

“I will lead the blind by ways they have not known. Along unfamiliar paths, I will guide them. I will turn the darkness into light and makes the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do. I will not forsake them.”

Isaiah 42:16

It's a scary place to live in darkness, to not know if you are going to make it, to be blinded by the circumstances around you, so blinded that you can't see God or light or love or hope. It's the kind of place that almost makes you not want to live anymore. This was my life for a while. I got so deep into the darkness that I lost my way and couldn't get out. I let my circumstances control me and fear began to reign in my life. I forgot what it meant to trust God.

Many of us have heard the story of how Jesus calmed the storm, but instead of keeping my eyes on Jesus who saves, my eyes were on the waves and the wind and the clouds and the boat. My eyes were on the things of this world.

The only way out of the darkness was to learn how to trust my Daddy again. I had to trust that He was big and strong and that He could get me through. I didn't necessarily believe it, but the only thing left I could do was to trust Him. What I found out was that the more I went to Him, the more He showed me that He was big and strong and safe. He was enough. It's terrifying when all you have left is God, but it's also strangely comforting. For it's in that place of desperation that you truly get a taste of His love for you. Nothing else satisfies like He does. Go to Him. He is waiting for you.

Daddy, I'm so desperate for You. I need You like I need water in a dry and weary land. Satisfy this thirst. I can't search for You any longer. I need You to come and show me that You are strong and safe and full of love. In order to go on, I need to encounter You. Show yourself to me. I want to know You. Amen.

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