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Dear Partner,

I’m so excited about the New Year, and I’ll tell you why. To me, the New Year is a new horizon. You see, the future calls to me. Your future has a voice, Partner. As believers, we should be listening to the voice of the Lord because that voice holds our destiny, which is God’s will for our life. Are you ready for what the future holds? I ask myself often, “Am I ready?” I believe the answer for both of us, Partner, is a resounding, “YES!” Together, our future will be bright!

Turn Up the Faith-Dial
Ask Yourself Some Questions About the Future

“…your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”
(Joel 2:28)

Partner, that verse is talking about the future and so I ask you today, “How big do you want to dream? How hard do you want to work? How much do you want to envision? How much do you want to forget?”

When it comes to this New Year, 2015, these are the questions the Lord is dealing with me about—the questions He has led me to ask you. Partner, let’s turn up the faith-dial!

When you have faith, you are creating—your spirit and mind get into sync. They start to work together with the Word to formulate your future. Partner, big dreams start coming. I mean, BIG dreams! Not dreams that you can do on your own, but dreams that only God can do through you.

The Genesis of Faith
How Hard Do You Want to Work?

What you and I are going to believe this year will take this statement of Jesus to its highest level, and that divine statement is:

“He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.”
(Matthew 11:15)

The genesis of faith has its beginnings right there. And that’s why I asked you, “How hard do you want to work?” You see, work will bring the fulfillment of your hopes to fruition. I love to
work because it expands your dream. People ask me all the time when I’m going to slow down and I simply tell them this: “When I finish!” I refuse to get rusty through laziness.

This ministry is kept well-oiled—and that isn’t just talking about our staff, but includes me, too! We believe that your prayers and financial support must produce fruit in the lives of other people—it’s called growth! We are passionate about the spiritual, physical, and financial growth of people and so, we aren’t afraid of doing whatever is necessary to fulfill the vision.

The Power of Focus and Imagination

How Much Do You Want to Envision?

So, let me ask you again, “How much do you want to envision?” Will you allow yourself to imagine your future—and not only imagine it, but get to work on doing it? Do you realize that you were created with the power and ability to do what you set your mind to do?

Just remember what God said to the people at the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11:6: “And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.”

Now, these were sinners and God wanted them to migrate. He didn’t want them all staying in one place just fixated on building a single tower into space. But, because they could actually build that tower if they wanted to, it got God’s attention and caused Him to make a sovereign move. Notice that God said nothing those people imagined to do would be restrained from them.

The point is that (even in a sin-state) when human beings combine imagination and a unified, focused effort, there is nothing they can’t do. Now, remember that as a believer, God is guiding your life because His Word is renewing your mind—so He has no intention of restraining you! He wants you to fulfill your destiny, so the closer you are to Him, the more you will envision for your life.

The Life-Sustaining Nature of Vision

Until You See Tomorrow, You Will Never Understand Today

As a believer, you are even MORE capable than the sinners at the Tower of Babel—but only if you actually have a vision in sight. That brings me to my next point:

Until you see tomorrow, you will never understand today.

Vision is very important to you and to God. Partner, having a vision keeps you alive! In Proverbs 29:18, the Word tells us without vision, people perish—in other words they die inside when there is no goal or vision in their lives. People were created to be sustained by having a vision of something bigger than just “today.”

While Christ warned us not to worry about tomorrow, He encouraged us to be comforted by looking ahead to the good things God has in store for us—but most of all, He taught us to have faith. Vision requires faith, and it also makes life more enjoyable.

When you know what you are pursuing and when you know what is coming in your life, your days become faster and easier. Your mind has something to “faith” towards and look forward to. There are no surprises in that respect, because faith in the vision God gives you causes you to “know” in Whom you have “believed.” It brings confidence to your soul as you do the work necessary—spiritually, physically, and financially—that will bring your vision to pass.

I love dreams and visions because they keep you prepared. Satan can’t sneak up on you when you’re ahead of Him all the time. Glory!

Press Toward the Mark

How Much “Past” Do You Want to Forget?

Partner, your answer to the question “How much past do you want to forget?” is so vital to your success.
The past is too heavy to be brought into the future. Your future is where you’re going—it’s not where you’ve been.

Partner, your past keeps you thinking about yesterday, when yesterday is gone. If you keep thinking about what happened, nothing will happen for you.

The Apostle Paul said it best when he said, “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14).

Behind means looking back, and there is no future in that. Again, remember that your future is where you are going and not where you’ve been. In Philippians 3:14, Paul said to press toward the mark. In other words, press forward to where you want to be. And where is that? To the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Glory!

Do you remember that old Christian hymn, “Onward, Christian Soldiers”? It didn’t say, “Backward, Christian Soldiers” did it? Partner, never pay for the same real estate twice! Never go back over what you’ve conquered. Forward is the only direction for you!

The Earth is Ours—Let’s Seize it for the Lord
Defeating the Devil, Reaching Our Destiny

This ministry is going forth this year with lightning speed. Your prayers and faithful financial support are so important to the cause of Christ that we refuse to slow down in the vision. People need to know Christ. Christians need to learn how to build and use their faith.

People need to find the way to overcome—to have vision, to move forward, and to LIVE! That’s why I need your seed quickly, and you need your harvest quickly—time is going so fast. There are so many more people who need what only Jesus and the life-giving Word of God can give.

“Reaching People and Changing Lives, One Soul at a Time”—together, we are getting the job done. Together, we will receive what God has for us. Together, we will defeat the devil and reach our destiny in Christ. You and I make up an army! The earth is ours—all we have to do is seize it for the Lord. We must spread His love and faith in His amazing Word.

Thank you for helping us in the projects we talk about, and thank you for praying for us and giving toward the vision. It’s time to receive—you deserve it and so do I. I’m looking forward to a great year of turning up the faith-dial—of dreaming dreams and having VISION! The future is here by faith already. Nothing is impossible for us, Partner. Let’s focus ourselves and press toward our mark! May your faith in God impart boldness, focus, and great success in 2015. Happy New Year!

Love You,

Jesse Duplantis

P.S. Thanks for helping us seize the earth for the Lord this month! For your January Partnership of any amount, you can request my classic message The Integrity of the Word on CD or digital download. And if the Lord is leading you to give $50 or more this month, you can also request my new book, *For by IT...FAITH*, along with the DVD, *If You Don’t Know What IT is, You Won’t Get It*. For more details, click here to go online to jdm.org.