

Maranatha Mirror Messages



FAITH AND THE UNKNOWN



We deal with the unknown every day of our lives.

Tomorrow is unknown.

The world beyond the grave is unknown.

The heart of the stranger walking toward us is unknown.

How else can we approach the unknown, but by faith?

There is “scientific faith”
which seeks to predict the future with data and algorithms.

There is “imagination faith”
which pictures the future as we would like it to be.

There is “paranoid faith”
which perceives the future as an evil plot.

There is faith in God,
which takes hold of words from God's mouth,
and stakes its life on those words.

*"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."*

Matthew 4:4



Faith is not a feeling.

Faith is not a "set of beliefs."

Faith is an act of the will.

Faith is what I stake my life on,
as I approach the unknown.

Faith is a road I choose to walk,
rejecting all other roads that beckon.

If I choose to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God,
I will focus on the source of those words:

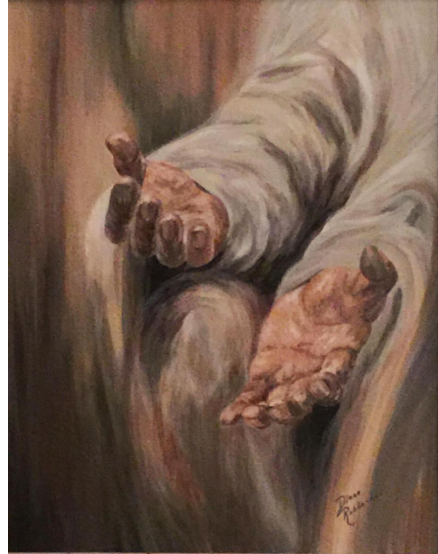
Jesus of Nazareth.

I will put my faith in his words, and in him.

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life;

no one comes to the Father but by me.”

John 14:6



By faith I make his words the foundation of my life.

By faith I take his words into my soul and live by them.

Those words will guide me safely into unknown tomorrows ...
as long as I walk in them by faith.

*"I am the light of the world;
he who follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."*

John 8:12

Faith says, *"Here I am, Lord. I put my life into your hands."*



Faith begins each new day by turning away from the Darkness,
and walking in the footsteps of the Master.

When faith falters, it cries out to the Master.

"Master, Master, we are perishing!"

*And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves;
and they ceased, and there was a calm.*

He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

Luke 8:24-25

"Where is your faith?" says the Master.

Is it in data and algorithms?

Is it in dreams and fancies?

Is it in fears and phantoms?

Or is it in the words the Master has spoken and is speaking to you even now?

Prayer

Jesus our Master, Lord of Truth and Light, whatever unknowns we face ... be it disappointment, failure, persecution, abandonment, sickness, or death; We seek a faith that is not afraid to follow you into the unknown. We seek a faith that compels us to trust you, to cherish your words, to lay our lives before you; A faith that knows you will carry us through it all; A faith that cries out to you "Here I am Lord, I place my life in your hands." And Faithful Lord, when our faith falters, compel us to cry out to you "Master, Master we are

perishing.” Holy, trustworthy Lord, we know you will calm the storms, dispel all darkness and bring us joyfully into the light of life. Alleluia.