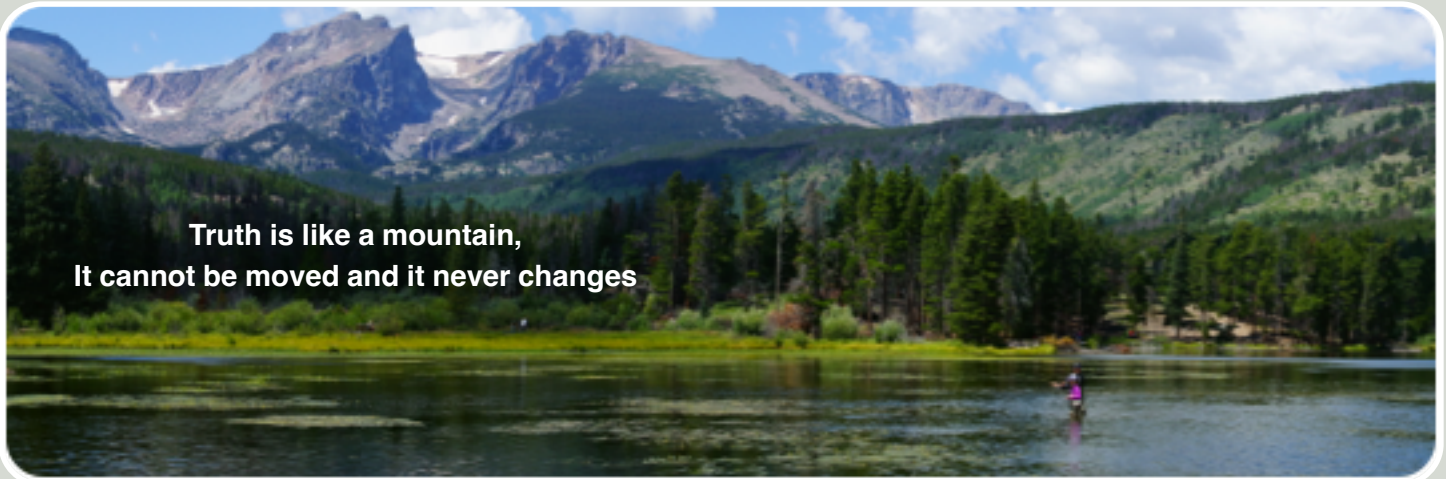


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# "TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD  
FOR TODAY**



Truth is like a mountain,  
It cannot be moved and it never changes

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## UPDATE

So many of our readers have been praying for my injured hand to be completely restored. We so much appreciate this and want you all to know that God is answering your prayers. On August 7, I was able to touch my thumb to my pinky finger for the first time since the accident.

My therapist was elated and has cut my therapy sessions from twice a week to once a week. Miss Linda and I are thrilled because this will allow us to once again get back to our cabin in the mountains and have a few days each week when we can do the things we love, such as hiking and photographing wildlife.

Miss Linda and I truly believe in the power of prayer. We have seen God work many miracles when people prayed, and we know that is what we are witnessing now. Please continue to pray for a complete recovery.

## FEATURE ARTICLE: "When Are We Weakest?"

**WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not our goal. Our goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.**

**You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!**

Some things in the Bible make me shake my head and ask, "How can this be?" One is found in Exodus 32. In this passage, Moses ascends the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments. He has been gone for 40 days, when the people come to Aaron and demand that he make them an idol of gold. With no hesitation, he complies and makes a golden calf for them to worship. I honestly cannot understand this.

These people had seen miracles unparalleled in all of human history. They had seen God humble the most powerful man on Earth and deliver them from Egyptian bondage by performing 10 amazing miracles. They had seen God deliver them by parting the Red Sea and opening a path of dry ground for them to walk on. They had seen the miracle of the manna. They had seen water come gushing out of a rock. And yet, when Moses tarried on the mountain for 40 days, they were ready to abandon the God who had done all this for them. All I can do is shake my head.

What was wrong with these people? Had they lost their mind? Or was there something else at play that is a part of our spiritual DNA? I have lived long enough to easily observe that we all have a spiritual flaw. Many times, I have seen people who started with nothing but a deep dependency on God completely forget God when God's blessings were poured upon them. Now, instead of spending time in God's house, worshiping him, they spend their time at the lake, enjoying the pleasure of their prosperity.

I have also seen the same thing happen to Pastors. I remember meeting with a young pastor who asked what one thing I would recommend he do. I responded by telling him to never lose his desperation for God. He asked what I meant by that, and I explained that I meant to always feel desperate for God's presence to show up in every service. He responded by assuring me that he was desperate. However, the life he lived exposed what

was in his heart. He stopped praying and began pursuing things in life that hindered God's blessing. His life and ministry became a disaster.

I had a friend who told me that dealing with failure was much easier than dealing with success. Based on what I have seen, I would have to agree. When we fail, it causes us to cry out to God for His help, but when we succeed, we tend not to feel that same sense of deep need. God addresses this in Deuteronomy 6.

### **Deuteronomy 6:10-12 NIV**

10 When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build,

11 houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied,

12 **be careful that you do not forget the Lord,** who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

God gave us this warning because our fallen nature causes us to lose our sense of dependency and forget who gave us everything. We no longer feel our need for God. Paul also addressed this in 1 Corinthians 12.

### **1 Corinthians 12:9-10 KJV**

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake...

**For when I am weak, then am I strong.**



## A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



### *“Time Well Spent ”*

The preamble to the Constitution of the United States reads, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." This may have seemed self-evident to those who wrote that document, but it

doesn't appear that way to me. To back up what I have just said, I submit to you, Albert Einstein. This amazing man was truly blessed by God with an extraordinary intelligence that far exceeded what normal people possess. Even a casual observer can see that some have been blessed with brains, brawn, and beauty, which most of us cannot match.

However, there is one thing everyone has been given an equal amount of, and that is time. The rich, the poor, the beautiful, the plain, the simple, and the greatest intellects have all been given 24 hours each day. No one gets even a second more. Perhaps this is why the Bible tells us to be careful about how we spend our time.

#### **Ephesians 5:15-17 New King James Version**

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

When we are young, we tend to act like we have all the time in the world. But, as the years go by, we often look back and say, "Where has time gone?" Time passes, and when it does, it is lost forever. The passing of time is irreversible. This sobering fact should cause each of us to give some thought to how we spend our precious hours. Do we spend our time with purpose and intent, or do we waste it and squander it? This question prompts me to revisit Ephesians 5:16. The King James version uses a word that is very familiar to us today. It tells us to "redeem" the time. What does this mean?

Suppose you had a coupon for a free Big Mac at a McDonald's restaurant. You would take the coupon to the store and surrender it in exchange for a burger. This is a perfect illustration of how we should use the 24 hours God has given us. We should ask ourselves, "What do I want to get in exchange for the 24 hours I am surrendering?"

The phrase "time well spent" comes to mind. This refers to a period of time that was used effectively and productively. It was valuable or worthwhile because it contributed positively to our lives. In essence, it signifies that the time invested yielded beneficial outcomes. This should be our goal each day.

Perhaps we need to start by taking inventory of how we're spending our time and how we could spend it better. What things need to be eliminated or at least cut back? What things should be included in our pursuit of time well spent?



## "Time Well Spent"

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At the top of the list should be time spent doing what God has asked us to do. The Bible tells us that God is at work in us, causing us to will and to do his good pleasure. Few things in life reveal an intimate relationship with our Lord like living to do whatever it might be that He is telling us.

John and I have felt that God wants us to be a blessing to at least one person each day. We are amazed at how often we plan our day or week, only to have something come up that changes our plans. Later, we realize that it was God who changed our schedule because there was something He wanted us to do or some place He wanted us to be, so we could be a blessing to a complete stranger. This is so satisfying, and we consider it time well spent.

We also consider time spent with our family to be time well spent. It's truly sad when people don't value their family. I understand that work often requires people to relocate far from family, but I have also seen people who move far away from family for no apparent reason. They could live wherever they want, and yet they choose to distance themselves from their family.

We have also seen some who feel it is necessary to cut off all contact with their family. These individuals may believe they are doing the right thing, but they are forgetting that God has given a pattern for the transference of spiritual foundations from one generation to the next, and that pattern includes parents. The Bible is very clear about this. One generation is supposed to pass on to the next God's truths. Never forget, time spent with your family, even if it is messy, is time well spent.

There is one other way the Bible tells us to spend our

time, and this one might surprise you. It is found in Ecclesiastes.

### **Ecclesiastes 3:13 Amplified Bible**

13 and also that every man should eat and drink and see and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.

I am sure you have heard the word "workaholic". This word is used to describe a person who is all work and no play. People like this spend their lives working long hours in an attempt to accumulate wealth, yet they never truly enjoy life to the fullest because they never set aside time to play. If our time is to be well spent, there must be a balance between work and play. Time spent taking your family on vacations or playing with your children is time well spent. Perhaps you have heard the saying, "The family that prays together stays together". It could also be said, "The family that plays together stays together".

### **USE YOUR TIME WISELY!**



# P R O P H E C Y   U P D A T E

## "Is The Rapture About To Happen?"

In the past month, hundreds of people have posted YouTube videos claiming that Jesus has appeared to them either in a vision or a dream, telling them that he is coming for his people in September during the Feast of Trumpets. In addition to this, there are dozens of videos posted by teachers, claiming that they have discovered exactly when the rapture will happen. Let's take a look at some of what they are saying.

God commanded Israel to observe seven feasts each year: four in the spring and three in the fall. Jesus said, **"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."** Jesus fulfilled all four spring feasts on the exact day Israel was observing them. He became the Passover lamb slain on passover, the broken unleavened bread, and the first fruit when he came forth from the grave on the exact day Israel was celebrating the Feast of First Fruits. He also poured out his Spirit on the day of Pentecost and thereby fulfilled the Feast of Weeks.

Here is where things get very interesting. Based on these facts, the teachers I mentioned above believe the rapture will happen on the Feast of Trumpets and, by doing so, will continue the pattern of fulfillment that has already been established. I do not find this difficult to believe.

However, they go one step further and say that it will happen this year, during the Feast of Trumpets on September 23-24. They use several different methods to reach this conclusion, and I must admit, their arguments are very compelling. But this creates problems for most of us, because Jesus said, **"No man knows the day or the hour."**

They work around this by claiming that this phrase was an idiom used in Judaism when referring to the Feast of Trumpets. The Voice of Judah Israel website explains, "This is the only

Feast determined by observing the appearance of the New Moon in the month of Tishri. Watchmen were traditionally set on the wall to watch for the moon to become visible, blowing their trumpets at the first sign of its sighting, signifying the start of this feast day. Because the possibility of atmospheric conditions or human error could make it difficult to identify the appearance of the New Moon, it was often referred to as "the day and hour unknown or hidden."

So, what do I think? Without hundreds of hours of personal research, I could never jump on their bandwagon and proclaim September 23 or 24 as the date when the rapture will happen. However, neither am I foolish enough to scoff at what they are saying.

Without doubt, the Scriptures tell us that Jesus is going to come for his bride and deliver her from the wrath to come. Given that Jesus fulfilled the first four feasts on the exact days they were observed, I firmly believe that at some point in the future, the rapture will occur on the Feast of Trumpets. But, will it happen this year? That, I do not know. But with no reservation, I can tell you, I will not be surprised if it does.

Now, it is important for you to know that I do not say this because I watched a YouTube video. I say this because of what I see when I look at the world we live in. All the pieces are in place to fulfill the events recorded in the book of Revelation that John was told would happen during the tribulation. If the rapture were to happen in September, would you be ready? If you are not sure, you need to deal with it before it is too late! Get on your knees, confess your sin, and surrender your life to Jesus.

**The clock is ticking!**

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH!