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Much of life is spent getting out of bed. Fixing lunches. Turning in assignments. Changing diapers. Paying bills. Routine. Regular. More struggle than strut.

You thought marriage was going to be a lifelong date? You thought having kids was going to be like baby-sitting? You thought the company who hired you wanted to hear all the ideas you had in college? Then you learned otherwise. The honeymoon ended.

But at the right time, God comes. In the right way, He appears. So don't bail out. Don't give up. He is too wise to forget you, too loving to hurt you. When you can't see Him, trust Him.

So what does God do while we're enduring the pain? Mark 6:46 says, "*Jesus prayed.*" He prayed for His disciples when they were in the storm. And when He heard their cries, He remained in prayer. He's praying a prayer right now that He Himself will answer at the right time.

"Jesus is able always to save those who come to God through him because he always lives, asking God to help them." (Hebrews 7:24-25)

- Max Lucado

The Christian way

Choose to specialize in encouraging words, not critical comments.

Paul wrote, "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification".

(Romans 14:19)

AWANA

Sundays from 5:45-7:15

Ages 2-5th grade

**Always pray to have Eyes
that see the best in people,
a Heart that forgives the
worst, a Mind that forgets
the bad, and a Soul that
never loses faith in God.**

Think for a moment about your world. Remember that voice, that face, that event? Wasn't there a time for you—maybe the birth of your child? The tears of the widower? The explosion of a sunset? The impassioned sermon? Wasn't there a time when you heard God speak?

It isn't the circumstance that matters; it's God in the circumstance. It isn't the words; it's God speaking them. It wasn't the mud that healed the eyes of the blind man; it was the finger of God in the mud. The cradle and the cross were as common as grass. What made them holy was the One laid upon them.

God speaks to us. He may use a sermon. He may inspire a conversation. He may speak through a song. He may even speak through this brief message. But, isn't that just like Him? Oh, the lengths to which God will go to get our attention and win our affection! Listen to Him.

"Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." (John 1:51)

-Max Lucado

YOUTH

As October comes to an end we are kicking off the new branch to the Awana program. This new program is for all our youth and will be taking place Sunday nights during our Awana kids program. The new Bible study will cover a multitude of important subjects for youth and I believe the curriculum will benefit the spiritual development of our youth tremendously.

- Trey Miller