

## **Devotions: October 11 to October 17**

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

**Monday:** He Still Moves Stones

*Deuteronomy 32:4 - He is a faithful God who does no wrong, who is right and fair.*

To recognize God as Lord is to acknowledge that he is sovereign and supreme in the universe. To accept him as Savior is to accept his gift of salvation offered on the cross. To regard him as Savior is to accept his gift of salvation offered on the cross. To regard him as Father is to go a step further. Ideally, a father is the one in your life who provides and protects. This is exactly what God has done... God has proven himself as a faithful father. Now it falls to us to be trusting children.

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**Tuesday:** Preface, Grace For the Moment

*Hebrews 4:16 - Let us boldly approach the throne of our gracious God, where we may receive mercy and his grace to find timely help.*

Did you note those last two words? "Timely help." Not too soon, nor too late. Just on time. Just as it's my job to make sure my children have what they need, God will make sure you have what you need. From his hand you will receive.

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**Wednesday:** A Gentle Thunder

*Titus 3:7 - Being made right with God by his grace, we could have the hope of receiving the life that never ends.*

You may be decent....But apart from Christ you are not holy. So how can you go to heaven? Only believe. Accept the work already done, the work of Jesus on the cross....Stand before God in his name, not yours. It is that easy? There was nothing easy about it at all. The cross was heavy, the blood was real, and the price was extravagant. It would have bankrupted you or me, so he paid it for us...Call it what it is. Call it grace.

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**Thursday:** The Great House of God

*John 4:24 - God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*

Since God is Spirit (John 4:23), he is next to you....Moses knew this. "Lord," he prayed, "you have been our home since the beginning" (Psalm 90:1). What a powerful thought: God as your home. Your home is the place where you can kick off your shoes....Your home is familiar to you....God can be equally familiar to you. With time you can learn where to go for nourishment, where to hide for protection, where to turn for guidance. Just as your earthly house is a place of refuge, so God's house is a place of peace.

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**Friday:** The Inspirational Study Bible

*John 1:1 - In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God.*

Not only has [the Bible] survived, it has thrived. It is the single most popular book in all of history....The Bible's durability is not found on earth; it is found in heaven. For the millions who have tested its claims and claimed its promises there is but one answer – the Bible is God's book and God's voice....The purpose of the Bible is to proclaim God's plan and passion to save his children...It is the treasure map that leads us to God's highest treasure, eternal life.

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**Saturday:** Just Like Jesus

*Luke 10:20 - Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.*

Let a child call and the ear of the Father inclines....And, most important, let a sinner repent, and every other activity ceases, and every heavenly being celebrates....When you hear of a soul saved, do you drop everything and celebrate? Is your good day made better or your bad day salvaged? We may be pleased – but exuberant?...When a soul is saved, the heart of Jesus becomes the night sky on the Fourth of July, radiant with explosions of cheer. Can the same be said about us?

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**Sunday:**

In The Eye Of The Storm

*Daniel 9:18 - We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.*

We prefer to get salvation the old-fashion way: We earn it. To accept grace is to admit failure, a step we are hesitant to take. We opt to impress God with how good we are rather than confessing how great he is....Think that God will smile on our efforts. He does not. God's smile is not for the healthy hiker who boasts that he made the journey alone. It is, instead, for the crippled leper who begs God for a back on which to ride.

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