

Devotions: June 14 to June 20

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

Monday: He Still Moves Stones

Jeremiah 32:27 - I am the Lord, the God of every person on the earth. Nothing is impossible for me.

We need to hear that God is still in control... We need to hear that life's mishaps and tragedies are not a reason to bail out. They are simply a reason to sit tight. Corrie ten Boom used to say, "When the train goes through a tunnel and the world gets dark, do you jump out? Of course not. You sit still and trust the engineer to get you through."... Go back and read the story of God... You aren't the first person to be helped.

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Tuesday: And The Angels Were Silent

Joshua 24:15 - If you don't want to serve the Lord, you must choose for yourselves today whom you will serve.

Isn't incredible that God leaves the choice to us? Think about it. There are many things in life we cannot choose.... We cannot control the economy. We cannot choose whether or not we are born with a big nose or blue eyes or a lot of hair. We cannot even choose how people respond to us. But we can choose where we spend eternity. The big choice, God leaves to us... That is the only decision which really matters.

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Wednesday: In The Eye Of The Storm

Romans 3:23-24 - all have sinned and are not good enough for God's glory, and all need to be made right with God by His grace, which is a free gift.

The supreme force in salvation is God's grace. Not our works...Salvation is God's sudden, calming presence during the stormy seas of our lives. We hear his voice, we take the step....So we ...leave behind the Titanic of self-righteousness and stand on the solid path of God's grace. And, surprisingly, we are able to walk on water....and God is not only within sight, he is within reach.

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Thursday: When God Whispers Your Name

Psalm 37:8 - Don't get angry. Don't be upset; it only leads to trouble.

Anger. It is easy to define: the noise of the soul. Anger. The unseen irritant of the heart...X-ray the world of the vengeful and behold the rumor of bitterness: black, menacing, malignant. Carcinoma of the spirit. Its fatal fibers creep around the edge of the heart and ravage it. Yesterday you cannot alter, but your response to your past you can.

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Friday: When God Whispers Your Name

Matthew 18:21-22 - "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me?" Jesus answered, "...seventy-seven times."

Seems to me God gives a lot more grace than we would ever imagine. We could do the same. I am not for watering down the truth or compromising the gospel. But if a fellow with a pure heart calls God Father, can't I call that same man Brother?...If God can tolerate my mistakes, can't I tolerate the mistakes of others?...If God allows me with my foibles and failures to call him Father, should not I extend the same grace to others?

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Saturday: Just Like Jesus

Ephesians 6:18 - Pray in the spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need.

How do I live in God's presence? How do I detect his unseen hand on my shoulder and his inaudible voice in my ear?... How can you and I grow familiar with the voice of God/ Here are a few ideas:... Before you step out of bed, step into his presence....Spend time with him in silence...[consider] every moment as a potential time of communion with God....Conclude the day as you began it: talking to God.

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Sunday: The Applause Of Heaven

Matthew 11:4 - Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk....and the good news is preached to the poor.

This was Jesus' answer to John's agonized query....: "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" I like to think of a slight smile coming over his lips as he heard what his Master said. For now he understood. It was not that Jesus was silent; it was that....Joh had been listening for an answer to his earthly problems, while Jesus was busy resolving his heavenly ones.

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