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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

On July 6th, Miss Linda and I will celebrate our 62nd wedding anniversary. It has been 62 years of adventure and blessing that far exceeded anything we could have ever dreamed. We are filled with gratitude and thankfulness for God's amazing goodness.

To celebrate our anniversary, we thought it would be fun to write separate articles on what it takes to have a long, happy marriage. We have not collaborated except to agree to limit our discussions to just three points. In these two articles, you will see a woman's view and a man's view of what it takes to have a happy marriage.

We want you all to know that we are just normal people who have had to learn how to do this thing called marriage. It did not come easily or naturally. We had to work hard at it! But we want you to know that the reward has far exceeded the investment we had to make. We hope you will be blessed by what we have learned in the past 62 years.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "A Man's View of Marriage"

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 our goal. Our 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!

Our marriage can best be described as two people climbing a ladder in a quest to become the best version of themselves possible. There were times we fell off the ladder and had to start over at the bottom. We were stretched, pummeled, and steamrolled as thin as a New York pizza crust, but somehow we survived and are still in love. How did that happen, and how is it possible we are both still happy? The answers to those questions could easily fill the pages of a book, but we have agreed to confine this to just three points. So let's get started.

1. WE WERE IN LOVE

This may sound simple, but it is not as simple as it may appear. Every couple who has ever said, "I do" believed that they had fallen in love. But love is not something you fall into; you fall into a ditch or a mud hole, but you don't fall into love. Instead, true love causes you to commit to climbing ever higher in an attempt to become the best version of yourself possible. Picture in your mind a ladder with steps on each side. I was on one side, and Miss Linda was on the other. With each rung of the ladder, we cast off a little more of our selfishness, and with each rung of the ladder, we grew a little closer to each other.

We are all selfish by nature, and our selfishness poses the greatest threat there is to our marriages. To have a successful marriage, it takes two people who love their mate more than they love themselves. Is that you? Show me a failed marriage and I will show you at least one incredibly selfish person. Adultery is selfish. Fighting to get your own way is selfish. Not putting your mate first is selfish. The list is endless.

Miss Linda and I loved each other, and our love compelled us to always prioritize the happiness of our mate over our own. As we did, we experienced joy and closeness that could never be equaled by getting our own selfish way. Our love was the real deal.

2. WE WERE QUICK TO FORGIVE AND FORGET

Just because we loved each other doesn't mean we didn't have fights. We did! We still do! But early in our marriage, we decided that fighting made us feel terrible, and there was something we could do to fix how we felt. All we needed to do was forgive and forget. Why couples choose to hang on to offenses is a mystery. Does it make them happy? Can it be that their selfishness is what makes them hold on to offenses, even though holding on makes them unhappy and bitter? What they need to do is climb the ladder of love. They might be amazed at how much better they both feel when they reach the top.

3. WE MADE JESUS THE LORD OF OUR LIVES

I know, that's what you would expect a preacher to say, but it's the truth! I cannot see how any couple can have a happy marriage if Jesus isn't the Lord of their lives. Jesus is the one who made it possible for us to love each other more than we love ourselves. Jesus is the one who gave us the strength and motivation to climb the ladder of love. It was Jesus who poured His grace upon us when we both were acting like selfish children, and it was Jesus who gave us the ability to forgive and forget. I think I can safely say that our marriage would have ended in divorce if we didn't have Jesus.

When we first started, we were at the bottom of the ladder. We thought we were close, but now, as we look down from the top of the ladder, we realize what closeness really is, and it's amazing. I wouldn't trade what we have for all the money in the world. I know the limit we set was three, but there is a fourth thing I must include, and that is the role Miss Linda played in our journey. I often tell her that no other woman in the world would have put up with me, and I believe that is true. In my eyes, she was always one rung higher than I. It was her giving heart that inspired me to keep climbing higher. Thank you, Jesus, and thank you, Miss Linda!

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“A Woman's View of Marriage”

On July 4, 1776, the United States declared its independence from Great Britain. Also, in July, my husband and I said "I do" and gave up our independence. From July 6, 1963 forward, we would have to consider the

desires of our mate. We could no longer be independent!

We entered marriage with great expectations of joy and happiness. However, our first year proved to be very difficult. Instead of bringing us happiness, marriage appeared to be a demon sent from hell to destroy our happiness. Divorce was not an option, so we had to come up with some answers that would make this thing work. We asked God for help, and He gave us four simple things that became the foundation stones upon which our marriage was built. Now, 62 years later, we are more in love and happier than we ever could have imagined. How did this miracle happen? I want to share the four things God put in our hearts to do.

1. We were never to go to bed angry.

Jesus said, "It is impossible but that offenses will come." We knew it was going to happen, and nothing we could do would change that. We also knew that the Bible said, "Let not the sun go down on your

wrath." We couldn't stop the sun from going down, so we modified it by agreeing to never go to bed angry. If you go to bed angry, you will wake up angry, and soon that will destroy your marriage. We vowed to stay up and talk about what had happened until we were able to forgive each other and put it behind us. That first year, I thought we would die from a lack of sleep! Many nights we stayed up until dawn, but by doing this, we learned to work our way through anger and strife and find a way to forgive and forget. This proved to be a challenging commitment, but a life-changing tool.

2. We were to always care about each other.

This is just another way of saying, "We promised to put each other first." This became a way of life that helped us navigate many difficult challenges. A good example occurred many years ago when I developed a macular hole in my right eye. I was able to have it surgically repaired, but was given strict orders to lie face down 24/7 for eight weeks. The doctor told me that if I didn't do this, I would go blind in that eye, and it would be irreversible. My dear husband helped me follow the doctor's orders by fixing meals and getting me whatever I needed. He even built an apparatus I could wear at night that made it impossible for me to turn over in my sleep. At my last eye appointment, the doctor said my vision is better in my right eye than in my left eye. It was my husband's care and concern that made the difference. When my husband had his heart surgery, I was the one who gladly stepped up and provided whatever care he needed during his lengthy recovery period.

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3. We were to always rejoice in each other's accomplishments.

I have seen so many couples in ministry who always seem to be in competition with each other. Not only does this produce an unhealthy marriage, it also displeases the Lord. We love to see each other excel at whatever we do. My husband was the best Bible teacher I have ever heard, and never once did I wish I could be the one upfront teaching the congregation. I rejoiced in the anointing God had placed upon him.

Another example is our photography. I want to set the record straight: I am not nearly as good a photographer as he tries to make you think. The main reason I get so many good shots is because he always puts me in the perfect position to be the one most likely to get the shot. Not only that, he also brags on me way more than I deserve. That's just how we operate. We rejoice in the accomplishments of our mate.

4. We were never to grow apart.

We knew that if the two were to become one, it would take focused, purposeful action on our part. I could no longer have my friends, hobbies, and life separate from my husband. That is why, from the beginning, I consciously tried to insert myself into his life. I joined him on his expeditions to find good hunting spots. I watched him climb trees, build tree stands, and even helped drive animals to him. Believe it or not, on our honeymoon we went fishing!

One Mother's Day, my husband bought me a set of golf clubs. I had never played golf, but now he and I began playing together every week. He loved to brag to his friends about my two hole-in-ones. We hiked, we cooked, we did dishes, we worked, and played together. We chased birds through the jungles of Costa Rica. Slowly but surely, our two lives became

intertwined; the two became one.

Yes, marriage can be a cruel, complex creature that requires many pieces fitting together perfectly if couples are to find happiness. However, in our crazy marriage, having just four things present from the beginning made a huge difference. Without them, our marriage would have failed. They are the foundation stones upon which our marriage has been built. Thank you, Jesus, for putting them in our hearts!

JULY 6, 1963



PROPHECY UPDATE

"Is This Ezekiel 38?"

On June 13, Israel attacked targets at more than a dozen locations across Iran. Under the codename Operation Rising Lion, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Mossad damaged key nuclear sites and military installations. They also killed several of Iran's top military leaders.

These attacks were not a surprise. For weeks, Israel had been warning Iran of a coming attack unless efforts to develop a nuclear bomb ceased. Despite the warning, Iran pressed on, and some reports are now saying they were within weeks of developing a nuclear weapon. Indeed, Israel had no choice but to do what was necessary to stop this catastrophe from happening.

Immediately, many prophecy teachers started saying this was the start of the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38. While this made for good clickbait, there was no truth in it. On June 21, something happened that cannot be found in Ezekiel 38. On that day, President Donald Trump bombed Iran's nuclear facilities, completely destroying them, and two days later, a ceasefire was announced. The Israel/Iran war was over.

There are two reasons why Ezekiel 38 should not be connected to the events we have just witnessed, and in this article, I will present them to you. The first is found in Ezekiel 38:11.

Ezekiel 38:11 KJV

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwall'd villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates.

This is not a description of Israel as it exists today. Since her birth in 1948, Israel has never known one day of peace and safety. The peace and safety spoken of here will only come when the antichrist makes a seven-year covenant with Israel,

which will be at the start of the seven-year tribulation period.

The other is found in Ezekiel 38:18;20.

Ezekiel 38:18;20 KJV

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.

20...**and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence...**

The Hebrew word translated here as "**presence**" is to be taken literally. This is easily seen because the same Hebrew word is translated as "presence" 76 times in the Bible, and in each instance refers to the literal presence of either a man or God. When this is applied to Ezekiel 38, it then appears impossible that what we have just seen can be the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38. Donald Trump is a great man who did a great thing, but he is not God. In Ezekiel 38, God Himself will come to fight for Israel, and all around the Earth, men will tremble at His presence. I only see this happening when Jesus returns at the end of the tribulation. Therefore, the timing for the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 must be placed at the end of the tribulation.

It would be nice if what we are seeing today was the start of Ezekiel 38, because that would mean someone had pushed the fast-forward button and skipped the tribulation. But, I assure you, that isn't going to happen.

I must warn you, if you listen to all the voices trying to enter your head, you will undoubtedly find yourself in much turmoil. This is one of the reasons we started publishing **TRUTH**. We hoped it would help God's people remain unshaken by the current events unfolding around them. God is in control, and everything is happening according to His timetable.

Let not your heart be troubled!