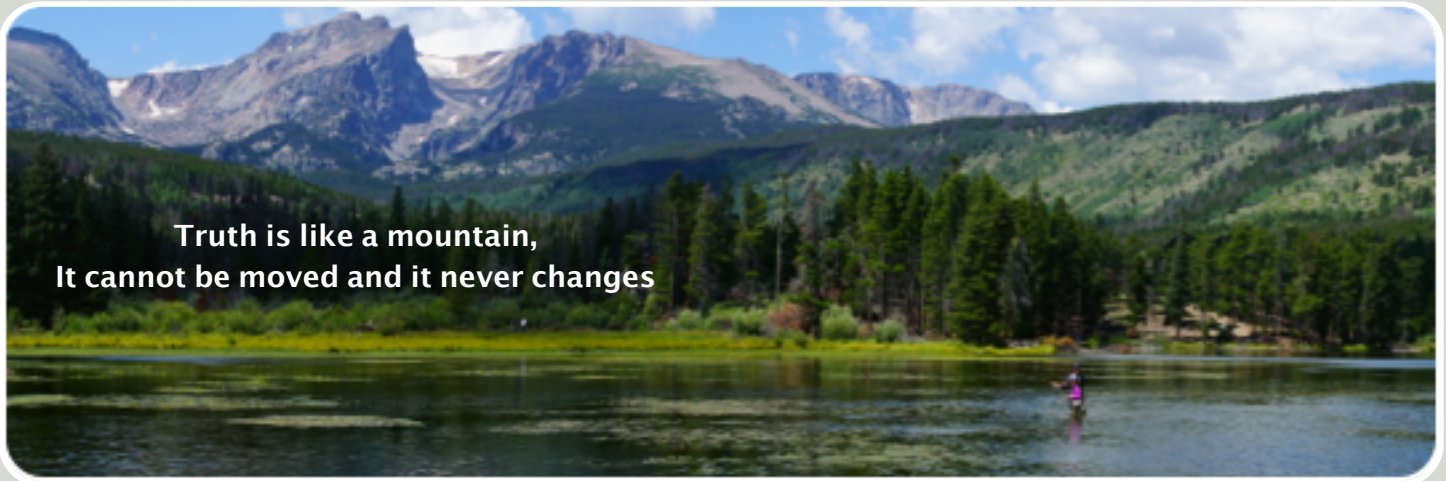


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



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

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This month marks the 75th anniversary of the most important event of the 20th century. On May 14, 1948, Israel rose from the ashes of the death camps of Nazi Germany and was reborn after being driven out of her homeland over 1900 years earlier. Never in the history of mankind had anything like this ever happened before, but it happened because God had spoken it and He always keeps His promises.

In her May article, Miss Linda commemorates this great event and shares some interesting facts you may not be aware of. How privileged we all are to have lived during a time when God fulfilled a promise spoken to the prophets thousands of years ago. This has been one of the greatest proofs of the existence of God the world has ever seen.

And so we say to Israel,

"Happy 75th Birthday!"

FEATURE ARTICLE: "Are You Valuable?"

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!

Many people struggle with their sense of self-worth. They have a hard time seeing themselves as valuable to either God or man, and believe it or not, some are okay with this because they feel it means they are walking in humility. But is this true humility, and is this how God wants us to think? In this article, I give you some guidance with these questions.

It is very important to have a healthy view of one's self-worth, but what we base our feelings on must be right. There are two wrong paths we should avoid because both are based on wrong thinking. Too many base their sense of self-worth upon their accomplishments or lack thereof. On the one hand, there are those who see themselves as failures; they have failed to accomplish their goals or anything of great significance and as a result, they find it impossible to see themselves as valuable.

Then there are those who have experienced things that far exceeded their dreams and as a result, feel really good about themselves. Perhaps they became wealthy, could drive expensive cars, or live in a big house, and because of all this good fortune, they were able to influence many. But does this make them more valuable than those who failed to experience any of these things? These are questions that need to be answered if we are to view ourselves properly.

Like so many others, when I was younger much of my sense of self-worth was based upon my accomplishments and most of that revolved around the church I had pastored and what we had seen God do. I must confess that all this caused me to feel very good about my self-worth. However, as I have gotten older much of my thinking has changed. Please allow me to share those changes with you.

It has now become apparent to me that we should never base our sense of self-worth upon our accomplishments because quite easily they can all be taken away or destroyed. The church, the buildings, and Resurrection Christian School were all great accomplishments, but they can all be destroyed and cease to exist. If that were to happen, would it change my value as a person? Absolutely not! **I now feel that instead of basing my sense of self-worth upon my accomplishments, who I am as a person is far more important and has far greater value.**

Who I am as a person can never be taken away by someone else. My ability to always display Christ to an ugly hate-filled world is the one thing that matters more to me than anything else and gives my life true value. My ability to live each day with a great desire to be a blessing to all I encounter tells me more about myself than anything I ever accomplished. These are the things that matter for eternity and these are the things I believe give my life great significance.

On the day I stand before God, I will never be asked, "How big was your church?" or, "How many buildings did you build?" Rather, I will be judged by how I treated people. Did I pour my life into people and did I live to be a blessing to all I came in contact with? These have become the things of highest value in my mind. I could be wrong, but I highly doubt many young people think this way. I know I didn't.

I pray I have given you some things to think about. What do you base your sense of self-worth upon? People might give many different answers to that question but I tell you the truth, only one is right.

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH