

coming to nothing; he's alive, and he is returning to judge the world. He's returning so that we might live forever in and with him; growing more and more in that wonderful passionate, incredible relationship he's committed himself to.

I'm not coming to nothing; I'm coming to Jesus, the Christ. I've got the joy of being able to grow in knowing him more intimately, of talking over life with him, the joys, the sorrow, the challenges, the difficult relationship, so that his nature grows into all of them. I want Jesus presence in everything I do. And wonderfully he's committed himself to being there. All I need to do is ask; talk with him, invite

him in, being open and honest with him.

May God's greatness be a part of your life this year. May you recognise and carry his presence into everything you do this year, and be a giver all year of that which is the most important, which is the life of Christ, the love of the Father and the power of the Spirit.

Tim, wake up, it's high time. Let's do it; grow in commitment, seek Jesus' calling, build everything on Christ's commitment. Let's do it as we team together 4 by 4 letting Jesus' love and affection find traction in our lives, in our living. Now's

the time to act; we don't have any other.

This week I invite you to ask Jesus for four people to be praying for over this month. Ask Jesus what to pray, and then join him in prayer. Ask Jesus who to team with this year and share with them who Jesus has placed on your heart.

We have a wonderful new year; let's make the most of it as we seek to live in that passionate incredible relationship of love and affection Jesus has created. I keep hearing; Tim, wake up, it's high time – and I'm sure it's not Yolette!

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## COMMITMENT—CALLING—CHRIST

Romans 13:11-14



HAPPY NEW YEAR – it's the time to make our New Year's Resolutions.

I think it is good to stop and think about what you hope to do with your life this year. Ask yourself; 'What is worthy of your effort?' I certainly don't want to end up wasting my time and effort. That would mean I've wasted my life; and that would be a tragedy.

Think about it; 'What is worthy of your effort?'

The answer I was given this week, is a passionate, incredible relationship with God. That's my goal for this year, to be living out this incredible, passionate relationship which Jesus has created.

What other thing is there to live for?

What is worthy of your effort if not living out this passionate relationship of love and affection Jesus has created, lived out in an atmosphere of intimate conversation?

Jesus passion for this year is to share his life with you in an intimate relationship of love and affection, in an atmosphere of conversation. That's what Jesus thinks is worthy of his effort. That's what Jesus is 100% committed to.

That's why this year the worship team set as one of its goals to foster, encourage, grow our commitment to Jesus. We do that by drawing on his commitment, which is rock solid, letting it

infect our commitment.

St Paul when writing to the community of faith in Rome encouraged them in their commitment. He wrote; "This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out." (Romans 13:11)

Do you have a sense of urgency, time is running out. That is true for all of us, isn't it. My time is running out, so I want to make the best use of what time I have. I want my life to count for something; and there is nothing worthwhile outside of this wonderful relationship Jesus has committed himself to.

Paul continues; "Wake up". Tim, 'Wake up' – that's not just Yolette speaking,

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

but the Spirit seeking to encourage me, to motivate me, to inspire me to action. You see, I've still got the time to be effective, I'm not dead yet. Tim, 'Wake up', it's high time for action.

"So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armour of right living. Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ..." (Romans 13:12,13)

Did you hear that, 'clothe yourself with the presence of Jesus'? The goal is to be living in this relationship; and for that to happen

commitment is needed. If you're not committed to something, as a general rule, what happens?

Each year I say I need to get fit and lose a bit of flab around the waste. Each year I make that resolution; but I don't have a plan, I

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### What is worthy of your effort?

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don't seek others to support me. I'm not really committed to it; it just sounds like the right thing to do. Guess what has happened to that New Year resolution for the last thirty years?

It lasted till I saw the left-overs from Christmas, which I couldn't let go to waste! Without commitment, failure was inevitable.

So this year I'd like to encourage each

person to find three others to support; which would make a team of four. Commit to each other, meeting regularly, talking about life, encouraging each other in your relationship with Jesus; listening to him, sharing from the heart, doing what he prompts, inspires, directs for you this year. Be there for each other this year.

And during the month of January, I'd ask each of you to think of four people to pray for, to regularly bring before God, interceding for them. Ask Jesus who. Then ask Jesus what he wants you to be praying for them; and how he might have you interact with them, support them, encourage them.

My commitment to Jesus will grow as I put it into practice. Tim; 'Wake up', do something, put it into practice, it's high time. Actually I don't

have any other time, so if I don't act now, I'll have missed a wonderful opportunity. Invite Jesus to show you the wonderful opportunities, wonderful people, he's inviting you to partner him with.

To help put our commitment into practice, this year we're also going to look at what Jesus is calling you to do.

We all have multiple callings in life; family, work, friends, community of faith to mention a few. But this year I'd like each person to spend time inviting Jesus to reveal what he's calling them to do this year. Invite Jesus to send Spirit and place on your heart what he is calling you to do this year; grab that feeling, that thought, that idea and go for it.

Grab that idea and talk it over in your

team of four. Let them fan Jesus' calling into flame. Let them help you fan the Spirit's inspiration into reality, as you seek to live out that wonderful relationship of love and affection you have with Jesus.

Relationships are for living, and Jesus is

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### Wake up! It's high time.

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committed to living with you. His passion, his calling is to live out this passionate, incredible relationship with you. So why wouldn't it be Jesus giving you those thoughts, ideas, feelings, inspiration, images after you just asked him.

Tim; 'Wake up' and do it. Ask Jesus and grow that team. Share with that team of four. Fan the life of Jesus into flame; it's

high time. It's high time!

So this year the worship teams goal is growing commitment, seeking Jesus' calling on our lives, and thirdly seeking Christ. He's the one on which I seek to build; and in him my life won't be a waste of time.

Do you know why my life won't be a waste of time when I'm focused on building a relationship of love and trust in Christ? Because Christ isn't a waste of time. Christ is the reason, not just for the season, but for you, your life, your purpose, your identity. And when you're one with Christ, your life is never a waste of time. Christ is never a waste of time; he's the goal.

Outside of Christ, everything else is a waste of time, why? Because it comes to nothing. Christ isn't