

## October Spotlight

*On the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, TLC World celebrates its 4<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

*It's a significant date not only for TLC World but also because it is exactly 500 years to the day since Martin Luther is reputed to have nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church. The document, actually entitled the 'Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences', was an objection to the Catholic practice of selling indulgences to absolve people of sin. Luther put pen to paper in order to stress two truths. First, that the Bible is the central religious authority and second, that humans receive salvation through faith and divine grace rather than deeds.*



*Today, we don't question these truths; in fact, we embrace and are thankful for them. However, we still have battles to fight in today's world much as Luther did in his time. Sometimes our battles will be long and hard and the cause of great pain and torment, but at the end of the day, every single battle we fight for the sake of the gospel will be victorious. We are on the winning side, so if you're going through tough times right now, be encouraged by the Word of God. The Bible is full of wisdom to lead all, who will listen, to ultimate victory. Here is just a taste from our manual for life.*

**Isaiah 43:2** *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

**Joshua 1:9** *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

**John 16:33** *I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

*We at TLC World, pray blessings on each and every one of you reading this today. God bless you and yours throughout the month of October*

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2017**