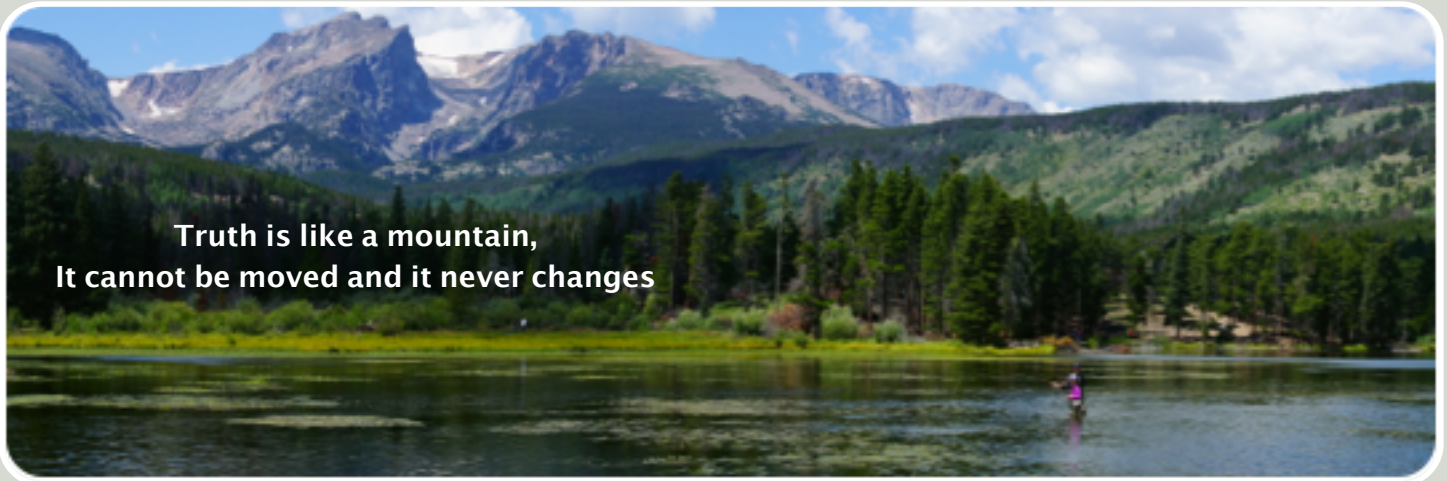


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# "TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD  
FOR TODAY**



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

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## UPDATE

The month of July revealed how great the struggle is for control of this nation. We saw an attempt made to take Donald Trump's life; Joe Biden finally admitted the truth and withdrew from making a second run for the presidency, and almost overnight, Kamala Harris was chosen as the one to take his place. With all this happening, we must not lose sight of our calling and our weapons.

### **2 Corinthians 10:3-4 KJV**

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds....

Church, we must pray like never before! If we don't, we will lose this nation to the forces of darkness, but if we humble ourselves and pray like never before, God has promised to heal our nation.

**PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!**

## FEATURE ARTICLE: "There Is A Line!"

**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!**

One of the most challenging aspects of the human experience is our interaction with other humans. In her book **Psychoanalytic Diagnosis**, Nancy McWilliams lists eight psychoanalytic disorders: Psychopathic, Narcissistic, Schizoid, Paranoid, Manic-Depressive, Masochistic, Obsessive-Compulsive, and Histrionic.

I don't claim to understand what each of these looks like, but in my journey through life, I am quite sure I have probably interacted with all of the above. You probably feel the same way. In addition to this, there are "normal people" who always seem to rub us the wrong way. The thought of getting to heaven and finding out that one of them will live next door to me for all eternity is undoubtedly cause for wanting to live a long life here on Earth! Thank God, I have a nephew who is a real estate broker; perhaps he can help me list and sell my heavenly mansion.



Wouldn't it be wonderful if when we got saved, we automatically changed into "nice people." Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. Most of my interaction with other humans has been in the context of the church, and I assure you, some I have interacted with have not been nice. So, we have no choice but to find out what the Bible says about navigating this mess and living in peace with our brothers and sisters. Many scriptures address this issue, but the best is found in Ephesians 4.

### **Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV**

31 Get rid of all hard feelings, anger and rage. Stop all fighting and lying. Don't have anything to do with any kind of hatred.

32 Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive one another, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.

If I were to write a paraphrase of these two verses, it would read something like this:

"Look, you just need to get along. Stop fighting. Put up with one another and cut each other some slack. Remember that other folks are putting up with you and have forgiven you even when you acted like a self-centered, egotistical jerk." This is simple, to the point, and easy to understand.

However, simple isn't always possible because life is complicated, and sometimes "just cut each other some slack" won't work and isn't what God wants us to do. It is one thing to always try to get along with people even though you are not fond of them and they rub you the wrong way, but it is another when someone sets themselves in opposition to you and tries to hinder you from doing what God has called you to do. When this happens, a line has been crossed, and the rules of the game must change!

If, in my attempt to live peaceably with all men, I capitulate to this type of person, then I have placed them above God in my life, and in reality, this is a form of idolatry. In the Bible, an excellent example of this would be when Peter, knowing Jesus would be crucified, told Him not to go to Jerusalem, and Jesus responded by saying, "Get thou behind me, Satan." Jesus knew what His Father had called Him to do and was not about to let Peter get in the way of Him finishing the task.

As with any teaching, some will abuse the position they claim to be walking in. On one side of the line, some will tell you that you must tolerate evil in the name of love. On the other side of the line will be those who claim to have a mandate from God but haven't heard His voice in at least 500 years. Both are wrong, but that does not mean we shouldn't apply the truth of this teaching to our lives.

Always attempt to live peaceably with all men, but do not be afraid to declare war on any who would try to stop you from doing what God has entrusted you to do.