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INTRODUCTION

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak.

—2 Corinthians 4:13 (NIV)

In 1952, I was given a copy of *The Wonderful Name of Jesus* by Dr. E. W. Kenyon. My study of this book was enhanced by the fact that just the year before, at an altar of prayer, I had received a startling revelation of the authority of the name of Jesus.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:9–11)

Dr. Kenyon's revelation of the name of Jesus

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set my soul on fire. I was ministering at tent meetings in Fresno and Modesto, California, at that time. I did daily early-morning radio broadcasts on stations in Lodi and Modesto. Driving from each city, I was flowing with an enormous appreciation of the majesty of the name. Over and over, I sang songs and choruses about the precious name.

I was soon able to make contact with Ruth Kenyon, Dr. Kenyon's daughter and head of Kenyon's Gospel Publishing Society.

During my first phone conversation with Ruth, she informed me that Dr. Kenyon had left sixteen books to posterity, which she ordered for me. She also explained that Dr. Kenyon's *In His Presence* was the book God was using most at that time.

When I received the shipment of Dr. Kenyon's sixteen books, I eagerly studied and devoured them all. Knowing the blessing *The Wonderful Name* had been to me there in California, I expected *In His Presence* would likewise ignite my heart.

However, my first reading of the book didn't achieve that for me. A few months later, while in meetings in Kansas City, I reread *In His Presence*. This time, the revelation came to my spirit. I

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was so caught up in His presence that I felt I was walking on fleecy clouds as I went from my hotel to the church where I was ministering.

I then realized that it was necessary for the Holy Spirit to give me revelation knowledge to grasp what Dr. Kenyon had written.

In my youthful zeal, I once said to my friends, “I so love what the Kenyon books have done for me, I think I would almost like to change my name to ‘Don Kenyon’ so I could be readily identified with his wonderful ministry.” (Of course, I didn’t make that change. I’m still Don Gossett.)

In 1954, I was back in Southern California for meetings. At that time, the Kenyon’s Gospel Publishing Society offices were in Fullerton, not far from Los Angeles, where I was ministering. One day, I made an appointment to drive out to Fullerton to meet with Ruth and her mother.

It was an unforgettable experience. I said to Ruth, “I have been an avid reader and student of many books written by evangelical and Pentecostal authors. Why is it your father had the ability to open the Word with such unique authority?”

Ruth replied, “Don, if you had grown up in

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my father's house, perhaps you would understand. The open Bible was all over our home.

“One of the sweetest experiences in my youth was passing by our bathroom where my father would often shave with the door ajar. He would be dressed except for his shirt. His face would be lathered to prepare for his shave. But beside the sink would be an open Bible. He couldn't keep his eyes off the Word. I would hear him rejoicing, weeping, and praising God for some nugget of truth he had read in the Scriptures.”

A few years later, Ruth moved the Kenyon's Gospel Publishing Society offices back to Lynnwood, Washington, less than a hundred miles from my home in Surrey. She invited me to be a regular contributor to *Kenyon's Herald of Life*, a paper she published.

After Ruth's husband, Mr. Iams, passed away, I wrote an article entitled “Again She Stands Alone.” I emphasized how Dr. Kenyon had selected Ruth to continue his ministry the very day he knew the Lord was calling him home. Dr. Kenyon's wife had joined Ruth in the ministry until the Lord called her home, also. Now, with her mother and father already gone, Mr. Iams' passing left Ruth alone.

The Reverend Norman Houseworth in

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northern Alberta, Canada, read the article I wrote. His wife had died a few years earlier, and the Lord used my article to give him a nudge. He went to meet Ruth with the prospect of their being married, and that is exactly what happened.

In 1972, I requested and obtained Ruth's permission to use Kenyon's writings in my book, *The Power of Your Words*. (This book is also available through Whitaker House.) The book was about the confession of the Word and combined Dr. Keyon's excellent materials on the subject with my own recorded thoughts.

When Ruth went to be with the Lord a few years ago, the Kenyon staff gave Joe McIntyre access to writings of Dr. Kenyon that had never been released. Pastor McIntyre did excellent research and wrote his book, *E. W. Kenyon and His Message of Faith: The True Story*. I have included quotations and items from Joe McIntyre's book in this book, *Words That Move Mountains*.

Words That Move Mountains carries the same format as *The Power of Your Words*. The author of each chapter is identified beneath that chapter's title. It is my prayer that this book will bless you and encourage you to realize the power of your words spoken in faith.

PART I:
PRINCIPLES OF AFFIRMATION

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REACHING AND TOUCHING IN FAITH

by Don Gossett

Reaching out in faith results in the most significant touch of all—the touch of God. In October 1960, my family and I moved from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Vancouver, British Columbia, to begin a new ministry. For a year, we traveled the Canadian prairies and conducted evangelistic meetings in churches. For those twelve months, we journeyed without really having a place to call home.

My five children recall that period of time as one of the most adventurous seasons of their lives, but it wasn't easy for them. Michael and Judy slept on the backseat of our old 1956 Buick. Jeanne and Donnie slept on the floorboard. Our baby, Marisa, slept between Joyce and me in the front seat.

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Having gotten a “lemon” in business matters (one that cost us the home we had owned), by the grace of God, we made lemonade.

During those months, I taught my children to memorize many verses of God’s Word, and all of them delighted in the Bible stories I taught them. Michael says he memorized more than one hundred Bible verses during that time.

We enrolled the children who were old enough to attend school in the British Columbia Correspondence School, and my wife, Joyce, taught them when we were on the road.

In 1961, we decided to settle in a little motel unit in Victoria so that we could put our children in school. Things didn’t go especially well with all seven of us living in two rooms. Cramped is an appropriate word to describe this time in our lives.

For five weeks that fall, I conducted meetings with Pastor Jim Nichols in a church in Longview, Washington. I received a love offering for my ministry each week. But while there was lots of love, there just wasn’t much offering. One Monday, I had serious car trouble on the way home and had to use most of my love offering to pay for car repairs. There wasn’t enough

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left over to pay the thirty dollars necessary for the rental of our little motel unit.

The embarrassment of not being able to pay the rent, along with inadequate clothes and provisions for my children, was nearly more than I could take.

I made arrangements to postpone paying the rent for a week, left Joyce what money I had for the week's groceries, and returned to my meetings in Longview.

I asked God many questions. "Why are we in such desperate need financially?" "Why did we lose our home by repossession?"

During that time, I read a wonderful book by Vernon Howard called *Word Power*. God used the message of that book to help me freshly understand the power of my words, and He gave me this Scripture: "*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*" (Amos 3:3). God was asking me, "Do you want to walk with Me? Then you must agree with Me. You agree with Me by saying what My Word says. You have disagreed with Me by speaking lack, sickness, fear, defeat, and inability. If you want to walk with Me, you must agree with Me." As this truth became real to me, I asked His forgiveness for my failure to agree with Him and His Word.

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I must not hasten away from the truth of Amos 3:3. It's in the heart of all sincere Christians to walk closely with the Lord. The Bible records the testimony of Enoch: “[He] *walked with God*” (Genesis 5:24). Enoch wasn't the only person who could walk with God; you and I also can walk with Him. Hebrews 11:5 says that Enoch “*pleased God*” by agreeing in faith with God. We can walk just as closely with God as Enoch did if we choose to agree with Him in faith.

How do we agree with God? We agree by saying what God says while disagreeing with the wicked, lying devil. (Hallelujah for such a dynamic truth!)

As a result of this realization, I began to agree with God as I had never done before. The Holy Spirit began teaching me some key Scriptures: “*Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him?*” (Malachi 2:17).

God put His finger on the ways I had wearied Him with my words—expressing my worries and frustrations concerning my “lack of money.” “*Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?*” (Malachi 3:13).

I cried out in protest, “Lord, I would never speak against You! I love You with all my heart.

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Oh, Lord, I would never, never speak against You!”

Tenderly, the Lord dealt with me. “*Your words have been stout.*” They have been strong and defensive against Me because they have been out of harmony with My Word. You have spoken words far below the standard of My Word. You must discipline your lips so that our words will be in harmony.”

As I meditated on this unusual encounter with the living God, I wrote down twelve affirmations that were to become my daily discipline. I called this list of affirmations “My Never Again List.”

People have often asked me, “Why did you write this list?” I wrote it as a desperate man, seeking God’s ways to overcome all the adversities, financial failures, defeats, and bondages I had known for some time. I didn’t write it to impress anyone with my writing ability. It was written as a discipline of my own heart in order to let the Word of God prevail, as Acts 19:20 says, “*So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.*”

These twelve affirmations became the watchwords of my new walk with God. They became the report card by which to check my life. God’s

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Word in these twelve affirmations became the solid ground I stood on. They were the anchor that prevented me from sinking in a sea of failure, fear, and satanic oppression.

I could use many words to describe the impact these twelve affirmations have had on my life—words like “life-changing” and “awesome.” When I wrote “My Never Again List,” I wasn’t thinking of the millions of people who would eventually read about this powerful discipline and experience their own transformations. I wrote it as a step in my pursuit of God.

Jesus declared that we are His disciples; a disciple is someone who disciplines himself. This list of affirmations has never been a magic formula; instead, it is a clear-cut discipline. It is putting Amos 3:3 into practice and agreeing with God in all areas of life.

I will always praise God for directing me to write down this list of affirmations. If no one else had been blessed by it, I would still praise the Lord. But, in addition to blessing me, it has been printed in many languages and distributed throughout the world. God has used it to minister to literally millions of people—people who have read it and put it into practice.

The list is founded on a passage from Romans:

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But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:8–10)

It is also in harmony with the spirit of faith, as revealed 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.

“My Never Again List”

- ▶ Never again will I confess “I can’t” for “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*” (Philippians 4:13).
- ▶ Never again will I confess lack, for “*my God shall supply all [my] need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 4:19).
- ▶ Never again will I confess fear, for “*God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind*” (2 Timothy 1:7).
- ▶ Never again will I confess doubt and lack of

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faith, for “*God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith*” (Romans 12:3).

- ▶ Never again will I confess weakness, for “*the LORD is the strength of my life*” (Psalm 27:1) and “*the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits*” (Daniel 11:32 NKJV).
- ▶ Never again will I confess supremacy of Satan over my life, “*because greater is he that is in [me], than he that is in the world*” (1 John 4:4).
- ▶ Never again will I confess defeat, for “*God... always causeth us to triumph in Christ*” (2 Corinthians 2:14).
- ▶ Never again will I confess lack of wisdom, for “*Christ Jesus...has become for us wisdom from God*” (1 Corinthians 1:30 NIV).
- ▶ Never again will I confess the domination of sickness over my life, for “*with his stripes we are healed*” (Isaiah 53:5).
- ▶ Never again will I confess worries and frustrations, for I am “*casting all [my] care upon him; for he careth for [me]*” (1 Peter 5:7). In Christ I am “carefree.”
- ▶ Never again will I confess bondage, for Scripture says, “*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty*” (2 Corinthians 3:17). My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

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- ▶ Never again will I confess condemnation, for “*there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus*” (Romans 8:1). I am in Christ; therefore, I am free from condemnation.