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The soul is healed by being with children. --Fyodor Dostoyevsky ~William P. Young

Forgiveness is not about forgetting. It is about letting go of another person's throat.

~William P. Young

Don't ever discount the wonder of your tears. They can be healing waters and a stream of joy. Sometimes they are the best words the heart can speak.

~William P. Young

Trust is the fruit of a relationship in which you know you are loved.

~William P. Young

Emotions are the colors of the soul.

~William P. Young

Grace doesn't depend on suffering to exist, but where there is suffering you will find grace in many facets and colors.

~William P. Young

Jesus is not the 'founder of Christianity.

~William P. Young

The God of Evangelical Christianity is a Monster.

~William P. Young

The ability to choose is at the essential core of our grandeur. Even evil exists because God respects our ability to choose.

~William P. Young

Life takes a bit of time and a lot of relationship.

You are free to love without an agenda

~William P. Young

You have to take the time to prepare the soil if you want to embrace the seed.

~William P. Young

Submission is not about authority and it is not obedience; it is all about relationships of love and respect.

~William P. Young

Forgiveness in no way requires that you trust the one you forgive.

~William P. Young

those who are afraid of freedom are those who cannot trust us to live in them. Trying to keep the law is actually a declaration of independence, a way of keeping control

~William P. Young

I think that most creative fiction involves the transformational process, whether it is Dickens or Dostoyevsky and the writer in some sense is expressing their own journey through such a wilderness.

~William P. Young

So many believe that it is love that grows, but it is the knowing that grows and love simply expands to contain it.

~William P. Young

The intricacy and the inherent beautiful fragility of the human soul is such that it is uniquely damaged and only God knows how to heal it, and it's going to take time.

~William P. Young

You are the root, and only God knows that the flower will be.

~William P. Young

Sin is its own punishment, devouring you from the inside.

~William P. Young

Relationships are never about power, and one way to avoid the will to power is to choose to limit oneself - to serve.

~William P. Young

Pain has a way of clipping our wings and keeping us from being able to fly.

~William P. Young

I don't need to punish people for sin. Sin is its own punishment, devouring you from the inside. It's not my purpose to punish it; it's my joy to cure it.

~William P. Young

Healing is as incremental and mysterious as the damage ... what took time, takes time.

~William P. Young

You cannot heal yourself. You cannot heal anybody else. We're designed to do this in community because we were created inside community for community by community.

~William P. Young

Love is not the limitation; love is the flying.

~William P. Young

Living unloved is like clipping a bird's wings and removing its ability to fly.

If anything matters, then everything matters.

~William P. Young

I really do believe that God is love, one of deep affection and grace and forgiveness and inspiration.

~William P. Young

It is not the nature of love to force a relationship, but it is the nature of love to open the way.

~William P. Young

"Pain has a way of clipping our wings and keeping us from being able to fly"... "And if left unresolved you can almost forget that you were ever created to fly in the first place."

~William P. Young

You cannot produce trust just like you cannot 'do' humility. It either is or is not.

~William P. Young

I suppose that since most of our hurts come through relationships so will our healing, and I know that grace rarely makes sense for those looking in from the outside.

~William P. Young

You don't play a game or color a picture with a child to show your superiority. Rather, you choose to limit yourself so as to facilitate and honor that relationship.

~William P. Young

...humans are not defined by their limitations, but by the intentions that I have for them; not by what they seem to be, but by everything it means to be created in my image.

Does that mean," asked Mack, "that all roads will lead to you?" "Not at all," smiled Jesus..."Most roads don't lead anywhere. What it does mean is that I will travel any road to find you.

~William P. Young

Love always leaves a significant mark.

~William P. Young

You are a beautiful mess, you are the melody.

~William P. Young

God's voice had been reduced to paper, and even that paper had to be moderated and deciphered by the proper authorities and intellect.

~William P. Young

Transformation without work and pain, without suffering, without a sense of loss is just an illusion of true change.

~William P. Young

The arrival of the unforeseen reveals the depths of one's heart.

~William P. Young

But, enough of that for now. Let's get lost again in the starry night.

~William P. Young

Look at us human beings: it's so much easier to be right than to love.

~William P. Young

In some sense every parent does love their children. But some parents are too broken to love them well& others are barely able to love them at all.

~William P. Young

when I live in you, then together we can live through everything that

happens to you.

~William P. Young

Truth will set you free. And Truth has a name.

~William P. Young

Lies are a little fortress; inside them you can feel safe & powerful.

~William P. Young

Today's minor irritations may become tomorrow's treasured memories. We often don't know what we are missing, until it's missing.

~William P. Young

Authority, as you usually think of it, is merely the excuse the strong use to make others conform to what they want.

~William P. Young

Paradigms power perceptions, perceptions power emotions.

~William P. Young

Sometimes honesty can be incredibly messy

~William P. Young

And the Law that once contained impossible demands -- Thou Shalt Not... -- actually becomes a promise we fulfill in you.

~William P. Young

Thank goodness there are women in our lives -- that's all I can say. We get saved by the women in our lives.

~William P. Young

I believe that, that Christ became sin for us.

I often find that getting head issues out of the way first makes the heart stuff easier to work on later.

~William P. Young

There is only one race ... and it is human!

~William P. Young

I give you an ability to respond and your response is to be free to love and serve in every situation, and therefore each moment is different and unique and wonderful.

~William P. Young

Did I hear God call me an idiot?

~William P. Young

It wasn't long ago I was cleaning toilets and now I have protestors. How cool is this?

~William P. Young

The 'will to power and independence' has become so ubiquitous that it is now considered normal.

~William P. Young

It is impossible for you to take power over the future because it isn't even real...

~William P. Young

The enemy of a writer is not controversy but obscurity.

~William P. Young

I'm not an actual author but an accidental one.

~William P. Young

I was raised in a tribal situation, among cannibal people.

~William P. Young

Jesus was always challenging the dogma of religion. So, you know, it's not like I'm out there by myself.

~William P. Young

I'm trying to get far away from [picturing God as] Gandalf or Santa Claus.

~William P. Young

Emotions talked to you before you had words, so listen to them ... they are often more honest than the mind's remarkable ability to self deceive.

~William P. Young

If a rainbow makes a sound, or a flower as it grows, that was the sound of her laughter.

~William P. Young

I'm an accidental writer.

~William P. Young

Responsibilites and expectations are the basis of guilt and shame and judgement, and they provide the essential framework that promotes performance as the basis for identity and value.

~William P. Young

mistakes are a part of life, and Papa works her purpose in them too.

~William P. Young

This life is only the anteroom of a greater reality to come.

~William P. Young

Disconnect your identity from what you produce, and that's a hard thing

for us because we think of our significance, worth and value based on what we do instead of who we are.

~William P. Young

Nothing in life is ritual.

~William P. Young

Anger is the right response to something that is so wrong. But don't let the anger and pain and loss you feel prevent you from forgiving him and removing your hands from around his neck.

~William P. Young

He was sick of God and God's religion, sick of all the little religious social clubs that didn't seem to make any real difference or affect any real changes.

~William P. Young

Love is much stronger than your fault could ever be.

~William P. Young

My dad was a preacher. My relationship, for example, with my father --very difficult, and very painful, and it took me 50 years to wipe the face of my father off the face of God.

~William P. Young

Image and appearance tell you little. The inside is bigger than the outside when you have the eyes to see.

~William P. Young

Even though you can't finally grasp me, guess what? I still want to be known.

~William P. Young

It is remarkable how a seemingly insignificant action or event can

change entire lives.

~William P. Young

The world in many ways would be a much calmer and gentler place if women ruled. There would have been fewer children sacrificed to the gods of greed and power.

~William P. Young

It is so easy to get sucked into the if-only game, and playing it is a short and slippery slide into despair.

~William P. Young

Because you continue to inhabit and believe your metaphors, you cannot see what is true.

~William P. Young

Through . . . lies you try to run your life and manipulate others. . . . Lies become an inhibitor in your relationship

~William P. Young

I had a very angry father and was disconnected from my family.

~William P. Young

I am especially fond of you.

~William P. Young

True love never forces.

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