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## THE MARATHON TO GOLD

***Yes indeed, it won't be long now. God's Decree. Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once-and everywhere you look, blessings! Blessings like wine pouring off the mountains and hills.***

**Amos 9:13 (Message)**

My dear flock,

I wanted to write this letter since I started with my sabbatical, but now I have the words to write this letter and it is from a very cold Ohio, USA. My heart is in South Africa with you but my obedience causes me to be in the USA. My intent is not to be dramatic, but I had the opportunity to be here at the Heaven on Earth Conference at Cornerstone Church with Bishop Michael Pitts and that caused me to be away from home for a long time, and alone (very alone) over the time of my birthday. I could easily just have gotten the CD's, but God said to me during the Conference: "do not neglect the gathering of saints, the corporate anointing." I had to receive this word under the anointing of impartation. Sometimes you have to be willing to pay the price and go the distance to hear the voice of God.

**I do not want you to scan this letter; prayerfully read it and hear God's heartbeat in it for you.** I was really touched by God's grace and faithful word over this time and thus the reason for this letter to you, my flock.

We started 2012 with the Word...Going for Gold. What does it imply, and what does it ask?

There is a marathon of breakthroughs for those willing to run. There is a marathon of opportunities, open doors and blessings for those willing to run.

God put opportunities and miracles out there for us – in the uncommon places, and in our path. But only those who are willing and obedient (**Isaiah 1:19**), willing to run while it's still dark, even in their darkest hour, can find them.

Life and God together laid out a path of breakthroughs and miracles that are there only for those who have the audacity to run while it is still dark. Peter, Mary Magdalena, and John ran in the darkest hour, and they encountered a powerful truth; life everlasting, eternity. They discovered resurrection. They discovered life again; new Life. And they discovered it when they were willing to run when others were not.

I believe the Lord has placed things on our journey, and if we run when it is still dark these things become exposed. We need to find GOLD in the unexpected places. It's not going to be in the commonplaces. But it is there. It is waiting for me to find it. And I need to know that this day will offer me opportunities to find gold.

God is not saying to me, I'm going to offer you an opportunity and a breakthrough per week. He's not saying, I'm going to offer you an opportunity and a breakthrough per month. No. There's an opportunity waiting for me every single day... I am not waiting for a breakthrough; there is ALREADY a miracle waiting for me.

It's a matter of discovering it – the gold, the miracle, the breakthrough! It is already there. Not receiving it, but discovering it. It's my job to find them. Every single day there's gold out there for you and me to discover. Through a relationship, a conversation, an encounter. A breakthrough, a miracle of life, love, relationships, that house, restoration, and that new job or promotion.

***Return to the Stronghold of security and prosperity, you prisoners of hope; even today I declare that I will restore double your former prosperity to you.*** **Zechariah 9:12 (Amplified)**

They are there waiting for me already, and I will discover a new one every day, once the Kingdom Principles are completely activated! It's like turning on a flashlight in a dark tunnel. I can see where to go, and I see the rewards that were hidden. It's all clear. And I did it for myself. I turned on the light. I activated the principles in my life. I activated my spiritual DNA. I created the right atmosphere for my God-genes to flourish. I live vertically and horizontally.

All of that leads me on the journey that God wants me to take, following the path He intended for me, to fulfill my purpose. As I follow that path, I will discover the gold He sets out for me before I even took the first step.

That's the key. I'm doing it for myself. I'm finding the gold. I didn't wait for them to be handed to me. I didn't ask God to give me the gold. I didn't ask God to do my work for me. I go out and find the gold for myself, every day. And every day I find more. It's a never-ending marathon of gold, just waiting for me to discover them!

There is a marathon of gold out there, and all of God's blessings all of God's gifts. I was born to have them showered down upon me. Once I am on that path, I can't stop. I can't say, "I made it, there's the daybreak. Okay, I quit. That's it. I'm done."

No, no, no! Because it's exceedingly, abundantly, above all. It's a marathon of gold, not just one. There is a multitude of daybreaks, not just one. Let's not forget that every single daybreak introduces new opportunities. Greater opportunities. Greater enrichment. Greater relationships. Greater empowerment. Every day, every single day, every single daybreak, enables you to see more of God. To absorb more of God. More of God's kingdom becomes alive every single daybreak.

But every single daybreak that you give up on God's order, God's love, God's provision, God Kingdom Principles - that's a daybreak when you let your breakthroughs just fade away. Every day that you quit, that you don't give it your all, that you let your flesh overrule your spirit, that you don't activate the Kingdom Principles in your life, is a day when the gold remains hidden. It's totally up to you to get it!

I have to follow the right path and follow the Kingdom Principles, if I want to find the gold. I'm not praying for my miracle anymore. I'm going to pray for God to give me the wisdom, energy and the strength and the wherewithal to activate His DNA inside of me, so I can go and grab my gold.

I'm not going to pray for God to change my circumstances, I'm going to pray for God to change and equip me so I can change the circumstances. Because the moment I change, that circumstances will forever be changed.

**Don't allow fear to make you lower your anchor in the midst of the storm! The thing that you're going through right now is going to catapult you into the greatest season of your life!**

It's about me. That circumstance speaks to who I am and what I can be. I am what matters. I am the one on the path to gold!

Love you,  
Pastor Stephen