



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



Time To Stand Tall

We all know our posture is important and that is why most parents remind their children to stand up straight and never slouch. We all know there is a right way and a wrong way to

carry ourselves. But, did you know this can also be applied to our spiritual posture?

Today it seems like so many Christians are stressed and burdened about the spiritual condition of our world and their concern often shows in their entire demeanor. They appear to have lost their joy and look defeated and depressed. I will be the first to admit, there is a lot to be concerned about, but is that really what Jesus wants His church to look and feel like?

As I thought about this issue it seemed to me the best way to deal with this question was to see what Jesus had to say about it. In a nutshell here is what He told us: "Don't be troubled, believe in Me, be watchful, ready, and stay strong."

I think the Message translation says it best.

Luke 21:28 Message

28 When all this starts to happen, up on your feet...

Stand tall with your heads high....

Now that sounds like proper spiritual posture! This verse causes something strong to rise up in me that says we must never allow what is happening in our world to intimidate us or cause us to be bowed down with a heavy spirit. To do so would be contrary to everything we find in God's Word. There are so many scriptures that tell us this, but two of my favorites are 2Timothy 1:7 and Joshua 1:9.

2 Timothy 1:7 Amplified

7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control].

Joshua 1:9 Amplified

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Our world probably isn't going to get any better so in these dark days we must learn to carry ourselves like this. I have to admit that in the last year, I have often thought, "How long can this go on and how bad is it going to get?" It seems like people are getting more weird and ungodly every day.

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The sights John and I see often make us shake our heads in disbelief. What is happening to humanity? When we listen to the news we are shocked by the hatred, killing, and cruelty reported every day. In times past we would hear of a mass killing maybe once a year. Then it increased to about once each month, and now it is not unusual to hear of some senseless act of violence that ends the lives of many nearly every day.

Where are we headed and what should be in our hearts as we consider the future? Like never before we must pray for a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit that will touch this world one more time before Jesus returns. God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. **Only a great move of God can rescue this generation.**

But, we must also realize that at some point in time God will declare that this dispensation of grace is over and the time of His wrath has come. If you don't believe that, you don't believe the Bible. Remember, according to scripture, that great moment in time will come at the darkest time in human history. But, even if we are in that dark time, there is no reason to be burdened down and defeated.

The reason I say that is because the darker it gets, the closer we know the return of Jesus is. Yes, He is coming back and if you don't believe that, you don't believe the Bible. Jesus promised it,

angels confirmed it, and the apostles proclaimed it. Without a doubt, Jesus is coming back!

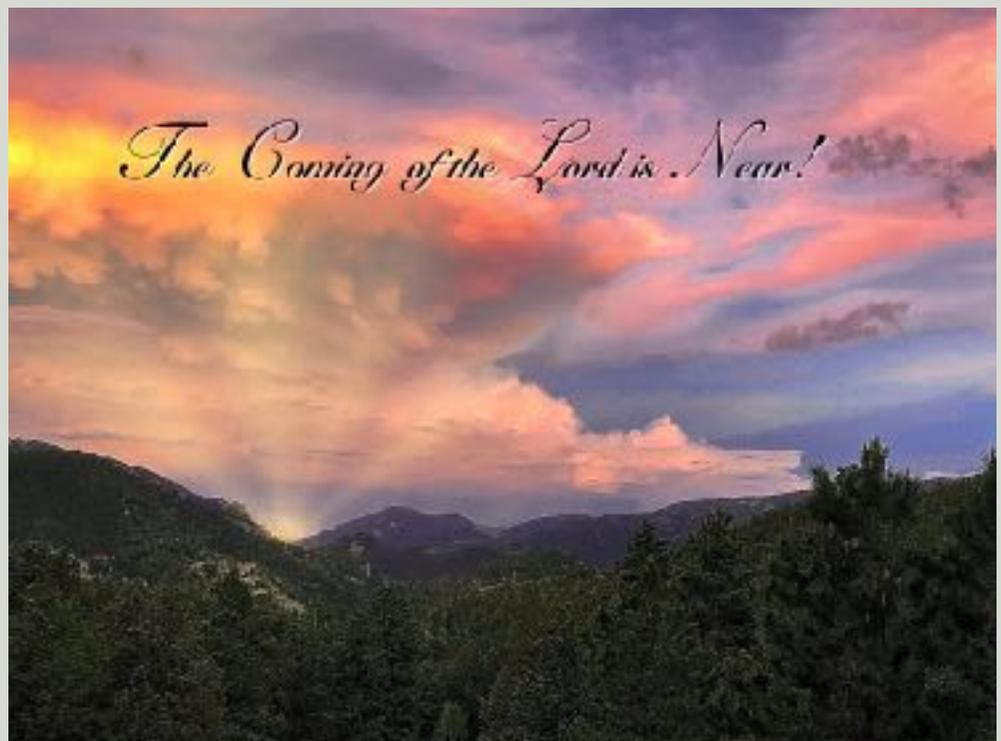
John 14:1-3 Amplified Bible

1 "Do not let your heart be troubled (afraid, cowardly). Believe [confidently] in God and trust in Him, [have faith, hold on to it, rely on it, keep going and] believe also in Me.

2 In My Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and I will take you to Myself so that where I am you may be also.

So, listen to your Mother; stop walking around weary and discouraged. Stand up straight and live with the wonderful knowledge that you may be the rapture generation!



AND THAT MY FRIENDS
IS THE TRUTH!