



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“He Is Our Rock!”

John and I feel so blessed to live in a place that provides so many amazing opportunities to go hiking. But even though hiking is great for both mind and body, it is not without its dangers.

We have learned to be careful where we step because even though a rock may appear to be solid, it may not be and nothing is worse than putting your weight on a rock only to have it slide out from under your feet.

Lately, I have been thinking about this and have been reminded that this is how we should approach life. I am very sure everyone knows that the Bible refers to Jesus as the "Rock of our salvation." (Psalms 95:1) What you may not know is that twenty-two other times in scripture our Lord is referred to as a "Rock".

Psalm 31:3 KJV

3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Psalm 18:2 KJV

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalm 62:6 KJV

6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

Yes, He is our Rock, and if we build our lives upon Him and His Word we will never be moved no matter what we face.

In spite of this, it appears that today so many are relying on other things to help them get through the tough issues of life. Here is a good example: We often hear people say, "You must believe in yourself." The Lord wants us to have self-confidence, but some carry this way too far and in doing so set themselves up to experience disaster at some point in the future. Others seek help from an endless list of counselors, life coaches, fitness gurus, and yoga instructors. While some may be helpful, we need to ask ourselves if any of them can provide a solid foundation that will never be shaken. You and I both know the answer to that question. So why are we doing this?

There is a verse in Deuteronomy that might shed some light on this question.

Deuteronomy 32:15 KJ21

15 But Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked; thou hast waxed fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness. Then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

Someone has said, "It is much harder to deal with success than to deal with failure." I completely agree.

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Nothing will cause us to lose our sense of dependency on God like success and nothing will drive us to seek His face more than failure. And if the truth were known, in spite of all the things we complain about today most of us still live very comfortable lives; comfortable enough that we may not feel a need to desperately seek the Lord.

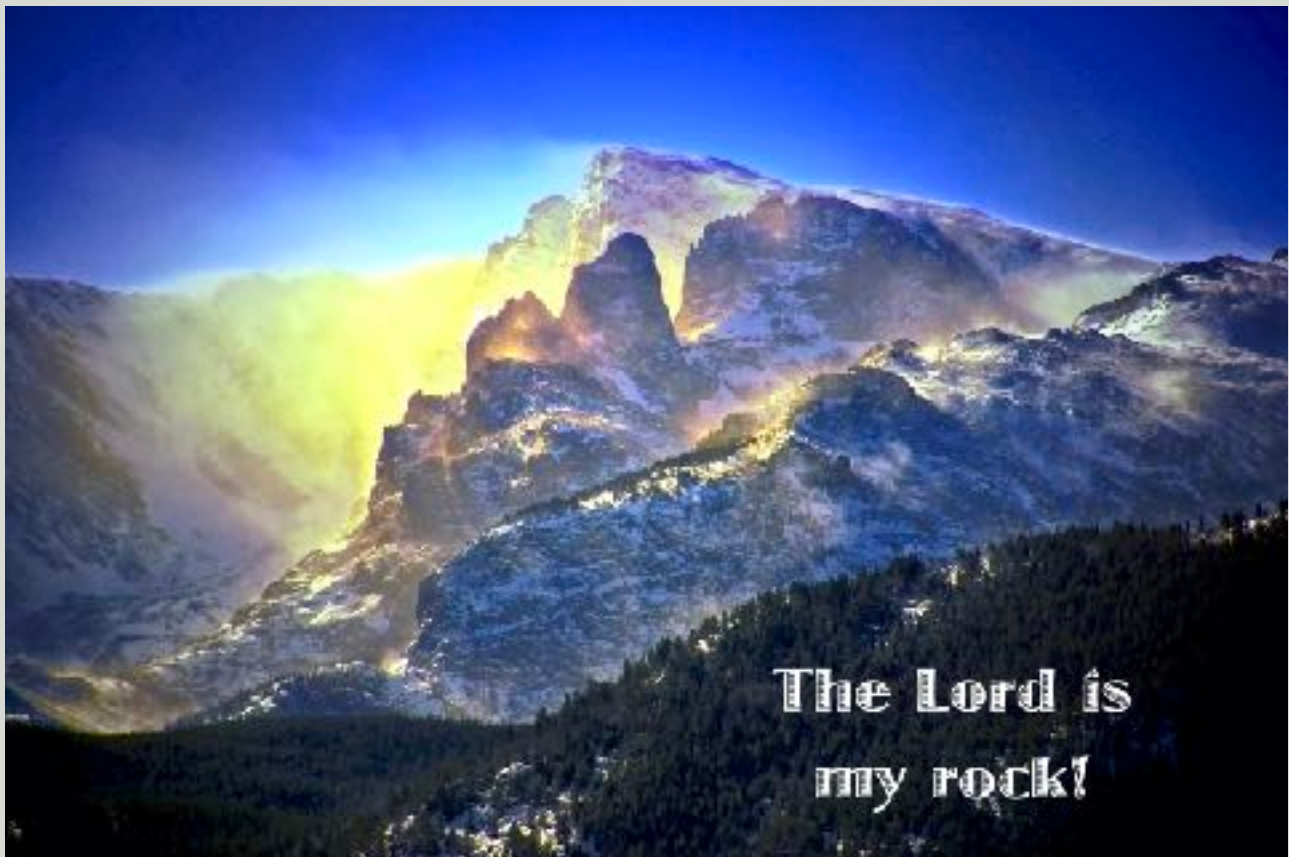
There is something else I want to point out that you may have never considered. Throughout our lives, John and I have lived with a deep sense of dependency on the Lord. This was not caused by poverty or lack, but rather because the things God asked us to do always appeared to be far beyond our abilities. At the top of the list was when God gave us a mandate to start a Christian school. Never had anything looked so impossible, and never had anything caused us to seek God's help more. We

knew that without Him, it could not and would not happen!

I ask you, how long has it been since God gave you a task that you knew was impossible without His help? Has that ever happened to you? A person who has no mandate from God will find it easy to go through life never seeking His help. However, at some point, he will realize what a tragic mistake he has made because everything he has built his life upon will be exposed as nothing more than shifting sand. Build your life on Jesus the solid rock, seek His face, submerge yourself in His Word, and when the storms of life come you will stand firm and solid.

Psalms 61:2 KJV

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH