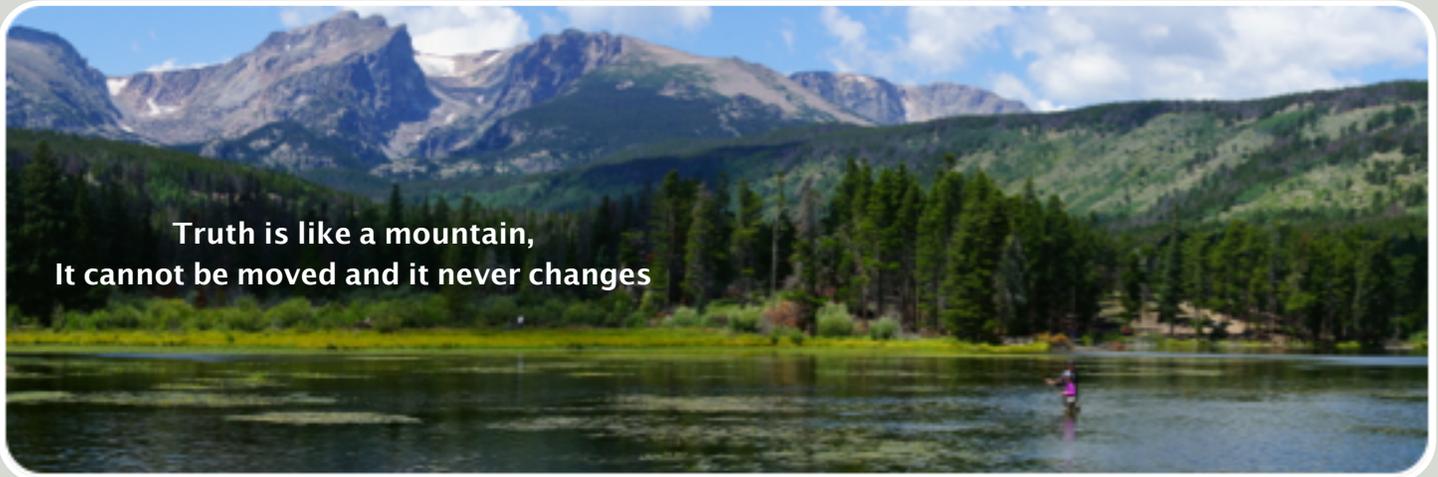


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



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

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UPDATE

The Prophecy Update this month is different than any I have ever written in that it does not look at any current event that points towards the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Rather, it looks at something most of our readers will never experience and yet is something most of you are very interested in. What could that be?

Hopefully, none of you will miss the rapture, but probably all of you have friends and family that will. Does this mean they will have no hope of salvation, or is there a way they can still be saved even if they miss the rapture?

In this article, I have drafted a letter to them that explains the situation they will find themselves in if they miss the rapture and clearly shows them what steps they must take to be saved. Their path will not be easy, but they have not been cut off from God's grace and mercy. If God leads you to, you can send a copy of the article to your loved ones.

You just might save their lives.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "How To Hear God's Voice"

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!

Being able to hear the voice of God should be the goal of every believer and is without question necessary if we are to experience God's best. Unfortunately, many feel like this is "Mission Impossible." Over the course of many years, I have had so many tell me that they struggle with this, and in fact, I even had one pastor tell me that God had never spoken to him. He argued that God only speaks to us through His Word. That debate is a whole other subject that could fill another article so I will not go there now, except to say that Jesus was very clear about this.

John 10:27 KJV

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

I want to help you make this part of your Christian life come alive. I have a gal who has been cutting my hair for the past several years. She knows I am a retired pastor, so almost every time I go in for a haircut, the conversation seems to turn to spiritual things. Back in February, this happened again. I don't remember exactly how we got there, but we began talking about hearing God's voice.

She shared how she struggles to figure out if what she is hearing is just her own thoughts or the voice of God. I had heard this before, so I felt there was a possibility I could help her. I began by explaining that God does not speak to us in an audible voice that we hear with our physical ears, but rather He speaks to our spirit. (She already knew this.)

I then pointed out that this does not happen in our head but rather in our belly and that it could best be described as "a knowing." Sometimes you just know something, or you know you are supposed to do or say something. My barber was okay with that but then expressed that when she starts thinking

about what she is feeling, she gets confused. The big question that arises is: Is this feeling I have in my belly really God, or is it just me? I then shared that this is where most people get off track and also explained why this happens.

Isaiah 55:8-9 KJV

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The moment we take what we are feeling deep down in the innermost part of our being and move it up into our heads, a war will start. And as much as I hate to say it, your mind usually wins that war. She then asked what I would do with those feelings if I never took them up into my head to stand trial. I answered by telling her that I just try to act on what I am feeling without letting my head get involved.

I could tell by the questions she was asking that she was getting it. She was starting to understand the basics of how it all worked. However, I was not prepared for what happened next. When she finished my haircut, she took her iPad and prepared for me to check out. She always puts in the amount I owe and then hands it to me to add a tip. But this time, she didn't hand it to me; she just put it back on the counter and told me the haircut was free. I was shocked! To see someone act so quickly on what they have just learned is truly quite amazing. She will be blessed!

James 1:22;25 KJV

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.....

25...he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“Keep Your Eyes On Jesus”

Writing a monthly newsletter article can be very difficult. The hardest part is knowing what to write. Above all, I want to write something relevant that will relate to all who struggle with the challenges of

life.

But how can one short article cover all that life throws at us? Each person has their own unique challenges, so to cover them all, I would need to write a series of books, not an article, and for sure, that's not going to happen! As I was praying about this, God seemed to impress on me that it is possible in one article to write something that will help everyone, no matter what they are going through. And what might that be?

Keep your eyes on Jesus!

I know that sounds like a cliché because, far too often, we treat it like one. No matter what someone is going through, our stock answer is, "Keep your eyes on Jesus." That may sound right, but to the person needing help, it seems shallow because it doesn't include what that looks like. Jesus is in heaven, we can't see Him, and yet we flippantly tell people, "Keep your eyes on Jesus." We need to put some meat on that bone if our counsel is to have meaning that will actually help.

What specific things does the Bible tell us we should look for when we turn our eyes toward Him? Get ready to be blessed, encouraged, and filled with faith because I am about to answer that question. I will start in Hebrews.

Hebrews 4:15-16 Amplified Bible

15 For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize and understand our weaknesses and temptations, but One who has been tempted [knowing exactly how it feels to be human] in every respect as we are, yet without [committing any] sin. 16 Therefore let us [with privilege] approach the throne of grace [that is, the throne of God's gracious favor] with confidence and without fear, **so that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find [His amazing] grace to help in time of need** [an appropriate blessing, coming just at the right moment].

One of the things common to our human experience is that we all struggle with condemnation. This is exacerbated by the fact that Satan is the accuser of the brethren, and he tries to make us feel like the problems we are dealing with are happening because of our own failures and flaws. While this may be true, it does not mean we are on our own and can expect no help from God. Turn your eyes to Him, and you will find a God of mercy and grace who tells us that if we turn to Him in our time of need, we will find help. This is one of the things I am talking about when I say, "Keep your eyes on Jesus."

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What else can I tell you about the One you should look to? I can tell you that He is eternal, supreme, and all-powerful.

Psalm 90:2 Amplified Bible

2 Before the mountains were born,
Or before You had given birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are [the eternal] God.

Revelation 1:8 KJV

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

He has been with you from the beginning and will be with you when time is no more. He has never lost a battle, and He never will. He is with you, He is for you, and nothing will ever change that. He does not sleep or slumber, and His eyes are always upon you.

There is one more thing I want to tell you about my Jesus. He loves you! He loves you more than you can ever imagine. He loves you more than any human can possibly love another. Take the love of a mother for her child and multiply it a million times, and you will still not reach the depths of His love for you.

John 15:13 KJV

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

1 John 3:1 KJV

1 "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

So, no matter what your situation may be, I can confidently tell you to keep your eyes on Jesus. But don't treat that like a cliché. Rather, keep your eyes fixed on His mercy, His power, and His love. There is a song that says what I am trying to

help you see. Here are some of the lyrics.

"I SPEAK JESUS"

I just want to speak the name of Jesus,
Over every heart and every mind.
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence,
I speak Jesus.
I just want to speak the name of Jesus,
Til' every dark addiction starts to break.
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom,
I speak Jesus.
I just want to speak the name of Jesus,
Over fear and all anxiety.
To every soul held captive by depression,
I speak Jesus.
Your name is power,
Your name is healing,
Your name is life.
Break every stronghold,
Shine through the shadows,
Burn like the fire!
I speak Jesus!

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!



PROPHECY UPDATE

"Because I Care"

Most of us probably have loved ones who are not serving God. We are concerned but wonder what we can do. Here is something that might be helpful. If you get a green light from God, feel free to copy the following letter and send it to them.

Because I Care

I am sending you this letter because I will not be here to guide you when the things I am going to talk about start to happen. I will have either died or been caught up in the rapture. I pray you also will be ready for the rapture, but if you are left behind, then there are some things you need to know.

First, you need to know that you are in a very bad situation, and the only hope you have of not ending up in hell is to let the Book of Revelation be your guide.

Revelation 1:3

3 Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein:

I do not know how world leaders will try to explain the sudden disappearance of hundreds of millions of people, but I am sure of one thing: they will not tell you that what has just happened was foretold in the Bible.

1 Thessalonians 4: 16-17

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Whatever they tell you will be a lie, and if you believe them and follow what they tell you to do, you will spend eternity in the regions of the damned. Of that, I am absolutely certain.

But that does not need to happen, and it won't if you follow the instructions I am about to give you. The first thing you must do is humble yourself and acknowledge that you have been very foolish and prideful. You thought you didn't need to follow what the Bible told you, and now, hopefully, you realize that you have made a terrible mistake. It is imperative that you acknowledge your need for God and repent. Every word in the Bible is still powerful, and God will still do what He has said.

1 John 1:8-9

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

But you must understand that just because you do this, your current situation will not change for the better. In fact, it is about to get worse, much worse. God is about to start pouring His judgment out on planet Earth, and billions of people are going to die. But believe it or not, that is not the number one thing you need to worry about. Your greatest concern should be with what you read in Revelation 13.

Revelation 13:15-17

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause all who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, unless he has the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

I do not know if the mark will be a tattoo or a chip inserted under your skin or something entirely different, but I do know that if you take the mark, you will spend eternity in hell.

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Please, do not think you can avoid this!

You Can't!

Revelation 14:9-11

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receives his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out undiluted into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment will ascend up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and have received the mark of his name.

Now comes the brutal truth that you must listen to and heed. If you do not accept the mark, you will not be able to buy or sell, so soon you will run out of food. In addition to this, a bounty will be put on your head, and you will be hunted like a wild animal and killed.

Revelation 13:15

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

You will be tempted to save your life by taking the mark, but you must remember the words of your Lord.

Luke 9:24

24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

If you find yourself in this situation, you must ask God to give you the strength to be willing and able to lay your life down for your faith. To think that

somehow you will be able to avoid this fate is to continue in the arrogance that put you where you are. When will you repent and follow God? If you repent, God will give you the grace to follow in the footsteps of the apostles who laid down their lives for the cause of Christ. Revelation 20 tells us what your reward will be.

Revelation 20:4

4 And I saw thrones, and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

I am sorry if this letter has sounded a bit terrifying; there is no way to sugarcoat what you are about to experience. But, please remember, in Jesus, there is always hope, and that is why even if you miss the rapture, there is a way you can still make heaven your eternal home. But why be foolish and miss the rapture? I pray you will be wise and start preparing now for the great day when Jesus comes for His bride.

I ask you to keep this letter. Even if you think you will never need it, keep it anyway. Perhaps someday you will want to share it with your children. The rapture will happen in your lifetime, so you must also prepare your children.

Luke 21:36

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

I BEG YOU, DO NOT MISS THE RAPTURE!

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH!