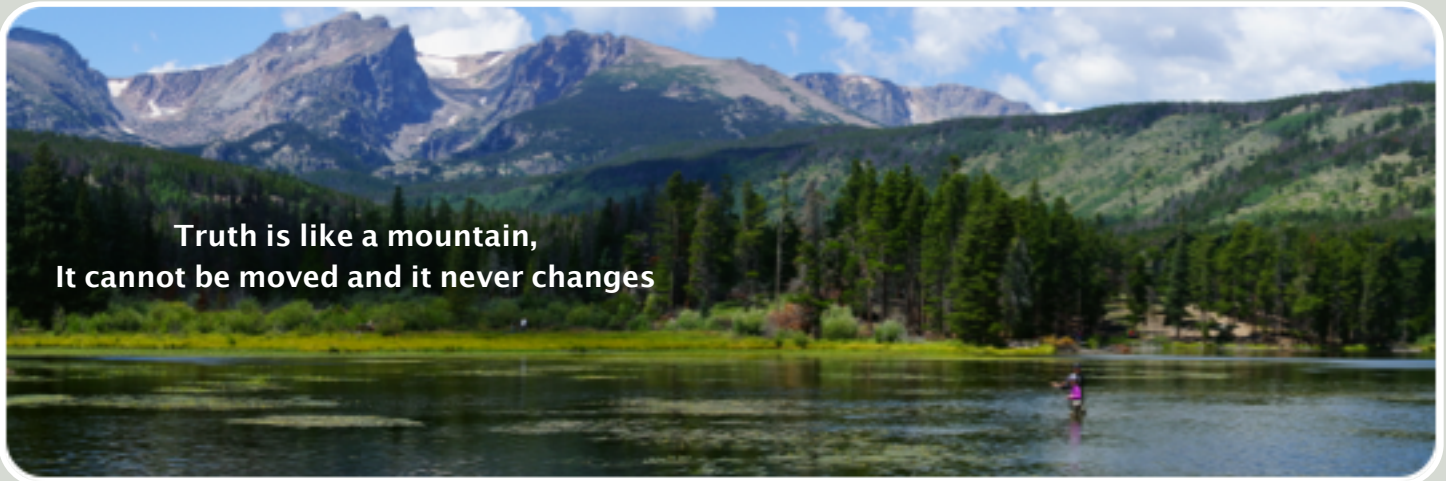


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"TRUTH"

**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 in our "Subscribers Gallery" we feature a photo shoot of bull elk in the rut that we took in September. We believe that the bull in the Photo of the Month may be the great-great-grandson of a bull that died in the winter of 2021. He was the most magnificent creature we have ever photographed and if the one we saw this year is his offspring the next several years may prove to be a lot of fun.

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FEATURE ARTICLE: "Marriage Math Equations"

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!

Back in August our grand-daughter Brenaya got married to a wonderful young man by the name of Hunter. (No, not that Hunter!) It was a wonderful celebration observed by two families with strong Christian values and I felt so honored to have been asked to officiate.

In the weeks leading up to the big event, I spent a lot of time trying to decide what I might say that would help this fine young couple have a successful marriage. I have always wondered how it is possible that couples can be so in love on



their wedding day but in a few short years hate each other and want out of the marriage. What causes this to happen? **I consider this to be one of the great mysteries of life, but a mystery that I believe has a simple answer.**

As I thought about this I came up with an explanation I called, "**Marriage Math**". Marriage Math has equations that are very different from those found in traditional math. For instance, $1+1$ does not equal 2, instead, $1+1 = 1$.

Jesus said, "**And the two shall become one.**" **This means that in marriage you never have to face the trials and tests of life alone.** You always

have someone by your side who you can count on to stand with you, pray for you, hold you up, and do everything humanly possible to make your life better.

However, I want to show you how quickly a marriage can go south if **both** the husband and wife are not willing to be that person. If one is selfish, then the equation becomes $1 + 0 = - 2$. Now one carries a double burden because not only are they carrying their own burdens, they also have the added burden of being married to someone who loves themselves more than they love their mate. And because selfishness can never be satisfied, eventually both see no value in their mate and the equation becomes:

$0 + 0 = 0$ (The marriage is over.)

There is one other marriage math equation I consider very important. It is:

$1 + 1 + 1 = \text{A great marriage.}$

Ecclesiastes 4:12 NLT

12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. **Three is even better**, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Could this be a cryptic message about having a baby? No, it is talking about Jesus. Jesus is the one who set the example of what it means to lay down one's life for a friend. If a couple keeps Jesus as the center of their marriage they will find that serving one another brings joy, fulfillment, and happiness that lasts a lifetime.



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“Pay It Forward”

Most of us have heard the phrase, "Pay it Forward." This catchphrase was made popular by a movie of the same name that was released in 2000. It was the story of a social studies teacher who gave an

assignment to his middle school class to come up with an idea that could change the world for the better, and then put it into action. One of his students comes up with the idea that instead of paying back a favor to the original benefactor, you pay it forward to someone else who needs it and then they do the same. His plan sets in motion an unprecedented wave of human kindness that blossoms into a profound national phenomenon.

In the movie, this idea started with one of his students paying forward a favor they had received but it didn't stop there. It soon grew to include financial gifts, material things, meals provided, and many random thoughtful acts of kindness. Because its possibilities were unlimited, I got to thinking about a spiritual application.

Almost every believer has many stories of the influence others have had on their lives. It may have been a family member, a friend, a Sunday school teacher, a pastor, a co-worker, or even a TV or radio

ministry that influenced you and changed your life for eternity. In my life, I was influenced by my grandparents, my parents, Sunday school teachers, and pastors. From the time I was a little girl, I loved to spend time with my grandparents. My Nana loved to pray, play the accordion, and worship the Lord. My mom led me to the Lord and both my parents taught me to pray, took me to church, and insisted that I get along with my 9 siblings, six of whom were boys. Now that was a challenge! The favorite saying in our home was "Get a little love in your heart".

You probably have a similar story in that someone shared the good news of the gospel with you and it changed your life. How many other life-changing experiences have you had because someone sowed the truth of God's word into your heart and it unlocked a way of life that you never knew existed? Think about it.

Both my parents and grandparents have gone to be with Jesus, but even if they were still here, I could never begin to pay them back. But, can I "Pay it forward"? The Bible has much to say about this.

Psalm 71:16-18 Easy-to-Read Version

16 I will tell about your greatness, my Lord God. I will talk only about you and your goodness.

17 God, you have taught me since I was a young boy. And to this day I have told people about the wonderful things you do.

18 Now that I am old and my hair is gray, don't leave me, God. I must tell the next generation about your power and greatness.

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Psalm 145:4 KJV

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

This is one of the most important things parents can do for their children. John and I love it when our family is together and we get a chance to share stories of God's faithfulness. Many times our grandkids have expressed how much they enjoy hearing those amazing stories and often ask us to tell them again. Now that they are getting married they are asking us to tell them to their mates who have never heard them. We can never repay the Lord for what He has done, but we can,

"Pay it Forward".

It is one thing to tell family about the faithfulness of God, but it is another thing to tell unbelievers. Often we allow ourselves to get intimidated and filled with fear. But, I must ask, "What if the people who had a part in changing your life had allowed that to happen?" I think I have made my point. We must tell everyone about our amazing God.

Psalm 96:3 Living Bible

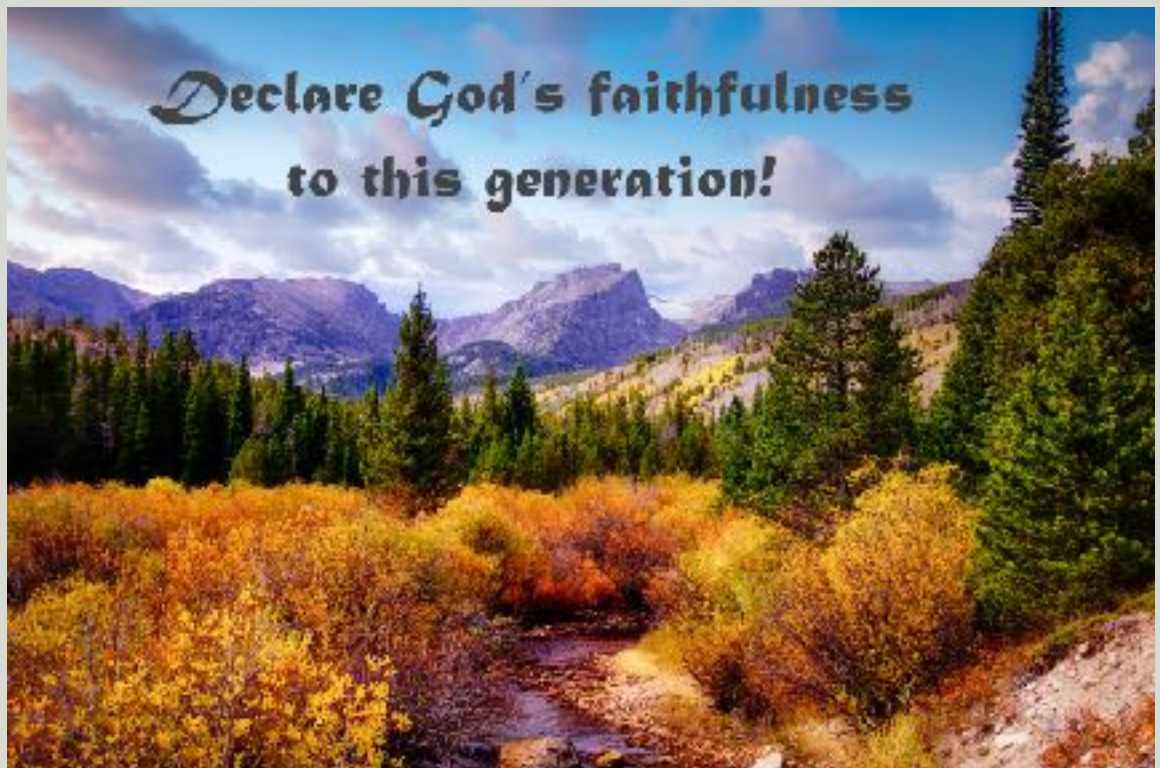
3 Publish his glorious acts throughout the earth. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

Recently my husband had an

opportunity to share with an atheist the amazing things God has done for us. He shared how God preserved our home from the Cameron Peak fire. He shared the miracle of God's provision when we started Resurrection Christian School and he shared how God spared his life 28 years ago. When he got home he shared with me how exciting it was to do this and how happy it made him. Did his friend accept the Lord? No, but that is not the point. The only thing that is important is that he was not ashamed of his faith or his God. The rest is in God's hands.

I encourage you not to go through life afraid to share your faith. Give God a chance to change someone's life the same way yours was changed.

Pay it forward!



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH

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

"Five + Five = Ten"

In Bible prophecy, God often shows us the same thing in several different ways so we can have a better understanding of what is coming. Such is the case with the ten horns of Daniel 7. In Daniel 7 Daniel had a dream and in the dream, he saw four beasts that represented four great empires that would rise to power during the course of human history. The fourth beast represented the world power that will be present when Jesus returns. It is described as having 10 horns that represent 10 kings. We see the same picture in Revelation 13.

Revelation 13:1 KJV

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns...

In both Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 the number 10 is significant because out of the ten horns a man rises to power only to be destroyed by Jesus when He returns. This man is commonly referred to as the "antichrist".

Based on this, prophecy buffs have looked for a ten-nation confederacy that would fit the descriptions given in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13. I can remember how excited everyone got when the European Union was formed. The EEC was created in 1957 by the Treaty of Rome, (Certainly this had to be significant) and was signed by six nations. Sixteen years later we got really excited when three more signed on and now there were nine. Eight years later the 10th joined and now we were all positive this was what Daniel and John had been shown. But then two more joined in 1986.

(Whoops!)

Today there are 27 member nations and obviously, the EEC is not the entity Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 tells us is coming. So, do we keep

looking for a world power comprised of 10 nations? Maybe, but perhaps there is another option we should consider. Recently Linda and I were having dinner with our friends Bob and Sherry and Bob asked me if I had heard of BRICS. I had not, so he explained that BRICS is a group of five nations made up of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa and that their primary focus is controlling the world economy.

I didn't give it much thought because there are only 5 nations and that doesn't fit into Bible prophecy. Or does it? About a week later I was thinking about BRICS when Daniel 2 came to my mind. In this chapter, King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream where he saw a huge statue that represented the great world empires that would follow him and ended when God destroyed it and established His rule on planet Earth.

What captured my attention was the fact that at the time it was destroyed it stood on two feet that had a total of 10 toes. The toes were made up of iron and clay which will not bond together and therefore lacks strength. This led me to wonder if the ten nations spoken of in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 could actually be two groups with five in each group.

I have continued to follow BRICS and find it interesting that they are having problems establishing a strong bond between the member nations. There seems to be a lot of internal disagreement between them. (Iron does not mix with clay) Only time will tell. If BRICS is one of the feet Daniel saw then we should be looking for the other foot to be formed. If you become aware of anything like this please let me know, and I will do likewise. For now, you and I need to stay vigilant and ready for Christ's return. Everything I see in our world today points toward His soon return.

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH!