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LOUIS' HEART  
TO YOURS**

## WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY EDITION

Dear COTN Family

**"I am ready for 2010!"**

It is the words of Paul in Romans 1:15 that have inspired me for this New Year and for this decade! Could this be our confident statement, our denial or is our courage failing at the stark realities of this age?

**"... Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the**

**heavens will be shaken."** (Luke 21:25-26). The battle is intense: fear, discouragement, uncertainty: but God has prepared us through 2009 by expanding our capacity to receive the imminent change. Jesus came to totally discard the old so that His fresh, permanent presence, purpose and power would remain and transform this new decade.

Then the New Year was met with an earthquake in Haiti but this is only a reminder of our contrasting, victorious position in God: **"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."** **"...All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."** (Matt 28). We stand upon this rock of revelation and worship even upon shaky legs while confessing these words of comfort.

This task before us is mountainous but we are ready, we are positioned apostolically in 2010 to break and take ground in and for the Kingdom. The number 10 in 2010 reveals two things: **divine order** and **double grace**

**(2x5=10 for double grace)!** The shakings of the powers of earth and heaven is bringing divine order, it is forcing us to come closer, to hear better, to walk more accurately. But as the intensity increases, so does His grace! In His sufficiency, I declare with strong and repetitive shouts of **"grace! grace!"** over your person, your family, your daily walk, your calling and your work.

While the prophets Haggai and Zechariah gave the moral and spiritual encouragement to resume the rebuilding of Jerusalem in 536 BC, Zerubbabel saw that the task was carried out. **Prophetic foresight releases Apostolic courage that releases divine action.** Transition from survival to the capacity of total dependence on God is now unavoidable through relying on the Spirit's power within. A survival mentality says you must be tough,

strong unbending, and harsh but God says **"Not by might nor by strength, but by my Spirit"** - it is the method by which anything of lasting value is accomplished. By His Spirit, we join together in shamelessly shouting the words of Zechariah: **"Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"** (Zech. 4:6-8).

**2010**

**DIVINE ORDER &  
DOUBLE GRACE**

Six-hundred years after these words of Zechariah, similar birth pangs were felt in the Roman Empire and the Apostle Paul had to write to the believers in Rome. What inspired and motivated him to do so? In chapter one, we see that the powers at play in 2010 are very similar to that of the Roman Empire and the strongholds back then. Governed by a fearsome Caesar, fear permeated every sphere of society, controlling the military, geographical territories, the financial and governmental environment of the day.

It was into this atmosphere that Paul was given an apostolic and military strategy that is ingeniously dynamic for our time that would infiltrate, penetrate, overthrow and bring about the divine order of God through His love & grace. We are being positioned by divine order, by grace.

Paul's apostolic commission, authority and confidence to go to Rome came through a clear cut understanding of what it is to be sold out to Jesus Christ, ready to be sent with an apostolic mandate, knowing he goes with the Gospel of God, to whom the whole universe belongs. That is why he declared – I am not ashamed of this Gospel which is the “dunamis” of God, to change the entire city of Rome! (Romans 1:1; 16)

One of the apostolic functions is to infiltrate carnal mindsets and demolish unbelief with truth and love and anything or anyone exalting itself against the Lordship of Christ. Our focus is on the roots, the primary strongholds: unbelief, carnal thinking, human force and reasoning. **2 Corinthians 10** explains that our weapons are not found in the natural but in weapons of the Spirit which are powerful, strong, able and possible. They have been designed to win the war. The goal is total demolition and annihilation, not just crippling or incapacitation. In stark contrast, this power stands up against the world's mindsets and ways as His love compels us - we have no shame, no distress, no embarrassment and no timidity as we declare the Gospel of the Kingdom. When Christ crucified (the lowest form of punishment) is deemed irrelevant, inferior and weak by the world, we are ready to demonstrate the power of God's love through simple faith in His finished work which brought salvation to the world. Amidst the world's obsession with power and control, the lack of self-control and disorder is rife: countries are hoarding illegal nuclear weaponry; governments can no longer control human trafficking, drug and alcohol abuse, families are falling apart etc. Nothing but the power of the cross, the King and His Kingdom holds the solution to the control of the inner vices of man and their carnal inclinations. The truth of the cross is still the answer.

Paul motivates the execution of the apostolate is by the works of God's Spirit: the demonstration of the revelatory power of the cross. We hold this key of hope through godly Kingdom influence from the simple home to the highest governmental seat. Mother Teresa worked tirelessly, sacrificially among the many hungry and poor and yet she said that the hunger for love, acceptance, companionship and care always superseded the hunger for food. The power of the cross activated in the inner lives of people is the return to earth's godly order from the inside out. Nothing can oppose this revelation and demonstration by the army of God. We no longer stand idly by to witness demonic stealing, killing and destruction. No matter our “Rome,” our “Caesar,” the cross demonstrated by the Spirit of God totally destroys the powers of unbelief in the cross, our salvation. Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes – the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “it is through faith that a righteous person has life.” (NLT). The righteousness of God is revealed in Christ from faith to faith as the just shall live by faith.

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Paul further encourages us to examine the price of this noble and arduous commission. A mere signing up for the job, the desire to do the right thing is insufficient. Only a blazing vision of the cross and the reality of its Christ can be our daily and single motivation and salvation. With this view, Paul aptly positioned himself as a “bond servant” of Christ in the task. The love of God compels us through the birthing canal into His grace. By this grace, Paul considered himself eager, prepared, available and fit for the fight. He was prepared to engage Roman opposition but remained strategic with the backing of the army of God – we have an arduous task but we have the unity and support within our relationships.

Dear family of God, be encouraged as you journey through 2010, no matter your Rome and your Caesar, His authority is supreme, His strategy divine, His power sufficient and His Grace more than enough.

**We are bound to Him, we are ready, we are able and we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ!**

“If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ... Can anything separate us from Christ's love? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us” (Romans 8:31-37 NLT).

Building His Family, Advancing His Kingdom

Louis



**LOUIS &  
EDNA ELS**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Louis & Edna Els are the apostolic leaders of Victory Christian Church. They, along with their 4 children – Mikaille, Louis, Jana and Neil, have seen God birth and grow a family church that is widely respected and known for its apostolic and prophetic thrust. Louis was born in Despatch in 1959. At school he was a keen sportsman. He has always had a sincere interest in people of all walks of life and places a high value on relationships and family life. Apart from his love for and interest in media and technology, he is an enthusiastic hunter and spends some winter days tracking and hunting game.





TONY FITZGERALD

## A NEW DECADE: KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE NATIONS

At the end of last year I had the privilege of participating at the International Coalition of

Apostles. I spoke on a panel dealing with Apostolic Mission to the Nations. I was greatly impacted by another panel from China led by David Wang who brought us up to date with the progression of Christianity in China. Very moving!

In preparation for the panel, Peter Wagner in his report highlighted a prophecy by Chuck Pierce given in 1986.

Peter said "I want to take a moment to refresh our memories of what I consider one of Chuck Pierce's most remarkable prophecies. This is recorded in his book, God's Unfolding Battle Plan, pages 211-213.

I'll paraphrase, but you can check the book for details. Chuck received this prophecy concerning China in 1986, over 20 years ago. Keep in mind that few were paying much attention to "Communist China" back then, even though Richard Nixon had broken the ice with his ping-pong diplomacy and his personal visit in 1972. Chuck went on record as saying that: 1986 would be the turning-point year.

Actually the student revolutions began then, resulting in the Tiananmen Square episodes. 1996 would see the government of the church arising in a new way. Chinese Christian leaders affirm that their greatest "leadershift" began in 1996. 2006 would see China becoming prominent in the world picture. Preparations began to be made for the 2008 Olympics when China was on virtually every television screen on the planet. 2016 will see China take its place as the Number One economy of the world and the US will seek its friendship. 2026 "The Chinese people will be the most dominant and influential people Earth." David Wang finished his panel by saying "Look out the Chinese are coming."

As we press in to all that this decade holds, let us discern the times and continue to observe the shifts in nations politically, economically and in their Kingdom Influence.

These certainly are exciting times.

Tony

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