

Devotions: June 21 to June 27

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

Monday: And The Angels Were Silent

Ezekiel 34:11 - this is what the Lord God says: I, myself, will search for my sheep and take care of them.

He is waiting for you. God is standing on the porch of heaven, expectantly hoping, searching the horizon for a glimpse of his child. You are the one God is seeking. God is the waiting Father, the caring Shepherd in search of his lamb... The message is simple: God gave up his Son in order to rescue all his sons and daughters. To bring his children home. He is listening for your answer.

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Tuesday: In The Eye Of The Storm

Matthew 14:25-26 NKJV - Jesus went to them, walking of the sea...And they cried out in fear.

Every so often a storm will come, and I will look up....and say, "God, a little light please?" The light came for the disciples. A figure came to them walking on the water. It was not what they expected...And since Jesus came in a way they did not expect, 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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Wednesday: Walking With The Savior

1 Thessalonians 5:15 – Be sure that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to do what is good for each other and for all people.

Jesus described for his followers what he came to do. He came to build a relationship with people. He came to take away enmity, to take away the strife, to take away the isolation that existed between God and man. Once he bridged that, once he overcame that, he said, "I will call you friends."

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Thursday: When Christ Comes

Matthew 10:28 - Do not be afraid of people, who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. The only one you should fear is the one who can destroy the soul and the body in hell.

Hell's misery is deep, but not as deep as God's love. So how do we apply this [truth]? If you are saved, it should cause you to rejoice. But it also leads the believer to redouble his efforts to reach the lost. To understand hell is to pray more earnestly and to serve more diligently. Ours is a high-stakes mission.

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Friday: When God Whispers Your Name

Luke 12:15 - Life is not measured by how much one owns.

Jesus had a definition for greed. He called it the practice of measuring life by possessions. Greed equates a person's worth with a person's purse....The consequence of such a philosophy is predictable. If you are the sum of what you own, then by all means own it all. No price is too high. No payment is too much....Greed is not defined by what something costs; it is measured by what it costs you. If anything costs you your faith or your family, the price is too high.

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Saturday: A Gentle Thunder

Jude 24 – God is strong and can help you not to fail.

You and I are on a great climb...You took your first step the day you confessed Christ as the Son of God. He gave you his harness – The Holy Spirit. In your hands he placed a rope – his Word. Your first steps were confident and strong, but with the journey came weariness, and with the height came fear. You lost your footing...For a moment, which seemed like forever, you tumbled wildly... But then the rope tightened, and the tumble ceased...And though you cannot see your guide, you know him. You know he is strong. You know he is able to keep you from falling.

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Sunday: Just Like Jesus

2 Corinthians 3:18 - Our faces, then, are not covered. We all show the Lord's glory, and we are being changed to be like him.

The purpose of worship is to change the face of the worshipper.... The connection between the face and worship is more than coincidental. Our face is the most public part of our bodies, covered less than any other areas. It is also the most recognizable part...God desires to take our faces, this exposed and memorable part of our bodies, and use them to reflect his goodness.

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