

Devotions: August 16 to August 22

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

Monday: In The Eye Of The Storm

1 Samuel 16:7 - God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart.

God sees us with the eyes of a Father. He sees our defects, errors, and blemishes. But he also sees our value. What did Jesus know that enabled him to do what he did? Here is part of the answer. He knew the value of people. He knew that each human being is a treasure. And because he did, people were not a source of stress but a source of joy.

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Tuesday: The Applause Of Heaven

Luke 1:50 - God will show his mercy forever and ever to those who worship and serve him.

God does not save us because of what we have done. Only a puny god could be bought with tithes. Only an egotistical god would be impressed with our pain. Only a temperamental god could be satisfied by sacrifices. Only a heartless god would sell salvation to the highest bidders. And only a great God does for his children what they cannot do for themselves

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Wednesday:

A Gentle Thunder

Deuteronomy 7:9 – He will keep his agreement of love for a thousand lifetimes for people who love him and obey his commands.

We are God's idea. We are his. His face. His eyes. His hands. His touch. We are him. Look deeply into the face of every human being on earth, and you will see his likeness...We are incredibly, the body of Christ. And though we may not act like our Father, there is no greater truth than this: We are his. Unalterably . He loves us. Undyingly. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. (see Romans 8:38-39).

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Thursday

The Applause Of Heaven

Isaiah 58:11 - The Lord will always lead you.

You have been there... You have stepped away from the masses and followed the Master as he led you up the winding path to the summit... Gently your guide invites you to sit on the rock above the tree line and look out with him at the ancient peaks that will never erode. "What is necessary is till what is sure, " he confides. "Just remember: 'You will go nowhere tomorrow that I have not already been. Truth will still triumph... The victory is yours...'"

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Friday:

When God Whispers Your Name

2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Growth is the goal of the Christian. Maturity is mandatory. If a child ceased to develop, the parent would be concerned, right?... When a Christian stops growing, help is needed... You might be wise to get a checkup... May I suggest one?... Who don't you check your habits?... Make these four habits regular activities and see what happens. First, the habit of prayer.... Second, the habit of study.... Third, the habit of giving.... And last of all, the habit of fellowship.

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Saturday:

Just Like Jesus

Colossians 3:23 - Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people.

When do we get our first clue the [Jesus] knows he is the Son of God? In the temple of Jerusalem...But what does he do next?...He goes home to his folks and learns the family business....Want to bring focus to your life? Do what Jesus did. Go home; love your family, and take care of business. But I want to be a missionary. Your first mission field is under your roof. What makes you think they will believe you overseas if they do not believe you across the hall?

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Sunday:

In The Grip Of Grace

Psalms 116:6 - When I was helpless, he saved me.

As youngsters, we neighborhood kids would play street football....The kid across the street had a dad with a great arm and a strong addiction to football...Out of fairness he would ask, "Which team is losing?" Then he would join that team...His appearance in the huddle changed the whole ball game....You see, we not only had a new plan, we had a new leader. He brought new life to our team. God does precisely the same...We did not need to trade positions we needed a new player. That player is Jesus Christ, God's first born Son.

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