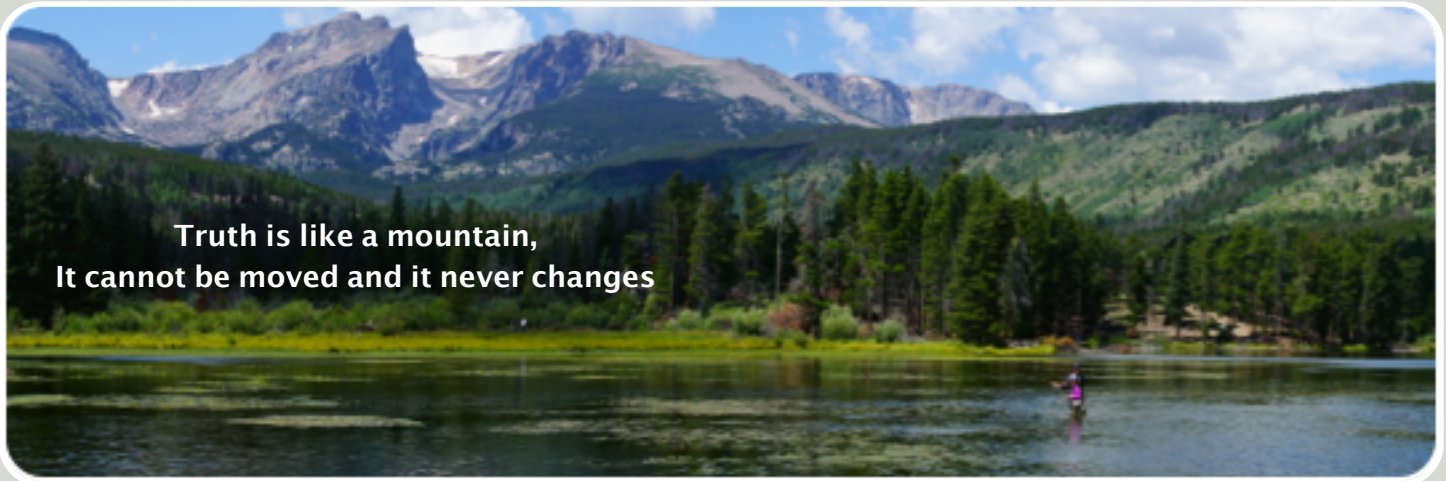


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# "TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD  
FOR TODAY**



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

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## UPDATE

This month we are so excited to bring you photos from our recent trip to Costa Rica. It was an amazing trip and we came home with over 10,000 wildlife photos. There is one on our website, but our subscribers can view many more.

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## FEATURE ARTICLE: "Revival Realities"

**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!**

A genuine outpouring of God's Spirit is an amazing life-changing event unlike anything else you will ever experience. We saw it happen over 50 years ago and have been praying ever since that God would be gracious and allow this generation to also experience it. Recently our hopes have been buoyed by what we have been hearing and seeing in Kentucky. This could be it! If it is, here is a question every believer and every pastor should be asking themselves, "Will we see it happen in our church?" In this article, I will try to answer that question.

I want to start by giving you one verse of scripture that explains a lot of things.

**Acts 17:28 KJV**

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being....

It is highly unlikely that most Christians really understand what this verse is saying. The best way I can explain it is to simply say, **"What water is to a fish, God's Spirit is to us."** Take a fish out of water and it will lay in the mud gasping for air. Likewise, remove us from the tangible presence of God and we begin to feel like those fish. We become desperate, and this explains why in Kentucky there have been lines nearly a mile long waiting to get in as people come by the thousands from all over the world. People are drawn there because living water is being poured out and people are desperate to get back into the river of His presence and experience the life it brings.

But, will it happen in your church? I wish I could give you an encouraging answer, but I must be truthful and tell you that very few churches will experience it. They will not experience it because they are not desperate for it. God has told us, "When you seek me with all your heart, you will find me." (Jeremiah 29:13) but they are not seeking Him

with all their heart. They do not seek Him because they are satisfied drinking from an old wineskin that is hard and brittle. They are stuck in a mold of their own making that allows for nothing more than what they normally do Sunday after Sunday, and that is why their services have become totally scripted, predictable, and void of the life of God.

They might counter by saying, "The Holy Spirit is always welcome in our church" but their words ring empty and hollow. If they really mean it, why are they satisfied to keep doing the same dead things week after week? Some even have the audacity to claim that God is already moving in a great way in their church. Really? If this is true, where are the mile-long lines waiting to get inside their building? I know this is hard, but if you want a move of God, you need to deal with reality!

If at this point you are angry with me, stop reading. Nothing I am about to say will help you. But if you are filled with conviction and are desperate for God to move in your church continue reading. I have been where you are and I am about to give you a clear path that will allow God to pour His Spirit out in your church.

Pastor, revival in your church starts with you. When you come to a point where your own services become repugnant and unacceptable to you, then you stand a chance to actually lead your church into a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This is what happened to me in 1969. Every week I became more disenchanted with church because I felt like I was a fish out of water who was dying. I was desperate and it was that desperation that caused me to be willing to risk everything to obtain God's living water. When the Spirit began to be poured out I gladly smashed the old molds because I realized they were going to hinder what God was doing in our church.

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If I were pastoring today the first thing I would do is fast and pray until God brought me to a place of true divine desperation and discontent. I would call for times of desperate prayer with my staff. Those times would not include, "words from God" but only desperate cries from desperate people. I would then take our desperation to the entire church and we would change what we were doing to reflect our desperation and create a spiritual environment where God could move.

Part of that would be to sit down with my worship leaders and tell them that many of the songs they had been singing would no longer be allowed. From now on, the songs they could choose would either be pure worship or pure praise. No longer would they be allowed to sing songs about how needy **we** are, how hungry **we** are, how thirsty **we** are, or how much **we** want Jesus to show up in church. Those kinds of songs are neither worship nor praise. They would be told that in our times of worship...

**"We are" must be replaced with, "You are."**

### **Psalms 22:3 MEV**

3 But You are holy, O You who inhabits the praises of Israel.

Are you beginning to feel a bit uncomfortable? Can it be that you feel this way because layer after layer of your comfort zone is being stripped away? I pray it is because this is exactly where God wants you. He wants you to feel totally dependent on Him. He wants you to feel like if he doesn't show up, you are a dead man because without Him, that is what we all are. Never forget, in him we live, and move, and have our being.

If you are going to see a great outpouring of God's Spirit in your church you must be totally desperate because I promise, if you choose to walk this road you are going to experience terrible opposition. We all would like to think that everyone in our church wants a true move of God, but such is

not the case. I have never heard anyone say, "God is not welcome in this church." But, let God show up and you will quickly learn that what they are actually saying is: "God is welcome here... if He fits into our mold."

Back in 1969, the Jesus Revolution hit our church like a raging flash flood and almost overnight our attendance doubled and the mold was broken. Rough unchurched kids started coming in off the street. Many came in bare-feet. Girls came wearing halter tops. Guys had hair down to their shoulders and before coming in some smoked a joint out in the parking lot. Our music changed from organ-lead hymns to guitar-lead choruses filled with joy and praise. This was life and I was ecstatic!

Then one of the church deacons asked to meet with me. He came in looking very somber and told me that the church board was troubled by what was happening in our church. He went on to tell me that they wanted these street kids to come, but if this was to continue I would have to tell them to dress and act appropriately. This was God's house and they needed to respect it. I told him that was not going to happen and two weeks later I was fired. That was the best thing that has ever happened to me! I now realize God was preparing me for what would happen when we moved to Loveland six years later and once again I would be forced to choose between God and man.

Yes, very few churches will experience a great outpouring of God's Spirit and now you know why. But be assured, the choice does remain in your hands. Will you be content to drink wine from your old wineskin or will you risk everything to see God pour out new wine in your church? If you won't, it will not stop God. He has always found a way to rescue His people and put them back into the water. And now you also know why when you see a line of people stretching nearly a mile...

**It usually will not lead to a church.**



## A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



### *“What God Starts, He Finishes!”*

From time to time I think we all struggle with condemnation. I know I do and I have had people I consider to be saints of God tell me they also fight this battle.

Condemnation can be very destructive to our spiritual well-being so in this article, I want to explain why this happens and how to deal with it.

Because of all He has done for us we love the Lord and want to live pleasing to Him. But there is a huge problem, we still have a sinful nature and therefore living like we know we should does not come naturally to us.

#### **Galatians 5:17 AMP**

17 For the sinful nature has its desire that which is opposed to the Spirit, and the [desire of the] Spirit opposes the sinful nature; for these [two, the sinful nature and the Spirit] are in direct opposition to each other [continually in conflict], so that you [as believers] do not [always] do whatever [good things] you want to do.

When this happens Satan tries to take advantage of the situation by using our failures to bring us under condemnation. There is a huge difference between

conviction and condemnation. Conviction comes from the Holy Spirit telling you that **what you have done is not right**, but condemnation is from Satan telling you that **you are not right**. It denies the finished work of the cross and is totally based on lies. It tells you lies about you and also about God.

Satan is the father of lies and tries to convince us that God is angry with us and views us as horrible failures. He may even tell you that God's patience has run out and that you are about to be abandoned by God. If you swallow his lies your salvation and your relationship with God will become more about your works than your faith, and like Adam and Eve you will find yourself running from God.

Welcome to the wonderful world of condemnation!

Condemnation has caused many to abandon their faith because they view God as their accuser even though the Bible plainly teaches that Satan is the accuser of the brethren. So, what are we to do? When Jesus was tempted by the devil He responded by saying, **"It is written..."** and that is exactly how you and I must respond. It is written in John 3:17 that: "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." **John 3:17 ESV**

Settle it once and for all, the condemnation you are feeling does not come from God! God does not see you as a failure and He will never abandon you. Satan is a liar.

Second, we must remember that this whole salvation thing was God's idea. He is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. He never starts anything He can't finish and he has never been defeated. When He purposes to do something, you can count on it, He will get it done and that includes His amazing plan for your life. Stop thinking that it all depends on you. It is written:

**Philippians 1:6 MSG**

6 There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

This verse is my favorite because it reminds me that my salvation was God's idea and that the work he has started, he will finish. Someone needs to design a T-shirt that reads:

**Construction Zone:  
Please be patient, God is still at work!**

Never forget, the only way to win the battle of condemnation is to know the promises of God and use the Word of God to battle your enemy. Ephesians 6 gives us the perfect battle plan.

**Ephesians  
6:10-11;13-17 TPT**

10 Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you.

11 Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be

protected as you fight against the **evil strategies of the accuser!**

13.... You must wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you **confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious.**

14 Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph. Put on holiness as the protective armor that covers your heart.

15 Stand on your feet alert, then you'll always be ready to share the blessings of peace.

16 In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the evil one!

17 Embrace the power of salvation's full deliverance, like a helmet to **protect your thoughts from lies. And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken word of God.**

**AND NEVER FORGET,**

**YOUR SALVATION WAS GOD'S IDEA!**



## "What About Asbury?"

Jesus loved to teach by telling stories that revealed a truth about the kingdom of heaven and how different its values are from those we live by here on earth. He would often begin by saying, "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto..." and then would use an earthly example that all could relate to. Some of these parables have been used as the subject of many sermons. (ie. The parable of the prodigal son.) Others, not so much.

One I have rarely heard anyone teach on is found in the first 16 verses of Matthew 20. The chapter starts with, "For the kingdom of heaven is like unto..." Then Jesus goes on to tell a story about a man who goes out early in the morning and hires workers to work in his vineyard. They all agree on what they will be paid. He then hires more at 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and finally some at about 5:00 PM. He then instructs the one who will be paying everyone to start by paying those first who were hired last and paying them the same amount as those who had been hired early in the morning. Needless to say, this caused friction and discontent.

I must confess that I have found it difficult to understand what Jesus was trying to show us in this parable, and this is why I have never taught on it. (Probably a good idea!) However, things we have recently been observing have caused me to wonder if the intent of Jesus could have possibly been to give us a prophetic message. Let me explain.

I am very sure all our readers are aware that a most unusual thing has been happening at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky. Because Miss Linda has family who live in that area we have gotten many first-hand reports. Those who have been able to go and experience what is happening have confirmed that it is a genuine outpouring of God's Spirit.

But, even more exciting are the reports we keep getting of how this outpouring is spreading to other college campuses. This is exciting for us because for the past ten years we have been crying out for just such an outpouring. We are convinced that nothing else can save our nation. It is my opinion that "church" is not the answer. In spite of all the modern methods and trendy messages the church has embraced, the downward spiral into moral decay in America has only increased. At the same time, millions have been praying, "Oh God, have mercy on America and send us one final outpouring of your Spirit that will be the greatest the world has ever seen." Could it be that we are starting to see God answer our prayers?

If you are wondering what this has to do with the parable Jesus taught in Matthew 20 allow me to connect the dots. As I have observed what is happening at Asbury and other locations there is a thought that has come to me. I am not teaching it as fact or as a word from God. In fact, I admit I could be completely off base with what I am about to say. But consider this, would it not be just like God to send the greatest outpouring of His Spirit the world has ever seen, an outpouring that would sweep hundreds of millions of young people into the kingdom of God, and then at the pinnacle of that great moment in church history, split the skies and gather in the harvest? The thought of it makes my soul rejoice!

I am quite sure some who had labored faithfully for many years would be tempted to complain that their reward should be greater than those who came in at the eleventh hour, but in the kingdom of God, it doesn't work like that. In the kingdom, we are not rewarded based on the longevity of our service, but rather on what we did with the time we were given.