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Faith That Heals Nations
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Message of Hope
by Ronald C. Jordan
Born and raised in Juárez, Mexico, Sergio Alvarado was redeemed from a life of hopelessness, poverty and addiction when he met Jesus. Today, he is on staff at KCM and has returned to Juárez, where he’s building a church to bring hope to the hopeless, and show them God’s love.

Creating a New Reality
by Melanie Hemry
Cameron Arnett’s successful acting career came to a halt when he was blacklisted for refusing to accept a role that required partial nudity. Unable to find work, he lost everything, including his family. But God has since restored all that was lost. One of his recent projects is a starring role in the Christian movie Overcomer.

Awaken to God
by Billye Brim
When you cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and see Him act on behalf of a people in need, the world will sit up and take notice!

Living From the Inside Out
by Gloria Copeland
When you were born again you became a new creation on the inside, but your body didn’t change. To grow up into the image of Christ, you must learn to let your spirit have dominion over your soul and body. You must renew your mind with the Word and live from the inside out.

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of the word that was spoken in My WORD that said, ’The young men and the old men shall have visions and dreams.’ My dream, saith The LORD, is the continued rebirth of this nation. It has already begun, and it will continue. For you see, in these last days, I have taken over the politics of the United States. This is the only nation ever founded by a people specifically because they loved Me and wanted to worship Me. And I have never forgotten it, and I never will forget it...I am the God of this country.

And it will be reported far and wide, and people will come from far and wide, and they will say things and they will do things that they have no idea why they said them or why they did them. For, in 2020 the continued rebirth of this nation is a surety. It is a good thing. And you will see it come to a place...that is more than you have ever dreamed or wanted in a place. This is Mine. I promise you and I give you My solemn word, saith the Spirit of grace....

I knew what to do with the Pharaohs. And these little politicians of today, ha, ha, ha, oh, they are so easy to deal with compared to the Pharaohs of old. But I knew how to deal with them. I know how to deal with politicians today. I know them all. I understand them all. I have insight into their thinking....

You hear Me now. You understand what I’m saying. From the top of the world and all over the world, wherever there’s a government, wherever there are people, wherever there’s voting, wherever the people can’t vote, I’m there. Wherever people seek My Name, I am there. And those who don’t think I hear, don’t misunderstand a word I’m saying. I hear it, and I move in behalf of it whether you think I do or not, or whether they think I do or not. I hear the cries of My people. And there are certain things that are taking place today that would never have taken place had My people not prayed and cried out to Me. Oh, these are the days, saith The LORD. These are the days of mighty grace. These are the days of wonder grace. Certain lines have been drawn. Certain things that can’t be crossed. Certain things that cannot be changed. Other things that can be and will be changed. Certain lines have been attempted to be crossed, but they can’t because they are established in My WORD, saith The LORD. And I know what I’m doing.

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Change. 2020—the Year of Change and Manifested Power, saith The LORD.

2020 The Year of Removal of Politicians

Those politicians who refuse My call to unite and become the United States of America, and not just “America.” Those politicians who refuse to listen, and those politicians who continue the pathway of hate, I will remove them from their places. I will remove their influence from the record books. I will remove their candle in their families. I will remove them from office and put someone in there who will.

“Wherever there’s a government, wherever there are people, wherever there’s voting, wherever the people can’t vote, I’m there.”
These days, more than one born-again child of God can be found in most any nation. This is not just a little political thing. This has to do with the most world-changing outpouring of the Holy Ghost and Fire to ever hit this planet, and everything in our lives is connected to it.
Christians these days have a lot of different opinions about what it's going to take to save this nation. Some say it's going to take a massive win by their favorite political party. Others, who favor the opposite party, say it's going to take a win by theirs. More than a few, discouraged by the constant negative news they see on TV, are of the opinion that no matter which party wins, the future of this country is bleak. :: The devil is taking over everything and all we can do now is just try to hang on until Jesus comes.

Which opinion should we believe?

None of them!

When it comes to the future of this nation (or anything else) we should believe only what God said about it. He’s the only One who’s 100% right about the matter and He settled it once and for all by what He said in 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

“But Brother Copeland, if that’s the case, we’re sunk for sure! We’ll never be able to get everyone in this nation to pray and seek God!”
We don't have to. God didn't say if everyone in the United States will pray, He'll heal this land. He didn't even say if everyone in Texas, or California, or wherever you're living will seek Him He'll heal it.

He said, “If My people…. ”

“I know, but doesn't there at least need to be more people seeking God than rebelling against Him in a nation for Him to preserve it? Doesn't He need His people to be, if not the majority, at least a sizeable percentage of the population?”

No, He doesn't. He made that clear in Genesis 18 by what He said to Abraham about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Those cities were as wicked as they come. They were so full of sin that the cry of it had come up before God, and He had decided to destroy them.

When He told Abraham what He was about to do, however, Abraham interceded for them. Because his nephew lived in Sodom, he said to The LORD: “Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?... And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes” (Genesis 18:23-24, 26).

After The LORD agreed to spare the city for the sake of 50, Abraham took things even further. Concerned there might not be 50 righteous people left in Sodom, he asked if God would save it for the sake of just 45. God said He would, so Abraham, not certain that number was low enough, whittled it down even further to 40, then 30 and then 20.

The LORD agreed each time to the lower number, until finally Abraham said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten’s sake” (verse 32).

Think of it! In this case, “My people” referred to only 10. That’s all God needed to find to save the entire city from destruction!

I’ve always been a little disappointed that Abraham didn’t go even further. If he had, I think the outcome would have been different. I think God might have agreed to spare Sodom for the sake of two—or even one.

What makes me think that?

Ezekiel 22:30. There, God said, “I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” In other words, if He could have found just one My people—just one person who would pray in faith and intercede—God would have honored that person’s prayers, and the nation could have been saved.

We Make the First
Move and Heaven Backs Us

These days, more than one born-again child of God can be found in most any nation. In the United States, particularly, there are millions of us. So, when it comes to praying for the healing of this nation, we have more than enough to get the job done. We just need to stick with it and have faith that God will do what He promised. We just need to believe Jesus meant it when He said: “Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:18-20).

Notice in those verses it’s not heaven that makes the first move, it’s the people of God here on earth. We take The WORD of God, the blood and the Name of Jesus and bind and loose things on earth; then heaven steps in and backs us. Jesus comes into our midst to carry out whatever we’ve agreed on in prayer.

What does it mean to agree in prayer?

It means to believe, instead of just hope. To take a solid stand of faith on God’s WORD and say, “This is the way it’s going to be and no other!”

“But Brother Copeland, sometimes it seems like we pray and agree for God’s will to be done in our country and it doesn’t look like it makes any difference.”

So what? We don't go by what things look like in the natural. We go by what God said in the Bible. Every word in that Book is blood-backed and blood-bought. The words in the Old Testament were originally backed up by the blood of animals. The words in the New Testament are backed up by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every word that God spoke were backed up by the blood of His precious Son. Therefore, if you’re on the这样, you have his permission.

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The words in the New Testament are backed up by the blood of Jesus, and “all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen” (2 Corinthians 1:20).

There’s nothing more powerful than The WORD of God! It can change anything. It can turn the biggest mess you’ve ever seen into something so wonderful it’s beyond your ability to imagine.

The LORD reminded me of this a few years ago in a way I’ll never forget. He kept saying to me that the troubles we’re seeing in the United States right now are birth pangs. “This nation is being reborn,” He said.

I told Him I couldn’t envision such a thing, and He said, Kenneth, do you think this nation’s founders—men like George Washington, Ben Franklin, and John Adams—had any idea what it would look like a hundred years down the road?

Of course not! I thought. They didn’t have a clue. They didn’t even know what it was going to look like in 20 years.

You don’t either! The LORD said. You don’t have any idea of what this nation is about to look like after it gets reborn. It’s going to be as far from what you can see and understand as it is now from what its founders could see back in 1776.

Sonny boy, you haven’t seen anything yet!

Just a handful of years have passed since He said that to me, and this nation has already taken giant steps forward for decades have seemed all but impossible. When we dedicated the American Embassy in Jerusalem, for instance, and when our president formally recognized Jesus Christ’s sovereignty over the Golan Heights, we saw a major advancement in God’s plan for this nation. Heavenly stakes were put in Holy Ghost soil that can’t be removed.

Those developments, and others too numerous to mention, are signs that the rebirth The LORD spoke to me about is underway. Although it’s still a work in progress, it’s happening. We’re in it right now, and all of us, as believers, are responsible to help keep it going.

This is not just a little political thing. This has to do with the most world-changing outpouring of the Holy Ghost and fire to ever hit this planet, and everything in our lives is connected to it. Our finances are connected to it. The welfare of our families and our homes are connected to it, and we were originally backed up by the blood of animals. The words in the New Testament are backed up by the blood of Jesus, and “all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen” (2 Corinthians 1:20).

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**Even a Child Can Do It**

This needs to be in our prayer life every day. We need to be talking about it with other believers. When we come to church, we shouldn’t waste our time jawing about our opinions and griping about the latest silly statement some politician has made. We should be using those opportunities to obey the instructions in 1 Timothy 2: “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (verses 1-4).

Not only when we’re in church but in our own personal prayer times we should be praying for our city, our state and our nation. We should be doing for them what the Apostle Paul said in Galatians 4:19 that he did for the church in Galatia: “My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.”

How do you travail in prayer?

You do it in the Holy Ghost. You spend time praying and worshipping God over the great outpouring He has in store for this country. You stand on His WORD and pray in other tongues until you get over in the spirit where the Holy Ghost can take hold together with you and make intercession through you according to the will of God. (See Romans 8:26-28.)

You don’t have to be a spiritual giant to do that. My daughter Terri started doing it when she was just a child. She decided as a sixth grader to fast her lunch and pray for her school, and amazing things happened. Other students started joining her and asking her to pray for them in between classes to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Such a move of God broke out in that school that one day the principal felt it necessary to announce over the loudspeaker, “There will be no more praying in tongues in the girls’ restroom!”

Of course, if you want to see those kinds of results from your prayers, you do have to be praying in faith. You can’t get anywhere whining to God in unbelief. Faith is where everything starts. It’s the key to unlocking the storehouses of the spirit.

That’s why Jesus said in Mark 11:22, “Have faith in God.” Or, as that phrase can also be translated, “Have the faith of God.”

“Brother Copeland, I just don’t have that kind of faith!”

Sure, you do. God gave it to you as a gift the moment you were born again. Just as He does every believer, He dealt to you “the measure” of His very own faith (Romans 12:3).

His faith is powerful stuff! It’s what He used to create the heavens and the earth. He didn’t just make them out of nothing, as religion sometimes teaches. He did it by speaking words that were filled with “the substance” of faith (Hebrews 11:1). He said by faith, “Light be!” and light exploded into the darkness and created 16 billion miles of universe within 24 hours.

That’s the kind of thing God’s faith can do, and now you have a measure of it. You may not have done a lot with it yet, but it’s there in your spirit to be fed with The WORD, developed and used.

So, go ahead and put it to work. Put these four faith fundamentals into operation and help bring forth the will of God, not only in your own life and circumstances but in your nation.

First, take your stand on what God promised in His WORD. He would do when His people pray. Meditate on verses like 2 Chronicles 7:14 and believe God will respond to your prayers and heal our land.

Second, give voice to your faith. Don’t join in with the naysayers when they start nagging about how the country is going downhill. Say what God said about it. Follow the Apostle Paul’s example and say like he did in 2 Corinthians 4:13: “We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”

Third, act on your faith. Seek The LORD about how He wants you to vote and then do it. Ask Him how you can actively BLESS your neighborhood, your city and your state, and do whatever He says.

Fourth, forgive. Faith won’t work in an unforgiving heart, so refuse to stay in strife with anyone, including the politicians whose policies annoy you. Instead, let the love of God flow through you as you pray for them.

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Sweat rolled down his face as Sergio Alvarado dropped two more cinder blocks onto the dry, parched ground. Working under the hot, scorching sun as it glistened in the morning sky was something he had become used to growing up in Juárez, Mexico.
Only this time it was different. This time, the work wasn’t for *his* survival. It was part of an assignment he had received from God to help others survive.

“I’ve found my purpose,” Sergio said, smiling brightly as he unashamedly wiped away sweat that masked an occasional tear. “God has called me to take the message of hope to a hurting, dying world—to throw out a lifeline to the children of Juárez—to reverse the curse in their lives, just as He did for me.

“I was a product of my environment, and there was no one there to help pull me out. Finding out about God—that He loves and cares for me—is what saved my life,” said Sergio, now a minister and part of the ministry team at Kenneth Copeland Ministries. “His Word gave me new life. It gave me hope and victory. That’s what these children need. They need to be shown the way out—the way to escape. That’s what we’re here to do!

“The city of Juárez is considered one of the most dangerous cities on earth. Many of its children are still trapped in a vicious cycle surrounded by drugs with no way out. God has called me to help, and one of the ways He is helping me do that is by building a church right here in Juárez—a place where young children can find hope through God’s Word.”

We first told you about Sergio and his plight in an article we published in March 2014. As a child growing up in the heart of drug-infested Juárez, Sergio watched helplessly as his alcoholic father abandoned the family when he was 2, and his heroin-addicted mother turned to prostitution—lifestyles that eventually led to early deaths for both of them. Like almost everyone born into that culture, Sergio never saw himself living any way other than in poverty—surrounded by drugs and early death.

“We lived in an area called Heroin Alley,” Sergio recalls of his plight in his recently released book, *Prophet of My Own Life*. “Hundreds of people routinely crossed the Mexican border almost daily from the U.S. to buy heroin in Heroin Alley. The entire area was, and still is to this day, drug infested—littered with bars and brothels, and crawling with prostitutes. On any day, people could be seen sitting in public—smoking dope, shooting up with needles and syringes, or cooking crack cocaine in spoons over open flames.

“As a child growing up in Juárez, this is what I saw every day. By the time I was 6, I understood what poverty was. I also realized that we were steeped in it. We moved around a lot because my mother had problems paying the rent. One of the houses we lived in had no roof, no cement floors and no windows. When it rained, we got soaked. We got heat from kerosene lanterns and the cooking stove. There was also no refrigerator.

“Most of what I know about my mother is firsthand. I lived it,” Sergio says in the book. “But there’s so much I don’t know, and so much more I sometimes wish I didn’t know.” About his father, he writes: “To say my dad was an absentee father would be too generous. My dad left us when I was 2 and sometimes wish I didn’t know.” About his father, he writes: “To say my dad was an absentee father would be too generous. My dad left us when I was 2 and...
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Years later, in March 2014, Sergio returned to Juárez a new man—not just as a former citizen but as a minister of the gospel. At the Lord’s direction, he had rented the stadium where he used to work and was there to host a Christian crusade that included pastors from Lima, Peru; Venezuela; and the U.S. It was during that time, the Lord began to talk with him about building a church in Juárez.

Not questioning God, Sergio began putting a plan together. After making several trips to Juárez to meet with city officials, purchasing land, obtain building permits and organize a team to oversee construction, Sergio returned to Juárez in October 2019 to begin construction of a single-story, cinder block church building. Ironically, the building, which will be roughly 130 feet long and 43 feet wide, sits on less than a quarter acre that is about 1 mile south of the community where Sergio lived as a child.

When completed, the church will seat about 400 people. It will be equipped with a kitchen, where up to 250 children can receive free meals each day, Sergio said. When funds become available, a second story will be added for an orphanage.

Step of Faith

Admittedly, a project such as this is costly. But Sergio says he’s not concerned about the financing.

“This is all one giant step of faith,” he said. “It’s like when the skies open up and you just know what your purpose in life is. I now know what God made me for, and that’s to be a conduit to help these people. A few people have heard what we’re doing and have sown seed into the project, and I’m very grateful to them. We’re taking that seed and starting the process.”

All proceeds from the sale of his book are also going toward the project, Sergio added.

“Ultimately, God is in charge of this and He will see that it’s completed,” Sergio said. “I don’t know how the money will come, and I’m not trying to figure it out. I just know this is something God has put in my heart to do and it will happen.”

Already, they are seeing positive results, Sergio reported.

“I spoke with a young lady there recently who was about 19 and had one small kid. They lived in a room about 10 feet by 10 feet, that had a little bed on one side of the room, a restroom on the other side, a makeshift kitchen and a small kerosene heater. As I was talking with her, I could see the despair in her face. At 19 years old, she had given up! She was so glad to see us there!

“I spoke with another young woman who just broke down crying,” Sergio shared.

“Finally,” she told me, “we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. We have no hope. All we see here is despair, hunger and lack.”

“All I could say to her was that God is about to put a stop to that.”

The children are already beginning to benefit from the presence of Sergio and his team as well.

“We’re already having church services on Sunday, on the grounds where the church is being built,” he said. “On my last visit there in October, we purchased tennis shoes and distributed them to 73 kids.”

Standing off to the side, watching as the workers dug trenches and began stacking cinder blocks to form the walls of the church, Sergio appeared awestruck.

“I have to pinch myself when I see that this is really happening,” he said.

“This is big in the heart of God,” said Sergio. “For these people’s sake, it has to happen!”

Confident that it will happen, Sergio is moving ahead.

“Juárez is still considered one of the most dangerous cities on earth,” Sergio says. “That, I believe, is why God has called me to go back there: to help make a difference.”

To read our earlier story on Sergio in the March 2014 issue, go to kcm.org/read.

To learn more about Sergio Alvarado International, or to purchase the book Prophet of My Own Life go to alvaradointernational.org.
Cameron smiled as the traffic light ahead turned green. He felt as though he was being carried on angels’ wings.

Life, for him, had been good.

Now, he was back in California after shooting a TV “Movie of the Week” in Canada, where Cameron had received a phone call that would forever change his life. He had auditioned for a role in an upcoming TV series and got the part. As he contemplated signing the contract, he basked in the goodness of God that was so evident in his life—a goodness that had surrounded him for as long as he could remember. Even before he’d become a Christian it had been there.

It was there when he was born Camy (pronounced Kah-mee) Arnett in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. And it was there when his mother immigrated to the U.S. and, though she had been unable
to speak the language, had earned enough money to send for the entire family.

It was there when he was growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and his mother decided to take a job in Long Island to get him away from gangs. It was there when she decided to move to Miami, where he excelled in sports—once even being named the athletic achiever of the year in high school.

God's goodness even followed Cameron through his years in college, where he continued his athletic prowess, and went from studying pre-med to deciding on a career in modeling and acting.

It was during that time that he remembered an encounter he'd had with God at 8 years old. Standing in front of a large window in their home on Long Island, Cameron had asked, “What am I here for?” and God had shown him a vision of himself standing on a stage speaking to a sea of people while skyscrapers rose behind him.

Unsure what it meant, Cameron kept it to himself, eventually forgetting it.

When Atlanta became a boomtown for models, he'd begun traveling there for jobs. Having been blessed to find an agent, he made a lot of money. When the casting director for the film *The Last Dragon* suggested to Cameron that he move to New York City, he did. He didn't get the role, but the casting director became his manager, and signed him with a modeling agency that wanted to send him to Milan, Italy, prior to establishing him in New York.

Not wanting to go to Milan, Cameron switched to the Wilhelmina agency and stayed in New York City. While in New York, he met a group of theatrical models in love with Jesus. Attending one of their meetings, he heard a Messianic Jew speak, and Cameron gave his life to Christ.

The change had been cataclysmic. He became evangelistic overnight.

Then he found out something that changed him even more.

While in Miami for a brief period to play a role in the TV series *Miami Vice*, Cameron's mother told him about the ministry of Dr. Fredrick K.C. Price, a Spirit-filled minister in California. Through Price's ministry, he was introduced to Kenneth Copeland Ministries and began watching KCM's daily TV broadcast.

As far as his acting career went, Cameron had seen much success. His nearly 50 acting roles included a number of appearances in TV series and TV movies, including *Doogie Howser, M.D.*; *Star Trek: The Next Generation*; *China Beach*; *The Equalizer* (1986); and *Miami Vice*, as well as several movies.

Home now, Cameron got a call from his agent to discuss terms of the contract.

“There is partial body nudity in this role,” he said.

“I don’t do nudity.”

“OK, I’ll talk to them and get back to you.”

When his agent called back, he told Cameron: “We’ve worked out a deal. They’ve agreed to use a body double.”

Then, Cameron heard the voice of the Holy Spirit.

*You have to shun even the appearance of evil.*

“I’m sorry, I can’t do it.”

**Losing a Career; Accepting a Call**

“Standing by my convictions changed everything,” Cameron recalls. “I didn’t just lose that role. The agency dropped me. Jobs dried up. No one hired me. The bright spot in all this was that I received a call into the ministry, and I accepted it. But for my wife, it was all too much. She filed for divorce and took our children back to Florida with her. I was devastated.

“I tend to look on the bright side of any situation, but not being able to live with my children was the hardest thing I’d ever endured. I went through bankruptcy and lost everything. I ended up living in the back room of a house belonging to someone on welfare.”

Despite the troubles he found himself facing, Cameron didn’t give up on his newly found faith in God. Over time, things began to get a little better. One day, while sitting alone at home, Cameron had an encounter with God.

*What do actors do?* he heard a voice say.

“I don’t know, Lord. You’re God. Tell me, what do actors do?” Cameron answered.

*Actors create a new reality. They allow people to suspend their own belief system in favor of a different reality.*

Then, he heard these words:

*Cam, you’ve been on stage and won many awards for acting. You create a different reality. What I want you to do is teach My people how to act like Me. I want you to teach My people that the Bible is the only script. Jesus is the only character. The Holy Spirit is the writer. Embody that. Be Christ in your skin. Have the mind of Christ.*

*My people are disciples. Sons. Duplicates. Portray Jesus to society. When He saw something that didn’t line up with heaven, He infused His reality. He opened blind eyes. He commanded God’s will on earth.*
“One day after that happened, the Lord orchestrated that I would be at a Kenneth Copeland meeting,” Cameron recalls. “I thought of the way he leaves the pulpit and walks down the aisles. His eyes are so piercing. He goes back to the pulpit and points his finger, commanding God’s will to be done. I said to myself, *He is acting like Jesus.* Suddenly, it all made sense to me. *We’re all actors, creating a new reality. The only script is the Bible and the only character is Jesus.*


Finding Family

One day the Holy Spirit spoke to Cameron and told him, *Check on your godson. You haven’t seen him in six years.*

Those words eventually put him back in touch with the boy’s mother, BJ Rucker. A force to be reckoned with in Atlanta, with a degree in fashion merchandizing and an MBA, BJ had done commercial acting and modeling. She’d entered beauty pageants—and won them all.

Then she’d started doing television and set the ratings ablaze.

She anchored the noonday news for NBC. She spun the wheel for *Dialing for Dollars.* And prior
to MTV, she was a music jockey for a station owned by Michael Green. She had also hosted two shows on Georgia Public Television and had interviewed the likes of Cicely Tyson, Rosalyn Carter and Lena Horne.

A brilliant businesswoman, BJ built her own production company. She owned the company that had hired Cameron back when he modeled in Atlanta. She’d been his boss.

Cameron would never forget the first time he met her.

She’d been arrogant. She’d said something to put the young model in his place.

Leaning across her desk, Cameron had looked her in the eye and said, “I’m not going to take that.”

Having set the record straight, the two established a good working relationship. Years later, after the two had gone their separate ways, BJ contacted Cameron with a special request. Having come out of a tumultuous relationship, she was expecting a child and had decided to raise him alone, and she wanted to name him after “the only two men I know with integrity,” BJ told Cameron.

The men were her grandfather, who was a former pastor, and Cameron.

When her son was born, he bore Camy’s acting name, Cameron, and the middle name of her grandfather, which was Clay. Cameron flew from New York to Atlanta to attend his godson’s dedication ceremony. Five years had passed and he had not spoken to BJ since.

“I was married to Jesus until He brings me one stepfather had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, but I hadn’t answered,” BJ remembers. “My stepfather had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and I stayed with him until the end. He was the dearest man, and he’d been a wonderful father to me. He kept saying, ‘BJ, your husband and children are coming,’ I said, ‘Dad, that’s the drugs talking.’

“I had given myself completely to the Lord. I wore a wedding band and told everyone that I was married to Jesus until He brings me one just like Himself.

“After Dad passed, I was at his house one day cleaning when Cameron called. God must have shoved me, because one minute I was in the hall and the next I nearly fell over the phone when it rang. We talked for five hours, and by the time we got off the phone, we were getting married.”

Cameron boarded a plane and flew to Atlanta. He knew He’d be told that BJ was to be his wife. In truth, they didn’t know each other very well. They’d been friends for a few years when they worked together. Otherwise, there was no contact they’d had was when he attended her son’s christening.

“I was broke and had lost everything,” Cameron remembers.

“BJ, having lived a powerhouse life, on television, having her own business and dating millionaires, was also now alone—devastated by loss. And yet, she was with God.

“I asked her to marry me, and she accepted. This wasn’t a love match. We were both simply being obedient to the Lord. After we got engaged, we spent the next nine months getting to know one another. We married in November 1998, surrounded by all our children. It was bliss, and we fell in love with each other more each day.”

Growing a Church

In 1998, Cameron and BJ started New Light Dominion Church as a Bible study. They went from holding services in their house to a movie theater in the affluent Buckhead area of Atlanta.

“We cleaned up beer bottles and popcorn before each service,” Cameron recalls. “As the church grew, so did we.”

Staying connected with KCM, they scheduled their vacations so they could attend the ministries’ Believers’ Conventions and Victory Campaigns, traveling to Washington, D.C.; Fort Worth; and Nashville, Tenn. “We both had already been strengthening our faith for years by reading KCM materials, including the magazine, and watching the BVOV broadcasts. We were teaching people to live by faith, act like Jesus and do exploits for God. I was so happy preaching the gospel.”

In 2013, BJ was on her way to meet a friend for tea when she heard the Lord say, “That’s who you want. Who you need is Cameron Arnett!”
A Change of Plans

“For two weeks, I kept getting a story in my dreams,” Cameron recalls. “I later discovered that I was dreaming the storyline of the book that was being made into a movie. It was a Christian film called Stand Your Ground. The Lord told me to go to the audition. I said no at first, but of course I obeyed and I got the part.

“Afterward, roles kept coming to me. I told God that I would never chase another role; that if He wanted my life to take this direction I didn’t want to do auditions. Since then, I’ve acted in 18 films and only auditioned twice.”

In 2018, while in Nashville for a meeting with the board of the International Christian Visual Media, Cameron had just stepped off the escalator when he heard someone shout his name. It was Alex Kendrick who, with his brothers, Stephen and Shannon, are the well-known producers and directors of such popular Christian films as Flywheel, Facing the Giants, Fireproof, Courageous and War Room.

Alex took Cameron to dinner and told him the storyline of their newest film script; a movie titled Overcomer and the role of a character named Thomas Hill.

“I didn’t know this guy knew who I was or that I was even on his radar,” Cameron recalls.

“I’d like you to consider this role, but you have to go through the process,” Kendrick told him. That meant, if he wanted the part, Cameron would have to audition. He did, and the role of playing the part of a blind man was his.

“I really saw God show up in the auditions,” Cameron says. “I hate auditioning, and I knew it was all God.”

When Overcomer was released this past August in over 1700 theaters, it was among the Top 5 movies in theaters. “Movies usually have a shelf life of about two weeks,” Cameron explained. “We’re currently in our fifth week and expanding to another 300 theaters. So far, it’s been translated into 71 languages and is about to cover the world.

“Christian films are the fastest growing genre in the industry. Sony has established Affirm, which is the banner under which the Kendrick brothers’ movies are made. Lionsgate now banners Kingdom Studios for their Christian films.”

After having the career he so desired taken away from him for standing by his convictions, and then watching as God restored all that he had lost, but on a much higher level, Cameron now understands why God asked him those many years ago, What do actors do?

“This hasn’t changed what we do, just the field in which we do it,” Cameron says. “God has transitioned us out of the four walls of the church into a global ministry. Instead of calling ourselves a church, we do what we’ve always done under Camy Arnett Productions.”

Through the medium of film, Cameron and BJ Arnett are taking the message of the gospel to the world. In December 2019, Camy Arnett Production Studios released its first feature film, Mattie: The Discovery, as part of a trilogy.

“I believe that God is using these films to help bring in the last great harvest of souls,” says Cameron.
Our Spiritual Heritage

One Nation...
for the Glory of God

by Kenneth Copeland

Why did the Pilgrims come to America?

What was in the heart of God concerning this place?

If you want to know the truth about the founding of our nation, go back to its original documents and the circumstances surrounding their creation. The truth may surprise you.

It has always been God’s plan to have a nation where the glory of God could be sown and nurtured, from which His glory could spread throughout the whole earth—where all people could praise the God of heaven and be protected from sin, sickness, demons, fear and all the curse that had come on the earth. This North American continent was the place He chose for the seed to be planted.

God picked a handful of people from different places to come here and plant the seeds of His glory. They were not racists or religiousists. They were just believers.

In November 1620, a little ship called the Mayflower came to the shores of this continent. The people aboard had the glory of God and a prayer of faith in their hearts for a place where they could worship God in freedom. On board that vessel, these people entered into a covenant with God to establish the land of His dreams in the Name and in the blood of Jesus.

The Mayflower Compact is America’s first great constitutional document. It was signed in Cape Cod Bay before the ship’s inhabitants set foot on American soil. Here is some of what it proclaimed:

In the name of God, amen. We whose names are underwritten...having undertaken for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and the honour of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia....

This wasn’t just any colony. It was, in the words of the Pilgrims themselves, “for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith.” In England they had suffered persecution for their religious convictions. That had led them to emigrate to Holland in search of religious freedom. After 12 difficult years there, they made the voyage to the New World to begin a colony for the glory of God.

I always come back to this when I hear people predict the doom of the United States like they have been doing for more than 220 years. I want you to know something about this country—it may go through some hard knocks, but it’s not going to fail. I can tell you exactly why. It’s that covenant established in the blood of Jesus.

Thank God, that covenant was made on the Mayflower, and I remember I’m not. I have a covenant with them that goes back to Pilgrim days. We still have a ways to go. Love is still the answer to the spirit of this land.

God has had mercy on this nation in spite of all its shortcomings. Thank God for the people who have fought so hard to keep our nation on the road of liberty.

I believe this dream is a major part of what God Still Has a Dream....

Under the power of the Holy Spirit, our nation will be saved, and we will fulfill the prophecy of the Mayflower Compact—North America as a nation instrumental in fulfilling God’s dream for America.

Today we’re farther down that road, but we have a ways to go. Love is still the answer. It is the answer of divine love. It must be found in every heart, in every place of our land.
said, I’m not. I have a covenant with them that was made on the Mayflower, and I remember that covenant… Thank God, that covenant has saved this nation over and over.

**God Still Has a Dream...**

I believe this dream is a major part of what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. saw when he said, “I have a dream.” He said he had seen the promised land and glory. I don’t think he was just seeing folks sitting together. There’s more to it than that. They can pass laws and make us sit together, but they can’t make us love each other. But in the spirit there’s reconciliation. The blood of Jesus wipes out the differences and divisions. I believe that’s what he saw.

As Galatians 3:28 says, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

God never intended for the black man to come here in the belly of a slave ship. And He never planned for the white man to come over here and steal from the red man and kill him. None of that was God’s plan.

God’s plan was a place where all tribes, all tongues, all races, all colors could freely praise and worship Him together.

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God intended for this North American continent to be a place where there would be a nation like the family of God. It was meant to be a place where people honestly love each other. Why? Because of the anointing that abides within. There is an anointing to love (Ephesians 3:14-20).

A Jewish man loved and died for all of us—the black man, the red man, the white man, the yellow man, the brown man. There had to be an anointing to do that, and that anointing is on His Body, the Church, today. It’s Christ in you… our hope of glory!

Make no mistake about it, God is still going to have His dream and we’re part of it.

The American dream is God’s dream—one nation under God filled with His glory.

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**June 29, 2008,** in our Sunday afternoon corporate prayer meeting here on Prayer Mountain, we were praying enthusiastically about the upcoming presidential election. Suddenly, the Lord interrupted us with a strong word:

One thing will save America. And it is not the election. It is an awakening to God!

One thing will avail for Israel and the nations. It is an awakening to God!

We were silenced. Even rebuked!

A spirit of repentance, for misplaced faith that a man or a party held the answers to America’s condition, enveloped us.

Holy Spirit-guided thoughts raced through my mind: The best person in the world could be elected president of the United States and it would do no good if the people do not awaken...

And so I did. And ever since, I’ve shared the things gleaned in that study. The Believer’s Voice of Victory broadcast with Gloria Copeland has allowed me to share those timely, life-changing instructions from the Lord, and the study that evolved.

By My Spirit, Saith the Lord

The Lord impressed us with this absolute necessity for an awakening—we must cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

A relatively small group of Jews came back from Babylonian captivity and were faced with the formidable task of building the second Temple. The word of the Lord came to Zerubbabel as to how it would be accomplished: “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith [Jehovah] of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6).

The word hayil (might), which also means an “army” or “host,” probably stands for the strength of many, while koach stands for that of “one man.”

It is not by human strength—not of many, nor of one—but only by the power of the Holy Spirit that things of God are accomplished. Therefore, we must learn to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. And cooperation always means, perhaps above all else, yielding—whether as an individual, or as a corporate body.

In Our Individual Lives

Tremendous promises are given us regarding the Holy Spirit. For example: He abides in us (John 14:16-17). He teaches us (John 14:26). He speaks to us; He guides us and shows us things to come (John 16:13). He leads us (Romans 8:14). But all His wondrous doings in our behalf are predicated upon our yielding to Him. He’s always teaching, always speaking, leading and guiding. But we must listen. We must yield.

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There is literally nothing that I ever wanted to do, that I asked the blessed Creator to help me to do, that I have not been able to accomplish. It’s all very simple, if one knows how to talk with the Creator. It is simply seeking the Lord and finding Him…all my life I have risen regularly at four o’clock and have gone into the woods and talked with God. There He gives me my orders for the day…when people are still asleep I hear God best and learn my plan…after my morning’s talk with God I go into my laboratory and begin to carry out His wishes for the day.

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Cooperating With the Holy Spirit in a Meeting

A more literal translation of 1 Corinthians 12:1 would be, “Now concerning spirituals [things of and pertaining to the Holy Spirit],

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—Kenneth Copeland

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There must also be place for the manifestation of tongues (verses 8-10). Verse 11 declares, “But all His wondrous and shows us things to come (John 16:13). He speaks to us; He guides us and shows us things to come (John 16:13). He leads us (Romans 8:14). But all His wondrous doings in our behalf are predicated upon our yielding to Him. He’s always teaching, always speaking, leading and guiding. But we must listen. We must yield.

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brethren, I would not have you ignorant."

The chapter then illuminates us regarding nine wonderful, supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit: the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, (special) faith, the gifts of healing, the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, kinds of tongues and the interpretation of tongues (verses 8-10). Verse 11 declares, “But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”

Donald Gee, an early Pentecostal leader, said verse 7, which introduces the list of nine gifts, is the key verse to the chapter: “The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.” Gee added that our meetings ought to be marked by manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Ministers (preachers) need to yield to the Holy Spirit in their own preaching. We have been guilty of overriding promptings of the Holy Spirit. “There is literally nothing that I ever wanted to do, that I asked the blessed Creator to help me do, and He has always been ready to help me,” says the late Dr. George Washington Carver, the renowned scientist, born of a slave, is credited with saving the agriculture of the South. He is known by great manifestations of the power of the Holy Spirit. Carver is quoted as saying:

"Electricity is God's power in the natural, the Holy Spirit is God's power in the supernatural."

**Prayer and Awakening**

In studying awakenings, we saw that prayer always preceded them. And I am happy to report that the Spirit of prayer is enveloping believers everywhere in a way I have not seen in my life. The Lord has touched a prayer meeting we stream live every Wednesday at noon (CT) from Prayer Mountain. Thousands from more than 50 countries join in each week. Their letters and emails often speak of the strong sense of unity they feel with the knowledge we are praying together in faith for an awakening to God.

June 29, 2008, we began to follow the Lord by praying for an awakening. He has now further instructed us to pray for a manifestation of His power.
Completely Healed of Leukemia
I placed an order for some books and CDs on healing for my niece who was diagnosed with leukemia 18 months ago. They had a problem with some of my books, so I called from Geneva, Switzerland, and the lady who took the order asked if I was ill. I told her it was my niece. After taking the order, she asked for my niece’s name and joined her faith with mine and prayed for my niece. My niece went through chemotherapy treatments, and last month she was cleared from having any trace/cell of cancer in her system. She is healed completely! I just want to praise the Lord and thank Him for His faithfulness.

C.B. | Washington, D.C.

ON OUR WAY TO DEBT FREEDOM
Praise the Lord! After believing God for my family harvest, we stepped out on faith. We sowed a seed for debt freedom, and the Lord gave us a glimpse into what is to come. He blessed us with $10,000! We believe there is more where that came from. The transfer of wealth is manifesting in our lives. Thank you for sharing the Word of Faith — tangible manifestations of the glory of God.

A.A. | Sandersville, Ga.

Obedience Brings Blessing
On Sept. 29, 2019, I was finishing up at work for the day and the Lord dropped into my spirit to give $1 a day to KCM. I couldn’t deny it was the Lord, but I waited a couple days for a confirmation and never received one. So, I made up my mind to obediently give $8 in total — going back to Oct. 1 and called in a return on my giving.

One of my professors from college asked me to help him move some boxes to his attic in his home and he paid me $50—for less than an hour of work! WOW! Look at the Lord! Out of that $50, I was able to tithe and give more! God can be trusted to keep His promise on blessing those who dare to believe and obey.

C. C. | Tulsa, Okla.

Prayer That Brings Results
I called in Monday to request prayer for someone who was in a coma. The prayer minister at KCM prayed and commanded life to return to his body. Today, which is Wednesday, he opened his eyes and recognized people. I want to thank the prayer warriors at KCM for praying with me. May God be exalted and praised!

T. J. | Mint Hill, N.C.

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.

Inmate Redeemed by the Blood
Incarcerated since 2005, I was an absolute mess! I was suicidal and addicted to many substances. I wrote to KCM while awaiting trial—you responded, sending me materials, the letter from Brother Copeland and my BVOV magazine. I devoured them and had such an appetite for the Word, it was crazy. I’ve referred many people over the years because this ministry is awesome. I am honored and blessed to be a part of this movement. I’ve grown and learned so much. I’ve been almost 13 years drug free, 11 years cigarette free, and almost 10 years mind-altering medication free. If He could take a black soul like mine and wash it with the blood of the Lamb, imagine what He could do for the next one. I just wanted to give my praise report on being a Partner in this ministry.

S.T. | Canada

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PRAYER IS OUR PRIORITY.
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God does not intend for you to have to struggle to live a holy life. Sadly, a lot of Christians think He does, but they’re mistaken.

Holiness is important to God, certainly, but He never meant for His born-again children to spend their lives striving to measure up to His standards by keeping a seemingly endless list of religious rules. He never told us in the New Testament that we must try to attain holiness by working really hard on our behavior and doing everything just right.

No, He told us in the New Testament that we’re already holy! He said that the moment we were born again the old, unholy sinner we used to be on the inside died, and we became a new creation. Our inner man—the real us that 1 Peter 3:4 calls “the hidden person of the heart” (New King James Version) was reborn in the image of God and we became partakers of His holy nature (2 Peter 1:4).

For us, as believers, holiness is no longer something we’re struggling to get. It’s part of our new identity. Inwardly, it’s part of who we are.

“But Gloria,” you might say, “if that’s true, why do I still sin sometimes and fall prey to ungodly attitudes and habits? Why doesn’t the holiness that’s on the inside of me show up more on the outside?”

Because for that to happen you must let what’s in your spirit affect your soul and your body. As Ephesians 4 says, having put off “the old man,” you must “be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and...put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” (verses 22-24, NKJV).

Unlike getting born again, which happens instantly, being renewed in the spirit of your mind involves a process. It takes place as you spend time in God’s Word and let it change your soul.

Made up of your intellect, will and emotions, your soul is in the middle—between your spirit and your body. It decides what you’re going to do and how you’re going to live. As you renew your mind with God’s Word, you start thinking like God does and being willing to do what He wants you to do. Your soul starts aligning with your spirit. Your new man dominates your flesh, your body comes in line, and you begin to change. You start growing up in the Lord and looking more and more on the outside like the person you are on the inside.

**POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:**

1. Holiness and righteousness are not something you work to attain, they’re part of your new spiritual identity in Christ.  
   2 Cor. 5:17-18

2. Your old, sinful spirit man died the moment you were born again and your spirit was re-created in God’s image.  
   Eph. 4:22, 24

3. As you feed on God’s Word, it will affect your soul and you’ll begin to act on the outside like who you are on the inside.  
   Eph. 4:23

4. Jesus lived His life on earth by finding Himself in God’s Word and walking it out by faith.  
   Heb. 10:7

5. The more you look in the Word and find yourself there, the more the holy, glorious image of Jesus will be revealed in you.  
   2 Cor. 3:18
"YOU DON’T DO IT BY BEATING YOURSELF UP OVER ALL THE WAYS YOU’VE MISSED IT…. NO, THAT’S LEGALISM AND THERE’S NO LIFE IN THAT."

This doesn't happen automatically though, just because you're a Christian. It requires a decision. Just as you decided to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior when you got saved, if you want to grow up in Him you must decide to put God's Word first place in your life.

Many Christians never do that. They go to church on Sunday, but they never spend enough time in the Word to find out who they are in Christ Jesus, so they get stuck living carnal, flesh-rulled lives. They know they're not supposed to sin, but they can't seem to help it, so they're miserable and frustrated. They try to live right but wind up failing and feeling condemned.

Because they don't know what the Word says about things like healing and prosperity, if sickness or lack comes their way, they just have to put up with it. Although, when they're faced with serious trouble, they pray for God to help them, but all they know to do is beg and plead. They aren't established firmly enough on God's Word to just believe and receive by faith what He promised. So, although sometimes God finds a way to bless them in spite of their doubts, at best, their prayers don't produce consistent results.

Anyone Can Become a Faith Giant

That's no way to live! I know, because I did it myself for a short while right after I became a Christian. I didn't have to do it for long though. A few years after Ken and I were born again, we moved to Tulsa and got connected with the ministries of Oral Roberts and Kenneth E. Hagin. We learned from them that the Word of God is the foundation for a victorious faith life, and we went after the Word with everything we had.

There was no Bible school for me to attend (Rhema didn't exist in those days), but I got books and tapes of anointed preaching and absolutely saturated myself in them. While Ken was out preaching, since we didn't have the money for me to go with him, I went to Bible school all by myself just staying at home listening to messages and taking notes.

Talk about changing! The Word I got hold of back then revolutionized my whole life. I began growing in God, and because I've continued in that Word I've never stopped.

That's God's intention for every believer. He doesn't just pick out certain people and do something special for them. Any believer can become a faith giant if they'll make a decision to do so. It doesn't matter what our occupation is or what else is going on in our lives, if we'll decide to make God's Word our first priority and our final authority, we can keep growing and developing in faith. As Ephesians 4:13-15, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, says: "Until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him. So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro...[but rather] grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."

This is where God is taking us, Church! His plan is for us, as the Body of Christ on the earth, to keep changing by faith so that we keep looking more and like Jesus.

“But you don't know how far I have to go,” someone might say. “I don't look anything like Jesus right now! Even though I know I'm saved, my life is still an unholy mess.”

It isn't too big of a mess for God! He can straighten out anything.

He's already straightened out your spirit by doing away with your sin-deadened old man and re-creating your spirit in true righteousness and holiness, and He's able to finish what He started. You just need to decide to cooperate with Him. You just need to keep beholding in His Word as if you're beholding Him.
as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, and as you do you will be “transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18, NKJV).

Notice it’s the Spirit of the Lord that transforms you into Jesus’ image so that you look on the outside like who you are on the inside. You don’t do it by beating yourself up over all the ways you’ve missed it, and trying in the flesh to live under a set of laws. No, that’s legalism and there’s no life in that.

Life, Jesus said in John 17:3, comes from knowing God. It comes from spending time with Him in the Word and in prayer, maintaining a living connection with Him and walking in the spirit. For if you “walk in the Spirit…ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” (Galatians 5:16).

When you’re walking with God in the spirit, you don’t live legally. You aren’t thinking all the time, I can’t do this, and I can’t do that, and struggling to put off the old man. You’re focused on the can-do’s and putting on the new man. You’re seeing yourself in the Scriptures and thinking, I can live righteously because I’m the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I’ve been made holy by His own holiness, so I can live a holy life and let others see His glory in me!

Years ago, I heard Sister Clara Grace, a prophetess who used to minister sometimes with Brother Hagin, say this is how Jesus Himself lived when He was on earth. I found Myself in The Book, He said to her once during a spiritual visitation. Every time I laid My head down and rested on the bed, I meditated on what God’s Word said about who I am.

Jesus Had to Live by Faith, Just Like Us

Many Christians have the idea that Jesus was able to live as He did when He was on the earth because He had special divine power. That He could be holy because He’s God. But that’s not correct. Jesus laid aside His divine privileges as deity when He left heaven and took on flesh. He came to the earth as a man. As a man He had to overcome sin and temptation, just as we do. He didn’t just live a holy life automatically. He had to resist the devil, stand on God’s Word and “live by faith” (Romans 1:17).

Since “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God,” the Word was the foundation of Jesus’ entire life and calling. Remember how He first introduced His ministry in Nazareth? He quoted from the Scriptures. He opened to what Isaiah prophesied about Him and said: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed...”
me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord…. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears” (Luke 4:18-19, 21).

According to Hebrews 10, Jesus even quoted Scripture when He was fellowshiping with His heavenly Father. In praying about His call and His destiny, He said, “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me…. Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of Me—to do Your will, O God” (verses 5-7, NKJV).

Just as God prepared a body for Jesus when He came to earth the first time, now God is preparing a Body on earth for Jesus’ second coming. He’s preparing the Body of Christ to be “a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:27).

As members of this Body, we’re to be participating in its preparation by finding ourselves in the Book as Jesus did, and saying to our heavenly Father much the same as He said: I am who Your Word says I am, I have what it says I have, I can do what it says I can do. And I’m here to do Your will.

The more we do that, the more holiness we’ll walk in and the more glorious we’ll become. The more glorious we become, the more the world will be attracted to us.

People in this world are hungry to see God’s supernatural glory! They’re looking for it all the time. I read a news story once about someone who claimed they saw the image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a window. When word about it got out, hundreds of thousands of people came to that window to try to see the image of the Madonna themselves.

Most of those people probably weren’t even born again. They were just hoping to see something supernatural. They just wanted to believe that God exists and that He’s still manifesting Himself in some way to people today.

Of course, even if Mary’s image did appear in that window, it wouldn’t compare to the glorious image that’s on the inside of us, as His children. We have the image of Jesus Himself in us—and if we’ll make the decision to stay in the Word and keep believing and acting on it, that image can be revealed through us. We can literally become walking miracles.

Here at KCM we’ve seen it happen. We hear the testimonies all the time.

I remember one young woman wrote us some years ago that, as a teenager, she’d had a disease that caused gangrene. She’d lost her fingers, and both her legs had been amputated so completely that the doctors didn’t think she’d ever be able to walk, even with artificial limbs.

With no hope at all of a normal life, she tried to commit suicide. She thought her life was over. Then one day, she got hold of a Bible. She started reading it and got excited.

Her parents didn’t like that. They thought she was going off on a religious tangent and would end up disappointed. So they took her Bible and put it on the top shelf of her closet, too high up for her to reach. They didn’t take away her television though, and one day she found the daily broadcast of Believer’s Voice of Victory. She started watching it, stuck with it, and before long she began to change.

Instead of wanting to die, she started wanting to live. Hope arose in her and then faith, as she found herself in the Word and heard about the abundant life that belonged to her in Jesus. Long story short, the last time I heard from her she was in her 20s and not only was she on fire for God, she was walking, and driving her own car.

If she could believe what God says about her and overcome the kinds of obstacles she was facing, certainly you can overcome whatever you’re facing. Having put off the old man through the new birth, you can put on the new man that is created in righteousness and true holiness. You can live by faith from the inside out and walk in the glory of God! 🌟
THE FAMILY BUSINESS
Job Interview with a Superkid

Interviewer: “So, what experience do you have that qualifies you for this job?”

Superkid: “None.”

I: “OK. What skills do you have?”

S: “Hmmm, I’m not really sure yet.”

I: “What is your current employment?”

S: “I play, talk to my friends, have fun. The pay’s not that good, but I go to school and learn stuff.”

I: “And how old are you?”

S: “I’m 12 years old.”

I: “Well, I don’t see much here to qualify you to work at Kingdom of God Adventures. Can anyone recommend you or give you a character reference? If not, I’ll have to look for someone else.”

S: “Oh, yes! I belong to Jesus! I am called by His Name! In fact, He’s the One who asked me to come work here!”

I: “Well! That’s all I need to know! You are fully qualified and officially HIRED!”

Superkid, this is how I picture you being interviewed to work in the kingdom of God. I’m being funny, but seriously, knowing Jesus is the only qualification you need to work the best job in the universe! Let me tell you about a boy who worked for His Dad. He was your age when He really began to take His job seriously.

Many years ago, a young girl named Mary was visited by an angel of the Lord: “Do not yield to your fear, Mary, for the Lord has found delight in you and has chosen to surprise you with a wonderful gift. You will become pregnant with a baby boy, and you are to name him Jesus. He will be supreme and will be known as the Son of the Highest” (Luke 1:30-32, The Passion Translation).

She was young and engaged to Joseph the carpenter. How could she become pregnant and how could He be the Son of God? Mary had many questions, but was willing to serve God in any way He asked. So she said, “Yes, Lord.”

Fast forward. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem, and all of heaven worshipped Him. Kings, shepherds and even animals bowed down before Him.

When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to be dedicated, lovers of God Simeon and Anna recognized Him as the Messiah they had been waiting for. They prophesied over Him, telling His parents all He would become and what He would do.

Simeon said, “‘With my own eyes I have seen your Word, the Savior you sent into the world. He will be glory for your people Israel, and the Revelation Light for all people everywhere!’ Mary and Joseph stood there, awestruck over what was being said about their baby” (2:31-33).

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and warned Mary of some difficult things she would face as Jesus’ mother. Anna sang choruses of praise to God. She left the Temple that day and never stopped telling people that their Savior had come.

Thanks to Simeon and Anna, Mary and Joseph truly realized Jesus was the Son of God. What was it like, raising God’s Son? What was their home like? What was life like for Jesus? Do you think Jesus was perfect? Did He like games and outdoor fun?

Talk with your family and explore such questions. Go even deeper and ask Jesus some other things. Here’s one: Did Jesus automatically know everything? Let’s talk about that. Jesus was human AND the Son of God. He lived in the earth as a human man, but he started as a human baby. Verse 40 tells us, “The child grew more powerful in grace, for he was being filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.”

If he GREW more in grace and He was BEING FILLED with wisdom then what does that mean? It means that Jesus wasn’t automatically everything He became. Jesus grew in these things, JUST LIKE YOU.

We can see in His Word how Jesus grew up. We see a snapshot of one of His early adventures in verses 41-46: “Every year Jesus’ parents went to worship at Jerusalem during the Passover festival. When Jesus turned twelve...” WAIT! 12? Jesus was 12? Of course, He was! I told you! Keep going... “his parents took him to Jerusalem to observe the Passover, as was their custom. A full day after they began their journey home, Joseph and Mary realized that Jesus was missing. They had assumed he was somewhere in their entourage, but he was nowhere to be found. After a frantic search among relatives and friends, Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After being separated from him for three days, they finally found him in the temple, sitting among the Jewish teachers, listening to them and asking questions.”

Look at that, Superkid! Jesus wasn’t always talking and preaching. When He was a boy, He was listening and asking questions! He was learning about the Father, the Scriptures and His own calling.

He was finding out who He was in His Father’s house! His parents were shocked to find him there, and Mary scolded him, saying, ‘Son, your father and I have searched for you everywhere! We have been worried sick over not finding you. Why would you do this to us?’” (verse 48).

Jesus knew who HE was and it gave Him direction, focus and confidence. Verse 49 in the New King James Version says, “Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”

His parents didn’t understand what He meant, but today we know Jesus came so His Father could have His lost children back. He depended on Jesus to save us, much as you and I do. Why? So we can hang out in the house of God, learn, ask questions, listen to our pastors, our teachers and parents like Jesus did. Most importantly, stay close to Jesus, ask HIM questions about His Word, about life.

This is what YOU are called to do! Verse 52 (TPT), “As Jesus grew, so did His wisdom and maturity. The favor of men increased upon his life, for he was loved greatly by God.” As you grow, your wisdom and maturity will increase, and YOU too can be about your Father’s business. He’s got an important job for YOU in the family business!

Pick up your Bible, Superkid. Everything you need to know is in this employee handbook, including your first assignment....

More on that later!

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