

## *A Word From the Publisher*

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I just can't say enough about the towns (Callahan, Bryceville, Hilliard) we live in...we have some wonderful people here. Recently, we put out the call to help a dear friend following the storm. How blessed we were with people wanting to help and they had no idea who it was. You know, it really doesn't matter. There are people all around us that need help. Now 'help' could be anything. Have you ever thought, they might just need to talk and for us to listen? I've seen more smiles from people when you smile at them. Life is way too short to go through it with a frown on your face all the time or just waiting to pick a fight with someone. Smiling is much easier to do.

You know we have really been through some tough times lately. Irma was big and powerful. Many are still reeling with problems from her. Irma is not all though. Let's see, we've had the nor'easters (two that were pretty destructive), Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria (that devastated Puerto Rico and surrounding islands), the horrible earthquake in Mexico, and the mass shooting in Las Vegas. Add to that the fires that were in California...we've had some stuff going on.

I can't help but think that God is trying to tell us something. Perhaps He's sick and tired of the way we have been treating Him and his beautiful creation. The only thing that keeps me sane when I think of all these things is that I'm saved and I'm going home to Heaven. I heard a pastor say that

someone had asked him, "What is the tribulation going to be like?"

"I'm not planning on being here to find out so I don't care."

Great answer! Those of us that are saved will be taken to Heaven during that time. I guess my question is, "Why wouldn't you want to be saved?" Jesus is the answer to all things. He is the giver of all things. He loves us and has taken care of us so much more than we deserve. How can you wake up every morning without saying 'Thank you, Jesus?' It's because of Him that we breathe. I'm certainly not 'holier than thou' and don't profess to be however, won't you ask Jesus in your heart today?

As the world continues on this spiral, I know God has placed people in the right places to make changes to our scary world however we also have the evil people lurking out there. Be aware of what you are doing at all times. Be aware of your surroundings. God is our protector however he expects us to use some common sense too! God is the Savior of the world, won't you let Him be your Savior?

The full moon is one of my favorite times of the month. It's just amazing to know that God created the moon in its beauty. He is the creator of all things. Take time this week to walk outside just for a moment and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. It's right there for the taking!

Have a blessed week!

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