

Devotions: March 1 to March 7

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

Monday: When Christ Comes

1 Corinthians 2:9 – No one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.

Think about the day Christ comes...Thought you are one of a throng, it's as if you and Jesus are all alone...I wonder if Christ might say these words to you: "I'm so proud that you let me use you. Because of you, others are here today. Would you like to meet them?...One by one, they begin to step out... It's not long before you and your Savior are encircled by the delightful collection of souls you have touched.

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Tuesday: A Gentle Thunder

Matthew 5:16 - You should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

You want to make a difference in your world? Live a holy life: Be faithful to your spouse...Be the neighbor who acts neighborly. Be the employee who does the work and doesn't complain. Pay your bills. Do your part and enjoy life. Do not speak one message and live another. People are watching the way we act more than they are listening to what we say.

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Wednesday: The Great House of God

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us, then, feel very sure that we can come before God's throne where there is grace.

When you [pray], “Thy kingdom come,” you are inviting the Messiah himself to walk into your world. “Come, my King!... Be present in my heart...come into my marriage. Be Lord of my family, my fears, and my doubts.” This is no feeble request; it is a bold appeal for God to occupy every corner of your life. Who are you asking such a thing?...You are his child, for heaven’s sake! And so you ask boldly.

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Thursday: Just Like Jesus

Luke 22:27 - Who is more important: the one sitting at the table or the one serving? You think the one at the table is more important, but I am like a servant among you.

In Jesus’ day the washing of feet was a task reserved not just for servants but for the lowest servants...[But] in this case the one with the towel and basin is the king of the universe...Hours before his own death, Jesus, concern is singular. He wants his disciples to know how much he loves them. More than removing dirt, Jesus is removing doubt.

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Friday: The Applause Of Heaven

Matthew 11:28 - Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

As long as Jesus is one of many options, he is no option...And as long as you can take him or leave him, you might as well leave him, because he will not be taken half-heartedly. But when you...admit that you have no other option..., and when there is truly no other name that you can call, than cast all your cares on him for he is waiting in the midst of the storm.

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Saturday: The Applause Of Heaven

1 Peter 3:18 - Jesus was "not guilty, but he suffered for those who are guilty to bring you to God."

Christ came to earth for one reason: to give his life as a ransom...He went to the cross, where man's utter despair collided with God's unbending grace. And in that moment God's great gift was complete, the compassionate Christ showed the world the cost of his gift...He who was perfect gave that perfect record to us, and our imperfect record was given to him...As a result, God's holiness is honored and his children are forgiven.

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Sunday: He Still Moves Stones

Daniel 6:16 - May the God you serve all the time save you!

Look at Jonah in the fish belly...He prays...Before he can say amen...the fish belches and Jonah lands face first on the beach. Look at Daniel in the lions' den; his prospects are not much better than Jonah's...Or look at Joseph in the pit...Though the road to the palace takes a detour through a prison, it eventually ends up at the throne...Such are the stories in the Bible. One near-death experience after another. Just when the neck is on the chopping block...Calvary comes.

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