



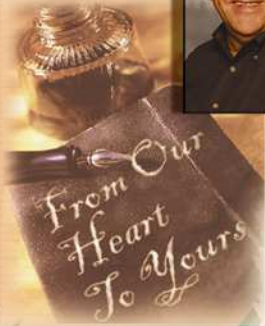
# Reflection of a Generation

**A**s I write this on my way to England, I am doing a lot of reflecting.

First of all, in the here and now, I am burdened with the knowledge that two of my closest friends are battling with serious illnesses and believing for their miracles. One of these is my covenant friend and fellow AST leader, Ron Robinson, who a couple of weeks ago

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was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Please pray for Ron and my other friend, their wives and families as their journeys continue.

It causes me to reflect on my own journey, over the years of my own life and my own miracle. Entering my sixtieth year this past January, I celebrate 40 years of living free from cancer that could have ended my life. I live ever thankful that a moment that could have been the end was instead a beginning.

I cannot help but think of all that has happened and of the privilege of living through these years. I remember the night when I gave myself totally to God and His Kingdom after long months of sickness, surgery, and eventual recovery. It was certainly the beginning of a life of adventure.

Forty years. A biblical generation. A generation that began in the 60's, remembered as one of the most world-changing decades. It is said that if you can remember the 60's you probably never truly lived in them. I can remember them, so I guess that says something about my church-lived teenage years. As I look back I realize that that season was the last time God visited, at least the Western church, in such a dramatic way that it altered the very fabric of the way we did church.

This season became known as the Charismatic Movement, or from the young generation's perspective, the Jesus Revolution. There were many things, both in the world and in the

church, that was preparing us for a wonderful move of God. There was restlessness in a youth generation that was causing it to question almost everything that had been passed onto it.

There was a distaste for religious church practices and procedures that gave forth a form of godliness, but denied the power.

There was a sense that both leadership in the political and church arenas were grasping for vision, and the world was living with a sense that we were involved in a war that seemed to have no end.

God seized the moment and poured out His Spirit and channeled much of this energy to His purposes. The rest is history.

Forty years later, many of the symptoms of society are similar. Although through the generation we have enjoyed much blessing in God, the church in Western society is still living in the memory and practice of what was established those years ago. But a fresh revolution has begun.

I remember as we stepped into the new—or was it back to the old?—persecution was abundant. History has shown over and over again that the most recently-persecuted become the current persecutors. For we who are old enough to remember, let us learn from history. For those who are not, but have been waiting for this day, throw yourself into the revolution. (See Joan's word printed in the Heart Copy.)

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It's hard to believe it's been 40 years since those days in the hospital. Back then my 16-year-old sweetheart was by my side. She still is, and together we approach this new generation with faith and excitement as Father leads us "back to the future."

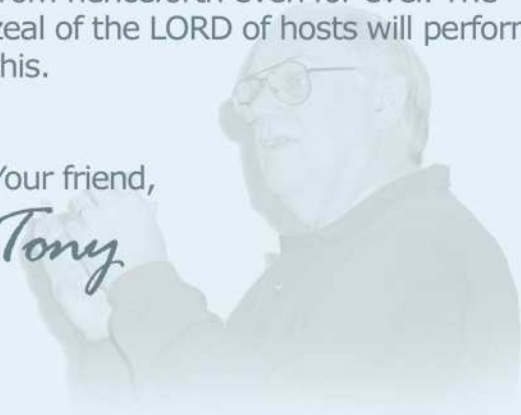
Marilyn and I look forward to being with many of you for our Cluster leaders' time at the end of the month as together, we discover more of what this revolution is about.

Remember what Isaiah 9:7 says:

"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Your friend,

*Tony*



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March 31 - April 1  
couldn't be packed  
with more electricity!

The impact of our  
Cluster into the  
nations since the  
last time we met  
in New Jersey has  
been powerful.

We now have  
the opportunity to  
look strategically  
at the way ahead.

All the buzz meets in  
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Africa, Germany, England, Scotland

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Just let us know in advance so  
we can help facilitate it. (email Jason  
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In the meantime, plan on 6 p.m.,  
Friday, Mar. 31 to 4 p.m., April 1.  
(those who are not 'equipping ministries'  
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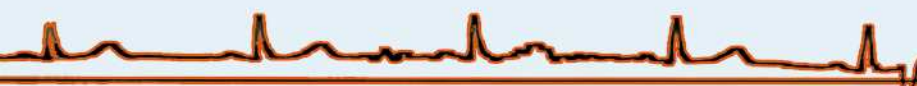
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- MARCH 3-5 *Tavistock, England*  
COTN Conference
- 6-10 *Herne Bay, England*  
AST & Apostolic Council
- 11-14 *Sri Lanka*  
Leadership Conference
- 24-26 *Cincinnati, Ohio*  
Leadership & Celebration  
meetings
- 31 - April 1 *USA*  
Cluster Leadership
- APRIL 20-30 *South Africa*  
Leaders Conference & Churches
- MAY 9-11 *Austin, Texas*  
National Leaders' Forum  
on Simple Church
- 12-17 *Japan*  
COTN Plants
- 26-28 *Switzerland*  
Leadership & Celebration  
meetings