



## Monday Matters

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For several years I was a teacher. I had many opportunities to encourage, and even assigned, journal writings. Growth and insight comes from reading about where you have been and where you are now...and speculates on where you want to "go." That journey may not be perfect, but often there are small things in our written message, to ourselves, that deepens life's experience. When we write it down and read it later, it takes us back to a challenge or a battle, or even a triumph and defines us a little better. That can make us grow, if we choose.

I recently finished one of Beth Moore's Personal Reflection Series. Its title is *Jesus, 90 Days with the One and Only*. I will say it took me far longer than 90 days, but that is okay. As I journaled through it, many things came out that made me realize, with such a grateful heart, that God is not going to leave me unattended. Here are some of my reflective thoughts:

**Beth wrote:** Give Him the Name Jesus

**I wrote:** I have to sit and collect my thoughts about Jesus for there are many. It is the sweetest relationship I have experienced in life and I am SO grateful He looked at me with favor to be His.

**Beth wrote:** A Good Time to Celebrate

**I wrote:** Lord help me remember the joy You have put into my life...for choosing me and saving me...for placing a deep passion in my heart for You. Joy propels me toward You.

**Beth wrote:** Lord, I am so grateful that you sympathize with our weaknesses.



**I wrote:** I can trust God to help me in my weaknesses. Help me think productive thoughts...thoughts that will help me become useful for Your glory.

**Beth wrote:** Leave the Light On

**I wrote:** Lord, help me to live each day thinking about You...not what You can do for me...or what I think You should do for me.

**Beth wrote:** Lord, You made us alive with You and forgave us all our sins.

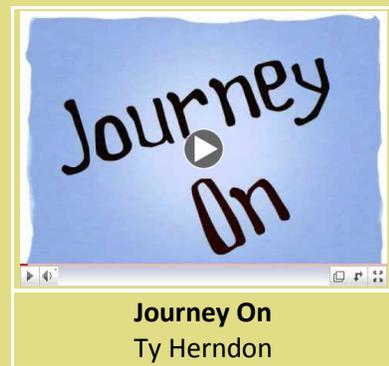
**I wrote:** I can't express well the gratefulness I feel for my precious and "hard fought" salvation. You fight against sin and You died on a cross...it is often something I take for granted. I know Your love compelled You, and I accept Your great gift of love. Help me live triumphantly for Your glory.

It was with great joy, a little bit of agony and deep humility to go back and read my thoughts. Yet I can't tell you how it deepens my relationship with God, because I can see the journey...a

journey I realize is definitely not motionless nor stagnant. He pursues me and opens me up for more, if I let Him.

Open up to Him...He will come in. You will never be the same.

*"Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing - nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable - absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us." (Romans 9, The Message)*



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