

Stephens, GregSpeak the Word

14. A Lighthouse in the Darkness

Copeland's closing argument: Jesus won His great Name and then handed it to believers to use. This chapter is about actually using that Name — boldly, by faith, as a weapon against the devil — rather than tacking it politely onto prayers. He backs the claim with firsthand stories of healing, deliverance, and even a resurrection.

Key takeaways

- Jesus didn't keep His Name to run the universe or give it to angels — He gave it to believers. We are the ones meant to use it (Hebrews 1:3; Acts 4:12; Mark 16:17-18).
- The Name works even when your faith feels low. You don't have to feel powerful to command the devil to leave.
- The 'signs' Jesus promised (casting out demons, healing, protection from poison/snakes) follow the Name — but only when believers actually dare to speak it in conflict.
- Copeland recounts real cases: a snakebite that did no harm, an 18-year-old raised from the dead in Jamaica, a woman freed after 18 years of madness, an epileptic girl healed.

- Don't be moved by what you see. When the epileptic girl seized right after prayer, Copeland refused to accept it; the mother later stood firm too and the seizures never returned.
- Some Christians swap 'Jesus' for 'Christ' to sound more polite — but the power is in the Name of Jesus. People bothered by it need to hear it.
- Creation itself waits for God's people to rise up and use their command authority (Romans 8:19-21). Believers who never learn this still go to heaven but miss the blessing and the mission.
- Hard days are coming, but believers who walk in this authority won't just survive — they'll be a lighthouse bringing God's blessing to others.

Passages worth keeping

“The Name of Jesus is where the power is! People who are bothered by that Name need to hear it.”

The chapter's core plea: use the actual Name, boldly, not a softened substitute.

“In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!”

The command Copeland says raised the dead girl — his example of the Name's power in action.

How it connects

The through-line of the whole book lands here: the Name Jesus inherited and won is now delegated to believers, like a power of attorney. The point is not admiring the Name but using it against real bondage — sickness, addiction, demonic strife — in faith.

Scripture referenced

- **Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:15,17-18** -- Jesus gives His authority and lists the signs that follow believers who use His Name
- **Hebrews 1:3** -- Jesus upholds all things by His word — He didn't keep the Name just to run the universe
- **Acts 4:12** -- His Name is given 'among men' — i.e., to us, not the angels
- **Romans 8:19-21** -- Creation eagerly waits for God's children to be revealed and bring order to chaos