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Lent at Lakeside:  
My Heart as Sanctuary  
My Life as Prayer  
Devotion for Friday,  
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Where I'm From  
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I am from dew-covered fairways  
and brightly lit baseball fields,  
where I have spent hours upon hours  
learning the values of hard work and team work

I am from loving grandparents who are the  
kindest people you will ever meet,  
from Granddaddy spending all afternoon playing with us,  
and Grandma making pancakes early in the morning  
before golf matches. They have taught me how  
I want to live the rest of my life and what I value.

I am from sixteen people gathering for Christmas  
all wondering two things:  
what have we got to eat, and  
when are we going to open presents.

I am from a family that loves each other and is close.  
We enjoy making memories  
cheering on the Deacs, working in our garden,  
taking the dog for walks around town,  
and playing catch in the back yard.

I am from a Christian family that will never miss a Sunday,  
from a church family that loves God and lives it,  
where I am learning how to live like Jesus.

## Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Prayer

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12