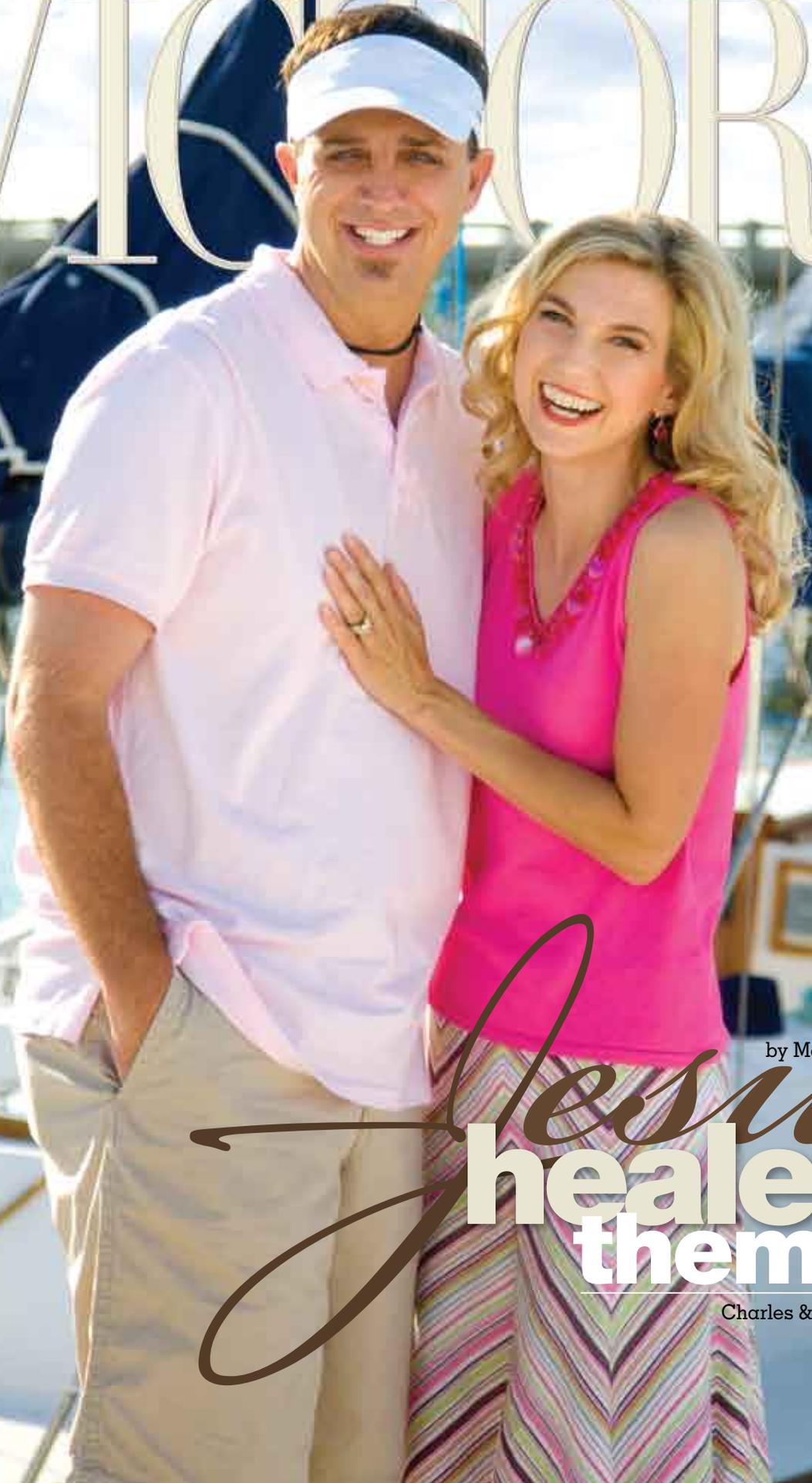


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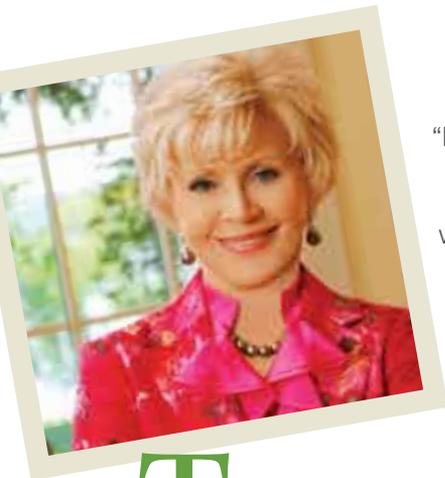
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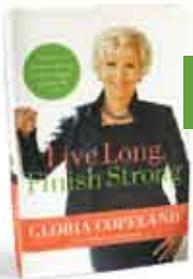
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# RAVENS, Lilies *the* TREASURE HOUSE of GOD

IF YOU'VE BEEN STRESSING  
OUT OVER MONEY AND  
WORRYING ABOUT HOW  
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ENDS  
MEET, I HAVE TWO WORDS  
FOR YOU TODAY. *STOP IT.*

That may not sound very elegant but it's scriptural. It's a short version of what Jesus said in Luke 12:22-23: "Take no thought for your life [*do not be anxious and troubled with cares; don't worry about*], what ye shall eat; neither

for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment."

It's not hard to figure out that if Jesus said that 2,000 years ago and He never changes, then if He were standing here in the flesh



today He'd say the same thing to us. He wouldn't modify His instructions just because the world is experiencing an economic downturn. He wouldn't coddle believers who are worrying themselves sick about their financial future and say, "There, there now, I understand why you're so upset. After all, these are difficult times."

No, He'd be as straight with us today as He was with people back then. He'd say, *Stop it!*

"Yeah, but Brother Copeland, I just got laid off from my job."

Stop worrying. Your job is not your financial source.

"I haven't been able to find any decent-paying work."

Take no thought. God has plenty of work for you to do and He'll pay you better than any other employer ever will.

"Brother Copeland, get real! I'm not a preacher like you are. I can't just focus on serving God. I have to work for a living. I have to toil to earn my money like the Bible says—*by the sweat of my brow.*"

No, you don't. Whoever told you that lied to you. The Bible doesn't say anything about born-again believers toiling for a living. Toiling is part of the curse that came on mankind through sin; and those of us who have made Jesus the Lord of our lives are redeemed from it. We've inherited THE BLESSING of Abraham, and "the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22). The words *sorrow* and *toil* are interchangeable. They mean the same thing, and we've been redeemed from both of them.

## Janitors With Jets

In the kingdom of God, wealth is not based on where we're employed or what line of work we do. (I'm not saying we don't work. I'm saying we don't work *for a living.*) As believers, we work on assignment for Jesus. We do the job He directs us to do and, through THE BLESSING, He supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory.

In the kingdom of God, a janitor can have a jet.

I know what you're thinking. You're wondering why on earth a janitor would want a jet. It depends on what he does with his weekends. If he spends them traveling the world preaching the gospel, a jet would be the only way he could do it.

If that sounds far out to you, think of it this way. What if you and your older brother were joint heirs to the world's largest fortune and your brother needed you to help him mop the church floors for a month? If the church was far enough from the house, you might fly your jet to work.

It would be no big deal, really. After all, you're not going over there to mop for a living. You're going because your

brother needs you there. He asked you to go and there's no way you're going to turn him down. That's the kind of relationship you have with him. He does anything you ask him to do, and you do anything he asks you to do.

"If the kingdom of God really works that way," you might ask, "why don't we see more wealthy janitors in the Church?"

Because God's people are thinking wrong. They think they have to live on what they can earn sweeping floors or flipping burgers. They work to make money instead of working on assignment. They let their minds be affected by the fear-based, covetous mentality of the world that says, "Get a job. Any job!" and without asking the Lord what He needs them to do, they just jump on the best possible paycheck.

As a result, they get out of the will of God. Instead of being in the right place at the right time, they find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time with nothing working—financially or any other way.

But I'm here to tell you it's time for that to change. It's time for all of us, as believers, to realize we don't want just any job. We want *the* job. We want the job God has planned for us because that's where He needs us to be. We want to be about our Father's business—fulfilling His assignment.

If we'll all take that attitude, it won't make any difference how much that job pays—or even if it pays at all. What does it matter? We are joint heirs with Jesus to the greatest fortune the world has ever seen. We have inherited THE BLESSING that makes us rich and adds no sorrow with it.

## Don't Miss Your Opportunity

Read Mark 10 and you'll see that's the way Jesus tried to get the rich young ruler to think. Even though the man was rich, he knew something was missing in his life. When he asked Jesus what to do about it, Jesus said, "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me" (Mark 10:21).

Think about that. Jesus offered the man apostleship. He offered him a deal that would satisfy his spiritual longing for eternal life *and* increase his financial wealth a hundredfold (verse 30). But the man turned it down. He "went away grieved: for he had great possessions" (verse 22).

How could he make such a mistake? His thinking was messed up. The way he saw it, what Jesus was telling him to do would land him in the poorhouse. He figured that if he sold his goods, gave to the poor and went to work for Jesus, he'd go broke. He took thought about his financial future and missed the biggest opportunity of his life.

In Psalm 112, on the other hand, we find a man who does just the opposite. He reverences God and delights in

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doing whatever God tells him to do. He is living in THE BLESSING and, even amid dark times when the world around him is full of evil tidings, he and God are having a great time. He's giving to the poor. He's being gracious and compassionate with his finances.

As a result, wealth and riches are in his house. He is guiding his affairs with good judgment, making sound decisions, being at the right place at the right time. His thinking isn't clouded by anxiety and covetousness. He is thinking like a covenant man ought to think, busying himself with the work of God...and he is prospering.

## Follow the Instructions

How do we learn to think like the man in Psalm 112?

Just follow the instructions Jesus gave us in Luke 12:22-24: "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?"

Notice, Jesus didn't just say, "Think about the little ravens." No, He said, "*Consider them.*" Study them. Meditate on them. Change your way of thinking so you think like they do.

Are ravens sweating and straining, trying to get enough set aside to retire? Certainly not. They don't even have barns to set anything aside in.

That doesn't mean we shouldn't save money. It's not wrong to have storehouses and barns. What *is* wrong is spending all your time thinking about the stock market, interest rates and what's happening with Social Security because you're trying to provide for your own future.

It's not your job to secure your future. God has already taken care of it. As you trust Him and follow Him, He may lead you to invest in one thing or another. He may direct you to put certain amounts in savings. But the one thing He is sure to do is lead you to invest in the gospel, because that's the only investment that's guaranteed.

Peter found that out before he was an apostle—on the day he let Jesus preach from his boat. Peter didn't have money on his mind when he did it. As far as he knew, he was just helping out a preacher.

Most likely, he didn't even realize he was investing in the gospel, but he was. So, in return, Jesus led him into the

greatest business opportunity of his life. "Peter," He said after He finished teaching, "let's launch out into the deep and go fishing."

Of course, Peter was skeptical. He worked as a fisherman and he knew, even if this preacher didn't, it was the wrong time of day to catch anything. "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing:" he said, "nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5).

Notice, Peter was thinking about toil. Jesus didn't say anything about toiling. He didn't say, "Let's go out on the lake and go to work." He said, "Let's catch fish."

Peter's toiling for a living drove the fish away. Jesus' faith in THE BLESSING drew every fish in the Sea of Galilee to the boat, produced a catch that changed the neighborhood fish market for who knows how long, and proved to Peter that Jesus knew more about providing for his future than he did.

That was the day Peter started thinking more like a raven.

"But, Brother Copeland," you might say, "I'm not sure Jesus will do for me what He did for Peter. I'm not a great apostle like he was. I'm just a little nobody. I'm so unworthy."

I said it before and I'm saying it again: *Stop it! Stop that kind of thinking.* It's religious garbage and it's contrary to Jesus' instructions. He said we are to focus on how precious we are to God. We're to consider the ravens and realize we're far more valuable to our heavenly Father than they are. We're to meditate on the fact that if He provides their food and they don't have to earn it, He'll do much more for us—His very own children!

## Feed the Hungry and Dress Like a King

The ravens, all by themselves, are enough to chase away worry and put smiles on our faces. But according to Jesus, there's more for us to meditate on. He said we should also "consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Luke 12:27-28).

If you really pay attention to what those verses are saying, you'll realize this is shouting ground. Jesus is telling us God is willing and able to clothe us better than He clothed Solomon in the Old Testament. Talk about a well-dressed

man! Solomon wore the best of the best, yet God promises us wardrobes that put his in the shade.

How many multiplied thousands of Christians are making do with hand-me-downs and garage-sale stuff, thinking they are pleasing God and being humble? And all the while God wants to dress them better than the lilies!

“Well, I just don’t think we ought to spend much money on clothes,” someone might say. “People are starving all over the world. We ought to be using our finances to help them.”

Why not do both? Why not feed millions of people and dress like kings at the same time? Then teach them to do the same thing by making Jesus their source.

We can do it if we’ll believe God! He has made us rich beyond our wildest imagination! He has “blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). Our Lord Jesus Christ, though He was rich, for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty can be wealthy beyond anything we could ever ask or think (2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 3:20).

It’s an absolute shame that with all those verses in the Bible, right there where we can read and believe them, many believers still worry because they can’t pay their mortgages. They still just *hope and pray* God will bless them.

All the while, He has already done it. He blessed us all before the foundation of the world with more than we could ever dream.

What we must do now is receive it. We must increase our faith—our capacity to believe what God has provided for us. We must change our thinking by doing what Jesus told us to do. Instead of stressing out over money and worrying about making ends meet, we must take God’s thoughts by meditating on the birds and the lilies.

We must take His thoughts by saying, “I am worth more to God than birds. God feeds them and He feeds me even better. He dresses me better than Solomon, better than

the lilies. I don’t have to work for a living. I work for Jesus. I seek His kingdom and everything else is added to me.”

Come on, let’s do it!

Let’s take such thoughts and say them over...and over... and over...until we start saying them without even thinking about it.

I can tell you from experience, when you do that, you’ve changed your way of thinking. You’ve come up to the place where you’re no longer thinking like the world. You’ve stepped out of the lowlife mentality of scraping out a living for yourself and stepped into the treasure house of God.

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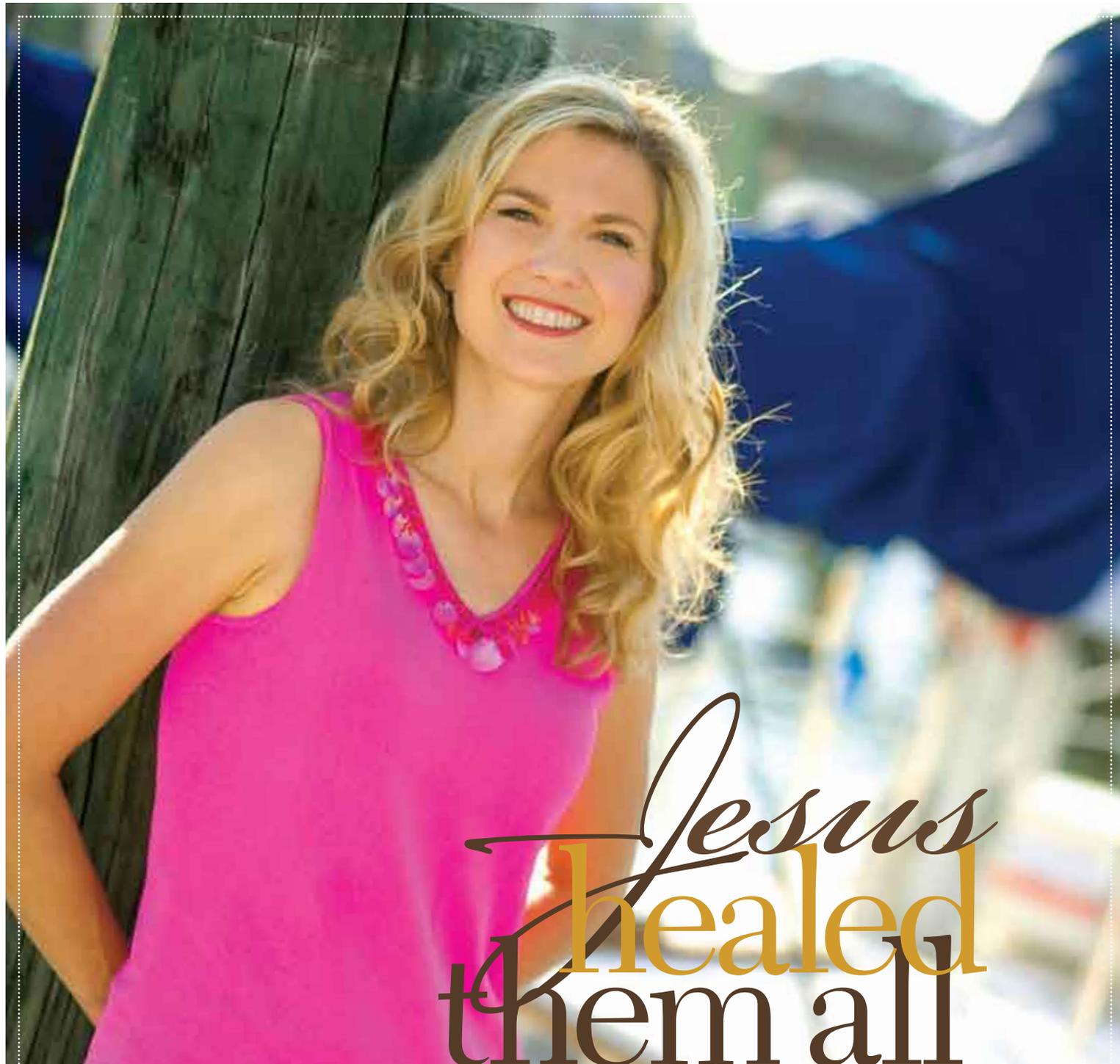
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# Jesus healed them all

**C**athy Asbridge lifted 3-month-old Tripp from his crib and inhaled his scent. He smelled like warm milk and giggles. He looked like joy on a sun-dappled morning. He felt warm as the Florida sun when it kissed the world awake each day. Speaking to him in a singsong lilt, she nuzzled the soft skin under his chin until laughter shook his whole body.

BY MELANIE HENRY

Cathy's husband, Charles, was the youth pastor at a thriving church, and in years past Cathy had enjoyed teaching high-school chemistry and biology. But motherhood was the role for which she'd been created, and God had answered her yearning for a child.

Grabbing Tripp's diaper bag, Cathy was careful not to let the strap slide across the tender spot on her right forearm. Her bracelets had caught on a mole there so she'd had it removed, and now it was sore. Before she could settle into the rocker and feed Tripp, the telephone rang and she answered it to find her dermatologist on the line.

"The mole was malignant?" she repeated in hopes the words would somehow make sense.

"Melanoma?" she asked. "What does that mean?"

Cathy listened to the doctor without noticing she had dug her fingernails into the soft flesh of her palm. Apparently it meant that if she didn't have more surgery to remove cancerous cells, she wouldn't be around to celebrate Tripp's fifth birthday.

### Finding Faith

"I was paralyzed with fear," Cathy recalls. "We attended a wonderful church filled with people who loved the Lord, but there was no teaching on divine healing. I was trying to figure out how I should deal with the situation in the natural as well as spiritually, and I felt so confused. If that weren't bad enough, everyone had an opinion about what I should do and what doctors I should see. I felt more lonely and misunderstood than I had in my entire life."

Charles tried not to let Cathy see how devastated he felt. She was the answer to his prayers and he couldn't imagine life without her. Struggling to deal with her diagnosis, he reached back into his childhood to uncover long-forgotten spiritual truths. He remembered the time when his mother had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and her pastor had preached against it and then asked her to leave the church.

"I didn't realize it until we faced this situation, but I think I inherited some of my mother's stubbornness where the Word of God is concerned," Charles explains. "My mother always had teaching tapes playing and most of the time she listened to Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. She also read books by Smith Wigglesworth and John G. Lake. So when people tried to tell us it wasn't always God's will to heal,

I *knew* that wasn't true. I realized we were facing a battle for which we weren't spiritually prepared. I asked God to keep Cathy alive while we found our footings in faith. I didn't have the answers we needed, but I knew where to get them. I found the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast on television and we began watching it."

Meanwhile the doctor kept cutting an ever-widening area out of Cathy's arm in an attempt to get margins clear of malignancy. In time he took an inch wide swath of tissue. Afterward the doctor explained that with clear margins there was less than a 5-percent chance the cancer would ever return.

Those odds sounded good. While Charles continued to watch the *BVOV* broadcast, for the most part he and Cathy rested on those percentages.

### Fighting Fear and Confusion

Life picked up its normal rhythm and three years later, in 2001, Cathy gave birth to a daughter, Lauren-Ashley. A year later, in 2002, she noticed a suspicious mole on the back of her left arm so she went back to the doctor and had it removed.

"The mole was malignant melanoma," the doctor said. His words shattered the illusion of safety in the odds.

"I refused to go back to surgery," Cathy remembers. "I was more concerned about feeding my body what it needed to heal and protecting it from toxins. I embraced holistic medicine using things like black salve and drinking the juice of fresh fruits and vegetables. I felt pulled in every direction by well-meaning people who wanted me to do things their way. Even Charles was preaching to me and I resisted that approach. At church that Wednesday night I played the flute and Charles played the guitar to the song 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus.' I realized I had to simply trust Jesus to get me through."

Part of Cathy's confusion stemmed from hearing people say it wasn't always God's will to heal. At home while tending to her two children, Cathy read every miracle in the Bible. She didn't find a single time when God refused to heal anyone. Nor did she find any situation where God said, "No, I'm not going to heal you because I'm teaching you a lesson." Those beliefs were the traditions of men, they weren't



The Holy Spirit spoke to me and said four simple words. God keeps His promises. It was so simple. I believed it.



From left to right, Tripp, Christopher, Lauren-Ashley and Anne-Christian Asbridge.



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scriptural. Standing her ground, she refused more surgery.

### Putting First Things First

Charles watched Cathy drink carrot juice, fret over what deodorant to use, and which hair products were safe. As long as she followed her strict regimen, she seemed at peace. But whenever she ate the wrong thing fear threatened to strangle her.

“Look,” Charles said, “it’s OK if you drink carrot juice. You can use magnets and ozone machines. There’s nothing wrong with breathing pure oxygen. I don’t care if you eat tree bark, but nothing can take the place of God’s Word in your life.”

She didn’t hear him. The more he pressured her, the more fractured their marriage became. Like Cathy, Charles felt alone and misunderstood. Most of his friends and family thought he was a horrible husband because he didn’t force her to have surgery. They all seemed to think he’d lost his sanity.

Doubt and fear stalked Charles until he wondered if faith in God’s promises would work. Alone in the living room, he wrestled with the problem. Then he made an uncompromising decision. He stomped his foot and said, “No! I’m standing on God’s Word! I refuse to get off of it! I’ll never point my finger at God and say His Word isn’t enough. If there’s a problem it’s with me, not God!”

At that moment, Charles stopped caring what everyone else thought. God’s opinion was the only one that mattered.

### Letting Go

“God gave me two instructions,” Charles explains. “He told me to let go—that I was to give my wife to Him every morning. At that moment, I realized the best place for Cathy was in His hands. The second thing He told me was to pray and believe for Him to send someone into Cathy’s life who would speak God’s Word to her in a way she could hear and receive.”

In obedience, Charles gave Cathy to the Lord every morning. He stopped preaching to her, and instead became a loving, supportive

husband. While he still prayed and confessed God’s Word over her, he did it in private. He anointed her pillow and bedsheets, but kept quiet with her.

Then one day Cathy came home and told him about running into an old friend. “She was the answer to my prayers,” Charles recalls. “She became Cathy’s prayer partner and encourager. She spoke the truth about God’s Word and Cathy received it with joy.”

God gave Charles a revelation of Proverbs 30:5, “Every word of God proves true. He defends all who come to him for protection” (*New Living Translation-96*). Charles preached that word, confessed it and painted it on the youth fellowship wall.

Cathy dug into the Scriptures and found four words that leapt off the page and dove into her heart.

*Jesus healed them all.*

### Feeding Faith

“I began confessing that I was a living testimony of God’s healing power,” Cathy recalls. “I didn’t see that in the natural but it was what God’s Word said so I believed it and confessed it. I also claimed Psalm 118:17 and confessed that I would not die but live and declare the works of the Lord.”

Charles knew they needed to attend faith boot camp so he ordered teaching materials by Kenneth and Gloria. In the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, Brother Copeland had launched a campaign against fear. The first series Charles ordered was *Delivered From Fear*, which taught them how to turn the tables on fear.

“Until I ordered the series on love I never realized that love really does cast out fear,” Charles says. When they listened to *Releasing God’s Love in You*, they realized that fear calls God a liar and love really does drive out fear. Next, they ordered a series on faith and learned how to live and stand in faith. After that they ordered *Unlimited Victory—The Perfect Law of Liberty*. Through those teachings they learned the power of living life with a limitless God. They were learning to live in victory!

Charles and Cathy continued to delve into the Word of God concerning healing,

standing on the Word, confessing it and refusing to give place to fear. Two years later, in 2004, Cathy gave birth to another daughter, Anne-Christian.

### A Future and a Hope

In 2005, a mole appeared on Cathy's chest. It was malignant melanoma. Fear haunted them, but they were no longer paralyzed by it. They spoke to the fear and commanded it to leave. They spoke the Word of God, confessing it over Cathy. They got Dodie Osteen's book, *Healed of Cancer*, and confessed all 40 of the scriptures in the back of the book. By now they were attending a faith church and were surrounded by faith-filled words and prayers.

"One night I walked back to the bedroom after checking on the children," Cathy remembers. "I looked out the window and saw a perfectly full moon. At that moment the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said four simple words. *God keeps His promises*. It was so simple. God keeps His promises. I believed it.

"That same year, I was privileged to go to the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. While there, a woman I didn't know prayed for my healing and then switched over into prayer about my ministry. I thought it was odd since I was a stay-at-home mom. A while later we visited my parents' church where I went forward for prayer. Someone started praying for my healing and then slipped over into praying for my ministry. That same year we went on a mission trip to Peru where a friend prayed for me. The next thing I knew she was praying over my ministry! I finally got the message. God was letting me know I had a future."

A year later, in 2006, Cathy gave birth to their fourth child, Christopher.

### One Word From God

On Oct. 31, 2008, Charles was invited to attend a meeting about inner city ministry in the heart of downtown Tampa, Fla. He didn't know any of the ministers and was surprised when a man with a long beard, who looked like a vagrant, walked into the room. The man was not what he appeared. He asked Charles to hold out his hands. Pouring anointing oil over them, he prophesied: "God wants you to know that the reason your wife is alive is that you held back death by your faith. From this day, that death is broken off of your home and it will never return."

Afterward, Charles called Cathy. Sobbing, he said two words. "*It's over!*"

Those prophetic words proved true. From that day to this, malignant melanoma has never again raised its ugly head against Cathy. She is healthy and strong, as are all four children and Charles. Together, she and Charles pastor LifeChurch in Lakeland, Fla.

"If it weren't for Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, my wife would be dead," Charles says. "I would be the father of one child. I wouldn't be in ministry today. I would have missed everything God had for me. I'm reaping those rewards because over 40 years ago Kenneth and Gloria accepted the call of God to teach believers who they are in Christ. Since we learned what they had to teach us, all our battles have been short. If that weren't enough, once we became Partners with them our ministry just took off."

Cathy Asbridge has celebrated 11 birthdays with Tripp and will be around for all the milestones in his life, and the lives of their other children.

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...HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES, AND BARE OUR SICKNESSES. (Matthew 8:17)



BY GLORIA COPELAND

# free from SIN & Sickness



When Jesus bore away our sins, He also bore away our diseases. The Cross pronounced a complete cure for the ills of mankind. | The Church of Jesus Christ has been made just as free from sickness as it has been made free from sin. A Christian may continue to sin after he has been born again, but he does not have to. Sin shall no longer lord it over him unless he allows it (Romans 6:12-14).

A Christian may continue to be sick after he has been born again, *but he does not have to*. He has been redeemed from sickness. The price has been paid for his healing. Sickness can no longer exert dominion over him unless *he* allows it.

Most believers have only known a part of their redemption. Their faith will operate to the degree of their knowledge of God's Word. They would have begun to live in divine health long ago if they had realized that healing belonged to them.

As you accept the fact that as surely as Jesus bore your sins, He also bore away your disease, weakness and pain, your days of sickness will be over.

The light of the Word of God will destroy Satan's grip in your life in the area of physical suffering. The truth makes you free from his dominion when you realize that your healing has already been purchased by the sacrifice of Jesus.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5).

All of Isaiah 53 is about the substitution of Jesus for man. It says, "Surely he hath borne our griefs." Young's Analytical Concordance says *choli*, translated *griefs*, means "sickness, weakness and pain."

Surely He has borne your sickness, weakness and pain! Jesus bore sin and sickness in order for you to go free. Verse 6 tells us, "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Verse 10: "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief..." (According to Dr. Young, the word *grief* means "to make sick" and should be translated, "He has made Him sick.")

It could not be God's will for you to be sick with the sickness that Jesus suffered for you.

Because God loved the world, He engineered the substitution of His only begotten Son to redeem man from the curse of Satan. Galatians 3:13 says, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."

Jesus was willing to take the curse in His own spirit, soul and body so that you would not have to continue under Satan's dominion.

There was no sickness before man became one with

Satan. Sin is the root from which sickness came. As sin is the manifestation of spiritual death in the heart of man, sickness is the manifestation of spiritual death in the body of man.

Not only did Jesus pay the price for the new birth of your spirit and the healing of your body, He also bore the chastisement of your peace. Satan has no right to torment you mentally. You have been redeemed from fear, mental anxiety, depression or anything that keeps your mind from enjoying peace. You don't have to rely on a tranquilizer. Jesus has already paid the price for you to be whole in your mind and enjoy peace. So don't allow Satan to steal your peace.

### TOTAL REDEMPTION

Jesus came to destroy *all* the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). He did not destroy sin only to leave sickness in dominion. Partial redemption from Satan's power would not have pleased God nor would it have fulfilled His plan for His family.

He redeemed the whole man—righteousness for his nature, peace for his mind and healing for his body. Redemption left nothing in force that came upon man because of sin. Jesus completely destroyed the works of the devil in the lives of men.

First Corinthians 6:20 says, "For ye are bought with a price." A great price! "...Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." There should not be any sickness in the Body of Christ. When one who is sick comes into our midst, the healing power of God should flow so that he receives healing.

In the book of Leviticus, Israel used a scapegoat. The priest laid hands on a real goat, put the sins of the people on him and sent him to the wilderness—totally away from the people. That's what Jesus did with your sickness and disease! He bore them away from you!

So stand up in the Name of Jesus and command sickness and disease to go from you. Refuse to allow them in your body. Command them to depart from you—out of your very presence, out of your home and your family.

### SALVATION COVERS IT ALL

The English word *salvation* does not communicate what the original Greek word

*sozo* really means. Salvation is not just the new birth of your spirit. It is also peace for your mind and healing for your body. Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words says *salvation* denotes "deliverance, preservation; material and temporal deliverance from danger and apprehension."

Mark 16:15-16 says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." The gospel is the good news of what Jesus did in His substitutionary sacrifice at the cross.

"By whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24) is not a promise. It is a fact. It has already taken place. Jesus bore sickness away from you, and by His stripes you *were* healed.

There is no sin so great that Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary cannot cancel it and wipe it away—as though sin had *never* been.

The power of God cleanses and changes one who partakes of the gift of salvation until there is no trace of the old man or his sins. When you are born again, you become a new man, a new creature. Your new spirit is created in the righteousness of God.

There is no disease so devastating to the human body that the same sacrifice at Calvary cannot cancel it and wipe it away—and heal that body as though sickness had *never* been!

The gospel is the good news of what Jesus did for every person in His substitutionary sacrifice at the cross. He bore your sins, so you do not have to bear them. Now you can be forgiven! He did that for every sinner. He bore your diseases, so you do not have to bear them. You can be healed now! He did that for every sick man! He bore your pains. He did that for every sufferer. That is what the gospel is—good news of what Jesus did for *all*.

Jesus commanded that this good news be preached to *every* creature because *everyone* who hears it and believes it will be saved and healed *now*.

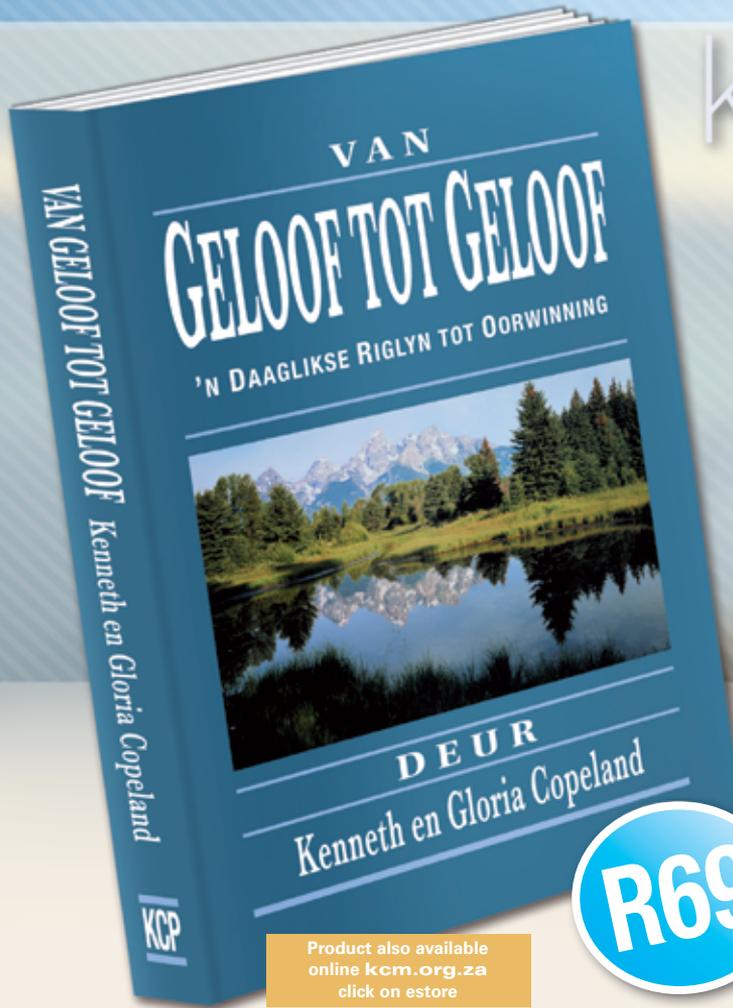
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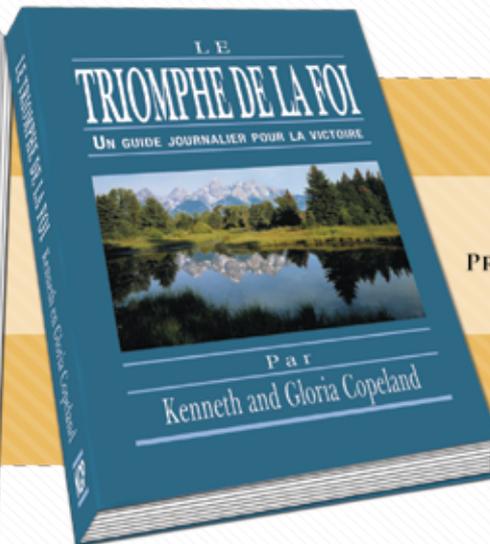
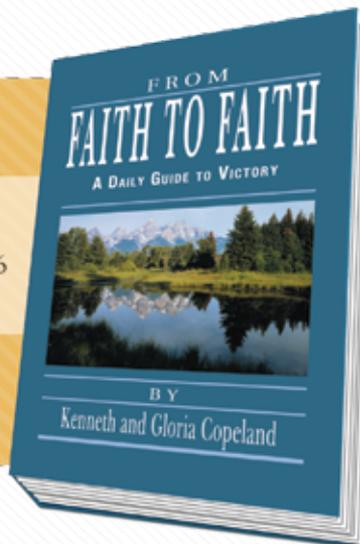
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# GoodNewsGazette

## “We love Him, because He first loved us.”

(1 John 4:19, *The Amplified Bible*)

### Great Favor

We asked for prayer last fall for a new job for our daughter, and I am now able to tell you that just before Christmas God miraculously opened up the door! The new job is in the Ministry of Justice and she will be within walking distance of where we live. Not only has the Lord provided the job, but He has also orchestrated the move in such a way that every aspect of the work has been tailored to her needs. She has quickly adapted to the new regime and is very happy.

Our other daughter, for whom we requested prayer concerning her law examinations, achieved a high grade for that part of her course. They both express their thanks to you and to the Lord for His great faithfulness.

G.W. :: United Kingdom

### GOD ALWAYS MAKES A WAY

Thank you for all the excellent teaching through the years we've known you. We want to especially extend our gratitude for the training you provided on staying out of fear and staying in faith. In November 2008, my husband was laid off from the company where he'd worked for 27 years. I had left my good-paying job a couple of years earlier to care for an ill parent and take a little personal time off, as I had not been without a job since the age of 16.

Who knew the recession would come along and it would be difficult to find something again? So there we were with no jobs, no insurance, etc. Praise God KCM had taught us how to handle the situation! We knew not to panic, but to stay in faith. One night Jesus woke me up and commanded strongly, *Keep your eyes on Me!* When people asked how we could be so happy in our situation we answered, "Because our God is mighty, He'll make a way for us."

Besides an unexpectedly good severance package, God provided for us through my husband's hobby of buying, selling and repairing guitars. Our job search was fruitless, but we stayed with KCM's teaching and kept standing in faith. When our faith took a nose dive, we repented and got back on the wagon.

Soon, my husband's former company asked him to come back as a temp. It was far less pay and no benefits, but we saw it as God opening a door. Within months that job had become regular, full-time employment—with benefits! Now, my husband has been promoted to manage a small office on the Oregon coast. The temp work and small job he'd been doing for months turned out to be just the review of current processes he needed for the new job. We are moving to a beautiful beach community with increased salary and an excellent relocation bonus. God bless everyone at KCM who has a hand in teaching God's truth, willingness and power toward us who believe—we thank you all!

S.B. :: Washington

### LOVE ABOUND

I bought the *Faith in God's Love* CDs and have been enjoying the teachings. I also downloaded the free "Truth About Temptation" by Brother Moore—a wonderful teaching. I grew up in religious tradition that used guilt as a motivator. Brother Moore's teaching confirmed what the Lord had put on my heart concerning temptation and has empowered me in the fight against it.

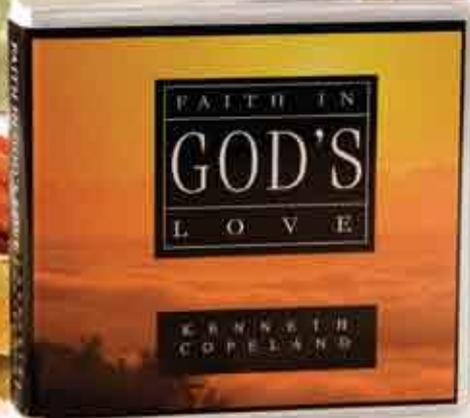
You amaze me. You continually produce high-quality teaching and ministry materials for very low cost. It's a testimony to your intentions, your love for God's Word and your love for God's people.

Troy Younger :: Colorado

### Prayer Has No Boundaries

I thank God for being a Partner with this ministry. Last year in September, I watched Kenneth Copeland preaching on TBN. He prayed for all the Partners of KCM in the world. During that week I had terrible pains on the bottom of my left and right ribs that felt like pneumonia-type pains. I wanted to contact the doctor for an appointment, but the inner man refused me to do so. I could not understand. Later on that week, Kenneth Copeland mentioned these words in a prayer: "Satan, take your hands off God's property." Instantly, the pains I had disappeared. During the prayer I stood in front of the television screen with my hands lifted up and received my healing. I thank God for His power which reaches everywhere.

B.S. :: South Africa



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### ONE WORD FROM GOD CHANGED MY LIFE

I have been a Partner of Kenneth Copeland Ministries for five years. I was drawn to the way Brother Copeland presented the Word of God in the area of blessing. My life did not look victorious then. I was a divorced father with two daughters, no job and no home to live in. I was living with a Christian minister and could not afford to pay rent. This man had an old-fashioned satellite dish in his backyard that could only pick up TBN.

Brother Copeland would come on each day and I would listen to his messages. I began to sow the little money I had and began to tithe to my local church. This was difficult for me at first, because I didn't have much faith, but as I began to give I began to see God's blessings on my life.

The Lord spoke to me three years ago and told me that I would get a job in government and be a pastor at my local church. When I got this word I was working in a low-income job making very little money, but by faith I began to meditate on this word over the next three years. I also began to apply for different jobs in the government. After three years of believing and sowing I had an interview. I came in first and the income is more than I have ever made. I have also gotten remarried. My wife and I now have two sons and I see my daughters often. God has blessed me so much!

D.C. :: Canada

### LIVING A BLESSED LIFE

I want to thank you for your attention to every detail in the prayer requests we submit to you. I have a praise report of prayer being answered.

My husband has a good job and we are being greatly blessed through it. Also, our marriage is being restored continually as we put Christ first in our lives and make the Word our daily priority. Thank you, KCM, for truly caring about each individual need.

V.S. :: North Carolina

### FINANCES RESTORED!

I was working for a non-profit agency that had a tutoring contract with the public library. I was cheated out of earnings on a special assignment I had been given for a student who was failing, that added up to almost \$800.

I prayed and was able to do the tutoring with a spirit of excellence. The student

went up two letter grades from a D to a B. Still, my check was held back and I was laid off. I was upset, because I desperately needed the money, but I prayed and forgave. Three months later I was called back, promoted and my pay was doubled. Thank You, God!

S.T. :: Ohio

### Relationship Mended

Please rejoice with me in this praise report and testimony. It is proof that partnership and the power of prayer work. Thank you for standing in prayer concerning my daughter. I've not seen her since she was 6 months old. I received a letter from her, telling me she wants to renew our relationship! Praise be to our awesome God for the restoration of this lost and broken relationship. The teachings of Kenneth, Gloria and the family have had a profound impact on my life.

C.J.B. :: Ohio

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### Haiti WILL BE SAVED—Acts 26:18

As a part of his ministry, my son, Scott, took a team of 37 people to Haiti for a week. When the earthquake hit, Scott and one of the team members were in the hospital in Port-au-Prince. The floors and walls were moving, and they were trying to find their way out. He threw up his hands and shouted, "Jesus!" He said at that moment, two Haitian women grabbed his hands and held him there. He was about to turn down a corridor on his right, and the whole corridor collapsed. They were able to walk straight out over a wall.

He didn't know where the rest of the team was, including his family. He had sent them all to Leogane in two buses to minister. Just as they were almost back to where they were staying, the earthquake hit. The buses were shaking and they didn't know what was happening. As the buses came to a stop, a wall came crashing down less than a foot from the door of one of the buses. Thank God the bus was on the other side of the street. I have much to be thankful for: My son is safe, my daughter-in-law, my grandson and his fiancée (now wife), my two granddaughters, Scott's mother-in-law and the rest of the team were safe. The team ministered in Haiti the rest of that week and all got home safely and on time thanks to missionary aviation teams. Scott has been back with teams five times since the earthquake.

God certainly is a God of supernatural protection, just like He says in Psalm 91. We surely do serve a great, big, wonderful God!

Beverly Long :: Winchendon, Mass.



Scott and Tanya Long

### Haiti WILL BE SAVED—Acts 26:18





# h o p e

BY KENNETH COPELAND

## The Forgotten Power of

From the BVOV Archives:  
This classic teaching originally appeared in February 1992.

**A**t this very moment, the creative power that made the universe is living inside you. :: That's a startling statement, isn't it? If it is true, it should revolutionize your life. :: Think about it. If you had access to the power that created the world, it would be hard to feel sorry for yourself for very long, wouldn't it? You'd look pretty silly sitting around being the victim of circumstances.

Here's the amazing fact. If you are a born-again child of God, you do, in fact, have inside you His supernatural, creative power. That's not just an exciting idea. It's not hypothetical. It's the plain truth of the gospel.

Most believers are shocked when I say that because they don't fully understand what happened to them when they were born again. They don't realize they actually became a new species of being. John 1:12-13 says, "As many as received [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

You are born of God! Do you understand that? The moment you received Jesus Christ as your Lord, the Spirit of the living God came to live inside you. Your inner man was reborn in His image. God literally became the Father of your spirit. Just as your body took on the same genes and traits of your natural mother and father when you were born, your spirit took on the spiritual "genes," so to speak, of your heavenly Father when you were reborn.

Your spirit took on His hope, His faith, His love—and all the other spiritual forces that are characteristic of Him. All of them together are called eternal life. The Greek word for it is *zoe*. It's a word that defies definition. So the best way I can explain *zoe* is by saying it's the part of God that makes Him God. And He invested *zoe* in your spirit when you made Jesus the Lord of your life.

The tragedy is, most believers have never learned how to take advantage of it. They walk around with the power of God Himself on the inside of them and never do a thing with it.

That's why, today, I want to show you how to start tapping into the power of God within you by focusing your attention on one particular aspect of that power: the force of hope.

Why hope? Because hope is one of the three most powerful elements in the universe. It is one of the three

*it's the plain truth of the gospel*

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eternal and living substances that run the entire kingdom of God.

First Corinthians 13:13 says, “Now abideth faith, hope, charity [or love], these three.” Take note of that word *abide*. *Abide* means “make a home somewhere.” So, the Bible is telling us that faith, hope and love make a home together.

Gloria and I make a home together. We abide in the same house. We live there together because we need one another. Faith, hope and love need one another in much the same way. They abide together because they need each other’s assistance to carry out what they are designed to do.

Most people understand how crucial faith and love are. But few understand the importance of hope. They’ve never realized that without hope, faith and love simply can’t function effectively.

Bible hope is more than just wishing for something. Wishing carries an element of doubt. Bible hope carries no doubt. In fact, the word *hope* in Greek indicates “earnest expectation of something about which there is no doubt at all.”

This isn’t a human kind of hope. It’s God’s kind. It’s one of the supernatural forces He used to create the universe and He put it inside you when you were born again.

What I want to teach you today is how to use this hope. But before you can use it, you have to be absolutely certain you have it.

“But, Brother Copeland, you don’t understand. My circumstances have been so bad for so long, I don’t have any more hope!”

Yes, you do! Hebrews 6:19 says, “Which hope we *have* as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.”

You may feel totally hopeless right now. This may be the most hopeless moment of your entire life. But, according to The Word of God, you have hope. So the first thing you need to do is acknowledge that. Say, “Thank God, I have hope!”

You may be in the deepest hole of your life. But if the Word says you have hope, then glory be to God, you have hope!

The next thing you need to do is plant that hope so it can grow. Jesus told us the whole kingdom of God is compared to a man who plants a mustard seed in the ground. Even though that seed is the smallest seed there is, it grows up and becomes greater. Hope is of the kingdom of God so it works the same as that seed.

So, if you plant your hope, if you focus it on a particular problem in your life, it will grow up and become greater. Greater than what? Greater than the problem!

Once it’s planted, you have to feed and water it with The Word of God. The Word is what energizes hope and makes it strong. It has the supernatural ability to stir up inside you

a sense of expectancy about what God has promised. If you feed on God’s promises, hope grows.

As you spend time in The Word and meditate on those promises, you begin to expect them to happen. The “earnest expecter” mechanism within you—this supernatural force called hope—takes over your imagination and causes you to see God’s promises fulfilled in your life. It paints images in your heart and mind that will eventually become reality in your life. Thus, as you feed on God’s promises, hope grows.

But that process also works in reverse. If you feed on the world’s junk, that same “earnest expecter” will begin to partake in the despair of the world. If you feed it enough of the world’s information, you’ll begin to earnestly expect your children to get hooked on drugs. You’ll earnestly expect to lose your job, and earnestly expect to get the flu. You will join in on the recession everyone is talking about and fully expect it to ruin your finances.

Once you start earnestly expecting those things, you’ll start talking about them, “for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” (Matthew 12:34). You’ll start calling things that are not as though they were—and you

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know what will happen after that? Those things will start happening in your life!

That's how your "earnest expecter" mechanism works. It's a flawless system that never breaks down. But you're the one who determines which direction it goes. It's your choice. You can feed it with The Word of God and get hope or feed it with the words of the world and get despair.

You may think your circumstances are tearing you apart, but I have news for you. Your circumstances are not the problem! All circumstances, I don't care what they are, must bow their knees and submit to the Name of Jesus and The Word of God when faith, hope and love are brought to bear on them.

When I first began to understand how hope works, I was a 30-year-old student at Oral Roberts University. I had been out of school for 13 years and I was really struggling.

I had flunked algebra in high school. (As a kid, I never could figure out why anyone would want to put parentheses around a bunch of numbers. It made no sense to me, so I just didn't pay any attention to it.) Now, there I was facing a college algebra professor. He said, "Good morning," on the first day and that was the last thing he said that I could understand.

Naturally speaking, the situation looked hopeless. But I went to the library and checked out a high-school algebra book to help me. I would study 15 or 20 minutes when suddenly my brain would freeze up. It would just quit on me as if the circuits were overloaded.

At first I didn't know what to do. Then I discovered I could pray in the spirit and get my brain going again. I'd walk around the room praying in other tongues until my brain began to relax. I'd sit down and study for another 15 minutes or so until my brain would stall again. Then I'd get up and pray in the spirit and it would break loose every time.

I did that over and over again. Finally, I progressed to the point where I could study 30 minutes, then 45, then an hour. Eventually I could study all night long if I wanted and still be just as refreshed mentally as when I started.

Do you know what saw me through that situation? Faith and hope! Hope painted a picture inside me with The Word of God. Hope told me that no matter how impossible algebra might seem to me, I could understand it because I had the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).

Hope enabled me to see myself studying and understanding without freezing up, to see myself on the other side of the barriers. That's what I didn't have in high school. That's what kept me going. I'd see that picture in my imagination and I'd get up and pray in the spirit until another piece of the puzzle came through.

Do you see now how to put the process of hope to work? It's not easy. It's not something you can work on for a

minute or two and ignore the rest of the time. That's why the Bible says to "lay hold upon the hope" (Hebrews 6:18).

To *lay hold* means to "sink your spiritual teeth into something and to refuse to let go, knowing it's working—regardless of how you feel, regardless of what the circumstances look like, regardless of what the devil (or anyone else!) says."

You have to be diligent. Hebrews 6:11-12 says, "We desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." If you want hope to work for you, you're going to have to practice it continually. You can't do it in spurts. You can't wait until your life is falling apart and then jump up suddenly and get full of hope in about two hours.

No, this is something you do all day, every day. You build your hope continually. Then, when the devil brings bad feelings and pressures you to tear down your hope with words of despair, you refuse to give in to that pressure. Refuse to allow your feelings to dictate your conversation—and make no exceptions at any time!

That's diligence. It's the difference between military life and civilian life. When you're on the battlefield you had better be diligent. You can't afford to slack up. If you do, the enemy will get you before you know what has happened.

You need to understand that we're in a battle. We're not civilians in the kingdom of God. We're warriors. As 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 says, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations...."

Pay close attention to that last phrase: *casting down imaginations*. Have you ever been driving along in your car when suddenly you imagined yourself having a terrible wreck? It might not have been a long, drawn-out thought, just an image flashing across your mind.

I'm going to tell you something very crucial right now. Don't ever, ever, *ever* let a thought like that slip past you, even if it is only a brief, seemingly unimportant thought. If it includes an image of your destruction, cast it down. Say out loud, "No! I refuse to let that thought remain in my mind. I cast that imagination down in the Name of Jesus!"

That's what it means to be diligent in casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. You must stand guard over your imagination all the time.

Sometimes, when circumstances are very bad, get your

Bible and some teaching tapes and go off by yourself until you stop negative thoughts from bombarding your mind. Gloria and I have done that many, many times. Years ago, we did that where our children were concerned. It was obvious from the circumstances that the devil was after them and the pressure was getting worse and worse.

Finally, we decided to deal with the situation head-on. We spent one whole day piled up in the middle of the bed with our Bibles and our notebooks, looking up every scripture we could find about children. We wrote them all down, prayed over them and made an irrevocable declaration.

We said, "On the basis of the promises of God and by the blood of Jesus, our children are not going to hell. The Word of God says our children are taught of the Lord and great is their peace, and that settles it forever."

Then, no matter what happened, we stood our ground in the Name of Jesus. To keep from wavering, we had to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalted itself against the Word God had given us about our children. We had to bring *all* our thoughts into captivity and into obedience to that Word. *All* our thoughts!

"Well, I try to do that, but sometimes I just can't help what I think."

You most certainly can. God's Word says you can. It says, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

God's Word tells you to choose what you think, and cast down what you're not going to think. When you do that, hope will work. It will work for you just like it works for God. In fact, if you'll guard your mind, there will come a moment when hope suddenly rises up, filled with faith and the love of God, and completes the transaction in the realm of the spirit.

When that happens, you'll suddenly *know* that what you're hoping for is yours. It's yours, and all the demons in hell can't keep you from receiving it. You find yourself saying, "It's done! It's mine, glory to God!" Then, all that's left is the manifestation—and it's not far away.

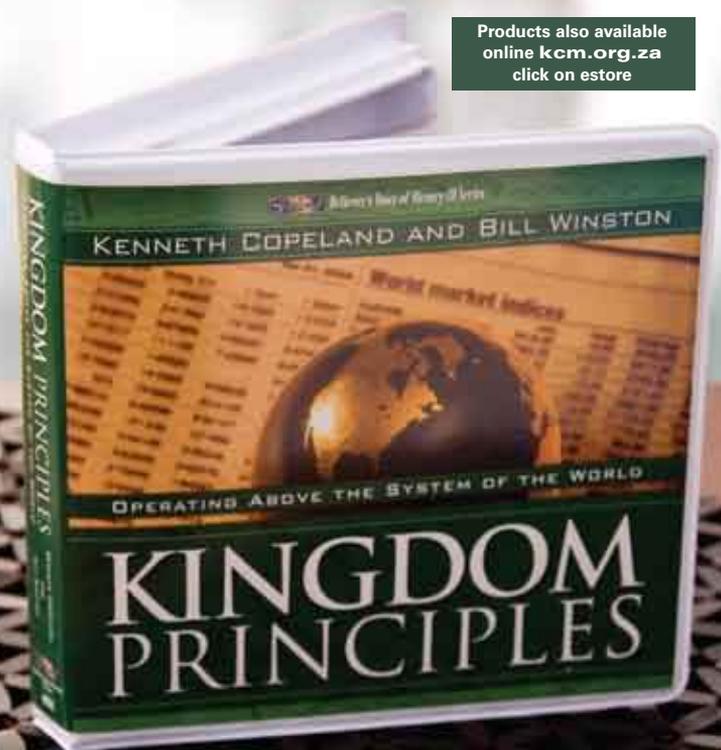
If you haven't had that experience, you need to! It's the climax of hope. It's how every need in your life should be met, and *will* be met if you'll learn to use the forces God has put inside you.

Hope. It's the creative aspect of God. You have it living within you right now. Realize that. Use it. Feed it. Speak it. Guard it.

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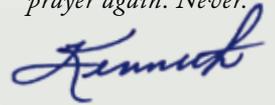
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# Praying for You Every Day!

## You Are Our Priority!

Prayer for our Partners is top priority at Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

Every morning the individual departmental teams and the ministry office teams around the world gather together and begin the day with prayer. We pray for one another, for the ministry, for our nation and for our world.

And our main focus in morning prayer is lifting our Partners before the Lord.

We pray for your health and healing, for your finances and for your relationships, basing all our praying on the Word of God and those scriptures we know Kenneth, Gloria and the Copeland family pray over you.

Then we go to work! What a blessing it is for the staff of KCM to

“Our joy is to pray for and with you!”



**around the world** ministry office teams gather together and begin the day with prayer

start every day in focused prayer and intercession for those with whom we are Partners in the ministry of the good news of Christ Jesus to the world...to have as part of our job description to *pray!*

Here's what John Copeland, our CEO, has to say about our priority of prayer:

If you are a Partner with KCM, you are never without prayer. Think about it. Every morning Mom and Dad are bringing you before the throne of God. They are standing in agreement for the fulfillment of every promise God has given to those who will believe His Word and partner with Him in the ministry of that Word on earth.

Not only that, but every day of the workweek, you are right in the middle of a prayer meeting of about 550 people—employees of KCM worldwide. We start our day by praying for you. Among other things, *we pray for you to fulfill your calling and destiny in God, and for you to*



There is also another prayer group you are a vital part of—almost **300,000 Partners worldwide.**

*experience favor and increase in your life. We gratefully remember that it is you who stand with us and enable us to reach out to a world that is otherwise without hope.*

There is also another prayer group you are a vital part of—almost 300,000 Partners worldwide (growing to be a million). Imagine the power of agreement as we consistently pray and stand with each other for the manifestation of God's fullness and overflow in our lives. You are partnered not just with KCM, but with all our other Partners who have answered God's call to support this ministry with their prayers, their God-directed and God-supplied giving, and other acts of faith.

You can see we don't take prayer lightly. We understand the power God makes available to us through the prayer of His people *for* one another (James 5:16).

We know, from hundreds of praise reports we receive each week that through the prayers between KCM and our Partners, God is working mightily in all our lives. "Thank you so much for your prayers" is the most common closing we receive from you in letters, phone calls and emails. And to that we respond, "Our joy is to pray for and with you!"

Our front-line ministers here at KCM are, of course, our prayer ministers who are trained and anointed to agree with you in prayer according to the promises of God's Word. They do what they do because they love you and they love to pray for you.

Each of them stands ready to serve you in taking your needs and the desires

I am very grateful to you all for standing with me in prayer since last year. I have received my European citizenship, my business is springing up so fast, and I have a lot of business connections and favor. Thank you.  
F.A. :: Germany

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Last year my son and daughter-in-law were in Japan. Rebecca was hospitalized for emergency surgery, delaying their return home. My son called and told me there were no available flights for them to come home together, and nothing was available for a quick return. The travel agent was positive she couldn't help them.

I called the KCM prayer ministry. *Wow!* The anointing was so powerful and the words and love expressed were awesome! The prayer minister declared that my kids would fly home together on or before Friday, the date we were praying for. Guess what? They flew home on Thursday—together! My daughter-in-law returned safe and sound from a successful surgery.

You are my spiritual parents and I thank God for blessing my life with your impact of ministry.  
L.H. :: Colorado

of your heart before the Lord. There is not an issue in your life the Word of God does not address, and our prayer ministers are equipped to lead you to the Word and help you use it in authority over every issue.

Whether you contact KCM for prayer via a phone call, a letter, an email or one of our response forms, you can know for sure we have prayed for you and you will hear from us!

### Always Praying for You!

Prayer plays a major role at KCM and in our partnership with you. We are here for you wherever you are, to pray the prayer of faith in agreement with God's Word over everything that concerns you.

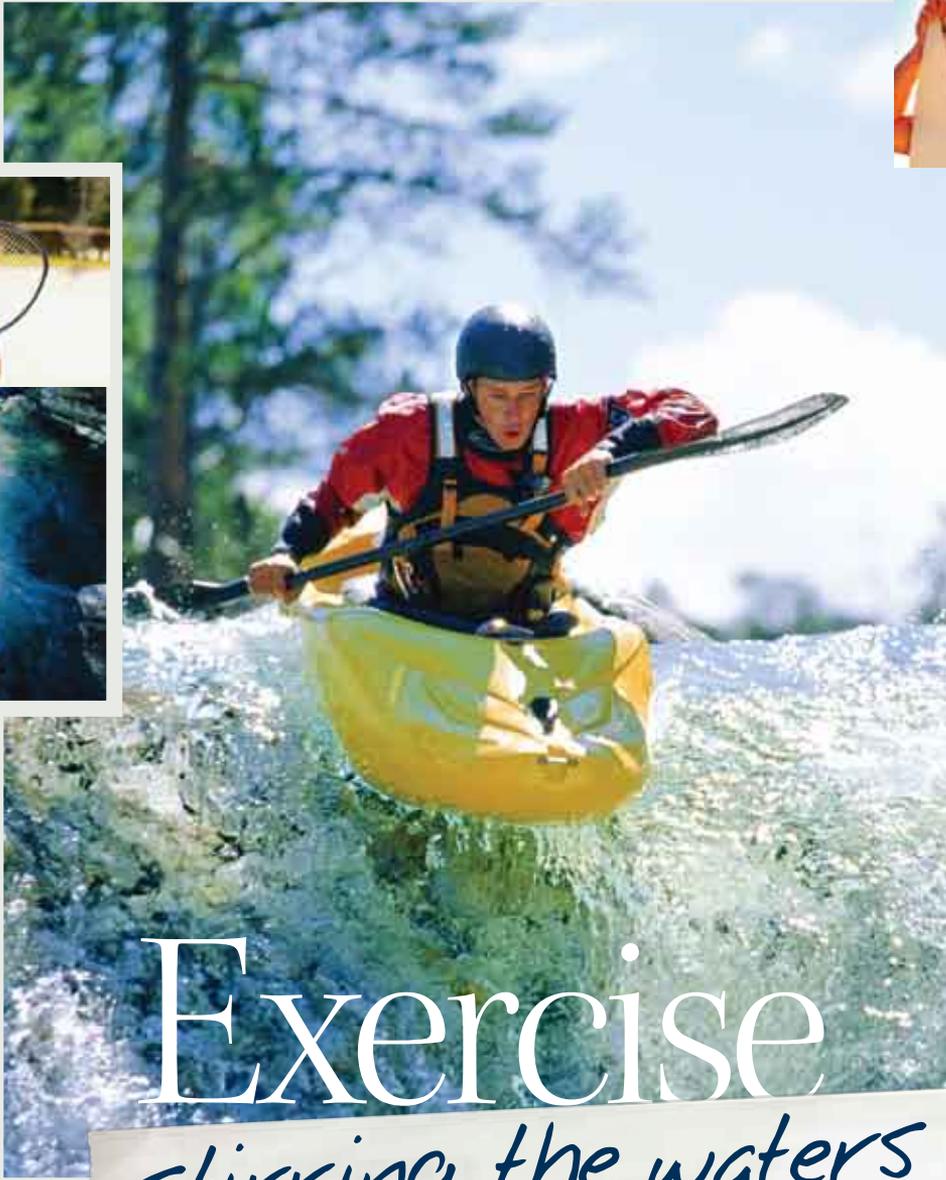
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BY DON COLBERT, M.D.



# Exercise

*stirring the waters*

After we spoke at a church in Texas a few years ago, a man in his early 30s came up to Mary and me. He must have weighed 450 pounds. He said he had been on bed rest for years because of some kind of infection. Now the infection was gone, but he was having trouble regaining his health. Just by looking at him we could tell he had reached a place of lymphatic stasis—stagnation—so extreme that his legs had blown up to huge proportions. He was so full of toxins that his body was literally bulging with them.



He asked what his problem might be—why he had gained so much weight and why he felt so unhealthy. We told him it was most likely because he hadn't "stirred his waters" with exercise.

We like to refer to exercise as stirring the waters because our bodies are approximately two-thirds water. Think of what happens when water sits for a long time in a cup, puddle or pond. It eventually gets covered with slime and gunk, breeds disease, and becomes toxic. Think of those green, algae-covered ponds you see when you drive through the country. That process is similar to what's going on in many people's bodies.

On the other hand, when water moves, life thrives. Running water is usually fresh water. Rivers and waterfalls are beautiful and inviting—alive. That's a perfect picture of what exercise does. It refreshes your body and clears it of toxins and cellular garbage, sharpening your mind and giving you strength and energy.

Consider again that your body is mostly water. There are many references in the Bible that associate flowing water with life and healing. The Gospel of John tells about the crippled people who waited at the pool of Bethesda because they believed an angel would occasionally stir the waters, healing whomever got into the pool at that moment. To them, the movement of water symbolized life. (See John 5:2-7.)

When water moves, things grow and thrive. On the other hand, dead things are commonly associated with stagnant bodies of water. Exercise is the remedy to prevent death and stir the waters of life in your body. It's time to take your health into your own hands and stir the waters of life with exercise.

#### Benefits of Exercise

We used to have a sports car that we loved but didn't drive much. After a while we noticed that when we took it out for a spin every few weeks, the engine wouldn't run well. We took it to the shop, and the mechanic inspected it and said, "You haven't been driving this car enough, have you? It was

built to run. If you don't drive it, it will break down because you're not using it." We were ruining the car by keeping it parked.

Just like that sports car, your body was designed to move. It needs water, rest, food and exercise to run smoothly. When you "park" yourself in a chair and don't exercise, eventually you may ruin your engine. Many people these days are sick because they haven't stirred their waters with movement and action. They have become cesspools of disease due to stagnation. Soon they will get to the point where they can't exercise because their bodies are so broken down with heart disease, arthritis and other degenerative diseases. "Stirring the waters" with exercise has many powerful effects on your health.

#### Safety First

"Is it OK to exercise when I'm sick?" "Are some exercises dangerous when dealing with certain physical conditions or taking certain medications?" These questions, and others like them, are very important for you to discuss with your personal health-care provider. We cannot think of a single physical condition you might be experiencing that would not benefit from some level of activity. However, even though physical exercise is beneficial for everyone and is completely safe for most people, there are times when you should check with a doctor before beginning a new exercise routine.

So how do you know when a trip to the doctor's office should be the first step in your new workout routine? The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) recommends checking with your doctor if two or more of the following apply to you:

- You are a man older than 45 or a woman older than 55
- You have a family history of heart disease before age 55
- You have high blood pressure
- You have high cholesterol
- You are currently smoking or have quit within the past six months
- You are overweight or obese.

## Perks of Regular Exercise

decreases risk of heart disease and stroke development of hypertension

helps prevent type 2 diabetes

osteoporosis

arthritis

colds and flu

certain types of cancer

aids in

maintaining healthy bones and joints

slowing down the overall aging process

restful sleep

improves

mood and reduces the symptoms of anxiety and depression

digestion

alleviates pain

And the health benefit you likely already knew about... It promotes weight loss and decreases appetite!



In addition to the ACSM's list, we also recommend checking with your doctor if:

- You are on any type of medication for a chronic health condition
- You have a disability that will require you to modify the chosen activity
- You've had a heart attack
- You're pregnant
- You suffer from arthritis, osteoporosis, diabetes or any other health conditions
- You aren't aware of any existing health issues, but during a workout you experience chest pain, dizziness, loss of balance, or persistent joint or muscle pain.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to stay safe and reduce the risk of injury and other adverse events during physical exercise, you should:

- Choose exercises that are appropriate for your current fitness level and goals
- Increase your workout gradually over time to meet your fitness goals. If you have been inactive up to this point, you should "start low and go slow" by gradually increasing how often you work out, how long you work out and how intensely you work out

- Use protective gear and sports equipment properly. Personal protective gear (helmets, goggles, shinguards, elbow and kneepads, mouth guards, etc.) should fit properly, be well-maintained and work correctly

- Make sensible choices about when, where and how to be active. Choose safe locations for outdoor activities, and follow the rules and policies of any fitness facility or sports organization you join.

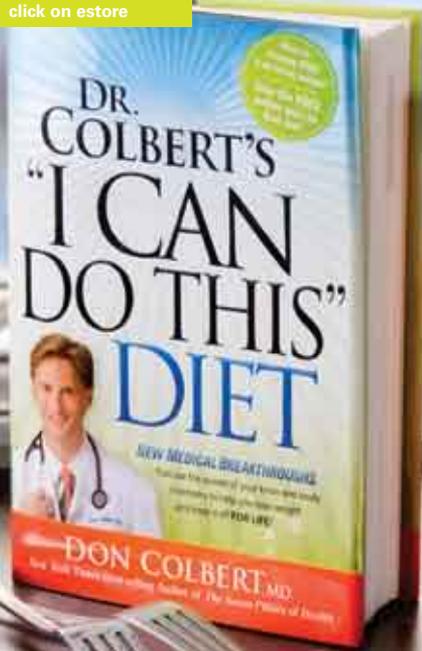
Also, make sure you have provided your body with the proper fuel mixture (food and nutritional supplements), that you are properly hydrated before, during and after you work out, and that you take time to properly warm up and cool down. **VICTORY**

(This article is adapted from Dr. Don Colbert's new book, *Get Fit and Live!*)

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BY GLORIA COPELAND

# FAITH FOR Relationships

What does it take to build relationships that thrive and grow in the middle of the pressures of today's world? ✨ When all around us marriages and families are falling apart because of selfish attitudes, friendships are being destroyed due to jealousy and backbiting, Christians are going from place to place to find a church that "fits" them, and employee/employer issues have to be decided at an arbitration table, what does it take to assure harmony in relationships?

I know exactly what it takes.  
It takes faith!



## Faith Is Your Assurance

Now, you may say, “Gloria, that’s your answer for everything.” And you’re right. It is my answer for everything. That’s because I draw on faith to resolve any issue that arises in my own family’s life.

Hebrews 11:1, *The Amplified Bible*, says, “Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things

[we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].” So, whether it be issues surrounding health, finances, relationships or whatever, I have found that resolution always comes by faith. Regardless of the situation, my answer is always the same. I live by faith. I believe in faith. I receive by faith. I have the life God promises my family and me—all by faith.

The truth is, every answer for every issue in life is found in the Word of God. When we find out what the Bible says about a situation, when we believe it, think it, speak it and act on it, then we can receive what the Word says we can have.

Faith is the product of our knowing God’s Word. Paul said in Romans 10:17, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” If we are going to have our lives and our relationships line up with God’s Word, we have to know what the Word says...we have to receive the Word through our ears and our eyes. We sit under the preaching and teaching of people who live by the Word. We spend time reading and meditating the Word. We study the Word for answers to our situations. We fellowship with God over His Word, listening to what His Spirit reveals to us about our issues. That’s the way the Word gets into our hearts.

Once in our hearts, the Word changes our thinking. It changes how we perceive our circumstances, as well as the people God has placed in our lives. It changes the way we talk about things, and how we respond. And most importantly, it

produces the faith that brings the results it promises.

God’s Word produces faith! And everything we receive in this life comes to us by faith.

## Relationships—Broken and Restored

Faith for thriving relationships is a priority of our heavenly Father. The crowning glory of His creation was the formation of Adam and Eve. He created them for relationship, both with Him and with one another. Everything else God created in the earth was for their benefit. He blessed them (Genesis 1:28) and He commanded them to be in charge of everything He had created. He intended them to be a blessing to this earth.

When God’s man and woman exchanged their relationship with their Creator for a relationship with the devil, everything changed. That broken relationship affected all relationships from then until now. But God’s plan for mankind and their interactions with one another had only just begun. The moment the break occurred, the restoration was on the way!

Because God loves the world and His people so much, in the time appointed He sent us His Son! Jesus opened the way for relationships to be all God ever intended them to be. He gave His life to redeem mankind from the curse and the works of the devil, and the Holy Spirit to bring us back into fellowship with God and with one another.

Jesus restored our relationships!

He was the living, breathing Word of God in this earth. Jesus walked by faith just as we do. Everything He said and did was proof and evidence of the Father’s love and will. He fed, healed and delivered people because of God’s compassion, and helped people of all walks of life experience the love of God. He exchanged broken relationships for restored, thriving ones!

## Relating by the Word

God’s Word tells us how to walk in this earth in our relationships with

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**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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And when we find out what it says about relationships, we can begin to live by faith and love with every person God places in our lives. Our living by His Word will turn challenged relationships around for everyone's good.

Thriving, growing relationships require some key elements from those involved in them. Forgiveness, acceptance, patience, kindness, selflessness and other attributes are addressed throughout God's Word.

Jesus gave the foundational word for thriving relationships. He said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

"Well," you might say, "there's the problem. I don't know how to love all the time like Jesus loved. I don't know how to make the Word work in my life when it comes to love."

That's why you need to bring faith into the picture. Through faith you *can* operate in life from a heart of love. The Word of God says you can. As you put your eyes on what He says in the Word about love, and get it into your ears, speak it out your mouth and act on it, you can receive the promise of the Word. Faith will bring the substance and evidence of love into your life.

The Holy Spirit will make God's Word alive on the inside of you and bring it to pass on the outside. God gave us His Spirit to enable us to produce fruit—the fulfilled Word of God—that will make our lives exactly what He intends. The Spirit of God assures us, "You can love because I love!"

Galatians 5:6 tells us faith works by love. In other words, love fuels our faith. Love is in us by the Spirit. In that same chapter we see the elements of good relationships the Spirit produces in our lives: "But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]" (verses 22-23, *AMP*).

Do you see that? The Spirit inspires the love so your faith can work!

Not only that, the rest of the fruit of the spirit working in your life will lead to stronger relationships with your family, friends and others. Every relationship in your life will grow and become stronger as your spirit expresses joy, peace, patience and kindness, and the rest of its fruit through you.

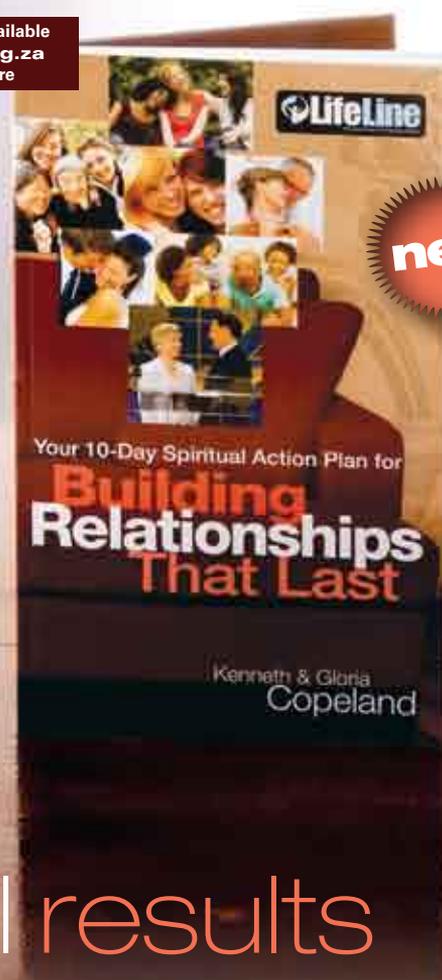
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# Always take time to listen to the Holy Spirit.



He may simply open your eyes to see something you've never seen before about God, yourself or someone in your life.

## Exercise in Faith

Right there in those verses would be a great place for you to exercise your faith for relationships. You can develop your faith by doing a few simple things.

First, read Galatians 5:22-23 out loud. Let it get into your heart through your eyes and through your ears by your own voice. Read it every day, and let the Holy Spirit begin to work it from the inside to the outside of your life!

Second, meditate—think about, ponder, contemplate, focus—on those two verses. Let them penetrate your heart and mind. Ask the Lord to open your heart to receive all He has to show you from these verses.

Then, in your daily exercise of faith, personalize these verses like this—saying them aloud so you can hear yourself confessing God's Word about you. Say this: *The Holy Spirit controls my life. He produces this kind of fruit in me: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

Think about these forces and yield to them. Always take time to listen to the Holy Spirit. He just may have something to say to you about these verses. He may want you to do a word study on some part of them, or He may ask you to take some action based on the Word. He may simply open your eyes to see something you've never seen before about God, yourself or someone in your life. However He directs you, you can be sure it will be to strengthen you and not only make you a better "relater" to people, but make you easier to relate to as well.

Finally, be ready to receive the changes God brings in your relationships day by day. I guarantee you, things *will* change!

That's a simple exercise to build your faith for relationships, but it's also one you can do to build your faith in any area of your life according to God's Word.

First Corinthians 13:4-8 describes the attributes of love—the love of God that works

in and through us. It says:

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Love will last forever (*New Living Translation-96*).

For several days, do this: 1. Read the verses out loud, 2. meditate on them, 3. personalize them (e.g., *I am patient and kind*), 4. listen to the Holy Spirit and do what He tells you to do, and 5. receive the changes!

This exercise in faith is sure to not only develop God's love in you but will also develop God's love for others through you. That's what His Word does.

## God Is Faithful!

God's Word will accomplish what He sends it out to do (Isaiah 55:11). God is faithful to perform His Word in our lives, and to bring the changes we need to live totally blessed lives. Why? Because He loves us.

Galatians 5:6 says faith works by love. A loving relationship with His people is God's top priority. And His love for us motivates Him in all He does for us.

His faithfulness will see to it that His dream for us comes to pass...as we obey His Word—loving Him first, next our neighbors and then ourselves. God gave us Jesus to exchange the cursed life for the blessed life. It is the reason He gave us the Holy Spirit to empower us to believe and receive all He has for us.

Only because of God's faithfulness, and what He has done and promised in His Word, do we have any hope of living lives of faithfulness to others. And only because of His love for us do we have any hope of being

the loving people He so desires for us to be for others.

So you see, I absolutely say, *It takes faith to develop your relationships*. I say it because I know it's true. The relationships I have today have all developed and been based on faith. And I promise

you, developing your own faith to cooperate with God's faithfulness is the sure way for you to receive thriving, lasting relationships. The relationships you may not have yet seen...the relationships you have hoped for...they are yours! **VICTORY**

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**Dr. Don Colbert** and his son, **Kyle**, a certified personal trainer, join **Kenneth Copeland** for a second week of insight to help you identify what's robbing you of the energy and vitality God designed you to have.

**6-10**

*Receive What God Has for You*

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*Come Up to God's Way of Thinking*

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*Blessed to Be a Blessing Through Partnership*

**Kenneth** and **Gloria Copeland** share their heart on partnership—it's not just a one-way deal. See what KCM and its Partners have accomplished, and how the Partners have been blessed.

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