

Devotions: March 29 to April 4

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

Monday: The Inspirational Study Bible

John 13:35 - All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other.

Watch a small boy follow his dad through the snow. He stretches to step where his dad stepped. Not an easy task. His small legs extend as far as they can so his feet can fall in his father's prints. The father, seeing what the son is doing, smiles and begins taking shorter steps, so the son can follow. It is a picture of discipleship.

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Tuesday: Six Hours one Friday

Philippians 2:8 - He humbled himself and was fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death; death on a cross.

When human hands fastened the divine hands to a cross with spikes it was not the soldiers who held the hands of Jesus steady. It was God who held them steady....Take a stroll out to the hill. Out to Calvary. Out to the cross where , with holy blood, the hand that places you on the planet wrote the promise, "God would give up his only Son before he'd give up on you."

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Wednesday:

In The Eye of The Storm

John 5:28-29 - A time is coming when all...will hear his voice and come out; those who have done good will rise to live.

A day is coming when everyone will hear [Jesus'] voice. Some will hear his voice for the very first time. It is not that he never spoke, it is just that they never listened...But others will be called...but a familiar voice...They are servants who opened the door when Jesus knocked. Now the door will open again. Only this time, it will not be Jesus who walks into our house, it will be we, who walk into his.

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Thursday:

God Came Near

Acts 2:23 - [They] put him to death by nailing him to a cross. But this was God's plan which he had made long ago.

The cross was no accident...The death of the Son of God was anything but an unexpected peril. No it was part of an incredible plan. A calculated choice. The moment the forbidden fruit touched the lips of Eve, the shadow of a cross appeared on the horizon. And between that moment and the moment the man with the mallet place the spike against the wrist of God, a master plan was fulfilled.

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Friday:

God Came Near

Jesus was born crucified. Whenever he became conscious of who he was, he also became conscious of what he had to do. The cross-shaped shadow could always be seen...This explains the resoluteness in the words, *"The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life...only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord"* (John 10:17-18)... So call it what you wish: An act of grace. A plan of redemption....But whatever you call it, do not call it an accident. It was anything but that.

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Saturday:

And the Angels Were Silent

Luke 22:41 - Then Jesus went about a stone's throw away from them. He kneeled down and prayed.

The final prayer of Jesus was about you. His final pain was for you. His final passion was for you. Before he went to the cross, Jesus went to the garden. And when he spoke with his Father, you were in his prayers...And God could not turn his back on you.... On the eve of the cross, Jesus made his decision. He would rather go to hell for you than go to heaven without you.

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Sunday:

Walking With the Savior

Isaiah 1:18 - Though your sins are like scarlet, they can be as white as snow. Though your sins are deep red, they can be shite like wool.

When Jesus told us to pray for forgiveness of our debts as we forgive our own debtors, he knew who would be the one to pay the debt...Yu are forgiven. If you are in Christ, when he sees you, your sins are covered; he does not see them. He sees you better than you see yourself. And that is a glorious fact of your life.

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