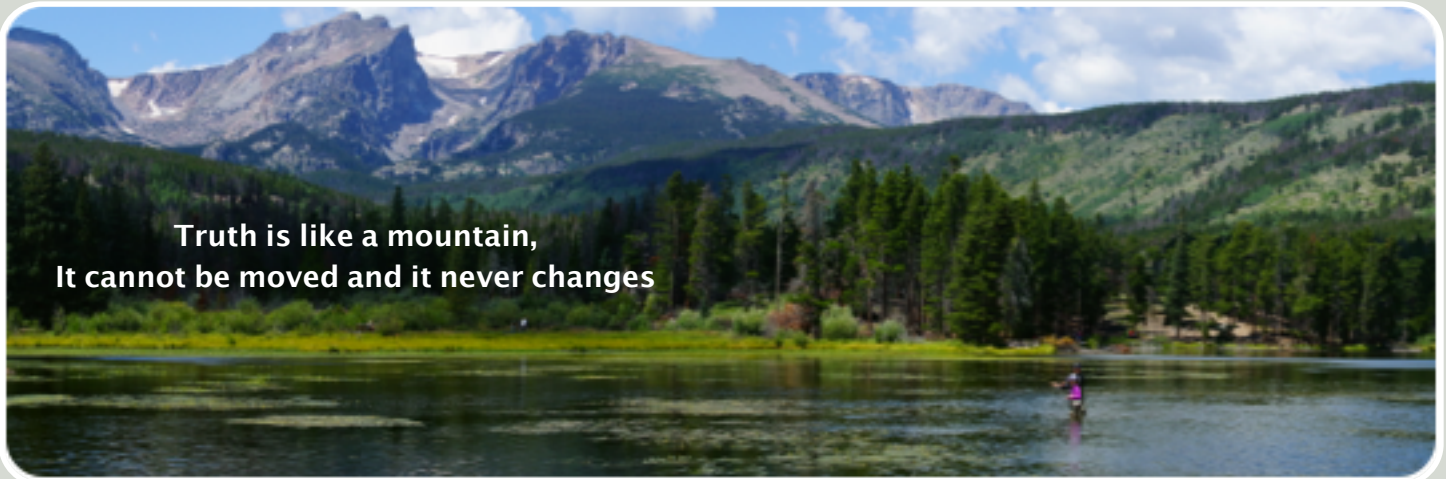


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



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

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UPDATE

Once again, we are bringing you three great articles that are totally relevant to the things we are dealing with today. We firmly believe this is something church leaders should be doing.

God's people need guidance.

Our first article deals with the one thing all successful marriages have in common. It lines up with a spiritual principle Jesus gave us about how to find real life.

The second article focuses on the importance of having a strong belief system that cannot be moved by the shifting tides of public opinion.

In the third article I finally come out and address the raging debate swirling around the Covid-19 vaccine. This article tries to place what is happening in a prophetic context. Everyone needs to have this understanding.

GOD'S WORD IS RELEVANT!

FEATURE ARTICLE: "R/X For Marriages"

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!

I am writing this in August as we draw near to the wedding anniversary of our granddaughter Amarie. She and her husband Ian asked if they could spend the weekend at our house in the mountains to celebrate their 2nd anniversary. We were thrilled to make it available to them because we never take a happy marriage for granted and this was an opportunity to invest in their marriage.

Also, in May our grandson John married his forever squeeze, Olivia. They have only been married a few months, but they too are so crazy in love and so happy. John just returned from 3 weeks of Marine duty and all he could talk about was how good it was to be back home with Olivia. We love them both so much.

Like all grandparents, Miss Linda and I pray that our grandchildren will never go through the heartbreak of a divorce. Divorce is not just about signing a legal document that dissolves a marriage; it is about the death of something that was once so precious and valuable. It is about seeing all the hopes and dreams a couple once had die a slow and painful death. I have had people tell me that having a mate die was not near as painful as going through a divorce after they later remarried.

Miss Linda and I have never experienced either scenario, so we consider ourselves very blest and fortunate. But I assure you, we have had many opportunities to go in a direction that would have ended in a marriage failure. (More on that later.) How did we avoid this? Were we just one of the "lucky" ones? Did we end up with a great marriage because we married the "right one"? I am going to give you the prescription for a happy marriage, and must start by telling you that none of the things I have just mentioned entered in.

I believe all great marriages have one thing in common and it is simply loving your mate more than

yourself, putting them first, and committing to do everything in your power to make them happy. The single person can live for themselves, but when you get married this must change! I cannot overemphasize this because it cannot be avoided; deal with it or face the consequences down the road.

This brings us to the question of where our happiness comes from. If your happiness comes from doing whatever you want and buying whatever you desire then stay single, because if you marry, eventually you will have huge problems. I guarantee it. But if seeing your mate happy and making your mate happy is your first priority, then your chance of having an amazing marriage is very high. When both people in a marriage get this figured out, they are on the road to having a successful marriage.

This is all very simple and should not be difficult to do, but for some strange reason it completely escapes many couples. Their marriage becomes a war of the wills where every decision made becomes a battle. If a concession is made in one battle, the one making it expects to be repaid when the next battle occurs. Neither one is happy and both blame the other for their unhappiness. Needless to say, this is no way to live. Life is too short to live like this, so the couple finally finds something they can agree upon; they agree to end the marriage.

Unfortunately, this does not end their problems. Now they have created custody problems, greater financial problems, and unresolved issues that often end up in court. But even worse, they have not dealt with the issue that caused their problems and as a result they often move on to a second or third marriage only to find it just as horrible as their first. Having a great marriage starts to appear as something unattainable. I promise you, there is a solution to this unending nightmare.

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Luke 17:33 The Message

"If you grasp and cling to life on your terms, you'll lose it, but if you let that life go, you'll get life on God's terms."

My version of this is, "The more you give, the more you live." I am very sure some will say, "I have tried that, but it doesn't work. My mate doesn't give back to me." You obviously don't get it. If you love your mate more than yourself, your joy will come from seeing them happy and not from what you get back. You give because seeing your mate unhappy is totally unacceptable to you. You give because you have accepted that your first priority in life is to make your mate happy, no strings attached.

I don't want to try and portray myself as the perfect mate because like any other, this did not come easy for me. After 14 years of marriage, Miss Linda and I were in serious trouble and I felt like my marriage was on the rocks. It was then I decided that her happiness had to be my number one priority and there would be no exceptions.

At first it seemed like mission impossible because she was never one to express her frustrations. But slowly I became more skilled at reading her and I began to experience so much joy when I could see her mood change and her frustration replaced with happiness. We have now been married 58 years and there are no words to express how good it is. Don't abandon your dream. Do marriage God's way.

GOD'S WAYS ARE ALWAYS BEST!

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AND THAT MY FRIENDS
IS THE TRUTH!



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“What Do You Believe?”

As I was looking for material for my newsletter article, I came across a headline which indicated that there was an organization saying that the Bible was not the inspired Word of

God. At that point I quit reading because I have my mind made up about this and therefore, I was not interested in anything they had to say.

Some may criticize me for being so closed to another opinion, to which I would respond by saying, “What I believe is not my opinion. What I believe is what God has plainly said in His Word and is why I am not even remotely interested in anything that differs from it.”

2 Timothy 3:16 J.B. Phillips New Testament

“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the faith and correcting error, for re-setting the direction of a man’s life and training him in good living.”

As I was thinking about this, I began to wonder if most Christians have a list of things they believe that are not open to debate or question. I also

began to take inventory of what my core beliefs might be and quickly came up with the 3 things on the top of my list that are not open to debate and never will be.

FIRST: I believe God’s plan for sexuality is to be experienced only in the context of marriage and that God created both male and female as unique biological persons intended to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and He limited it exclusively to the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Amplified Bible

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate [by perversion], nor those who participate in homosexuality.”

SECOND: I believe abortion is wrong and human life is sacred because before we are even born God has a plan for our lives and forms us to accomplish His plan.

Jeremiah 1:5 Complete Jewish Bible

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I separated you for myself. I have appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.”

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I also believe this because we adopted our daughter Trina when she was only 2 weeks old and can't even imagine what our lives would have been like if her birth mother had decided to end her life.

THIRD: I believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation, and that to experience salvation sinners must repent and place their faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Furthermore, I believe that God rewards those who place their faith in Christ with eternal life, and banishes the unrighteous to everlasting punishment in hell.

John 3:16 New International Version

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 14:6 Amplified Bible

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"

Romans 1:32 The Passion Translation

"Although they are fully aware of God's laws and proper order, and knowing that those who do all of these things deserve to die, yet they still go headlong into darkness, encouraging others to do the same and applauding them when they do!"

These are my top three core beliefs. They are not open to debate nor will they ever be, because each of them is based on what God's Word plainly says. With all my heart I believe every Christian should have a list of things they believe that fall into the category of not debatable and not subject to change. I say this because the Bible warns us of future error and deception and it seems that today this prophetic warning is coming to pass.

It appears to me that some teachers want so desperately to become well-known and famous that

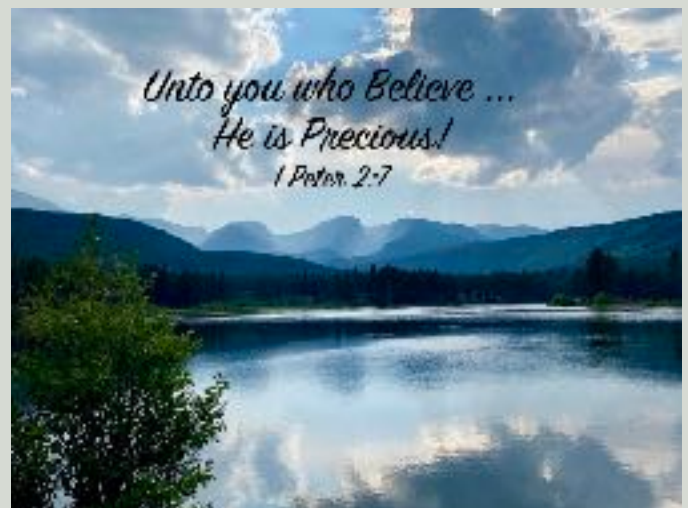
it causes them to conjure up some aberrant teaching no one has ever heard of, and which deviates from the sound doctrines of the church. If we are not careful, we can become entangled in the unprofitable debate which inevitably will swirl around these teachings and then, possibly even accept them as truth. Paul wrote to young Timothy and warned him about these people. His words were very strong and seem very applicable to us today.

1 Timothy 6:3-5 The Passion Translation

"But if anyone spreads false teaching that does not agree with the healthy instruction of our Lord Jesus, teaching others that holy awe of God is not important, then they prove they know nothing at all! It's obvious they don't value or hold dear the healing words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 They are covered with the clouds of conceit. They are loaded with controversy, and they love to argue their opinions and split hairs. The fruit of their ministry is contention, competition, and evil suspicions.

5 They add misery to many lives by corrupting their minds and cheating them of the truth. They equate the worship of God with making great sums of money."



P R O P H E C Y U P D A T E

"We Are Being Groomed"

The last two years have been unlike any I have ever experienced. While last year's fires and this year's floods have impacted Miss Linda and I, the thing that has impacted us the most has been the Covid-19 virus. Things we took for granted have been taken from us and in some ways, our lives have been forever changed by this insidious pathogen.

I have never seen anything create such raging debate. Everyone has an opinion about the origin of the virus, the mandatory shut down of some businesses, use of masks, and most recently the efficacy of the vaccine and mandatory requirements to get it or lose your job. I shall not comment on these individually because what I have to say would only be my opinion and that is probably not worth much. Instead, I want to look at the issues as a whole and try to show you how all this may fit into Bible prophecy. I will start by referencing a very familiar portion of scripture.

Revelation 13:16-17 Living Bible

"He required everyone—great and small, rich and poor, slave and free—to be tattooed with a certain mark on the right hand or on the forehead. 17 And no one could get a job or even buy in any store without the permit of that mark, which was either the name of the Creature or the code number of his name."

For many years I wondered how this could ever be possible. Wouldn't people rise up and refuse to allow such a draconian violation of their freedoms? It seems like something out of a cheap B-grade movie, something totally futuristic and unreal. Yet what we are seeing today seems eerily similar in so many ways. At the time of this writing, Joe Biden has just announced that he is considering

mandating that all domestic travelers **get vaccinated** before being allowed to board an airplane. Already some nations are requiring travelers to **get vaccinated** before entering their country. Some hospitals are requiring their staff to get vaccinated and some sports coaches have lost their jobs for refusing to **get vaccinated**. Now take this paragraph and everywhere you see the words "**get vaccinated**," replace it with "**take the mark**." I think I have illustrated just how easily Revelation 13:16-17 could happen!

I want to make it very clear that I am not suggesting that the Covid-19 vaccine is the mark of the beast spoken of in Revelation 13. Such an idea is totally ludicrous. What I am saying is that I believe we are being groomed to accept the idea that for our safety and well-being, we must do whatever the government tells us.

I can promise you that at some point in the future, a new threat to all humanity will arise and with it will come new measures which we will be told must be followed to avoid mass extinction. **Terrified people will do whatever they are told.** When I look at what we have experienced in the last two years, I can plainly see how easy it will be for the antichrist to get people to take the mark or be ostracized and labeled as trouble makers who are a terrible threat to the rest of society. I can't help but wonder if we might be the Revelation 13 generation?

All this can be very frightening unless we keep our eyes on the promise of Jesus' return. He is coming back and you should never doubt it. Everything we see happening today shouts to us that His return is getting very close and if we are wise, we will prepare our hearts for His coming.

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AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH