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## Dear Friends,

Sow with a view to righteousness,

Reap in accordance with kindness;

Break up your fallow ground,

For it is time to seek the LORD

Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.



Hosea 10:12

One year ago this month I had a heart attack. Many things had to adjust. For the first time in 30 years we did not have a yearly healing conference. I need to explain the changes that occurred and how that relates to where we are now. It may seem logical that after such a serious heart issue we would hold off doing a conference during the recovery period. I was forced to stop and adjust how I was to continue. The period of shutdown was a time of listening for new orders, and for me personally to re-evaluate a lot in my private personal life.

Now it is one year since all this, and many of you are understandably asking about conference plans for 2020. Here is what we believe we are hearing from the Lord. For several years I have said that conferences are pilgrimages we make in addition to our ongoing spiritual community. What we long and pray for is that what happens in conferences would become the norm for the local assemblies. We long for the day when conferences are no longer needed, because the church at large is awakening and learning to live out these truths regularly on a local level. I have never diminished in that conviction. Gathering once a year for four days, though it was greatly blessed and life-changing for many, must become fleshed out in our local church families. We need far more accessible ministry venues. And this is happening all over the Body of Christ, not just our tiny portion. Before every conference I would say, "I don't know how much longer we should do this." After every conference I would say, "That was so great! We should try to do more than one next year." My wife and our prayer team must have gotten weary of my repeated statements.

We believe we are in that longed-for transformational time now. Everything that can be shaken IS being shaken. And it is awakening people on many levels. People are praying and seeking God on a deeper level than at any time since maybe the Civil War. We are not ready to say absolutely that we will or will not have any more conferences, though there will not be one this year. We are still praying for guidance about what and how to plan ahead. I believe we are on the verge of a great spiritual awakening that will bring in a huge harvest. Now is the time to pray for your lost loved ones, your wayward loved ones, your country, and your enemies, like never before. For I hear the sound of an abundance of RAIN.



### THE CHOSEN

At this writing the TV series called THE CHOSEN written and directed by Dallas Jenkins, which is an eight part TV mini-series on the Gospels, has reached an audience of over 10 million and counting. It is like no previous bible movie you ever saw. For those who have seen even one episode you know what I mean. There is an anointing on it that is meant to reach a TV-intoxicated world with new wine they can access and understand. It is especially great for family viewing with your teens and college-age kids as well as neighbors and friends who may or may not know the Lord. Please check it out. You have to do some searching to know how to access it and then to support it. So please make the effort.

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## A Note from Clay ~ Writing & Speaking

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I am writing, and it takes me a lot more time, focus, and energy than for smarter people who write. Nightlight has become our primary instrument for communicating our message. For the most part, the Nightlight audience has become a community of prayerful caregivers doing our small part to stand watch in this ongoing war as we approach the close of this age. I am both honored and happy for that to be all we do if it is the Lord's will. But I love the local church, and as Mary reminds me from time to time, I need to be with God's people at times and communicate face to face rather than through a microphone. So we are waiting a clarification of plans which I have only vaguely been able to present to you here for now. But I believe I am to write and we are to speak more as the doors open. And should we sense that a conference format is called for, we will plan that. But it will probably not be as long or as costly as in the past. We are looking for ways to reach more people and make attendance less of a demand on them.

We will always let you know here what is happening should there be any major changes. In the meantime, your prayers for us are vital. It is a trick of the devil to make phrases like "pray for us" just a religious meaningless nicety. You who have followed the teaching in Nightlight these past few months on prayer know what I mean when I say that your prayers for us are strategic, vital, and needed now more than ever.

We are at war with evil. And we overcome evil with good. Prayers help us all keep focus on what is and is not our calling. So I mean it deeply when I thank you for praying for us, as we too pray for you.



# Closing Thoughts...



Psalm 94 has been my daily food for several weeks (and many days before this). It is filled with a call for God to intervene against evil and to bring the workers of oppression down from their perches. But as I was speaking with some of our team members about these verses, it became clear to us that the judgment of God we should pray for in light of the Cross, is so that particularly evil people be brought down to destruction so that they might be brought up to repentance. Be careful as we pray against evil that we do not set ourselves up as executioners. There is no evil in our land today that I did not contribute to in some degree at some point in my past. I am not above anyone, even the most egregious. God does not hear self-righteous prayers of revenge. He hears the cry from the Cross "Father forgive them. They know not what they do:" And He will blaze in judgment to destroy evil, by saving humans from it's grip.



Blessings, Clay & Mary

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