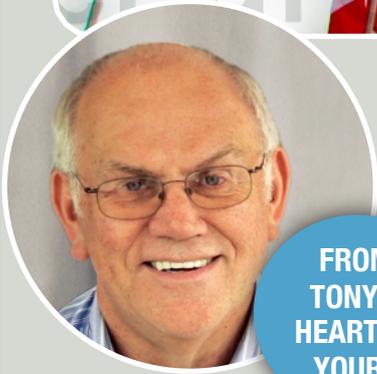


# ACTALK

**JUNE 2010**  
**WHERE THE**  
**APOSTOLIC COUNCIL**  
**SHARE THEIR HEARTS**



**FROM  
TONY'S  
HEART TO  
YOURS**

It is hard to believe that 2010 is half over. For Marilyn and me it has been a busier start to the year than normal, with even more travel. I reached another personal milestone in the month of May

when I crossed over the million mile mark with United Airlines. Sometimes it feels that we spend more time in airports and planes than we do at home. With so many personal and ministry anniversaries over the last few months I have spent a lot of time reflecting and clarifying how I want to spend this next stage of my life.

I was home in Richmond on May 2 for the COTN International Prayer Day and shared the day with the local COTN family. It was an excellent time of prayer and during this time I received a clear word from the Lord confirming the clarification I had been receiving over recent weeks. The parting moments of David's reign in 1 Chronicles 29 were quickened to me. David was passing on leadership to Solomon his son and the seriousness of this was emphasized by the amount of sacrifices and celebration that took place. The Scripture says in verse 22 "They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the Lord that day. They acknowledged Solomon as King a second time, anointing him to be ruler". As I read these words, I was impacted by the phrase "a second time".

One of the values we hold as a family of churches, is that of fathers and sons. This is not just a good teaching or philosophy but is the very foundation on which we see the kingdom of God established on the Earth. The joy of

seeing people journey as Jesus did as it is recorded in Isaiah 9, from a child to a son to a father, still motivates my heart almost more than anything else. I have said many times that it is time to release sons into their destiny and of course we have seen that happen, but I felt as I read this passage I needed to declare it "a second time" fully releasing sons into all that God has for them. I'm doing this at every opportunity I have.

As you know the theme of our conferences this year is Crossover and the conference in Durban was a prophetic statement of this truth as a number of sons brought powerful teaching words. To see in our midst a generation of sons that are now fathers in their own right, building on the values and foundations that God has placed in our midst, and yet going further than I and others have ever gone is the most rewarding experience a father can have.

As I was sharing on a panel in December at a national leadership gathering, I used a phrase I had not remembered using before. I simply said; "As apostolic leaders, who we have to send will define us". When Jesus was released on earth as a Son, His position was, **here I am Father, send me**. At the end of his three years a paraphrase of what was said in John 17 was, **here I am father send them**.

It is very encouraging to travel the world and see how much of the pioneering of COTN is happening through a generation of sons, many of whom have been willing to relocate to new nations to serve the extension of the Kingdom of Heaven in all the mind molding areas of society. It is great to see that the values we hold strong work across the generations. This generation of sons, (male & female), have become the new generation of fathers and are leading the way in impacting the nations of the world.

When I look at the fruit, I sometimes wonder why it is that some still run from the principle of fathers and sons therefore rejecting spiritual fatherhood. A friend of mine in New York, Joseph Mattera, in an article he wrote a few days ago, explains his thoughts on this in the following eight points.

1. Men reject spiritual fathers because they no longer trust male authority figures
2. Men reject spiritual fathers because they don't want to be held accountable
3. Men reject spiritual fathers because they are afraid of being disappointed
4. Men reject spiritual fathers when they have suffered abuse
5. Men reject spiritual fathers because they expect perfection from them
6. Men reject spiritual fathers because they are afraid of rejection
7. Men reject spiritual fathers because they don't know their heavenly Father's love
8. Men reject spiritual fathers because they have never met any authentic ones

If anyone reading this article finds Joseph's points helpful then you can read his full article on his web site, [www.JosephMattera.org](http://www.JosephMattera.org).

The passage I referred to from 1 Chronicles 29 was also encouraging to my heart in another way. Verse 26 talks about David serving for 40 years, 7 years in Hebron and 33 in Jerusalem. As I meditated on this I realized my 40 years in ministry had also broken down into a 7 year and a 33 year split; 7 years of formation and 33 years of leadership. It was encouraging to read that David died at an old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth and honor.

I claim that for myself!

Tony



TONY & MARILYN  
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## COTN EUROPEAN CONFERENCE CROSSOVER...THE DIVINE DECADE

28 – 31 OCTOBER 2010 Mooirivier Congresshotel, Oude Oever 10, Dalfsen – The Netherlands

Dwelling together is one of the things we as the COTN family do well.

We are once again gearing up toward our European leadership conference in Holland and this time it promises to be better than ever. As such, it is our joy as the Apostolic Council to invite you to join this family gathering.

We have chosen to call the conference 'CROSSOVER .... THE DIVINE DECADE' and believe that this will be somewhat of a prophetic statement and faith declaration of what God is doing on the earth at this time.

There are certain fresh things we will be reaching out to embrace as we stand on the threshold of this new decade. As a multifaceted, multi generational family we will be embracing the next generation and other dimensions that reflect who we are.

Our speakers will include some outstanding young fresh voices from within our midst whom are sounding a distinct new chord of what God is doing on the earth.

Please be reminded that this is for all Leaders and Elders as we believe it is a powerful way to inculcate our heart and values to your leadership. We ask that you particularly exhort your young adult leaders to attend. God's people are on the move, so don't miss out.

Make Holland a Date!

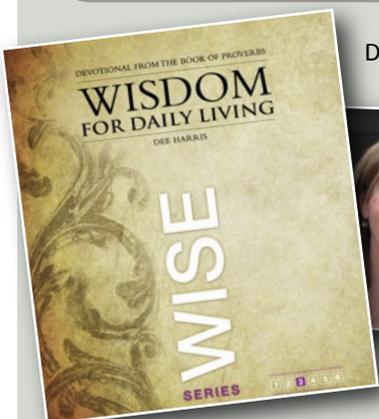


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Dee Harris from Valley Christian Church has recently launched "WISDOM FOR DAILY LIVING",

a set of devotionals inspired by the book of Proverbs.

This message has been beaten out on the anvil of Dee's own heart, through her personal life experiences and encounters from decades in ministry and will cause you to smile, dream, ponder and create a hunger deep within your spirit-man that will cry out for more intimacy with God. You will be challenged. More than anything, you will yearn for the wisdom of the Lord. Whether you are male or female; 9 or 90 years old, this devotional, in it's easy to use format, is for you!



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