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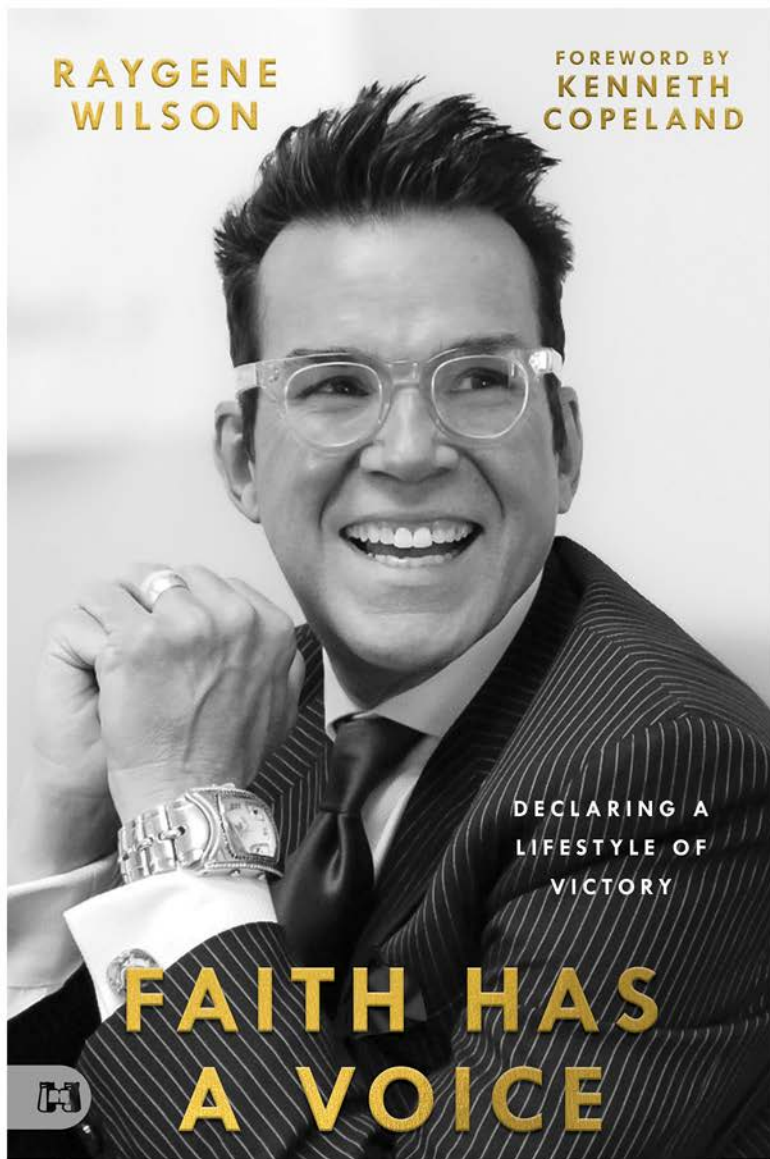
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ENDORSEMENTS

I am delighted to endorse RayGene Wilson's book, *Faith Has a Voice*. Having known RayGene since 1984, spanning nearly 40 years, I can attest to the depth of his spiritual journey and the profound impact of his ministry. For years, he traveled alongside my father, Kenneth E. Hagin, and me, leaving a memorable mark on our lives.

RayGene's musical gift shone through as he recorded six praise and worship albums with The Rhema Singers and Band during our travels. His voice, both in song and in the proclamation of the Word, reflects the anointing on his ministry that I've witnessed firsthand. He is not only a skillful psalmist but also a dynamic minister of God's Word.

What sets *Faith Has a Voice* apart is the rich foundation of faith that RayGene's life is rooted in. This book is a testament to the transformative power of a life steeped in faith. I am pleased to recommend it to you wholeheartedly, confident that it will inspire and guide you on your own journey of declaring a lifestyle of faith.

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Get ready to take your faith and your saying to a whole new level as you dive deep into this teaching and begin to

implement it into your own life. RayGene is masterful at illuminating the scriptures and making this easy for anyone to understand... and if you're listening to the voice of faith, you'll catch great insight that will no doubt transform your life.

So, find a good place to sit down, grab this book and something to take notes with, and get alone in the presence of God. You're going to have a glorious time reading this book, and when you finish, you're going to understand that faith has a voice and you have ears to hear.

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As someone who grew up in church, it was easy to believe the lie that I had heard it all before. For a long time, I thought faith was only something given, not something to be exercised. After knowing RayGene Wilson for the past decade, I can say his view on faith has radically changed the way I approach God's Word. Faith is the opportunity we all have to actively partner with what God is currently doing in our lives. RayGene's ability to break down and explain scripture goes past head knowledge and instead becomes written on the hearts of those who listen. As you read this book, I know that you, too, will be thankful for the many reminders that faith is the doorway to experiencing the supernatural in our lives.

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Our family has known and admired RayGene for many years. We have watched God use and elevate him through the ministry of music, preaching, and as a pastor. You will be transformed as you read his new book, *Faith Has a Voice*. In it, RayGene will help you understand what it means to walk in faith and receive the promises that God has for you.

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This is an excellent book! Learning to live by faith is essential to following Jesus! Thanks, RayGene, for your life and example of faith. Faith is the victory!

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FOREWORD

by Kenneth Copeland

Since Gloria and I have been in the ministry, it has been a joy for us to have a part in someone's growth as a minister.

Over the past several years, we have watched RayGene Wilson grow and develop in the ministry. I once told Gloria, "You better watch that one. That kid has fire in his eyes!" The Bible tells us how Philip was ordained first into the ministry of helps, then later he grew into the ministry of evangelism and was called "Philip the evangelist." He had grown from one place of ministry to another.

It's very interesting to see God develop a ministry and then to watch it grow and produce fruit. We have seen the Spirit of God use RayGene in the ministry of helps and develop him into an area of prophetic utterance in his ministry. He has become one of the most powerful ministers of the Gospel, in both preaching and singing, who travels the world today.

I say all of this not to give RayGene praise, because he doesn't require it, but because I want you, the reader, to receive from the Spirit of God through the anointing He has placed on RayGene's life and ministry.

INTRODUCTION

Throughout my life and ministry, I've had the privilege of walking by faith and walking alongside some great men of faith. The apostle Paul said in his first letter to the Corinthians, "You have many teachers, but you do not have many spiritual fathers." My spiritual fathers, though few, have made an indelible impact on my life. I've been in a unique position to travel with and learn from them first-hand, and the spiritual deposits they have made into my life are immeasurable.

I have studied, taught and now lived by faith and want to share how you can apply the same principles from the Word of God and have the same results. Life is not supposed to be hard and heavy; it's supposed to be light and easy if you're doing it with Jesus. He said His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

When I was growing up in church, we always sang songs such as, "When We All Get to Heaven, What a Day of Rejoicing That Will Be" and, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," but we didn't even know we were supposed to be happy over here!

A spirit of faith will cause you to rise up, speak up, and change your way of living. You can soar above the circumstances of life! Jesus said the reason He came is that we

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might have and enjoy life, and have it to the full till it overflows.

My prayer is that this book would be an inspiration to you, perhaps an instruction manual, or just encourage you in the life of faith you're already walking in. You are a born winner and are meant to be an overcomer. This is the victory that overcomes the world and everything in it, our faith!

—RayGene Wilson

CHAPTER 1

THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed therefore I spoke, we also believe and therefore we speak.

2 Corinthians 4:13

After more than 40 years of walking by faith, I realize more and more, it's just *that*, a faith walk. Faith is not just a thing we activate when we need something. It changes who we are, how we think, how we operate, and how we walk out this life. When any kind of symptom shows up in my body or a problem develops, I now know to answer it immediately, without even processing through my reasoning. That's how you are when you have a *spirit of faith*. It becomes your natural response and takes the place of the old responses you used to have. It's like a reflex. It's automatic.

The truth is, you can spend your life putting out fires and being pulled left and right by trouble. You can always feel behind and find yourself running to catch up. You can live overwhelmed by the next situation, circumstance, or symptom—or you can learn to walk through life empowered by the spirit of faith.

You see, faith has a voice—and it's a voice of victory. Yes, adversity comes to all. We all encounter problems, but since

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we have the same spirit of faith, we can ride above or barrel through the problems of life. We can walk through life in victory—enjoying every redemptive blessing that Jesus died and rose again for us to have.

If any kind of lack or need presents itself, I immediately know now to respond in faith. Have I been perfect at it? No, not perfect, but I'm a lot better than I used to be! No one

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is perfect down here on earth, but we are *being* perfected continually. We are always striving, always speaking the Word, and always trusting in Him.

There is a phrase that has become quite popular in our culture today: “No regrets.” I don't know that I have ever said that about myself, or even thought it. That would imply that I am happy with everything I've done, and I'm not. I've missed it more times than I care to talk about. Every time I have missed it, I have regretted it. We should always be adjusting as we go. It's like driving a car. Even if we can see straight down the road a mile and the road may look straight, we are constantly adjusting the steering as we go. If we don't, we will end up in the ditch or crossing the center line. It's the same as we travel the road of life. As we grow and learn, we should be making adjustments all along the way.

How do I respond to symptoms that may come up? By *calling* “those things which do not exist as though they did” (Romans 4:17). That's what Abraham did. A few verses before this in Romans, it says that *we* are to walk in the steps of our father Abraham. How exactly do you call those things that do not exist as though they did? You say, “I speak to you, body, in

the name of Jesus, and I command you to be healed.” What is *not* there is healing, so you call it healed.

How do I respond when a need arises or lack in any area is staring me in the face? I say, “I believe the Bible is true! And I believe what the Bible says in Philippians 4:19, ‘My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus!’ I believe we will have more than enough because we serve a God of more than enough!” I immediately start speaking what the Word says. That is calling those things that are not as though they were.

It is important that you don’t get that twisted around and *call those things that are, as though they are not*. That’s not what the Bible says. It’s the opposite of what the Bible says. If you do that, what will be in your mouth all the time? The problem instead of the answer. That means you will have the sickness or the symptom on your mind and in your mouth, or you will have the problem or the lack on your mind and in your mouth. If you do what we are instructed to do in Romans 4:17 and Philippians 4:19, you will have healing and blessing on your mind and in your mouth.

There has never been a question or a problem that comes up, when the Bible doesn’t have the answer for you. The Word of God covers it all. Even if something *does* come up that you aren’t sure *where* the answer is in the Bible, when you have a spirit of faith and you know God’s character, you already know on the inside what is right, because you know Him.

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

You can get to know God the same way you get to know anyone else, by spending time with the person. Have you ever

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seen a husband or a wife when someone asks one of them a question, the other one will answer? They know each other so well that they already know what their answer is going to be. Someone may say to me, “See what your wife thinks about this or that.” I don’t have to even ask her, I already know. How is that possible? Because I know her! I know what she likes and dislikes, I know her nature, I know her character, I know her values. I may not know exactly what words she is going to use, but I know her.

Once you get to know God, both through His Word and spending time with Him in His presence, there are just some things you know, “This is God,” or “That is God!” You never have to come up with your own conclusions. You know Him! When someone says something such as, “God gave me this sickness because He knew I could handle it. He’s trying to teach me something, so He gave me this trial.” I can tell you right now without a doubt, that is completely *not* true. I know it beyond a shadow of a doubt because I know God’s Word. For those statements to be true, His Word would have to be a lie. And God’s Word is truth, always and forever.

Jesus says in John 10:10 that *the thief has come to steal and kill and destroy*. If anything in your life has to do with stealing or killing or destruction of any kind, God had nothing to do with it. Jesus is not a liar. He goes on to say, “*I came that they [you] may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)*” (John 10:10 AMPC). That is Jesus’ nature!

“*Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies*” (Psalm 103:4). He is so good! That doesn’t mean we won’t face trials and have obstacles in this life, but the Word of God tells us how to handle them and how to overcome them!

TROUBLE ON EVERY SIDE

We started this chapter with 2 Corinthians 4:13 talking about a spirit of faith. Let's go back to verses 8 and 9 (KJV) and see what that looks like: "*We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed but not in despair. Persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed.*" You can see here, having a spirit of faith doesn't mean everything is going to go perfectly. It's not what you are faced with, but how you *respond* to what your faced with.

"*We are troubled on every side.*" Have you ever been there? Boy, I have. I've had so much trouble I couldn't see anything *but* trouble. This scripture speaks of trouble on every side, and I've been there! I couldn't look to the left without seeing it. I couldn't look to the right without seeing it. I couldn't look forward without seeing it, and I couldn't look back without seeing it!

So if you are facing trouble on every side, how do you handle it? The very next phrase tells you, "*yet not distressed.*" How is it possible to be surrounded by trouble and not be stressed out about it? By putting your faith in God and by trusting God right in the middle of the trouble. If you look at verses 8 and 9, there are a lot of different feelings and emotions going on: pressure, stressed-out, oppressed, crushed, embarrassed, unable to find a way, and hard-driven. What do you do about all this? First, don't believe the feelings. Second, speak the Word.

If you have that same spirit of faith, you will talk the same way! You will say, "Symptoms, but not done; bills, but not over; attacked, but not defeated; tormenting thoughts, but not true; some things I don't understand, but I'm not giving up!"

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We speak *not* what we are going through or experiencing at the moment, *we speak what we believe from the Word of God!* That's how you act when you have a spirit of faith! You speak what you believe. If you are feeling any one of the emotions listed in these verses, don't let them dominate your mind and certainly not what you say; instead, speak the Word! You might think, *I'm not just feeling **one** of those, I'm feeling **all** of them at once!* That is one of the enemy's favorite tactics. He's famous for the pile-on method. How do we handle it? Keep reading on in this chapter. God tells us exactly how to come out on top!

WHAT TO DO AND WHAT NOT TO DO

“While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18). Our feelings are temporary, but the Word of God is eternal. The Bible tells us both what *to* look at and what *not* to look at. You can't get any clearer than that. We *don't* look at the things that are seen. We *do* look at things unseen. *“For we walk by faith, not by sight”* (2 Corinthians 5:7). We *do* walk by faith; we *don't* walk by sight.

“And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ‘I believe and therefore I spoke,’ we also believe therefore speak” (2 Corinthians 4:13). Notice it says we have the same spirit of faith. The same spirit of faith as whom? For one, the same spirit of faith as Abraham, who is our father in the faith! We just read in 2 Corinthians 4:18 faith is not seen. *“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going”* (Hebrews 11:8). The Bible says Abraham

believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness. God said in a sense, “You may not be perfect, and I know you’re still working on some things, but I am going to treat you like you have done everything just right because you believed Me.” Faith trumps everything. God is looking for faith!

THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH

That *same spirit of faith* the Bible is talking about in 2 Corinthians 4:13 is the *same spirit of faith* Abraham had! There’s only one Holy Spirit! You have the same Spirit living inside you that Elijah had when he stood on Mount Carmel and said, “*The God who answers by fire, He is God!*” Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and they said, “*The Lord He is God, He is God!*” (See 1 Kings 18:38-39.) You have *the same Spirit* who came on Elijah to do that! There’s only one! He’s not twins, He’s not triplets! He’s the same Spirit!

You have *the same spirit of faith* that Elijah had when he said, “*I hear the sound of the abundance of rain,*” and he got down on his knees and started praying (1 Kings 18:41-45). At first it didn’t look like anything was happening, but when you have a spirit of faith, you’re not moved by that! He kept praying and kept sending his servant to see if anything had changed. He kept getting the same report that nothing was happening. One time, two times, three times, four times, five times, six times, and every time the same answer. His servant said in essence, “I know you said that you heard the sound of the abundance of rain, but I’m telling you I’ve been out six times, and nothing has changed! It’s as dry as dust.”

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You know how Elijah responded to that? He wasn't moved by that report at all. He just kept praying. When you have a spirit of faith, you stick with the word you heard from God no matter what. Elijah didn't have a Bible like we can carry with us today, but God had spoken to Him and revealed something to Him. That was the word of God. Today we have His *written* Word, and you can contend for God's will to be done the exact same way Elijah did!

I SEE SOMETHING

Elijah sent his servant out a *seventh* time and said, "*Do you see anything yet?*" This time his servant said, "*I see a small cloud as small as a man's hand.*" Of course, you know that's *all* Elijah needed to hear! He said, go say to Ahab, "*Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you!*" That might seem like an overreaction to a little cloud the size of a man's hand. That is, unless you have hung around Elijah a little bit.

Sure enough, the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So, Ahab rode away to Jezreel. Then the hand of the Lord came on Elijah, and he ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. The Amplified Classic Edition of the Bible points out that distance to Jezreel was "*nearly twenty miles*" (1 Kings 18:46).

Think about that! Elijah, empowered by the same spirit of faith *you* have, ran a 20-mile run, ahead of the king's chariot! I don't know how fast Ahab's horses were, but he is the king, so they are going to be the best in the land. Champion racehorses can run up to 40 miles per hour today. The fastest human sprint on record is 27 miles per hour. You probably don't know many preachers who can walk 20 miles, much less

run 20 miles, and certainly not faster than the fastest sprinter, or faster than the king's chariot! But if the Spirit of God comes on you and you need to run, you can run!

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

You even have the same spirit of faith on you that was on Jesus when He said to the man at the pool of Bethesda, "Get up," and he got up! There's only one Holy Spirit! Jesus says in essence in John chapter 16, "*I'm sending the Holy Spirit who empowered Me to do all these things, and He is not only going to be with you, but also in you!*" He lives in you! And He comes on you at times to varying degrees according to how much we desire Him to and how much we believe Him to! That *same spirit of faith* is with us and on us and in us!

You don't have to be able to quote half the Bible. You don't have to be able to explain Hebrew words, just believe and say, "What He did for Abraham He's doing for me! What He did for Jesus, He's doing for me! What He did for Elijah, He's doing for me!"

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James says, "*Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. And [then] he prayed again and the heaven's supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual]*" (James 5:17-18 AMPC). James wanted you to know that you have *the same spirit*. Elijah didn't have a special one and yours is ordinary, there is nothing ordinary about the Holy Spirit! He wants to do amazing things through you today!

Having a spirit of faith is different and goes against the flow. We live in a culture today that is big on “Let’s just be real” and “Let’s just say it like it is.” What good does it do to do that? You’ve already got that. All that will do is *keep* you there. Speaking according to what you are feeling is the most *unreal* thing you could do, because your feelings are flakey and fleeting. They can change at the drop of a hat without any evidence that anything has changed. If there is anything that is a proven liar in your life, it’s your feelings! Every day they tell you things are true that are not true. If you think that is being *real*, you are highly mistaken.

How many times has someone said to you something like, “I felt you were mad at me,” but you didn’t have any idea what

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they were talking about! Their *feelings* were telling them something that absolutely was a lie. After all, *feelings* and the *sense realm* are the devil’s playground. If he can get you to operate by your feelings, then stealing, killing, and destroying will be the easiest thing in the world for him to do in your life.

We don’t deny there are things that come against us, and we certainly don’t deny that feelings are real—they are very real! We do, however, deny their right to dominate us and take over our lives. If you have a spirit of faith, you trust the Word of God over your feelings, over your symptoms, over your thoughts, over anything and everything that disagrees with God’s Word!

GET OUT OF THE WATER

Some things that come against us are of our own doing because we aren't paying attention when He is speaking to us. The Spirit of God is always speaking and endeavoring to lead us, but we don't always listen. We need to train ourselves to follow our inward Witness—that still, small Voice.

The story I am about to share is an example of a time when I didn't listen to that Voice. We were standing about ten feet from the Pacific Ocean shoreline preparing for a baptism service. Many people were involved, and it was an amazing day. We had been in the water for quite some time, and it looked like we were finished when I heard the Spirit of God say to me, "Get out of the water!" It was not an audible voice I heard. It wasn't spectacular, it didn't feel urgent, or even like a warning. More than anything else, it was an inward knowing. But there was no question about what I heard, because I remember even reasoning in my mind, *No one else is leaving. What would it hurt to stay just a little longer in case someone else wants to come in and get baptized?*

Just a few moments later, a big boat circled around behind us producing a giant wave. We didn't see it coming, and it wiped us all out.

Normally that wouldn't be a big deal. We frequently get in the water to jump in waves like that on purpose! But this time, there was another person also baptizing not far from me. When that wave picked us all up in an instant and threw us, *bam!* His foot crashed into the side of my knee like a hard karate kick. I heard my knee crack in my inner ear, and I felt it snap while I was under water.

I was ever thankful that day for Jordan, a big college football player in our congregation, who was on the other side of me. He could see right away that I was in serious trouble and immediately grabbed me up out of the water. We both realized I had to get over the rocks and the hills that surrounded us in the beach cove area where we were and get to a vehicle as soon as possible. I could already see my knee swelling and feel it going numb. It took some time, but Jordan and Tyler, another young man in our church, helped me across the rocks and hills and out of the cove and over to the parking area. They put me in Tyler's truck and took me home. By the time I arrived, my leg was swollen so much that I couldn't move my leg or bend my knee at all, nor could I put any weight on it. Tyler miraculously got me upstairs and to my bed.

Before we started upstairs, Beth, my wife, said we should go to the hospital, get x-rays, and get this taken care of right away. I refused to go to the hospital. I didn't know exactly what happened, but I didn't really want to know. I'm not telling you to do this; I'm just telling you my story. I was delirious with pain, but I made a decision then and there that I was going to come through this to the other side and be perfectly healed and whole with no problems afterward.

Thoughts bombarded me and I heard people in my mind saying things like, "My knee was never the same after my accident," and, "Yeah, that's my bad knee," "You know, after my injury my knee was just never the same." Then I knew I had to set my faith by pushing away those thoughts and saying: "I will not have any ongoing problems or repercussions from this."

I have no real memory of the next two or three days, but I do remember lying there and saying over and over, "My knee and my leg will be perfect. I will not have a bad knee. I will

have 100 percent recovery, and I will be better when this is over than before it happened.” I called my body healed in the middle of excruciating pain with no natural evidence that it was true. As a matter of fact, it looked the opposite.

On what I believe was the fourth day, I vividly remember lying in bed hearing in my spirit, *“If you had a spirit of faith, you would call those things that do not exist as though they do.”*

Immediately, I answered, “I do have a spirit of faith, and I call my body healed.”

Then from down inside, I heard a voice say, *“If you’re healed, healed people should be up and walking around.”* So right then, I got up and started walking.

I would love to say all the pain left instantly, but that is not what happened. Actually, it felt even more painful than it had before, if that’s possible. I had a few surgeries earlier in my life, and I knew what pain felt like. This was as much pain as I had ever felt with anything, but I didn’t stop. I started trying to navigate the stairs even though I was still so swollen that I couldn’t bend my knee at all. I just kept going and kept walking. Sometimes I would scream out involuntarily, so I didn’t leave the house for several days. I just kept going and quoting the Word over my knee and leg.

In fact, I found some big shoes that I could get on my swollen foot and leg and went to church the next Sunday. I couldn’t sit normally because my knee wouldn’t bend, so I waited to enter the sanctuary when it was time to preach so I wouldn’t have to sit beforehand. I didn’t know how I would manage climbing up to the platform without a railing or how to stand through the entire message, because I hadn’t done anything even close to that for so long, but I did it.

We had a European trip planned for our daughter Sophia's graduation two weeks after this incident, and people who were close to us and knew what had happened would ask, "Are you canceling your trip?" Of course, I said, "We are not canceling! We are going, and I will be great." We did go on the trip, and it was great. We walked a lot—one day as much as seven miles. I can't believe how many places in Europe do not have elevators!

If I said it was easy, I would be lying. When we weren't on an excursion, I was in bed with my leg propped up. Still, I didn't complain, said as little as possible about it, and just kept pushing through. There was a nagging pain that tried to stay, and I could still feel my knee snapping. Over and over, I would hear a negative voice in my mind saying, "Your knee will never be the same." I know why that happens with so many people. It's because the feelings are real, the thoughts are real, and they make sense to your mind. But if you listen to them and agree with them, they will rob you. Those feeling and thoughts are not from God—they are from the thief.

I kept getting strong and stronger. It took about three months before one day I realized all the pain was gone and my knee was perfect! I never did know what happened to it exactly, other than I do know that I was supernaturally healed.

Someone asked, "Why do you think that happened?" I know exactly why it happened. It happened because when I had that inward witness telling me to get out of the water, I ignored it. All of the pain and trouble could have been avoided. Someone said, "Do you think God allowed it to

happen to teach you something?” God had nothing to do with it. I allowed it by not getting out of the water when I was led to. Thank God for His mercy and His grace, that even when we miss it, there He is to help us get through to the other side.

You know what would have been a better way to learn? Standing on the beach when the big wave rolled in and watching everyone else get wiped out, and saying, “Wow, I sure am glad I listened to the Lord and got out of the water. That could have been bad!” Do you know what is better than learning from your mistakes? Learning from mine.

What I did right was to decide right away that I would not suffer with a bad knee for the rest of my life. That’s what a spirit of faith would say, and that’s what I said. Remember in Mark 5:21-43 when Jesus was on His way to Jairus’ house to minister to his daughter and people said to Jairus, “*Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?*” Verse 36 says, “*As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, ‘Do not be afraid, only believe.’*” Notice that phrase again, “*as soon as Jesus heard the word.*” The second He heard a bad report, Jesus acted in faith. He said, in essence, “Do not be afraid. Don’t listen to symptoms, thoughts, or feelings. Don’t waver, only believe! Don’t be fearful even for a second!”

We live on the backside of the Santa Rosa Plateau in California, famous for all its hiking trails with rocks and steep hills. There is an entrance to the trails close by our house where we even share a fence. Beth and I often hike there, up to two to three miles at a time. If anything, my knees and legs are stronger than they have ever been.

THE SPIRIT OF FEAR

Second Timothy 1:7 says, “*For God has not given us a **spirit of fear**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*” Notice the phrase, “*spirit of fear*” in this verse. We started this chapter with 2 Corinthians 4:13, “*And since we have the same **spirit of faith**, according to what is written, ‘I believed and therefore I spoke,’ we also believe and therefore speak.*”

A spirit of fear and a spirit of faith are opposites, so it’s impossible to have them both at the same time. If you have a spirit of faith, you don’t even have to think about or be concerned about a spirit of fear because they can’t coexist. A spirit of fear tried its *best* to get on me when I was in the water, when I was getting out of the water, all the way home, and for the following several days in bed.

Even after I got to where I was able to function and get around, the thoughts didn’t stop then. I was bombarded with thoughts of having a bad knee for the rest of my life. It seemed I kept hearing stories about people with a bad knee. These were

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people I loved and respected, so even more thoughts would come to me: *They are faith people. I have a lot of respect for them. They believe in healing, and they have a bad knee that never healed right. What makes me think I’m so high and mighty?* Those weren’t my thoughts! They didn’t origi-

nate with me! I don’t even think or talk like that ever! They were arrows shot at me by the enemy, so it’s a good thing I had my shield of faith up!

I never let one of those arrows get through from the moment the incident happened until it was all gone and just a memory. It almost seemed supernaturally that I would hear stories about people with the same kind of injury, even kicked the same way, and still to this day, after all these years they were never the same. It began to dawn on me, it is supernatural! Both fear and faith are not just emotional or mental, they are spiritual! Have you ever noticed you can sense fear? You have heard people say that a dog or an animal can sense fear, and it is true. They can smell it!

Have you ever noticed when you walk into a room and without knowing anything that was being said, you can feel it. There seems to be a spirit of fear in the air. It causes people to do and say things they wouldn't normally do or say, because they are not in their right mind but dominated by a spirit of fear. I used to wonder why the apostle Paul, when writing to Timothy, put a *spirit of fear* and a *sound mind* as opposites; now I know, they are opposites! Fear causes people to lose their minds! I didn't say you *wouldn't feel* fear. You can *feel fear*—and not yield to it.

Psalm 23:4 says, “Yea, though I walk **through** the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” Notice first of all, that you are walking *through* this valley, not *to* this valley. You are walking through it and coming out on the other side! You are not staying there; it's just temporary! If you're walking through the valley of the shadow of death, you are bound to have some strong feelings.

Where it says, “*I will fear no evil,*” it doesn't take anything away from it to say, “I make it my will not to fear.” That doesn't

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mean there might not be *real* symptoms and situations going on around you that you can *feel*—but you can choose not to be fearful.

How can you stay out of fear in the middle of all that? The next phrase tells you, “*For You are with me!*” God will never leave you or forsake you. “*Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*” The shepherd uses his rod and staff to protect the sheep. He might nudge them, correct them, steer them the right way, lead them to water, safety and green pastures. If you are a sheep, still waters and green pastures are living the good life!

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The way to stay in faith is to say what the Word says. Say what Jesus said! If the Word doesn't say it, then you don't say it. If the Word doesn't say in desperation, “*What are we going to do now,*” then you don't say, “*What are we going to do now.*” Faith doesn't

complain and question, faith says what the Word says:

- My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).
- I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).
- If God is for me who can be against me (Romans 8:31).
- In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us (Romans 8:37).
- I have been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:22).

- Thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph (2 Corinthians 2:14).
- Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Faith will always talk about what it *can* do and what it *does* have, never what it *doesn't* have.

JOSHUA FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF JERICHO

After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua, son of Nun, Moses' minister. Moses My servant is dead. So now arise [take his place], go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, the Israelites. Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses (Joshua 1:1-3 AMPC).

Moses would be a tough act to follow! Joshua is coming in now after Moses while they are going through a transition. He can't just do the same thing Moses did. Moses' assignment from God was to get them through the wilderness. That's where they have been, not where they are going. They are about to go into the Promised Land, so God is walking Joshua through this and really showing him what a spirit of faith looks like.

*No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage, for this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which***

*I swore to their fathers to give them. Only **be strong and very courageous**, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make **your way prosperous, and then you will have good success**. Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid** nor be dismayed, for **the Lord your God is with you wherever you go** (Joshua 1:5-9).*

God is saying, “Wherever you go, I got your back. You don’t have to be worried about anything.” Anytime you’re worried about what might happen, you’re filled with anxiety. It’s easy to get full of anxiety in today’s world. We are bombarded on every side—the internet, television, radio, social media—about what might happen. God is saying the same thing to you today that He was saying to Joshua, “I got you! Either way it goes, I got your back. If you have to change, I got you. If you have to stay, I got you.”

God is getting the people ready for Jericho; they don’t know it yet, but He is getting them ready for what they are about to face. He’s getting them ready for battle! God had already given them the deed to the land; it has been written in eternity. They *were* going to have to fight this battle, but *He* was going to anoint them to do it. So really, it’s *Him* doing it *through* them! Remember what Paul said to the Corinthians, “It wasn’t really me doing the work, but the grace of God that was with me.” That grace is an enablement or an empowerment.

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Ephesians 3:20). You wouldn’t even need Ephesians 3:20 if you were going to live like everyone else! You don’t need *exceedingly*, you don’t need *abundantly*, you don’t need *above*! If you are just going to roll with the punches, you’re going to roll half the time and get punched the rest! You could do all that on your own without any anointing or help from God. That’s the way the world lives. That’s the opposite of the spirit of faith! you don’t need *good measure*, you don’t need *pressed down*, you don’t need *shaken together*, and you sure don’t need *running over* if you’re just going to live status quo.

If you have a spirit of faith, you say what you believe from the Word of God. His Word is alive and active and sharper than any two-edged sword! Why would you need a weapon like that if you weren’t going to fight with it? His Word is a weapon when it’s in your mouth! Faith always has the victory, always has a song, always has a shout.

Look at the instructions God gave Joshua to give to the Israelites concerning this battle. “Now Joshua commanded the people saying, ‘You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, “Shout!” Then you shall shout’” (Joshua 6:10). Why would God give instructions for them to not say anything? Because not saying the *wrong* thing is just as important as saying the *right* thing! This is a group of people famous for saying the wrong thing and speaking what they are *feeling* as opposed to what God said to them. Imagine what they would be saying if they were allowed to talk: “I don’t see how walking around this city can do any good. This doesn’t make any sense to me at all. What does this have to do with anything?”

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My feet are killing me, so how many more times do we have to keep doing this?”

Joshua received a word from God, and he followed it exactly like God told him—and Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down! You will also have a Jericho. You will have to fight for your family, fight for your dream, and fight for your vision. You will have to fight for your future—you will have to fight your Jericho. God is saying the same thing to you today as he said to Joshua! *“Be strong and of good courage! Meditate in the Word! Don’t turn from it to the left or to the right. Do not let this Word depart from your mouth. That you may prosper wherever you go!”*

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believe and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore we speak (2 Corinthians 4:13).

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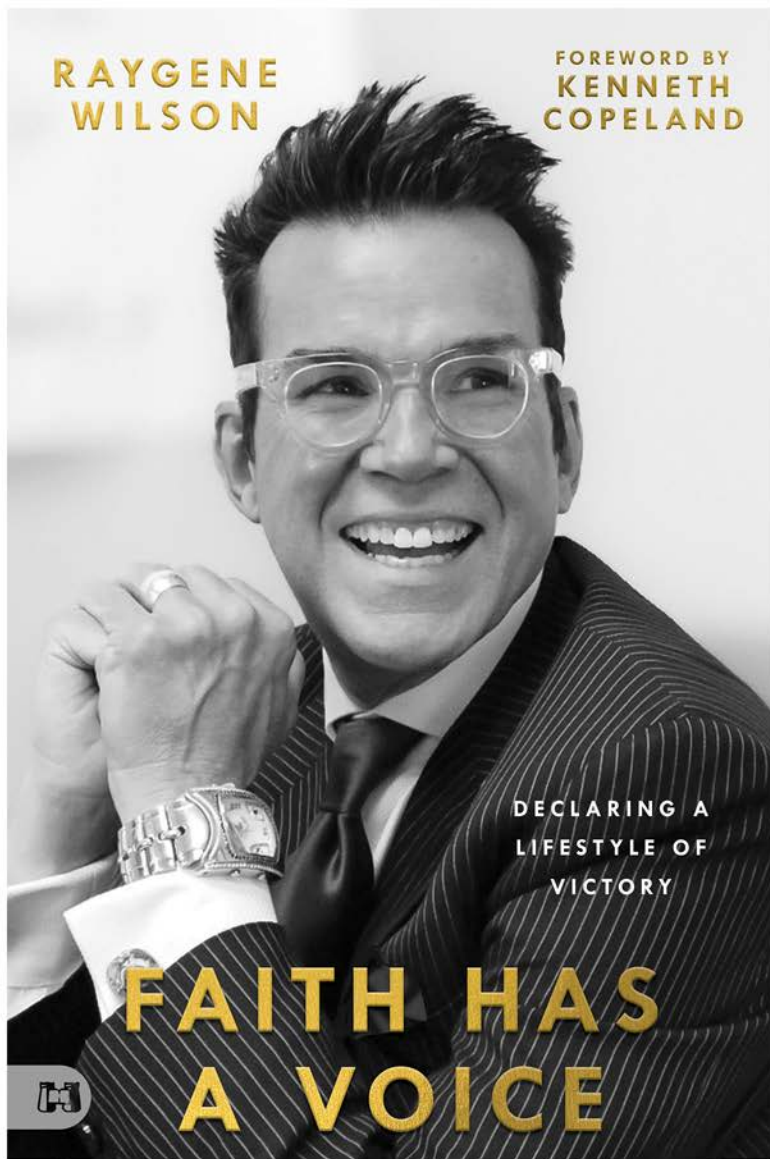
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