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FROM
JOHN'S
HEART
TO
YOURS

Wherever I go, both within and outside of Church of the Nations,

the word of “acceleration” seems to be on everyone’s lips expressed in one way or another.

We have embraced this concept in COTN with open arms and great expectation as we look to see what God is doing.

Is He revealing the sons of the Kingdom at this time?

The Kingdom comes as His sons and daughters go forth and we’re all looking for the increase, the acceleration of the wave of new believers being swept into our churches.

Are we ready for them? Have we prepared in faith, the vessels to receive them?

Are our hearts open to this and are we, like Elijah looking for that rain?

Then he said to his young servant, “On your feet now! Look toward the sea.” He went, looked, and reported back, “I don’t see a thing.”

“Keep looking,” said Elijah, “seven times if necessary.”

1 Kings 18:43 (The Message)

Things happened fast. The sky grew black with wind-driven clouds, and then a huge cloudburst of rain, with Ahab hightailing it in his chariot for Jezreel.

1 Kings 18:45 (The Message)

How will we cope?

How will we manage to run this race?

We all remember too well the Lord's question to Jeremiah:

"So, Jeremiah, if you're worn out in this footrace with men, what makes you think you can race against horses?

And if you can't keep your wits during times of calm, what's going to happen when troubles break loose like the Jordan in flood?

Jeremiah 12:5 (The Message)

We want to run with the horses of course we do, but we're barely coping already.

How will we do it?

And the answer as we all know is: "Only by the power of the Spirit of the Lord!"

When the rains came, Elijah outran the horses of Ahab. The King James Version says it so well:

⁴⁶ Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings 18:46 (NKJV)

It's all about "the hand of the Lord"

Jesus said: "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." (Acts 1:8)

It's "the power" that makes it all possible.

The acceleration, the outpouring, the coming revival, will all be made possible by the "hand of the Lord."

And the power we need to run this race will be by the Holy Spirit coming upon us just as at the beginning and has been necessary ever since.

Each one of us will need to use our spiritual gifts to the full, in order to cope.

So as Paul said to Timothy: "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you..." 2 Timothy 1:6 (NKJV)

So stir it up!

We're all longing for this acceleration. We're all on tiptoes looking to see what is to come.

So let's gird up our loins and stir up those gifts and trust the Lord for the fresh outpouring of His power on us.

May the fresh rain fall!

John



JOHN & JAYNE SCHOLTZ



Dear COTN Family,

You are invited to attend our COTN Leadership Conference at The Harvest Church, Durban from the 19 – 22 April 2018. What a blessing and privilege it will be to have you all with us again!

During a time of seeking God's face for the way ahead in 2018, we've come to the realization that God is speaking a clear word to us.

THE WORD FOR 2018 IS - TIME OF ACCELERATION

God is saying, *"I have brought you and positioned you at this place for this time. Find your space and your place quickly! For I am going to put all of what I've spoken in the previous years together and create a momentum that will propel and accelerate the Body of Christ into a position of favor, authority and power, that will give God the glory and produce an amazing harvest."*

It is very important that we understand that it is NOT our own power, effort or acceleration that we refer to, but the Divine Enablement, Empowerment, Energizing and Quickening of the Lord! It's His anointing that enables you. The God of fine design, intelligent progression and process causes an acceleration that supersedes natural laws!

"Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look, blessings!" Amos 9:13

So he answered and said to me: " This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT,' Says the LORD of hosts. '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!" Zechariah 4:6-7 NKJV

We are trusting that as we ALIGN with God and His Word, we will see an ACCELERATION in all the Kingdom Mountains, the Church and also in our personal lives, that will give Him Glory.

May we continue to Advance His Kingdom together!

Louis Els

(on behalf of the Apostolic Council)

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