

Devotions: March 22 to March 28

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

Monday: In the Eye Of The Storm

1 Timothy 2:1 - I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.

The disciples must have asked [questions] in the storm. All they could see were the black skies as they bounced in the battered boat...[Then] a figure came to them walking on the water. It wasn't 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, if only we will look for them.

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Tuesday: No Wonder They Call Him the Savior

Hebrews 5:7 - During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

My, what a portrait!...Jesus is cloaked, not in sainthood, but in humanity...The next time your self-pity convinces you that no one cares, pay a visit to Gethsemane. And the next time you wonder if God really perceives the pain that prevails on this dusty planet, listen to him pleading among the twisted trees.

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Wednesday:**He Still Moves Stones**

Hebrews 10:10 - And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Only the holy will see God...Perfection is a requirement for eternity. We wish it were not so. We act like it is not so. We act like those who are “decent” will see God. Sounds right to us, but it does not sound right to God...God is the standard for perfection. We do not compare ourselves to others, they are just as fouled up as we are. The goal is to be like him; anything less is inadequate.

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Thursday:**When Christ Comes**

John 16:33 - “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

God has kept no secrets. He has told us that...we will experience trouble...But just because the devil shows up and cackles, we need not panic...Our Master speaks of an accomplished deed... “It is finished” (John 19:30). The battle is over. Be alert. But do not be alarmed...Satan is loosed for a season, but the season is oh so brief...Just a few more scenes, just a few more turns in the road, and his end will come.

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Friday:**Just Like Jesus**

Matthew 8:3 - Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

Oh, the power of a godly touch. Have not you known it?...Cannot we offer the same? Many of you already do. Some of you have the master touch of the Physician himself. You use your hands to pray over the sick and minister to the weak. If you are not touching them personally, your hands are writing letters, dialing phones, baking pies. You have learned the power of a touch.

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Saturday: The Great House of God

Psalm 37:5 - Depend on the Lord; trust him, and he will take care of you.

God is committed to caring for our needs. Paul tells us that a man who will not feed his own family is worse than an unbeliever (1 Timothy 5:8). How much more will a holy God care for his children? After all, how can we fulfill his mission unless our needs are met? How can we teach or minister or influence unless we have our basic needs satisfied? Will God enlist us in his army and not provide a commissary? Of course not.

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Sunday: He Still Moves Stones

1 John 3:1 - The Father has loves us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children.

Let me tell you who you are. In fact, let me proclaim who you are. You are an heir of God and a co-heir with Christ. You are eternal, like an angel. You have a crown that will last forever. You are a holy priest, a treasured possession...But more than any of the above...is the simple fact that you are God's child...As a result, if something is important to you, it is important to God.

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