

WHAT NEXT!?



Anxiety: the fear that tomorrow will not be safe.

And who isn't anxious these days?

As we look at our own lives...

As we watch history unfold before our eyes...

It's like sitting on the rim of a volcano.

The volcano is rumbling.

It's boiling.

When will it blow?

And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Matthew 8:24-26

Life in this world is uncertain.

We are surrounded by danger, seen and unseen.

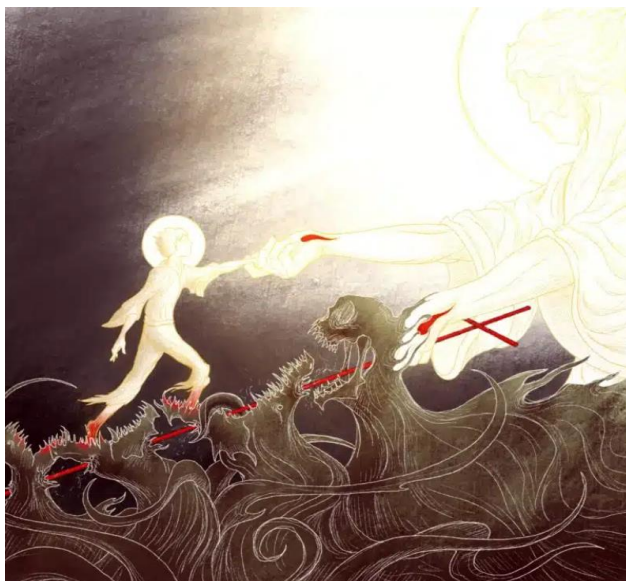
Death waits to meet us, and the path beyond death melts in mist.

Yet the Master has no sympathy with our anxiety.

He says, "Why are you afraid, O people of little faith?"

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39



Prayer: Lord, as we experience storms, as we see chaos and uncertainty unfolding around us, and even when we feel we are on the precipice of disaster... help us reach for and embrace a faith that will lift us from fear into completely trusting in you. And a certainty that nothing, nothing can separate us from your love, and that we have no reason to fear because we are yours. Amen.

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