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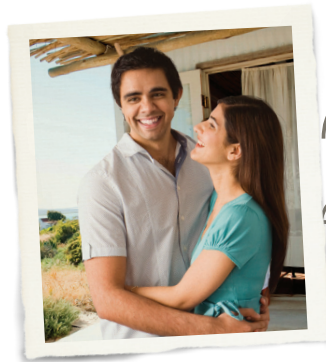
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No Compromise

With the presidential election just a year away, many Americans are looking at all the trouble erupting around the world and asking, What kind of leaders do we need at this point in history?

by Kenneth
Copeland

That's an important question. As believers, every one of us needs to hear from God about it. If we haven't already, in the coming months we need to find out who He wants in office and how He wants us to vote. But there's also another big question we need to be seeking Him about right now. One that's just as vital.

As we see believers, both in this country and abroad, facing increasing pressure to back off from their faith—to be quiet about it and keep it out of sight where it won't bother anyone—we need to be asking: *What kind of Christians do we need to be at this point in history?*

Obviously, the Bible has a great deal to say about that. But recently I was particularly reminded of one specific passage in the Old Testament. It speaks very directly to the issues we're facing today. It tells about a man of God who lived his faith boldly in the midst of a heathen culture, even when that boldness threatened to cost him his very life.

I'm sure you remember the story. It's the one about Daniel getting thrown into the lions' den. It's recorded in Daniel 6 and it begins like this: "It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes...and over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit

was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm" (verses 1-3).

Right there in the very beginning of the story, we find the answer to the question, *What kind of believers do we need to be right now?*

We need to be people who are known for having *an excellent spirit!*

That's what Daniel was known for and it made him a light in a dark nation. It caused him to be trusted and promoted into a position of great influence and authority. It caught people's attention and made him an unstoppable force for the kingdom of God.

As believers, you and I have the same kind of spirit. As joint heirs with Jesus, we've been given His "more excellent name" (Hebrews 1:4). We're co-laborers in His "more excellent ministry" (Hebrews 8:6) and partakers of His "excellent glory"

What you compromise to keep, you'll eventually end up losing. Be faithful to God's WORD and don't compromise.

1

Follow the example of Daniel, who lived his faith boldly in the midst of a heathen nation.

2

As a joint heir with Jesus and part of His ministry, you have an excellent spirit, too.

3

An excellent spirit is faithful to do what God says in every situation just as Daniel did.





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life, nothing in
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4

As you stand on The WORD and refuse to compromise, instead of getting weaker under pressure, you get bolder in your walk with God.

5

Stay connected to God by faith and even in the most impossible situations He'll make you a winner every time.

(2 Peter 1:17).

How exactly are we supposed to express that excellence?

Read what the next few verses say about Daniel and you'll see. They tell us that after his promotion, the other members of the king's administration got jealous and tried to catch him doing something wrong so they could report it to the king. But they ran into a major problem: "They could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God" (Daniel 6:4-5).

Think about that. Daniel's enemies couldn't trip him up because he was too faithful! Because of his excellent spirit, no matter what anyone else was doing, in every situation, he faithfully believed and obeyed God.

If we're going to live in excellence today that's what we'll do, too. We'll be *faith-filled* and *faithful*. Regardless of the cultural conditions, threats or pressures that might be present, we will never compromise when it comes to believing and acting on The WORD of God.

Never.

No Matter What It Costs

"But Brother Copeland, you don't understand my situation. I have to compromise a little now and then. I'm a leader in my field. I hold a high position in my company. If I'm bold

about my faith and don't go along with the crowd, there's no telling what it might cost me."

It doesn't matter what it costs. Nothing in your life, nothing in my life, is worth compromising our LORD and Savior. Being faithful to Him is our highest call and greatest honor; and compromising is always a mistake.

That's something I learned many years ago working alongside my father in the faith, Brother Oral Roberts. I heard him talk about spiritual excellence and faithfulness many times. One thing he often said about it still burns in me like a hot iron.

"What you compromise to keep, you will eventually lose."

That's a spiritual law. It's absolute fact. Its reciprocal is also true: If you

stay connected to God by faith in His WORD and refuse to compromise, He'll see to it you come out a winner every time—and He'll do it under the most impossible circumstances.

Look at what happened next in the story of Daniel and you'll see what I mean. His enemies actually conspired to use his uncompromising faith against him. They went to the king and said: "[We] have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which

altereth not" (verses 7-8).

King Darius granted their request. He signed the decree and put a law into effect that, for 30 days, turned Daniel's prayer life into a death sentence.

How did Daniel respond?

When he knew the law had been signed, "he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime" (verse 10).

Daniel wasn't moved by the threats at all! He kept praying just like always—and he didn't try to keep his prayers a secret. He didn't pull his curtains and close his shutters. He kept them open so anyone who wanted could hear him.

It's easy to imagine how people

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around him must have reacted. They probably pulled him aside and said, "Hey, lighten up a little here, man! You don't want to get thrown into the lions' den. You're having a powerful impact on this nation. You're making things better. You've got the ear of the king. If you keep praying like this, you're going to lose your whole ministry. Just shut the windows! What does that hurt? God doesn't need an open window to hear you."

"Well," you might say, "that last part is actually true, isn't it? God doesn't need an open window to hear someone's prayers."

He did in this case because if Daniel had closed the windows, he would have been doing it in fear and that would have changed everything. Fear shuts down faith; and faith is what keeps us connected with God.

Watch Out for This Phrase

Right now the kind of pressure Daniel faced is rising up again. Right here in America, Christians are being threatened and pushed to hide their faith behind closed doors. We're essentially being told to draw the curtains and close the shutters on what we believe, while at the same time we're being assured by politicians and government officials that our "freedom of worship" is still intact.

Freedom of worship.

That phrase sounds a lot like the phrase "freedom of religion" that describes what's guaranteed in the Constitution. But it's not the same thing. There's a significant difference between the two.

Freedom of worship is being used right now as a way of saying, "You can worship however you want in your own house, or car, or church. But don't be carrying that Bible to work with you. Don't be talking about Jesus in the break room. If you start practicing your faith out in public where other people hear you and get offended, it's going to cost you, because they don't need to hear what you believe."

Granted, no one in America is threatening to throw Christians in a lions' den at this point. They're just trying to get us out of the public square and out of the way. But I've made my

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decision; I'm not getting out of the way! I'm not going to compromise my walk with God!

"Brother Copeland, have people actually pressured you to do that?"

Oh, yes. Many times. Some years ago I was even pressured by a member of the United States Senate. He came after me wanting access to private information about the Partners of this ministry that by law is confidential. I wouldn't give in to his demands because I made a promise to The LORD and to my Partners many years ago, that I'd never give anyone a list of their names or reveal the details of their giving.

He tried to force me into it by suggesting we had something to hide and making us look bad. Then he started legal proceedings against

government won't misuse it." But I just kept repeating the same reply. "I don't care what they plan to do with it, I'm not giving it to them. I gave my word that it's not going to happen."

You're Not Standing Alone

As it turned out, of course, The LORD took care of me in that situation. He protected this ministry and everything turned out fine. What's more, instead of being threatened and intimidated by the experience, the pressure that was put on me ended up making me bolder.

That's how it always is. If you stay in faith and stand on The WORD, you get to where you enjoy not compromising. The joy of The LORD comes up on the inside of you and that's your strength!

The man looked at him like a deer in headlights. "I didn't mean anything by it," he mumbled.

"Then you shouldn't have said anything!" my dad replied.

With that, the room fell silent and everyone stood frozen, waiting to see what my dad was going to do next. They had reason for concern because my dad was no small man...and standing behind him I felt pretty big myself. I felt like saying, "Come on, Daddy! We can handle this! We can do this thing!"

Nothing happened, of course. He just said, "Let's go, boy." Then we turned our backs, walked out and went to our hotel room. The minute he shut the door, he said, "Kenneth, from now on, keep your hands to yourself! You understand?"

REGARDLESS OF THE CULTURAL CONDITIONS, THREATS OR PRESSURES...WE WILL NEVER COMPROMISE WHEN IT COMES TO BELIEVING AND ACTING ON THE WORD OF GOD.

us. We ended up having to spend over a million dollars just to defend ourselves. The negative publicity was supposed to put the squeeze on us by bringing our ministry income down. But it didn't work. Our ministry income didn't go down.

"Well, they have a right to subpoena you," someone warned me.

"So?" I said. "Let them do it."

"What if they throw you in jail?"

I answered that question publicly from the pulpit. "I gave my word to my Partners and to The LORD about this," I said, "and I'm not compromising on it. If the government wants to put me in jail, fine. I preach in prisons now, so I'll know what to do there."

A few well-meaning people came to me and encouraged me to go ahead and provide the information. "It won't hurt anything," they said. "The

The best way I know to describe it is to compare it to something I experienced one time when I was a little boy. I was traveling with my father on one of his frequent business trips and we stopped for the night in a hotel. While he was checking in at the desk in the lobby, I wandered into a side room where some men were playing shuffleboard and I made the mistake of touching the board.

Talk about a threatening and intimidating experience!

When I put my finger on that board, one of the men absolutely blasted me. He called me names and chewed me out. But while he was yelling at me, my father walked in. He put his big hand on my shoulder, pushed me behind him and in his big, booming voice he said, "You want to talk to this boy, you talk to me! You understand that?"

That kind of took the wind out of my sails, but there for a little while I was riding high. I was more than a conqueror because I was standing behind my daddy.

As believers, we're in the same position when we stand by faith on The WORD of God and refuse to compromise. We're more than conquerors because we're not standing alone. We're standing behind Jesus. We're saying, "We've got this, LORD! We can win this fight hands down!"

That's the attitude Daniel had. By the time he got to that lions' den, it was no big deal to him. He was so fearless and full of faith that, instead of dining on him, the lions had to wait until later when they could dine on his enemies. "So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God" (verse 23). ⑦

APOLOGIES to a NATION

Signs of the Times

These are those days,
saith The LORD. I am
healing the wounds! On
both sides. There will be
forgiveness that will look
and sound so strange,
particularly to white men's
ears.... There are some yet
in this government that had
almost rather die than to
apologize to the red man.
But they'll do it anyway.
And you're going to hear
it. And you're going to see
it. And you're going to say,
"My, my, my, The LORD

told us that was going to
happen!" There are going
to be public apologies,
because it is My Spirit and
I said they would....

And the witchcraft that
has bound the red man for
so many years will flee in
stark terror of My Spirit,
saith The LORD, the Lion
of the Tribe of Judah....
These are My people,
saith The LORD, and I'm
claiming what's Mine, and
I'm claiming it now....

Those prophetic words
from the Lord were
delivered by Kenneth
Copeland 20 years ago,
on Sept. 20, 1995, during
Kenneth Copeland
Ministries' Minneapolis
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Minnesota. Almost
five years later, on Sept.
8, 2000, during the
celebration of the Bureau
of Indian Affairs' 175th
anniversary, Assistant
Secretary-Indian Affairs
Kevin Gover issued an

emotionally charged
public apology for the
"historical conduct of this
agency" to the American
Indian and Alaska Native
people, and called for the
Bureau to "live in the
year 2000 and beyond as
an instrument of their
prosperity."

In part, an impassioned
Gover said:

Never again will this
agency stand silent when
hate and violence are





committed against Indians. Never again will we allow policy to proceed from the assumption that Indians possess less human genius than the other races. Never again will we be complicit in the theft of Indian property. Never again will we appoint false leaders who serve purposes other than those of the tribes. Never again will we allow unflattering and stereotypical images of Indian people to deface the halls of government or lead the American people to shallow and ignorant beliefs about Indians. Never again will we attack your religions, your languages, your rituals or any of your tribal ways. Never again will we seize your children, nor teach them to be ashamed of who they are. Never again.

We cannot yet ask your forgiveness, not while the burdens of this agency's history weigh so heavily on tribal communities. What we do ask is that, together, we allow the healing to begin: As you return to your homes, and as you talk with your people, please tell them that the time of dying is at its end. Tell your children that the time of shame and fear is over. Tell your young men and women to replace their anger with hope and love

for their people. Together, we must wipe the tears of seven generations. Together, we must allow our broken hearts to mend. Together, we will face a challenging world with confidence and trust. Together, let us resolve that when our future leaders gather to discuss the history of this institution, it will be time to celebrate the rebirth of joy, freedom, and progress for the Indian Nations.

State of Tennessee



House of Representatives
House Joint Resolution No. 553

A year ago this month, on Nov. 4, the nation saw a second such acknowledgment and apology come forth as representatives of the state of Tennessee issued a similar statement condemning its actions against Native American Nations. A joint resolution, adopted by the Tennessee House of Representatives and presented by a House member during the annual Awakening of the Nations meeting in Branson, Mo., to Kenneth Copeland, himself

a Native American, read in part:

Whereas for the 175th anniversary of the Trail of Tears that began in May 1838, and concluded in Indian territory in March 1839, the state of Tennessee wishes to both acknowledge this tragedy and renounce any role it may have played in what is a stain on our collective histories; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives and the 108th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the Senate concurring, that we, the citizens of the state of Tennessee, stand with our statesman, David Crockett, on a national level in acknowledging the tragedy of this act that took place in defiance of the Supreme Court ruling by Chief Justice John Marshall in *Worcester v. Georgia*. The global battlefields are stained with the blood of many Tennesseans. Be it further resolved, that we, the citizens of Tennessee, wish to close this chapter in our collective history, so that our past does not cast a shadow over our future. Tennesseans stand against acts of injustice perpetrated

against any people or group regardless of race, gender, or religion. Therefore, we offer our sincere regret to the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Yuchi, Muscogee Creek, Choctaw, and Shawnee Nations and all Native American Nations who were tragically and unjustly confined and removed from their lands by our participation in the Removal Act of 1830 and the subsequent death march known as the Trail of Tears. Greed and prejudice have no part to play in the future of Tennessee. We stand today as David Crockett stood, prepared to lay down our lives in defense of freedom for all people in this great nation.

In response to the two apologies, Brother Copeland called the actions very significant. "This is something we've been believing for, for a long time. It has to be the result of prayer. None of us with a Native American ancestry ever thought we'd truly witness the day that we would read statements like this. God Almighty is moving a nation, and changing the very thoughts and attitudes of the United States government."

Regarding the most recent apology, Brother Copeland said, "This opens the door for God to move in the state of Tennessee and get rid of this thing that's been hanging over that state all these years, unrepented.

"Truly this is a sign of the times," he said. ❶

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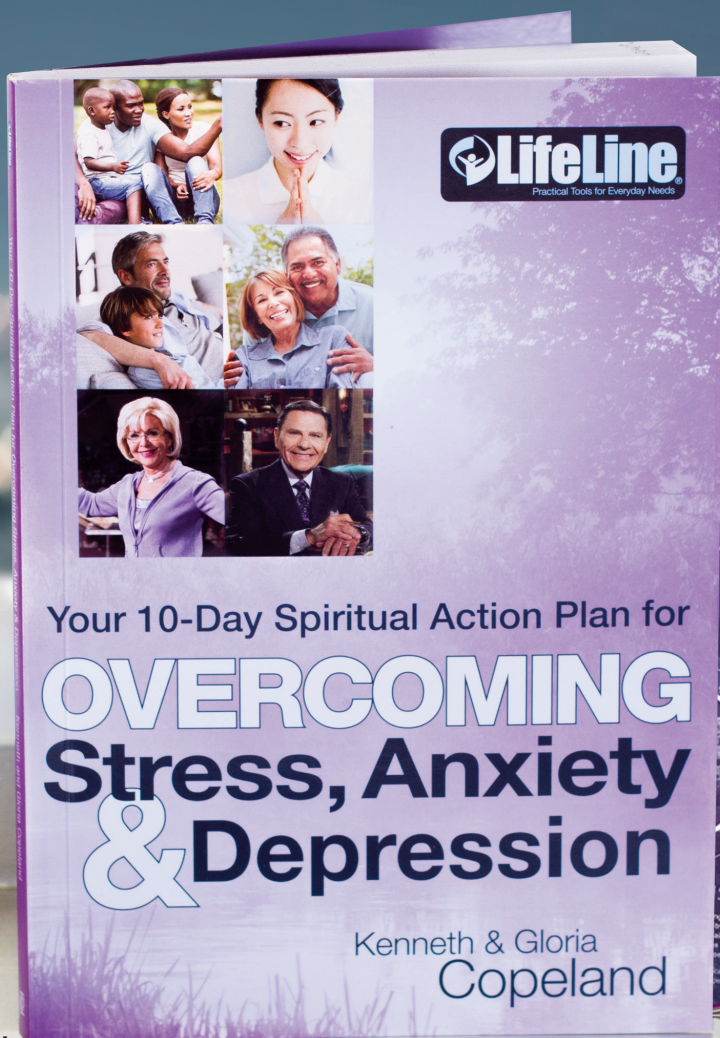
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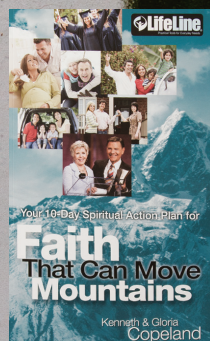
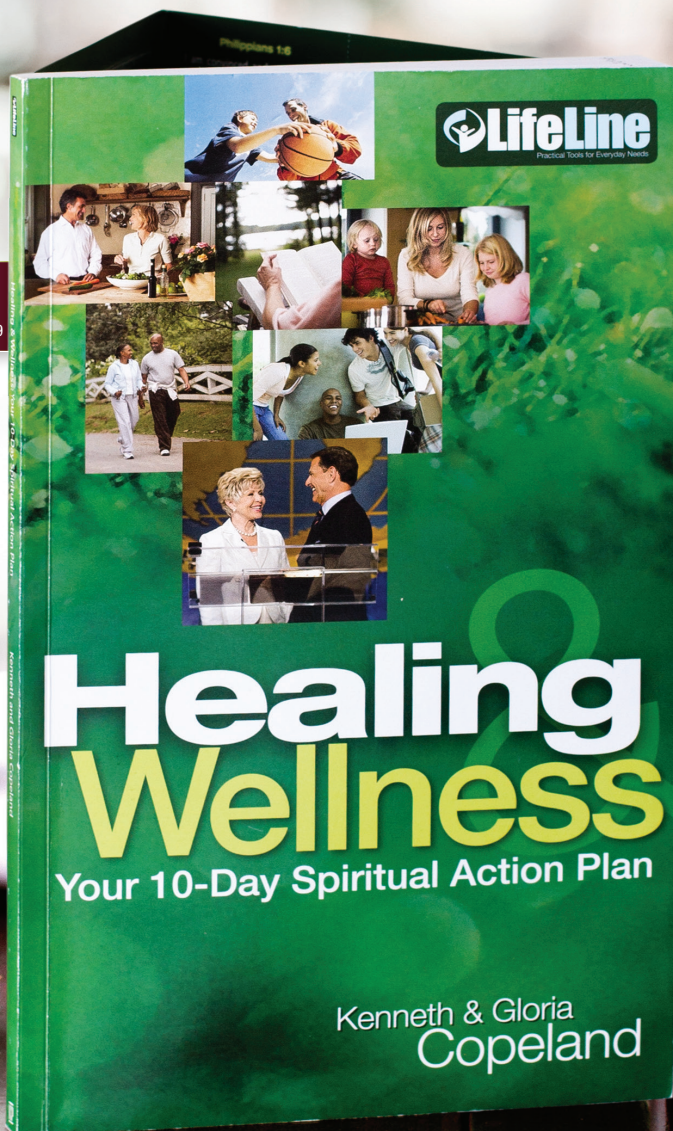
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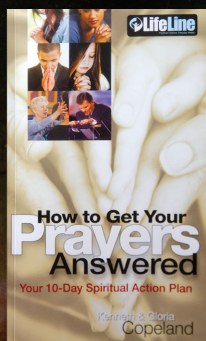
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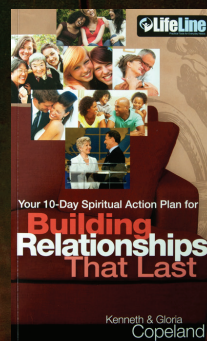
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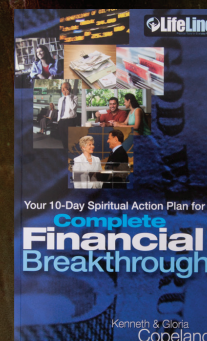
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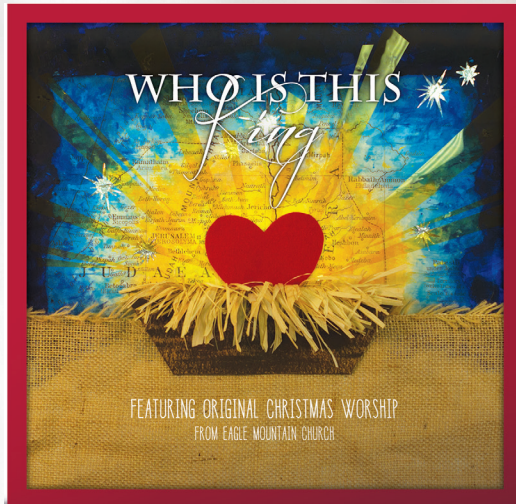


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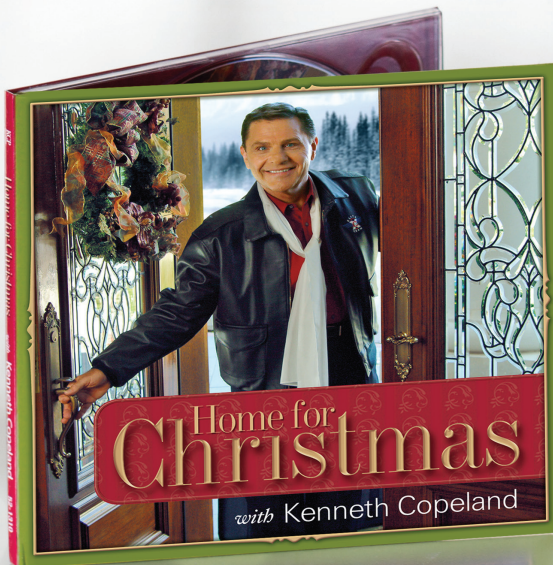


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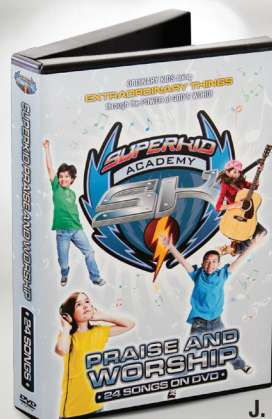
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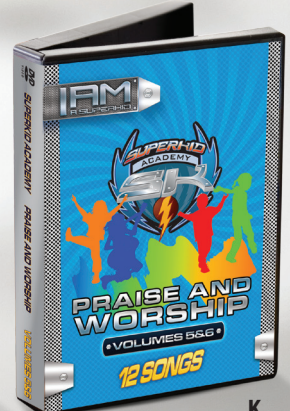
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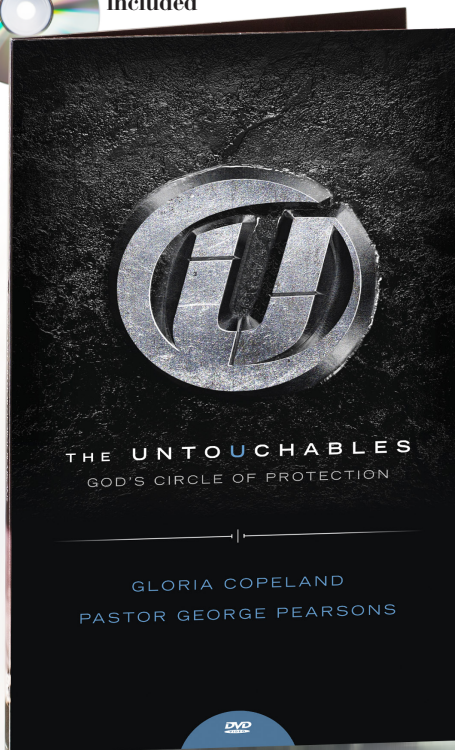
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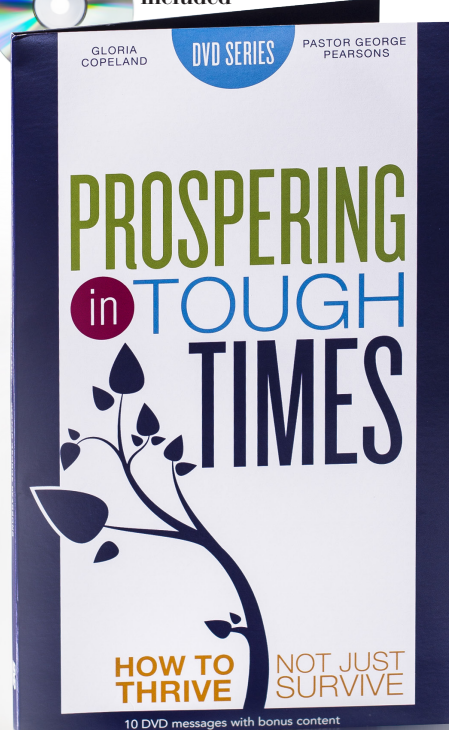
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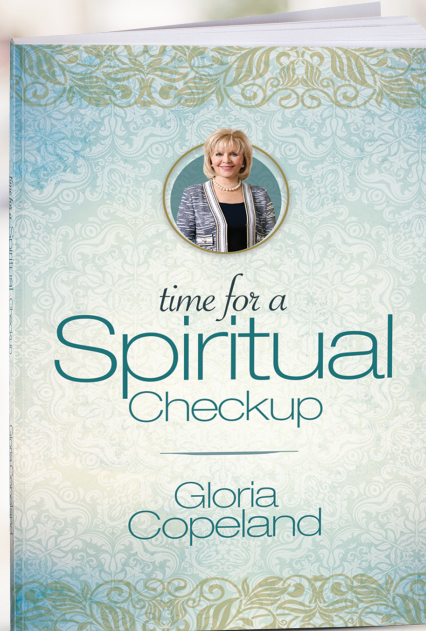
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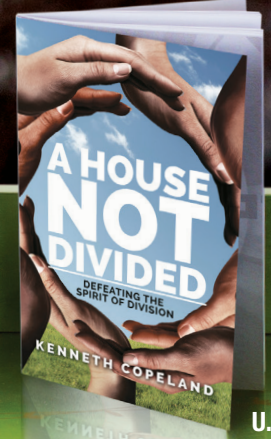
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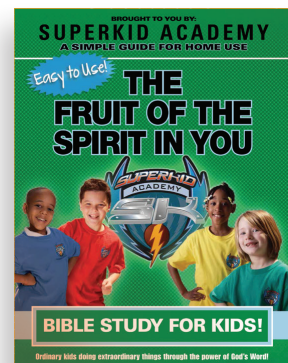


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No matter where in this world you live, November is a great month to be THANKFUL. In fact, it's one of the 12 best months of the year! Any month is a great month for gratitude. I was thinking about what I am most thankful for right now, today, this very moment. For me, it is my family and friends whom Jesus has not only given me, but He continues to let me see HIM through them. You often hear that family and friends are easy to take for granted, but what does that mean? To take something for granted means to use or treat in a careless way. It's easy to feel like your family and friends will always be there, so if you don't value them on purpose, you may forget to remember how wonderful they are.

Peter learned this the hard way. He thought his best friend, Jesus, would always be with him. When Jesus tried to tell him that things were going to change, Peter wouldn't listen. But Jesus is the best of friends. He never got mad at Peter, He just kept being his friend, kept loving him and kept teaching him. Jesus was the most loyal of friends, even when Peter denied he even knew Him. That's the kind of friend I want to be too. How about you, Superkid?

Just like Peter, we can learn a lot about being a friend from our best friend, Jesus. Take your Bible and read Luke 22:31-65. Jesus and His friends were going through the toughest time imaginable. Jesus was ready to go to the cross but Peter and the others did not understand that it was part of God's plan. Peter could not believe it when Jesus warned

him that he would be so disloyal he would deny he ever knew Jesus. If you read the rest of the chapter you see that Peter failed to pray for Jesus even when He asked him to. Then, you see Peter actually do what Jesus had predicted. Jesus had tried for days to prepare and warn His friends of many things. He also encouraged them that everything would be all right in the end, but they weren't listening. Look closer at verses 31-32. Jesus did four very important things for Peter that all friends should do for each other.

Jesus was honest with Peter.

Jesus prayed for Peter.

Jesus believed in Peter.

Jesus forgave Peter.

Even though He knew Peter would mess up, Jesus forgave him and helped him before it ever happened. Now that is a loyal friend! The amazing thing about the story of these two friends is what happened to Peter. He became a friend as loyal as Jesus! He not only learned what true love and friendship are, he learned to value them above all else. I like to think about these things as I read between the lines in Acts, and 1 and 2 Peter. Think about all these things as you read 1 Peter 4:7-11 in *The Message Bible*:

Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted.

STAY WIDE-AWAKE IN PRAYER. Most of all, LOVE each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything.... Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and *he'll* get all the credit as the One mighty in everything—encores to the end of time. Oh, yes!

Peter learned that Jesus is the best of treasures. He learned that friendship with Jesus is worth telling others about, too! And that's what Peter did. He made a whole life out of giving away friendship with Jesus. So that, in the words above, "God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus." I love how all that Jesus said in Luke 22:32 became Peter's life. "I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon [Peter], that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers [or friends!]" (*New Living Translation*)

Superkid, you and I can share His words, His love and His friendship with others, including our families. Jesus, our best friend, is also the best at helping us be great friends to our family and friends. One thing we can always be grateful for is the very best thing that Peter found out about his friend Jesus. He is always there no matter what, and even better, Jesus always thinks the best of His friends! What a BFF! ❤️

About

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WITHOUT THE SMELL OF SMOKE

The hands on the wall clock appeared frozen in place and the night seemed to crawl. The building was quiet as 27-year-old Robert Nichols sat in his office, fingering a CD by Kenneth Copeland from the 2005 Great Lakes Prosperity Overflow Convention. Robert's mother had given him the CD set from the meeting the year before, but he and his wife, Tamara, had known better than to listen to it. For a year, the CDs had remained on the countertop of their home. Now, though he knew better, Robert had brought them to his third-shift job where he considered listening while he worked.

What was wrong with him?

He was committed to the Lord and to doing what was right. Back in college he'd been on the football team and a big man on campus, partying and having a great time. As soon as he realized that he was being captured by that culture, he quit school, moved home and immersed himself in the Word of God. He'd thrown himself into serving at the church he had attended since middle school.

Since being married, Robert and Tamara had been single-minded in their pursuit of God.

That, he now realized, was the problem.

They were doing everything they knew to do...but something was

missing. They were so *hungry* for more. Didn't Matthew 5:6 say that those who hunger and thirst after righteousness would be satisfied? He and Tamara were seeking the Lord at home in their own private time of worship and through the Word of God. They were serving in the church. And yet they felt ravenous for more.

Robert shoved the CD aside and rubbed his hands over his face, recalling what his pastors taught: It was wrong to listen to any message outside their own pulpit without their approval. Yet he'd never felt so compelled to do something he knew was wrong. With a deep sigh

of conviction, he shoved the CD into the player and turned it on.

Ignited by Faith

"When I listened to that first CD it felt as though I stepped into the light," Robert remembers. "We'd been asking God for more, never imagining that the answer was at home lying on the counter. I called Tamara and said, 'You've got to hear this!'"

"When she got home from her job as a special education teacher, we listened to the entire set of the Great Lakes CDs. What we heard changed our lives. We started learning about the power of our words and how important it is that they





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line up with God’s Word. We started learning how to live by faith!”

At the same time, however, Robert and Tamara were remembering how important it was to honor their pastors.

“While we determined to always honor them, the Lord also emphasized to us that we had to stop being so concerned about what men think about us, and make God’s opinion our top priority. Things were being said about us that weren’t true, but we chose not to be offended. We went to church and honored our pastors by doing just what they wanted. But on our own time, we chose to live by faith the way we were learning from Brother Copeland.”

While practicing the principles of prosperity, they decided to use Tamara’s entire salary that year as seed, over and above their tithe. They

gave as the Lord led them, even buying one person a car.

In addition to his regular job, in August Robert led a football camp for boys at a maximum security prison. Anger and rage erupted into fights so often that the facility maintained a ratio of one staff person for every eight boys. However, on the football field, Robert and one assistant had upward of 40 boys, but not a single fight broke out. It was so unusual that the superintendent brought in a group of state officials to observe.

A Divine Connection

Throughout 2006, 2007 and into the beginning of 2008, the Lord had Robert and Tamara in a type of spiritual boot camp. They listened to the Word and studied their Bibles, sowing, giving and refusing to be offended. Then, it seemed as though everything fell apart.

Robert’s employer lost a contract and Robert lost his job. He started a new business to make up the difference, but then was hit with another disappointment. After three years, the boys’ prison lost its funding and could no longer host the football camp.

As a result, Robert had a week in August with nothing scheduled.

Turns out, that was a good thing.

One day, while visiting the KCM website, Tamara discovered that the ministry’s Great Lakes Believers’ Convention was going to be held in Milwaukee that same week. Deciding to attend, the couple packed the car and drove 19½ hours straight to get to the convention.

“The first night of the convention, Brother Copeland talked about when he attended Oral Roberts University and the Lord had said, *I’m ready for you and I’m ready for you now*,” Robert recalled. “Standing in that audience, Tamara and I each heard the Lord speak those words in our hearts. I was like, ‘Wait! What? *Now*?’”

“During those meetings the Lord confirmed to us that He was calling us into the ministry and He wanted us to leave our church. Brother Copeland said

some things that helped us understand why we needed to leave, but it wasn’t easy for us. Our pastors were the parents of one of my best friends and we loved them,” said Robert.

“The rest of the week we were so stunned we could hardly sleep. We’d heard Brother Copeland say that when he and Gloria had a major decision to make, they sat down and took Communion over it. So we went to our hotel room, took Communion and asked God to help us. The Lord told us, *Brother Jerry has something for you.*”

An Impartation of Anointing

Thursday morning, the Lord instructed Jerry Savelle to lay hands on people and impart the anointing to rise above and overcome the circumstances that would hold them back. He also mentioned the anointing for ministry.

Their pastors were out of town and Robert was scheduled to preach on Sunday morning, so they left following the Friday night service to return home. During the long drive, Robert and Tamara bargained with God about going into ministry.

“Lord, we’re scheduled to be involved in a lot of upcoming events. Can’t we wait until the end of the year?”

No, do it now.

“Well, how about November?”

Now.

They wept all the way home, not knowing how things would play out. The one thing they did know, was that whenever anyone had left their church, they were shunned.

Looking out over the congregation, Robert preached on Sunday morning knowing it would be the last time he would speak into their lives. When the pastors returned home, Robert and Tamara went to meet with them.

Pulling up outside their house, Robert turned to Tamara.

“We’re not going in there to convince them. We’re going to respectfully inform them of what God has told us,” he said. “There’s not going to be any argument; no back and forth. We will act in love.”

With tears streaming down their

faces, Robert and Tamara told their pastors what God had said to them. They also said how much they loved them.

In response, their pastors told them that they would not be welcomed back.

Walking in Love

"People in the church were told that we were disobeying God and our lives were in danger," Tamara says. "We lost all those relationships. It was just Robert and me, with no idea what we were supposed to do next. But because we obeyed God, a great peace fell on us.

"Through the rest of 2008 and into January 2009, it was just KCM and us, as we continued learning and growing. God used Brother Copeland to help us straighten out a lot of wrong teaching and unbelief so it wouldn't spill out of us and onto other people when we stepped out into public ministry.

"During that time, the Lord directed us to call all the people who'd left our church over the years whom we'd shunned. We called and apologized. Many of them stayed mad and offended, but we were getting free.

"We got our 501(c)(3) and started Word of Faith Ministries, holding our first service in January 2009. Over the next six years we had a location where we held services and pastored people. During that time we also went through Jerry Savelle's School of Ministry. We graduated in 2012 and were ordained through him in 2013."

One of the scriptures that came alive to Robert and Tamara was Psalm 5:11-12, "But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield" (*New International Version*).

"We got the revelation that the favor of God is a shield!" Robert explains. "Favor spreads its protection over us!"

They had no idea how soon that shield would be put to the test.

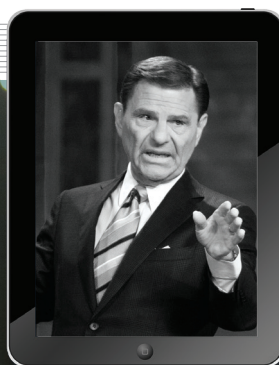
Trial by Fire

It was a beautiful, sunny April day in Connecticut, with just a bite of chill in the air. Robert pulled on his gloves and jacket to ride his motorcycle to run errands, while Tamara opted to use the car for hers. Preparing to leave, Tamara paused. Turning to Robert she said, "Hey Baby, put your helmet on."

Pulling away, she didn't stop to see if he put on the helmet. She didn't even know why she told him to wear it. By Connecticut law, he didn't have to wear one.

At first, Robert didn't bother with the helmet, driving half a mile before coming to a stop sign. Thinking about Tamara's words, he pulled over, took his helmet out and put it on. Pulling back onto a main road, he drove another half mile before stopping at a red light.

Just as the light turned green, Robert heard a loud *pop*, felt a jolt and went airborne. The moment it happened, he realized he'd been hit from behind. It had happened once before when a woman wasn't paying attention and took her foot off the brake at a stoplight.



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Wed	4	Lam. 4-5	Ps. 91
Thu	5	Ezek. 1-3	Ps. 92-93
Fri	6	Ezek. 4-5	Ps. 94
Sat	7	Ezek. 6-7	Ps. 95
Sun	8	Ezek. 8-9	Ps. 96
Mon	9	Ezek. 10-11	Ps. 97
Tue	10	Ezek. 12-13	Ps. 98
Wed	11	Ezek. 14-15	Ps. 99
Thu	12	Ezek. 16-18	Ps. 100-101
Fri	13	Ezek. 19-20	Ps. 102
Sat	14	Ezek. 21-22	Ps. 103
Sun	15	Ezek. 23-24	Ps. 104
Mon	16	Ezek. 25-26	Ps. 105
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Wed	18	Ezek. 29-30	Ps. 107
Thu	19	Ezek. 31-33	Ps. 108-109
Fri	20	Ezek. 34-35	Ps. 110
Sat	21	Ezek. 36-37	Ps. 111
Sun	22	Ezek. 38-39	Ps. 112
Mon	23	Ezek. 40-41	Ps. 113
Tue	24	Ezek. 42-43	Ps. 114
Wed	25	Ezek. 44-45	Ps. 115
Thu	26	Ezek. 46-48	Ps. 116-117
Fri	27	Dan. 1-2	Ps. 118
Sat	28	Dan. 3-4	Ps. 119:1-24
Sun	29	Dan. 5-6	Ps. 119:25-39
Mon	30	Dan. 7-8	Ps. 119:50-72

She'd bumped into his motorcycle, knocking him into the air. He'd landed on his feet and walked away.

Hit Again

Now airborne, he looked down and realized that he was parallel to the ground. *I'll land on my feet*, he reasoned. Turning his body, he landed feet first on the ground. As he took a step, the car hit him a second time, slamming him

facedown onto the street.

The car still didn't stop. Robert's motorcycle was mangled under the right front tire and he was almost under the driver's side tire. Pressing his chest off the ground, he pulled his legs up to keep them out from under the tire as the car kept going.

"*Stop the car!*" he screamed, using his authority against the spirits behind the accident. He screamed again, "*Stop the car!*"

The car continued, shoving and dragging Robert and his motorcycle.

Aggravated, Robert shouted, "*You're not running me over!*"

He rotated his body, putting his left hand on the bumper, trying to push himself out from under the car which was riding on his ribs. At the same time, he focused on keeping his legs out from under the tire.

As though in slow motion, the car came to a stop. Crawling out from under it and standing up, Robert saw a crowd of people watching. Following the direction of the Lord, he lay back down on the street, pulling off his helmet and gloves. Unzipping his jacket, he found his cellphone and dialed Tamara. Handing it to the closest person he said, "Tell her what happened."

A second person said, "Don't worry, buddy! I'm a police officer and I saw the whole thing! You were dragged about 70 feet!"

Emergency vehicles began to arrive.

Through the noise, Robert heard Tamara yell, "Baby, can you see me?" Turning, he saw her bending down to see him between the officer's legs. He smiled and gave her a thumbs-up.

Evidence of a Miracle

In the emergency room, the EMT who had transported Robert from the scene of the mishap, spoke to the doctor.

"There's no evidence to support what I'm about to tell you except several eyewitnesses," he said. "This patient was on a motorcycle, hit twice from behind by a car and dragged about 70 feet. His motorcycle was totaled, but there's

nothing on him that would indicate he's been in an accident."

Doctors poked, and prodded. They ran Robert through CT scans and X-rays.

But they couldn't find a single injury.

"I thought there was a motorcycle accident in here," someone said.

"There is."

"Wait...this is the guy? What kind of gear did he have on?"

"It wasn't the gear."

"*Shhh!* He said something. What did you say?"

"I said it wasn't the gear that kept me safe! It was the *favor of God!*"

Within three hours of being hit, Robert Nichols was released from the hospital and back home. That evening at prayer meeting, he passed around the clothes he'd been wearing.

"Tell me if you find a mark or a tear," he said to the stunned crowd.

There was none.

"Attacks are going to come, that's a given," Robert says. "But we're not supposed to come through beaten and downtrodden. God has given us the victory that overcomes the world. Tamara and I believe that the favor of God was my shield that day, and partnership is part of God's plan of protection. God told us to become Partners with KCM and to attend their meetings. We believe decisions like that are just as important as who we marry, where we live and walking out God's call on our lives. There is a level of protection we enjoy because we're in our place and connected to the people God set in our lives."

In March 2015, God directed Robert and Tamara to travel full time, teaching people their rights through faith. They also plan to start a weekly broadcast through their website (wofmct.org), YouTube and some local stations.

Robert and Tamara Nichols want you to know this: You may go through the fire, but if you're walking by faith in the favor of God, you can come out not only unharmed but without even smelling like smoke. ❷

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Supernatural, Overnight Provision

Last week we had an opportunity to witness supernatural provision take effect in our life overnight. The night before Thanksgiving, our refrigerator stopped working. I had to run out and buy several ice chests, because Thanksgiving dinner was at our house the next day. My wife and I had been watching Pastor George and Gloria on BVOV talk about supernatural provision and Gloria's statement, "What a difference a day can make." So we sat down and sowed our seed, claiming a new refrigerator. Needless to say, that seed went to work right away, and our new stainless steel beauty of a refrigerator arrived Tuesday. And, like Brother Keith Moore says, "It was at no cost to us." Glory to God! Thank you for all you do for the Body of Christ. It is so awesome being Partners together with a ministry of such integrity, vision and revelation.

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Saved and Healed

I recently sent out a prayer request for my aunt who was very ill in the hospital and was confused about accepting the Lord into her life. She did accept Him a few days ago and is recovering very well. Her doctor said she will be out from the hospital early next week. Amen. Thank you KCM prayer team for praying for her. Our God is an awesome God!

S.K. | Ontario

"But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one." 2 Thessalonians 3:3, *New King James Version*

Shingles Attack Was Short-Lived

Thank you for your faithfulness over the years—we know that you always pray for us, your Partners, as we pray for you. Recently, I had an attack of shingles. And

because of your teaching on healing and standing on the Word, it was short-lived. No pain and a bit of itching that was held to one lower leg. Praise God!

D.P. | Saskatchewan

Our Business Was Launched by God

I just want to praise God regarding my business. I requested prayer a few weeks ago as my husband and I were planning to start a business. God opened a door for us, and we got our first order to supply our product (laundry mesh bags) to one of the supermarkets. So

praise God! Thank you for your prayers. They were impressed with our product. There was a total of 120 bags made by us and the supermarket bought all of them. This is nothing but the hand of God. I want to thank you for keeping us in prayer. God bless you all.

I.K.

Sri Lanka

Overnight Recovery

Thanks to the Lord, our grandson has been completely healed of a ruptured bowel. He was operated on, prayer was sent out and seed was sown Jan. 20. The next day, he was healed! No aches or pains after that.

Norman and Heather M. | New Brunswick

'He Cares for Every Little Detail'

During the two-week BVOV broadcast with Jeremy Pearsons, New Year's 2015, Jesus literally became my Great Shepherd! I had particular needs, nothing of great urgency but important to me. After my devotions, I took a routine walk to the grocery store, but

went a different way than usual. Because it had just rained and the snow was melting, the garbage from weeks before was exposed. I crossed the road and before stepping on the curb I looked down and instantly recognized God's new mercy for that day. He proved again that He cares for every little detail of my life.

Waterlogged and slowly disintegrating, the envelope fell apart. Only the 20s, 10s and 5s remained crisp. I received \$105 in cold (literally) hard cash. So I was able to fulfill my routine for that day with even more to sow as offering. God is great in all things big and small!

P.R. | Ontario

Miracles Are Happening!

I asked you for prayer for many people...now I have downloaded your five mountain-moving prayers. I've been praying, applying and confessing God's Word, and miracles are happening. People are being healed and restored, and it's exciting to see how great our God is. People are being set free and your website is like an energy drink—just better. Once you start reading, it's hard to stop. Thank you so much for your prayers, website and encouragement. Together we are warriors in Christ Jesus.

Yolandi K.
Free State, South Africa

Praise God for His Goodness!

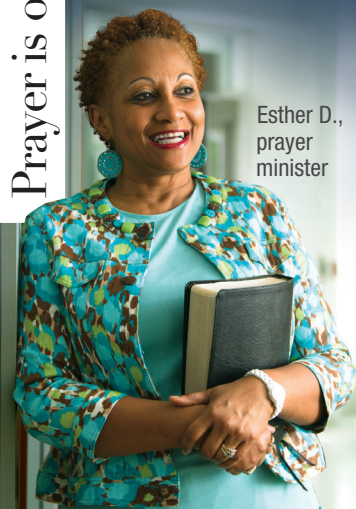
I want to praise God for His goodness upon my life. My husband has been offered a new job. Praise God!

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Provision and Protection

Praise God for the opportunity
He has given me to visit my
child in Baybay, Leyte.

And I thank God for His
protection: The van I was in
nearly hit an older man who
was crossing the road. When
I shouted, "Praise God!" the
van stopped near the man
and didn't hit him.
A.B.

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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Avoiding the Enemy's Setup

The Bible clearly tells us that we have an enemy. His name is Satan. And he works against us. But we don't have to fall prey to his plans!

The devil is our adversary.

He's always working against us and looking for ways to keep us from enjoying the victorious life Jesus has bought and paid for on our behalf.

He is the accuser of God's people—always looking to take action against us.

But the truth is, the devil has no right to do any of those things unless we allow him.

We don't have to participate in his setups!

We're Not Ignorant

Paul warns us clearly in 2 Corinthians 2:11 that the way to keep Satan from getting an advantage over us is by not being ignorant of his devices—his tricks and schemes. He uses devices against us that are totally within our reach to take back and overthrow his setup.

The word *devices* can mean plans “thought out.” Satan's most common device is to get us to fall into his way of thinking.

God's Word is clear regarding how to steer



clear of the devil's devices. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians is his final word on the disciplinary action of the man in that church who had been involved in an adulterous affair. The church had already obeyed Paul's direction to put the man out of the church. Now, Paul basically says to them: “That's enough.” Then he told them how to deal with the man going forward.

In 2 Corinthians 2:6-10, Paul says:

Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye

be obedient in all things. To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ.

Then comes the admonishment: “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices” (verse 11).

What was Paul saying?

He was warning them to not fall for Satan's “setup.” He was saying, “Don't be ignorant to the tricks the devil uses, but instead treat the man the way Christ would treat him. *Forgive the man. Comfort the man. Love the man.*”

Paul didn't say, “Go ahead, let him live however he wants and just put up with him.” No. He said forgive, comfort and love. That's the nature of God. It's the way God thinks and acts toward all of us.

Contrary to God's plan



Don't let the offense go on.

Setting our hearts to walk in forgiveness will make all the difference in our daily lives.

in forgiving us through the person of Jesus Christ, the devil's device is to keep us in a state of unforgiveness—neither loving nor comforting the man.

This device of the devil is one of the most dangerous, subtle things he does. It's one of the most widespread and most effective tactics and devices he has used in the Body of Christ since the beginning. And it's not just that the enemy will tempt you to not forgive other people. He will tempt you to judge other people. Forgiving is the opposite of judging. If you forgive, you don't judge. If you judge, you don't forgive.

Jesus Set the Standard

In Matthew 5:22 Jesus said, "Whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire" (*New King James Version*). What is he talking about? Why is this so serious?

The word *Raca* is basically calling the person an "empty-headed idiot." It's like saying he is good for nothing, worthless, valueless. This idle talk (after all, this person had no cause to be angry—he hadn't been sinned against) was bound to come back on him, according to Jesus. "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36).

Words like this are part of the devil's vocabulary. They are the kind of words he uses

as an adversary, accuser and destroyer.

What if this causeless name-calling is directed at someone who is weak in faith and doesn't know his true identity in Christ? We don't know how our words will affect people, but words like this will most likely do serious damage to the person.

Jesus goes on to say in Matthew 5:23-25, "If thou bring thy gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge...and thou be cast into prison."

Those are strong words, but Jesus is clear: Don't let the offense go on...be made right with your brother!

Matthew 7:1-2 tells us to "judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

In short, walk in the way of Jesus.

Don't Judge—Forgive!

Judge not! Forgive! Love! Those words are contrary to the devil's devices.

Setting our hearts to walk in forgiveness will make all the difference in our daily

There are two very practical ways to give the Word first place in your life.

1 First, plan your schedule around the Word instead of trying to squeeze the Word into your schedule.

2 Second, give the Word priority in your life by acting on it.

lives, because it will stop the devil in his tracks. When we forgive, we put the devil in his place and close the door to his setups. Living in love and forgiveness will open doors to the promises of God to flood our lives.

One of the most beloved passages of Scripture for my wife, Phyllis, and myself, are these words of Jesus in Mark 11:22-24: "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say to this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

We use this scripture as our stand of faith for everything in life!

Take a look at the two verses that follow: "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (verses 25-26).

If Mark 11:22-24 is for us, then how much more are verses 25 and 26 for us? They go together. And the devil knows more than we do just how important those verses are. That's why he is continually tempting us to

not forgive and to not walk in love!

Jesus paid the price for us to walk in love and forgiveness. We do not have to let the devil set us up and use his devices against us.

The Holy Ghost, through the Apostle James, gave us a whole epistle about loving, living free of judgment and walking in forgiveness. Your faith will be built as you read the words of the Holy Ghost that expound on the life of Christ lived out in the life of believers. (Take time to read it soon!)

James tells us exactly how to stay free of the devil's devices. He says, "Submit yourselves...to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:7, 10).

In other words, live according to what God has done for you! Live by Jesus' words. Live free of judgment. Live a life of forgiveness. Walk in love toward the people God has placed in your life.

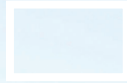
This way of living will put the devil in his place, and keep him out of your life! 🕊

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THE DEVIL'S WORST NIGHTMARE

I think one of the devil's favorite pastimes is telling believers how big their problems are. He does it all the time. It seems he's always trying to discourage us about one thing or another. But next time he tries it on you, here's a thought that will encourage you: The devil is actually the one with the problem!



He has a problem that's not only massive, unlike the temporary difficulties you may be facing, his is permanent and getting worse every day.

Just think about the situation he is in right now. Because of what Jesus accomplished 2,000 years ago through His life, death

and resurrection, the kingdom of darkness has been utterly defeated. Jesus has stripped Satan of the authority he stole from Adam in the Garden of Eden and taken back everything that was lost to mankind through sin.

As 1 John 3:8 says: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he

might destroy the works of the devil."

The word *destroy* means "to ruin; to bring to naught; to spoil completely as to destroy a government." In other words, Jesus reduced Satan to zero. He took away from him everything he'd gained through the Fall of Man and left him with no legal rights and no power.

None.

As if that wasn't humiliating enough, Jesus made things even worse for the devil by instituting the new birth. He made it possible for people like you and me, who were once held captive and contaminated by sin, to become new creatures in Christ. Jesus made us His joint heirs and gave us His power and authority. He put Satan and all his demonic hosts under our feet and said: "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

I'm sure the devil wishes that verse wasn't in the Bible. He'd like you to think he only has to flee from Jesus. But that's not true. The Bible makes it clear, the devil has to flee from *you*. Why? Because you have Jesus living on the inside of you and, as 1 John 4:4 says, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Talk about big problems! Satan has no power of his own left to use against you. The only way he can get any foothold in your life at all, is by deceiving you into using your own power against yourself. And he can only do that by getting you to believe what he says instead of what God's Word says.

If you refuse to buy his lies, if you find out what the Word says, believe it and act on it, Satan can't stand before you any more than he stood before Jesus. When you resist him in

the Name of Jesus, he has to run from you, as one translation says, *as if in terror!* Because you have the right and the position to use the Name, Satan has to do what you say. We are told to cast out devils in Jesus' Name (Mark 16:17).

Not an Unworthy Dog, a Child of God

"Yes, I know that's what the Bible says," you might say, "but I have a hard time wrapping my mind around it. I can't see how someone like me could be much of a problem for the devil."

Then you need to start seeing yourself differently!

Instead of seeing yourself from a natural perspective, you need to see yourself as the New Testament describes you:

As having been re-created in the very image and likeness of Jesus (Colossians 3:10).

As a partaker of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).

As a son or daughter of God who is so much like Jesus that the Bible says, "As He is, so are [you] in this world" (1 John 3:2, 4:17).

Although it's sad to say, that's not how many Christians have been taught to think about themselves. They've been taught

they're unworthy sinners. They've been trained to see themselves as nobodies who aren't anything at all like God. But nothing could be further from the truth.

We're God's children—and children are like their parents!

I'll always remember when I had my first baby. After the delivery, the nurse handed little Kellie to me and she looked like a beautiful papoose. With a thatch of dark hair and dark olive skin, she was the prettiest baby I'd ever seen. I was totally delighted with her.

If she'd looked like a little monkey, though, I would have been disappointed. I would have felt bad. I didn't want her to look like some other species. I wanted her to be a human being. I wanted her to look like Ken and me!

The same thing is true of

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God. He's your heavenly Father. He didn't create you to be different than Himself. He didn't create you to be a lower class of being than He is. He made you as much like Himself as He possibly could.

The reason you don't act very much like Him at times is because you still have some spiritual growing to do. I do too. So does every other believer. We're all born again as spiritual babies, so like natural babies, we start out immature. If we'll continually feed on the Word, however, and develop our spiritual muscles by doing what God says, we'll keep growing up into the likeness of Jesus until eventually "we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto

and work through us, just like He lived in and worked through Jesus when He ministered on earth.

That's right! Just as "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil" (Acts 10:38), we've been made partakers of the same anointing so we can do the same thing. We've been equipped to operate just like Jesus did. We've been authorized and empowered to minister in His place, in His Name, as His representatives, with all the power that was vested in Him being manifested through us! The Bible says that believers shall lay hands on the sick and they (the sick) shall recover (Mark 16:18).

How is such a thing possible?

showing us that we truly are one with the Lord.

I remember one flash of insight He gave me a few years ago that really helped me a lot. It came to me one day when I was checking on some construction work being done here at the ministry. While I was looking around the building site I noticed several long beams lying on the ground that hadn't yet been put in place. They caught my attention because they weren't just single slats of wood. Each beam was composed of four or five boards that had been laminated together.

As I looked at them, I suddenly remembered John 17:21 where Jesus prayed for believers, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me,

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a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Notice, according to that verse, every full-grown son of God looks just like Jesus! As believers that's our ultimate destination and, although we're not there yet, we can move closer to it every day. All we have to do is keep looking into the mirror of the Word, keep seeing ourselves as God sees us, and we will be "changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Laminated Together

For us, this is an exciting process! For the devil, on the other hand, it must be very depressing—especially given that he also has another problem when it comes to dealing with us: God has given us His Holy Spirit to live in

Because of our union with Him.

According to the Bible, "He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit [with Him]" (1 Corinthians 6:17). We're united with Jesus as surely as a husband and wife are united in marriage. As the Apostle Paul explained it: "We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:30-32).

This mystery of our union with Jesus is another scriptural truth the devil wishes he could keep hidden. He's fought for centuries to keep us from seeing the reality of it. But he's fighting a losing battle. More and more these days the Holy Spirit is revealing it to our hearts. He's

and I in thee, that they also may be one in us."

These boards are a good illustration of what Jesus was talking about! I thought. Although they can still be identified individually, they are all one because they've been joined together. You can't pick up one of them without the other. You can't move one without moving the other.

That's what it means to be one spirit with Jesus!

It means when you move, He moves. When He moves, you move. When you minister to someone, Jesus ministers to them by His Spirit. When you lay hands on the sick, He lays hands on the sick. When you command a disease to leave a person's body, it obeys you just exactly the same way it would obey Jesus if He were here—because He *is* here.

He lives in you!

Millions of Us...and We're Still Multiplying

This is what Jesus explained to His disciples just before He went to the cross. He told them that, through our union with Him, all of us, as believers, would be able to carry on His ministry after He ascended to the Father. He said: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:12-14).

The disciples in the early Church believed those words and acted on them. They didn't mess things up with a lot of silly religious ideas. Unlike many Christians today, during the three years they were with Jesus, they'd been taught well. They hadn't been told things like, "Sometimes healing isn't God's will. So you never really know what He's going to do."

On the contrary! The first disciples knew that God always wants to heal, that He wants His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, and there's certainly no sickness in heaven! They knew what God was going to do where healing was concerned, because they'd seen Jesus heal every sick person who came to Him for help. "He healed them all" (Matthew 12:15), even when there were multitudes.

What's more, Jesus had commanded them as His disciples to do the same. When He sent the 12 and the 70 out to preach, He didn't say, "When you go and heal the sick, be sure you don't heal anyone who's unworthy. Be sure you don't heal any sinners. Just heal the people who've been going to the synagogue and doing all the things they should do." No, He said, "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: **FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE**" (Matthew 10:7-8).

This is why the early Church in

Jerusalem had such tremendous success. His disciples knew their job and they did it—and Jesus backed them with His power every step of the way.

Now it's our turn. Today, you and I are the ones representing Jesus on the earth. We are His Body. We're one spirit with Him. We're born again in His image. Spiritually, we look just like Him and when we act just like Him, we get exactly the same results He got because we have the Holy Spirit within us empowering us to do His works.

We're the devil's worst nightmare!

Just look at what Satan has to contend with these days. Almost anywhere you go you run into born-again people. We're everywhere. Instead of there being just one Jesus on earth, there are millions of us walking around doing His works and fulfilling the plan of God.

If the devil wasn't so evil, I'd almost feel sorry for him. He doesn't know what to do with all of us. He thought things looked bad 2,000 years ago on the day of Pentecost, when just a few thousand people got born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. But he hadn't seen anything yet.

These days, we're multiplying constantly. We're multiplying through the television because the gospel is being preached 24/7 on TV. We're multiplying through church meetings and conventions and CD messages and DVDs. We're multiplying through radio broadcasts and the Internet.

Everywhere. All the time. People are hearing the Word, being re-created in the likeness of Jesus, getting baptized in the Holy Spirit, and learning how to carry on His ministry on the earth.

Think about that next time the devil tries to talk to you about the problems you're facing. Remind him of it. Say, "Devil, I'm an overcomer in Jesus and I'm part of the biggest company of believers who have ever walked the face of this earth. You're the one with the problem—and we're it!"

If you start talking like that, he won't stick around very long. He'll cover his ears, look at you in terror and flee! 🗨️

points to get you there

The Devil's Worst Nightmare

The devil likes telling believers how big their problems are. But next time he tries that on you, remember he's actually the one with the problem! He's an utterly defeated foe and Jesus has put him under your feet. So don't let him discourage you. Rise up in the authority Jesus has given you and become the devil's worst nightmare! Here are some points to get you there:

1 Jesus has stripped Satan of all his authority and reduced him to zero.

1 John 3:8: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

2 When you resist the devil, he must flee from you because, as a believer, you have Jesus living inside you.

1 John 4:4: "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

3 When the devil looks at you he sees Jesus, because you've been born again in His image.

1 John 4:17: "...as [Jesus] is, so are we in this world."

4 God has given you the Holy Spirit to live in and work through you just like He lived in and worked through Jesus when He was on earth.

Acts 10:38: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

5 Because you are in union with Jesus, when you move, He moves.

1 Corinthians 6:17 (*New King James Version*): "He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."



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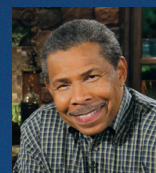
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