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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

We believe this may be the best newsletter we have ever published. One of our goals is to always be relevant and current and this issue meets those goals.

The feature article talks about how to handle difficult situations that cannot be avoided. We all face this at some time so we need to learn how to walk through it in victory.

Miss Linda's article talks about the frustration we sometimes feel when it appears God is turning a blind eye to the injustices done in this world. Where is God, and why doesn't He do something?

Then the Prophecy Update talks about being ready when Jesus returns. Is His return near, and how can we be sure we will not be left behind? All who claim to be 'Christian' will not go up in the rapture. Will you? How can you know?

We pray this issue will impact many lives.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "GOD SEES"

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!

Every photo has a story including the one you see below. This is our story, but it just as easily could be yours because we have all been there and done that. I speak about having to do something painful we wished we could avoid, but like it or not, it is unavoidable and we find ourselves being forced to walk down a painful path. This is a part of life that perhaps reveals more about who we really are and how great our faith is than anything else we will ever do or say. It is at times like this when some become angry and bitter while others walk in grace, dignity, and victory. Another way to put it would be to say

that some seem to forget they are Christians, while others seem to demonstrate everything a follower of Christ should be.

But, how does this beautiful photo fit into all this? Perhaps if I just tell you our story it will all make more sense. A while back Miss Linda and I faced just such a day. There was something we knew we would have to deal with and we were not looking forward to it. We have always believed that life is what you make it, and so Miss Linda and I sat down and talked about how we were going to approach this situation.



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The first thing we decided was to not lose sight of God's goodness and faithfulness and to fill our day with praise. A decision was also made to make reservations at a restaurant in Estes that was serving a wonderful lobster dinner. (Now that will help brighten anyone's day!) Unfortunately, when we called they informed us they had been sold out for quite some time and no reservations were available. We were disappointed but asked them to call us if anyone canceled. To our amazement, just 30 minutes later they called and said there had been a cancellation. We were so excited and praised the Lord because it just seemed as if God's favor was in this.

The day we had been dreading finally arrived with a wonderful surprise; we woke to find two inches of beautiful fresh snow. It had not been forecast so we were overwhelmed not only with its beauty but also with a wonderful sense of God's goodness and favor resting on us.

The morning was spent having a leisurely breakfast of pancakes drenched in pure maple syrup, some wonderful hot Argentine coffee topped with a head of frothed milk, and saturated in sugar-free chocolate syrup. It was so good and we felt so blessed! Then in the early afternoon, we did the audio recording of our newsletter and it went so well that Miss Linda said she actually enjoyed doing it. Now that was truly a miracle!

We are always looking for good photos so we decided to head to town early enough to perhaps capture something special. We never see sunsets from our house because our views are to the East, so we had no idea that God had planned something very special for us. As we came into the Estes valley we were greeted with a sight that took our breath away. The sky looked like it was on fire! Truly it was the most beautiful sunset we had ever seen. We had about five minutes to capture it before the color was swallowed by the darkness and then it was gone.

We then went to Latitude 105 and had an amazing lobster dinner finished with the best cheesecake we have ever eaten. As we drove home that evening our hearts were so full of praise. It had been a day that could have turned ugly and depressing, but instead, it was filled with kisses from a God who rules the universe and yet cared enough to give special attention to two of His servants who chose to "Bless the Lord" no matter what the circumstance.

By now I am quite sure you are a bit confused because what I have just described seems like the perfect day, rather than a day to dread. But that is the whole point I am trying to make, it was an amazing day because we made it an amazing day. I won't even tell you what it was we were not wanting to deal with because it really no longer seems to even matter. Rather, I choose to dwell on all the good things God gave us that day.

Are you facing something today that you would avoid if you could? I want you to remember that even Jesus had that kind of day. The night before He prayed, "Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me." It is not wrong to want to avoid things that are painful, but when that is not possible we need to purpose in our hearts to praise the Lord no matter what comes our way. I believe when we do this, God sees and rewards our unshakable faith in Him.

He will not always remove our problems, but He will always help us walk through them. This is how we walk in victory, even when victory seems impossible.

We are not victims, we are victors!

2 Chronicles 16:9 Living Bible

9 For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them....

NEVER FORGET, THE LORD SEES!

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



Where Is God?

I think all would agree that we are living in times of great wickedness. We see this on a global scale, but also when friends and loved ones are wounded by cruel thoughtless evil people. Many

times when we see evil and wickedness triumphing we are tempted to ask, "Where is God? Why doesn't He do something? How long God, will you let this go on?"

While there are many possible reasons for God's silence, one thing that must be considered would be that God is a God of great mercy. We often quote Isaiah 55:8-9 but forget verse 7.

Isaiah 55:8-9 Amplified Bible

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.

9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts.

7 Let the wicked leave (behind) his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, **and He will have compassion (mercy) on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

This can be hard for us because none of us walk in as much mercy and kindness as our God. So, recognizing who He is and who I am, allow me to share some tips from my own life about how I handle God's silence. First and most important, I constantly remind myself that God sees it all.

Proverbs 15:3 Amplified Bible

3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, watching the evil and the good [in all their endeavors].

Yes, He does see it all because He is always with us. I never allow myself to entertain thoughts of abandonment by God because nothing will bring greater harm than feeling like God has forsaken you. That is why we must constantly remind ourselves of what God's Word says.

Psalms 23:4 King James Bible

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I will fear no evil: for thou art with me...**

BUT WHAT DOES VERSE 7 SAY?

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John 14:16-17 Amplified Bible

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor— Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby, to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive and take to its heart because it does not see Him or know Him, **but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you continually and will be in you.**

Hebrews 13:5 Amplified Bible

"I will never under any circumstances desert you nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless, nor will I forsake or let you down or relax My hold on you assuredly not!"

I am sure you have all read the story of Job in the Bible. Job struggled with this issue and got so upset that in chapter 24 he could no longer remain silent and began to vent.

Job 24:1 NIRV

24 "Why doesn't the Mighty One set a time for judging sinful people? Why do those who know him have to keep waiting for that day?"

Job wanted God to set up a day of judgment and he wanted it done right now! Obviously, he did not know how great God's mercy was and had never read Isaiah 55

because he lived long before Isaiah. His biggest problem was that he didn't know God and that is why he was so upset. In Job 38 God shows up and for the next four chapters asks Job 81 questions that Job had no answers for, and here is how that all ended. Job says....

Job 42:5-6 Amplified Bible

5 "I had heard of You only by the hearing of the ear, But now my spiritual eye sees You.

6 "Therefore I retract my words and hate myself And I repent in dust and ashes."

It is probably best to let God run the universe and be content to know that He is with us, He sees it all, and He makes no mistakes. There are so many things we can do nothing about, so our focus should be on trusting, and leaving it all in the hands of a righteous God who is perfect in all His ways.



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

What Does "Ready" Look Like?

Last month I brought you a study of 2 Thessalonians 2:3 which proved that the church will not be here when the antichrist is revealed. Jesus will have already returned and gathered us unto Himself. Oh, what a blessed hope this is!

(That article can now be found in the Archives section of our website.)

But, how close are we to this great event? As I look at our world I see a prodigious amount of fear building. The thought that one mad man could plunge this entire planet into a nuclear Armageddon is terrifying and makes me wonder if the time of antichrist may be getting near. Fear is a powerful motivator because people filled with fear will accept anything they think will save them, including a one-world government, led by an evil man who promises to end war and bring peace.

I do not say this to create more fear, (God does not want us living in fear.) but rather to point out that the rapture of the church could be closer than any of us realize, and our number one priority should be to make sure we are ready for His coming. Jesus made it very clear that when He comes not everyone will be taken.

Matthew 24:40-42 ERV

40 Two men will be working together in the field. One will be taken and the other will be left.

41 Two women will be grinding grain with a mill. One will be taken and the other will be left.

42 **So always be ready.** You don't know the day your Lord will come.

When He comes there will be no time to "Get ready." You will either "Be ready" or you will be left behind. I cannot imagine anything more terrifying than knowing the rapture has happened and you have been left behind. Frantically you attempt to call your family, but they are gone. **Years ago you prayed a sinners prayer, so why were you left behind, and what does 'ready' look like?** In Matthew 24:46 Jesus gives us the answer.

Matthew 24:46 ERV

46 When the master comes and finds that servant **doing the work he gave him, it will be a day of blessing for that servant.**

There it is, it is short and it is simple. If you want to be sure you are ready, just be sure you are doing what your Lord has told you to do. While this may sound very simple, it exposes a serious issue the church has today. People are encouraged to repeat a prayer, but never told they need to make Jesus the Lord of their life. As a result, the lordship of Jesus lies buried under the rubble of a carnal self-indulgent lifestyle.

Perhaps we need to consider what the Lordship of Jesus looks like. Once again this is very simple. **If you have made Jesus the Lord of your life, you will be living in an intimate relationship with Him, and doing what He tells you to do.** Have I just described your walk with the Lord? When is the last time God told you to do or say something and you obeyed? Is that even a small part of your life?

I fear that many who call themselves, 'Christian' have never made Jesus the Lord of their life. They may have repeated a prayer and go to church, (Although many don't) but they have no relationship with Jesus, and certainly, He is not their Lord. Based on what Jesus taught, I would have to say that they are in a very dangerous place and run the risk of not being ready for the return of Jesus!

Miss Linda and I start each day by asking the Lord to guide our steps and make us a blessing to those we encounter. The phenomenal things we have experienced could fill a book, and for sure are not coincidental. It happens day after day because each day we make ourselves available to our Lord.

Have you made yourself available to Him? I promise if you do He will speak to you, and I also promise that when He comes, you will be ready and not be left behind!

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