

Devotions: March 15 to March 21

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

Monday: The Great House of God

Luke 24:31-32 - When[the disciples] saw who he was, he disappeared. They said to each other, "It felt like a fire burning in us when Jesus talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us."

Don't you love that verse? They knew they had been with Jesus because of the fire within them. God reveals his will by setting a torch to your soul...Jesus comes to set you on fire! He walks as a torch from heart to heart, warming the cold and thawing the chilled and stirring the ashes.

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Tuesday: In The Eye Of The Storm

Hebrews 13:5 - Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

There is never a time during which Jesus is not speaking. Never. There is never a place in which Jesus is not present. Never. There is never a room so dark...that the ever present, ever-pursuing, relentlessly tender Friend is not there, tapping gently on the doors of our hearts - waiting to be invited in...But never interpret our numbness as his absence...There is no chorus so loud that the voice of God cannot be heard...if we will but listen.

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Wednesday: The Applause Of Heaven

Philippians 3:10 - I want to know Christ and the power that raised him from the dead.

Trace the path of this Savior, the God who swapped heavenly royalty for earthly poverty...He was dependent on handouts for his income...He knew what it meant to have no home...His friends were not always faithful to him. He was accused of a crime he never committed...A judge swayed by politics handed down the death penalty. They killed him. And why? Because of the gift that only he could give.

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Thursday: Walking With The Savior

1 John 5:4 - Everyone who is a child of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world – our faith.

You get impatient with your own life, trying to master a habit or control a sin and in your frustration begin to wonder where the power of God is. Be patient. God is using today's difficulties to strengthen you for tomorrow. He is equipping you. The God who makes things grow will help you bear fruit...After all, regardless of what you do, God does what is right: he saves you with his grace.

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Friday: Just Like Jesus

1 John 1:7 - The blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin.

We are always being cleansed. The cleansing is not a promise for the future but a reality in the present...Our Savior kneels down and gazes upon the darkest acts of our lives. But rather than recoil in horror, he reaches out in kindness and says, "I can clean that if you want..."But that is not all he does. Because he lives in us, you and I can do the same. Because he has forgiven us, we can forgive others.

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Saturday: The Great House of God

Psalm 34:17 - The Lord hears good people when they cry out to him, and he saves them from all their troubles.

When [a friend] told Jesus of the illness [of Lazarus] he said, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” He does not base his appeal on the imperfect love of the one in need, but on the perfect love of the Savior... The power of the prayer... does not depend on the one who makes the prayer, but on the one who hears the prayer... The Savior hears the prayer. He silences heaven, so he will not miss a word.

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Sunday: In The Eye of The Storm

1 Timothy 2:1 - Pray for all people, Asking God for what they need and being thankful to him.

The disciples must have asked[questions] in the storm. All they could see were black skies as they bounced in the battered boat...[Then] a figure came to them walking on the water. It was not what they expected...They almost missed seeing the answer to their prayers. And unless we look and listen closely, we risk making the same mistake. God’s lights in our dark nights are as numerous as the stars, it only we will look for them.

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