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When we get ashes we are not publicly proclaiming our greatness, but God's. We are not saying, 'look at how great I am,' but 'ask me about how great my God is!'

~Mark Hart

We can't understand our calling and our vocation until we listen to the Lord... until we look upon the Lord... until we realize who it is that we're really serving. Are we serving God? Or the world?

~Mark Hart

God made saints out of far worse people than you.

~Mark Hart

God will put someone in your path today who doesn't necessarily need you... but who desperately needs Christ in you.

~Mark Hart

God has great plans for you today... creative and unexpected means by which He will make you a saint. He needs only your joyful submission to His plan.

~Mark Hart

Giving God permission to make you a saint will ruin your life.

~Mark Hart

Pentecost is a celebration of God... a celebration of God's power... a celebration of God's desire to empower us and to dwell within us.

~Mark Hart

If more husbands and fathers would put as much energy into their marriages and families as they do their jobs, the world would change.

~Mark Hart

Authentic Christianity is a roller-coaster ride, not a merry-go-round.

~Mark Hart

The commandments are a gift, not a curse. Sin is less about breaking the rules and more about breaking the Father's heart.

~Mark Hart

Consider God's love for you. Now double it. Now multiply that by 900 trillion. You're still not even close.

~Mark Hart

Speaking truth will rarely earn you friends, but it will reveal who your true friends are and who are true friends of Christ.

~Mark Hart

The truest friends are usually the ones telling you what you don't want to hear.

~Mark Hart

Fatherhood has taught me when it's too quiet my kids are usually sinning. God the Father knows the same. Are you praying?

~Mark Hart

The miracle of Good Friday is that there was no miracle. Legions of angels stood - with swords sheathed - watching as the Son took our place.

~Mark Hart

If you really want to change someone's life today, don't just pray for them... pray with them.

~Mark Hart

When I get "too busy" to pray, I envision Jesus at the Pearly Gates showing me the time I wasted looking for something to watch on Netflix.

~Mark Hart

Are you willing to go the extra mile in this new year to know God? ~Mark Hart

How beautiful that after 2,000 years, no one can outdo "God is love." It's the most perfectly concise, hopeful phrase in history.

~Mark Hart

God didn't give Adam and Eve the right to decide what was good and evil. He gave them the right to choose between good and evil.

~Mark Hart

Time is the most valuable commodity we have, worth more than gold, yet wasted more than all else. Efficient use of time begins with prayer. ~Mark Hart

The amount of "followers" you have does not make you better than anyone else. Hitler had millions. Jesus had twelve.

~Mark Hart

It's been a few days since I've seen my kids. My hearts racing; I can't wait to hold them. This is just a glimpse into God's heart at Mass.

~Mark Hart

I'm at my 3 year-olds year-end concert. It's full of very off-key, mostly unfocused children, but this father is still beaming. Must be how God feels on Sunday.

~Mark Hart

If the person who says they love you is unwilling to sacrifice for you it ain't love.

Reconciliation is the fastest way to change your life.

~Mark Hart

Stress will either drive you crazy or drive you to your knees. It depends on who is in control of your life.

~Mark Hart

True holiness is not achieved by what we do, but what we allow God to do in us.

~Mark Hart

An annoyed and joyless Christian is the devil's greatest billboard.

~Mark Hart

The atheist barista (who's obsessed with astrology) asked me, "So what's your sign?" I responded, "The sign of the cross." I think she spit in my coffee.

~Mark Hart

Ever doubt that God answers your prayers? Pray (sincerely) for humility... and watch what happens.

~Mark Hart

Everything we have - every blessing, every talent - is a gift from our Father. The only thing that's all ours is our sin.

~Mark Hart

Note to self: If you can't hear God when you pray, shut up.

~Mark Hart

Many of us want to know why we don't "hear" God when we pray. Few of us shut up long enough to really listen.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus offers more than God's personal email or private cell number - He offers us a heart transplant.

~Mark Hart

Fatherhood: How God blesses you out of your selfishness and floods your soul with love, all while reminding you how little you know.

~Mark Hart

A broken heart is merely an empty manger. Invite the Virgin and the carpenter to pray beside you. Invite the Savior to dwell there.

~Mark Hart

Our Sabbath practices reveal which Trinity we truly worship: Father, Son, and Spirit... or me, myself, and I.

~Mark Hart

When a majority of my prayers are for others to change, I've gotten off track. Lord, change this sinner's heart.

~Mark Hart

There are 2 main things I've learned about following the Holy Spirit: It will never be easy. It will never be boring.

~Mark Hart

It is so beautifully ironic that St. Francis - the great lover of animals - is now a pigeon's target in countless yards.

~Mark Hart

As I get older I've come to realize that the best way to "get even" with someone is to forgive - and then forget.

~Mark Hart

We must not become so preoccupied looking for "major" miracles that we miss all the daily ones.

~Mark Hart

Some people say, "If you trust in God's unconditional love, why do you need to pray?" A better ending is "why wouldn't you want to?"

~Mark Hart

Maybe if we said that sin causes cancer, people would take it more seriously.

~Mark Hart

Sunday doesn't just prepare us for the week ahead - it prepares us for eternity.

~Mark Hart

Preaching Christ's truth always bears fruit. Of course, some people will probably end up wanting to throw that fruit at you.

~Mark Hart

God is holding you in His heart, right at this very moment. It's a fact that can make you feel so small yet so big at the same time.

~Mark Hart

Christ always calls us to life and constantly to greater joy, but rarely does He call us to comfort.

~Mark Hart

The funny thing about the boy who gave away his loaves and fish is that he, too, ended the day with a full stomach.

~Mark Hart

Great morning prayer is like marinating in the Holy Spirit.

~Mark Hart

You don't become a saint by comparing yourself to a sinner.

~Mark Hart

If true love were only about feelings, Jesus would have been hugged to death for our redemption. Thank God for His cross this and every day.

~Mark Hart

It is in our darkest cultures that the greatest saints rise, stand, and lead.

~Mark Hart

Friday and Saturday nights have a funny way of revealing what we really believe on Sunday mornings.

~Mark Hart

Gray and overcast from my earthly perspective, but it's sunny above these storm clouds. Grace lets us see life from God's point of view.

~Mark Hart

Rules for today: 1) Pray 2) Laugh 3) Repeat. The only reason to take this life too seriously is if it's your only one.

~Mark Hart

"Love one another": No command is simpler; no command more difficult.

~Mark Hart

Instead of loving the Trinity of God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), we tend to love a different trinity: Me, myself, and I.

~Mark Hart

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, an even greater miracle happened: 12 relatively uneducated guys changed the world and were martyred to protect a lie.

You can't do God's will and satisfy everyone.

~Mark Hart

The man who built the manger had a purpose in mind... God had another. You'll never know how far reaching God's plan is for your work.

~Mark Hart

God's truth is this: abortion is murder.

~Mark Hart

Prayer is where the cross changes shoulders.

~Mark Hart

It's pretty sad that when people see a guy buying flowers, they assume he's in trouble.

~Mark Hart

Teacher: "If your daughter knew her spelling words as well as her Bible stories she'd get into Harvard." Me: "I'll settle for Heaven."

~Mark Hart

We can't experience all that Heaven has to offer until we renounce all that the world offers in its place.

~Mark Hart

The people hung upon His words - that is, until they hung Him on a cross. Admiration is fleeting. Love is eternal.

~Mark Hart

God loves us too much to pretend our sin isn't there. Sin is a cancer and Christ the surgeon. True prayer signs the consent form.

If I were as good at praying as I am at not praying I'd be really holy.

~Mark Hart

God has a plan for you today: one designed to help get you to Heaven.

~Mark Hart

God doesn't desire our worship because He is egocentric. He desires it because we are.

~Mark Hart

A parent asked me today, "How do you get your children to pray in church?" My response? "Pray at home."

~Mark Hart

Courage doesn't mean we're not afraid. Courage means we refuse to be mastered by fear.

~Mark Hart

Oh, how much holier the world would be if more people invoked their right to remain silent.

~Mark Hart

It breaks my heart when couples focus more on being wed than being married. Two become one doesn't happen without work, humility, and sacrifice.

~Mark Hart

Honestly, I don't think Victoria has too many Secrets left... might be time to prayerfully consider a name change.

~Mark Hart

The following is a phrase we don't hear enough but that I sincerely mean (and our culture needs to hear more often): I love being married.

Married couples, may we never forget that when attacks come the grace of the sacrament is eternally stronger than we are.

~Mark Hart

A homeless man standing at the off-ramp: the question in these moments isn't whether Jesus is in Him, but in me.

~Mark Hart

What annoys us most in other people is oftentimes the same area God wants us to grow in ourselves.

~Mark Hart

Never complain about growing old... Some never have the privilege.

~Mark Hart

It's funny how the closer you get to God, the more you realize how far you are from Him.

~Mark Hart

Oh, how thunderous the applause must be in Heaven, all those times we are mocked on earth for the sake of His name.

~Mark Hart

If you want to live as a Christian, get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

~Mark Hart

What did all the saints have in common? They feared sin more than even physical death.

~Mark Hart

A rib... loaves and fish... some spit... God can do a lot with a little.

Don't make Christ ride shotgun.

~Mark Hart

If you want to love God better, hate sin more.

~Mark Hart

Laziness in prayer is like handing the devil a key to your house.

~Mark Hart

People with a lot of theological study and no prayer life are dangerous... and not in a good way.

~Mark Hart

If the heart is hardened, the intellect is darkened.

~Mark Hart

It's one of the greatest comforts of working in ministry: the unspoken certitude that your spouse did not marry you for your money.

~Mark Hart

Life's too short not to tell the people you love how you feel. Say it... and say it often. Oh, and start with God.

~Mark Hart

Your faith is measured by how well you love those who can't stand you.

~Mark Hart

It's easier not to love. Beware of the easy path this day.

~Mark Hart

The Church needs more people willing to wash feet, not just point out they're dirty or complain that they smell.

You can usually tell by the look on someone's face if they woke up counting their problems or their blessings.

~Mark Hart

Sometimes holiness demands that we speak up, but oftentimes it calls us to shut up.

~Mark Hart

If we could see, even for a split second, the depths of God's love for us - all we'd want to do is worship and prayer would never seem a chore.

~Mark Hart

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