

Devotions: February 22 to February 28

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

Monday: Just Like Jesus

1 Corinthians 3:16 - We Christians actually do have within us a portion of the very thoughts and mind of Christ.

How could we ever hope to have the heart of Jesus? Ready for a surprise? You already do...If you are in Christ, you already have the heart of Christ...He has made your heart his home...He has moved in and unpacked his bags and is ready to change you “into his likeness from one degree of glory to another.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)

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Tuesday: He Still Moves Stones

Hebrew 11:1 – Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

Faith is the belief that God is real and that God is good...It is a choice to believe that the one who made it all hasn't left it all and that he still sends light into the shadow...God says that the more hopeless your circumstances, the more likely, your salvation...God's help is near and always available, but it is only given to those who seek it.

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Wednesday:

The Great House of God

Palm 46:10 - Be still, and know that I am God.

The word holy means “to separate.” The ancestry of the term can be traced back to an ancient word which means “to cut.” To be holy, then, is to be a cut above the norm, superior, extraordinary... The Holy One dwells on a different level from the rest of us. What frightens us does not frighten him. What troubles us does not trouble him... When you set your sights on our God, you focus on one “a cut above” any storm life may bring... You find peace.

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Thursday:

A Gentle Thunder

*John 1:46 - Nathanael said to Philip, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”
Philip answered, “Come and see.”*

Nathanael’s question still lingers, even two thousand years later... Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Come and see. Come and see the pierced hand of God touch the most common heart, wipe the tear from the wrinkled face, and forgive the ugliest sin. Come and see. He avoids no seeker. He ignores no probe. He fears no search. Come and see.

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Friday: In The Eye Of The Storm

Proverbs 22:2 - The rich and the poor are alike in that the Lord made them all.

Have you noticed that God doesn't ask you to prove that you will put your salary to good use? Have you noticed that God doesn't turn off your oxygen supply when you misuse his gifts? Aren't you glad that God doesn't give you only that which you remember to thank him for?...God's goodness is spurred by his nature, not by our worthiness.

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Saturday: He Still Moves Stones

Colossians 2:13-15 - When you were spiritually dead because of your sins and because you were not free from the power of your sinful self, God made you alive with Christ, and he forgave all our sins. He canceled the debt....With the cross, he won the victory and showed the world that they were powerless.

As you look at the words above, answer this question. Who is doing the work? You or God? Who is active? You or God? Who is doing the saving? You or God?

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Sunday: In The Grip Of Grace

Romans 1:21-22 - Their thinking became useless. Their foolish minds were filled with darkness. They said they were wise, but they became fools.

Since the hedonist has never seen the hand who made the universe, he assumes there is no life beyond the here and now...No purpose beyond his own pleasure. No divine factor...His life is so desperate for pleasure that he has no time or room for God. Is he right?...Paul says, "Absolutely not!"...we lose more than stained-glass windows when we dismiss God. We lose our standard, our purpose, and our worship.

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