

E-DEVOTION FOR MARCH 21

We awoke this morning to a beautiful sunrise! I thought of the words..."The sun warms the earth, and the earth awakens."

In our home, we are 'hunkered down'...we have many projects and plans for the day. It's a 'new normal', isn't it? And yet...we know that all is not well...all is not secure.

Paul writes, "I have been in danger from rivers, in danger at sea, etc. And I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked...Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches." (2 Cor. 11:24-28)

Paul saw faith...not as something to prevent bad times, but as a shield, a kind of 'umbrella' that would keep bad times from doing him harm.

As I wrote of that helmet of protection the other day...today I'm thinking of an umbrella to tuck myself...and those I care about beneath...to keep us from all that appears to be raining down upon us.

Paul also wrote in Philippians..."I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty....I have learned the secret of being content in any and all situations...I can do everything through him who strengthens me."

Let us look for contentment in our present situations today. We are together in this...do not feel alone. Come and tuck yourself in under that umbrella of faith.

Pray with me: "Dear Lord, let me find peace in my present situation... remove all fear and mistrust. Wrap your arms around me and grant me peace. In Jesus's name...Amen

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