

## **Pastor Rich Harding: Genesis 1:28**

2020 for me started with a great anticipation... We're heading back to the arena! I can still remember almost 20 years ago when I set foot in the Coliseum for the first time: I remember the sound of the music, the tiered seating, the smell of the food stalls, and the echo of the noise of so many people gathered in the arena. Everything combined together and created such an amazing atmosphere! I was filled with such an expectation to see what God would do in the convention.

I remember as a 14 year old kid, being so impacted, surprised and almost overwhelmed by it all. It wasn't just the number of people (which was impacting enough as it was - we finished that year in the national stadium El Campin with over 60,000 people and almost 15,000 turned away at the door!!) It was also the passion, the fire, and the desire for God that seemed to fill every delegate.

Even though the worship was in Spanish, (I didn't understand a single word at the time!), there was such a sense of the presence of God right from the beginning. I was totally blown away, and from that moment on I knew that this was the Vision of God, the Vision for The End Times, the Vision for me!

And now in 2020, we were going to be back there in the Coliseum and this time I would be a part of it all, having the opportunity to share and to be involved in the conference itself. I felt humbled and challenged; a little apprehensive, but most of all really excited! The 2020 conference marked something special for us as a G12 family. It was a challenge to conquer the organization of the conference, and also to meet the greater challenge of filling more seats. But all this came together, when Pastora Claudia stood up on that first night and brought such an amazing prophetic challenge that marked all of our lives.

For those of you who were there, I'm sure you will remember that moment. If you weren't there, well, what can I say?! Don't miss another conference, it's just not worth it!

But then, as we all know, less than a month later, the world was hit with such a situation as it had never experienced before. And all our expectations for the year were turned on their heads! Maybe you had plans, goals and expectations for the year, but God chose to change all of that... and now where are you? Maybe you feel uncertain or unsure about the future and what it will hold for you? Well, 2021 is the next step! For me there is

something especially significant about this next year as it marks 20 years since the first time I came to Colombia and since that first day when I stood in the Coliseum. What an incredible 20 years it has been, but for me, it's this next year ahead that marks the way into something new and exciting!

Let me take you back to January 2020, in the middle of the conference. I remember we were getting ready to launch the next years conference and announce its theme. I had the opportunity to ask the pastor the week before, 'what should we call next years conference?' He answered with that calm, smile of faith that he always has: "Let me pray about it, and I'll get back to you." I know that when the Pastor prays then God will speak to him! A week later in the middle of the conference, he came up to me and said "I have it... God has spoken to me! In fact, I have the word for the next two annual conferences! Genesis 1:28 - next years conference will be called 'Be Fruitful' and this will mark the year for us all!!" (You'll have to wait for January to find out the name for 2022!)

I truly believe that God has defined a time that is now coming and that will change everything. God's promise to Adam and Eve was actually a command, not an option. God said to them "Be fruitful!" However, Adam rejected that command in the moment that he sinned and disobeyed God. So the power and authority that God had given to Adam as part of His plan, was lost through the curse placed upon Adam:

"...cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

[Genesis 3:17-19]

It was in the very area of Adam's fruitfulness in his work that he was most affected. And for Eve:

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children."

[Genesis 3:16]

Again, we see that it was the area of her fruitfulness that was touched and cursed.

I believe as a church movement together, through the Word that God has given to us through Pastor Cesar, that this is the time when God is going to restore that area of our lives, by the blood of Jesus. For me this year has been a year of cleansing, a year of evaluation; a year of truly restoring our vision and The Vision. The one thing I have learnt this year is that this is a time when we must truly focus, and that includes in every area of our lives.

The curse came through sin and disobedience, but restoration comes through the Blood of the Lamb who was slain, through each one of the seven times that Jesus shed his blood for you and me.

I am more excited for the conference in 2021 than ever before. I've been in the Vision 20 years and this for me is only the beginning! What an opportunity God is giving us! I can't wait to connect with all of you around the world, to join you in your homes and living rooms. To worship with you, to be inspired with you, to pray with you, and most of all, to receive a mantle of Fruitfulness that will cover us with a fresh anointing, so that we can win this world and make disciples of all nations!

I'll see you all in January!  
God speed and God bless you  
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