

Devotions 2023: May 8 to May 14

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

Monday: In The Grip Of Grace

Matthew 7:2 - You will be judged in the same way that you judge others.

We condemn a man for stumbling this morning, but we did not see the blows he took yesterday. We judge a woman for the limp in her walk, but cannot see the tack in her shoe....You do not know. Only one who has followed yesterday's steps can be their judge....How can you dismiss a soul until God's work is complete? "God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again." (Philippians 1:6).

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Tuesday: Jus Like Jesus

Isaiah 28:10 - A rule here, a rule there. A little lesson here, a little lesson there.

Equipped with the right tools, we can learn to listen to God. What are those tools? Here are the ones I have found helpful: A regular time and place. Select a slot on your schedule and a corner of your world, and claim it for God.... A second tool you need [is] an open Bible. God speaks to us through his Word... There is a third tool... We also need a listening heart... If you want to be just like Jesus, let God have you.

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Wednesday: In The Eye Of The Storm

Hebrews 10:22 - Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, because we have been made free from a guilty conscience.

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. The apostle Paul wrote...”For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). The supreme force in salvation is God’s grace.

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Thursday: When Christ Comes

2 Timothy 2:19 - The Lord knows who belong to him.

You are before the judgement of Christ. The book is opened and the reading begins...But as soon as the infraction is read, grace is proclaimed...The result? God’s merciful verdict will echo through the universe... We will stand in awe as one sin after another is proclaimed, and then pardoned....As we see how much he has forgiven us, we will see how much he loves us. And we will worship him...Only one is worthy of the applause of heaven, and he is the one with the pierced hands and feet.

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Friday: In The Grip OF Grace

Philippians 3:14 - I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me.

Before Christ our lives were out of control, sloppy, and indulgent. We did not even know we were slobs until we met him.... Suddenly we find ourselves wanting to do good. Go back to the old mess? Are you kidding?

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Saturday: The Inspirational Study Bible

Mark 8:29 - He said to them, "But who do you say I am?"

Jesus turns [to his disciples] and asks them the question. The question, "But who do you say I am?,, You have been asked some important questions in your life: Will you marry me? Would you be interested in a transfer? What would you think if I told you I was pregnant? You have been asked some important questions. But the grandest of them is an anthill compared to the Everest found in the eighth chapter of Mark. Who do you say I am?

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Sunday: The Great House Of God

2 Corinthians 12:9 - My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, my power is made perfect in you.

There are certain mountains only God can climb....It is not that you are not welcome to try, it is just that you are not able....Mount Messiah is one mountain you were not made to climb. Nor is Mount Self-Sufficient... You are self-made. You...just roll up your sleeves and put in another twelve-hour day....which may be enough when it comes to making a living....But when you face your own grave or your own guilt, your power will not do the trick.

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