



Dear Leader and Servant of Jesus

Now, more than ever, the world needs a people who model strong personal faith in God – the kind of faith that will prove to carry us through the demands of change as we hold on to God’s promises and His prophetic vision.

As Christian leaders, we need to model real faith that is expressed in perseverance to see His promises fulfilled.

Hebrews 10:35-36 (NLT) says:

‘Do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord, no matter what happens. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that He has promised.’

Lives of uncompromised integrity are born out of such faith and represent not only the **standard** the world so desperately needs, but also the **hope** it longs for.

For many it feels as if the enemy is flooding our world. It is in this very situation that the Spirit of the Lord is determined to raise a standard against the enemy. Let’s welcome God’s Spirit to set a new standard of truth in a corrupt world and to bring living hope for many.

Isaiah 59:19 (NKJV) says:

‘So shall they fear  
The name of the LORD from the west,  
And His glory from the rising of the sun;  
When the enemy comes in like a flood,  
The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.’

In the New Living Translation it reads:

‘Then at last they will respect and glorify the name of the LORD throughout the world. For he will come like a flood tide driven by the breath of the LORD.’

God’s favour needs to be demonstrated in the real world. Only by living in the practical expression of God’s goodness, can we succeed against all odds in setting new standards and attracting the attention of the world.

In this final term of 2010, we will focus on Joseph’s amazing life – a life lived in God’s favour. I cannot think of a better example to paint a brilliant picture of living in this reality and finishing strong. I believe his example will encourage God’s people to apply faith for living in His favour in a real world.

Joseph’s strength was in his consistent practical application of God’s basic principles. We will draw from these applications to ensure that we reach the fullness of what God has planned and purposed for us.

In all this, may we remain focused on living in pursuit of God’s greater purpose – to see His Kingdom established and His will done.

Let’s partner with God’s Spirit in raising His standard. Together, we can see this year crowned with His goodness as we walk in paths that drip with abundance! (Psalm 65:11).



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