

## **Devotions: May 31 to June 6**

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

**Monday:** The Applause Of Heaven

*Psalm 139:14 - I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way.*

Stradivarius has become synonymous with excellence. He once said that to make a violin less than his best would be to rob God, who could not make Antonio Stradivari's violins without Antonio. He was right....Certain gifts were given to that craftsman that no other violin maker possessed. In the same vein, there are certain things you can do that no one else can...You have an instrument and a song, and you owe it to God to play them both sublimely.

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**Tuesday:** And The Angels Were silent

*Matthew 4:19 - Jesus said, "Come follow me."*

God is an inviting God. He invited Mary to birth his Son, the disciples to fish for men, the adulteress woman to start over, and Thomas to touch his wounds. God is the King who prepares the palace, sets the table, and invites his subjects to come in. In fact, it seems his favorite word is come...."all you who are thirsty, come and drink." "Come to me all, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

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**Wednesday:**

## Just Like Jesus

*John 15:4 - Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch cannot produce fruit alone but must remain in the vine.*

God wants to be as close to us as a branch is to a vine....God also uses the temple to depict the intimacy he desires. "Don't you know," Paul writes, "that your body is the temple of the Holy spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?" (1 Corinthians 6:19)...god did not come and go, appear and disappear [from the temple]. He was a permanent presence, always available. What incredibly good news for us! We are NEVER away from God!

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**Thursday:**

## When God Whispers Your Name

*Philippians 4:12 - I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens.*

Peer into the prison and see [Paul] for yourself: bent and frail, shackled to the arm of a roman guard. Behold the apostle of God...He introduced himself as the worst sinner in history..."What a miserable man I am! Who will save me from this body that brings me death?" (Romans 7:24). Only heaven knows how long he stared at the question before he found the courage to defy logic and write, "I thank God for saving me through Jesus Christ our Lord?" (Romans 7:25).

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**Friday:**

## The Applause Of Heaven

*1Corinthians 3:19 - the wisdom of this world is foolishness with god.*

[Power} comes in many forms...And all have the same goal: 'I will get what I want at your expense.' And all have the same end: futility....Absolute power is unreachable....When you stand at the top; if there is a top; the only way to go is down. And the descent is often painful....A thousand years from now, will it matter what title the world gave you? No, but it will make a literal hell of a difference whose child you are.

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**Saturday:** In The Eye Of The Storm

*Colossians 1:16 - Through his power all things were made; things in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen.*

With one decision, history began. Existence became measurable...And on this earth? A mighty hand went to work...Look to the canyons to see the Creator's splendor. Touch the flowers and see his delicacy. Listen to the thunder and hear his power....Today you will encounter God's creation. When you see the beauty around you, let each detail remind you to lift your head in praise. Express your appreciation for God's creation. Encourage others to see the beauty of his creation.

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**Sunday:** He still Moves Stones

*Isaiah 46:4 - Even when you are old, I will be the same. Even when your hair has turned grey I will take care of you.*

Growing old can be dangerous. The trail is treacherous and the pitfalls are many. One is wise to be prepared. You know it is coming...If growing old catches you by surprise, do not blame God. He gave you plenty of warning. He also gave you plenty of advice. Your last chapters can be your best....It could be that all of your life has prepared you for a grand exit. God's oldest have always been among his choicest.

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