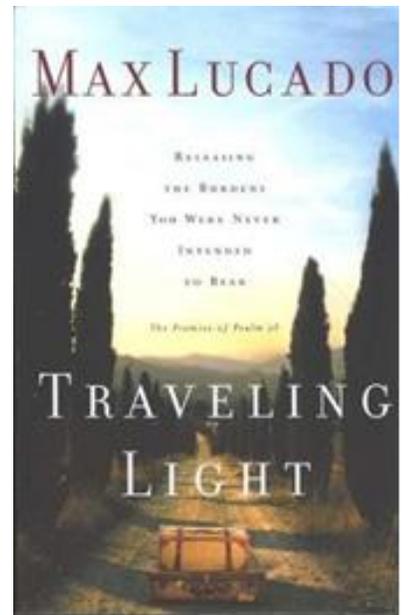


Psalm 23:3

March 20

Hopelessness, Guilt,
and Arrogance



It's a Jungle Out There

Max describes hopelessness as an old empty bag.
Have you ever searched frantically for something important, looking in the same place multiple times, and then give up?
What threatens to steal your hope?

Max describes the “remedy” for hope as a guide in the jungle.
What is it about the guide that restores hope?
How is Jesus the guide in life’s jungle?

Mark 6:50-51

In what are the disciples told to put their hope?

John 14:4-6

Jesus says “I am the way”.

How is being “the Way” even more than being a guide?

What makes Jesus THE Way?

How does this truth respond to the world’s many religious guides?

Psalm 121

Where does the Psalmist look for help?

How do we do this – physically, emotionally, and spiritually?

How much sleep does God get?

How is this a comfort?

Romans 8:18-25

Why do we need hope? (19-23)

What is the definition of hope? (24)

Why is it always too soon to give up hope? (25)

A Heavenly Exchange

Have you ever felt God was wrong – in what He said or did in your life?

Max describes the weight of other burdens, but says guilt is different – it consumes. How does this consuming create its own burden?

Do you know someone who is righteous?

Are they perfect? (Do they have faults you may not know specifically?)

Is that person included in Romans 3:23?

Romans 5:6 For whom did Christ die?

John 3:16 For whom was the Son of God sent?

What sin do you carry guilt for?

What sin cannot be left at the cross of Jesus?

Colossians 2:13-14

Get Over Yourself

What is dangerous about human pride?

In what way is it proper to be proud of accomplishments?

How is it improper?

What are some practical ways to maintain balance?

Max gives a short list of saints known for their humility.

Who else could be added to the list?

Isaiah 57:15;66:2

With whom is the Lord pleased to dwell?

And “look on with favor”?

What about you?

Philippians 2:3-11

What are we to do?

How? (Is there any other way?)

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
²He makes me to lie down
in green pastures;
He leads me
beside the still waters.
³He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths
of righteousness
For His name's sake.
⁴Yea, though I walk
through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence
of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell
in the house of the Lord
Forever.

How do hopelessness, guilt, and arrogance go together?

How are they relieved by

*“He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.”?*