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From the desk of  
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Dear It Is Written partners,

The media described the meeting as “unprecedented.”

Less than three months ago, five professional basketball players and several officials of the National Basketball Association traveled to Italy to meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican City.

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the future has arrived.*

In the midst of a global pandemic, and shortly before the start of basketball training camps, the group spent an hour with the pope talking about their work on social justice issues. You may wonder why a group of highly-paid sports players would fly overnight to Rome to spend an hour with a church leader. “We are inspired by the work that you do globally,”<sup>1</sup> the group told Pope Francis.



***Two weeks later, the leaders of some of the world’s biggest businesses announced a new partnership with Pope Francis.*** Representing companies worth \$2.1 trillion and employing 200 million workers, some of the most influential CEOs in the world announced they will meet with the pope every year to pursue their vision and values. As the director of Counsel for Inclusive Capitalism, Lynn Forester de Rothschild, pointed out, “There are many efforts to make capitalism inclusive and sustainable, but what we have been missing is a moral base for the movement—the poetry to the prose of our action.... The guidance of Pope Francis provides that poetry to the movement.”<sup>2</sup>

1 [https://www.espn.com/nba/story/\\_/id/30371187/nba-players-pope-meet-talk-social-justice](https://www.espn.com/nba/story/_/id/30371187/nba-players-pope-meet-talk-social-justice)

2 <https://www.reutersevents.com/sustainability/lady-de-rothschilds-road-vatican#.X9jS8nEy-nE.twitter>

This is a stunning development. Half a millennium ago, Protestant reformers such as Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, and William Tyndale risked their lives—and in many cases lost their lives—as they defended the Bible and proclaimed faith in Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation. They identified Rome in the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, in which a powerful, global religious system wields enormous influence in the last days of earth’s history. ***We must conclude that the future has arrived.***

So what is to be our response to the times in which we live? It has become even more clear to me that ***what is needed is an uncompromising, biblical message calling people to faith in the Word of God*** in these last, tumultuous days. A message that proclaims the righteousness of Christ as our only hope in preparation for everlasting life.

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be on the front lines of ministry,  
sharing the good news and  
heralding the return of Jesus.*



I can’t tell you how thankful I am that ***you made it possible for It Is Written to proclaim the everlasting gospel with power*** over these last few months. As the world has been overtaken by a pandemic that has claimed lives and livelihoods, and as people have wrestled with illness, fear, disruption, and a rapidly changing global landscape, you have enabled It Is Written to produce 20 global evangelistic series in English and Spanish over the last year, with many more to come in 2021. ***Thousands of people have been baptized.*** Just a couple of weeks ago, It Is Written trained 16,000 people to share their faith and win souls for Jesus.

In recent months, we have produced dozens of new television programs, and we are in the midst of producing dozens more. And our reason is clear: ***people must see Jesus.*** They must know that there is hope in a risen Savior. They must know what we know: that God is good, that God is love, and that while rapid changes are preparing our world for the last great crisis, God has an eternal future prepared for all who would place their faith and trust in Him. Along with our evangelistic meetings and our many resources, ***our television programs point to the righteousness of Jesus and the trustworthiness of God’s Word.***

A controversy is raging. The Bible says there is coming “a time of trouble such as never was.” We live with political instability, a global health crisis of historic proportions, developments in the religious world, while we anticipate continued descent into chaos and confusion.

Because of your kindness, because of your belief that Jesus is the answer to this world's most searching questions, It Is Written is proclaiming the gospel to the world, and people are coming to faith in Christ. Even in this challenging time, God has enabled It Is Written to be on the front lines of ministry, sharing the good news and heralding the return of Jesus.

You make this possible. And ***I need to ask you to please do all you can to give It Is Written an even broader platform, a clearer voice, greater effectiveness, and a wider reach.*** I am thrilled at what I see God doing, and my heart longs to see the gospel go to more people than ever before. You can make that happen. The times show us how important this is.

I am asking you to help It Is Written reach more people than ever. If \$10 can be used by God, imagine what \$100 can do. If \$100 can bring the gospel to people, imagine how many could be reached by \$1,000. Or \$10,000. Or \$100,000. Whatever you can do for the gospel of Jesus Christ, you can be sure God will multiply your generosity like Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes.

We are about to witness unprecedented Holy Spirit power on Planet Earth. We are about to see the power of the gospel unleashed in our world. We are on the verge of a dramatic global crisis. And ***your support of It Is Written will ensure people everywhere hear God's message for this time*** and receive by faith the saving righteousness of Jesus Himself.

At It Is Written we don't spend our time and your resources preaching to the choir, engaging in political issues, or majoring in minors. We lift up Jesus, share the three angels' messages, and preach the everlasting gospel. What we see happening in the world convinces me we simply have to redouble our efforts. Accompanied by your support and the power of the Holy Spirit, I believe we shall see God do truly miraculous things.

Yours for a finished work,



John Bradshaw, President  
It Is Written

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P.S. We are seeing unprecedented things happening right now. Late last year some of the most influential CEOs in the world signed a partnership with the Vatican. We must conclude that the future has arrived. So what is to be our response to the times in which we live? It has become even more clear to me that what is needed is a clear, uncompromising, biblical message calling people to faith in the Word of God in these last, tumultuous days. It Is Written is committed to proclaiming the message of the righteousness of Christ as our only hope. Thank you for your faithful support so that we can finish this work and go home.



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