

**Devotions – November 2-8, 2014**

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**Sunday, November 2**

Text: Romans 8:28

**“All things work together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purposes.”**

I was laid off from a job during the recession of the early '80's. I was devastated, even though the job had its limitations and I knew I would never “advance” significantly. I didn't have a clear vision for my work or my life. Yet, I was devastated. The company was very generous. They gave me two month's severance and a mentor. I moved to a larger city, found a church that changed my life and continued the work I came to love. All this would not have occurred without the devastating layoff.

Let us pray: Dear Lord, help me to trust that you are always working things out for my good. Amen.



**Monday, November 3**

Text: Psalm 23:4

**“Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Thou are with me.”**

Is there a more calming vision than to see the Lord beside you no matter where you are, no matter what is going on? What could be worse than walking through the “valley of the shadow of death”? I can't think of anything that could be worse!

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, help me to know your presence no matter what is going on in my life, no matter where I am. You are there to share your strength, wisdom and peace. Thank you for being in my valleys. Amen.



**Tuesday, November 4**

Text: Jeremiah 29:11

**“For I know the plans I have for you... plans for a future and a hope.”**

My spiritual mother once shared with me that she would often remind people that “God has work for you to do”. They would begin doing some extraordinary things—visiting the elderly, volunteering at the library, you name it! She never knew what that “work” might consist of, but she was always sure that there was something the Lord had in mind for them to do—and there was.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, what work do you have for me to do today? Let me be faithful to your bidding! Amen



### **Wednesday, November 5**

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:11a

**“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up.”**

“You’re too smart to be a transcriptionist.” These seven words changed a woman and her family’s life completely. She had to go to college, medical school, residency while her husband raised their three small children, hunted, fished and gardened. She made it—it started with these encouraging words.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, who can I encourage today? Show me. Amen.



### **Thursday, November 6**

Text: Psalm 23:2b

**“He leadeth me beside the still waters.”**

Michigan’s Upper Peninsula has water everywhere. Canoeists and kayakers love these sports because they can get into very calm, very still waters. They love the quiet they find there. They find their souls restored on these still waters.

Let us pray: Precious Lord, your still waters restore my soul. Thank you, Lord. Amen.



## Friday, November 7

Text: James 4:2b

**“Ye have not because ye ask not.”**

If our God is omnipotent as we believe Him to be, then He CAN do whatever He chooses to do, right? No matter how unlikely it would seem, how impossible it would seem. If this weren't so, would we not be wasting our time, money and effort in our worship of Him? Even if His response to our requests is “no” or “Not yet”, if we DON'T ask, we don't even stand a chance!

Let us pray: Dear Lord, let it NOT be that we have not because we ask not! I accept your response, whatever it may be. Today, I am asking for (fill in the blank). Amen.



## Saturday, November 8

Text: Psalm 118:24

**“This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”**

Wow! What a gift! Another day to be a part of the Lord's kingdom on earth! What could be more precious than that? Anything could happen today! God could use us in great and mighty ways—or touching and tender ways. Today is a gift.

Let us pray: Dearest Lord, take my life today and let it be fully yours. Use me as you wish. I am your humble servant. Amen.

