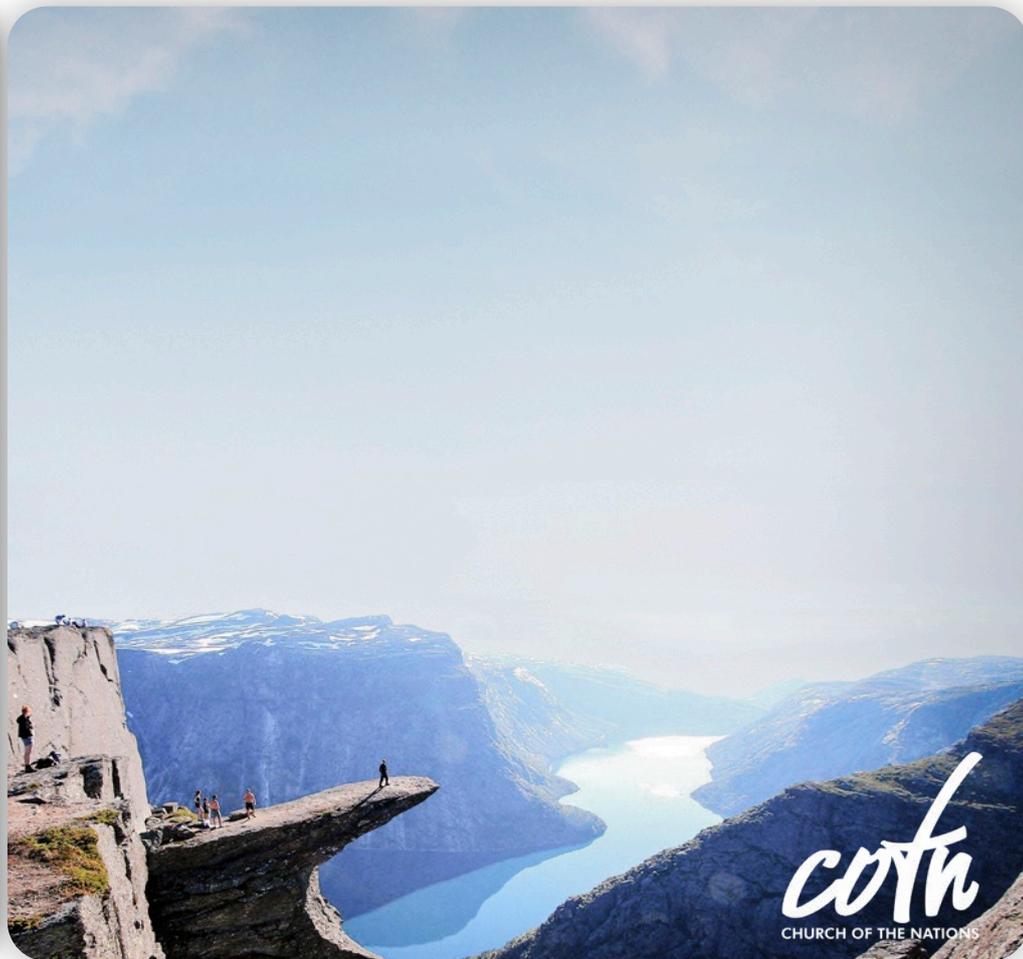


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FROM
LOUIS HEART
TO YOURS

higher vantage point

You can't depend on your eyes when your
imagination is out of focus.

Mark Twain

1) *What do you see?*

Toward the end of last year, I went through a season of becoming far too fixed on what I could see in the natural around me. It was as though the reality of all the things that weren't working in the various facets of life in the Kingdom that I am involved in, in our town, in our nation and in the nations, was consuming more and more of my field of vision.

And then one day, God clearly took me to the book of Jeremiah 1. **The word of the Lord came to me: 'What do you see, Jeremiah?' 'I see the branch of an almond tree,' I replied. The Lord said to me, 'You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.'**

Father was asking me; "What do you see?" Was I seeing what the natural eye sees, or was I seeing what He sees?

If we don't hear and see what God sees then we comment on what we see in the natural and we start commenting on the "reality" we see in front of us day by day.

In Proverbs we read **'If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.'** Proverbs 29:18 (MSG) How often have you found yourself stumbling over your own thoughts, ways and circumstances?

Helen Keller said "The only thing worse than being blind, is having sight but no vision." We have a Kingdom mandate to disciple nations and so we cannot afford to continually make comments about the issues and challenges that everyone else can see. We have to look, hear and act from God's perspective. Anyone can see and criticize

what is in front of them, but leaders look with prophetic vision and insight into what is happening in the Spirit and what will be. As citizens and leaders in His Kingdom, *God is calling us to live, work and lead from a higher vantage point.*

2) *What is the higher vantage point and how do I get it?*

The higher vantage point has nothing to do with striving and working to gradually earn a superior position. As Christians our vantage point is the very voice of God. The message bible puts it wonderfully - *"He'll show us the way he works so we can live the way we're made."* Isaiah 2:3

There is a call in the Spirit for you to see accurately, where you *already are in Christ Jesus*. There is an invitation into the presence of God, an invitation into communion and intimacy with God so that you get a true revelation of your position in Christ so that you can hear, see and obey His voice. God has *"raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One). He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.* Ephesians 2:1, 6-7 (AMP)

The voice of God and His word is your vantage point! When you understand this, you understand that you never work toward the truth, you work from the truth!

When God declares something over you prophetically, that is your vantage point. When He reveals something to you, or gives you insight in the situation, that is what takes you to higher ground. Prophetic words are not merely suggestions from God for your personal encouragement – they are a declaration calling you to higher ground so that you live from a higher vantage point.

3) *What does the higher vantage point do for you?*

Living from the higher vantage point changes your attitude and shifts your perspective and approach to life.

These days there are serious assaults and accusations made against the church; the kingdom of darkness is often what occupies the loudest voice in the media. Our senses are constantly bombarded with fear driven media, liberal thinking and ideas along with real tales of shocking death, destruction and persecution. These things only add to the weight of everyday circumstances that press down on us. If we are not careful we begin to live like we are under all of these things trying to fight our way up from beneath.

But the truth is: **We never fight from the bottom up; we fight from the top down.**

You are above it even when you cannot see through it BECAUSE you are seated in heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:19-22 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

Marcel Proust said "the voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." A higher vantage point makes us live life with the end in mind and with long term vision, not short-sightedness.

As you look down from your vantage point in God it shifts the way you live out the mandate but it will also release an authority and an anointing that will displace Kingdoms of darkness and areas of resistance. It will displace religion.

A VANTAGE POINT IS:

A place from which you can stand with better view

A superior or more favorable position

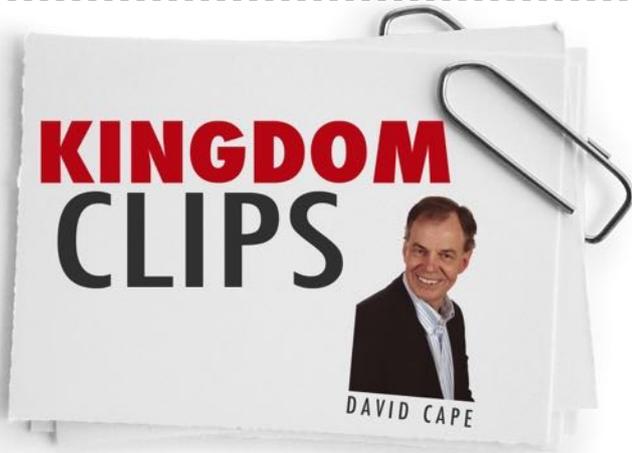
Place or situation affording some advantage

From this vantage point everything that happens to me or you is to move us forward, upward and onward and becomes a sign and a wonder and a demonstration of God being with you, along with His grace, favor and advantage on our lives.

You love God with fresh passion, maturity and devotion. You love His people with dedication, participating in the great commission to see changed lives and saved hearts. You live life with dedication, zeal and purpose, understanding the importance of vital relationship, community and life in abundance. Ultimately, your vantage point causes you once again to be gripped by the call of the King to advance His Kingdom on the earth.

So, in the latter half of this year, I ask you to spend time with Father and then ask yourself - What do I see? What do I hear? And what am I compelled to do?

Louis



*Spirit -
Break out*

There is a fresh shifting of things on the earth. Old orders are rapidly being dismantled and things that we held as the norm are swiftly being replaced by the new and instant. Yet too, Heaven is longing to invade earth. There is a fresh change of divine encounters for those who will pursue what the Holy Spirit is wanting to make available. The Spirit of 'revelation' and 'wisdom' are not available to make us look good, but to make us more aware of the Spirit's fresh, unseen realities. It works not only to increase Kingdom principles but also to reveal the King himself.

We, as a church family, yearn to see these fresh revelations manifest in our midst. As such we have chosen to seek more of the Holy Spirit's presence as the focus for our...

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Please prepare your hearts!

David

On behalf of the Apostolic Council.

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