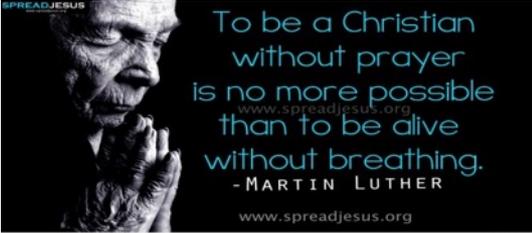
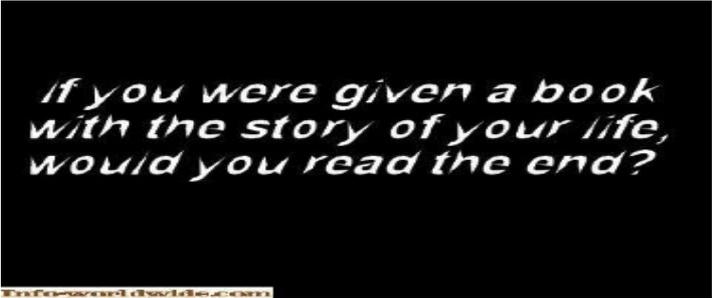
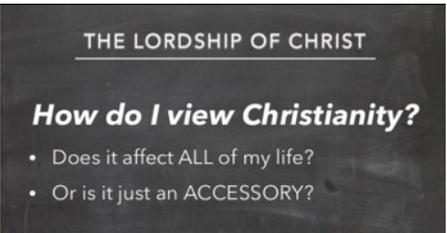


	<p>Prayer Wall Sept 2016</p>	
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<p>If you were to write a book of your life, what would you put there?</p> <p>Your successes, failures, times when God was real? or distant?</p> <p>Would you be proud of what you have achieved ? - or would what you have achieved make God proud of you?</p>	
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	<p>We all make mistakes in life, but the good news is that God gives us a fresh new start every day to those who confess their sins - so you can then leave out the bits that you would be ashamed to show others.</p> <p>Spend some time in prayer thinking whether you need a clean sheet in some part of your life. Or some part of your life where you need to let go of your own Lordship and let God have full sway.</p>
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<p>Here is a clip to help you ponder</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBUQqLp6N24&index=9&list=FLckQjjVoql8LX5KAGzq0y5Q</p>
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	<p>I have been thinking about the Lordship of God over the summer and what that means. It is hard to understand Lordship these days as we have no-one Lording it over us. We vote in our national and local Government, and the Monarchy has no real sway over our lives. In a sense we have exchanged Lordship for democracy.</p>
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When Jesus was tempted by the devil at the start of his ministry, this was his response to the devil: *Matthew 4:10: Worship the Lord your God, and only him. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness.*

When we say Lord Lord, spend some time asking what that would mean in your life today.

And I am concerned that this starts to seep into my faith.
Do I try to bargain with God? or get Him to bless my plans? or box Him into a space in my life? Or do I spend time listening for His word? prepared to set aside all my plans for His? asking what I should be praying for?

Don't assume that God's dismissed you from his mind,
Don't assume that God's forgotten to be kind,
Don't think that you have left him far behind,
Don't assume that God will no more plan for you,
Don't assume that there's no future to explore,
Don't think that your repentance he'll ignore,
Don't assume you cannot give what he'll demand,
Don't assume that God condemns you out of hand,
Don't think that God will fail to understand,
Don't think because you failed him he despairs



And why? because of grace. I am still trying to get my head around the concept of grace. That God is prepared to daily wipe the slate clean.

I find it easier to ask forgiveness for the smaller things - the sort of things that I would forgive, but find it harder to ask for forgiveness when I really screw up.

Spend time in prayer asking for forgiveness for the things you hardly dare ask forgiveness for.

This is so hard as these are things you barely acknowledge yourself - painful memories or failures you have long ago buried. Pray for your own healing as you bring these to God.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hxeJ_QAOE4

This great song has the lines:

How many times will you pick me up
when I keep on letting you down?
and each time I would fall short of your glory
How far will forgiveness abound?
And you answer 'My child I love you
and as long as you are seeking my face
you'll walk in the power of my daily sufficient grace'