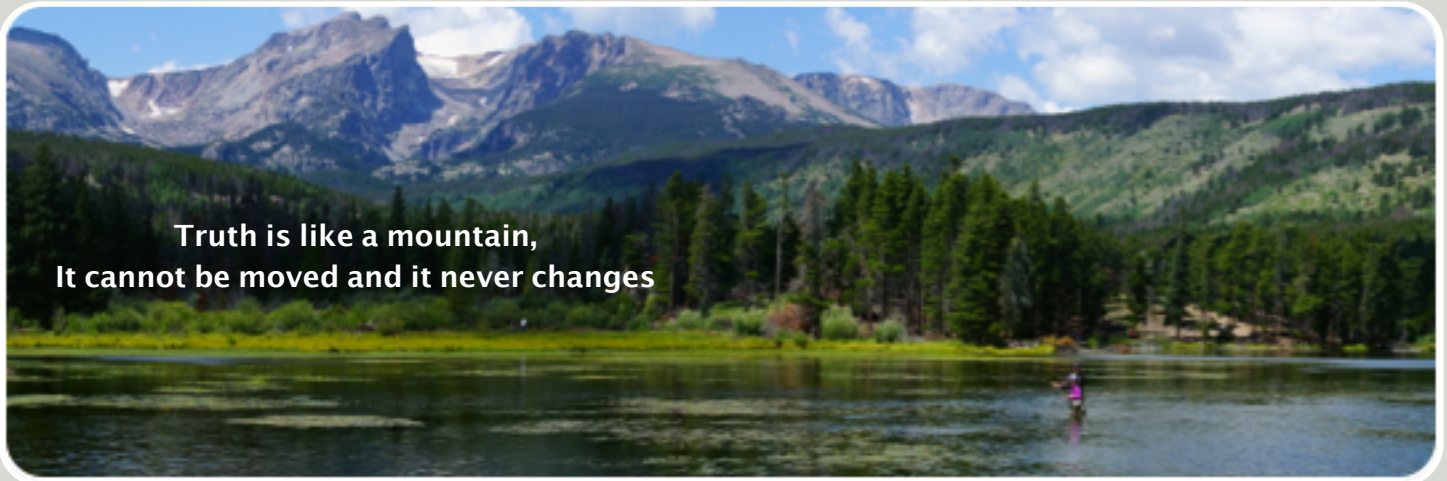


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# "TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD  
FOR TODAY**



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

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## UPDATE

This month, we are updating the format of our newsletter. Instead of having both a Feature Article and a Prophecy Update, we will focus solely on the Feature Article, which will be part of a new prophecy series titled,

### **"Understanding the Times."**

This change is temporary and ends after the April edition.

Understanding the times we live in is crucial. If people don't recognize the significance of the present moment, how can they prepare for what lies ahead?

Our hope is that by the end of this series, every subscriber will be thoroughly convinced that we are living in the season of Christ's return. Those who fail to recognize this truth risk being unprepared for what's to come and might be one of those the scriptures call "willfully ignorant." Don't be one of them!

## FEATURE ARTICLE: "Understanding The Times" Part 1

**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!**

As we step into 2025, our world is facing a massive array of challenges. Global crises abound, and we are surrounded by danger and uncertainties. Not a day goes by that our sense of right and wrong is not assaulted by the insanity happening in our nation and our world. In light of these turbulent times, it is essential for us to understand the era we are living in and how to cope with it, particularly from a biblical perspective. That is what this series is about.

The first issue I want to address is the misunderstanding many people have about something Jesus said in Matthew 24. This well-known prophetic chapter starts with Jesus' disciples asking him a three-part question.

### **Matthew 24:3 KJV**

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, (1) Tell us, when shall these things be? (2) **and what shall be the sign of thy coming,** (3) and of the end of the world?

Jesus then gave them a very long answer in chapters 24 and 25, which totaled 96 verses. By comparison, the sermon on the Mount was only 13 verses longer. Obviously, Jesus considered this subject very important, and so should we.

I do not understand all that He said, but I want to focus on one verse I do understand.

### **Matthew 24:36 KJV**

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Based on this verse, many believe we cannot know when Jesus will return. Is this what Jesus said, or is there something more we should

consider? The answer to that question lies in what He said in the next three verses.

### **Matthew 24:37- 39 KJV**

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,  
39 **And knew not** until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Let's take this apart verse by verse. Jesus uses the flood in Noah's time as an example of what His second coming will be like. First, he points out that life before the flood was normal, and the people who perished had no idea that judgment would soon be unleashed upon them. This raises several questions. How is it possible that a 500-foot boat could sit like the elephant in the room, Noah could preach repentance for 75 years, and suddenly and inexplicably thousands of pairs of animals could appear and enter that boat, and yet the people who saw these things not have any idea of what was about to happen? That does not compute!

### **I'm sorry, but I need some answers!**

The answers we seek lie in the words of the Apostle Peter, who writes about Jesus's return.

### **2 Peter 3:3-4 KJV**

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,  
4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

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Then Peter also uses the flood as an example.

### **2 Peter 3:5-6 (KJV)**

5 For this **they willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water;

**6 whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.**

In verse 5, he explains how people will be completely surprised when Jesus returns. He says that today's scoffers will be "**willingly ignorant.**" This means that despite all the signs around them, they will choose to ignore everything they see or hear. This also explains how the flood was a total surprise to the people of Noah's day. They could have, should have, and would have known if they had not chosen to ignore what they saw happening.

Today, like in Noah's day, most people ignore the signs of Jesus' soon return. They do not want to acknowledge that His return is imminent because doing so would disrupt their wicked, carnal lifestyle. As a result, they will perish like the people of Noah's day.

Others will not know the exact day or hour, but His coming will not surprise them. **They will be expecting it because every day, they will be seeing signs that His return is imminent.** The flood was no surprise to Noah or his family, and the return of Jesus will not be a surprise to us. In 1 Thessalonians, Paul confirms this with a clear and powerful teaching.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 KJV**

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

**2 For yourselves know perfectly** that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when **they** shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction **cometh upon them**, as travail upon a woman with child; and **they shall not escape.**

What Paul says here is unmistakable. He clearly distinguishes between those who know and those who don't. In verse 2, he mentions those who know; in verse 3, he mentions those who don't; and in verse 4, he makes the clearest statement found in the Bible about whether or not we can know that Jesus' return is near.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:4 KJV**

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

It is true that we will not know the day or the hour, but we will know when we are in the season of His return. This knowledge will guide and sustain us as governments, monetary systems, and ecosystems collapse. The things we have relied on as crucial parts of life will crumble as His return draws near, but we who know will stand unmoved.

Paul concludes this teaching with these wonderful words of comfort:

### **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 KJV**

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Next month, we will examine the signs we should look for when trying to determine whether we are in the season of His glorious return. You won't want to miss that article.

**Maranatha !**

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## A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



### *“Dealing With Doubt”*

Here we are in 2025, and what a blessing it is to begin a new year! 2024 brought its share of challenges, but we made it through, and God’s faithfulness was evident every step of the way. Though the journey left us weary, we

ended the year strong in the Lord. I know that not everyone emerges from difficult seasons with their faith intact, so let’s take a look at why this happens and how it can be avoided.

One thing I’ve observed is that those who struggle the most are often those who are newer in their faith. In the natural world, the young often become the target of predators, and similarly, Satan, the enemy of our souls, often targets new or immature believers. But here’s some good news: just as a young tree grows stronger as it withstands the storms, our faith can grow through every challenge we face in life.

When we’re new in our walk with God, we often expect things to go smoothly and for every prayer to be answered the way we desire. But true faith isn’t about getting everything we ask for—it’s about

trusting God’s wisdom and timing, even when things don’t go as planned. For those more mature in their faith, this is a reality they have accepted. But for new believers, this can be a harsh lesson to learn, and if they don’t learn it, doubt can enter in.

#### **THE DANGERS OF DOUBT**

James 1:6 tells us how dangerous doubt can be.

#### **James 1:6 NIV**

6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because **the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.**

Doubt, left unchecked, can be incredibly destructive to our spiritual well-being. It can make us question God’s presence, His goodness, and even our salvation. But it’s important to remember: doubt doesn’t have to define us. We can face doubt head-on and allow God to strengthen and mature us through life’s challenges.

One thing remained certain throughout the challenges we faced in 2024: we never doubted God’s faithfulness. This isn’t to boast but to highlight the importance of having a firm foundation built by many years of trusting God through various seasons, even when we could not see the whole picture. So, what can we all do to develop a mature faith that gives us a firm foundation to stand on? I want to share two key things.

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One of the first lessons we learn as we grow in faith is that suffering through life's storms is not something to fear because God uses suffering to refine us. He doesn't cause the suffering, but He uses it. Just as athletes grow stronger through resistance training, our faith becomes stronger as we rely on it during difficult times.

**Difficulties don't break us; they build us.**

**1 Peter 5:10 NLV**

10 In his kindness, God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

And then there is the memory of God's past faithfulness. The Bible urges us to remember how He has worked in our lives.

**Deuteronomy 4:9 NIV**

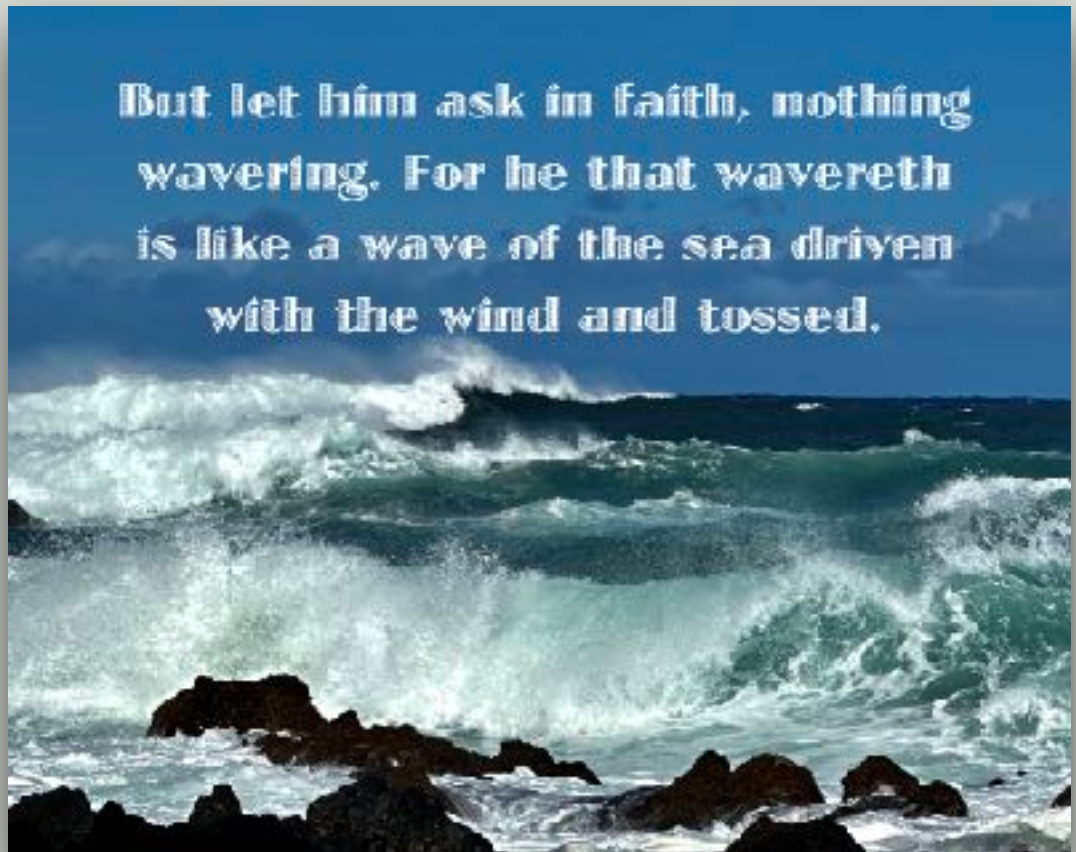
9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

When we face new trials, it's easy to forget the countless times God has already come through for us. Looking back on His faithfulness reminds us that He hasn't failed us in the past—and He won't fail us now. We can hold fast to the assurance that

the same God who helped us yesterday will continue to be our strength today.

As we begin 2025, I encourage you to embrace the process of growth that comes with each trial. Faith is not just about getting through the hard times—it's about growing stronger, becoming more resilient, and learning to trust God even when we don't understand. For those who are newer in their faith, I pray that you will lean into God's wisdom, embrace His timing, and remember that every season of life—good or bad—can be a stepping stone toward greater spiritual maturity.

Whatever challenges lie ahead, know that you are never alone. God is with you, and He will be your strength. Let's press forward with hope, knowing that no trial can steal the victory that Christ has already won for us.



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH