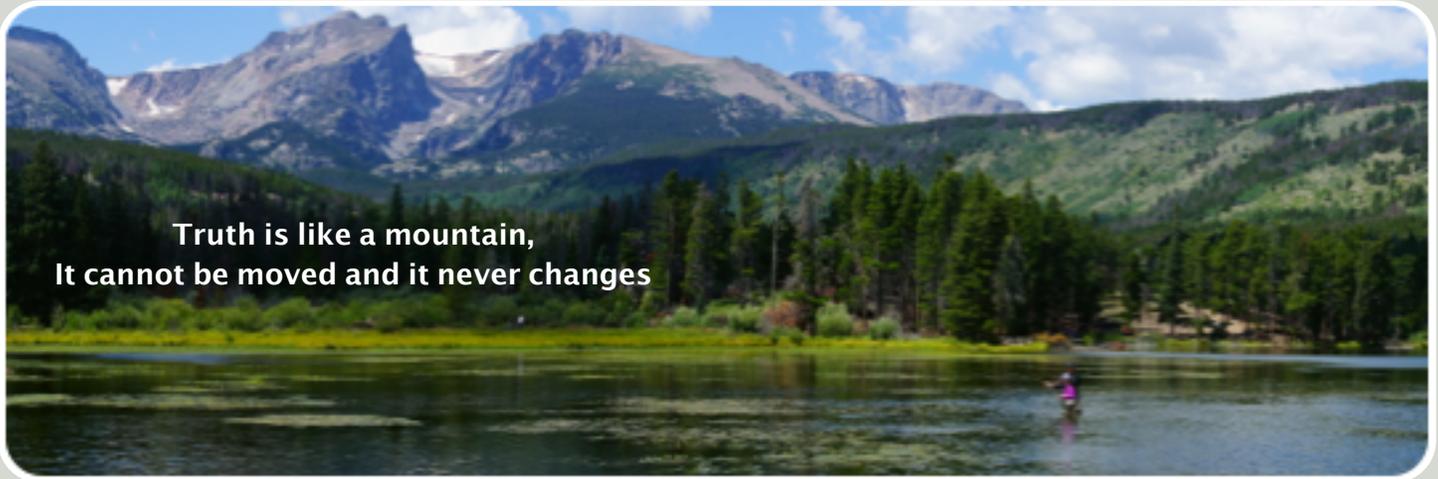


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# “TRUTH”

**A SURE WORD  
FOR TODAY**



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

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## WEBSITE UPDATE

We want to thank all who supported our ministry during the month of June. It was a month filled with both mountain tops and valleys.

In June we had to replace our computer. Not only was this expensive, but also caused some major headache because when we transferred our data to the new computer we lost the template for our newsletter. Rebuilding the template took many dozens of hours. But as always, God helped us get it done.

However, we also experienced great victory. The way we determine if our website and newsletters are of real value to people is by the number of views we have each month. June proved to be amazing. We surpassed our previous record number of views by over 600!

We give all the glory to God but also want to thank all of you who told your friends about our website or shared the Facebook post Miss Linda shares each month. Thank you so much!

FEATURE ARTICLE: Revival-Part 4  
"Is God Really With Us?"

**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!**

For the past three months, I have been writing about revival. I realize some may not be interested in this subject and by now have quit reading these articles. However, I also believe there are many others who see revival as one of the most important subjects of our day. Without a major outpouring of God's Spirit, the world our grandchildren will inherit is going to be a very frightening place. For this reason, I shall continue to focus on what I believe is coming. This month I will start with a review.

**In April** I talked about the need for people to be desperate for a great outpouring of God's Spirit. TRUTH: Only those who are desperate will welcome and embrace revival.

**In May** I tried to show you why revivals of the past started outside the church and were embraced by so few churches and denominations. TRUTH: God is still able to use churches that are unwilling to allow Him to do a new thing.

**Last month** I showed you what the real problem is when it comes to churches embracing a fresh, new move of God. Our churches today are filled with people who chose their church home because they liked what it offered. The things they looked for varied depending on the needs of each individual family.

Then I pointed out that the one thing **NOT** on most people's list is a tangible, life-changing encounter with God's Spirit.

We all know that God is present everywhere, all the time. But we need to understand that it is one thing for God to be present, and quite another for us to be aware of His awesome, holy presence. The difference is huge!

Today most churches have a head knowledge that the Holy Spirit is present in their services. This is Church 101. Prior to experiencing revival, we used to quote **Matthew 13:20**: "...where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We couldn't feel Him, but we accepted by faith that He was with us.

However, after God poured out His Spirit, we no longer needed to resort to quoting a verse to remind ourselves that He was in our midst. There was a powerful, tangible sense of the reality that Jesus was in the room! This, more than anything else, is what separates revival from church. I must help you see and understand the difference.

Yes, last Sunday the Holy Spirit was in your church. But did anyone even notice? Was the awesome, amazing presence of the Holy Spirit front and center, or was He sitting in the back row in total silence? The pastor did his thing, and the worship leaders did their thing, and if someone asked us what exactly these folks did, we could easily tell them. But could we just as easily tell someone what amazing things Jesus did? Too often people come sick and they leave sick. People come with broken lives and broken marriages and leave broken. Sinners come bound by the chains of their sin and leave as they came. Worship leaders become frustrated song leaders who struggle to usher God's people into the presence of Jesus where they can be healed, set free, and delivered.

**In this kind of spiritual environment, the church becomes very vulnerable to false teaching.** The reason for this is because a church that lacks the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit is of no interest to sinners; it has nothing to offer them. To counter this, some pastors start searching for a new approach or message they think will make the church more relevant and appealing. Unfortunately, the true message of salvation is usually sacrificed. No longer are sinners given an invitation to experience changed lives through faith in Christ. **At the same time, those who still dare to call sinners to repentance are labeled as lacking love and being judgmental.**

This horrible spiritual condition grieves my heart because I know what God can do. I have seen His power firsthand, and I will never accept less. To accept less is to deny the power of the cross.

## FEATURE ARTICLE: "Is God Really With Us?"

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What would the Apostle Paul say about all this?

"I refuse to be ashamed of sharing the wonderful message of God's liberating power unleashed in us through Christ!"

**Romans 1:16 (TPT)**

Oh, how different revival is! **Revival is not about anything man does; rather it is all about what God is doing.** The broken are healed by His power, the lost are restored to all God created them to be, and lives are forever changed! In the atmosphere of revival, you see people come alive unto God in a way a thousand church services can never replicate. Why is this? The answer is very simple. We were created by God to be in intimate fellowship with Him. In His presence we come alive spiritually, and in His presence, we grow. "...in Him we live and move and have our being." (**Acts 17:28 NKJV**) Nothing can ever replace Him. For sure no church, no matter how good it might be, can ever replace a genuine encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Does just talking about this stir something deep inside you? Is this something your inner man cries out for? Do you long for a place where you can encounter Jesus in such a powerful, life-changing way? Is this really what you want for your church? Before you answer, there is something you need to consider.

When people encounter the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit, they never respond in a nonchalant way. This is not the same as being greeted by the greeters who stand at the door of every church in America. This is not the same as having the pastor shake your hand. This is heaven invading earth. This is the supernatural world colliding with the natural world.

What we all need to remember is that people who encounter God in this powerful, supernatural atmosphere will respond in many different ways. Some may dance for joy, while others fall on their faces in deep repentance, accompanied by deep sobs of agony over their lost condition. Still others may shout for joy because they have been delivered from the bondage of sin that has held them captive for many years.

In Acts chapter 2, there is a good reason why those who experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit were accused of being drunk! These responses to the Holy Spirit's presence are what makes revival so wonderful and, at the same time, so unacceptable to most churches. If only we could have revival, but not all these emotional outbursts. Well, it's not going to happen, nor should it. Perhaps we need to take a moment and ask ourselves a question. Someday when we get to heaven and are ushered into the throne room of God, will we act no different from how we now act in church each Sunday? I surely hope not!

What I am trying to say is that the very thing our heart cries out for is the same thing that is not welcome in most churches. Most people want church to be quiet, dignified, and proper. The last thing they want to see is an outward display of great emotion by people who have encountered Jesus in all His power and glory.

Over and over I have said that I do not know what the next great outpouring of the Holy Spirit will look like. I stand by that statement. However, I do know what it won't look like. It won't look like what you experienced at your church last Sunday. You may not like that, but before you get offended, you need to consider that if you reject it, you have doomed yourself to never experiencing any more than what you had last Sunday. Is that really what you want?

I tell you the truth (I do not lie); God has more for you and your church. If a church will allow Jesus to get off the back row and stand front and center, people will come by the hundreds and thousands to see Him and experience His life-changing power. Read the four gospels and you will observe that this is what happened everywhere Jesus went. He will still draw multitudes today.

When will this start to happen? I do not know. Will it happen again in my lifetime? I cannot say. But this I do know, when and if it does happen, it will forever change the world, and the lives of my children, my grandchildren, and my great-grandchildren.

**LORD...**

**POUR YOUR SPIRIT OUT ONCE AGAIN!**

AND THAT MY FRIENDS  
IS THE TRUTH



## A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



### **“I AM NOT AN ENABLER!”**

The other day my husband told me that my great love and affection for our grandchildren was causing me to get very close to becoming an

"enabler". I responded by letting him know in no uncertain terms, that even if I was guilty as charged, I wasn't about to change. Grandmothers are supposed to have compassion for their grandchildren! If they come home from school hungry, I feed them. That sounds like something right out of the Bible. Now of course, I want my love and compassion for my grandchildren to always be a good thing. So, I make sure the snacks I give them are healthy...most of the time. Aren't grandparents permitted to spoil their grandkids just a little bit?

All this got me to thinking; what place should compassion play in the life of the believer? I love the scriptures that remind us of the great compassion God has for His children.

**“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.” Psalm 86:15 (KJV)**

“It is of the Lord's **mercies** that we are not consumed, because his **compassions** fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.” **Lamentations 3:22-23 (KJV)**

Both the Hebrew and Greek describe compassion as: **“a feeling of tender love, pity, inward affection, sympathy and tender mercy, that comes from deep within.”**

I find it interesting that in both the scriptures and the definition, **“mercy”** and **“compassion”** are connected. If you think about it, it really makes sense. If we don't have mercy, we tend to slip into judgment rather than being filled with a deep compassion that moves us.

During his life, Jesus revealed the heart of the Father by being “moved with compassion” many times. He also taught about our Father's compassion in the parable of the prodigal son. Without doubt, we who claim to be followers of Christ should likewise be filled with mercy and compassion as we see broken lives all around us.

Because we are surrounded by so much pain and brokenness, it is very easy to become hardened to the misfortune of others. This is something we continually need to guard against.

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I have some things I do that have helped me avoid this. I often ask myself how I would feel if this were happening to my brother or sister, my son or daughter, or grandchild. I have found this helps me look at the needs of others through a different set of eyes.

Another thing that helps is to never forget the things we have gone through in our past. When you have personally experienced a time of great trial, you are better able to reach out with compassion to those who may be facing a trial or adversity now.

Not long ago, we had an opportunity to share with a couple where the husband had recently experienced a very severe heart attack. Twenty-two years ago my husband had open heart surgery, so we were filled with empathy and compassion for not only the husband, but also his precious wife. Not only could we show compassion, but we also were able to offer encouragement and hope.

**Without question, to be filled with compassion is to be Christ-like. But is there a danger of carrying this to the point where we become enablers?** Like it or not, this is something we must consider. We want our compassion to help people, and never become a hindrance to God working in their lives. My husband was joking when he told me I was getting close to becoming an enabler in my grandchildren's lives. At least I hope so, because this is a serious matter.

Giving irresponsible people additional opportunities to take advantage of you is not showing compassion. Furthermore, God assuredly doesn't want you to facilitate their irresponsible behavior. This is something we all face every time we see someone on a street corner with a sign asking for help. I often wonder if that person with a dog and a large backpack has tried to get a job. We also need to remember that our gift of money may be used to enable them to continue their addiction.

Unfortunately, some people seem unable to exercise **"tough love."** These are the people who become enablers. Often their gifts of kindness and compassion only serve to help someone continue a lifestyle that will eventually destroy them.

The hardest situations occur when a family member chooses to live a life of sin and rebellion. It takes great courage and wisdom to say "No" to those who are reaping the fruit of their rebellion. Some feel condemned for what appears to be an unloving and uncaring attitude, but they shouldn't. There comes a time when we must realize that the only thing that will help our loved one is deep repentance. **Our giving only delays this and may be helping them to continue being lazy, irresponsible, and sometimes addicted to their harmful lifestyle.**

To make things even more difficult, I want to add one more thought that must be considered. In situations like this, there can never be a hard, unchangeable set of rules. We must "never say never." There have been times when my husband and I encountered a homeless person and knew God was saying, "Tell them that God loves them and has a plan for their life." **Needless to say, "God loves you" goes a lot further and carries a lot more weight if it is accompanied with something tangible.**

I shall never forget the night my husband brought home a complete stranger he had picked up out on the interstate. It was a dark, windy, rainy night, and he felt God told him to offer the guy a ride and a place to spend the night. This was one time I wasn't so sure my husband had heard from God. I do not recommend this! We lived through the night, and after breakfast the next morning, we took him back to the interstate and said goodbye. We turned the car around and to our amazement...the man had vanished!

Hmmm...I wonder if...???

My prayer for you is that God would give you the wisdom you need to walk in compassion and yet not become an enabler.

Oh, and for the record, I am not enabling my grandchildren to live rebellious lives!

**They are perfect!**

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH

# PROPHECY UPDATE

By now I am sure there are some of our readers who have become a bit weary of, month after month, reading about what is happening in Syria. I totally understand, but there just isn't anything that even remotely equals the importance of what we see happening in Syria.

The month of April dramatically illustrated this fact. In the past I have stated that the fulfillment of Bible prophecy often appears to be in slow-motion; so slow that it seems as if nothing is happening. Such was not the case in April. In April we witnessed events in Syria that totally fit the alignment of nations that was revealed to Ezekiel thousands of years ago.

The month started with Russia, Turkey, and Iran holding a summit in Ankara to discuss the future of Syria. You might recall that last December I wrote, **"In 2017 we saw the total collapse of the nation of Syria. Yes, Syria still exists, but all that is left now is a puppet government totally controlled by Russia."** This summit proves that what I said was indeed true. The ones now calling the shots in Syria are Russia, Turkey, and Iran. One of the spin-offs of Russia's military intervention in Syria has been a huge buildup of an Iranian military presence.

Needless to say, all this is of great concern to Israel. A number of times Israel has appealed to Russia to not allow any Iranian military in Syria. And of course, their request fell on deaf ears and Israel was forced to inform the world that they would not tolerate what was happening.

The Israelis are not the kind to make empty threats. One week after saying they would not tolerate Iranian soldiers in Syria, they fired five missiles from two F-15s at an airbase near Homs, Syria. The Russian Defense Ministry reportedly said that Israel was responsible for the strikes, which left at least 14 people dead. As would be expected, Russia was furious and two weeks later announced that they would be supplying Syria with their advanced S-300 anti-aircraft missile system.

They also warned of **"catastrophic"** consequences for all sides should Israel or the US attack the missile batteries. They went on to say that components of the S-300, including radar stations,

control posts, and launchers would soon be delivered to Syria by the Russian military, either by air transport or via the Russian Navy, which has a base at Tartus on the Syrian coast.

Two days later Israeli Defense Minister, Avigdor Lieberman, said in an interview with Ynetnews that Israel would be prepared to strike any S-300 missile defense system in Syria that fired on their aircraft. "What's important to us is that the defensive weapons the Russians are giving Syria won't be used against us," Lieberman stressed. "If they're used against us, we'll act against them. **If someone fires at our planes, we will destroy them.**"

All of this proved to be more than just chest-beating when on May 10th, Iran attacked Israel with a barrage of missiles. First reports stated that Iran fired at least 20 missiles, but subsequent reports asserted that the actual figure was 32.

Israel responded by attacking over 20 Iranian targets in Syria. During the course of these attacks, Syria fired over 100 surface-to-air missiles, none of which were able to bring down any IDF planes. As Israel had promised, all the missile batteries involved were destroyed.

Two weeks later, Vladimir Putin announced that Russia would not be sending the S-300 surface-to-air defense system to Syria. As of this writing, over half of Syria's air defenses have been totally destroyed.

**There is no doubt in my mind that we are headed towards the total fulfillment of Ezekiel 38-39.** The hook has been set in Putin's jaw and God is bringing him down to his destruction, just as He said He would. I encourage you to again read those two chapters. You will still have many unanswered questions, but that is OK. **When it comes to Bible prophecy, we understand Scripture more clearly as we view current events, and we understand current events more clearly by viewing them through the lens of Scripture.**

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