

Devotions: March 8 to March 14

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

Monday: When God Whispers Your Name

Romans 8:14 -The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them.

We talk about the Father and study the Son, but when it comes to the Holy Spirit, we are confused at best and frightened at worst. May I simplify things a bit? The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in our lives, carrying on the work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps us in three directions...inwardly (by granting us the fruits of the spirit), upwardly (by praying for us) and outwardly (by pouring god's love into our hearts).

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Tuesday: The Great House of God

Matthew 6:10 - May your kingdom come and what you want be done, here on earth as it is in heaven.

“Thy will be done” is to seek the heart of God...He wants you to know it...Could he have done more than sense his Son to lead us? Could he have done more than give his word to reach us?... Could he have done more than send His Holy Spirit to counsel us? Wherever he sees sincere seekers with confused hearts, you can bet...he will do whatever it takes to help them see his will.

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Wednesday: A Gentle Thunder

Matthew 10:30 - God even knows how many hairs are on your head.

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If he had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, he will listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and he chose your heart...Face it, friend. He is crazy about you.

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Thursday: Just Like Jesus

Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind and loving to each other, and forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ.

[Jesus] takes up the basin, and kneels before one of the disciples...One by one...Jesus works his way down the row...Jesus knows the future of these feet he is washing. These twenty-four feet will not spend the next day following their master...He knows what these men are about to do...And when they do, he wants them to remember how...he washed their feet. He wants them to realize those feet are still clean...He forgave their sin before they even committed it.

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Friday: In The Grip Of Grace

Romans 6:22 - Now you are free from sin and have become slaves of God. This brings you a life that is only for God, and this gives you life forever.

How could we who have been freed from sin return to it? Before Christ our lives were out of control, sloppy, and indulgent. We didn't even know we were slobs until we met him. Then he moved in. Things began to change...Suddenly we find ourselves wanting to do good. Go back to the old mess? Are you kidding?

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Saturday:

He Still Moves Stones

Luke 12:31 - Seek God's kingdom, and all the other things you need will be given to you.

Sometimes God is so touched by what he sees that he gives us what we need and not simply that for which we ask. It is a good thing. For who would have ever thought to ask God for what he gives?...Jesus already knows the cost of grace. He already knows the price of forgiveness. But he offers it anyway. Love burst his heart.

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Sunday:

When Christ Comes

Romans 8:34 -The One who died for us...is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us.

Jesus is praying for us...Jesus has spoken and Satan has listened. The devil may land a punch or two. He may even win a few rounds, but he never wins the fight. Why? Because Jesus takes up for you...Jesus, at this very moment, is protecting you...And God will never let you be pushed past your limit, he will always be there to help you come through it.”

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