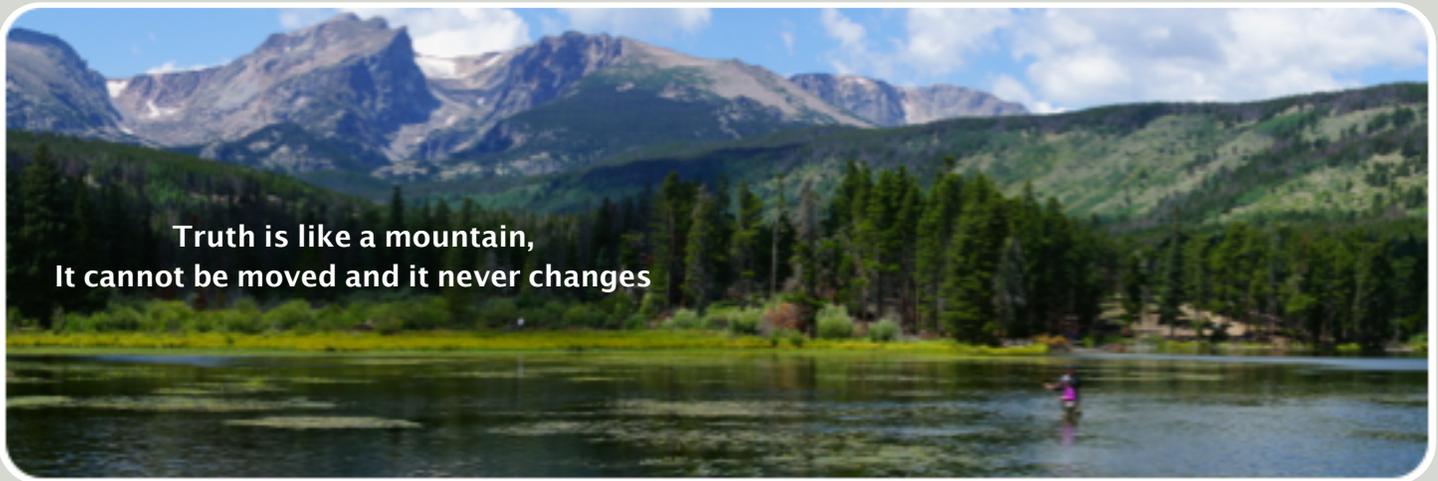


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



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

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PROPHECY UPDATE:

There is no 'Prophecy Update' this month.

UPDATE

This month we continue to look at the possibility that a one-world government, led by Antichrist, could be closer than we ever realized. I want to be sure you understand that I am only saying this is a possibility. I am not a prophet, have not gotten a word from God, and could be missing it by a thousand miles. (Or years!)

But things look very dark right now and we all need answers. I am trying to look into God's word and find those answers. If we do this, we may find that even in this dark time, God has a good plan for His people. I am planning to continue this series at least through March, and even though it is a message none of us want to hear, I want you to know, it will include a message of hope and faith. I promise!

Please note that because this is prophetic in nature, I will not be writing a separate "Prophecy Update" this month.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "What Next?" Part 3

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 my goal. My 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!

Last month I presented to you the possibility that God allowed our election to be stolen because we may be approaching the time prophesied in Revelation when a one-world government will be established. If this is true, the American dream we have known in the past must come to an end. This was very hard for me to write, and I am sure just as hard for you to read. I am also quite sure some rejected what I wrote as being total error. We find it difficult to understand how a God who loves us could allow something like this to happen.

This month I will address that question, but first I want to remind you that the things found in the Bible concerning end times, the rise of Antichrist, and the establishment of a one-world government most certainly will come to pass. Nothing will stop it because God has spoken it. **Most of us are good with that; we just don't want it to happen during our lifetime.** That is understandable. But when the time comes for it to happen, God will not ask the church of that generation to give their approval. He is sovereign and He will do what He has said in His word and what He knows is best.

Revelation 13:7-8 King James Version (KJV)

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

The thought of this possibly happening in our lifetime puts our minds in instant overload. We can't even imagine that a loving God would ever require any generation of Christians to experience any part of Revelation 13. Yet scripture plainly tells us there will be saints here whose names are

written in the Lamb's book of life. What possible reason could God have for subjecting the church to the horrors of Revelation 13? What kind of God would do that to His own children and why? **If we want to find answers and gain understanding, we must start by looking at God's love.**

We all know that God loves us, but do we know how deep and how strong His love is? Probably not. Someone has said that God did not create man in His own image, rather men created God in their own image. Although said by an atheist, this may contain a fragment of truth. Many view God as having a love very much like their own; it is limited and easily offended and broken. One day it claims to love, and the next day it abandons those it claimed to have loved the day before. Truly, their god is a god of their own making and they do not know the true God who created them.

The love of God is so great that it takes a supernatural revelation to comprehend it. He chose us before we were ever born and refused to let our sin separate us from Him. He made a way for us to be reconciled to Him. His love was so great that He sent His Son to die on a cross for us and pay the penalty for our sin. His love for us is intense and will never turn loose of us. In fact, He has told us that nothing we will ever face in life can separate us from His love.

Romans 8:38-39 King James Version (KJV)

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Yes, He loves us with a love stronger than death, but right now there is a huge problem...

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So many do not love Him like He loves us.

We do not desire Him like He desires us, and we do not long to be with Him like He longs to be with us. We love our country and our freedoms. We love the life we have had here in America. We love our prosperity. We love being able to choose who will govern our nation and we love having the freedom to worship as we choose. These are the things we cherish and value because they are all good. But what about Colossians 3:2?

Colossians 3:2 1599 Geneva Bible (GNV)

"Set your affections on things which are above, and not on things which are on the earth."

We need to be reminded that the first and greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. When we consider the depth of His love, can anything less be acceptable? I don't think so. His affections are not set upon angels, mansions, and streets of gold; we are His first and only passion and this is why He will never accept anything less from us. And because His love will never let us go, I truly believe He intends to fix the problem. But how?

In the Book of Hosea, we see an amazing example of God's love triumphing over our failures. God pictures His people as an unfaithful wife who leaves her loving husband and sets her affections on her lovers. God declares that she will experience harsh judgment, but makes it very clear that it is not a punishment, but rather His way of restoring her.

Hosea 5:15 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

"...in their affliction and distress they will seek, inquire for, and require Me earnestly..."

Over and over, it has been proven that affliction and distress drive us to God. It has happened before, it will happen again; and if you think about it, you and I ought to be okay with that. Do you have children or grandchildren, and can you say with total confidence that they are ready should

Jesus come back today? I can think of nothing more terrifying than to wake up one morning and realize that you have missed the rapture, your Christian friends are gone, your family is gone, and your hope is gone. The thought of any of my children or grandchildren experiencing this is devastating. That is why I pray, "Lord, make them ready no matter what the cost." If that means seeing the American dream destroyed, then so be it. **Nothing should be more important to us than the salvation of our families.**

Over and over Jesus taught his disciples the importance of being ready for His coming. Yet somehow today we believe a lukewarm, backslidden church is ready. **This is absurd!** I can't help but be reminded of Lot's wife who had her affections set on earthly things and missed her chance to escape. As I study what Jesus said about His return, I am convinced that if He came today, many would be left behind. Because of His great love for us, this is not acceptable to Father God, and that is why He will do whatever He must to make sure we are ready for the return of His Son.

Yes, dark days may be ahead, but out of the darkness I believe something wonderful and special will begin to emerge. As the darkness increases, the true church will begin to see what hour they are living in and begin looking to heaven for their deliverance. We will finally come to the realization that this world has absolutely nothing to offer us. All earthly hope will be gone and we will now see heaven as our only hope. In our affliction, our hearts will turn to God and we will cry out for the Lord to return. He will hear our cry, and when He comes, He will find a church ready and looking for Him.

Lord, do whatever it takes!

Hosea 14:9 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

"Wise people will understand these things. A person with insight will recognize them.

The Lord's ways are right. Righteous people live by them. Rebellious people stumble over them."

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“MISSION IMPOSSIBLE”

Do you ever read your Bible and find yourself thinking, “That is impossible?” Ephesians 5:27 is such a verse. It reads: “...so that [in turn] He might present the

church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy [set apart for God] and blameless.” Amplified Bible (AMP)

Glorious, without spot or wrinkle, and blameless? Apparently, whoever wrote that never pastored a church because in the natural, no church has ever looked spotless, without wrinkle, or blameless. But does that mean the verse is describing “Mission Impossible”? No, what it means is that God offers us a righteousness that goes far beyond what our flesh can produce or our eyes can see.

Recently I read a comment from someone that said, “If we would all get rid of one bad vice in our life each year, we would soon be perfect.” There is so much wrong with this that I don’t even know where to begin. Obviously, whoever wrote that has never read Isaiah 64:6.

Isaiah 64:6 Living Bible (TLB)

“We are all infected and impure with sin. When we put on our prized robes of righteousness, we find they are but filthy rags.”

The most dangerous thing people can believe is that their own righteous deeds will earn them a place in heaven. My best friend in high school was a girl who was raised by her Catholic grandparents until her teen years. She then moved to upstate New York to live with her uncle and aunt, and it was there we met and became best friends. Years later she moved to Arizona, but we remained friends and continued to be in contact. So many times, I tried to witness to her, but she always compared herself to others and told me she was so much better than most of the Christian people she knew. Eventually she got into new age teachings and became totally convinced that good works was all she needed.

Then one day she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I continued to talk to her about her need to accept the Lord, but she would always tell me how bad the Catholic Church had treated her and that she was a good person. Towards the end of her life, she did seem more open to accepting my prayers, but I can only hope that before her death she cried out to the Lord for salvation because if she didn’t, I will not see her when I get to heaven.

It seems to me that in a lot of ways, she was like so many I have known who don’t want to admit their need of a Savior. They are quick to point out the shortcomings of others while at the same time boasting of their own good works. Often their past includes something that happened in a church that they felt wasn’t right and, in their mind, this serves as justification for rejecting the message of the gospel.

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Why will this way of thinking never get them into heaven? Doesn't God place some value on their good works? No, He doesn't. If the standard by which we are judged is one another, then perhaps we could measure up. But the standard is not our neighbor or anyone else; the standard we are compared to is God Himself. This is because we were created in His image and it is impossible to live up to that standard.

Romans 3:23 King James Version (KJV)

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;..."

God knew living up to His standard was truly "**Mission Impossible**" so He sent His Son to take our sin upon Himself and, in exchange, give us His sinless righteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21 Living Bible (TLB)

"For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!"

So, coming back to my first comments about a church without spot or wrinkle; who is this "church" the Bible refers to? It is not a building or a denomination. It is not Catholic or protestant. It is sinful, flawed people who have seen their true spiritual condition and have realized there is no way they can ever measure up to the standard of perfection they were created to achieve. Truly, it is "**Mission Impossible.**" They have come into agreement with God about this and have accepted the free gift of full forgiveness and an imputed righteousness, which God provided by the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross.

Yes, to look at the church through human eyes will cause us to say that Ephesians 5:27 is impossible. But when we come into agreement with God, our hearts are filled with faith and we look forward to the day we will stand before Him clothed in a spotless robe of righteousness, which was gained not by our good deeds, but by our faith.



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS TRUTH