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Walking in the Dark Toward Easter Light

Easter morning begins in the dark

Before the sun rises, before the first birds sing, before the world stirs awake, the women make their way to the tomb. They carry grief and spices, expecting death but finding something else entirely. The stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty, and the risen Christ is already on the move.

Barbara Brown Taylor, in *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, reminds us **that faith is not just about walking confidently in the light—it is also about learning to trust God in the dark.** We spend so much of our lives in places of uncertainty, loss, waiting, and mystery. And yet, scripture shows us again and again that God is present in the darkness: leading the Israelites by a pillar of fire at night, speaking to Samuel in the dark of the temple, meeting Nicodemus in a nighttime conversation, and raising Jesus from the dead in the hidden stillness before dawn.

As we approach Easter, many of us may find ourselves walking through our own shadows—grief, doubt, unanswered questions, or simply the unknowns of what comes next. The good news is that God is already there. The resurrection doesn't wait for daylight; it happens in the dark. The hope of Easter is not just that Jesus is risen, but that he meets us where we least expect, in the places we thought were beyond hope, and calls us into new life.

This Lent and Easter season, may we learn to trust the God who walks with us in darkness and in light. May we follow Christ's footsteps from the shadows of the tomb to the brightness of resurrection morning, knowing that even when we cannot see the way forward, God is leading us toward life.

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