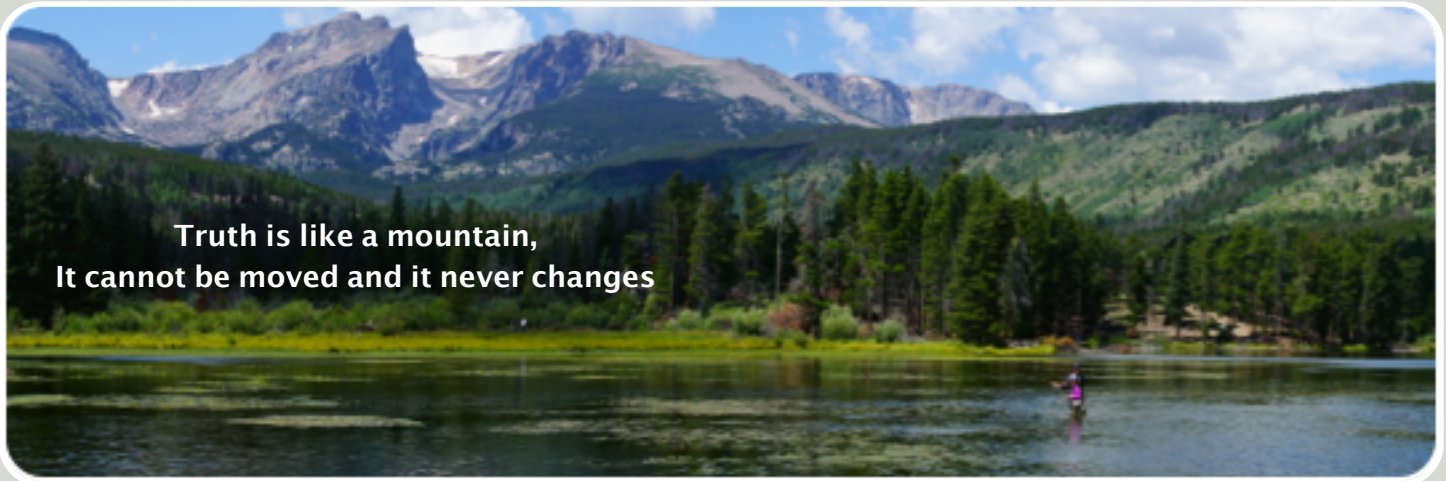


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



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

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UPDATE

This issue of "TRUTH" may be the most down-to-earth relevant issue we have ever published. It is written for those whose life doesn't even remotely resemble the Facebook version of life where family celebrations and exotic vacations seem to be the norm. It is written for those who feel abandoned by God and whose prayers have not been answered. It is written for those who are greatly concerned about the direction our nation is headed and what kind of world our children and grandchildren are inheriting.

We believe it is so important to give God's people spiritual guidance during this time of great spiritual darkness. We also believe it is possible to walk in victory no matter how hard life gets and that is what we hope these articles will help you to do.

Holy Spirit we ask for your help.
Bring forth much fruit from this issue of "TRUTH."

FEATURE ARTICLE: "God Has A Plan!"

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!

Even though there is a lot of division in the Body of Christ, there are certain basic truths that all Christians agree on. At the top of the list is the belief that there is a God who loves us more than we can ever comprehend, and proved it by sending His Son to die on the cross to make a way for sinful man to be reconciled to a righteous Holy God. All Christians believe this and if you don't, then you are not a true Christian.

There is something else I believe about God that others may disagree with and that is the fact that God has a plan for each of us and is intimately involved in our lives. He does not bring us to spiritual re-birth and then abandon us. He has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." You don't need to agree with this to be saved, but if you do, it sure might help you live in greater victory. He spoke of it to the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 29:11 Amplified Bible

11 For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

In Romans, Paul adds some detail to how this all works.

Romans 8:28 Amplified Bible

28 And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together **[as a plan]** for good for those who love God, to those who are called **according to His plan** and purpose.

So there you have it and it is wonderful! There is a God who loves us dearly, is committed to our well-being, and has a plan of blessing for our lives. Even if bad things happen, His plan causes those bad things to end up working for our good. Do you believe this? Most would say that they do, but then act like they don't. When things are going good we

loudly trumpet these truths, but when faced with difficult situations we worry, fret, and act like God doesn't exist. What is our problem? Why can't we live with the same joy when things are going bad that we have when they are going good? After all, God hasn't changed nor have His plans for us.

If we are to live in victory during dark times these are questions that need to be answered. I don't claim to have all the answers but I think I have one insight that may be of help. One of the mistakes we make is to focus on negative things so much that we lose sight of the fact that our heavenly Father has a wonderful plan for our lives. This is very natural but we need to understand that this will cause us to succumb to worry and discouragement.

God never promised us a utopian existence but did promise that in all the trials of life, He would be with us and make us more than conquerors. As I have grown older I have learned the reality of this. Over and over I have seen God work His wonderful plan and I have come to a place where even in the darkest situations I live with expectancy because I know that at some point in time, my current situation is going to be interrupted by God showing up with His amazing plan for my life.

God is faithful!

Saints of God, no matter what you are going through, no matter how dark life may seem, always remember that God has a wonderful plan for your life, for your children, and for your grandchildren. Right now you may be experiencing challenges that are greater than anything you have ever faced. Life may seem very dark and threatening but don't lose sight of your God and the fact that He is faithful. He is greater than your problem and because of that you can live with praise filling your heart because you absolutely know that your trial is temporary, but your God is eternal and His plan for you has not, and never will change!



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA

“Never Stop Praying!”



Prayer is an amazing gift. Think about it, The creator of the universe tells us we can ask for His help with any need we might have, be it spiritual, physical, emotional, or financial. His love and care for us amazes me.

In spite of this, we often go through life worrying and trying to figure out how we can fix our problems instead of praying. There is an old song that says, "Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bare. All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer." Why do we do this? I believe the main reason we fail to pray is because there have been times when we prayed and our prayers were not answered. We hate to admit it, and yet we all know it is true, but does that mean we should stop praying? Maybe we need to consider a few things.

First, think about what kind of world this would be if God gave us everything we asked for. No Christian would ever die, all Christians would be incredibly wealthy, other folks would be struck dead, and some would just disappear without explanation. In essence, we would become as God with unlimited power, while at the same time still having a fallen nature. That is a terrifying thought!

Thank God he doesn't answer every prayer!

It is quite obvious God doesn't, and God shouldn't answer every prayer. So, with that thought in mind, how should we approach prayer? The Bible gives us some great help. First and foremost, it is important to remind ourselves that God loves us and has an amazing plan for our lives. When our prayers run contrary to that amazing plan they will not get answered, and then it is our job is to trust Him even though He did not answer our prayers.

Early in our ministry, we thought we wanted to pastor a church in Fremont, Nebraska. We prayed and were so sure it would happen that we even quit our jobs. Imagine our shock when the church did not extend an invitation to us. My husband was so sure those folks had missed God's leading that he asked to be allowed to come a second time to try out. They needed someone to fill the pulpit so they agreed to let us come. We prayed for favor and were sure that this time the outcome would be different. I hate to tell you this, but the second time we received even fewer votes than we did the first time. Obviously, God had a better plan for our lives and now we can look back and see this very clearly.

This explanation would be easy to accept were it not for one fact; often it takes a long time before we see God's master plan become reality in our lives. During this waiting period, **all we can see and all we often focus on** is that God did not give us what we asked for and as a result, we no longer see the value of prayer and we stop praying. So, how can we fix this problem? We must remember there is something else we have been told to do when we pray.

"NEVER STOP PRAYING!"
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Philippians 4:6 Amplified Bible

6 Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition **with thanksgiving**, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God.

I am quite sure God knew He would never answer all our crazy prayers and this would cause us to question the value of prayer. That is why he told us to couple praise and thanksgiving with our prayers.

Some would have us believe that giving thanks is an act of faith that will somehow convince an unwilling God to give us whatever we ask for. I think it is good to thank God before we see our prayers answered, but in these verses that is not what God had in mind. This is revealed two verses later.

Philippians 4:8 KJV

8 Finally, brethren..... if there be **any** praise, think on these things.

Obviously, the thanksgiving He speaks of is not to convince Him to give us what we ask for, but rather to cause us to focus on His faithfulness more than on our needs or how to get our prayers answered. Has God been faithful to you in the past? Then every time you pray you need to remind

yourself of this and if you do you will probably spend more time praising than praying.

His wisdom is amazing!

We do not give our children everything they ask for because we know it would not be good for them. Likewise, God will not grant to us everything we ask, but that does not mean we should stop praying.



The older I get the more I realize there are so many things I can do nothing about. Nothing except pray, and that's what I will do because I am convinced there is no darkness so dark, no addiction so strong, or no heart so hard that God cannot bring freedom and victory. He is a God of miracles who has told us to come boldly before His throne and make our petitions known. So I will keep on praying!

1 Thessalonians 5:17 ICB
"Never stop praying."

PROPHECY UPDATE

"Who Is Going The Wrong Way?"

The following article is based on an illustration Dr. Tony Evans gave in a message he preached at Gateway Church on June 10. Dr. Evans serves as senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, and is a true man of God.

If you are a parent you can probably remember being in a mall or an airport when your child decided to try and run up the down escalator. Folks glared at them, some tried to get them to turn around, and at that moment you probably acted like you didn't know them. How embarrassing! I dare say, most parents can probably relate.

You may want to forget that embarrassing moment, but I am going to try and make sure you never do. Not because I feel you need to pay closer attention to your children, but rather because that experience has a tremendous spiritual application. Today our culture is riding a 'woke' escalator that is headed down both morally and spiritually, and the examples of this are endless.

Many public schools have become indoctrination centers where innocent children are being programmed to be left-wing radicals who hate God, hate their parents, and hate authority. In many schools, children are being taught to question their sexual identity and we have heard of some school districts that are even encouraging gender reassignment.

This escalator is going down!

Twenty-five years ago I warned the people at Resurrection Fellowship that the agenda of the homosexual community was to get the entire world to accept their perversion as a normal lifestyle. Obviously, my words were prophetic and as the years have gone by we can clearly see that. This year we have seen major corporations make strong public statements supporting LGBTQ+ causes. Fasten your seatbelts, it is only going to get worse....much worse!

This escalator is going down!

I must also point out the horrible corruption in our government. Every day we read about it in the news. The politicians who are running this country break the law with total immunity and the Department of Justice refuses to prosecute them while at the same time attacking its political enemies. One has to wonder how long our nation can survive this type of corruption.

This escalator is going down!

There is something else I must warn you about. The woke crowd who are happily riding the woke escalator down to hell are not nice people. They may talk about acceptance, love, and unity but try going up while they are going down and you will quickly find out the truth. Already many Christians have experienced the wrath of the woke crowd.

But this does not mean that you and I must capitulate and go down with all the rest. Yes, some will timidly stand by in fear, but those who set their face as a flint and refuse to go down will find God is there to help them. It is for that reason we must purpose in our hearts to put forth the effort to go up even though our culture is going down. We need not fear for we have God's promise.

Isaiah 41:10-11 Amplified Classic Edition

10 Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My [victorious] right hand of rightness and justice.

11 Behold, all they who are enraged and inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; they who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.