

I don't pray in order to make life work;

I make life work so that I can pray.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

Ephesians 6:18

JANUARY 2

The greatest honor in David's life was not being king of Israel or the writer of many psalms; it was being quoted three times on the cross.

What kind of journey would you have to walk in order to write the kind of thing Jesus would *want* to quote on the cross?

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46

"I thirst!" John 19:28

"Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Luke 23:46

If you're not distracted by Him,
you're not seeing Him.

Yes, he is altogether lovely.

Song 5:16

JANUARY 4

You were never intended to carry your god;
you were intended to be carried by your God.

*“They have no knowledge, who carry the wood of their carved image,
and pray to a god that cannot save.”*

Isaiah 45:20

*“Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you!
I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.”*

Isaiah 46:4

How could it possibly be said that the cross was
God's gentleness with Jesus?

When you look at the depravity of man and
the glory to which Christ has lifted him,
the cross was God's most gentle way to accomplish that.

Similarly, when you see the heights to
which God has lifted you, you will finally
realize your journey was gentle.

Your gentleness has made me great.

Psalm 18:35

JANUARY 6

We're fighting for a crown, not in order to wear it
but to have something to cast down.

God dignifies us with sonship, glory, exploits, and honor that
we might enjoy the great privilege of casting it all at His feet.

*The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne
and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their
crowns before the throne.*

Revelation 4:10

You can't be sent *from* God unless you're first *with* God.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

John 1:6

JANUARY 8

Satan was more bloodied by the cross than Jesus Christ.

Though your trial might mean you take it in the heel,
your obedience means your adversary takes it in the head.

*“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her
Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”*

Genesis 3:15

God will take a daunting, depressing mountain and level it into a fruitful plain to feed a generation from His goodness to you.

If ever a morbid mountain was turned into a fruitful plain that has fed an entire planet, it was the desolate mountain of Calvary!

How will your gloomy mountain be turned into a fruitful plain?

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit.”

So he answered and said to me: “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts. “Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”

Zechariah 4:6-7

JANUARY 10

The cross is the only thing God intended to do singlehandedly.

Since then, He does everything in partnership with us.

*We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive
the grace of God in vain.*

2 Corinthians 6:1