can shake our fingers in his face and tell him to get his hands off our health, our finances and our families in the Name of Jesus!

"But Gloria, I'm not sure the devil will listen to me."

Then you need to study what the New Testament says about the subject. It plainly teaches that as born-again believers we have authority over the devil, and when we resist him he flees from us (James 4:7). It also says that we're the ones responsible to keep

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points to get you there

overcoming trials

Living the Christian life is not a piece of cake. Sometimes it can be tough. The trials and troubles that come your way can leave you feeling like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the midst of the fiery furnace. But if you walk by faith you can experience the same kind of victory they did. You can triumph over every trouble and come through every fiery trial—unharmd and smelling like a rose. Here are a few points to help you:

- 1 God is not the source of your trial.**
James 1:13: "...God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man."
- 2 God is your deliverer.**
James 1:17: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."
- 3 He works with your faith.**
Habakkuk 2:4: "The just shall live by his faith."
- 4 Faith and obedience are inseparable, so believe right and do right.**
Isaiah 33:14-15: "Who among us can dwell with that devouring fire? Who among us can dwell with those everlasting burnings? He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly..."
(The Amplified Bible)
- 5 Be diligent to stand against the devil.**
James 4:7: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

the devil out of our lives and give him no place (Ephesians 4:27).

Of course, even Christians who know these things sometimes get lazy and fail to act on them. I was reminded of this a few years ago when Ken and I were on the road preaching. We'd finished ministering in Detroit and had arrived in Milwaukee where we were scheduled to minister again. When we got to the hotel on Saturday night, I was rather tired. So I got into my pajamas and climbed into bed. "I'm taking the road of least resistance!" I said.

As I spoke those words, I realized that's what many Christians do when it comes to dealing with the devil. They take the road of least resistance. When sickness tries to come on them or they're faced with some other kind of trial, they just put on their spiritual jammies, climb into the bed and let the devil run over them. They just hide under the covers and hope God will do something to help.

That's a recipe for failure!

The devil is the thief. He comes into our lives "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." Jesus came that we might "have life, and that [we] might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). If we want to enjoy the abundant life Jesus has provided, we must receive it by faith, stand up to the devil and resist him.

We must say, "No you don't, thief! You're not coming into my family. You're not stealing from my bank account. You're not destroying my health. I will not tolerate you in any part of my life. In Jesus' Name, I cast you out! Now, GO!"

Do you know whose voice the devil hears when you say those things? He hears Jesus, because Jesus is the One who whipped him in the pit of hell. Jesus is the One who "having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over

them in it" (Colossians 2:15). Jesus is the One who stripped the devil of all his power and left him with absolutely nothing, and gave us His Name to use!

All the devil has to use against us now is lies! He doesn't have any power that we don't give him. So don't give him anything to work with. Don't give him your words. Don't give him your actions. Don't yield to him even one iota of your faith.

Instead, give it all to Jesus. Give God everything to work with in your life and give no place to the devil!

I will warn you though, in spite of the fact that the devil is a major loser, he does have one thing going for him. He is a persistent cuss. He's not triumphant but he is tenacious. So you have to be aggressive with him.

Ken used to illustrate this by describing how his mother would have reacted if an old slop hog had ever gotten into her living room. That was always easy for me to envision because Ken's mother was a bold woman and she had white living room furniture. If some filthy hog had ever dared to get near that furniture, she would have kicked it out of the house fast!

She wouldn't have talked softly to it. She wouldn't have gently asked it to leave. She would have gone after it tooth and nail. She not only would have shouted, she would have grabbed the broom and beaten the tar out of that hog.

We ought to be the same way. After all, spiritually speaking, we have a white living room, too. We've been washed clean by the blood of Jesus and made white as snow. Our lives have been put together by God and He wants us to live abundantly.

So let's do it! Let's live by faith, take authority over the devil and triumph over every trouble. Let's come through every fiery trial like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—unharmd and smelling like a rose! 🙌



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Bela & Christina Megyery

Slide Forward

Bela Megyery loaded his gun and stuck it in his pants—snug up against the small of his back. At 21, he was a full-blown heroin addict. He was also a realist. At \$200 a day, his addiction cost him \$1400 a week and \$73,000 a year. That was before he bought a single tank of gas or bite of food.

It wasn't rocket science. Sure, he'd been a truant child, cutting more classes than he attended, watching cartoons while his

parents worked, and building tree houses by the railroad tracks in one of the roughest areas of Chicago.

He'd taken advantage of his parents who had fled the Hungarian Revolution as refugees in 1956, bringing him as a toddler to a country where they couldn't speak the language. Even if they saw the notes he forged to his teachers, they couldn't read them.

But just because he'd been disinterested in school, didn't mean he hadn't learned.

This was simple economics. He wasn't pulling down enough money working with his parents in their catering business to support his addiction. As Bela saw it, he was left with only one choice.

He had to steal to get it.

He didn't like the idea of robbing honest people, so Bela had come up with

a brilliant plan. He needed large amounts of cash and drugs.

Who had that?

Drug dealers.

He robbed drug dealers!

No one cared if you robbed a drug dealer. And they weren't likely to call the cops and report the crime.

Bela added a large wad of cash to his stash and went to get more.

Only, this time the robbery didn't go as planned.

"Give me my money back," the dealer demanded in a soft voice as dangerous as the hiss of a rattlesnake.

He fired the first shot above Bela's head, but Bela was too high to heed the warning. Drugs coursing through his veins, Bela

charged the man.

The bullet knocked him off his feet!

On the way to the hospital, and clinging to life by a filament thinner than the needle he used to shoot heroin, a slideshow played in Bela's mind. He saw himself as a child in Hungary. He saw his parents bringing him to the U.S. for a better life. He saw the highlights of his childhood...then his teenage years.

Somewhere deep in his subconscious, Bela realized his life was flashing before his eyes. This is what you see before you die! Gathering all his strength, he screamed one word. *"Jesus!"*

The slideshow stopped. Everything stopped.

An Open Grave

"I don't know why I screamed the Name of Jesus," Bela admits. "I wasn't a Christian. My family was Catholic, and we only went to church on Christmas Eve. But screaming that name made a difference. The next thing I knew a doctor was leaning over me saying that I had been one-sixteenth of an inch from death when they brought me in.

"That experience didn't change a thing. It was taking more and more heroin for me just to feel normal. I was shooting up and taking anything I could get my hands on. I was involved in a gang and I'd become a violent man."

Over the years, Bela had tried to get off heroin and had been prescribed methadone.

"Methadone is harder to kick than heroin," he says. "I was addicted to heroin for 3½ years, and then to methadone for another 7½ years. The longer my addictions lasted, the more hopeless I felt about ever being free."

Bela had not noticed the shadows that smudged his mother's eyes, or the haunted way she watched him. But she noticed everything about him. She'd watched as he was slowly wasting away to nothing.

Bela was 28 years old, and headed for a grave. He looked like a refugee of war, his bony hips almost too thin to hold up his pants.

In desperation, his mother prayed: "God, he's going to die, and I don't know what to do about it. You gave him to me; now

I'm giving him back to You."

She didn't hear an audible voice, but her heart got a message, Bela recalls his late

mother once telling him.

He will be a man of God. He'll preach to millions one day.

She watched Bela stick his gun in his pants and head out the door.

"God's going with you!" she said. "You're going to be a man of God!"

"Yeah, yeah," he responded.

When her neighbor talked about the people Bela was running around with, his mother wouldn't hear it.

"He will be a man of God!" she said. "He'll preach to millions one day!" God had given her hope for her son, and she refused to say anything else about him.

New Life

By 1983, Bela was president of the gang. He had respect, power and women hanging all over him. But he'd robbed the wrong drug dealer—one who called the cops. Bela was arrested and facing possible prison time.

Desperate for answers, Bela decided to go to a Christian bookstore. While there, a friend introduced him to her pastor. "What would keep you from turning control of your life over to Jesus right now?" the pastor asked.

"Not a thing," he answered.

"When I gave my heart to Jesus, I felt as though I came alive," Bela remembers. "I was instantly delivered from my addictions. The next day someone handed me a joint and I didn't want it. I told the girls not to call me again. I was a different man.

"The pastor who led me to the Lord introduced me to Kenneth Copeland Ministries and I became a Partner. I fed on the Word of God, listened to tapes and read books. I got involved at church and saw incredible healings and miracles. We prayed for one woman with a grapefruit-size tumor and when she got to surgery it had disappeared. The doctor thought they brought him the wrong patient.

"I was finally free of drugs and my

life was wonderful."

For nearly five years, Bela walked in the joy and freedom that his new life had brought him. Then, things began to change.

"I knew that when you get delivered from drug addictions, you have to maintain that freedom," Bela said. "You can't smoke or drink. What got me in trouble was pool. I just wanted to shoot pool. Of course the pool table was in a bar, but I convinced myself I could shoot pool in a bar and just drink soft drinks. I did the first time or two, and then I thought maybe I'd have just one drink."

Soon, one drink became two; two became three; and so on.

"I went downhill fast, and pretty soon I was freebasing cocaine," said Bela. "I was back in my addictions and in that old lifestyle. I packed up my books, tapes and Bibles and put them in a closet."

Secret Stash

When Bela met Christina it looked like two high-speed trains on a collision course. At 17, Christina had already been an alcoholic and addicted to speed and PCP for several years. Both her parents had been alcoholics and there had been no stability in their home. A year earlier, Christina's mother had died in a motorcycle crash.

Bereft, Christina partied all night and slept all day. She hated to be sober, but either way—high or sober—she felt an unrelenting sense of hopelessness and despair. Six months before she met Bela, Christina cried out of her despair, "God, if You're real, tell me what my life is supposed to be about, because I don't want to live anymore."

Together, Bela and Christina drank, partied and used drugs. Then one day in November 1990, Christina was digging through Bela's closet



when she found a box of KCM books and tapes. She pulled out one book and read it from cover to cover. In the back, she found a prayer of salvation—and prayed it.

When Bela came home, he took one look at Christina and knew something had happened. She... glowed.

“Guess what happened to me?” Christina asked.

“I know exactly what happened to you.”

“What?”

“You’ve been born again.”

“How did you know?”

“Because I’m a Christian.”

“What? If you’re a Christian, why do you live the way you do?”

“I’m backslidden.”

“What does that mean?”

“It’s hard to explain. I’m a Christian, but I slid back to my old way of life.”

“Oh,” Christina said, pondering his words.

She brightened and said, “Well if you slid back, why don’t you just slide forward?”

Changing Direction

Slide forward? Who ever heard of such a thing?

Bela almost laughed, but he caught himself. He hated the way he was living. Why couldn’t he do what she said? Just...*slide forward*.

The more he thought about it the better it sounded. It had been easy to backslide. Could it be just as easy to slide forward?

Christina had prayed the sinner’s prayer. All he needed to do was repent, and slide forward.

“I got off drugs again, but twice I messed up and got high,” Bela admits. “Then one day Christina said, ‘There’s something on you. It’s standing right over you.’ I asked her to take authority over it in Jesus’ Name and make it go.

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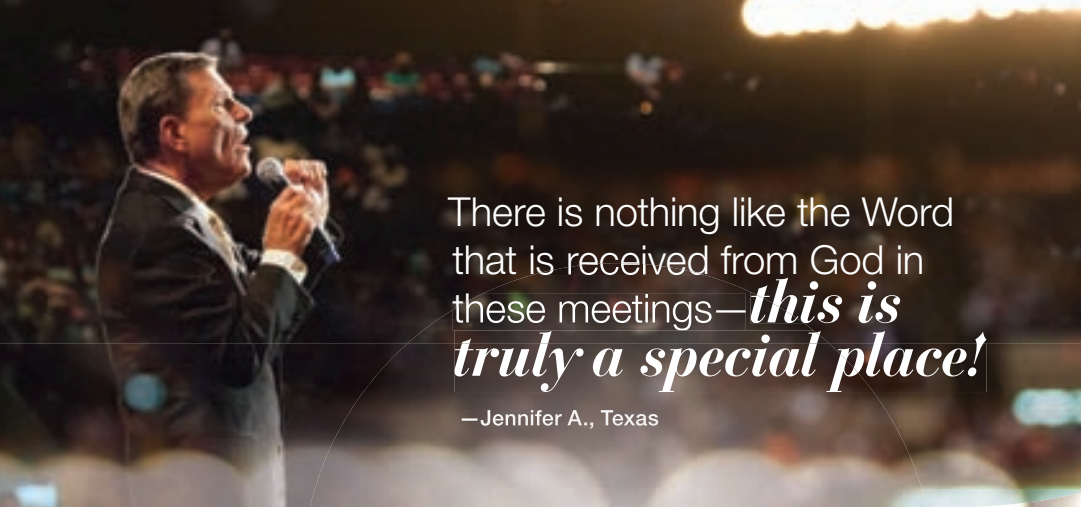
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Bela Megyery didn't just slide forward. *He and Christina hit that spirit of addiction all the way out of the ballpark, sliding home, fulfilling their destiny and setting the captives free.*

She did, and I've been sober now for 23 years."

Not long after that, Bela and Christina married, planted themselves in a local church and began feeding on the Word of God. They continued their partnership with KCM and watched the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast daily. They bought tapes and books to enrich their spiritual lives, and devoured them.

"When I gave my heart to Jesus I got delivered instantly," Christina says. "God gave me the power to resist drugs and alcohol. I was also delivered from a 2½ pack-a-day cigarette habit. I never drank again or got high, but God showed me that if I wanted to stay free, I had to cut off my two best friends. It was really hard to do, but they didn't want to change and I knew I couldn't stay sober hanging around them.

"Bela and I started having children and our life was good. The only thing that hadn't changed was the emotional pain I felt. It was something I had to battle with God's Word. I was born again in November 1990, and by 1994, I was still struggling with it. That year, Rodney Howard-Browne came to our area to hold a series of meetings, and everyone was caught up in laughter. They laughed and laughed and laughed, and I cried and cried and cried. It was embarrassing. A pastor came up to me and said, 'No more crying! Joy! Joy!' but I couldn't stop crying.

"I almost stopped going to the meetings, but I sensed that if I stuck it out, I'd get a breakthrough. One night instead of weeping, I started laughing! God had done a very deep work in me and I was finally free.

From that moment on I started liking myself."

While Christina was pregnant with their second child, she was diagnosed with cancer of the cervix, anemia and jaundice. Armed for battle, Christina and Bela focused on the *BVOV* daily broadcast and the teaching, *Victory Over Death*. They watched Gloria Copeland's *Healing School* and read the *From Faith to Faith* devotional each day. Two years after the battle began, Christina was pronounced cancer free.

"Our lives wouldn't be what they are today without our partnership with KCM," says Bela. "They have taught us, fed us and prayed for us. Once, when I was praying about whether or not to start my own business, I was watching the broadcast and Gloria gave a word of knowledge, speaking exactly to my situation.

"In 2010, we happened to be sitting near the Copelands at a restaurant in Branson, Mo. We introduced ourselves and told them how that word of knowledge had changed our lives. Brother Copeland said, 'That word went forth to establish you in the ministry. You wouldn't be where you are today if you hadn't obeyed that word.'"

Today, Bela and Christina Megyery pastor Rivers of Restoration Church in Arlington Heights, Ill., and their four children, Christina, Victoria, Jessica and Joseph serve alongside them. Bela also operates a prison ministry, *Free If You Want to Be Ministries*.

Bela Megyery didn't just slide forward. He and Christina hit that spirit of addiction all the way out of the ballpark, sliding home, fulfilling their destiny and setting the captives free. 📖

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We Felt Like We Were There!

We were so blessed that your ministry and Partners made it possible for you to broadcast the SWBC from Fort Worth via the Internet. We tuned in daily and felt we were right there with you and your Partners. We were blessed through every song and from the messages each speaker delivered.

Back in the late '70s and early '80s my mom and dad listened to the word of faith KCM aired on KXEL Waterloo, Iowa. Those messages did so much for them...and now the next generation is blessed by partnering with you. We are honored to support this ministry, so the Word of God can be sent to every corner of this world to save the lost and teach Christians the uncompromised Word. God bless you and remember Jesus Is Lord!

S. and L.H.
Canada

“Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:12-13, *New King James Version*

God Is Our Provider

I phoned and one of your wonderful prayer ministers prayed with me about a job interview I had coming up. I had complete peace at the interview, but didn't get the job. However, I was able to stand on God's Word which says He has plans to prosper me and works all things together for my good.

I had to consolidate my debts which, in the natural, would have left me with very little each month. My car broke down, and you stood with me in prayer and faith, and through your teachings I too was able to stand in faith. The thoughts that immediately came to me were to stop tithing and offering but I knew this was wrong—I couldn't afford not to tithe.

A few weeks ago, I applied for another job and got it! The money that I now have coming in each month is equivalent to the amount that I had been tithing on and giving offerings, as God had been leading me to give more than 10 percent. Praise God and what a wonderful witness to my little girls who know without a doubt that God is our provider.

Thank you so much for your teachings, for being so faithful to the Word of God and for praying for and with me.

Suzy U. | United Kingdom

Delivered From Addictions

I called for prayer for my daughter over a year ago...she is now drug and alcohol free! J.D. | Canada

My Family Is Getting Saved!

Thank you for joining with me in prayer for my three daughters to return to God. My youngest daughter and her two sons, 6 and 5, are now staying with me and, glory to God, the changes have begun. My two grandsons are memorizing and quoting scriptures, also they know

the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and much more about Jesus, hallelujah!

Thank you for every *BVOV* broadcast, magazine and email. I'm just eating it up and soaking in it. Each day I'm ready to do the Word, along with the teachings of my pastor, who introduced me to your ministry. Praise God.

L.C. | Canada

STANDING on the Word

In October 2011, I was diagnosed with hysteromyoma [a tumor], endometriosis and a cyst of the left ovary. The doctor offered to make a surgical removal of the cyst and the myoma. I prayed and there was no agreement on that in my spirit. I believed that God was able to heal me without a surgery. I proclaimed the scriptures and started reading them daily—morning and evening as Gloria taught. I was prayed over in my church and I sowed a financial seed for my healing. I watched Healing School and wrote you my prayer request. In May, I was taken to hospital with bleeding. The diagnosis was confirmed—the cyst had grown. I was offered a surgery once again, but I continued thanking God for my healing.

In June, I was again at hospital with bleeding. But the analyses showed there was no cyst! It disappeared between May and June. It was supernatural because I didn't take any medicine at that time besides the Word of God. In October, instead of endometriosis I was diagnosed only with signs of endometriosis. I continue standing on the Word of God believing that the myoma will also go away. God is faithful to His Word!

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I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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Authority in the Name of Jesus

After tornadoes went through the Dallas-Fort Worth area, I called KCM with a praise report. Thank you, Kenneth and Gloria, for teaching that according to Mark 11:23, we can speak to the "mountain" in the Name of Jesus. That is what I did when a tornado was seen west of our property. And PRAISE GOD the tornado dissipated. Linda E. | Colorado



If you have children who have wandered away from God, don't give up on them. They'll come running back...

When GOD Says,

'Pssst!'

Did you know your children are in your heart? It's true. You carry your children in your heart the same way God carries you in His heart.

You can feel what's going on with them even when they're on the other side of the world. If they're hurt, if they're lonely, if they're toying with sin and getting off track—when things are wrong or things are right, you can feel it.

I remember once when Ken and I were in Australia. We were flying from one city to another and suddenly thoughts of our son, John, flooded my heart. John was a teenager at the time and he was all boy. He rode everything with wheels—cars, trucks, motorcycles,

dune buggies. And it seemed he was always turning something over.

That day on the plane, I was concerned about him. I knew how much the devil would like to sneak in and steal his life, and I was concerned that John's misadventures could give the devil the opportunity to do it.

But the Holy Spirit broke in on my thoughts. He spoke to Ken and said, *My mercy hovers over John*. When Ken relayed those words to me, all my fears vanished.

My mercy hovers over John. I'll never forget that promise. As I've prayed for John throughout the years, that wonderful word from God would often rise up and remind me that John's life was secure. It would assure me that God would keep him and hold him steady until the day he got things straight in his life.

My mercy hovers over your child. That is a wonderful word from God. If God will do that for my child, He will do it for yours. The covenant God has made with you in the blood of Jesus extends to your children and your children's children. Psalm 103:17 says, "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children."

Our grandchildren are covered in our covenant with God. Everything God gives to me, He'll give to them. All the protection that I have, He passes on to my family.

If you're a believer and you're willing to trust God for the deliverance and salvation of your children, you will not be disappointed.

Study Zechariah 10:7-9. There God tells us about the outpouring of the Spirit of God in the last days—the days we're living in. He says:

And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the Lord. I will hiss for them [your children], and gather them; for I have redeemed them.... And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

You may not even know where your children are right now. They may be in another city or another country. It doesn't matter. This scripture says when you rejoice in the Lord—not when you're depressed or worried or afraid, but when you trust God so totally that you're filled up with joy—then your children will see it and turn.

"I will hiss for them." What does that mean? It means God will signal for them. He'll say, *Pssst! Come here!* And they'll come running.

Let me tell you something. God knows how to get someone's attention. He knows how to signal for the ones His people are praying for. Kenneth's



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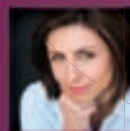
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A Word About Your Children

mother prayed for me and then one day God said, *Pssst, Gloria!* I heard Him and was born again.

I didn't know much about God before that time. I knew there was a God, but had no real knowledge about Him. Yet He still knew how to get my attention. He called and here I am today preaching His Word!

He'll do the same thing for your child. It doesn't matter what kind of wickedness that child has fallen into, God can still reach him.

I know a man who pastors a great church in Sacramento, Calif. His name is Phil Goudeaux. He used to be part of the militant black power movement. In fact, he was in charge of security for the Black Panthers.

He didn't know God and he didn't want to know God. But one day when he was in college, a young white fellow came over to his lunch table and started telling him about Jesus. This Black Panther leader couldn't believe it. The nerve of this guy! He tried to get rid of him. He threatened him and even tried to hit him...but he couldn't.

For weeks this little white fellow followed this big "bad" black guy around talking to him about Jesus. Finally, the Black Panther prayed with the fellow just to get him off his back. After that he tried to forget about it...but he couldn't. Two weeks later, all by himself, he made Jesus Christ the Lord of his life.

God knows how to get someone's attention! He'll knock them over and speak to them right out loud if He needs to. He proved that in the life of a man named Saul. Years after that man was saved, he wrote, "I am apprehended of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12).

God apprehended Paul one day on the road to Damascus. According to the dictionary, to *apprehend* means to "capture or arrest." God captured Paul's attention. The last thing he wanted to be was a follower of Jesus. He was a declared enemy of Jesus. But God was able to apprehend him anyway.

Don't you worry. God knows exactly how to apprehend your children. And when the time comes, He'll do it. After all, you weren't in your prayer closet when He found you!

But until then, you must stand fast in faith for them. No matter what they get into, no matter how far off the track they seem to be, just keep saying what the Bible says about them. Keep your eyes focused on the covenant mercy of God and not on the symptoms of ungodliness that you see in their lives.

Don't ever give up on your child. If you've grown weak and discouraged lately, it's time for you to get that fire back in your bones. Dig into the Word of God and dig out the promises He's given you for your children. Lay hold of those promises and don't let go.

Learn to call things that are not as though they were (Romans 4:17). When you hear bad news about your children or you see them do something that hurts your heart, just say:

"God, I thank You that Your tender mercy hovers over my child. I thank You, Lord, that he is born again, filled with the Holy Ghost and obedient to You. I thank You that Your Word is in his mouth (Isaiah 59:21), that he is taught by Your Spirit and great is his peace (Isaiah 54:13). I am not moved by what I feel or what I see. I am moved by Your Word and I call it done in Jesus' Name!"

I'm going to say it one more time: You have a covenant with God that covers your children. So rejoice! God will be faithful to you. One day your boy or your girl will be going about their business doing their own thing when suddenly—*Pssst!*—they'll hear the voice of God.

When that happens, they'll come running.

You can count on it. ①

The world has much to say about your children these days—and most of it is bad. We're being told their economic futures are bleak, their ethics are waning and, for the most part, they're on a downward slide.

But if you've made Jesus Lord of your life, God has something very different to say about your children. He says they're headed for heaven, not hell. For a blessing, not a curse. So ignore the world and trust the Word. It has the power to turn your children's lives around! Here are some scriptures that will help you stay focused on God's promises regarding your children.

"Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they [your children] shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border" (Jeremiah 31:16-17).

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" (Isaiah 54:13).

"...The seed of the righteous shall be delivered" (Proverbs 11:21).

"...Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed" (Psalm 112:1-2).

"...I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children" (Isaiah 49:25).

"The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works" (Psalm 145:9).

"...I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring" (Isaiah 44:3).

"As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever" (Isaiah 59:21). ②



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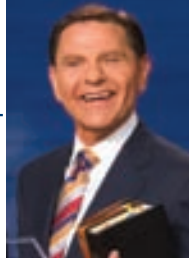
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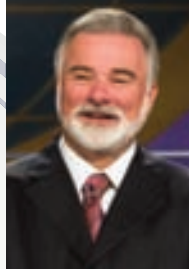
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Pray Until You Win!

When you pray for something for a long time and it doesn't come to pass, it can be discouraging. It can seem that God is hiding from you. David felt that way. In Psalm 55:1, *New King James Version*, he cried out, "Give ear to my prayer, O God, and do not hide Yourself from my supplication." :: Is God hiding from your prayer? Has He gone fishing? Or, is something else going on? What do you do when it seems God is "hiding"?

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8, *NKJV*).

The words *ask*, *seek*

and *knock* are in a Greek verb tense that indicates continuous action. Prayer must be ongoing. In this verse, Jesus is teaching us how to pray. We must persist in *asking*, persevere in *seeking* and continue *knocking* until we prevail.

Do not stop praying! If you allow yourself to become discouraged and give up, you can miss your answer. If you have already given up praying for something or someone, then repent and start praying again.

According to James

5:16 (*NKJV*), "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." Your prayers have energy! When you pray *fervently*, you release the energy of God into a situation.

When God Seems to Hide, Change!

There are times when God delays answering prayer because He is changing you. You may not be able to handle the answer to your prayer until you are different. When you pray for a situation, particularly something that has to do with you, God will deal with you first. Sometimes, God isn't hiding from our

Nothing comes from God except by faith and patience.

How could Abraham be obedient to such a request from God? While waiting for the answer to his prayer for a son, Abraham had developed great faith.

prayers; He's actually trying to get our attention about something in our lives that He wants to change. Often that change is a process and it may take time. We sometimes think God is slow to answer, but what if He is waiting on you?

Consider Jacob. He had a problem with his character. He lied, cheated and connived to take the blessing and birthright away from his brother. When it came time for Jacob to return to the Promised Land, and enter into his blessing, his character wasn't ready. After 20 years of serving his swindling father-in-law, Jacob still had to wrestle with God to be ready to receive his answer.

Joseph is another example.

As a 17-year-old, God gave Joseph dreams that one day his entire family

would bow before him. All the trials and tribulations he endured over the next 13 years prepared Joseph to step into his miracle. At the age of 30, Joseph became prime minister of the mightiest, most advanced nation on earth—Egypt! It was well worth the delay and changes Jacob and Joseph had to make to receive their blessings, and it will be worth it for you, too!

Expand Your Faith!

It is "through faith and patience [we] inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12). You should repeat this verse every day to remind yourself that nothing comes from God except by faith and patience.

Abraham waited 25 years for his promised son to be born. During those 25 years, he made some serious mistakes. At times, he lied rather than rely on God. On one occasion, he tried to help God fulfill His promise and the results were disastrous. Yet, despite his mistakes, Abraham received his promise and is today called the "Father of Faith."

Abraham needed faith when God spoke to him after Isaac was born. God told Abraham to take Isaac to a mountain and sacrifice him. Abraham didn't bat an eye, argue, whine or complain.

He saddled a donkey and set out to obey. How could Abraham be obedient to such a request from God? While waiting for the answer to his prayer for a son, Abraham had developed great faith. He believed God could raise his son from the dead. God will delay answers to prayers to build your faith, too.

Persist Until You Prevail

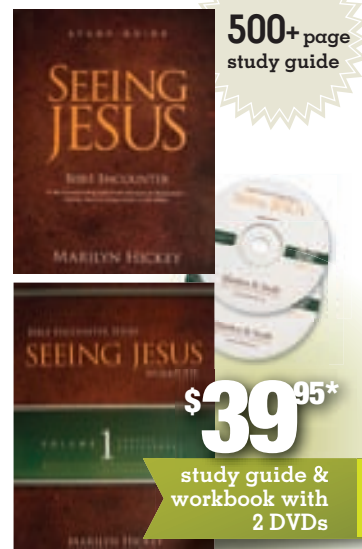
These are the end times. God needs people who are persistent, conformed to His image and powerful in faith. When God hides, should you get mad, become depressed, stop going to church or throw your Bible out the window? No! You need to persist until you prevail. Become like a bulldog and say to yourself, "I won't stop praying and believing until I get my miracle."

Elijah prayed seven times before it rained. Moses prayed 40 days for people who were murmuring. Daniel prayed for three weeks before he heard from God. Jesus prayed all night before He chose His disciples.

Each of these people persisted until God answered their prayer. When it seems as if God is hiding, you must hang on! 🙏



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Then one weekend, on the way home to Fort Worth from a trip to Arkansas, Kenneth and Gloria stopped for breakfast. They ordered their food, prayed, then as they ate, began discussing going on television.

Suddenly, things changed.

God's plan for the television ministry dropped into Kenneth's heart, and snapped in place like a piece to a jigsaw puzzle. He looked at Gloria and knew from the look on her face she had heard the same "snap."

"Gloria," Kenneth said, "tomorrow is Monday. Let's go home and get on TV."

"OK," Gloria said.

And they knew Jesus was saying, *OK, let's do it.*

Small Beginnings

The television ministry was officially launched May 27, 1979. Leading up to that, in the early '70s, were five tapings of *The*

Word of Faith in 1971, and then 50 tapings of *The Prayer Group*, which aired between 1972 and 1978. The programs opened with a traditional hymn, but what followed was unexpected and refreshing: "The WORD will energize your faith, and faith will energize your prayers," declared a young Kenneth Copeland.

By May 1979, those early programs had grown to become *Believer's Voice of Victory*, a one-hour Sunday broadcast, taped during Kenneth Copeland Ministries' Victory Campaigns and meetings which were taking place throughout the nation.

But God obviously had greater expectations for KCM and its TV ministry.

In 1988, God repeated something He had said to the Copelands in 1967, that put them on a course toward destiny. Then, He had said: *I told you that I was coming so soon that I wanted*



March 26, 2006

Broadcasts began in Spanish to over **50 million** homes and more than 200 million viewers across the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Spain via TBN's Spanish-language satellite network, Enlace.

this uncompromised message of faith on every available voice. I have not changed. I have not released you from that assignment.

God added a new and seemingly impossible direction, giving them an assignment that would be the biggest step of faith they had ever taken: *I want you to begin airing daily, 30-minute broadcasts through which you will teach believers who they are in Christ Jesus. Bring them from religion to reality.... Use these programs to teach, not preach. Continue your weekly broadcasts on Sunday and do your preaching there.*

They didn't have the money to go on daily television. They didn't have the personnel, the equipment or a studio. But what they did have was that one word from God. And they had their faith.

That was all God needed!

Reaching Around the World!

Those early efforts to get the uncompromised Word of God onto daily television were a resounding success, and laid a solid foundation for KCM's television ministry.

Kenneth explains it so well: "So how did we jump from weekly television to a daily broadcast? By faith. We meditated The WORD. We confessed our success. We built our faith. We called those things that be not as though they were. We did all the same things you'll have to do to reach your next faith goal...we looked to God. As always, God was faithful to His WORD."

Produced by the KCM television department, which oversees much of the ministry's media, the *BVOV* broadcast is often a newcomer's first glimpse into KCM's mission to "preach the uncompromised Word of God through every available voice from the top of the world to the bottom and all the way around." The *BVOV* broadcast helps

We broadcast a total of 779 hours per week.

believers grow in the things of God by teaching and introducing them to the Word of God. From there, the teaching materials and connections with KCM bring them to a deeper understanding of God's Word and the practical application of spiritual principles for everyday life.

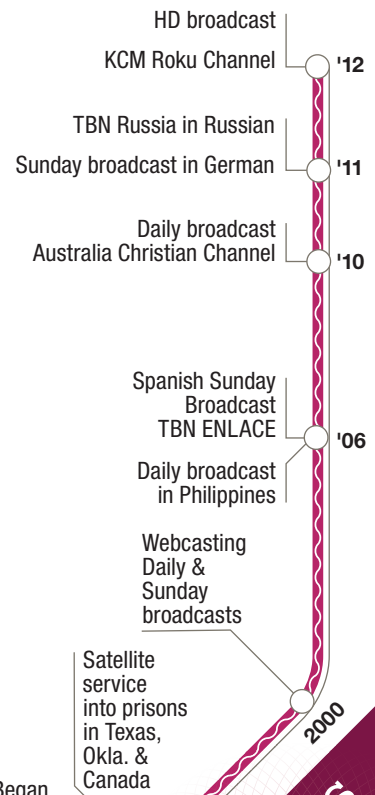
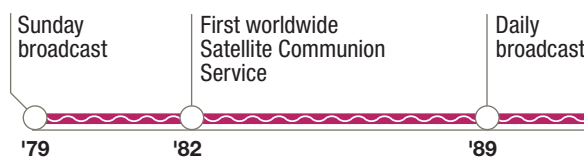
Today, *BVOV* is broadcast a total of 779 hours per week all over the world to more than 450 stations, six days a week. With a potential viewership of over 885 million, it's reaching areas like Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, Puerto Rico, Eastern Europe, South America, New Zealand and, of course, the U.S.

Through the GOD Channel, *BVOV* is being broadcast to viewers in France, Italy, Portugal, Germany, Denmark, Holland, Norway and the United Kingdom. On the continent of Australia, the broadcast reaches 70 percent of the entire population. And, the *BVOV* weekly broadcast is being aired in Spanish all across Latin America and the U.S., as well as Puerto Rico, Spain and Portugal.

In 2013, 75 television stations in the U.S. began broadcasting *BVOV* in high definition. The broadcast is also in HD 24/7 at kcm.org and through streaming.

Television is powerful. Its signal knows no boundaries, it obeys no civil authorities. It reaches the darkest, most remote locations of the earth. And it transformed KCM.

God has displayed His glory through the *BVOV* television ministry. And Kenneth and Gloria, by their faith and the faith of their Partners and Friends, continue to preach and teach, bringing God's people to their place of strength in this earth—from the top to the bottom and all the way around! 📺



milestones

Prosperity Agents

for the Kingdom of God



f Forty-seven years ago, when I was a student at Oral Roberts University, I had the opportunity to have lunch with the great evangelist T.L. Osborn. I was so thrilled about it, it seemed like my hair stood on end for an hour before I ever sat down with him at the table. If you know anything about Brother Osborn you can understand why.

There was something extremely powerful about him.



He knew God, and had a miraculous ministry. He's gone home to be with The LORD now, but when he was on the earth, his ministry was one of the most outstanding the world has ever seen.

I'll never forget that first meeting with him. Before we even ordered our meal, he looked at me and said: "Kenneth, would you like to know how to be rich?"

I was in pitiful financial condition

back then so I didn't have to think twice about how to respond.

"Yes!" I answered.

"Find a preacher God has given a work that's too big financially for him to do, and get in there and help him do it."

With those words, Brother Osborn introduced me to a vital principle of heavenly economics. I took it to heart, acted on it, and—sure enough—The LORD made me rich. He took me

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from being so broke that if leaving town was a dollar I couldn't get out of sight, to a life of such faith for abundance that I can do every good work He calls me to do and still have plenty left over to enjoy. He taught me not just to be a receiver but to be a giver, and in the process revealed to me that, as a born-again believer, I am called to be a "Prosperity Agent for the Kingdom of God."

Although it's a calling I take very personally, and I enjoy it to no end, it's not something that's unique to me. It's what every Christian is called to be.

God intends for us all to walk in such abundant financial grace that we, "always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). He wants every single believer to be wealthy enough to continually be a financial BLESSING to others all the time.

Sadly, many Christians have been taught for years (in church, of all places!) that it's God's will for some people to be poor. But that's an unscriptural lie. Poverty has never been part of God's plan for anyone. He hates it. It's a killer and a destroyer. It's part of the curse and He is not the source of it.

God has never, ever made anyone poor.

On the contrary, look at Deuteronomy 15:4, "There should be no poor among you, for the Lord your God will greatly bless you in the land he is giving you as a special possession" (*New Living Translation*). He's looking to pull people out of poverty. That's why He included prosperity in the plan of redemption. It's why Jesus, though He was rich, became poor for our sakes so that we

"through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Let the Miracles Begin

"Well, Brother Copeland, that's all great and I'd certainly like to be rich enough to BLESS some folks, but I already know what you're going to say about it. You're going to tell me to do the same thing that evangelist told you. You're going to tell me to give and, frankly, I can't afford it!"

I understand. I couldn't afford it either when I first got started in these things. In 1967, when The LORD told me in one of Brother Oral Roberts' meetings to become a financial partner with him at \$10 a month, I didn't have a dime. But because I knew in my heart I'd heard from God, I was so determined to give that I took the little pencil they'd passed out with the partner cards, put it in an envelope and dropped it in the offering bucket.

"LORD, this is all I have right now," I said, "so it will have to represent my commitment. But I want You to know, as soon as I get \$10 I'll give it."

Right at that moment a woman sitting a few rows behind me hollered, "Hey, you!" I looked around to see who she was talking to and saw she was pointing at me. Although she couldn't possibly have heard my prayer, she was waving the answer to it in my direction. "Here!" she said, "The LORD wants me to give you this \$10!"

Thrilled, I took it from her, retrieved my offering envelope, pulled out the pencil and put the money inside.

From that day on I started having \$10 miracles one after the other. Before long, they increased to \$20 miracles.

One of the most memorable of

them took place one evening when Gloria and the kids and I were driving from Tulsa to Oklahoma City. I was scheduled to preach a meeting there and I'd used every penny I had to fill the gas tank of our old, worn-out Oldsmobile. By the time we got to the outskirts of town, dinnertime had rolled around and the kids were saying, "Daddy, we're hungry! When are we going to eat?"

"Any minute now," I answered. I didn't mention the fact that we didn't have any money to buy food. Neither did Gloria.

She just laughed and believed God right along with me.

A few miles down the road as we passed restaurants on every side and the kids were hollering louder than ever, something caught my eye. A piece of green paper blew across the highway in front of the car and caught in the fence on the median.

"Money!" I said.

Gloria looked startled.

"What?" she asked.

"I just saw money blow across the road!"

Turning the car around, I went back and found a \$20 bill. I peeled it off the fence, got back in the car and said to the kids, "Where do you want to eat?"

Things like that happened to us for weeks and weeks. We received one blessing after another, and not one month from then on did we ever miss sending our seed to Brother Roberts' ministry or anywhere else God directed us to give.

Set Free From the Shortage Mentality

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, you're a preacher. That's the reason those kinds of things happen to you."

No, it's not. The reason they happen

to me is because God keeps His WORD, and it says: “[God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness.... Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and...bring forth thanksgiving to God” (2 Corinthians 9:10-11, *The Amplified Bible*).

“But I just can’t see how God could do that kind of thing for me,” you might say, “especially the way the economy is right now.”

That’s because you’re still looking at

things according to this Babylonian world system. Everyone in that system, no matter how much money they have, thinks in terms of shortage and lack. Even the rich people in the world live in perpetual fear of losing their money because shortage is continually working on their minds.

As a believer, you don’t have to think like that. You’ve been set free from the shortage mentality. You can dig into The WORD and find out what it says about God’s plan to prosper you. You can stop being conformed to this world and “be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2).

The more you do that, the more you’ll quit thinking like an unbeliever who’s bound to this world’s economy and start seeing yourself the way God sees you.

One of the Biggest Mistakes You Can Make

Exactly how does God see you?

The same way Jesus saw His disciples when He was on earth. Remember what He said to them when He wanted to feed the hungry multitudes in the wilderness? He said, “You give them something to eat.”

Jesus didn’t go looking for someone wealthy enough to buy food for thousands of people. He didn’t hunt up a rich farmer who’d just reaped a record-breaking harvest. He called on His disciples because they were His Prosperity Agents.

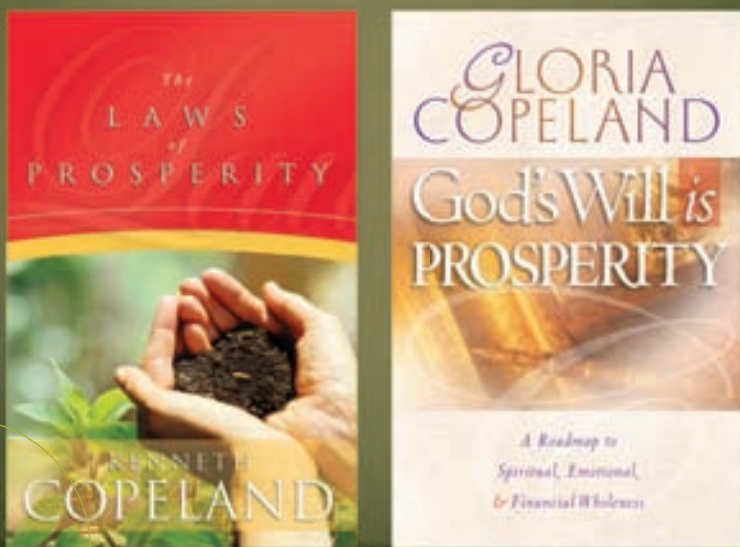
Like many Christians today, however, they thought they didn’t qualify. “We have here only five loaves and two fish,” they protested (Matthew 14:17, *New King James Version*).

Obviously that wasn’t enough to even begin to meet the need. But Jesus didn’t care. He knew His Father would take that little dab of food and multiply it, until the multitudes were too full to eat another bite and there was plenty left over. That’s why He said, “Bring them to me.”

One of the biggest mistakes you can make when God calls you to do something is to look at your own resources to see if you’re qualified for the assignment. God qualified you the minute He called you!

When He says to you, *Give this offering*, or *Meet this need*, that means He is ready to supply you with more than enough to do it. Your responsibility is simply to bring what you have to Him. Then He will multiply it and do *through* you and *for* you exceeding abundantly above what you can ask or think.

I know one man who discovered this many years ago at a time in his life when he seemingly had no financial ability to BLESS anyone. He was a former employee of a major



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to the glory of His resurrection
and walk in the kingdom of
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with their King and their Priest,”
thus saith The LORD.*



car manufacturer and he'd had to take early retirement because of physical problems. His disability check wasn't enough to get him to the end of the month and he wasn't well enough to work, so he not only needed healing, he needed a financial miracle.

He went to one of Oral Roberts' healing meetings and at offering time, he was sitting there with \$5 in his pocket. It was all he had to live on for the rest of the month (and it was a long while before the end of the month). But he heard Brother Roberts preach the importance of sowing seed into the kingdom of God, so he was listening in his heart to hear what The LORD wanted him to do.

When The LORD told him to give his \$5 he said, "OK, LORD Jesus. Here goes! This is all I have. But You told me to give it so that's what I'm doing." He received his healing, but that's not all.

Sometime later, he was working around his house and he kept sensing a prompting to go up into the attic and get out the plans he'd designed a few years earlier for a locking hub that would work on a four-wheel drive truck. *I want you to take those plans and show them to your former bosses,* The LORD said.

"But I've already done that and they literally laughed me out of the room," he argued.

They won't laugh at you this time because I'm going with you.

Sure enough, the engineers agreed to look at the man's plans again and this time they were astonished. "This is exactly what we've been looking for!" they said. The company bought the design and from then on, every time that company sold a four-wheel drive truck this man made money.

You know what he did with that money?

He became one of the top donors to ORU. That was God's plan all along. He never did see that man as a poor man because, as a born-again believer, he wasn't. Even when he only had \$5 in his pocket, he was a Prosperity

Agent for the kingdom of God.

The same is true of you. You have been called and empowered by The LORD Jesus to be a financial BLESSING to mankind. No matter what shape your bank account is in right now, you're not poor. You're a joint heir with Christ and an heir to the throne.

Even if you're flat broke and don't have any seed to sow, you can look to Him and He'll provide it for you. Then He'll show you where to plant it, and He'll multiply it and make it grow.

So release your faith for the grace of giving and make yourself available to Him. Say, "Sir, I am Yours to command. I want You to make me a BLESSING to someone. Give me a need to meet and make it big, big, BIG! Let me feed the 20,000! Let me do what Brother Osborn said and find a preacher with a work that's too big for him to do, and let me get in there and help him do it."

Don't hide under the altar bench somewhere hoping God doesn't call on you because you've got too many bills to pay. Get your bills off your mind. Stop focusing on yourself and start focusing on others. Instead of saying, "I can't afford to give," be like I was when I joined the football team for the very first time back in grade school: I was determined to play!

During the first game of the season the coach tried to make me sit down on the bench, but I couldn't. Every few minutes I'd jump up and holler, "Put me in there, Coach! I can do this!" He'd tell me to sit down, but when I tried it was like my britches had springs in them. Every time I sat down I'd jump back up again.

The more you see in God's WORD who you really are and what you're called to be, the more you'll have that kind of eagerness to give and win souls for Jesus. You'll get up every morning and say to The LORD, "Show me someone I can BLESS. Let me in the game, Coach! I can do this!"

You'll live every day as a Prosperity Agent for the kingdom of God. ⑦



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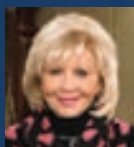
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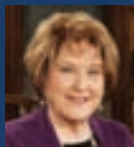
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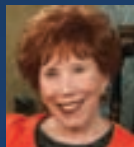
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