

LATER ON YOU WILL UNDERSTAND

JOHN 13:1-9 – ERIC SIMPSON – FEBRUARY 17, 2019

“dark night of the soul”

- deeper and much more difficult than everyday “trials”
- characterized by helplessness, weariness, barrenness, emptiness, dryness
- end of yourself, hit rock bottom
- see no light at the end of the tunnel you’re walking through
- frustrated & confused with what God could possibly be doing

John 13:7

Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

Simon = unsteady, shifting sand

Peter = rock, stone, stability

“Our great temptation is to quit or go backwards, but if we remain still, listening for his voice, God will insert something of himself into our character that will mark the rest of our journey with him.” – Pete Scazzero

Movements through a “dark night”:

- **Detachment**

Psalm 46:10

Be still and know that I am God.

“I wonder if there are 20 people alive in the world now who see things as they really are. That would mean that there are 20 people who were free, who were not dominated or even influenced by an attachment to any created thing or to their own selves or to any gift of God.” – Thomas Merton

- **Mystery**

Mystery isn’t the absence of meaning but the presence of more meaning than we can comprehend.

Settling down and becoming increasingly comfortable with the “holy unknowings” of life.

- **Waiting**

Our natural propensity is to accelerate the march of destiny.

“I still remember coming out of it. I began to crawl and to feel for the first time, saying to myself, ‘Something is different. Totally different. I cannot explain it, but I feel freer than ever from people’s opinions, more clear about who I am, more certain of God and his love than ever!’” – Pete Scazzero