

Devotions: January 11 to January 17

For daily devotions I am going to start using Grace For The Moment by Max Lucado.

Monday: The Gift for All People

Luke 19:10 - The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them.

Our God is the God who follows us and is with us. Have you felt His presence through the kindness of a stranger? Through a word well spoken or a touch well times, have you sensed Him?

God gives us Himself. Even when we choose our hovel over His house and our trash over His Grace, still He follows us and is with us. He uses all His power to convince us that He is who He is and He can be trusted to lead us home.

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Tuesday: He Still Moves Stones

Luke 10:40-42 NKJV - But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

⁴¹ And ^[a] Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴² But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Martha is worried about something good. She is having Jesus over for dinner. She is literally serving God. Her aim was to please Jesus.

But she made a common, but yet dangerous mistake which was that her work became more important than her Lord. What began as a way to serve Jesus, slowly and subtly became a way to serve herself. It is easy to forget who is the servant and who is to be served.

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Wednesday:

The Great House of God

Philippians 4:6 - Pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks.

Heaven knows no difference between Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon. God longs to speak as clearly in the workplace as he does in the sanctuary. He belongs to be worshiped when we sit at the dinner table and not just when we come to His communion table. You may go days without thinking of Him, but there is never a moment when He is not thinking of you.

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Thursday:

Just Like Jesus

Philippians 2:5 - In your lives you must think and act like Jesus.

God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus. God loves you just the way you are. If you think His love for you would be stronger if your faith were stronger, you are wrong. Do not confuse God's Love with the love of people. The love of people often increases with performance and decreases with mistakes. Not so with God's Love. He loves you right where you are.

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Friday:

When Christ Comes

James 1:17 - Every good action and every perfect gift is from God.

Just look at the gifts God has given you: He has sent His angels to care for you, His Holy spirit to dwell in you, his church to encourage you, and His Word to guide you. Anytime you speak, He listens; make a request and He responds. As much as you want to see Him, He wants to see you more. You have been chosen by Christ. He has claimed you as His beloved.

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Saturday:

A Gentle Thunder

Luke 18:7 - God will always give what is right to His people who cry to Him night and day, and he will not be slow to answer them.

Why does God wait until the money is gone? Why does He wait until the sickness has lingered? Why does He choose to wait until the other side of the grave to answer the prayers for healing/ I do not know. I only know His timing is always right. With God there are no accidents. Every incident is intended to bring us closer to Him.

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Sunday:

When Christ Comes

1 Corinthians 15:53 - This body that dies must clothe itself with something that can never die.

Does Jesus care what clothes we wear? Apparently so. In fact, the Bible tells us exactly the wardrobe God desires. "You were all baptized into Christ, and so you were all clothed with Christ" (Galatians 3:26). This clothing has nothing to do with dresses and jeans and suits. God's concern is with our spiritual garment. He offers a heavenly robe that only heaven can see and only heaven can give.

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