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Dear Ministry Friend,

***"At thy word I will let down the net." - Luke 5:5***

***"The deeds and miracles of Jesus are not actions of the past. Jesus is waiting for those who are still prepared to take risks at His word because they trust His power utterly."***

This scripture and quote above is written on the side of a church in Galilee, Israel, nearby Strategic's **VOICE OF HOPE - ISRAEL** radio station. These words from Luke 5:5 take us to the very meaning of our faith and requires each of us to answer in the full view of our own circumstances, our fears and our very need to see Salvation from our Lord Jesus.



*Taking some quiet time to walk and pray and consider all the Lord is saying. Worship the Lord!*

It is time to trust God and to "let down our net" as Peter did. For He is forever faithful and with us right now as our world is fighting an invisible enemy of fear.

### **How will we emerge from this situation?**

I am impressed by the Holy Spirit in prayer to ask Him, "How will we, Your Church, emerge from this present, critical situation?" And yet...God is not taken off guard. God never stopped speaking to His people. His Word and His Spirit have been and still are here *to meet with us* in all of our situations right now. His Word has proven relevant, reliable, faithful, to fully sustain us and to take us through!

When something is shattered, it rarely goes back the way it come apart. For you and me this may mean changes ahead that we were not expecting. However, God is not surprised and has not lost control or changed His plan.



## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
You’re dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

“Even down to old age all My people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when grey hairs shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

George Keith (1787)

In the days and weeks ahead, as we reengage, our “new normal” cannot be fear or sifting through the destruction of what once was or taking the view that all is lost. It is not.

Rather we should expect to reengage stronger in our trust and faith in our Lord Jesus. More reliant upon the Lord and less in ourselves and our plans. Taking bold steps forward because we have received our instructions afresh from the Lord. We have received His Word and our direction is confirmed and clear.

I would encourage you dear friend to pray and intercede for our nation. For the Church. For those who need to hear the Gospel of Hope and receive Jesus’ Salvation in our friend group or family. Over the past weeks, we have been taken out of our normal routines that order our days and for the first

time in many years we are sitting quietly with ourselves and family members. What a blessing!

The noise of our daily schedule has been removed and we are awake for the first time in a long time. Awake to hear from heaven. To worship the Lord. To think and dream and receive everything we need. Yes, this unexpected time out is an opportunity to “come up higher” in our love, our relationship and our faith in Jesus and His word. What a gift indeed!

I can tell you that Heather and I are praying and listening to what the Lord is saying in these days with regard to Strategic Communications Group and our VOICE OF HOPE missionary radio stations.

We are asking Him about our next steps. Our role in the end-time Harvest using the tools we have in our hands and perhaps adding a few more as we unite with the strategies of Heaven. Like you, everything is on the table and we lay it out before the Lord. Up to right now, Heather and I have been faithful in the assignment that the Lord given to us and we are committed, now more than ever, to *strategically* communicate Jesus' Word and Salvation message to millions of people through radio.

However, the future may NOT look like the past...for any of us! We honor the Lord to ask Him to take everything away that does not line up with His plans for the end-time Harvest. It is strengthening to the Kingdom when we ask the Lord to give us specific instructions for the season just ahead and to provide everything we need to accomplish all that He has asked. And then take steps of faith to find and stand on the "X" marking our specific *Assignment*. In all of this we are not anxious but we lean back into His peace, trusting and expectant, and filled with all hope. God is moving and we want to move with Him! I know you do too!

Strategic's VOICE OF HOPE missionary radio stations are sharing the Gospel with millions of people throughout the earth. As I write to you, our VOICE OF HOPE stations reaching Africa and Latin America are on the air and ministering daily. However, our **VOICE OF HOPE - Israel (1287 AM)** radio station, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, remains off the air since January for lack of needed funds to pay our costs.

## STRATEGIC GIVING

Strategic Communications Group is supported by monthly donations and some major gifts, and at times, gifts of public stock. We use these funds to sustain the operation of our VOICE OF HOPE radio stations which present the Gospel day and night.

Over the past weeks, due to the worldwide pandemic, we have seen a major decrease in financial support making it difficult to operate our missionary radio stations. This is true for so many Churches and ministries, not just us as many of our ministry partners have delayed their giving.

Still we trust God!

Please help if you can and always as the Lord leads you. Thank you also for your prayers and notes of encouragement.

Heather and I will commit to pray for you and your family, your business, your finances and your daily work to support your own families. We know God is faithful!

***"In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty." - Psalm 37:19***

May the Lord bless you this day! What an honor it is to serve alongside you in the work of our Lord.

John and Heather

The **VOICE OF HOPE - Israel** is one of the most strategic radio stations in existence today. Its location and reach of over 40 million people makes its role in the Harvest of the Lord Jesus profound. We are asking God to provide a financial gift or many financial gifts to sustain the impact of the VOICE OF HOPE - ISRAEL. What a blessing it would be to our listeners in Israel, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan to hear the radio station especially right now. Radio is a vital tool of hope and encouragement and a companion bringing light into the darkness, especially at this time.

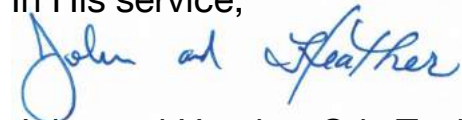
Our intention now is to press forward, as the Lord directs, step by step rebuilding (strengthening what we have) and building onto this firm foundation.

Prophetically, there are new and untold opportunities waiting for you and me as we serve the Lord and step out in faith. He will guide us, sustain us and perform His word over the nations. God wins!

Thank you for standing with us with your prayers and support of this great mission! We are headed into an amazing season of both sowing and reaping... for the Salvation of the nations before the return of our Lord Jesus for His Church! Get ready friends! The best is yet to come!

With thanks, with praise, with joy and with honor,

In His service,



John and Heather Otis Tayloe  
President and Founders

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*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

*2 Chronicles 7:14*