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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."- John 8:12

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Your best friend or a family member will appreciate a copy of this book. It is important that we continue to encourage ourselves in our walk with God. It is important that we continue to read, study and meditate so that in times of trouble we will not falter but gird our loins and stand for right not evil which is what every Christian is called to do.

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Do not share this book or give this book away for this is my seed to you and to the Lord. These books represent ten years of my life where I was called and had to decide to serve the Lord and to work on His behalf. Your growth from my seed will carry my spirit into the next generation. This book should be read over and over again until the information is planted into your heart (spirit) and comes out of your mouth as a creative force signifying your connection with the Lord who created you.

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Author's Statement

I thank you for purchasing my books. The various subjects discussed within are a reflection of the demons I wrestled with and the problems I encountered during my life. It is my sincere wish that you find comfort and hope in the books that I have written. If God's words become a creative force in your spirit, then you alone will know that I succeeded in my task.

My books are most effective when read frequently. It is important that you allow yourself time for God's word to be deposited into your spirit so His word can become a creative force protecting you during moments of trouble. Reading God's words can lift you up in times of despair. I do not give this advice lightly. I was transformed after listening to the teachings of Pastor Creflo Dollar for

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over ten years. In 1984 I had a son, a piece of a job, and a Ford

Custom that was dying. I had driven it past the original odometer reading (smile) with very few oil changes. I was discouraged, frightened, and sad. I had been talking to God but He did not seem to be listening. Late one night when I could not sleep, my spirit was disquieted. I began to channel surf and I found Pastor Dollar speaking on BET. Something he said made me stop on that channel. I listened to him. Soon I began to listen to him every time he appeared on television. I became a daily watcher and listener. Soon I noticed that throughout the day I would remember some of the verses he used during his broadcasts. The more I listened the stronger I became. I was no longer angry with God. I began to fight back. I was changing. I knew I could win at life, I just had to decide how. I had to clarify my thinking. The most important thing that I got out of

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listening to Pastor Dollar's daily broadcasts was I had to change the way I was thinking. With every word he spoke I changed. My walk was different. I was more determined. I was no longer fearful. I did not care what the world said because my destiny would not be determined by man, my destiny would be determined by God. The past was no longer useful to me. I had a future to look forward to creating. I learned to forget the past and press towards the future because Pastor Dollar was most specific when he told his parishioners to forget the past and press for the life ahead. I shall always be grateful to Pastor Creflo Dollar because his knowledge of God's word led me from the wilderness into the light. I shall never live in darkness again.

Bringing you God's word was not an easy task for me but I have pressed forward. I want my writings to help the woman lying in her bed frightened at what the next day will

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bring. I want my writing to help the father who is despondent from losing his job and the woman who is worried because her husband is committing adultery. To these people I want to bring God's word just as God's word was brought to me. All problems can be overcome with God. If you learn nothing else from my writings I hope you learn this that

Jehovah is the God of the impossible and through Him everything is possible. "Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel." Philippians 1:12 For your information, while listening to Pastor Dollar's broadcasts over the years, I purchased, as a single woman, a brand new Ford Escort, a Ford Aerostar, a Ford Tempo, a Ford conversion van, a used F-150 Truck, and a used Lincoln Continental. I purchased the Ford Tempo and Ford Conversion van in one year. I bought the Ford Tempo for my brother. No

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one can tell me there is not a God. I know God will make a way. I put Him to the test. God told man to put him in remembrance of His word. Test me and see if I lie. In Exodus 23 God made seven promises to man to put Him in remembrance of His word. God does not lie.

When you feel fear enveloping you reach for God's word to steady you and to bring you back into focus. Do not allow fear to control you regardless of the circumstances. In Romans 8:11 apostle Paul said "And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you." Believe this and your life will change for the better. Pray to God for victory and a breakthrough and ask Him to pour out His spirit on you and your family. Take time from your day and pore over the scriptures I have introduced. At sometime during your life these scriptures will apply to you.

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Your mental stability and happiness is worth the time you spend with God. We all will face moments of personal crisis where there seems to be no hope in sight but if you have taken the time putting God's word into your spirit you will find you will never be desperate because a Christian is never desperate.

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Abraham believed God

Repeat this phrase to yourself.
“Abraham believed God. Abraham
believed God. Abraham believed God.”
Since Abraham believed God,
Abraham did what God told him to do.

Genesis 13:1 *So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and every thing he had, and Lot went with him. Abraham allowed God to lead him.*

Genesis 13: 3-4 *From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD.*

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Abraham left home on God's word. Abraham went to Canaan and to Egypt on God's word. Abraham settled his family in the valley on God's word. When Abraham got to the valley between Bethel and Ai he called on God for instructions and he waited. Abram believed God moved him from his original home to the valley for a purpose. He did not know how God would bring everything about but he believed God. Abram knew God had told him he would make Abram a great nation, which God would bless, and that Abram would be a blessing to other men. Any man that cursed Abram would be cursed. In one conversation God made Abram four promises and Abram believed everything he was told. He acted on these promises. God said what He would do so all of the promises would come to pass. There was no doubt. Abraham worshipped only one god throughout his life based on God's promises. Abram left his home on

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God's word. Abram settled in a new land on God's word. Abraham waited for his son to be born on God's word. Abraham lived a successful life because of God's word. Since Abraham did everything that God told him to do and Abraham's life turned out successful then God's word had something to do with Abraham's success. Abraham's success had to be the consequences of believing and following God's direction.

Abram left home to start a new life at the age of 75 on God's word. Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised based on God's word. Abraham survived several wars with his neighbor's, he had his wife returned to him from the Pharaoh of Egypt, all by praying and being obedient to God because of God's word. Believing in someone or something is an action. There is work involved. Believing is not a passive activity. There is hope involved in believing.

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There is expectation involved in believing. Abram got up everyday looking for God's word to come to pass. Is this not a trial of the mind? Abraham's greatest trial was holding onto God's promise that he and his wife, Sarah, would have a son. Abraham was 100 years old and he held onto God's word. Imagine how he felt all his life. He wanted a child. A male child was the measure of a man's self worth and every morning Abram got up anxiously awaiting God's word to come to pass. So at the age of 100 the God that Abram could not see was telling him that he would have a child, not in his old age, but in his very old age.

Romans 4:18-25 *Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as*

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*dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet **he did not waver through unbelief** regarding the promise of God, but was **strengthened in his faith** and gave glory to God, 21 **being fully persuaded** that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." 23 The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for **us who believe in him** who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

Paul best describes Abraham's suffering in Romans 4:18-25. Paul also lets us know how great a belief Abraham had to have in God to cling so long to the promise. He said Abraham did not waiver. He gave glory to god through his behavior and

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Abraham was fully persuaded that God had the power to deliver on all of His promises. Abraham did not make himself sick with worry trying to figure out how God was going to fulfill His promise. He just accepted that God had the power to do as He said He would do. Paul also tells us wavering is unbelief. Abraham acting on his belief brought about his righteousness. Paul also says every one of us can bring righteousness into our lives by our belief by our action of believing. We can be as Abraham strong in faith looking forward to the promise.

Elijah Believed God

Elijah believed God. Elijah believed God. Elijah allowed God to lead him throughout his life. Elijah was on the front line in the battle of God versus Ahab and Jezebel. His adult life was consumed with this controversy. Elijah delivered God's messages regarding King Ahab's