

Devotions: February 8 to February 14

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

Monday: In the Eye of the Storm

Isaiah 53:4 - He took our suffering on him and felt our pain for us.

Jesus knows how you feel. You are precious to him. So precious that he became like you so that you would come to him. When you struggle, he listens. When you yearn, he responds. When you question, he hears. He has been there.

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Tuesday: The Inspirational Study Bible

Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Let's go to Rome...to a rather drab little room, surrounded by high walls... Inside we see a man seated on the floor... It is the apostle Paul...The apostle who was bound only by the will of God is now in chains...He is writing a letter. No doubt it is a complaint letter to God... But he doesn't (complain). Instead, he writes a letter that two thousand years later is still known as the treatise on joy – Philippians...Why don't you spend some time with it?

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Wednesday: He Still Moves Stones

1 John 3:17 - Suppose someone ...sees a brother or sister in need, but does not help. Then god's love is not living in that person.

Leo Tolstoy tells of the time he...passed a beggar. Tolstoy reached into his pocket to give the beggar some money, but his pocket was empty. Tolstoy... said, "I'm sorry, brother, but I have nothing to give." The beggar brightened and said, "You

have given me more than I asked for – you have called me brother.” To the love-starved, a word of affection can be a feast.

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Thursday: The Great house of God

Psalm 19:1 - The heavens tell the glory of God.

How vital that we pray, armed with the knowledge that God is in heaven... Spend time walking in the workshop of the heavens, seeing what God has done, and watch how your prayers are energized...Hold a dime in your fingers and extend it arm's length toward the sky...and you will block out fifteen million stars from your view...By showing us the heavens, Jesus is showing us his Father's workshop...He taps us on the shoulder and says, “Your Father can handle that for you.”

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Friday: He Still Moves Stones

Luke 17:33 - Those who try to keep their lives will lose them. But those who give up their lives will save them.

There is a rawness and a wonder to life. Pursue it. Hunt for it. Sell out to get it...Your goal is not to live long; It is to live. Jesus says the options are clear. On one side there is the voice of safety... Or you can hear the voice of adventure – God's adventure. Instead of building a fire in your hearth, build a fire in your heart. Follow God's impulses...Make a difference.

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Saturday: When Christ Comes

1 Corinthians 4:5 – God will praise each of them.

What an incredible sentence...Not “the best of them” nor “a few of them” nor “the achievers among them,” but God will praise each one of them.” You will not be left out. God will see to that. In fact, God himself will give the praise...And what is more, the praise is personal!...The crowns are given one at a time. God himself will look you in the eye and bless you with the words, “Well, done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:23)

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Sunday: 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 times 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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