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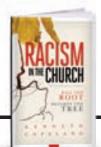












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## PUTTING THE SNAKE IN THE GRASS TO FLIGHT

"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."—James 3:16

by Kenneth Copeland

No one in their right mind would willingly turn a rattlesnake loose in their home. Yet people everywhere are doing it, right now. They're throwing open the doors of their lives to a spiritual snake so deadly that, according to the Bible, it brings with it "every evil work." They're making themselves vulnerable to

a demonic enemy whose aim is to steal, kill and destroy, and whose strategy is to divide and conquer.

ou can tell how well the strategy is working just by looking around. The results are clear for all to see: people fussing and fighting with each other, relationships rupturing, entire groups of people arguing, accusing and hating each other—over everything from government policy to race and religion.

As if that weren't bad enough, most of the people involved don't have the first clue as to why it's all happening. They can sense they're being threatened and wounded, but they're totally unaware of the snake in the grass. Determined to defend themselves, they're fighting with each

other because they don't know who else to fight.

Even many born-again children of God have gotten caught up in the confusion. But, I'm writing this book because it's time for that to change. It's time for believers in Jesus to identify and go after the one who's actually behind all the strife and division. We're the only people who can do it. While others flounder helplessly in the face of this enemy, we've been equipped with the spiritual power to overcome him. We've been given the divine authority and ability to not only defend ourselves against this snake in the grass, but to rise up against him on behalf of others.

It's one of the first things Gloria and I learned when we started in the ministry many years ago. Spiritually, we didn't know very much back then. We certainly didn't have as much revelation as we do today. But we did understand

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this: "Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work" (James 3:16).

Even as spiritual beginners, we were smart enough to know we had absolutely no interest in giving the devil that kind of free rein in our lives. So, we sat down together at the kitchen table and made a quality decision. We agreed that strife and division were no longer an option for us and determined, before The LORD, to keep them out of our home and our ministry at all costs.

It's been nearly 50 years since we made that decision, and we've never once regretted it. On the contrary, we've become even more grateful The LORD led us to make it because we've come to see how devastatingly destructive strife actually is. The WORD of God reveals it from Genesis to Revelation: Strife stops THE BLESSING of God and activates the curse—not only in our lives as individuals, but in entire churches, cities and nations.

Throughout history, whenever a major move of God has broken out on this planet, the devil has pushed people to divide up and start fighting each other. He's stirred up strife worldwide in an effort to stop the spread of the gospel and hinder the growth of the kingdom of God on earth. Wars, of one kind or another, have almost always accompanied the outpourings of God's glory—and these days, it's happening again.

In addition to cultural conflicts, threats of war and acts of terrorism and violence are practically a daily occurrence. They dominate the headlines and the 24/7 media cycle. And, the more they're reported, the bigger the problem grows.

Now, as in days gone by, the devil is doing the same old thing. (He doesn't have anything new.) Only this time, he's in a more desperate position than ever before. His time on this earth is running out (Revelation 12:12). Jesus is coming soon, and the Church has begun to step into the ultimate, end-time outpouring of God's glory.

I don't know how much evidence you've seen of it from where you're sitting, but I travel all over the world and can verify that a massive end-time harvest of souls is underway (Matthew 13:47-50). At this very moment, the gospel is being preached in places and among people the devil thought he had permanently locked up in spiritual darkness. God is doing supernatural, over-the-top things all across this planet. His kingdom is on the move, and obviously, the devil is frantic to stop it!

It's really no wonder the world is in an uproar right now. These are biblical times. We've reached the last of the last days, and the events Jesus prophesied about in the Scriptures are happening. We're seeing unfold before our eyes the very things He warned His disciples about in Matthew 24, when they asked Him about the signs of the end of the age.

"Take heed that no man deceive you," He said. "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (verses 4-7).

Notice, Jesus said in the last days nation will rise against nation. The Greek word translated nation is ethnos. It's a word that refers to ethnicities or races, groups of people who share the same skin color, nationality or way of thinking.

Let me ask you something: What do we call it today when people of one race or ethnicity rise up in hate against those of another race? We call it *racism*, don't we? But racism isn't really a Bible word. The Scriptures don't use it because from God's perspective, racism isn't a thing, it's a *spirit*. It's the spirit of division, the Greek

The *spirit of division* is the enemy we're facing today, and those of us who are members of God's family need to become highly aware of it. We need to be constantly on guard against it because it's doing its best to set the world on fire all around us. It's working nonstop, not just to start race wars, and wars between nations, but to start wars between political parties, in communities, marriages and homes.

Worst of all, the spirit of division is targeting believers. It's trying to split up churches and separate members of the Body of Christ, knowing, even if we sometimes forget, that the saying, United we stand, divided we fall, is not just an old adage—it's spiritual law. As Jesus put it, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand" (Matthew 12:25). Therefore, whatever the devil can divide, he can destroy.

Those of us who live in the United States of America, especially, need to wake up to this danger because spiritual unity is one of the truths on which this nation was founded. Even our Pledge of Allegiance declares that we are "one nation under God, indivisible." Our very strength as a nation, and therefore our freedom, has always depended on our being undivided. Yet right now, Americans are picking sides and fighting each other with startling ferocity.

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opposing party. It's one thing when Americans disagree with a leader's decisions and refuse to vote for him or her. But it's another thing when their disagreement turns to hatred. That's unnatural. Yet, it's happening.

I saw it during the previous presidential administration, and I'm seeing it again in the current administration. Some people are so angry with the president, they practically go berserk at the very mention of his name. They think their fury is politically driven, but it's not. It's spiritual. The door of government in America has been opened to the spirit of division, and the whole nation has suffered because of it.

Such suffering was never part of God's plan for this country. He never intended for Americans to divide up every chance they get and fight each other. His dream was always for this land to be a place where all cultures and people of all backgrounds could worship Him freely, together. He wanted a place where people weren't divided into all kinds of different, so-called "races."

As far as God is concerned, there are only two races on earth, anyway—those who have chosen to be a part of His family and those who haven't. From His perspective, the division between those two groups is the only division there is. He has never divided up mankind on the basis of money, clothing, culture, geography or skin color. People began listening to the devil and came up with those divisions. He got in there and started creating havoc.

That's what has happened in America. God's dream is for people of all colors—black, red, white, brown and yellow—to live and glorify Him together. If you doubt that, just look at heaven. Revelation 7:9-10 says what it will look like: "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great

multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

God never intended for there to be enmity between people and races. He never meant for the black man to get to America in the belly of a slave ship! That's not God's way. He didn't intend for the red man to hang on to witchcraft and keep warring against each other's tribes. Nor did He want the white man to dominate and kill those who were here when he arrived.

His plan has always been BLESSING—people coming together through faith in Him and prospering together. This nation was built on the foundation of faith in the living God. He wanted to pour out His presence on His people who had dedicated this land to Him. And He did His part to make it happen. He protected the first handful of settlers in remarkable ways, and has been protecting this nation ever since. We're the ones who have fouled things up. But in spite of all these things, this nation was dedicated to Him and, just as He has done with His people Israel, He will never give up on it. That's how He is. He'll stay with it...and stay with it, until His dream ultimately comes to pass.

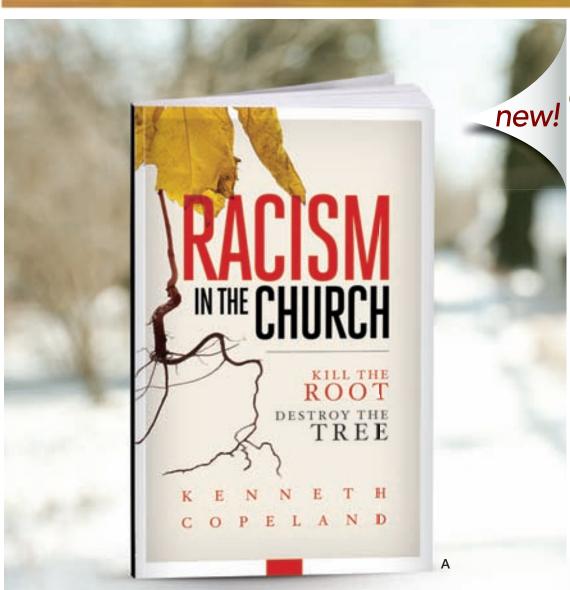
Before Jesus comes and catches away the Church, I believe we'll come together and do what needs to be done. We'll pray and vote righteous people into authority who will deal with the spirit of division. We'll rise up in unity and elect leaders who will stand for what's right but do it in kindness and love, instead of in ways that stir up more strife.

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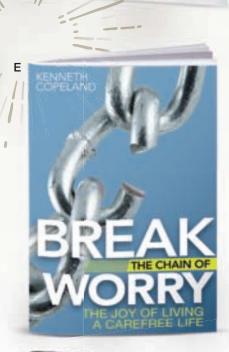
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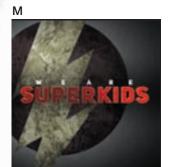
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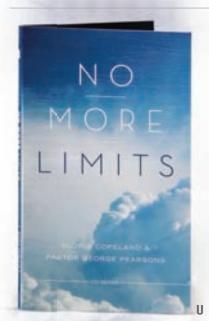




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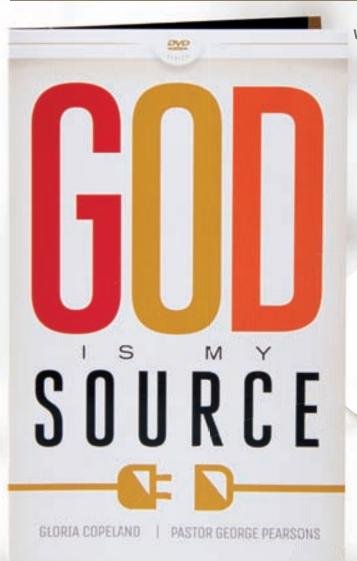
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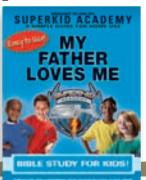
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Superkids, in the U.S., we celebrate a holiday called Thanksgiving. It's one of my favorite times of year. Perhaps Thanksgiving is the inspiration for my Corner this month, or maybe it's just something we all need to hear. Either way, no matter where you live, being thankful is an important part of our life with God and with others.

You may have heard the story of the 10 lepers who were healed and how when one came back to thank Jesus, he was made whole. You may already know what *whole* means, "nothing missing, nothing left out and nothing broken."

The awesome thing is, as I was praying about my letter to you this month, God showed me something so cool about being thankful, I have to share it!

Luke 17:11-19, *New Living Translation,* says:

As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

It says the 10 lepers were a distance away from Jesus

when they cried out to Him for help. Leprosy is contagious, so they couldn't be near people. To obey Jesus and show themselves to the priests, they had to go in faith. They could be in trouble because the priests were the ones who could punish them or give them permission to come close to people. I'm sure when they were healed, they were so excited, they ran to see the loved ones they hadn't been able to be near!

Many of us have heard about this guy (for fun let's call him Joe) who gave thanks and was made whole, but there is more to it than saying, "Thank you."

It says, he came back to Jesus! When Joe saw that he was healed, he was far off but he came all the way over to Jesus to get close to Him, shouting praises, excited about what Jesus had done for him. This is important. Many times people ask Jesus for help and He helps them. It's easy to go your way or to say thank you in a guick moment, but taking the time to come close to Jesus, to worship Him and spend time with Him will do more than fix a problem, it will change your WHOLE life! Joe was not only healed, he was made WHOLE. That means that if he had lost his ear, fingers or some other body parts because of his disease, Jesus made his body whole and probably fixed all of his other problems too!

When we worship Jesus and spend time with Him, it's like we look Him in the face. Just like it blessed Him when Joe did this, it blesses Him when we come close and really have a grateful heart. I'm sure that gratitude is nice coming from us, but what Jesus really likes is to be able to help our lives become whole, not just help us as we pass by. This kind of thankfulness

doesn't just happen, it takes our attention, thought and a decision that this is how we are going to respond to His goodness that comes to us.

Jesus is good to us in many ways. He blesses us through others every day! We all have people in our lives who love us and do good things for us. When someone does something good for you, thankfulness is the right heart to have, toward not only that person, but also toward Jesus. The funny thing is, when we practice gratitude with Jesus we become more grateful to others and when we are purposefully grateful to others, it is easier to be grateful to our Savior Jesus.

Superkid, whether it's to Jesus, parents, family, friends or others, gratitude is more than words. It's a heart attitude. It's an attention thing. It's something you do on purpose. The next time someone does something good for you, big or small, stop what you are doing, look them in the face and say, "Thank you. I am so grateful to you."

Every day we have reason to stop and say thank You to our Best Friend, Jesus. Stop what you are doing and spend some time with Him, letting Him know you are thankful for your day and the good things Jesus and others did for you.

Thanks giving isn't a once a year thing but an everyday lifestyle that brings life, health and peace. No matter where we live or what day it is, let's be grateful. Grateful people are happy, blessed and successful people, and like Jesus said, faith people. Superkid, a grateful life is the best adventure you can have. It will bring you face to face with Jesus EVERY DAY!



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#### MY PRAYER LIFE HAS BEEN **ENRICHED**

The pre-service prayer at the 2016 SWBC was over the top! I could hardly wait for that time. My husband and I pastor Harvest Church International Christian Center and have been Partners with KCM for more than 30 years. I grew in your prayer times, and I have been an intercessor for many years. Thank you for taking us deeper. What you did Friday morning demonstrated a deeper revelation about knowing to go deeper when He won't let go of something. God bless you, Pastor Terri. You have truly enriched my prayer life, and what I learned will enrich the intercession at our church! Pastor Linda A. Waynesboro, Va.



#### 'NOT **LIMPING ANYMORE!**

I would love to give God the glory! I asked for prayer last night concerning a painful and swollen left big toe, as well as other things that my family and I needed prayer and agreement for. This morning when I awoke, the inflammation in the toe that was causing the pain came out

and the pain is almost gone. Praise God! I walked with a small limp because of the discomfort and I'm not limping anymore. Glory to God! Thank you for standing in

agreement with me. I know what God has started. He shall complete, in Jesus' Name. Thank you again!

Sophia M. | Chatham, N.J.

#### PRAYER OF **AGREEMENT BRINGS LIFE**

I'm appreciating God for sparing the life of my little angel. She fell seriously sick after she was given her three vears vaccines. While she was struggling between life and death in ICU, the Father and I kept proclaiming life over her, and then I called your prayer line and the prayer minister decreed life over her. Two days later, her countenance changed and a woman whose child was also admitted in the ward began asking about her sudden change and where her strength came from. Then I told her that Jesus is the secret behind my daughter's quick recovery, and that it is the same Jesus I had been telling her about. I give God all the glory for all He has done for my family. The doctors were concerned my daughter would be affected, but they could not diagnose what was wrong, and concluded it was a virus. Today, she is strong and healthy without any health problems. Thanks for being there when we needed you most. Jessica O. | Spain

KCM PRANAVAIL MUCH

Last month I asked you to agree with me for the healing of my niece Miriam, who was having a headache and swollen eyes. Praise two days after you prayed for her she was accent. Two years ago I asked for who had three babies

niece needed a baby and for the baby to live. You sent me a CD which I passed on to her. Praise God, she gave birth to a healthy baby girl this year in February! God bless you, KCM. Patience M. | U.K.



#### **TRUSTING GOD TO PROVIDE**

My husband decided to study full time and we have been trusting God to provide. He applied for student funding and because it is only the

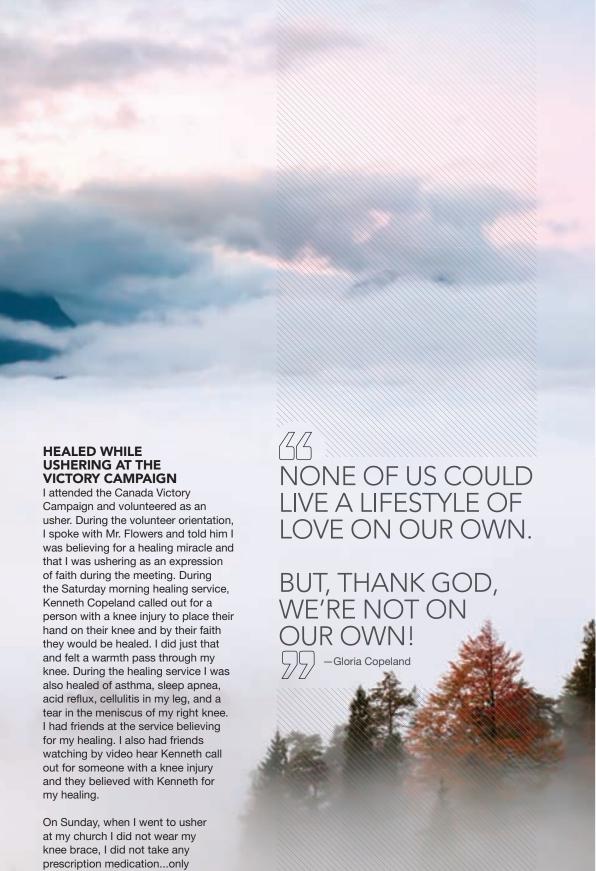
first year of his Ph.D. studies, most people said it would require multiple tries before he would be successful.

Praise God he got it first time by the grace of God, and we are eternally grateful as we found out we are having our first baby. We know that God's faithfulness will continue as we sow and trust Him. Thank you to all who have remembered us in prayer. We partner with amazing people! D.B. | South Africa

#### **'ON HER WAY TO RECOVERY'**

I asked for prayer for my friend Amanda, who had two strokes and three brain aneurysms and they were concerned that she was going to die. She is out of the hospital now and on her way to recovery.

Michelle M. | Delaware



#### 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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Gerald B. | Calgary, Alberta





operations deep behind enemy lines. For more than 40 years during the Cold War, Green Berets had carried out some of the most sensitive operations in a country teetering on the brink of World War III.

Kurber, a West Point graduate, was living his dream. As a child, his parents had put a world map on the wall beside his bed. Staring at that map, he'd developed two dreams. He wanted a career in the Army. And someday, he wanted to live in the state that jutted out so far north—Alaska.

Now undercover in one of the most dangerous cities in the world, one recurring thought threatened to distract him.

God had another plan for his life.

He had called him to preach the gospel.

#### Foundation of Faith

"The assignment to Berlin was my second assignment to Germany," Keith recalls. "From February 1984 through December 1986, I'd been stationed at Bad Tölz. My wife, Nola, was there with me and by God's grace we fell in with a group of Pentecostals at our chapel. Through them we got filled with the Holy Spirit. They also introduced us to books and tapes by Kenneth Hagin and Kenneth Copeland.

"There was no internet back then and we only got one television channel, which we didn't watch. We spent our lives praying in the spirit and learning to live by faith. We listened to Brother Copeland's tapes on faith over and over. In 1986, when I was asked to bring the message at chapel, I preached his sermon, 'Following the Faith of Abraham.'

"One of my favorite books by Brother Copeland is Six Steps to Excellence in Ministry. I still have it on my desk today. We listened to Brother Hagin teach on 'What to Do When Faith Seems Weak and Victory Lost.' Most people think that the idea of living by faith seems strange. But for us, it was the fiber of our lives from the second year of our marriage. We had no idea how much we would need that foundation of faith in the coming years."

In 1988, Keith and his team of Special Forces flew to Okinawa, Japan, where they planned a mission. In April, they parachuted over wild terrain in Alaska where they trained in the wilderness for the next 10 days during an exercise.

Leaning against a tree, Keith heard the voice of the Lord. *I call you to pastor a* church in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Keith had never dreamed of anything other than a career in the military, but in a sweep of divine grace, God planted in his heart the desire to pastor.

#### The Fall of the Wall

A few months later, in January 1989, he was deployed to Berlin, a city torn by different factions and by fear. Two years earlier, on Jan. 12, 1987, President Ronald Reagan had spoken at the Brandenburg Gate in West Germany. "General Secretary Gorbachev," he'd said, "...come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

Those bold words shocked the world, but it turned out that God was behind them. In June 1989, He gave His word about the matter when Kenneth Copeland prophesied, There are going to be political walls and political fences that crumble right before men's eyes. Mighty, mighty strongholds of political power and political strength in different political systems all over the world will suddenly change hands, crumble and fall. And men will say, 'I never would have thought that would happen....' The Berlin Wall will come down. It's a sign....

At the time, such a thing had seemed impossible. Yet only a few months later, Keith Kurber noticed that a brisk wind of change seemed to be thawing the Cold War. For weeks, East Germans had escaped across the border to Czechoslovakia, and no one tried to stop them. Nov. 9, 1989, East Berlin's Communist Party announced that starting at midnight, citizens of East Berlin were free to cross the borders.

That evening East and West Berliners flocked both sides of the wall chanting, "Tor auf! Tor auf!" "Open the gate! Open the gate!"

At midnight when the gate opened, thousands of people swept through the border. Many were reunited with family members they hadn't seen since 1961. That weekend more than 2 million people from East Berlin flooded through the checkpoints. However, for those who had been trapped behind that wall, open checkpoints weren't enough. Using hammers, picks and bulldozers, they tore the monstrosity down.

For the first time since 1945, Berlin was reunited.

"We lived on the base and Nola had just given birth to our fourth child 10 days before this happened," Keith remembers. "I was on duty when a staff officer shouted, 'Guys! Get down here!' Cars were streaming from East Berlin through Checkpoint Charlie. It was such a historic event that Nola and I mailed a piece of the wall to Kenneth and Gloria."

#### A Leap of Faith

In 1991, Keith left the Army but remained active in the reserves. Moving his family to Tulsa, Okla., he attended and later graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center. In 1993, they moved to Fairbanks where they served at Door of Hope Church for 11 years. Nola was the children's pastor for six years. Keith served as a lay pastor and later became an associate pastor.

"During those years I was away from my family a lot," Keith recalls. "Between training in the reserves and my job as a police and fire officer at the Fairbanks Airport it seemed as though we were always saying goodbye—which sometimes feels harder than war.

"In 2002, while the two oldest of our four children were starting Rhema, I was deployed to the Horn of Africa to a place called Djibouti. By now I was a colonel and the senior Special Forces officer in the area. We were scheduled to do a training jump one Saturday night, but the wind speeds got too high and it was postponed.

"The next morning the chaplain asked if I would pray for the congregation. The Lord led me to pray Psalm 91. Later that day we prepared to jump. Although







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knew one thing for certain—he should be dead. He lay on the desert floor thanking God for teaching him how to live in the secret place of the Most High.

"When the medic checked me over, all he found was one small scrape on my arm," Keith recalls. "Not one person who jumped that day died. There wasn't even a broken bone. Any jump you walk away from is a good one, but this was nothing less than supernatural protection."

#### The Secret Place

In 2009, Keith was deployed to Afghanistan. Things were more tense than usual because the U.S. was sending in more troops, and there had been several attempts on President Karzai's life.

"One morning we were going to Kabul, but I had a check in my spirit. I knew something was wrong. I took extra time praying over the mission, including Psalm 91. Then I called Nola and asked her to pray.

"We were in a convoy driving to Kabul. One of the things you never want to do when traveling in a war zone is slow down or stop because that makes you a target. In Afghanistan, a good day is any day when you don't get blown up."

The convoy reached Kabul and they found themselves in congested traffic. Looking out his window, Keith saw a group of women and children, laughing and giggling. The traffic jam had stopped traffic. They were unable to move.

Keith unbuckled his seat belt, ready for a firefight. An instant later, the women and children bolted, running for their lives. Looking up, he saw a vehicle approach. An Afghan man stepped out with a grenade launcher pointed at them.

Keith jumped out of the vehicle, but before he had cleared it, one of his men in the front of the convoy started shooting a .50-caliber machine gun at the Afghan. At that moment, something like a tangible cloud fell over the scene and time slowed to a stop. It felt like being wrapped in a blanket of peace, Keith recalls. When

the cloud lifted and the smoke cleared, he saw that the Afghan man was not dead or wounded.

That was the first miracle.

The second miracle was that he hadn't fired back.

And the third was that everyone on both sides of the situation was alive and unharmed. What none of them knew at the time was that they were firing at President Karzai's personal security team, each assuming the other was the enemy.

"They were half a football field from us on a crowded city street," Keith explains. "It was the grace of God that kept us from killing each other.

"The hardest part of those years wasn't the danger. It was being separated from my wife and family. Although the longest we were apart at a time was six months, Nola and I were separated a total of eight years out of the 33 in our marriage. That takes faith, and one person shouldn't be believing alone. Two are better than one.

"I'm grateful to have learned to live by faith so young. As Partners with Brother and Sister Copeland and KCM for more than 30 years, we're on his team and we have access to his anointing.

"Some people think that living by faith seems hard, but what is your other option? We're living in dangerous times. America is facing issues with North Korea, Iran and Russia. That's why it's so important to develop a Christian worldview based on faith."

In 2010, Pastors Keith and Nola Kurber opened the doors of Harvest—A Faith and Family Church, in Fairbanks, Alaska. In June 2011, he retired from the Alaska Army National Guard having served 30 years in the Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

According to Keith and Nola, there are two times when it's imperative that you live by faith—in war and in peace!

#### **FAITH AND THE MARKETPLACE**

AS A YOUNG LAD GROWING UP IN THE SMALL SOUTHERN TOWN OF TUSKEGEE, ALA., I ALWAYS DREAMED OF GOING PLACES AND SEEING THE WORLD. IN MY VIVID IMAGINATION, I SAW MYSELF BEING A PHYSICIAN, A FIREFIGHTER, A COWBOY, EVEN AN ACTION HERO LIKE SUPERMAN.





The occupation that eventually captured my interest the most was that of being a pilot. In our community, I had the privilege of knowing many of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen in my youth and they were all larger-than-life heroes who worked, worshiped and lived in my hometown. Their sons and daughters were my classmates in elementary school. We all lived, learned and dreamed together in Tuskegee.

One unforgettable occasion was when I had my first airplane ride with the man who was an instructor for the Tuskegee Airmen, Mr. Charles A. Anderson,



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affectionately known as Chief Anderson. After that experience, I knew I was destined to fly. Years later, I graduated from Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University), and served in the United States Air Force, where I became a fighter pilot. Military service took me around the globe, from the confines of a small, close-knit African American community in Alabama to Southeast Asia, Korea and various parts of the U.S.

#### **Preparation for Destiny**

Unbeknownst to me at the time, I was being prepared for my destiny. While in the military, there were some key leadership lessons that I learned, like the importance of discipline in an assignment, how authority works, mission planning and execution, along with the importance of precision and excellence. I also learned what it means to have courage in the face of threat or opposition, the importance of "no one left behind," and the art of decisionmaking and delegation.

After being honorably discharged at the end of my military service, I was hired in sales at one of the major international computer corporations, IBM. It was with this company that my life drastically changed. The first major change was in the area of business, where I learned the art of selling, how to handle rejection, the importance of profit, and the importance of providing

quality service. The company was big on excellence in customer service and respect for the individual.

I also developed the art of servant leadership and how to tap into the hidden potential of others. Many of the sales representatives who joined my marketing team in the beginning were not the highest performers. However, with coaching, encouragement and guidance, they became among the best. Some turned out to be the region's highest revenue producers and finest marketers. Needless to say, while helping the team to discover their greatness, I also discovered some interesting things about myself. I learned that part of my gifting was

that of a motivator and teacher, with an ability to inspire and draw out the best in people.

The second major change was that I met my wife, Veronica, who has now been my partner in our adventures in faith for more than 30 years. She was also working at the company on the more technical side of the business, as a computer systems engineer.

The third, and most important, thing that took place was when I received Christ into my life. To merely say that "my life changed" would be an understatement. I began to see everything differently, including my

to learn how to apply biblical laws and principles to produce predictable sales results, not just one month but every month, consistently. Also, I soon learned how to access God's wisdom in solving every problem.

I became excited about making sales presentations, closing business deals, and working with my customers in helping to solve their problems. You see, when the wisdom of God is available, you'll climb to the top of the performance chart without a sweat. It was phenomenal! The Scriptures tell us, "He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous." Not from the righteous...but

demonstrated. Your job becomes your pulpit, your performance becomes your platform, and the marketplace becomes your parish. Jesus said it like this: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

This is why I wrote Faith and the Marketplace. So many believers have seen their Christianity as separate from their job or business, something for only Sunday morning. And many have a difficult time reconciling their Christian faith with their desire for profit and business success. Let me assure you, the two were never meant to be separated.

## Your job becomes your pulpit, your performance becomes your platform, and the marketplace becomes your parish.

purpose for being on this earth. The Bible became more than a bunch of dos and don'ts—that's religion. Now it became heaven's constitution, a success book that, when its laws and principles are believed or applied, will "supernaturally" produce phenomenal results regardless of the environmental circumstances or market conditions.

Once born again into the kingdom of God, I began listening to anointed Bible teachers who gave me understanding that God offers me an opportunity to start over...that this old life I had messed up can be rewritten—every chapter of it. I also learned that this new Kingdom I was born into is heaven's government brought to earth and has a way of doing things that requires almost a complete mental reversal from the way I had been taught to think.

#### God's Way of Doing Things

The Bible says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." This simply means to "seek God's way of doing things." I quickly began

"for the righteous." This is all based on the fact that God is *omniscient*, which means "all-knowing." He knows the end from the beginning, and has seen your need and has already provided. No longer did I see problems as obstacles or something sent to sabotage my success. No, now every problem became an opportunity to manifest this new Kingdom and, oh yes, to bring home bigger commission checks!

Needless to say, because of my performance (and the grace of God, of course) I was promoted to management where I continued working the higher laws and principles of the Kingdom. This application of "Faith and the Marketplace" created a platform of credibility that caused many of my co-workers and friends to become very inquisitive about how all this was happening to me. It reminds me of Pharaoh in Egypt, who never inquired about Joseph's father until Joseph, through the wisdom of God, solved his problems.

Here is something worth remembering: Christianity was never meant to be dictated; it was meant to be A great illustration of this is a testimony I read about David M. Browne, the former CEO and president of LensCrafters®, which he also co-founded. While growing up in church, Browne somehow received the belief that faith and business did not mix, and "he fell into the habit of applying one ethical system in his personal life and a completely different ethical system at work. But through an intimate encounter with God, Browne began to realize that there might be a way to bridge the two worlds after all."

Browne bridged those two worlds by bringing "the servant leadership model of Jesus Christ" to his management of LensCrafters. After changing his leadership style and eventually the culture of the entire company, the company's phenomenal business success over the next 10 years speaks for itself. Company revenues grew to \$2 billion; the number of company stores grew from 50 to 1200; the company was considered the most profitable retailer at the time, with close to a 20-percent profit margin; the last seven years of growth were funded by their cash flow and not debt; and

LensCrafters was the first for-profit company to receive the Volunteer Action Award from the White House for its Gift of Sight program.

As Matthew 11:19 says, "God's wisdom...is shown to be true by its results" (Good News Translation). God strategically positions us in the marketplace to not only bring His compassion, but also, through our work performance, demonstrate His wisdom and ultimately His influence.

#### An Outpouring of Godly Wisdom

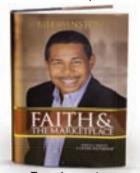
In these last of the "Last Days," according to the Scriptures, we will experience an outpouring of God's wisdom, and witness explosive inventions that can only be compared with God's original Creation. And this outpouring will come through the Church, the Body of Christ. It will not be the intellectual, technological or scientific wisdom taught at universities. It will be the wisdom that only the Holy Spirit teaches. It's the wisdom that established Daniel to counsel the Babylonian government, and Joseph to bring forth the most powerful economy the world had ever seen, which brought them both to prominence and marketplace leadership.

My desire is that, through this book, you will learn how to apply your faith in the marketplace to achieve "10 times better" results or performance in whatever your field or endeavor. This success can happen in the life of every believer once they find their place of grace (purpose) and understand Kingdom principles. For me, this Kingdom understanding first came through the teachings of a Bible teacher who I listened to each morning on the way to work on a Christian radio station. For you, this Kingdom understanding might be through your pastor or a "teaching priest," or through books and tapes.

My point is that every Christian serving in the marketplace needs a teacher, someone to bring understanding of "how to" apply the Scriptures in their everyday situations. In this book, you will see clearly that this "divine partnership" of kings (those working in the marketplace) and priests (clergy

IF THE **CHURCH IS** TO PRESERVE **HUMANITY.** DESTROY **POVERTY AT** ITS ROOTS, AND **TURN SOCIETY** FROM ITS PATH OF SELF-DESTRUCTION, THIS PARTNERSHIP IS A REQUIREMENT.

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and fivefold ministry), in these last days is not an option. If the Church is to preserve humanity, destroy poverty at its roots, and turn society from its path of self-destruction, this partnership is a requirement. Revelation 1:6 states, "And hath made us (the church) kings and priests unto God...."

As one man wrote, "When you confine true ministry to (only) the fivefold (or pulpit) ministries, you make 95 percent of the Church irrelevant." Why? Because all the people in the Church are "ministers" who are called to serve God whether in religion, media, business, government, arts and entertainment, education, or the family. As God prophetically spoke to me in 1986, it is time to "take the straps off," that is, recalibrate our thinking so that every person in the Body of Christ understands his purpose and responsibility and fulfills his Kingdom assignment.

Today, nations are threatening default because of their countries' excessive debt obligations; cities are unable to meet their municipal budgets without voting in higher and higher taxes on their citizens; the threat of terrorism is worldwide; and drugs, poverty, violence and joblessness are trying to destroy the urban communities. Well, it is time for the Church to take the stage. There is no other institution on Earth equipped to solve problems of this complexity and on this magnitude. So, whether you are called to the pulpit or the pew, you have a calling. You are no longer ordinary. And you are born with much more potential and for a greater work than where you are right now. Like the Elijahs or Esthers, who decided the destinies of nations, the fulfillment of your Kingdom assignment is extremely important. As a clergyman or on the city council, as an educator or evangelist, as an economic rainmaker or homemaker, or a missionary, you are anointed to render exceptional service. And through this divine partnership of kings and priests and, of course, Almighty God, you can effectively change the destiny of millions, if not billions, in cities and countries all over the world.

May you not only confirm your own unique place and purpose in the Kingdom, but also put to work your faith in the marketplace to bring forth heaven on earth wherever you are sent.

## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AMERICAN BELIEVER







BY KENNETH COPELAND

TODAY, MANY OF AMERICA'S CITIZENS WRESTLE WITH THE INTENT OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS WHEN THEY ESTABLISHED THIS COUNTRY. MORE THAN 200 YEARS AFTER THE FACT, PEOPLE DEBATE WHETHER OR NOT OUR NATION WAS GOD-ORDAINED. WELL, ANYONE WHO KNOWS GOD KNOWS HE ESTABLISHED AMERICA ON PURPOSE. THERE'S NO OTHER NATION LIKE IT ON EARTH.

There never has been and there never will be, at least not until other nations are able to place God in control like He is here.

His control of this country goes back to the beginning. There was a covenant made aboard the Mayflower ship, binding America and The LORD together. In the same way the nation of Israel has a covenant with God, the United States does too. And just like He held every Jew responsible for how the nation of Israel responded to His prophets and His direction, He holds Christians responsible for America.

#### **Ordained and Separated**

Let's compare what The LORD said in Romans 13:1-3 with how God established the United States:

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers [or "civil authority" in the Greek text]. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same.

Years ago, I learned about America's covenant with God and I approached The LORD about the ungodly leaders in this country at the time. I wondered how these leaders could be ordained and separated unto us by Him. Everywhere I looked I saw more ungodliness. God reminded me of Israel's King Saul. He had never planned for Israel to have a king. It was only because of Israel's covenant with God and their request for a king that He gave them what they desired. Even later, King David's leadership was not in God's perfect will because He never planned for Israel to have a king. But out of His mercy, He fixed a bad situation with Saul and called David to be king.

In the same way, God showed me that the ungodly leaders in this country were put in place because His people—Christians—chose them, either by voting for the ungodly or by not voting at all.

He said, A lot of My people did vote, but they ignored the sin side of that administration on account of money. But it was not that political party nor that person in office that brought financial prosperity to this nation. It was because more people had begun to tithe...since so many people had been preaching about it and preaching about heaven's economy. That's the reason

the economy began to get right. But when My people gave politicians the credit for it, down it went.

If this nation is seeking God, then peace, prosperity and goodness can grow and the gospel can go around the world. This nation has to prosper spiritually because we have to take The WORD of God to the world. Other nations are also called to do this, but because of how America was founded and because of God's work here, our nation has become the Cradle of the Gospel and the Cradle of Democracy.

#### It's Our Responsibility

Government is serious business. Politics, prosperity and the economy have never been political matters. They are spiritual matters because prosperity comes from God.

We are responsible for this nation because God gave it to us. Remember 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

If you think our government is a secular institution and you don't have anything to do with it since you're a Christian, think again. God didn't say the whole nation had to repent from evil. He only said His people had to repent. Only then will He heal our land. As one of His people, you will be held responsible for this nation. As bornagain believers, it's time for us to stand up together and clean house.

Part of taking a stand is carefully considering which candidate receives our vote. In doing that, we need to look at fruit in that person's life and make sure they have the same values we do. And if a candidate or the people supporting a candidate are pushing abortion, sexual sin, pornography or anything like it,

we need to reconsider supporting that person.

The people in the world aren't divided about whom to vote for. They support people who will make it easier for them to sin.

#### Changing the Course

As Christians in America we haven't been united, and we've done a pitiful job praying for our government. Look at 1 Timothy 2:1-3: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour."

I became aware of this verse during my first two years in ministry. For more than 38 years I've been praying daily for the leaders of the world. In fact, it's the first thing I bring up before God in my prayer time. Each day I pause and allow God to show me where He desires to use me and my faith. And many times, a short while after I've prayed about a situation, I hear about it. It's an exciting place to be—to pray and see God work in government situations and know that the devil received a knock in the head.

There have even been situations when The LORD later told me that if I hadn't been obedient to pray, He couldn't have moved in an area of my life like He did. Since you were My partner in that, He said, I'm going to be your partner in this.

#### **Nothing Apart From God**

There is no government apart from God. At the founding of this country, God established a covenant with this nation. He ordained it and He is still in control of it. As His people, we shouldn't just leave the running of this country to the world. Instead, we must stand up for what God desires to do with it and through it. Remember God is a God of good government—He ordained it. And He ordained us to be responsible for it.

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**NEXT TIME** you're tempted to get discouraged over some problem you're facing, and you start to wonder if you really have what it takes to overcome it, here's something I suggest you remember: As a born-again believer, "You are the temple of

God and...the Spirit of God dwells in you" (1 Corinthians 3:16, *New King James Version*).

Think about that for a moment.

You have, living on the inside of you, the Spirit of Almighty God Himself!

The God who moved into you when you received Jesus as Lord, the God who filled you with His power when He baptized you in the Holy Spirit, is the same God who worked all the signs and wonders in the Bible. He's the One who



delivered the Israelites out of bondage and poured out fire and hail on their enemies. He's the One who engulfed the land of Egypt in so much darkness that no one dared move for three days. He's the God who dried a path through the Red Sea so the children of Israel didn't even get their feet muddy as they walked through, and then He drowned Pharaoh's army behind them.

This same awesome, all-powerful God has made you His mobile temple! And He's saying to you every single day, "Come fellowship with Me. Spend time in prayer, talking to Me and receiving from Me so I can help you. I want to strengthen you and give you divine wisdom about that problem you've been having. I want to apply My supernatural power to it so that it disappears and gets out of your life."

Talk about having what it takes to be an overcomer! All you have to do is spend time with God every day, obey Him and your victory is guaranteed.

"But I'm so busy right now," you might say, "I just can't seem to fit time with God into my schedule. My days are absolutely packed."

That may be true. But let me ask you this: If Jesus physically came into your house and offered to talk to you, do you think you could make time for Him?

Sure you would!

If you got up one morning and found Him sitting at your kitchen table, you wouldn't just rush past Him. You wouldn't just wave goodbye to Him on your way out the door and say, "I sure wish I could visit with You awhile, Jesus, but I have to get to the office. I'll just have to catch You later."

If you got home from work tonight and found Jesus there waiting for you, it wouldn't matter what you had on your schedule, you wouldn't just ignore Him. You wouldn't say, "Lord, I appreciate Your stopping by but I've had a really hard day and I'm just too tired to talk to You tonight. I'm just going to lie down here on the couch and watch TV for a while."

No! If Jesus was physically sitting there in your living room so you could literally see Him with your own eyes, you know what you'd do? You'd fall on your face before Him. You'd forget about work and television and your hard day, and you'd worship Him. You'd enjoy times of refreshing in His presence and you'd pay attention to what He had to say.

This is the opportunity you have as a believer. Although Jesus may not be visibly sitting at your kitchen table every day, the Holy Spirit is with you and in you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He's ready and waiting to commune with you anytime, day or night, and He has some things He wants to show you. Things you've been beating your head against the wall trying to figure out. Things that will enable you to live like the overcomer God has created you to be.

#### How to Pray the Perfect Prayer

"But Gloria, sometimes I feel so overwhelmed by the situations I'm facing I don't even know how to pray about them. Sometimes I want to fellowship with God but I don't know what to say." Then take advantage of the ability to pray in other tongues that God gave you when He filled you with His Holy Spirit. That ability is a tremendous blessing! As Romans 8:26-27 says, when we pray in tongues "the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

The word *infirmities* in that passage actually means "weaknesses." It refers to the inabilities of our flesh. It speaks of the fact that although we as believers are spiritually unlimited, we still live in a natural body that has a lot of limitations. One of those limitations is we don't always know what God's will is in every situation, other than what His written Word tells us—which, of course, is vitally important.

The Holy Spirit, however, knows everything! He not only understands what we need, He knows our hearts and the heart of God. If we'll give Him place and pray in other tongues, He'll take hold together with us against the weaknesses of our flesh and help us with the circumstances we're facing. He'll pray through us the perfect will of God and bring us to the place where, as Romans 8:28, *The Amplified Bible*,

Classic Edition, puts it, "We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose."

That scripture is often taken out of context. People tend to quote it by itself as if God promised everything would always automatically work together for our good. But that's not what the Bible says. It attaches a condition to the promise. It says that when you give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to pray God's will into your life, and into the lives of the people you love—then all things are going to work for your good!

This is the absolute truth. God has things for you and me that are far better and greater than anything we could ever figure out with just our own natural intellect. He is able to do for us, by "the [action of His power] that is at work within us...superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]" (Ephesians 3:20, AMPC).

But for us to walk out everything He has planned, we have to do our part. We have to release the power of the Holy Spirit that's at work within us, and one of the most effective ways we do that is by spending time praying in other tongues, which is praying in the spirit.

#### Advancing the Plan of God

It's no wonder that throughout Church history praying in tongues has undergone such persecution and been so maligned. The devil hates it! He wants to stop us from doing it because he realizes that when we pray in other tongues, we pray beyond what we know. As a result, we can advance the plan of God in the earth in a much more powerful way. We can break through our natural limitations and pray supernaturally, not only on our own behalf but on behalf of others. We can give God the opportunity to use our mouths and our authority to help bring to pass mysteries that in our natural minds we simply can't understand.

Take, for example, the mystery about what's going to happen to the Church before we're caught up in the Rapture. The Bible says we're going to grow up in the fullness of the stature of Christ. We're going to rise up as a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle.

How exactly is that going to happen? How are we going to walk it out on a day-by-day basis?

We don't know. It's a mystery!

Yet by praying in other tongues, we can pray all about it. We can get over into the realm of the Spirit and pray out not only God's great big plan for the Church, but also our part of that plan. We can build ourselves up spiritually and enter into the rest of God so that by His power we can do everything we're called to do.

Can simply praying in other tongues really make that much difference? you might wonder.

Absolutely! The Bible confirms it time and again in scriptures like these:

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. (1 Corinthians 14:2)

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory...as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit... that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth. (1 Corinthians 2:7, 9-10, 12-13)

But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 1:20, *AMPC*)

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing. (Isaiah 28:10-12)

Notice that according to that last verse, praying in other tongues will bring you into a place of spiritual rest and refreshing. That's exactly what you need when you're tempted to feel discouraged and overwhelmed by the challenges of life. You need to stop stressing out about them and start tapping in to the "rivers of living water" in your innermost being, praying in the Holy Ghost (John 7:38).

#### You'll Never Be Without an Answer

The more you pray and let those rivers flow, the more the Holy Spirit will be able to teach you and lead you, and the more you'll find yourself picking up on His promptings, not just in matters of life and death, but

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE

You can cooperate with the Holy Spirit every day so that God's glorious plan can be revealed in you.

Even if you don't know what to pray, by praying in the spirit you can pray the perfect prayer. Romans 8:26

Praying in tongues enables you to talk to God about aspects of His will that are hidden from your understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:2

Praying in tongues builds you up spiritually so that you're strong enough to do what God has called you to do. Jude 1:20 When you pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit teaches you and refreshes you. Isaiah 28:11-12 If you'll pray daily in other tongues, God can prepare you for challenges in advance so you'll never be without an answer.

Proverbs 16:1

on a daily basis in simple things. You'll find yourself thinking of adjustments you need to make in one area or another. It will just come to you: I ought to make a change here. I can see now there's a better way to do this.

What's happening in those instances? The Holy Spirit is leading you in the way you need to go. He's helping you to make the right decisions and telling you how to receive God's blessing in that area.

"Well," you might say, "if God would tell me something to do, I'd do it."

That may be true. But you have to remember, He's not usually going to speak to you in flashes of lightning and a burning bush. He's not generally going to communicate in a voice you can hear with your physical ears.

Most of the time God communicates directly with your spirit. Your spirit is His temple. That's where He lives in you. So by praying daily in the spirit you can stay tuned in to that realm and position yourself to hear what He's telling you.

If you give Him the opportunity, the Holy Spirit will even get you ready for any trouble that might be ahead of you by helping you pray about it in advance. As Proverbs 16:1 says, "The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord." Praying in tongues prepares your heart so you'll never be without an answer.

Don't ever forget this: God knows exactly how to deliver His children out of every kind of trouble and into His perfect will. He always has a plan. And not once in all of human history has He ever worried about whether or not He could bring His plan to pass.

Thousands of years ago, when He delivered the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage, even the greatest nation on earth couldn't stop Him. He released so much of His mighty power on behalf of His people that even Pharaoh, in all his splendor and glory, had to bite the dust.

Now that same power and that same God are at work in you. If you'll just be obedient to His Word and spend time every day praying in the Holy Spirit, the devil won't stand a chance against you. He'll end up biting the dust in your life while, just like the Israelites, you keep marching forward in triumph into God's glorious plan for your life.

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