

Devotions: October 4 to October 10

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

Monday: In The Eye Of The Storm

Matthew 14:30-31 - [Peter] shouted, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter.

We come to Christ in an hour of deep need. We abandon the boat of good works....We realize, like Peter, that spanning the gap between us and Jesus is a feat too great for our feet. So we beg for help. Hear his voice. And step out in fear, hoping that our little faith will be enough....Faith is a desperate dive out of the sinking boat of human effort and a prayer that God will be there to pull us out of the water.

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Tuesday: When Christ Comes

Philippians 1:21 NIV - For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Just as a parent needs to know that his or her child is safe at school, we long to know that our loved ones are safe in death....When speaking about the period between the death of the body and the resurrection of the body, the Bible does not shout, it just whispers. But at the confluence of these whispers, a firm voice is heard. This authoritative voice assures us that, at death, the Christian immediately enters into the presence of God and enjoys conscious fellowship with the Father and with those who have gone before.

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Wednesday:

He Still Moves Stones

Galatians 6:16 - As many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them.

As we get older, our vision should improve. Not our vision of earth, but our vision of heaven. Those who have spent their life looking for heaven gain a skip in their step as the city comes into view. After Michelangelo died, someone found in his studio a...note to his apprentice...The great artist wrote: "Draw, Antonio, draw, and do not waste time." Well-founded urgency, Michelangelo. Time slips. Days pass. Years fade. And life ends. And what we came to do must be done while there is time.

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Thursday:

"He Reminds Us Of You"

Hebrews 13:15 - Let us always offer to God our sacrifice of praise.

You are a great God. Your character is holy. Your truth is absolute. Your strength is unending. Your discipline is fair...Your provisions are abundant for our needs. Your light is adequate for our path. Your grace is sufficient for our sins...You are never early, never late...You sent your Son in the fullness of time and will return at the consummation of time. Your plan is perfect. Bewildering. Puzzling. Troubling. But perfect.

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Friday:

The Great House Of God

Psalms 31:1 - Those who go to God Most High for safety will be protected by the Almighty.

We create elaborate houses for our bodies, but our souls are relegated to a hillside shanty where the night winds chill us and the rain soaks us....We do not have to live outside...God wants you to move in out of the cold and live...with him. Under his roof there is space available. At his table a late is set. In his living room a

wingback chair is reserved just for you. And he would like you to take up residence in his house. Why?...Simple, He is your Father.

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Saturday: When Christ Comes

2 Peter 3:10-11 - The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The skies will disappear with a loud noise...So what kind of people should you be?

Great question....Peter tells us: “You should live holy lives and serve God, as you wait for and look forward to the coming of the day of God” (vv. 11-12)... Let us wait forwardly, but let us wait...We are so good at waiting that we do not wait forwardly. We forget to look....We are too content...We seldom, if ever, allow the Holy Spirit to interrupt our plans and lead us to worship so that we might see Jesus.

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Sunday: Just Like Jesus

Romans 12:14 - Wish good for those who harm you; wish them well and do not curse them.

The Bible says, “Judas...was a thief” (John 12:6). The man was a crook. Somehow he was able to live in the presence of God and...remain unchanged. In the end he decided he had rather have money than a friend...Judas was a scoundrel, a cheat, and a bum....What Jesus saw in Judas as worthy of being called a friend, I cannot imagine. But I do know that Jesus does not lie, and in that moment he saw something good in a very bad man....He can help us do the same with those who hurt us.

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