

EDITOR'S NOTE



There's the expression 'Rome wasn't built in a day' but sometimes you have to wonder why not.

What if power grids could be built in a day, or corporate ladders could be climbed in a day, or if you could put on your running shoes today and decide to run the Comrades Marathon – in a day?

Good things come to those who persevere. Success is many times a result of one good decision followed by the next. 'Overnight success' can be the result of years and years of hard work, suddenly unveiled to those who weren't there to witness the blood, sweat and tears behind the scenes.

This past week, I interviewed Peter Livanos, Bedfordview resident and Edenvale municipal debt specialist, who together with his team from New Ventures Consulting, fought in the Constitutional Court to see the bylaws changed which specified new home owners were responsible for debt accumulated by previous owners. Peter's seeming overnight victory was the culmination of a long journey which he explained had involved many personal sacrifices. He said because he believed in the cause he was fighting for, he had continued to put one foot in front of the next. What is your life about? When you know, the minor setbacks along the road and the challenges won't seem so big – because you will know the reason you get up each morning. This reason will burn so brightly in your heart, everything else, even the people and circumstances fighting against your dream, will seem to be a part of your training and journey to getting there – if you have the right attitude.

Peter has been called the David who stood against Goliath by the media, 'the little guy' who faced the big decision makers of our nation and won. Like David who ran towards Goliath with faith, Peter told tame TIMES he knows if it wasn't for God, he wouldn't have made it. "I know God helped me," he said. Rome might not have been built in a day but don't give up on your vision or dream because of opposition or challenges. The same Jesus who started the good work in you will be faithful to complete it. Trust His process.

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