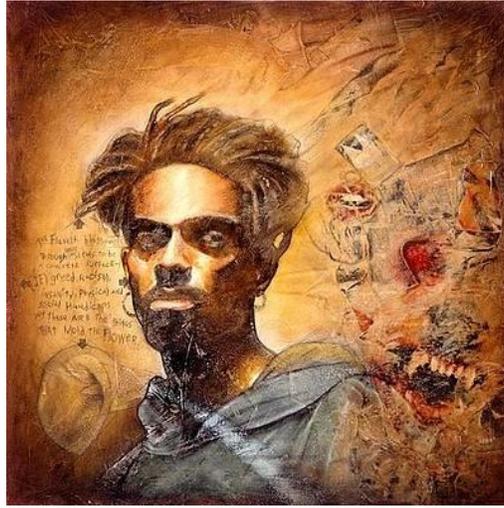


IT'S BEYOND MY CONTROL, AND IT SCARES ME TO DEATH!



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You don't have to be living in a war zone to experience the pounding against your life of powers you can't control.

A decision made by an unknown boss in a distant office that costs you your job.

A truck rear-ends you at a traffic light.

Slander.

Financial ruin.

Sickness.

A sudden blow out of nowhere and we realize that we are not in control. We're at the mercy of forces that we can't even track with our minds.

Where does God figure in all this?

If our Lord Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth, where is he when the blow hits?

He's there. If your heart belongs to him, he's there!

"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you.

And if he's with you, you're safeno matter what.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me, uttering slanders against me, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.

Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent, he will set me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me; and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! Thou hast said, "Seek ye my face." My heart says to thee, "Thy face, Lord, do I seek."

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I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord!

Psalm 27:1-8 &13,14



Prayer: Yes, Lord, help us to wait upon you so we may see your face. Help us to seek your face in the midst of all things ...especially the things that we can't control...the things that strike fear in our heart. We look to you Lord, knowing that you are our stronghold, that you are our light, knowing that when we enfold ourselves in you... there is nothing to fear. May we lift our voices in joy and wonder as we behold your beauty, as we behold your goodness, as we behold your perfection, and as it strikes our hearts that we are yours and we will never be alone or left desolate... because you, the Living God, have promised to come to us.

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