

Devotions: October 25 to October 31

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

Monday: Walking With The Savior

1 John 4:18 - Where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love drives out fear.

Somewhere, sometime, some [thing] convinced us that...God's going to nail us when we have gone too far. No concept could be more wrong! Our Savior's Father is very fond of us and only wants to share his love with us. We have a Father who is filled with compassion, a feeling Father who hurts when his children hurt. We serve a God who says that even when we...feel like nothing is going to go right, he is waiting for us, to embrace us whether we succeed or fail.

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Tuesday: A Gentle Thunder

Philippians 4:19 - My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need.

God's faithfulness has never depended on the faithfulness of his children. He is faithful even when we are not...When the disciples did not pray, Jesus prayed. When the disciples did not see God, Jesus sought God. When the disciples were weak, Jesus was strong. When the disciples had no faith, Jesus had faith. I simply think God is greater than our weakness. In fact, I think it is our weakness that reveals how great God is...God is faithful even when his children are not.

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Wednesday:

Just Like Jesus

2 Corinthians 5:16 - From this time on we do not think of anyone as the world does.

Ask God to help you have his eternal view of the world...From his perspective every person is either: Entering through the small gate or the wide gate...To have a heart like his is to look into the faces of the saved and rejoice! They are just one grave away from being just like Jesus. To have a heart like his is to look into the faces of the lost and pray. For unless they turn, they are one grave away from torment.

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Thursday:

The Great House Of God

Jeremiah 29:11 - I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you.

Last night during family devotions....I placed a collection of food [on the table]: some fruit, some raw vegetables, and some Oreo cookies. "Every day," I explained, "God prepares for us a plate of experiences. What kind of plate do you most enjoy?"...Some days are "three-cookie days." Many are not ...Apparently God knows we need some strength, and though the portion may be hard to swallow, is not it for our own good?...And the next time your plate has a portion you find hard to swallow, talk to God about it. Jesus did.

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Friday:

In The Eye Of The Storm

1 John 4:16 - We know the love that God has for us, and we trust that love.

You cannot take the wet out of water and still have water. You cannot take the heat out of fire and still have fire. In the same way, you cannot take the love out of [God]...and still have him exist. For he was...and is...Love. Probe deep within him. Explore every corner. Search every angle. Love is all you find. Go to the beginning of every decision he has made and you will find it. Go to the end of every story he has told and you will see it. Love.

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Saturday: When Christ Comes

John 14:3 - After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you may be where I am.

Someday, according to Christ, he will set us free. He will come back. In the blind of an eye, as fast as the lightning flashes...., he will come back. And everyone will see him; you will, I will. Bodies will push back the dirt and break the surface of the sea. The earth will tremble, the sky will roar, and those who do not know him will shudder. But... You will not fear, because you know him.

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Sunday: He Still Moves Stones

Romans 8:37 - In all things we have full victory through God who showed his love for us.

When it comes to healing our spiritual condition, we do not have a chance...Our only hope is that God will...step out of the temple and step into our ward of hurt and helplessness. Which is exactly what he has done....I wish we would take Jesus at his word...When he says we are forgiven, let us unload the guilt. When he says we are valuable, let us believe him...When he says we are provided for, let us stop worrying. God's efforts are stronger when our efforts are useless.

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