A Word of insight - God in the Darkness

Sometimes, in our walk with the Lord, the light of faith grows dim, our minds search deep in our souls for understanding and our hearts become heavy with self doubt. Sometimes the darkness can be overwhelming as we search for that pin prick of light that will give us hope and answers.

I have yet to meet anyone who truly enjoys darkness, yet Scripture tells us that it is in the darkness that God is at his most powerful!

At the very beginning of time God spoke into the darkness of time and the Universe was created, along with all the other gifts of life that fill our planet. In that darkness God gave birth to the gift of love, and all the other emotions that keep us searching in a Godly direction for an understanding of life and death. We can be reassured by Genesis 1:2

*Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

Sometimes we may feel God is out of reach and our mind seems enveloped in darkness with feelings of doubt and depression. We can learn from the experience of Moses and the children of Israel that if we can approach the thick darkness with our hearts and our minds looking only for the Lord then we will be blessed with His presence.

*The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was. Exodus 20:21*

When God accepted the sacrifice of His Son Jesus for the atonement of sin, He covered the earth in darkness. Yet in that hour of darkness a new light began to shine that gave us all a better understanding of life, death and eternal life.

*It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. Luke 23:44*

And to help us make sense of the darkness, Jesus Himself gave us His promise.

*“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:22*

My prayer is that you will find some comfort in these words and my favourite Blessing from Scripture will provide a cushion for your emotions.

*The Lord bless you and keep you,*

*the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,*

*the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace.*

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