

Devotions: June 7 to June 13

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

Monday: In The Eye Of The Storm

2 Corinthians 4:18 - What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever.

For some of you, the journey has been long. Very long and stormy. In no way do I wish to minimize the difficulties that you have had to face along the way... And you are tired...You want to go on, but some days the road seems so long...let me encourage you....God never said that the journey would be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.

Take care and God Bless! Pastor Mary Lou

Tuesday: A Gentle Thunder

James 4:4 - Anyone who wants to be a friend of the world becomes God's enemy.

John the Baptist...was a public relations disaster...His message was as rough as his dress: a no-nonsense, bare-fisted challenge to repent because God was on his way. John the Baptist set himself apart for one task, to be a voice of Christ...You do not have to like the world to have an impact on the world...You do not have to lower yourself down to their level to lift them up to your level. Holiness doesn't seek to be odd. Holiness seeks to be like God.

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Wednesday:

When Christ Comes

Isaiah 53:6 - We all wandered away like sheep; each of us has gone his own way.

How could a loving God send people to hell?...God does not “send” people to hell. Nor does he send “people” to hell.... The word “people” is neutral, implying innocence. Nowhere does Scripture teach that innocent people are condemned. People do not go to hell. Sinners do. The rebellious do. The self-centered do. So how could a loving God send people to hell? He does not. He simply honors the choice of sinners.

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Thursday:

When god Whispers Your Name

Matthew 6:7 - They continue saying things that mean nothing, thinking that God will hear them because of their many words.

I love the short sentence....Keep the ones you like. Forgive the ones you do not. Share them when you can. Pray all the time. If necessary, use words...Greed I have often regretted. Generosity – never....No one is useless to God. Noone. Nails did not hold God to a cross. Love did. You will never forgive anyone more than God has already forgiven you.

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Friday:

He Still Moves Stones

1 Peter 5:7 - Give all your worries to him, because he cares about you.

Worry...makes you forget who is in charge. And when the focus is on yourself...you worry. You become anxious about many things...With time, your agenda becomes more important than God's. You have more concern with presenting self than pleasing him. And you may even find yourself doubting god's judgement...God has gifted you with talents. He has done the same to your neighbor. If you concern yourself with your neighbor's talents, you will neglect yours. But if you concern yourself with yours, you could inspire both.

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Saturday: Just Like Jesus

Ephesians 4:23-24 - You were taught to be made new in your hearts, to become a new person...Made to be like God – made to be truly good and holy.

Healthy marriages have a ...tenderness, an honesty, an on –going communication. The same is true in our relationship with God. Sometimes we go to him with our joys, and sometimes we go with our hurts, but we always go. And as we go, the more we go, the more we become like him...People who live long lives together eventually begin to [become] alike. As we walk with God...we take on his heart.

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Sunday: The Applause Of Heaven

Revelations 21:2 - I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It was prepared like a bride for her husband.

What is more beautiful than a bride?...Maybe it is the aura of whiteness that clings to her as dew clings to a rose. Or perhaps it is the diamonds that glisten in her eyes...A commitment robed in elegance...Tomorrow bringing hope today. Promised purity faithfully delivered. When you read that our heavenly home is similar to a bride, tell me, doesn't it make you want to go home?

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