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You may take exception to the word reassuring. So let's try again.

In an age when we thought we could know anything at the touch of a few buttons, how (FILL IN THE BLANK) it is to realise how little we know and be forced to trust.

A) Unsettling

B) Distressing

C) Disturbing

D) Meaningful

E) Realistic

F) Wonderful

G) Humbling

H) Honest

I) Human

J) etc., etc.

By the time you read these words we will know more of the outcome(s) of the US election (maybe not all). What we know today as I type these words is the Inauguration is 75 days away. Some days are fixed, others uncertain – some things known, some things unknown – such is human life. We do not live by knowledge alone – we live and walk by faith.

In our Christian life, we are called to be faithful and also fervent. Everything may have changed, but nothing has changed in our Calling or our Saving relationship with the Divine. God is still God and we are still God's people. We must not forget what it means to be faithful (abiding, present, connected, forgiving, generous, warm) and what it means to be fervent (enthused, motivated, desirous, excited, engaged, curious, longing, hopeful, loving). What do these words mean in your life as lived today? What are you finding tough and why exactly?

There are many stories where Jesus encounters people in distress. The meetings are often accidental, surprising, rule-breaking, even conflicted. And then there are passages of Scripture where we must reach out to Our Lord – we must walk part of the way to find him, we must leave things behind, climb the holy mountain, journey to another village, get in the boat for a stormy crossing and rush out to meet him to see what is going on exactly. Sometimes we just wait, but we are never alone - Our Lord never leaves us, yet sometimes we must go seeking his presence – we must be moved beyond our selfish needs, our habits, our bad choices, our complacency, our lack of stewardship and generosity of spirit. We must become lamps with oil and trimmed wicks ready to burn bright – and yet maybe we are afraid, cautious, tentative, self-absorbed, sleepy, so tired and sleepy, so human.

We are called to rush out to meet the Bridegroom. Don't let fear of the darkness stop you in your tracks. He has overcome the darkness – and He is coming to meet us, with delight, to take us by the hand and safely lead us Home. Our hearts must be fixed on His compassionate and generous love which is the Saving Love which conquers death and sin.

In an age when we thought we could quickly know anything at a touch of a few buttons, how required it is to realise how little we know and be forced to trust.