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When our son, John, was growing up, he didn't do anything slow and easy. He liked going as fast as possible on whatever he happened to be riding. He liked turning things over and taking the kinds of risks that resulted in our having to take him to the doctor to get stitches.

*by
Gloria
Copeland*



If we aren't bringing our thoughts and our lives into agreement with His Word, He can't help us like He wants to.

Ken and I often tried to tell him how to enjoy himself while staying out of trouble. But, like most boys, he was pretty determined to do things his own way. So, one day we sat down with John and gave him the bottom line.

"John," we said, "it just boils down to this. Your daddy and I are smarter than you are."

Although that was years ago, and today John is a wise man of God and the chief executive officer of this ministry, I'll always remember those words because they remind me of what God often says to His children. Time and again He tells us in the Bible, in one way or another, that He is smarter than we are. He knows more than we do, and if we'll listen to Him and agree with Him we can avoid a lot of trouble and enjoy a BLESSED life: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Just as Ken and I always wanted the best for John, God always wants the best for us. He's a good Father and He's given us His Word to tell us exactly how we can live in life and peace. But it's up to us to do what He says. It's

up to us to choose whether or not we're going to do things His way.

It's been like that ever since the Garden of Eden. When God created Adam, He didn't force His ways on him. He simply told him what to do and what not to do to be successful. He told him to exercise dominion and subdue the earth, and to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

If Adam had chosen to do things God's way, his life would have been perfect forever. If he had done what God said, he would have never known sickness, toil, poverty or any other part of the curse. All he would have known was goodness!

But Adam made a different choice. He chose to ignore what God said and do what he wanted. As a result, Adam missed God's will for his life.

Do you know the same thing can happen to us as believers? Even though we're born again and God has a wonderful plan for us, if we ignore His Word we can miss His will for us. We'll still get to heaven when we die. But we won't experience all the BLESSINGS God intended for us to enjoy on the way.

"Well," someone might say, "I believe God is in control, and no matter what I do He causes all things to work together for my good. After all, that's what the Bible says."

No, it's not. The Bible says "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28). And in John 14:21 Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." So if we're not expressing our love for the Lord by finding out and doing what He's commanded us to do, He can't make all things work for our good. If we aren't bringing our thoughts and our lives into agreement with His Word, He can't help us like He wants to.

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

Read the Bible and you'll see this is true: God has never been able to fulfill His highest



When you think like God, you get His victorious results. So get smart! Renew your mind with the Word and learn to think like God. Here are some points to get you there:

1

There's no agreement between what God thinks and the way natural man thinks. Romans 8:5-6

2

God's ways are higher than man's. Isaiah 55:8-9

3

Neglecting to learn God's ways can be very costly. Hosea 4:6

4

We learn God's ways by renewing our mind with His Word. Romans 12:2

5

The more we walk in the ways of the Spirit the freer we will be. Romans 8:1-2

will in the lives of disobedient or ignorant people. He's never been able to fully BLESS those who are too busy or too lazy to learn to walk in His ways. On the contrary! He said in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Lack of knowledge can be a major problem for us as believers. It's the reason so many Christians are struggling along in defeat. They don't have enough knowledge to appropriate the victory Jesus has provided for them.

Because I teach on healing, sometimes people will say to me, "I've done everything I know to do to get healed and I'm still sick." Do you know what that tells me? They don't know enough yet. If they knew enough and acted on what they knew, they'd be healed.

and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:5-7).

Those verses make things very simple don't they? They tell us we can think one of two ways. We can either think carnally, or we can think spiritually.

Since being spiritually minded is the key to life and peace, the more spiritually minded we become, the more successful we'll be. The more healed we'll be. The more prosperous and victorious we'll be.

The reverse is also true. The more carnally minded we are, the less victorious we'll be. The more defeated we'll be. The Bible is very blunt about this. It says to be carnally minded is death (Romans 8:6). So if things aren't

made me free from the law of sin and death."

Why aren't more believers living in that kind of freedom? Because to experience it, we have to do more than just be born again. We have to walk after the spirit. If we keep on walking after the flesh, if we neglect to renew our minds with God's Word and learn to walk in agreement with His will, the devil will go right on imposing his will on us. He'll keep us thinking on a natural level. He'll deceive us into accepting the world's sicknesses and economic woes and talk us out of the divine health and abundance that belong to us in Jesus.

Personally, I've decided it's easier to be diligent in the Word and become spiritually minded than it is to stay carnally minded and let the devil keep me sick and broke. I know what it's like to be broke and I don't enjoy it.

Ken and I were broke during the first few years of our marriage. When I married him, I married him and his bank notes. It almost seemed back then like we were supernaturally in debt. We kept borrowing more money and yet we didn't have anything to show for it. I don't know how such a thing is possible, but we did it.

How did we get delivered from that miserable cycle of debt?

We stopped doing things our way and started doing them God's way. We found out what He says about prosperity in His Word. We believed it and then we acted on it.

It Pays to Sell Out to God

From the moment Ken and I started agreeing with God and walking according to the spirit instead of the flesh, our lives got better. We didn't step overnight into the level of BLESSING we enjoy today, but everything we learned from God's Word did a little more to shut down Satan's operations in our lives. Every scriptural truth we discovered and acted on made us a little freer.

The same thing will happen for you. The more you activate the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, the more freedom and victory you'll enjoy—

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The same could be said about all of us in one area or another. None of us knows everything we need to know about the ways of God. That's why it's so important for us to continue to study the Word and obey Romans 12:2: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

We've all been brought up in the world's fleshly ways of thinking, and the world's ways are in opposition to the ways of God. There's no agreement between what He thinks and the way natural man thinks.

"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life

working in some area of our lives, we need to check our thinking. We need to find out where we're being carnally minded and operating like the world instead of like God.

When we do things the world's way we get the world's results, and that's no fun because the world is in a mess. It's being ruled by the devil. It's operating under condemnation and the law of sin and death. As believers, we're not supposed to be living under the law of sin and death! We've been redeemed from that law. As Romans 8:1-2 says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath

spiritually, physically, financially and in every other area. The more you sell out to God and to His Word, the better and more peaceful your life will be.

That's why I'm always encouraging people to sell out to God! It's what Ken and I did. We didn't wait until someone held a meeting to hear the word of faith. We read our Bibles and listened to preaching tapes night and day. We took a crash course in the Word because we knew that's where our deliverance was. The answer to our problem was in God's Word and we were after it!

"But Gloria," you might say, "the reason you could spend so much time in the Word is because you were a preacher."

I wasn't a preacher in 1967! Back then, Ken was the only preacher in the family. I was a stay-at-home mom with two little children. But I didn't use that as an excuse to neglect the Word. I didn't sit down and say, "Well, I'll let Kenneth do this." I went after the Word of God with everything I had.

I was like the man Jesus talked about who found the pearl of great price: I'd found God's Word! I had discovered the Bible isn't just a book of do's and don'ts; it's God speaking to me. It's God telling Gloria how to live!

I remember one time when I was just getting started in the life of faith, I overheard someone talking about a preacher who said the Bible shouldn't be taken literally. I was appalled by that idea. I thought, *I'd really be messed up if I didn't take the Bible literally, because if I don't take it literally, I don't take it at all.*

I still have the same attitude today. The way I see it, anyone who doesn't take God's Word for what it says hasn't taken it yet. So, as for me, I'm taking it!

I believe God means exactly what He says. I believe the Bible is God talking to me. Whatever I find in there is mine, and I'm not going to let the devil or anyone else steal it from me. I'm going to keep it. I'm going to do what it says in Proverbs 4:20-23: "My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who

find them, healing and health to all their flesh. Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life" (*The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

When I read those verses, I'm often reminded of something I saw in Manila a number of years ago when Ken and I were preaching there. I was in our hotel room one morning preparing to teach about the springs of life that flow from our hearts and I looked out the window at a beautiful fountain outside our hotel. The water from that fountain was shooting up into the air, maybe 50 feet high.

As I watched it, I realized as long as the water was flowing like that, no trash could get into the mouth of that fountain. No debris could plug it up because the force of the water was too strong. If the water was turned down to a trickle, however, someone could come along and plug up that fountain with debris. They could stuff the mouth of that fountain with junk and it would stay there and block the flow of the water.

The Lord taught me a lesson from that I'll never forget. He showed me that we as believers are much like that fountain. If we just have a trickle of the Word in our hearts, the devil can come along and put his trash in our lives. He can plug up our spiritual flow. But if we keep our hearts full of the Word, he won't be able to do that. As hard as he might try, the forces of the law of the Spirit of life will keep pushing Satan's trash right out of our lives.

This is the reason it's worth doing whatever it takes to put God's Word first place in your life!

Satan can't get a foothold in us when divine life and peace are gushing out of our inner man. He can't keep us sick when we have the joy of the Lord coming out of us. He can't tie up our finances when we're walking in the spirit and doing things God's way.

So let's get smart! Let's flood our hearts with God's Word and learn to do things His way. His ways are higher than our ways. His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Let's agree with our heavenly Father and live BLESSED! 🙌

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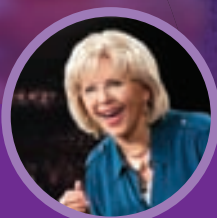


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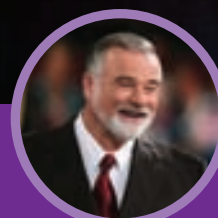
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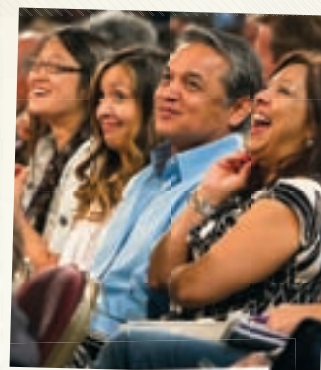
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And as you cling tightly to that promise for everyone in your household, there's no better place to stand in agreement with other believers than at the 35th Annual Southwest Believers' Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

Make it a "faith'cation" for the whole family!

This July 4-9, come together with more than 10,000 other believers and get immersed in the Word. You'll hear what God is saying to the Body of Christ from ministers you can trust—including Kenneth Copeland, Jerry

Savelle, Jesse Duplantis, Creflo Dollar, Keith Moore, Bill Winston and more. And on Saturday morning, Gloria Copeland is teaching *Healing School*—where you can stand in agreement for your complete healing, and believe for

others to be healed.

But this meeting isn't just for adults. KCM is making sure that every member of your family, ages 6 and up, will be able to have a faith'cation they'll always remember.





Superkid Academy

Parents have often wanted to send their kids to Superkid Camp for a week—and at the Southwest Believers' Convention they can—absolutely FREE! While mom and dad are in the main arena, kids ages 6-12 are invited to Superkid Academy. Led by Commanders Dana and Linda Johnson, kids will enjoy a full week of services designed just for them.

This year's theme is GLOW, taken from Proverbs 4:18-19, *The Message*: "The ways of right-living people GLOW with light; the longer they live, the brighter they shine." All week long, kids will discover what it means to shine brightly for Christ in this dark world, providing hope and love to everyone they meet.

"We teach our kids Jesus is the only way to be free, have peace and be secure," says Commander Dana. "He is the ONE way to find truth, life and love."

With high-energy praise and worship led by kids, wacky skits, life-changing teaching, fun games and plenty of prizes, the last thing your children will be is *bored*! They'll even enjoy special visits from Commander Kellie.

And, of course, you can rest assured that KCM uses tight security measures that link parents to their children, so your precious ones are always safe and sound.



Superkid Commanders Dana & Linda Johnson

A Celebration for the Entire Family

This July, there's no better place to be than the Southwest Believers' Convention in historic Fort Worth, Texas. Don't miss the powerful Fourth of July celebration that evening featuring special guests, patriotic music and a salute to our nation, followed by a stirring message by Kenneth Copeland.



Teen Services

Just down the hall, there's also a place for your young people, ages 13-18, at our one-of-a-kind teen services. Through this refreshing ministry, young men and women have a place to belong...a place to revive...a place to get their inner warrior on.

With fierce concerts, massive group games and uncompromised messages, teens will find their passion for the Lord *ignited* as they discover the possibilities of living a life untethered


from the world...wholly dependent on the One who loves them unconditionally.

"Our young people are tomorrow's leaders," says John Jester, the youth pastor at Eagle Mountain International Church. "I'm excited because every year we see them leave with a vision for the world. God is changing the globe through this next generation of believers!"

Bring your entire family on opening day and stay all week for a *faith'cation* you'll never forget.

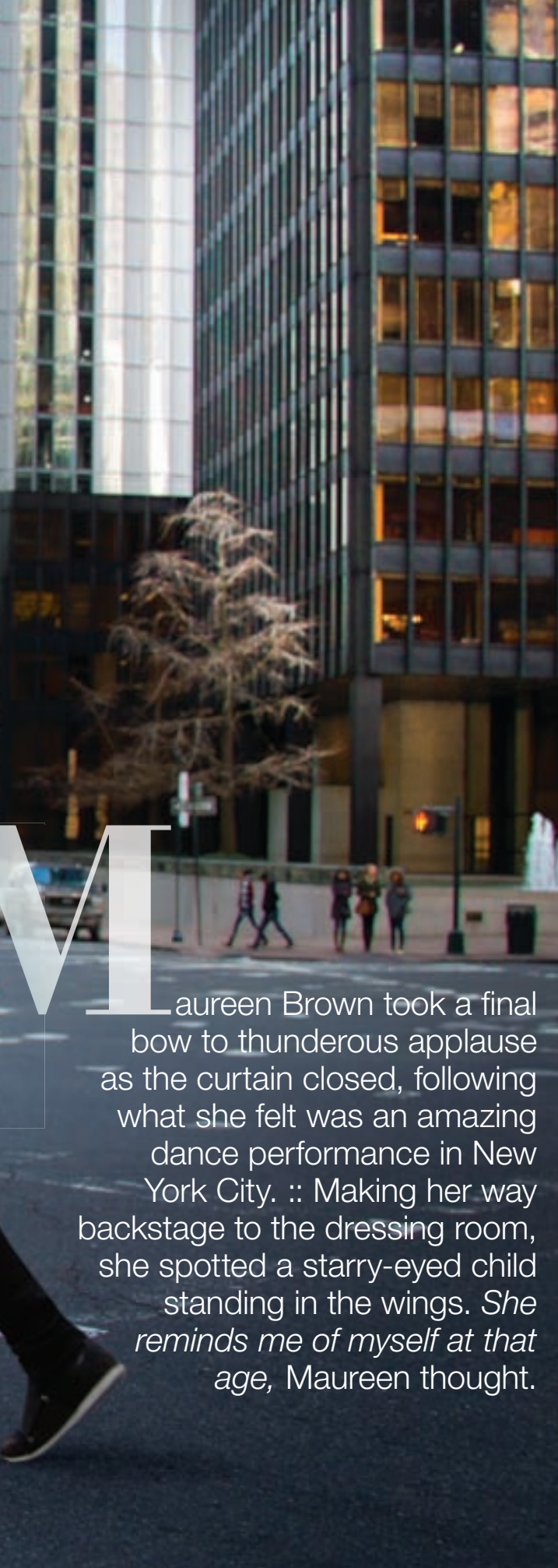
We look forward to seeing you there. Because for you and your household, 2016 is *The GREAT Year*—for whatever you need it to be!

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A woman with long dark hair, wearing a teal long-sleeved dress and black leggings, is walking across a city street. She is looking upwards and to the right. In the background, there is a tall, thin, metallic statue of a person. Several yellow taxis are visible on the street. The scene is set in an urban environment with tall buildings.

The Road Less Traveled

by
Melanie
Henry



Maureen Brown took a final bow to thunderous applause as the curtain closed, following what she felt was an amazing dance performance in New York City. :: Making her way backstage to the dressing room, she spotted a starry-eyed child standing in the wings. *She reminds me of myself at that age*, Maureen thought.

The youngest of six children raised in St. Louis, Mo., Maureen hadn't been satisfied just watching her older sisters dance. By age 4, she had been sneaking into class so often the instructor finally allowed her to stay. Thus, Maureen got to study dance from a very young age, under the black prima ballerina at the Pelagie Green Wren Academy of Dance. By age 12, she was dancing under Nathalie Le Vine at the Metropolitan Ballet of St. Louis.

Even while attending Rosati-Kain High School, a private Catholic girls' college preparatory school, Maureen had managed to excel at academics while studying dance, acting and singing. By 15, she was choreographing and teaching younger children. That same year, she auditioned for the world-renowned Dance Theatre of Harlem and was accepted into their eight-week summer program in New York City.

After graduating from high school, Maureen moved to New York City and attended New York University, where she studied at the prestigious Tisch School of the Arts for a year. From there, Maureen entered a career that became nothing short of spectacular.

She performed in the 1988 Maurice Hines musical production, *Harlem Suite*, which starred such well-known actors as Jennifer Holliday and Stephanie Mills and ran for a year and a half. She lived in Luxembourg while performing in France,

Belgium and Germany in such diverse productions as *Aida* and *Bubblin' Brown Sugar*. She also toured Japan and Australia. Stateside, she performed in *The Best of Broadway*, and in the *Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular* in New York City and she now does a number of other performances each year.

From her New York apartment, Maureen faced something else that was spectacular—a view of the city's Twin Towers. Pouring herself a cup of coffee, Maureen looked out her kitchen window and pondered her life. She'd met and exceeded all her goals and expectations. She'd traveled the world. She'd danced, acted and sung her way into the hearts of countless thousands. She was building an impressive résumé. She had a wonderful life and an apartment with a spectacular view.

So why, she wondered, did she have the unshakable feeling that something was missing?

A Still, Small Voice

"My parents were born in 1921 and they both earned master's degrees in education," Maureen recalls. "I realize now that they must have suffered persecution for their color, but they never mentioned it. We grew up surrounded by educated and influential black people, but none of them was ever bitter. We never heard anything negative. Even today I shy away from negative diatribes about this country.

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Sun	8	1 Sam. 30-31	1 Cor. 14
Mon	9	2 Sam. 1-2	1 Cor. 15
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Thu	12	2 Sam. 7-8	2 Cor. 2
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"My parents were sharp, funny, witty and they assured us that we could accomplish anything. They supported our dreams and goals. In our family it was a given that we would succeed and excel. We were a Catholic family who knew a lot *about* God, but we didn't *know* Him.

"In 1999, I started attending Mariners' Temple Baptist Church, which was a Word church. I didn't have any idea what that even meant at the time, but people were meeting there on their lunch hour to pray, and I was enthralled.

"In 2001, I auditioned for a part in the Disney spectacular *Aida*, and got a call within 48 hours offering me the job. That's *not* the way it usually happens. They asked where we would like to be placed. We could perform on Broadway, on a U.S. tour or in Amsterdam. Of course, everyone wanted Broadway, and that's what made the most sense for me because it would be another impressive Broadway show.

"But there was a refrain that had been going around in my mind since January 2001: *You've got to leave New York City. You've got to leave New York City. You've got to leave New York City.* I didn't realize it was the Lord leading me, but I obeyed the prompting, and told them I wanted to perform in Amsterdam.

"I left New York City on Aug. 4, 2001, and moved to Amsterdam. On Sept. 11, 2001, we were called together and told about the terrorist attacks against the U.S. As we watched the coverage of the Twin Towers, all I could say was, 'That's my neighborhood!'"

Out of Sync

On Aug. 13, 2003, Maureen returned to the U.S., and from December 2003 to April 2004, she performed in the West Coast tour of *Dreamgirls*. In California, the talk among her show business friends shocked her. Sensitive topics were being discussed openly that she would never have discussed publicly. Though many of her friends and associates lived what some might consider questionable lifestyles, Maureen accepted them for

who they were, never judging them. But some of those same people criticized Christians for being out of sync with the world today.

Although she wasn't yet saved, she recognized that her beliefs were opposite those of a majority of her friends. When Maureen shared her traditional beliefs with a couple of her closest friends, she was told she was on the wrong side of history. They didn't understand how, as a double minority—an African-American woman—she could have traditional values. She was terrified that she'd lose all her friends and business partners when they found out what she believed. She felt trapped.

When she returned to New York, Maureen began to build her radio voice-over career and her vocal private coaching/diction/musical theater workshops, which to this day keep her traveling throughout the U.S. and beyond.

Five years later, in August 2008, Maureen was at the gym doing yoga when the same small, still voice that had warned her to get out of New York City in August 2001, spoke again.

If you don't stop drinking and hanging out and trying to be like the world, you will not ascend.

"As I pondered His words, I sensed God was telling me that going to church wasn't enough. He wanted my *life*. He wanted me to step into the Kingdom."

Once again, Maureen obeyed the command. She stopped drinking and changed her habits. As she experienced the love of God, He moved her to another level.

"I'd always judged my life in comparison to my friends," Maureen recalls. "I thought that was how God judged me. It wasn't until I realized that God judged me, not by my friends, but by His Word, that I realized I'd been wrong. I chose Valentine's Day, 2008, to begin a new relationship with the Lord. That's the day I began practicing celibacy. I'd developed such a voracious appetite for God that it wasn't hard for me to make that commitment."

There was, however, something that was hard for Maureen—a problem she didn't know how to solve. Somehow, little by little, she'd begun living beyond her means, running up more than \$20,000 in credit-card debt in the process.

Enslaved to Debt

A frigid wind whipped the snow into a frenzy as Maureen fought through the slush en route to her apartment. Inside, she pulled out all her bills and put them on the table. Calculator, pencil and paper in hand, she sat down to tackle the debt.

There had to be a solution.

Chewing on the end of her pencil, Maureen stared at the column of numbers. Hours later, she felt like weeping. Rubbing her hands over her face, she faced the facts. There was no way out. All she could afford to pay was the interest to keep her financial house of cards from falling down.

Her ancestors had been slaves, Maureen thought. But she had been born free and given every chance in life to succeed. Instead, she had enslaved herself to the system—Bloomingdale's, Macy's and Best Buy. How could she have succeeded in meeting her career goals, and failed so miserably at managing her finances? She went to bed feeling as cold and hollow as the winter wind.

Maureen continued acting, dancing and singing. She judged dance competitions and coached vocal students in both the U.S. and Canada. She did voice-overs, and lent her talent to films and videos.

In 2009, one of her prayers was answered when an eighth-floor apartment became available for rent in a building in Times Square. Living in that location had been her dream for years, and now it had become a reality.

"I loved the location and especially the view," Maureen admits. "I'm a sports fanatic, so the first thing I did was put up my television in time for preseason sports. I was surfing the channels one day when I saw a young man with a chalkboard. He said, 'Get out your Bibles.'

"I don't know how to describe what happened at that moment, but it felt as though my spirit had been asleep and it suddenly woke up! I knew this wasn't any run-of-the-mill Bible teaching. It jolted my insides. I discovered that the young man was Jeremy Pearsons with his wife, Sarah. They were on a broadcast called *Believer's Voice of Victory*. I watched the show that day and couldn't wait for the next one.

"For two weeks I watched Jeremy and Sarah teach every day. Jeremy often thanked his grandparents, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, for allowing them to be on the broadcast. If Jeremy was this good, I couldn't imagine what his grandparents must be like.

"After two weeks, Kenneth and Gloria were back on. As I listened to them, I knew my life would never be the same. Their teaching was



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groundbreaking! While I still loved sports, *Believer’s Voice of Victory* became my must-see TV. I watched every weekday and again on Sundays.

“They taught about prosperity and debt. I realized that I’d been looking at my finances all wrong. I looked at my paycheck and thought that was the way out of debt. But Kenneth and Gloria taught me that wouldn’t work. My paycheck was my seed. As weeks turned into months, I learned to name my seed and to release my faith for provision.”

Facing the Giant

Soon, Maureen contacted KCM and began receiving the ministry’s free monthly magazine. She devoured the articles in the magazine, as well as Kenneth Copeland’s monthly letters. She also began ordering teaching series. What excited her most, Maureen says, was the day she ordered *Your 10-Day Spiritual Action Plan for Complete Financial Breakthrough*. Taking a deep breath, she turned to the mound of bills she’d placed on her table. Now, she was going to tackle

those debts, and this time she was going to defeat that giant in her life.

Sitting at the table, she opened the book and read her first action card. She did everything the action cards told her to do. Although she’d always tithed, now she tithed and gave offerings in faith. She named her seed. She even changed the way she tipped. Month by month, money arrived from unexpected sources. The following year, on Jan. 10, 2010, she became a Partner with KCM.

"It took four years," Maureen remembers, "but on July 16, 2013, I paid off the last credit card. I was free at last, no longer enslaved by debt. While I was getting out of debt, I'd also learned how to pray. By now I knew that praying in the spirit was right, but I still had worldly thinking so I didn't do it. I wondered if it would change me.

"After months of resisting it, on Aug. 15, 2013, I finally began to pray in the spirit. Then, almost two years later, Gloria and Billye Brim were on when Billye challenged viewers to pray in the spirit half an hour every day. I did, and it changed my life! These days I don't let anything or anyone interfere with my prayer time. When I have company, I explain that I won't speak to anyone in the morning until after I've had my time with the Lord."

That same year, Maureen decided to make a vision board. In the past, she'd made vision boards of what she hoped to achieve in her career. This vision board was different. It was what she hoped to achieve by faith. At the end of the year, she went through her stack of *BVOV* magazines and cut out pictures, phrases, words and quotes; putting them together like a puzzle on her board. It was a visual manifestation of her own journey of faith. Each year she makes a new one.

Maureen first attended the Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign in 2013 and hasn't missed one since. "Partnership with KCM means that I'm part of the family of faith," Maureen says. "The days of me being a closet Christian are over. I speak a different language. I'm anointed and appointed to speak the Word of God.

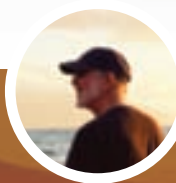
"I've always dreamed of singing the theme to one of the James Bond movies. But I was listening to Brother Copeland at Woodbridge, Va., last year and realized that I didn't want to lend my God-given talent to James Bond if it cost me my anointing. I will pray about the open doors in my life because I won't take any role that might cost me the anointing. This is my jubilee and I don't miss the world!"

Maureen Brown has learned that the road less traveled is the narrow path that leads to victory. 🍷

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Cathy Moore

God bless each and every one in this community. I have learned so much from you all...I cannot even wrap my head around all that you have taught me. It is so great to hear your testimonies and learn about places and things I have never thought of before.



K.W.

I couldn't begin to tell you, Kenneth and Gloria have taught us so much.

I recently called the KCM prayer line because of severe pain on the side of my stomach. I had it for several days. The pain was healed while praying. The anointing coming through the phone call was amazing. Praise be to God!

Karin Wiese

We are from South Africa (my friend Cynthia and I)...we flew to Fort Worth specially for the 2011 Believers' Convention. It was awesome. We had people tap us on the shoulder and give us prophetic words, we were each given bags of books and CDs, from someone who wanted to bless us...the blessings never stopped. We have registered for July 2016...we are flying in again for this exciting adventure...expecting so much!



Kathy Atwater

In reading the March *BVOV* magazine, I saw where it asked to share your biggest prayer goal for 2016 and I would like to do that now: I'm believing God for family salvation. I also pray for total healing in my body... that I will be debt free, with more to give to the kingdom of God and to be a blessing to others.

April Brunner

I witnessed on four separate occasions how angels came to our rescue in the midst of the storm.... Thank You, Jesus! I will never forget!

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GoodNEWSGazette

'I'm Hired'

Rejoice with me! God has answered my prayer. Thank You, Lord, and thank you all for keeping me in prayer.

Last Thursday night, right after our small group prayer meeting, I received confirmation that I'm hired. Glory to God! My salary will be \$200 more than what I'm getting now. I never asked for this blessing. I believe it's the favor of God. All I can say is, hallelujah Jesus! You are Lord, Jesus! Thank you, all.

L.P.P. | Singapore



'What a Blessing'

What a blessing it was

to watch the new BVOV Network on Dish® last week while I was in Georgia visiting and caring for my 94-year-old mother. We watched you every day and we were truly blessed. We would listen, then read the Word, and then share what the Lord revealed to us about your message. It was our own little conference (smiles). Thanks again, it was one of my best visits. I didn't want to go home.

Ella D. | Ohio

"Today, you are a picture of what you spoke from your heart in the past." —Gloria Copeland

'Greater Blessings Are Coming Our Way'

My wife and I have been watching BVOVN on Dish channel 265 from day one when it started. We have cut by 75 percent the amount of time we watch other

secular channels and we have noticed an increase in our desire to study the Word of God. As Partners with KCM, we have been blessed greatly. Our spirit man is being fed and because of this, and our desire to stay in the Word, we

believe that greater blessings are coming our way.

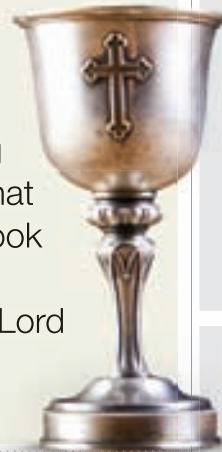
Thank you, KCM, for believing God and walking by faith in carrying out His plan in your ministry.

Art L. | Arizona

Deliverance Through the Lord's Supper

Several years ago, Gloria gave a teaching on using the Lord's Supper (that is, the Communion sacrament) to receive healing and/or break bad habits. After watching that program, I followed her instructions and took Communion to break my smoking habit, I never had the urge to smoke again! The Lord did truly honor my Communion prayer.

G.M. | Rhode Island



'My Faith Is Soaring'

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate you

guys coming on DISH Network. When I received the recorded phone call from Kenneth Copeland saying BVOV was going on DISH, I was excited. I have it on all day when I am home. It has blessed me so much and my faith is soaring. I was also excited that EMIC has its church services on there. WOW, such a blessing—George and Terri are so anointed! I'm loving it! Please don't ever take it off DISH. God bless you all!

Leah G. | Florida

No Request Is Too Small

I wanted to convey my gratefulness for your prayers over me. I requested the wart on my neck to be healed, and a while ago it did clear up. Thank you so very much and may God bless.

M.D.Z. | Sri Lanka

'Our Church Is Growing'

I want to thank Brother Kenneth Copeland and Gloria. By their teaching, I'm forever changed. This year our ministry launched our program on radio and now we are preaching the gospel on three stations. All glory to God! And thank you, KCM, for praying and providing us with the free magazines and other materials. I am very much blessed by KCM. Also, I wrote a prayer request to KCM for a motorcycle and God gave me a new one. Thank you for praying for us. Our church is growing and we are blessed.

Pastor K.R.A. Kaski, Nepal

'My Son Is Drug Free'

Praise be to God. My son was on drugs for over 10 years. I requested prayer from the KCM prayer line and I became a Partner. God has answered my prayers. My son is drug free and he's in a Christian rehab. Thank you for praying with me. Praise be to God! Jesus is Lord.

M.M. | Florida



India

Thank You for Your Prayers

Thank you for all your prayers. We are very much blessed by your ministry...every bit of it. My husband got promoted on his railway job and my daughter is finally set free.

E.D.

salvation prayer

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

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

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

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*Mother, enjoy your
world today. It is
a gift from the One
who loves you.*

by
Kellie
Copeland

THE MOMMY Grace

Have you heard of it? I expect if you are a mother, and you know Jesus, you have relied on it daily. Let's be real. Too often it can be elusive (seemingly), or just downright conspicuous by its absence (again, seemingly). Some days can feel like there is no way to get it all done—no way to make everyone happy—and no way to reduce the load. This can feel like a never-ending circle of frustration. And it can feel like God is just not helping.



Every mother has had those thoughts and feelings, but I have good news for you! The problem is not with God. That's a good thing because if the needed change is in your hands, YOU can lay hold of the difference-making power that abounds and exceeds every challenge you face.

Since mommies like lists, let's make a list that will really help!

1. Take every thought captive.

When you are on that frustrating gerbil wheel, the first thing you have to do to make it stop, is to realize that it WON'T stop until you take hold of your thoughts and feelings. Second Corinthians 10:5-6, *The*



Message, says, "We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion



and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity.”

When we THINK and FEEL like we are overwhelmed, there is nothing God’s promises can do for us. Our hearts must be prepared to believe His Word of freedom and help. God gave

us tools when He created us. He gave us free will so we can decide where we allow our thoughts to go. He gave us a voice to command ourselves what to think.

A feeling is simply an awareness of an emotion. The feelings and emotions we have are fickle and can change moment by moment!

So, put those emotions aside. Make a firm decision to not be led by your emotions.

Here are some truths about our emotions:

Along with our mind and will, our emotions are an important and God-given part of our soul. So what do you do with your feelings and emotions when they take you in a direction that does not agree with God’s Word? You give them to Him. In 1 Peter 5:7, the Bible says, “casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you” (*New King James Version*).

Look again at 2 Corinthians 10:5-6, (*MSG*): “We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity.”

By taking our thoughts captive and submitting our feelings and emotions to God, we direct our lives to fit into the structure of a life shaped by Christ, His Word and what He did for us on the cross! We are smashing the walls erected in our hearts and breaking up the hard, stubborn places that keep us from believing His Truth! That is how we prepare our hearts to hear and receive the promises of God.

Make a firm decision to not be led by your emotions.

2. Receive His grace.

“But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me” (1 Corinthians 15:10).

This should be a “Mommy” scripture! This word is what we need to take in. It is not in ourselves that we are anointed to be the best mothers in the world. It’s by the grace of God. It’s up to us to receive what He has offered—or more precisely what He has already bestowed on us. Otherwise, He has given it in vain for no useful purpose.

Look at the first mother, Mary (this is a good title for the mother of our King). Luke 1:28 says, “And he came to her and said, Hail, O favored one [endued with grace]! The Lord is with you! Blessed (favored of God) are you before all other women!” (*The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).

The Lord endued her with the grace she needed before Jesus was ever born! *Endued* means “invested or endowed” with a quality or ability. Mary had much ahead of her that would be difficult as a mother, but from the beginning she had what she needed to face it all! She wasn’t perfect, but she was empowered to be the mother of our Savior. Even though we are not raising the Savior, we are raising sons and daughters of God. That same infusion of abilities and qualities is ours to receive as well.

There is more and more grace. Read what Galatians 5:22-25 (*AMPC*), says:

But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, gentleness

(meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]. And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires. If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]

The fruit of the spirit is grace revealed. Are these not the things that mothers need the most in dealing with everything that comes with the job? BELIEVE it! RECEIVE it! What’s more, pass it along to your children! It’s the gift that keeps on giving, both when it’s coming out of you and when it’s coming out of your family.

Second Peter 1:3-5 (*New Living Translation*), tells us:

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires. In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises.

Here we see that we have been given everything we need to live a godly life, which is the life He designed for us. Our part is to come to know Him, and then to make every effort to respond to God’s promises. That’s another way of saying the

just shall live by faith; believe you receive; or as Jesus put it, “Have faith in God.”

3. Have faith in God.

Romans 4:16 tells us, “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed.”

There is a beautiful grace designed for us to walk in every moment, but it can only be received by faith in God’s promises. When we make a daily commitment to receive His promises by faith, the result is that we come to believe those things are ours! Yes, we have to walk it out day by day. But the more we live this way, the more going back to our old fleshly way of doing things just seems crazy. The Greek word for *flesh* means “work.” Work versus grace—to me, it’s a clear choice!

In Romans 11:6 we read: “And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.”

So, I’ve made my case for the “Mommy Grace.” And happily, it is the same process for “Daddy Grace,” “Ministry Grace” or the “Anything-You-Are-Called-to-Be-or-Do Grace.” Read 1 Corinthians 15:10 once again: “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

This is who we are. The best mommies in the world, not empowered by our own goodness but by the grace of God that lives BIG within us, reaching out to our children to draw them to Him.

With a smile on my face and a laugh in my soul at the good things our Lord has in store for you, I will throw this one in, too. First Samuel 1:18 says, “And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.”

Mother, enjoy your world today. It is a gift from the One who loves you. ⑦



Faith Is Here!

Superkid, I think this is the most thrilling time in history to be alive.

I get so excited watching you go full-force Superkid for Jesus! To be a faith person, to lay hands on the sick, to show people the love of Jesus—there is no better or greater way to live! I am sure that **YOU** are going to bring Jesus to others and make a huge difference in the lives of many.

I really believe that, and I know God sees you the same way. He has things for you to do that you can't even imagine. To walk in the awesome life He has planned, you have to live by faith. Let me show you how to **REALLY** believe it!

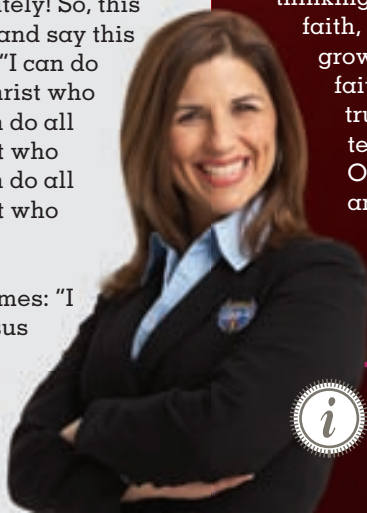
Say this out loud right now: "I am going to bring Jesus to others and make a huge difference in the lives of many."

What just happened on the inside of you? Were you stirred up when you said those words? Do you believe it? Keep reading.

Faith-Filled Words

Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." That's what God's Word says. Can you trust Him to tell you the truth? Absolutely! So, this time close your eyes and say this out loud three times: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

Now, say this three times: "I am going to bring Jesus to others and make a huge difference in the lives of many. I am going to bring



Jesus to others and make a huge difference in the lives of many. I am going to bring Jesus to others and make a huge difference in the lives of many."

YES, SUPERKID! YOU ARE!

I know God stirred something in your heart when you repeated those words. Now I'm going to show you how I know that, and how I also know that by the end of your confession, faith had risen in your heart.

When you made the first statement, it probably stirred your heart a little bit. Maybe you even believed it a little. That's because God created us to be able to believe what we choose to believe. He created us to believe what we hear with our ears and what we say with our mouths. When you think about it, it's cool that we are made that way because it helps us when we are ready to believe in Jesus and what His Word says about us!

That sounds very simple when you think about it that way, but the truth is, faith **IS** very simple. In Matthew 18:4, *The Message*, Jesus said to His disciples: "Whoever becomes simple and elemental again, like this child, will rank high in God's kingdom." That sounds to me like Jesus expects great things from you.

The enemy will try to trick you into thinking you have to *try* to get faith, or that you have to be a grown-up or a pastor to have faith. We know that's not true because Hebrews 12:2 tells us that Jesus is the One who births (initiates) and develops faith in us!

Just look at Jesus and His disciples, for example. Jesus worked constantly with them,

teaching, directing and pointing them to faith. As He taught what faith does and how it acts (which we will dig into next month) they just didn't seem to get it! But wait! Something must have changed, Superkid, because some of those disciples were the very ones who wrote the New Testament!

We see Jesus correct Peter for his lack of faith many times, yet as we read Peter's letters in the New Testament we find him so full of faith! In fact, in 2 Peter 1:1-2, *New Living Translation*, Peter tells us where our faith comes from. He says, "I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior."



Peter goes on to tell us that we have everything we need to lead a godly life. We just need to grow and develop in our knowledge of Jesus. And that is how He develops our faith. The more we know Jesus, the more we have faith and confidence in Him.

The more we know how much He loves us, the more faith we have that He will heal us.

But how do you get to know Him? By reading and listening to His Word. Jesus **IS** the Word. When the Bible says you can do all things through Christ which strengthens you, that's Jesus telling you that. The more Word you read, the more your faith grows. Romans 10:17 says, "So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and **hearing by** the word of God."

Superkid, always remember this: When you asked Jesus into your heart, He filled you with His faith—faith powerful enough to move a mountain, heal the sick or raise someone from the dead!

Keep reading the Word, and thinking about His promises! **AND HAVE FAITH IN GOD!**

Until next month....
Stay Tuned! ❤️



Kellie Copeland

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BY GENA MASELLI

PEACE, Pregnancy & Prayer

Emotions swirled within Ashley Sims, an eighth-grade teacher in Fort Worth, Texas.

Expecting her second child, she struggled to make sense of what she was feeling—the excitement of meeting her new baby, the anticipation of watching, along with her husband, Paul, as their family grew, and yes, even tinges of fear that the unthinkable would happen.

All around her, even among her friends, had been reports of difficult pregnancies and miscarriages. The thoughts were assaulting her.

While some had given in to those feelings of fear, Ashley knew she could not. It wasn't how she had been taught as a child growing up.

"I knew the only way for me to get over being scared was to get into God's Word," she said.

Determined to resist the attack of fear, Ashley began to focus on the strength found in "the joy of the Lord" (Nehemiah 8:10) and to press in to Proverbs 3:5-6, which says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take" (*New Living Translation*). Eventually, fear lost its hold.

Armed with God's Word, and a newfound sense of confidence, Ashley

began looking for resources to guide her in knowing what to pray over her unborn child. Her search came up empty.

"I wanted to pray over my baby's development, but didn't know the right words to pray. And I couldn't find anything to guide me," Ashley recalls. "I told my mom, 'If I'm looking for this, then other mothers have to be looking for it, too.'"

Pregnancy Prayers

It was then that Ashley decided to follow the Lord's leading and create something that would encourage expectant mothers and help them prayerfully navigate through their pregnancies. The result was *Pregnancy Prayers*, an app that sends subscribers weekly updates about their unborn baby's development as well as daily prayers to help them stand in faith for a successful pregnancy and healthy child.

Ashley determined to make each prayer relate to the unborn baby's current development, which she found on the American Pregnancy Association's website. So, at the point in the pregnancy when the baby's heart develops, *Pregnancy Prayers* sends the subscriber information about that milestone, along with prayers for a healthy heart. Later that same week, the subscriber receives prayers to pray over the child's spiritual heart—that the baby will grow to have a heart for God.

Helping others stand on God's Word is a natural fit for Ashley.

Her mother, Jan Harbour, the chief financial officer at Kenneth Copeland Ministries, has raised her in the importance of walking by faith, and her uncle and aunt, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, have always been faith-filled sources of guidance for her. Through her partnership with KCM, Ashley has continued to learn and apply the principles that were so much a part of her growing-up years.

"Having Uncle Kenneth and Aunt Gloria as role models my whole life, I heard how important it is to watch the words you speak and the words you speak over yourself," Ashley explains. "It was ingrained in my brain, but it didn't completely click until I had children.



At the point in the pregnancy when the baby's heart develops, Pregnancy Prayers sends the subscriber information about that milestone as well as prayers for a healthy heart.

Then I thought, *You're right. I don't want to say something negative over my children, and I don't want my children to speak negatively because of me.*"

Immediately upon *Pregnancy Prayers'* release, Ashley began receiving testimonies from people saying they had found hope and comfort from using the app. One friend in particular, whose wife was pregnant following the loss of a child the year before, texted Ashley after using the app. At the time, their baby had reached the point where he could live if he were born, but the dad was still struggling. Although he knew their baby could survive, he wanted him to remain in utero until full term.

That's when he opened his daily prayer from *Pregnancy Prayers* that included the following prayer: "Lord, I pray my baby will make it to full term. I thank You that if he does come early, he can survive now, but I ask that he stay in the womb until he is completely developed and ready."

That prayer, he wrote, brought hope and peace to an otherwise anxious father. And that same hope and peace is available to all family members and loved ones, not just parents.

Anyone, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, friends or church members, who purchases and downloads *Pregnancy Prayers* can submit the name and email address of an expectant mother they know. The mother will then receive a notification that her prayer team has grown.

"This feature is key," says Ashley, "because in Matthew 18:19, Jesus tells us, 'If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you' (*New Living Translation*)."

"The purpose of *Pregnancy Prayers* is not only to pray for your baby on your own, but to get all of your family praying

with you," she explains. "Mothers realize that they are not alone. They have a whole community of believers standing in faith for their baby."

Of course, the *Pregnancy Prayers* app is just the beginning. In addition, Ashley says she is committed to promoting positive messages about pregnancy through other means.

"Some people make pregnancy sound negative," she says, "so I'm trying to put positive messages out [on social media sites] about pregnancy. Moms need to find something positive about pregnancy and be uplifted. I thought *Pregnancy Prayers* would be it. Then, when I was talking to the app developers, they asked, 'So you prayed for your baby until your baby was born and then you stopped?'"

"Well, no," I answered.

"OK, so you need to keep writing."

God used that one conversation to expand Ashley's vision. Today, in addition to raising her children and teaching school, she is busy writing three more prayer apps: one for newborns, one for teachers and one for the everyday individual who needs prayer.

Ashley admits that this has been an unexpected journey.

"I just felt like I was supposed to write *Pregnancy Prayers*, so that's where I started. I thought, *I'm going to write it while I live it.*"

That single step of obedience is taking Ashley in directions she never before imagined, bringing hope, peace and God's Word to expectant families.

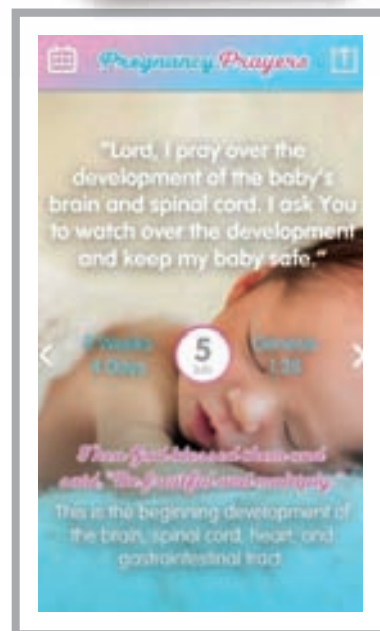
"I've really loved every step of it," Ashley says of her journey so far. She never imagined her career would include that of app developer and writer, but as she proclaims, "God gave me the words to say!"

And thankfully, He's not finished with her yet. 🕊

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You can find out more about Ashley Sims and the *Pregnancy Prayers* app at PrayingDaily.com.



BY
KENNETH
COPELAND

OF ALL THE THINGS I ENJOY ABOUT LIVING BY FAITH IN THE WORD OF GOD, ONE OF MY FAVORITES IS THIS: I NEVER HAVE TO WONDER WHAT GOD IS GOING TO DO IN MY LIFE. I KNOW HE'S GOING TO DO EXACTLY WHAT HE PROMISED. IT'S AN ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY.

THERE'S NO, "WELL, WHAT IF HE DOESN'T THIS TIME?" THERE'S NO, "WHAT IF IT'S NOT HIS WILL?" THOSE KINDS OF QUESTIONS ARE OUT THE DOOR.

VICTORY EVERY TIME!



When it comes to activating the law of faith, whether you're living in Nigeria or America, you need to have a revelation that you're in covenant with God.

I don't have to ask them because, as I first began to discover back in 1967, God operates according to spiritual laws; and one of those laws is "the law of faith" (Romans 3:27).

Much like the natural laws of physics, the law of faith is utterly predictable. That's why it's called a law. Laws work the same way all the time, every time. No one ever wakes up in the morning wondering what the law of gravity is going to do. No one ever asks, "Do you think God will turn on gravity today?" That would be silly. The law of gravity is going to work today just like it did yesterday. God turned it on once, and it will continue to be on until He turns it off.

The same is true where spiritual laws are concerned. They're always on. They're always working. Just as the sun will shine on anyone who will get out in it, the law of faith will produce victory in every area of life for anyone who learns about it and applies it.

"Well, Brother Copeland," someone might say, "I think it's important to be realistic. For

example, you have to keep in mind that, faith or no faith, people in impoverished nations can't experience the same kind of financial victory believers in America do."

Yes, they can. I've seen it happen. I've seen God prosper people of faith, and prosper them wildly, in the most unlikely places you can imagine.

Take Bishop David Oyedepo, for instance. A dear friend of mine who lives and ministers in Nigeria, he got hold of the word of faith back in the mid-1970s. He initially struggled with the financial part of it because of the economic conditions in his country. But he was determined not to miss out on anything God had for him. So he took his Bible, along with one of Gloria's books on prosperity and one of mine, and went off by himself to spend some days in fasting and prayer.

He later told us, "When I read Mama Gloria's book, *God's Will Is Prosperity*, I got it! I had a visitation of The LORD and realized that financial prosperity is a covenant with God."



Like the natural laws of physics, the law of faith is utterly predictable. If you learn how to apply it, it will never fail to produce victory in every area of your life. Here are some points to get you there:

1

By activating the law of faith you can prosper in every way, regardless of what's happening in the world.
Proverbs 10:22

2

The first key to having strong faith is to understand you have a covenant with God.
Deuteronomy 8:18

3

All the promises of God in both the Old Covenant and the New are yours in Christ.
Galatians 3:16, 29

4

You can believe God's Covenant promises because He gave you His own faith when you were born again.
Ephesians 2:8

5

You can develop your faith and put it to work by hearing The WORD preached and speaking it.
Romans 10:8

From that moment on, his financial picture began to change. He was no longer hindered by the economic problems around him because he understood it's not the world's economy that makes us, as believers, rich. It's our covenant with God! As the Scriptures say:

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22).

"Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers,

to build there. Today, those first 500 acres have become a 10,000-acre city—complete with a 50,000-seat church auditorium, four banks, a kindergarten, an elementary and high school, a university that is one of the foremost in Africa, and more.

Back in 2008, when I first visited CanaanLand, they'd just completed phase one and the Bishop was telling me about it.

"Brother Kenneth, we spent \$250 million on this phase, and there's no debt and no American money in it," he said. "Phase two will also be \$250 million, but we've already got that in the bank."

Receiving The WORD from someone who's preaching it by the power of the Holy Spirit can strengthen your faith as nothing else can.

as it is this day" (Deuteronomy 8:18).

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Once Bishop Oyedepo took his stand on what God says, and activated the law of faith, his ministry started prospering financially beyond what most people would think was possible. His congregation kept outgrowing church buildings. They'd buy one, grow too big for it and then buy another.

Eventually, The LORD led him to buy 500 acres out in the bush country and call it "CanaanLand." It was so far out in the wild, they had to move the monkeys and baboons out of the way

Just think—no American money. No debt. Just faith in God.

Don't try telling David Oyedepo the law of faith doesn't work the same everywhere for everyone. He's proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that it does!

Two Covenants, Unlimited BLESSING

One of the major keys to Bishop Oyedepo's success, of course, is his understanding of covenant. When it comes to activating the law of faith, whether you're living in Nigeria or America, you need to have a revelation that you're in covenant with God. You need to realize the Bible is not just a religious book. It's a record of two covenants—the Old and the New. Both

of those covenants are blood-sworn oaths, which means they're as serious as covenants can be.

Under the Old Covenant, God walked in the blood of animals and declared THE BLESSING—which includes every good thing promised in the Bible—over Abraham. Then He included us in that BLESSING by saying to Abraham, "So shall thy seed be" (Genesis 15:5). Although many Christians have been taught the promises in the Old Testament don't apply to us as believers today, Galatians 3:16, 29 says: "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.... And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

If you haven't already, you should spend some time digging around in the promises of BLESSING God spelled out in the Old Covenant. They're wonderful! They cover every aspect of life—salvation, deliverance, provision, victory, healing, long life...and every other good thing you can imagine.

"But Brother Copeland," you might say, "if the Old Covenant is so wonderful, why do we need the New Covenant? What's the difference between the two?"

The difference is the blood!

The New Covenant is ratified not in the blood of animals but in the blood of Jesus Christ—and His blood did for us what nothing else could. It "redeemed us from the curse" (Galatians 3:13).

Just as THE BLESSING includes everything good, the curse includes everything bad. According to Deuteronomy 28:15-68, it includes sickness, poverty, defeat, barrenness, destruction and every other evil thing that came on mankind through sin. Under the Old Covenant, people were still in bondage to sin and they paid the penalty for it by suffering the curse. But under the New Covenant, the price for sin has been paid and the curse done away with!

Because the New Covenant is

between Almighty God and the resurrected Lord Jesus, no sin we commit can ever break it. We can break our fellowship with it through disobedience, but if we do we can go to Jesus our High Priest, confess that sin, and He is faithful to forgive us of it and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

No matter how badly we mess up, as New Covenant believers we don't have to live under the curse. We can always repent and get back in fellowship with God. He'll never turn us away because Jesus is our Covenant representative and He's a member of the Godhead. Talk about being well-represented! There's a born-again, Holy Spirit-baptized, resurrected, glorified Man in the Godhead and He is our blood Brother. He qualified to receive the total fulfillment of God's BLESSING—and now that Covenant BLESSING is ours because we're in Him.

Faith: Making the Covenant Connection

This is the point the Apostle Paul was making in Ephesians 2:11-12, where he wrote: "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."

Covenant with God is everything! People who are without it are trapped in a failure-ridden, ungodly world system. They're utterly hopeless because the only true hope there is comes from covenant with God. It comes from going to the Book of the Covenant and finding a promise that covers our situation. It comes from being able to say: "I have a blood agreement with God, so this promise belongs to me. It's sure to come to pass because God's part of it is already done. He's already made covenant with me that He will supply all my need according to His riches in

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I WALK IN TRUTH, IN THE
LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD,
ACCORDING TO HIS WAYS
AND HIS WISDOM. I KNOW
THE TRUTH AND THE
TRUTH MAKES ME FREE.

John 8:31-32

I PROSPER AS MY
SOUL PROSPERS IN
UNDERSTANDING OF
THE WORD.

3 John 2

I LIVE A GODLY LIFESTYLE,
IN OBEDIENCE TO WHAT
GOD SAYS IS RIGHT.
BECAUSE I'M WILLING
AND OBEDIENT, I EAT THE
GOOD OF THE LAND.

Isaiah 1:19

BECAUSE I FEAR THE
LORD, HE TEACHES ME
HOW TO CHOOSE THE
BEST AND I LIVE WITHIN
HIS CIRCLE OF BLESSING.

Psalms 25:12-13, *The Living Bible*

I SEPARATE MYSELF
FROM DARKNESS AND
GOD IS A FATHER TO ME.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

HIS TRUTH IS MY SHIELD
AND ARMOR.

Psalms 91:4

glory by Christ Jesus. He has said by Jesus' stripes I was healed" (see Philippians 4:19; 1 Peter 2:24).

This is how we overcome when we're facing a collision between the low laws of this fallen world and the high laws of God. When on one hand we're facing some kind of financial or physical attack, and on the other hand we see what the Scriptures say about prosperity and healing, we take our stand on our covenant. We put God's higher laws into effect by believing and saying what He says, despite what our physical senses might be telling us.

"But Brother Copeland!" someone might say, "I just don't have that kind of faith."

Sure, you do. You got it when you were born again. As Ephesians 2:8 says, "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

God gave you faith as a gift at the moment of your new birth and it hasn't gone away. It's still there on the inside of you and it's of the highest quality. It's God's own faith!

Supercharge Your Faith

The question is what are you doing with it? Are you just letting your faith sit dormant, or are you feeding it, developing it and putting it to work?

One way you can tell is by listening to what you're saying. According to Romans 10:6-10:

The righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.


Faith doesn't say things like, "Oh Jesus, I'm hurting so bad, I need You to appear to me. I need to feel Your hand on my fevered brow so I can get rid of this doubt and receive my healing." That's not how faith talks. Faith says, "The WORD of God is near me, in my mouth and heart, that is the word of faith which we preach."

Notice the emphasis there is on the preached WORD. There's something extremely powerful about the word of faith you hear preached. It has a way of getting into your heart and your mouth. Certainly, reading and studying the Scriptures on your own is important, but receiving The WORD from someone who's preaching it by the power of the Holy Spirit can strengthen your faith as nothing else can.

This is the reason Romans 10:15, 17 says, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel.... So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," and Hebrews 10:25 tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. It's when we get under the anointed preaching of The WORD that our faith really surges.

Gloria and I can testify to this from experience. We've not only preached faith ourselves, we've continually listened to others preach faith for almost 50 years now, and we can tell you, anointed preaching will supercharge your faith.

So make sure you get plenty of it. Go to a good church where The WORD is preached every week. Attend Believers' Conventions. Tune in often to WORD-packed TV broadcasts like those you'll find on the Believer's Voice of Victory Network.

Activate the law of faith in your life constantly by hearing The WORD preached, and keeping that WORD in your heart and mouth. Then you won't have to wonder when you wake up in the morning what God is going to do for you today. You can wake up every single day knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt, He's going to do what He said! 

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