

## **Devotions: February 15 to February 21**

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

### **Monday:**                      Just Like Jesus

*John 5:19 - The son does whatever the Father does.*

The crowning attribute of Christ was this: his heart was spiritual. His thoughts reflected his intimate relationship with the Father...Jesus took his instructions from God. It was his habit to go to worship. It was his practice to memorize Scripture...His time of prayer guided him. He once returned from prayer and announced it was time to move to another city. Another time of prayer resulted in the selection of the disciples. Jesus was led by an unseen hand...The heart of Jesus was spiritual.

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### **Tuesday:**                      The Applause of Heaven

*Matthew 5:3 - Those people who know they have great spiritual needs are happy, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.*

[God] promises [sacred delight]. The poor in spirit, those who mourn, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted. It is to this band of pilgrims that God promises a special blessing. A heavenly joy. A sacred delight.

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**Wednesday:**

## God Came Near

*John 13:15 - I did this as an example so that you should do as I have done for you.*

We are what we see...Humans were never meant to dwell in the stale fog of the lowlands with no vision of their Creator...Seeing Jesus is what Christianity is all about. Christian service, in its purest form, is nothing more than imitating him whom we see. To see his majesty and to imitate him, that is the sum of Christianity.

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**Thursday:**

## The Great House of God

*Matthew 6:26 - Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them.*

If [God] is able to place the stars in their sockets and suspend the sky like a curtain, do you think it is remotely possible that God is able to guide your life?...If he cares enough about the planet Saturn to give it rings or Venus to make it sparkle, is there an outside chance that he cares enough about you to meet your needs?

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**Friday:**

## When God Whispers Your Name

*Hebrews 6:1 - so let us go on to grown-up teachings. Let us not go back over the beginning lessons we learned about Christ.*

Pick a time in the not-too-distant past. A year or two ago. Now ask yourself a few questions. How does your prayer life today compare with then? How about your giving? Have both the amount and the joy increased? What about your church loyalty? Can you tell you've grown? And Bible study? Are you learning to learn?

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**Saturday:** He Still Moves Stones

*John 9:31 - We all know that God does not listen to sinners, but he listens to anyone who worships and obeys him.*

Most of our prayer lives could use a tune-up. Some prayer lives lack consistency...Others of us need sincerity...Still others lack, well, honesty. We honestly wonder if prayer makes a difference...Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

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**Sunday:** When God Whispers Your Name

*John 14:2 - There are many rooms in my Father's house; ...I am going there to prepare a place for you.*

Try this Imagine a perfect world. Whatever that means to you, imagine it. Does that mean peace? Then envision absolute tranquility. Does a perfect world imply joy? Then create your highest happiness. Will a perfect world have love? If so, ponder a place where love has no bounds. Whatever heaven means to you, imagine it...And then smile as the Father reminds you. No one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.

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