

Devotions: February 1 to February 7

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

Monday: Just Like Jesus

Galatians 6:7 - People harvest only what they plant.

Think for a moment of your heart as a greenhouse...And your heart like a greenhouse, has to be managed. Consider for a moment your thoughts as seed. Some thoughts become flowers. Others become weeds...Every wonder why some people have the Teflon capacity to resist negativism and remain patient, optimistic, and forgiving? Could it be that they have diligently sown seeds of goodness and are enjoying the harvest?

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Tuesday: When Christ Comes

John 1:14 - The Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.

The Operative word of the verse is among. He lived among us. He donned the costliest of robes: a human body. He made a throne out of a manger and a royal court out of some cows. He took a common name – Jesus – and made it holy. He took common people and made them the same. He could have lived over us or away from us, but He did not. He lived among us.

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Wednesday: When Christ Comes

Revelations 3:11 - Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

Some of you have never won a prize in your rife. All you have are “almosts” and “what ifs.” If that hits home, then you will cherish this promise: “And when the

Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away” (1 Peter 5:4)

Your day is coming. What the world has overlooked, your Father has remembered, and sooner than you can imagine, you will be blessed by Him.

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Thursday: He Still Moves Stones

Psalm 145:18 - The Lord is close to everyone who prays to him, to all who truly pray to him.

Healing begins when we do something. Healing begins when we reach out. Healing starts when we take a step. God’s help is near and always available, but it is only given to those who seek it. Nothing results from apathy... God honors radical, risk-takin faith. When arks are built, lives are saved. When soldiers march, Jerichos tumble. When staffs are raised, seas still open. When a lunch is shared, thousands are fed.

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Friday: Just Like Jesus

Matthew 20:28 - He came to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many people.

Jesus aimed at one goal – to save humanity from its sin...Jesus was so focused on his task that he knew when to say, “It is finished” (John 19:30). But he was not so focused on his goal that he was unpleasant. Quite the contrary. How pleasant were his thoughts! Children could not resist Jesus. He could find beauty in lilies, joy in worship, and possibilities in problems.

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Saturday: The Great House of God

Mark 10:27 - God can do all things.

Our questions betray our lack of understanding. How can God hear all the prayers which come to Him? (Perhaps his ears are different from yours.) If people down here will not forgive me, how much more am I guilty before a holy God? (Oh, just the opposite. God is always able to give grace when we humans cannot, for he invented it.)

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Sunday: The Great House of God

Palm 27:4-5 - I am asking Yahweh for one thing, only one thing: to live with him in his house my whole life long. I will contemplate his beauty, I will study at his feet. That is the only quiet secure place in a noisy world.

If you could ask God for one thing, what would you request? David tells us...(he) longs to live in the house of God. I emphasize the word live... He does not ask for a meal or to spend an evening in God's house. He wants to move in with him...forever.

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