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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

Letters of Faith

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**Now the Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
“This month shall be the beginning of months for you;
it is to be the first month of the year to you.”**

Exodus 12:1-2 NASB

Dearly Beloved,

As many of you know by reading our books or these *Letters of Faith*, sharing Holy Communion with each other was a very important part of Gretel's and my life together. I do not plan to change my “Jesus Schedule” now just because a few miles separate us.

So I was reviewing Exodus 12, the historic ground zero for the Passover and Holy Communion services. The above verses hit me like a ton of bricks. This coming year, with all the political and societal vicissitudes, and the spiritual challenges that result, will certainly be a new beginning to almost everything for those of us blessed to be firmly in God's grip.

Unless we get revelation from the Holy Spirit, there is no way of knowing what direction our economy, our social and military security, and even our treasured spiritual freedom may be going. I am close to 88 years young, have always kept current with social, political, and economic developments, and I do not recall any comparable times in my lifetime. There are barely any in the whole history of our great country. Maybe the approaching months leading up to the Civil War, the Great Depression, or our unexpected involvement in World War One could be considered.

Surely, most of us have never experienced such domestic strife and such broadly differing ideas of what to do about it. Never before in our history has the veracity and integrity of national leaders been so suspect. With the possible exception of the very early days of crude and thuggish attempts to unionize the railroads and some other major heavy industries in the twenties, we have never seen such total disrespect for law and order, willingness to inflict personal bodily injury, and rampageous vandalism in street mobs with incoherent objections. I say all this not as a superfluous rehash of already overpublicized street mob behavior, but as a main point I think the Body of Christ must address in our Communion ministry prayers as we seek to spiritually sanctify this new year.

Another prayer objective could well be clarification of our terminology used to refer to God being good all the time, to avoid implying that God is in control.

I staunchly believe, based on Scripture and personal experience, that our loving Father God is always good! But please don't hear something I am not saying.

I am not saying God is in CONTROL! If our God is in CONTROL, we would have to credit Him with our son Chris' death, with all kinds of diseases like Gretel's Alzheimer's, the Myasthenia Gravis in my body that He healed, and with devastating earthquakes, hurricanes, and all the other calamities in life on this fallen planet.

I do not believe this is the case.

It is far more accurate to say that God is in CHARGE, not in CONTROL.

Every parent hearing this distinction will easily agree. While we are in charge of our homes, not everything that happens under our roof is necessarily our idea or approved by us!

The Body of Christ must start being more carefully clear how we express God's almighty power, grace, and love to avoid giving our enemy the opportunity to mislead younger saints.

The most important assignment in our new beginning Communion prayers, however, is aligning ourselves with the Apostle Paul's two challenges. His primary charge was proclaiming (and I add, experiencing and demonstrating) the unfathomable riches of Christ to the unspiritual. His spiritually daunting additional charge was to make the wisdom of God known to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. **"To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.** (Ephesians 3:8-10 emphasis added)

The next two verses say that this is all, **"...in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him."**

We should find out what part we have in fulfilling these immense tasks, so our new beginning Communion prayers should include the request to hear and the declaration to obey.

The Holy Spirit brought to my mind a prophecy He gave me while Gretel and I were teaching and ministering in a spiritually-packed conference in England. There was literally no opportunity to fit this Word into the flow of the meeting, so I stored it in my spiritual pantry. Twenty years passed before the Holy Spirit brought it back to my conscience. I sense it is applicable with this message regarding our directions in prayer for this new beginning into which we are entering:

"Dig Deeper!

"You have dug deep into My Word and you think you have hit solid rock, but I tell you that you have just hit a layer of clay that feels hard as rock because it is such a dry time spiritually. When the rain of the Holy Spirit comes again in abundance, the clay will become soft and treacherously slippery, so that anything you build on it will collapse and be washed away.

"Dig Deeper! Dig Deeper!

"You have dug deeper into the ways of My Spirit and think you have dug down into a layer of rock able to support the work you have in your heart to build for My Kingdom. But I say to you, that you have dug just deep enough to hit a layer of pumice which appears hard as a rock because of the dry season you are still in spiritually. But anything you build on that foundation will fail and be washed away as the pumice crumbles under the weight of your labors.

"Dig deeper! Dig deeper! Keep digging.

"Now you have dug deep enough to be solidly anchored on the bedrock of My Word and My Spirit! Now you can trust the leadings from My Spirit to build what I want you to build for My Kingdom to come to earth as it presently is in My Heaven. What you build according to My plans for you to build will stand in the floods and the winds and the fires that are coming to steal, kill, and destroy.

Your digging can now expand in area because you went deeper when I urged you to keep digging deeper to reach My bedrock of Grace, Truth, and Love for your foundations.”

Beloved, dig into God’s Word and trust Him to lead you, to guide you, and to protect you. As you partake of God’s most precious covenant meal to initiate this new year, pray for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in His Heaven in 2017. Continue to hope for His righteousness, peace, and joy to rule and reign.

Retain faith in God’s Word that, “...**God, the inspiration and foundation of hope**, [will] **fill you to overflowing with uncontainable joy and perfect peace as you trust in Him. And may the power of the Holy Spirit continually surround your life with His super-abundance until you radiate with hope.**” (Romans 15:13 The Passion Translation)

In faith in the love and power of Jesus Christ, I bless you with an amazingly blessed 2017 as you put all your trust and faith in Him!

Huge Haglin New Year Hugs,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul & Gretel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.