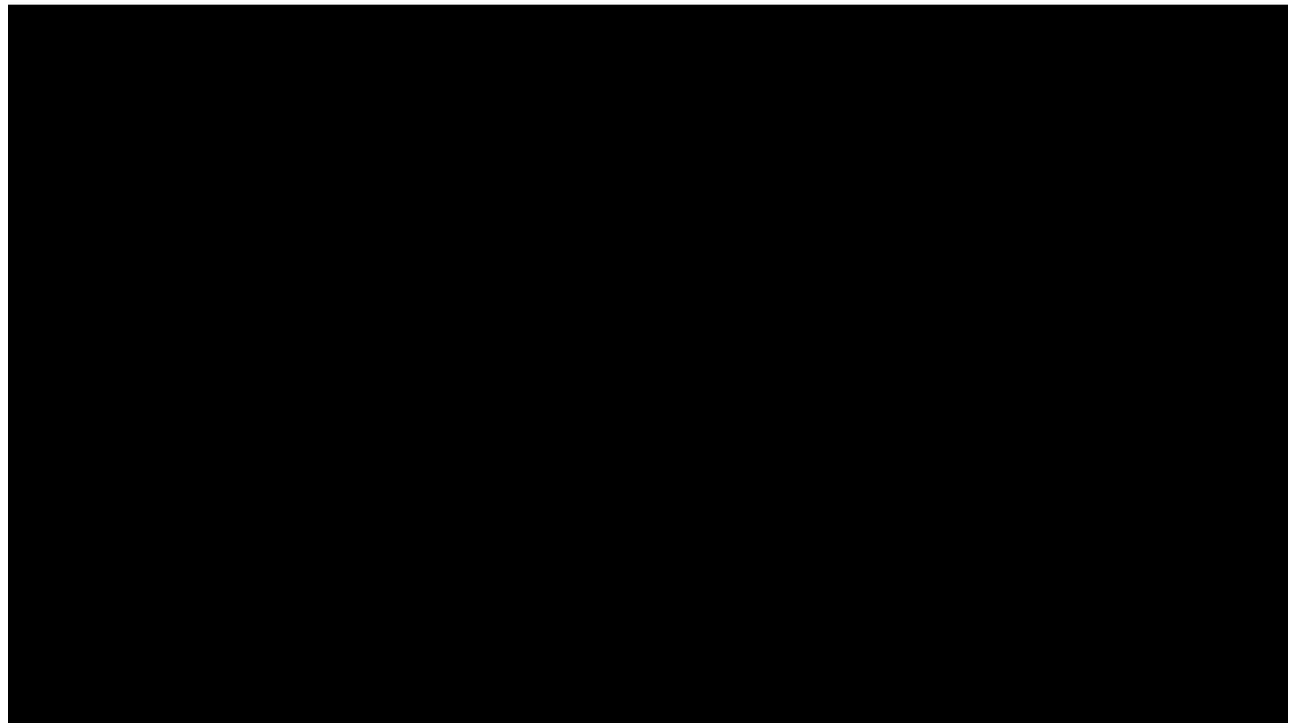




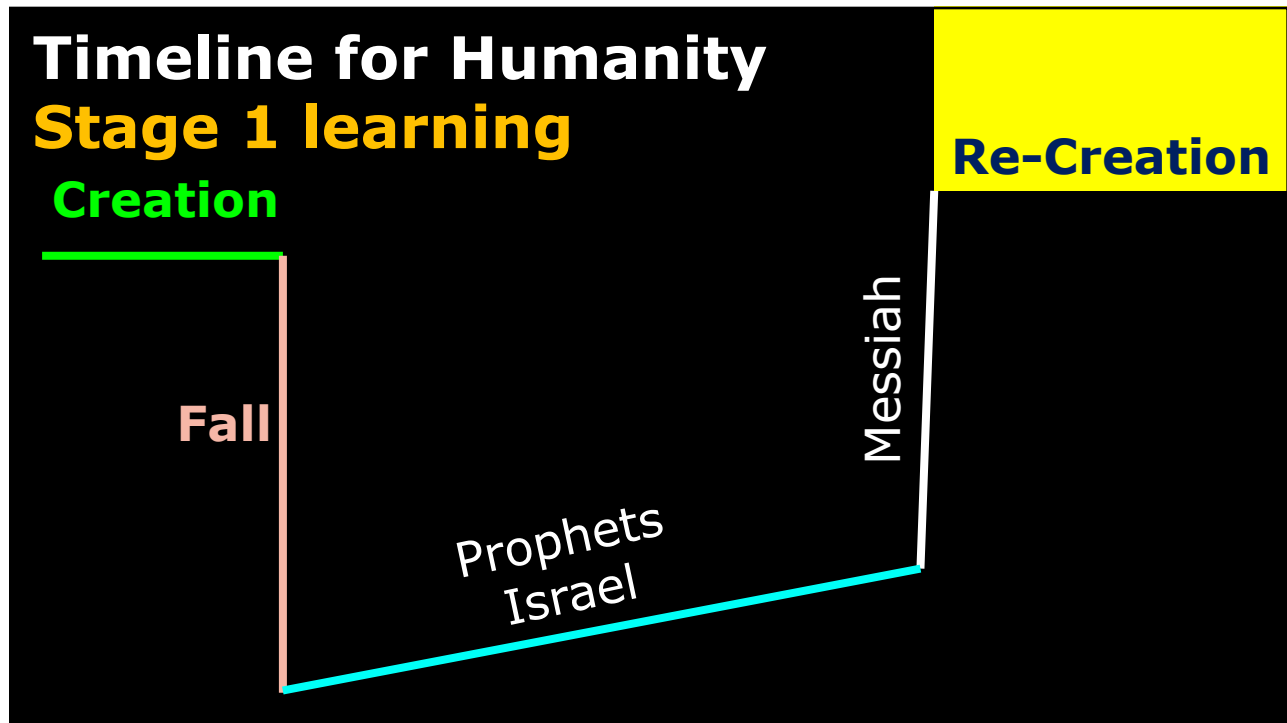
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Muted Glory **Matthew 17:1-13**

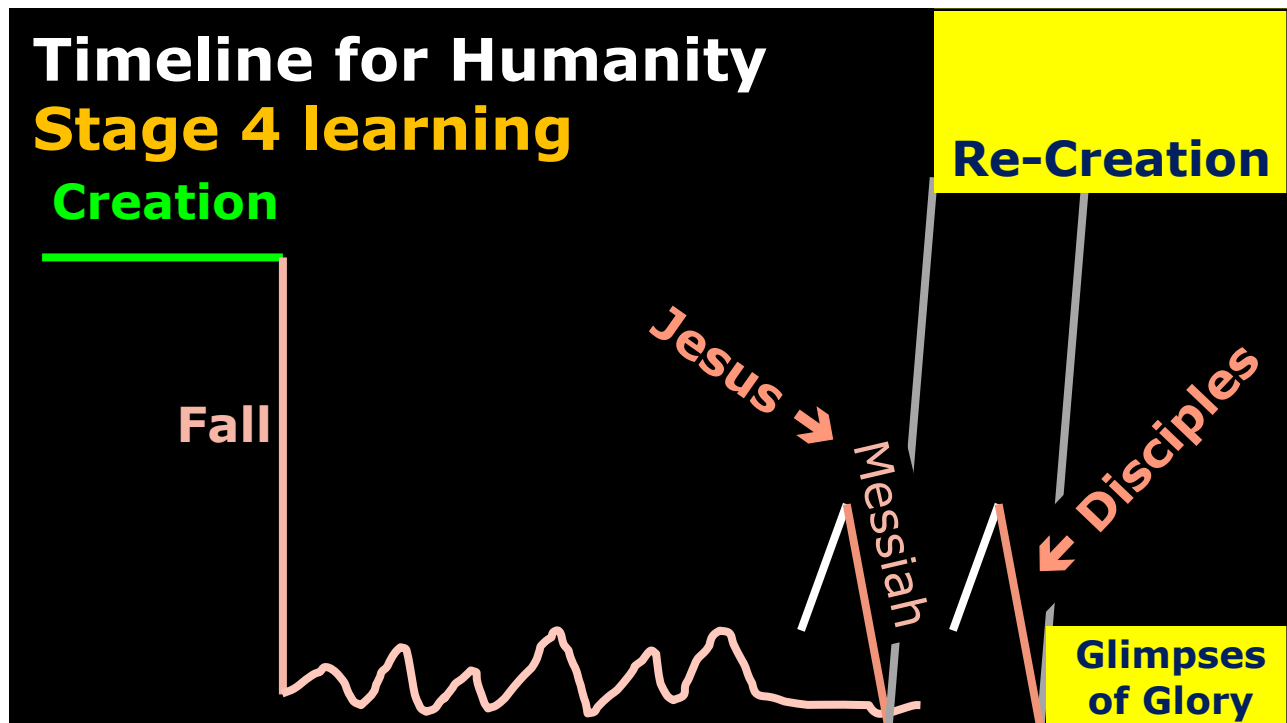
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Matthew 16:28

Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they **see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.**"

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Moses

- "The Lord your God will raise up for you **a prophet like me** from among you, from your fellow Israelites. **You must listen to him.**"

Deuteronomy 18:15

Elijah

- "See, I will send **the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.** **He will turn the hearts** of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

Malachi 4:5-6

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Matthew 17:1-3

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.
³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

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Matthew 17:4

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

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Matthew 17:5-8

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

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Matthew 17:9

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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Matthew 17:10-13

¹⁰ The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”

¹¹ Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

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Three audiences

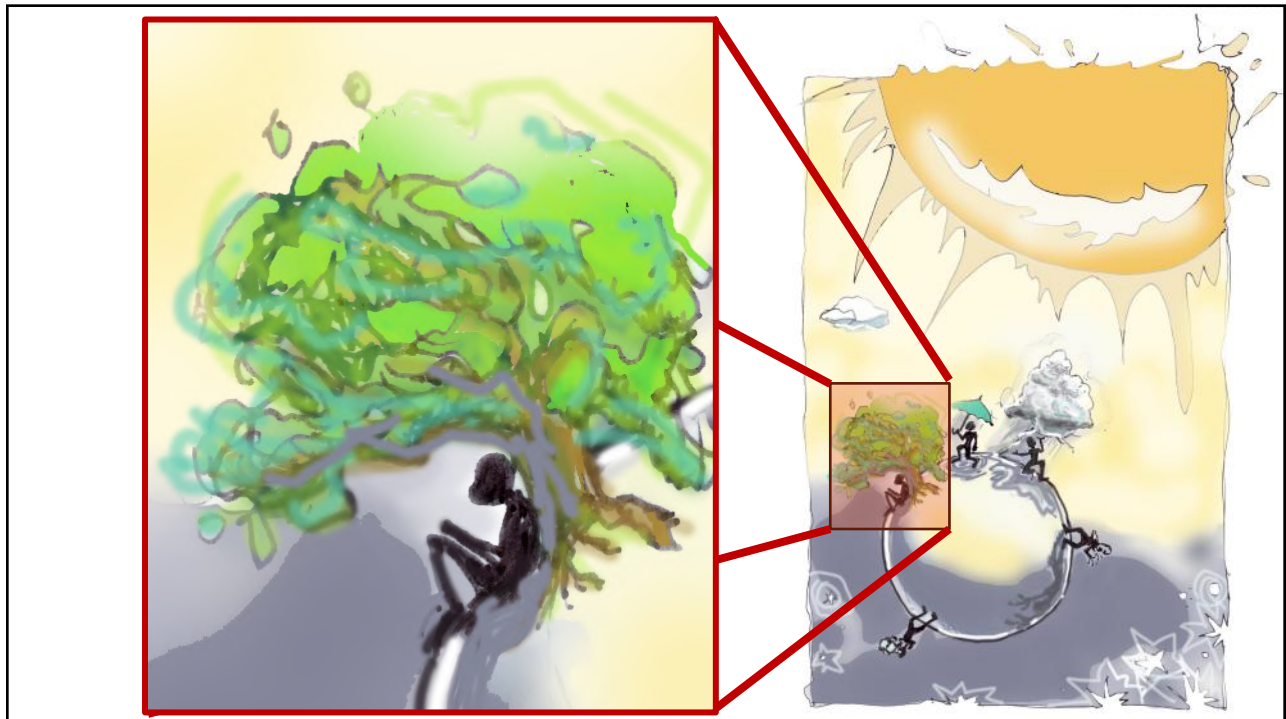
- **God → Peter, James, and John**
 - Jesus is glorious Son of God, even in His ordinariness, and suffering, and dying
- **Matthew → early Jewish Christians**
 - Jesus is the Messiah, even in suffering and death
 - The Church is God’s people, even in its lowliness and persecution (no temple, priests, sacrifices, ...)
- **Jesus → Church throughout the ages**
 - Our journey of following Jesus includes lowliness and seeming failure, and sometimes persecution

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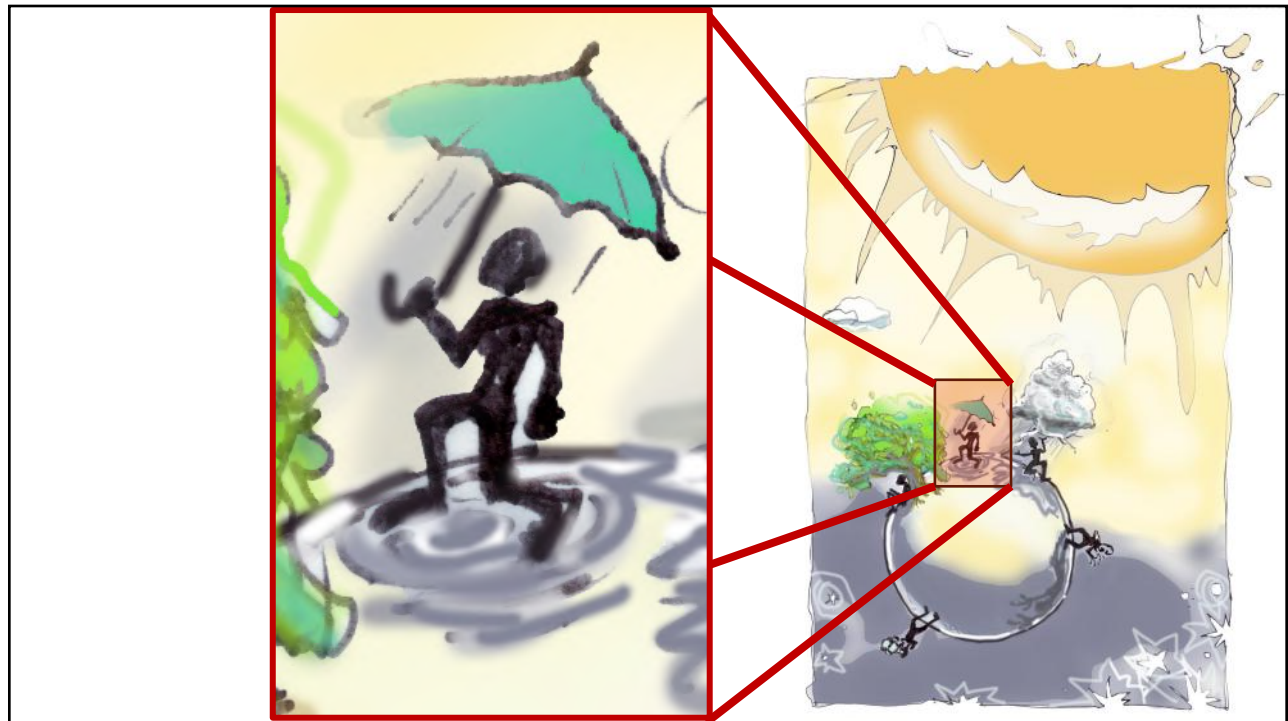
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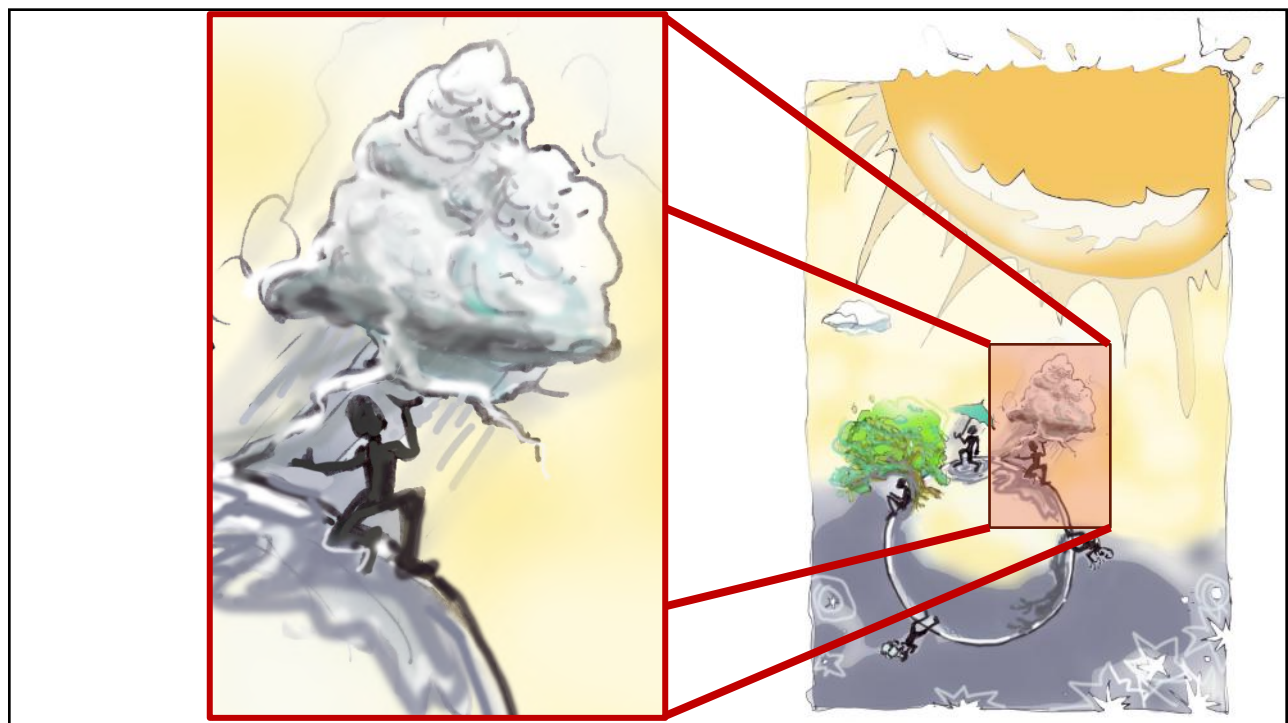
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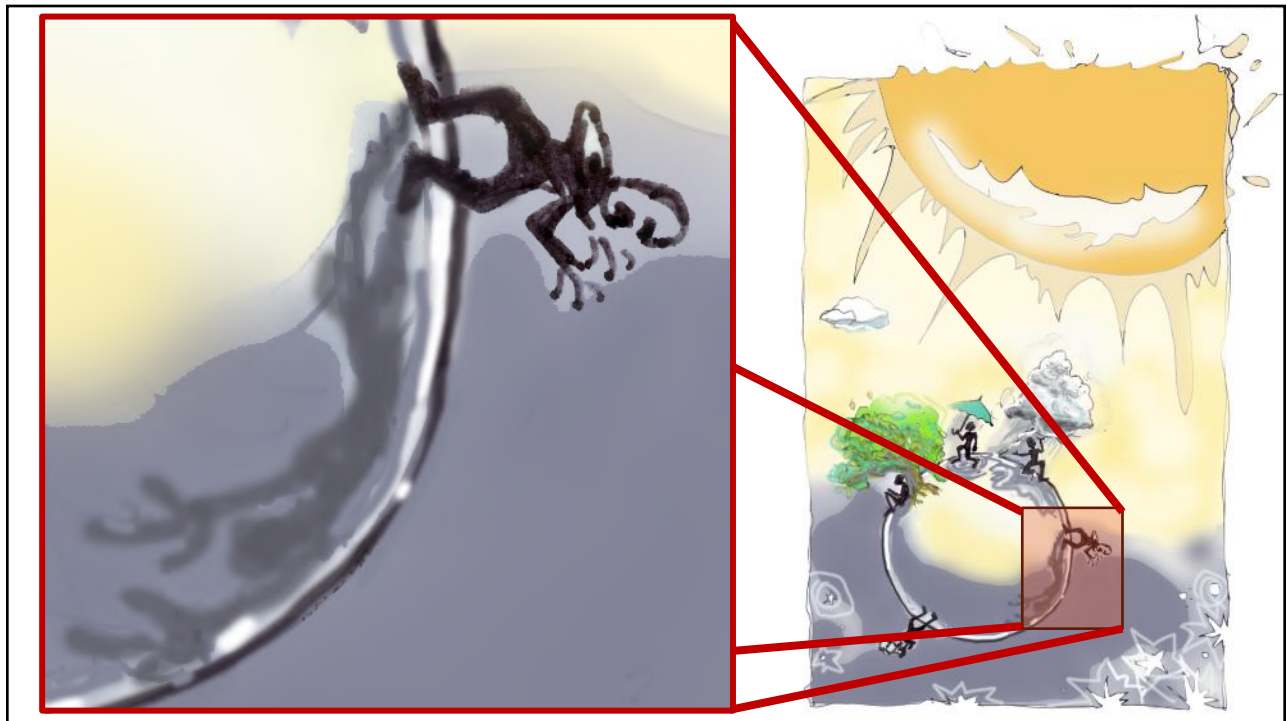
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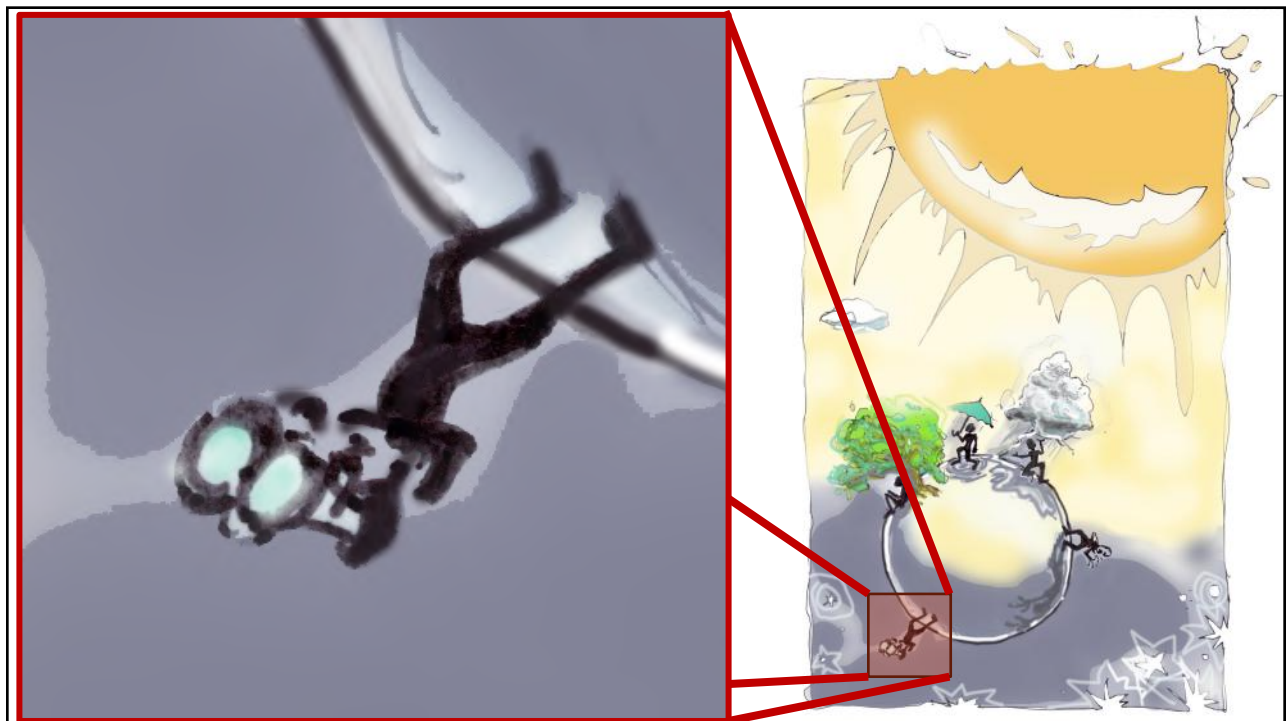
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"But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. **You are all children of the light and children of the day.** We do not belong to the night or to the darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5



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The Lord said to Elijah, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a **great and powerful wind** tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an **earthquake**, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a **fire**, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a **gentle whisper**. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. 1 Kings 19:11-13

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- "Therefore **we do not lose heart.** Though **outwardly we are wasting away**, yet **inwardly we are being renewed day by day**. For **our light and momentary troubles** are achieving for us an **eternal glory that far outweighs them all**. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." *2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

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What are we to do?

Rejoice in the glimpses of glory God gives

- A foretaste, an encouragement
- Yet we live by faith, not sight

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