



Remarkable

Every day I have the honor of sitting down with a book that contains the words of the One who created me. Every day I have the opportunity to let him give me a thought or two on how to live.

If I don't do what he says, he doesn't burn the book or cancel my subscription. If I disagree with what he says, lightning doesn't split my swivel chair or an angel doesn't mark my name off the holy list. If I don't understand what he says, he doesn't call me a dummy.

In fact, he calls me "Son," and on a different page explains what I don't understand.

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At the end of the day when I walk through the house, I step into the bedrooms of

three little girls. And one by one, I bend over and kiss the foreheads of the angels God has loaned me. Then I stand in the doorway and wonder why in the world he would entrust a stumbling, fumbling fellow like me with the task of loving and leading such treasures.

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Then I go and crawl into bed with a woman far wiser than I ... a woman who deserves a man much better looking than I ... but a woman who would argue that fact and tell me from the bottom of her heart that I'm the best thing to come down her pike.

After I think about the wife I have, and when I think that I get to be with her for a lifetime, I shake my head and thank the God of grace

for grace and think, Remarkable.

I'm learning not to take these everyday miracles for granted.

I'm discovering many things: traffic jams eventually clear up, sunsets are for free, Little League is a work of art, and most planes take off and arrive on time. I'm learning that most folks are good folks who are just as timid as I am about starting a conversation.

I'm meeting people who love their country and their God and their church and would die for any of the three.

I'm learning that if I look ...if I open my eyes and observe ... there are many reasons to take off my hat, look at the Source of it all, and just say thanks.

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IN AND AROUND
LEXINGTON
BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

Olivia Walden is headed to the University hospital in Jackson to have some tests done. Her mother, Mrs. Carrie Walden, is already, at the University hospital in Jackson. She is in intensive care.

Mrs. Leola Montgomery had to be rushed to a hospital in Jackson.

devotion. This Max Lucado devotional offers wisdom and insight for applying Biblical truths to the ups and downs of everyday life. Reading daily devotions provides strength and encouragement in your daily walk with Jesus Christ.

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I don't remember being so aggravated as I was the other day. There I was sitting with a friend, sulking about a lost opportunity to pull the trigger on a tom turkey. The night before we had seen a gobbler and a hen move into a certain part of the woods. We surmised they would certainly roost there. So, our plans were to be their wake-up call the next morning.

The next day we were in place as the sun began to rise. The woods all around us was being filled with a chorus of gobblers. None of them, however, were coming from this particular bird that we were set up on. We stayed and waited. We continued to wait as we called softly to let him know we were around. Still no response. The other gobblers wanted us to come to them, but we remained steadfast until we determined that somehow this bird had eluded us.

Our plan now was to try to get on one of the other gobblers that had been calling but we had waited too long. They had already found other hens. So, there we were, empty-handed, frustrated, and sulking in the price of a bad decision.

While sitting on the side of that hill, I pondered on some lesson from what had just happened. It seemed that very quickly my mind went to this subject of decisions. You see every decision has at least two components; sacrifice and risk. Some decisions – the easiest ones, come with very little sacrifice and very little risk. These are the ones that most of us make every day. They keep us in our comfort zone and that is really where we all like to live. I ask myself as I thought about what had just transpired that morning, if my decision to stay put was based on my unwillingness to sacrifice to climb a difficult hill or if it

A few weeks ago Mrs. Patricia (Little Pat) Porter attended a small farmers meeting.

Second Saturday morning, a tree fell across the highway by my house. Cars were lined up in front of my driveway waiting to go north on Highway 17. Some of the people got out of the road so the traffic could move on. MDOT came and cut up the tree.

Second Saturday evening two friends and I went to Lousville, Mississippi to little Calvary Church. On the way we picked up one more friend. We got to the church before it rained. But, oh boy!

was based on the fear that I would run into the bird that I was trying to get close to. Was I afraid of that risk? I'm not sure but I was reminded of this; the greatest successes and results will always come from the greatest sacrifices and risks. In investments, the greatest return on one's money also comes with the greatest possibility of losing one's money. So, as you can imagine, most people prefer to remain in the safe confines of the local FDIC insured bank. In turkey hunting, most people chose to stay on level ground instead of climbing a difficult hill. They prefer to stay several hundred yards from a gobbler's roost instead of moving close and risking being seen. The truth is, the one closest is more likely to garner the kill.

My friend, remember that while most of your decisions in life will take very little sacrifice and risk, if you are

On the way back we had to ride out the storm. It rained cats and dogs. The roads and the highways were flooded in places. We made it back to Lexington safe. Thank God we had a good driver.

Our lights went out second Saturday night and did not come back on until Sunday evening around 2:00. I think all of Yazoo Valley customers electric was off according to the message on their answering service.

Thursday, April 18, are schools let the children go home early due to the stormy weather. Let's pray that Holmes County students did well on state tests.

Highway 14 near Goodman caved in during the second Saturday weekend. I know a lot of you saw it on peoples cell phones.

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truly going to enjoy the most thrilling victories, you will have to put something on the line. Your risk may not always pay off but at least you won't be sitting on the side of a hill somewhere, wondering what might have been if you had only moved.

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Millsaps College professor secures grant for archaeology in Peru

Press Release

How did regional trade networks disrupt or impact communities in Peru over 1,000 years ago? The answers to that question will be developed this summer as a professor from Millsaps College, accompanied by a graduating senior at Millsaps, conduct research supported by a grant from the Rust Family Foundation.

Dr. Veronique Belisle, assistant professor of anthropology, and Matthew Brown, a student from Senatobia, Mississippi who will graduate next month with a degree in sociology-anthropology, will spend the summer studying the impact of the Wari state expansion on obsidian trade in Cusco.

"The project aims to evaluate how ancient state expansion affected the economy of local communities," Belisle said. "Data will document the disruption or persistence of regional trade networks in

a context of state colonization and shed light on a little-known area of the Cusco region."

The project will include fieldwork at an obsidian quarry in Cusco and lab analyses in the United States. Belisle and Brown will document the obsidian quarry and collect samples.

Back on the Millsaps campus, those samples will be scanned with the College's portable X-Ray Fluorescence (pXRF) spectrometer to identify their chemical composition.

The samples will then be sent to MURR – University of Missouri Research Reactor – for further chemical analysis using a technique called neutron activation.

"Since each obsidian outcrop has a unique chemical signature, we will be able to compare the composition of our samples with that of obsidian artifacts recovered in excavations in Cusco and

beyond to understand where this type of obsidian was traded, evaluate changes through time, and assess Wari impact on obsidian procurement patterns" said Belisle.

After completing research in Peru over the summer, Brown will attend the University of Michigan, considered to be one of the top archaeology programs in the country, to pursue a PhD in anthropological archaeology.

The work he will conduct in Peru will provide valuable field experience, and he will also collaborate with Belisle on the publication of their results in a scientific journal.

Based in Connecticut, the Rust Family Foundation was established in 1998, based on a legacy from Margaret Dole Rust (1918-1995). Since 2015, the Foundation has had an added emphasis on donations to projects in archaeology and related research and exploration.



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