

Brennan Manning

Quotes

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Be daring enough to be different, humble enough to make mistakes, wild enough to be burnt in the fire of love, real enough to make others see how phony you are.

~Brennan Manning

God loves you unconditionally, as you are and not as you should be, because nobody is as they should be.

~Brennan Manning

To be alive is to be broken; to be broken is to stand in need of grace.

~Brennan Manning

My deepest awareness of myself is that I am deeply loved by Jesus Christ and I have done nothing to earn it or deserve it.

~Brennan Manning

A saint is not someone who is good but who experiences the goodness of God.

~Brennan Manning

In every encounter we either give life or we drain it; there is no neutral exchange.

~Brennan Manning

To live by grace means to acknowledge my whole life story, the light side and the dark. In admitting my shadow side I learn who I am and what God's grace means.

~Brennan Manning

Jesus comes not for the super-spiritual but for the wobbly and the weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together, and who are not too proud to accept the handout of amazing grace.

~Brennan Manning

Our identity rests in God's relentless tenderness for us revealed in Jesus Christ.

~Brennan Manning

In Love's service, only wounded soldiers can serve.

~Brennan Manning

The litmus test of our love for God is our love of neighbor.

~Brennan Manning

The gospel declares that no matter how dutiful or prayerful we are, we can't save ourselves. What Jesus did was sufficient.

~Brennan Manning

That which is denied cannot be healed.

~Brennan Manning

The deepest desire of our hearts is for union for God. God created us for union with himself. This is the original purpose of our lives.

~Brennan Manning

We should be astonished at the goodness of God, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, our mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment we are standing on holy ground.

~Brennan Manning

Our culture says that ruthless competition is the key to success. Jesus says that ruthless compassion is the purpose of our journey.

~Brennan Manning

Jesus reveals a God who does not demand but who gives; who does not oppress but who raises up; who does not wound but who heals; who does not condemn but forgives.

~Brennan Manning

How glorious the splendor of a human heart that trusts that it is loved!

~Brennan Manning

Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is illusion.

~Brennan Manning

Our hearts of stone become hearts of flesh when we learn where the outcast weeps.

~Brennan Manning

When a man or woman is truly honest, it is virtually impossible to insult them personally.

~Brennan Manning

Jesus comes for sinners, for those outcast...and those caught up in squalid choices and failed dreams.

~Brennan Manning

We even refuse to be our true self with God- and then wonder why we lack intimacy with him.

~Brennan Manning

To lend each other a hand when we're falling, perhaps that's the only work that matters in the end.

~Brennan Manning

We must go out into a desert of some kind (your backyard will do) and come into a personal experience of the awesome love of God.

~Brennan Manning

The Christian with depth is the person who has failed and who has learned to live with it.

~Brennan Manning

Childlike surrender and trust, I believe, is the defining spirit of authentic discipleship.

~Brennan Manning

Craving clarity, we attempt to eliminate the risk of trusting God. Fear of the unknown path stretching ahead of us destroys childlike trust in the Father's active goodness and unrestricted love.

~Brennan Manning

Suffering, failure, loneliness, sorrow, discouragement, and death will be part of your journey, but the Kingdom of God will conquer all these horrors. No evil can resist grace forever.

~Brennan Manning

God is enough. That is the root of peace. When we start seeking something besides Him, we lose it.

~Brennan Manning

There is a beautiful transparency to honest disciples who never wear a false face and do not pretend to be anything but who they are.

~Brennan Manning

We are made for Christ, and nothing less will ever satisfy us.

~Brennan Manning

Faithfulness requires the courage to risk everything on Jesus, the willingness to keep growing, and the readiness to risk failure throughout our lives.

~Brennan Manning

The Good News of the gospel of grace cries out: We are all, equally, privileged but unentitled beggars at the door of God's mercy!

~Brennan Manning

You will trust God to the degree you know you are loved by Him.

~Brennan Manning

The secret of the mystery is: God is always greater. No matter how great we think Him to be, His love is always greater.

~Brennan Manning

We miss Jesus' point entirely when we use His words as weapons against others.

~Brennan Manning

I am wonderfully content with a God who does not deal with me as my sins deserve.

~Brennan Manning

When absolute control and rigid obedience pose as love within the family and the local faith-community, we produce trained cowards rather than Christian persons.

~Brennan Manning

Today on planet Earth, may you experience the wonder and beauty of yourself as Abba's Child and temple of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ

~Brennan Manning

The spirituality of wonder knows the world is charged with grace, that while sin and war, disease and death are terribly real, God's loving presence and power in our midst are even more real.

~Brennan Manning

The temptation of the age is to look good without being good.

~Brennan Manning

The only kind of love that helps anyone grow is unconditional love.

~Brennan Manning

Tragedy is that our attention centers on what people are not, rather than on what they are and who they might become.

~Brennan Manning

I could more easily contain Niagara Falls in a teacup than I can comprehend the wild, uncontainable love of God.

~Brennan Manning

Letting ourselves be loved by God is more important than loving God.

~Brennan Manning

Whatever we have done in the past, be it good or evil, great or small, is irrelevant to our stance before God today. It is only NOW that we are in the presence of God.

~Brennan Manning

Hope knows that if great trials are avoided great deeds remain undone and the possibility of growth into greatness of soul is aborted.

~Brennan Manning

Genuine self-acceptance is not derived from the power of positive thinking, mind games or pop psychology. IT IS AN ACT OF FAITH in the God of grace.

~Brennan Manning

We have been given God in our souls and Christ in our flesh. We have the power to believe where others deny, to hope where others despair, to love where others hurt.

~Brennan Manning

Ruthless trust ultimately comes down to this: faith in the person of Jesus and hope in his promise.

~Brennan Manning

For me the most radical demand of Christian faith lies in summoning the courage to say yes to the present risenness of Jesus Christ.

~Brennan Manning

If in our hearts we really don't believe that God loves us as we are, if we are still tainted by the lie that we can do something to make God love us more, we are rejecting the message of the cross.

~Brennan Manning

Grace is sufficient even though we huff and puff with all our might to try and find something or someone that it cannot cover. Grace is enough...

~Brennan Manning

The gospel will persuade no one unless it has so convicted us that we are transformed by it.

~Brennan Manning

When our inner child is not nurtured and nourished, our minds gradually close to new ideas, unprofitable commitments and the surprises of the Spirit.

~Brennan Manning

The trouble with our ideals is that if we live up to all of them, we become impossible to live with.

~Brennan Manning

Ragamuffins are simple, direct and honest. Their speech is unaffected. They are slow to claim, "God told me..." As they make their way through the world, they bear wordless, prophetic witness.

~Brennan Manning

When we wallow in guilt, remorse, and shame over real or imagined

sins of the past, we are disdaining God's gift of grace.

~Brennan Manning

Trust is that rare and priceless treasure that wins us the affection of our heavenly Father.

~Brennan Manning

Everybody has a vocation to some form of life-work. However, behind that call (and deeper than any call), everybody has a vocation to be a person to be fully and deeply human in Christ Jesus.

~Brennan Manning

The men and women who are truly filled with light are those who have gazed deeply into the darkness of their own imperfect existence.

~Brennan Manning

Real freedom is freedom from the opinions of others. Above all, freedom from your opinions about yourself.

~Brennan Manning

I have been seized by the power of a great affection.

~Brennan Manning

Reality, truth, and Jesus Christ are incredibly open-ended

~Brennan Manning

In my experience, self-hatred is the dominant malaise crippling Christians and stifling their growth in the Holy Spirit.

~Brennan Manning

God is loving us - you and me - this moment, just as we are and not as we should be.

~Brennan Manning

Troubadours have always been more important and influential than theologians and bishops

~Brennan Manning

I knew there was only one place to go. I sank down into the center of my soul, grew still, and listened to the Rabbi's heartbeat.

~Brennan Manning

The way you are with others every day, regardless of their status, is the true test of faith.

~Brennan Manning

The dominant characteristic of an authentic spiritual life is the gratitude that flows from trust

~Brennan Manning

A ragamuffin knows he's only a beggar at the door of God's mercy.

~Brennan Manning

The ragamuffin gospel says we can't lose, because we have nothing to lose.

~Brennan Manning

Without fear I can acknowledge that the authentic Christian tension is not between life and death, but between life and life.

~Brennan Manning

On the last day, Jesus will look us over not for medals, diplomas, or honors, but for scars.

~Brennan Manning

Those who have the disease called Jesus will never be cured.

~Brennan Manning

What makes the Kingdom come is heartfelt compassion: a way of tenderness that knows no frontiers, no labels, no compartmentalizing, and no sectarian divisions.

~Brennan Manning

Do you honestly believe God likes you, not just loves you because theologically God has to love you?

~Brennan Manning

Childlike in faith means the daily acknowledgment of utter dependence and that I owe my life and being to another.

~Brennan Manning

The unwounded life bears no resemblance to the Rabbi.

~Brennan Manning

Faith means wanting God and wanting to want nothing else.

~Brennan Manning

Anyone we come in contact with, we either offer them life, or we drain them.

~Brennan Manning

I asked for wonder, and He gave it to me.

~Brennan Manning

Craving clarity, we attempt to eliminate the risk of trusting God.

~Brennan Manning

Quia amasti me, fecisti me amabilem. (In loving me, you made me lovable.)

~Brennan Manning

All that is good is ours not by right but by the sheer bounty of a gracious

God

~Brennan Manning

It is for the inconsistent, unsteady disciples whose cheese is falling off their cracker.

~Brennan Manning

The life of Jesus suggests that to be like Abba is to show compassion. Donald Gray expresses this: "Jesus reveals in an exceptionally human life what it is to live a divine life, a compassionate life.

~Brennan Manning

Prayer is first and foremost an act of love

~Brennan Manning

Trust is our gift back to God, and he finds it so enchanting that Jesus died for love of it

~Brennan Manning

Accepting the reality of our sinfulness means accepting our authentic self. Judas could not face his shadow; Peter could. The latter befriended the impostor within; the former raged against him.

~Brennan Manning

Jesus was victorious not because he never flinched, talked back, or questioned, but having flinched, talked back, and questioned, he remained faithful.

~Brennan Manning

In human beings, love is a quality, a high-prized virtue; in God, love is His identity.

~Brennan Manning

If asked whether I am finally letting God love me, just as I am, I would

answer, 'No, but I'm trying.

~Brennan Manning

Don't try to understand it. You won't succeed. Don't try to see it. You can't. Try to live it, and you will be living out of the center.

~Brennan Manning

A man doesn't grow old because he has lived a certain number of years. A man grows old when he deserts his ideal. The years may wrinkle his skin, but deserting his ideal wrinkles his soul.

~Brennan Manning

By and large, the gospel of grace is neither proclaimed, understood, nor lived.

~Brennan Manning

All I have learned through trial and error is to stay alert and aware, especially God smiling @ our silliness.

~Brennan Manning

False gods - the gods of human understanding - despise sinners, but the Father of Jesus loves all, no matter what they do. But of course this is almost too incredible for us to accept.

~Brennan Manning

God is a kooky God who can scarcely bear to be without us.

~Brennan Manning

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