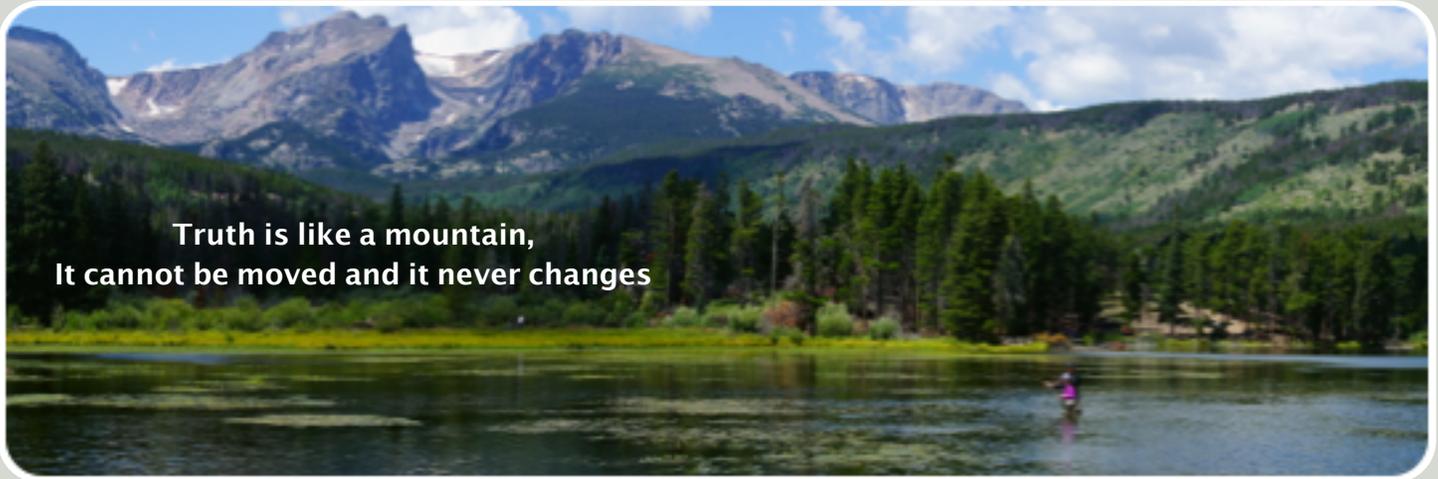


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CURRENT EVENTS ISSUE

# "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 have labeled our Truth Newsletter a "**CURRENT EVENTS ISSUE.**" We don't do this all the time, but really like it when we can use current events as starter thoughts for every article. It is like using the Bible as a glass through which we view what is happening in our world. We also believe this is something our readers really appreciate. Some of what you read may not be new, but some of our material will be about things you probably have not heard. Either way, it will give you a biblical perspective on the news.

If something you read really blesses you, please be sure your friends know about it. Chances are pretty good if it ministered to you, it will also minister to them. This is why we encourage people to subscribe. It is so easy for folks to forget to check the website each month and then miss something that would really bless them.

**Subscribe and this will not happen!**

## Feature Article: "The Miracle of Dorian"

**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!**

In Matthew 8 we read of an amazing display of Jesus' power over all of nature. After a long day of ministry, Jesus and His disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a great storm arose. His disciples were sure they were all going to perish, and in desperation called out for Jesus to do something to save them. He responded by calmly commanding the wind and the waves to be still. Immediately the wind ceased to blow and the waves became calm. The disciples were totally amazed and Matthew records their response.

### **Matthew 8:27 (TPT)**

"The disciples were astonished by this miracle and said to one another, 'Who is this Man? Even the wind and waves obey his Word.'"

Many of us have often wondered what it would have been like to have seen Jesus perform such miracles. But unfortunately, we were born too late to have had such an opportunity. Or were we? **Believe it or not, the entire world witnessed an even greater event back in September.** You probably did not hear about it even though the major news networks knew exactly what happened but refused to air the story. I speak of events connected to Hurricane Dorian.

This hurricane formed as a tropical depression off the northeast coast of Venezuela on August 24th. Four days later it exploded into a full-blown hurricane and started its northwest journey toward the Bahamas. As it continued northwest, it grew in size and intensity. By the time it reached the Bahamas, it was being billed as having the potential to possibly become the worst hurricane in history.

It was packing wind gusts over 220 mph and was continuing to grow. It also was headed directly toward the east coast of Florida. **But then something happened that amazed the world: Dorian stopped moving.**

Ryan Truchelut, chief meteorologist at WeatherTiger in Tallahassee, Florida, said in an interview, "There has never been anything like it.

We've never seen a Category 5 storm stall like that over one point for 36 hours. The energy it unleashed in such a small area has never happened before in the Atlantic."

Then after being downgraded to a Category 3 storm, it did something else no one expected. Instead of continuing toward Florida, it made nearly a 90 degree turn and headed north. The east coast of Florida got some strong winds and heavy rain, but there was almost no damage reported. **Florida had been spared.**

What caused this miraculous turn of events? **Is there a chance that God intervened on behalf of the state of Florida?** I am going to share with you why I believe this is exactly what happened. What you did not hear from the major news networks is the fact that back in May, Florida's Republican Governor Ron DeSantis prayed, while in Israel, that Florida would be spared from hurricanes this year. The Sunshine State governor revealed that he kept with tradition by sticking a slip of paper with a written prayer in between the crevices at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. According to DeSantis the prayer read, "**Good Lord, spare us hurricanes this year.**"

Well, it would certainly appear God answered his prayer. **The path and fury of Hurricane Dorian was unexplainably and historically altered.** Just as Jesus spoke to the winds and they were calmed, God extended His hand and stopped the forward progress of a deadly hurricane as an awesome answer to one man's prayer.

It makes me wonder why the news networks did not report this great news story. Did they not know about it? The truth is, they did know about it because on August 20th Fox News ran the story about Governor DeSantis going to Israel and putting his prayer in the wall. That is how I learned about what he had done. Now I cannot help but wonder, is their memory so bad that just three short weeks later they somehow forgot their own story? I think not.

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The truth is they didn't forget, they just refused to give God any glory for answering the prayer of a godly man. They were too busy trying to demean and discredit our great president.

All of this speaks to the spiritual bankruptcy of our nation. We are a nation who finds God to be a great inconvenience. He is a holy God whose holiness stands directly in opposition to a world that has forgotten His Word and abandoned His commandments. To acknowledge His existence is to also acknowledge our need to repent. Better for us if we can just pretend as if He doesn't even exist.

All this reminds me of something Paul wrote.

**Romans 1:20-22 (TPT)**

“Opposition to truth cannot be excused on the basis of ignorance, because from the creation of the world, the invisible qualities of God's nature have been made visible, such as his eternal power and transcendence. He has made his wonderful attributes easily perceived, **for seeing the visible makes us understand the invisible.** So then, this leaves everyone without excuse.

21 Throughout human history the fingerprints of God were upon them, yet they refused to honor him as God or even be thankful for his kindness. Instead, they entertained corrupt and foolish thoughts about what God was like. This left them with nothing but misguided hearts, steeped in moral darkness.”

These verses describe what Fox News did with the miracle of Dorian. **God made the invisible to be easily perceived by what we saw that was visible, and yet Fox News refused to acknowledge it.** They chose to bury it. Verse 22 goes on to describe them “to a T.”

**Romans 1:22 (TPT)**

“Although claiming to be super-intelligent, they were in fact shallow fools.”

While it would be very easy to just use this as an example of a world unwilling to acknowledge the existence of God, I believe there is a far more positive truth we can harvest. In every dark situation there is always something positive for us to see if we just look for it.

When I saw the video of the immense destruction Hurricane Dorian left behind in the Bahamas, I was stunned. I cannot remember ever seeing any devastation so total and complete. I have seen the destruction caused by tornados, but this was multiplied 100 times. I could not help but think about what could have happened to Florida.

But the fact remains, thank God it didn't. I then began to think about what one man did that changed everything. I am sure many others in Florida were also praying, but to have the state's governor pray back in May before Hurricane Dorian was even a thought had to be very significant. Without doubt, this man's prayer touched the heart of God.

I think there is a lesson in this for all of us. I know in my life there have been times when I felt as if my prayers seemed to fall on deaf ears. Why pray? Nothing seems to change. I am sure many of you have felt the same way from time to time. I don't want to make you feel condemned by this. Instead, I want to encourage you to renew your commitment to pray about everything.

Pray even when you don't see an answer. Keep praying even when your situation seems impossible. Pray more fervently when everything inside of you is screaming that it will do no good. Don't give up! Let your prayers be coupled with thanksgiving and praise. **Be relentless!** Refuse to spend even one second thinking about times your prayers may have gone unanswered. Rather, grab hold of God's promises and refuse to let go.

**And never forget...**

“...tremendous power is released through the passionate, heartfelt prayer of a godly believer!”

**James 5:16 (TPT)**

**AND THAT MY FRIENDS  
IS THE TRUTH!**



## A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



### ***“HE IS MY ROCK AND MY FORTRESS”***

We are living in a time the Bible calls the “**last days.**” This is something I am absolutely certain of. In fact, I am more certain of this than anything else I have ever

believed. What the Bible has to say about this is too obvious for me to have any doubts.

#### **2 Timothy 3:1-5 (TPT)**

Characteristics of the Last Days

“But you need to be aware that in the final days the culture of society will become extremely fierce and difficult for the people of God. 2 People will be self-centered lovers of themselves and obsessed with money. They will boast of great things as they strut around in their arrogant pride and mock all that is right. They will ignore their own families. They will be ungrateful and ungodly.

3 They will become addicted to hateful and malicious slander. Slaves to their desires, they will be ferocious, belligerent haters of what is good and right. 4 With brutal treachery, they will act without restraint, bigoted and wrapped in clouds of their conceit. They will find their delight in the pleasures of this world more than the pleasures of the loving God.

5 They may pretend to have a respect for God, but in reality they want nothing to do with God’s power. Stay away from people like these!”

It seems as if every day we are confronted with the things this scripture tells us will be happening in the last days. The corruption in politics, the arrogant pride, the mocking of good, the hateful slander, and the apostasy we see in some churches are all things we have been warned about. But the thing that stands out most to me is the last half of verse one: “**...the culture of society will become extremely fierce and difficult for the people of God.**”

Yes, it is difficult to see the world my grandchildren are inheriting become more and more ungodly each day. It bothers me more than I can say. What horrible things will they have to deal with? When I have days that I see these things happening, I do my best to not forget who my Rock and my Fortress is.

#### **Psalm 71:1-3 (KJV)**

“In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.”

A trip to Israel really helped me to understand why David referred to the Lord as his rock and fortress. While in Israel, we would spend an entire day exploring the area of the Dead Sea where David wrote most of his psalms while fleeing from Saul. One site we always visited was Masada. We would take the gondola to the top of this fortress and spend hours exploring this special place.

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Masada is very impressive as you view it from below. But when you stand on top and look down, it's a “WOW!” The word Masada means “a fortress” and it was there that 300 Jewish zealots took refuge while resisting the Roman army. It was there that Psalm 71 and Psalm 62 became very meaningful to me.

**Psalm 62:6-7 (AMP)**

“He only is my rock and my salvation;  
My fortress (Masada) and my defense, I will not be shaken or discouraged.

7 On God my salvation and my glory rest; He is my rock of [unyielding] strength, my refuge is in God.”

Yes, we are living in perilous times and it is only going to get worse. But we should not let our hearts be overwhelmed or filled with fear. **We have our Masada! He is a strong and high fortress and in Him there is a place of refuge and safety.**

As we get closer to the coming of the Lord, we are going to need to learn to keep our hearts and minds focused on the things His Word says. That is the only way we will be able to remain strong, unshaken, and filled with faith. That is the only way we will be able to live with hope and not fear. And that is the only way we will be able to continue to be bold and courageous.

**He is our Masada!**



**AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH**

# P R O P H E C Y   U P D A T E

## “I WILL NOT FEAR!”

Three years ago this month, the world changed when Donald Trump was elected President of the United States. In the first three years of his presidency, this man has done more to change the course of this nation than perhaps any president in history. Like him or not, you will find it hard to dispute what I have just said.

At the same time, a former bartender from New York was elected who equally captured my attention, but for a much different reason. Almost daily she has provided all of us with an unending source of enjoyment and laughter as she says things that rival the humor of any stand-up comic. I am sure you all know I am speaking of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Her most amazing statement has been that she lays awake at night filled with worry and fear because we only have 12 years before we will all be dead. In September she also said, **“In a few years Miami will be under water.”**

While all of this has brought many of us some much-needed humor, it also has a very sinister side to it that causes me great concern. The dark side of her “save the earth” hysteric rhetoric was made very clear back in September when I watched the video of Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old girl from Sweden, making an appeal to world leaders to do something to stop climate change before it is too late. **This young girl had obviously been very well coached and also completely traumatized by global warming hysteria.** It appeared to me that she was filled with a very large amount of fear.

I am not going to get into a debate about the issue of climate change. You have a right to your opinion and I have a right to mine. But what I want to stress is that we all need to understand that fear should have no place in our life. Fear is a thief that will steal the life God wants you to experience. Fear will fill every day of your life with darkness.

Fear will paralyze you and keep you from walking into the blessings God has for you. For sure, fear will steal the joy of the Lord from you.

Sixty-two times in your Bible you will find the words **“fear not.”** Over and over Jesus told His disciples, **“Fear not.”** Because our world has become what it is, these two words have become more relevant than ever before. The people who have been predicting the end of life as we know it on planet earth are not going to go away. The predictions they made 50 years ago have not come to pass, yet today they continue to try and herd us by using the same fear tactics.

**I am most concerned for our grandchildren.** They have not been given the advantage of seeing the **“inconvenient truth”** that Al Gore was wrong. The fact that Al Gore’s predictions have failed to come to pass is not being taught in our schools. Rather, your children are being taught the same things Al Gore said with the only difference being, the dates have been changed. Parents, you need to be very alert for signs your child may be starting to be filled with fear and anxiety. Teach them to keep their eyes on Jesus. And never forget, in spite of anything you may hear from people like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, you have nothing to fear because she is not defining the future of this planet. **God is still in control!**

### **Psalm 46:1-3 The Passion Translation (TPT)**

“You’re a proven help in time of trouble—  
more than enough and always available whenever I need you.

2 So we will never fear even if every structure of support were to crumble away. We will not fear even when the earth quakes and shakes, moving mountains and casting them into the sea.

3 For the raging roar of stormy winds and crashing waves cannot erode our faith in you.”

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