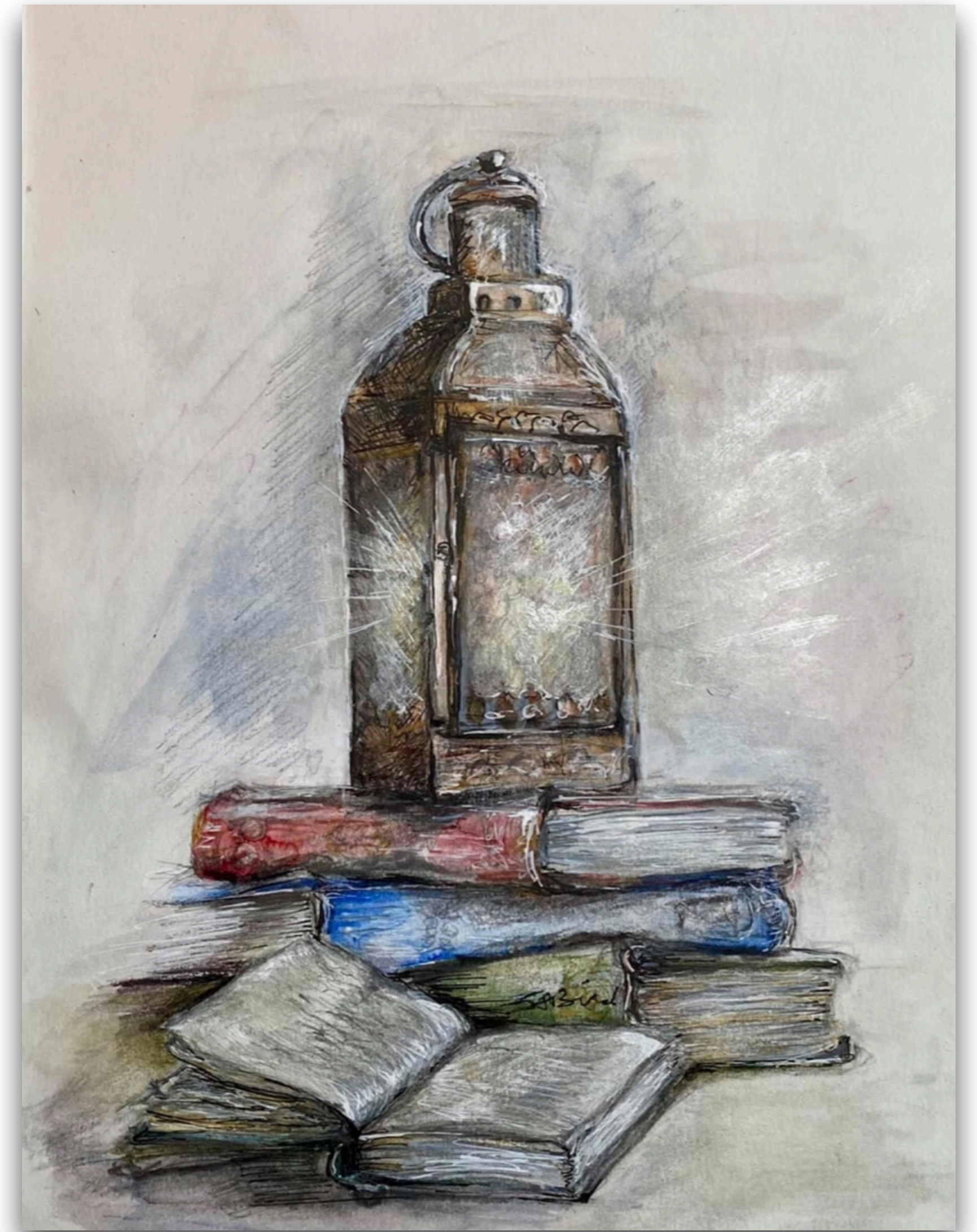


Footsteps in Prayer

A journey through the Bible

Acts (1)



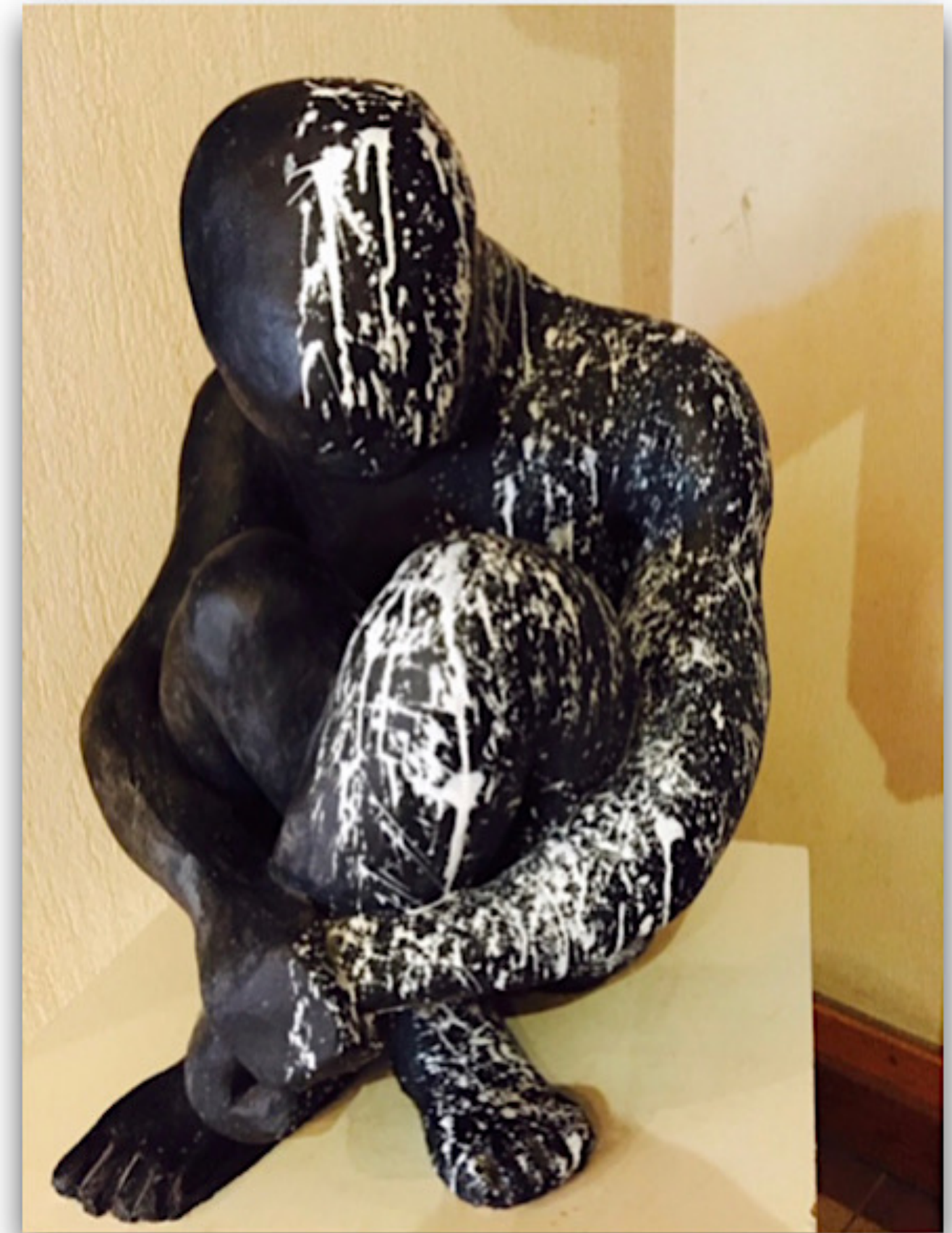
- ✠ Find a place to sit quietly.
- ✠ Be aware of God's loving eyes watching over you.
- ✠ Sit in a relaxed position.
 - ✠ Become aware of your breathing.
 - ✠ The Holy Spirit is often called the breath of God.
 - ✠ Look back over the last 24 hours with thanks.
 - ✠ Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where you have drawn close to God and where you have drawn away.
 - ✠ You might like to say sorry for the times where you have drawn away.
 - ✠ You might like to ask for a greater awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life and to respond to God's leading.
- ✠ You might like to listen to Liz Shea sing Breath of Heaven or to Anthem Lights sing a compilation of Mary did you know/Breath of heaven.
- ✠ You might like to listen to Morricone's Love Theme and Gabriel's Oboe.



Wind of the Spirit Paul Hobbs

You might like to listen to:

- ✿ Day 1: King of Kings then click here.
- ✿ Day 2: Come Holy Ghost , our souls inspire sung by Lincoln Cathedral choir then click here.
- ✿ Day 3: The Greatness of Our God sung by the Newsboys then click here.
- ✿ Day 4: Bless the Lord sung by Stephen Samuel Devassy then click here.
- ✿ Day 5: Kari Jobe sing Holy Spirit you are welcome here then click here.
- ✿ Day 6: Hallelujah Sing sung by Audrey Assad and Latifa Alattas then click here.
- ✿ Day 7: Chase me sung by Miriam Jones then click here.



Day 1: Acts 1

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

- Read this passage from Acts 1.
 - What words or phrases strike you?
- Read these words again slowly.
 - Stay with one of the words or phrases that catches you and hold it in the stillness before God.
- What thoughts, feelings and images have emerged in this time of prayer?
- How has the Spirit been at work in your heart as you have prayed?
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Day 2: Acts 2

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



- Read this passage from Acts 2.
 - What words or phrases strike you?
- Read these words again slowly.
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Day 3: Acts 3

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- Read these words from Acts 3.
 - What words or phrases strike you?
- Read these words again slowly.
 - Stay with one of the words or phrases that catches you and hold it in the stillness before God.
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Day 4: Acts 7

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

- Read these words from Acts 7.
 - What words or phrases strike you?
- Read these words again slowly.
 - Stay with one of the words or phrases that catches you and hold it in the stillness before God.
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Day 5: Acts 8

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- Read these words from Acts 8.
 - What words or phrases strike you?
- Read these words again slowly.
 - Stay with one of the words or phrases that catches you and hold it in the stillness before God.
- What thoughts, feelings and images have emerged?
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Day 6: Acts 8

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

- Read these words from Acts 8.
 - What words or phrases strike you?
- Read these words again slowly.
 - Stay with one of the words or phrases that catches you and hold it in the stillness before God.
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Day 7: Acts 9

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

- Read these words from Acts 9.
 - What words or phrases strike you?
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You might like to listen to these pieces of instrumental music by Patrick Hawes from his album Towards the Light

- Day 1: Towards the light
- Day 2: Serenitas
- Day 3: Arioso
- Day 4: My beloved Spake
- Day 5: Sacrifice
- Day 6: Gift
- Day 7: Reflexionem



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In you, Lord my God,

I put my trust.

I trust in you;

do not let me be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one who hopes in you

will ever be put to shame,

but shame will come on those

who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, Lord,

teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Savior,

and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,

for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth

and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,

for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

He guides the humble in what is right

and teaches them his way.

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful

toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

For the sake of your name, Lord,

forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

Who, then, are those who fear the Lord?

Psalms 25



He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.

They will spend their days in prosperity,

and their descendants will inherit the land.

The Lord confides in those who fear him;

he makes his covenant known to them.

My eyes are ever on the Lord,

for only he will release my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart

and free me from my anguish.

Look on my affliction and my distress

and take away all my sins.

See how numerous are my enemies

and how fiercely they hate me!

Guard my life and rescue me;

do not let me be put to shame,

for I take refuge in you.

May integrity and uprightness protect me,

because my hope, Lord, is in you.

Deliver Israel, O God,

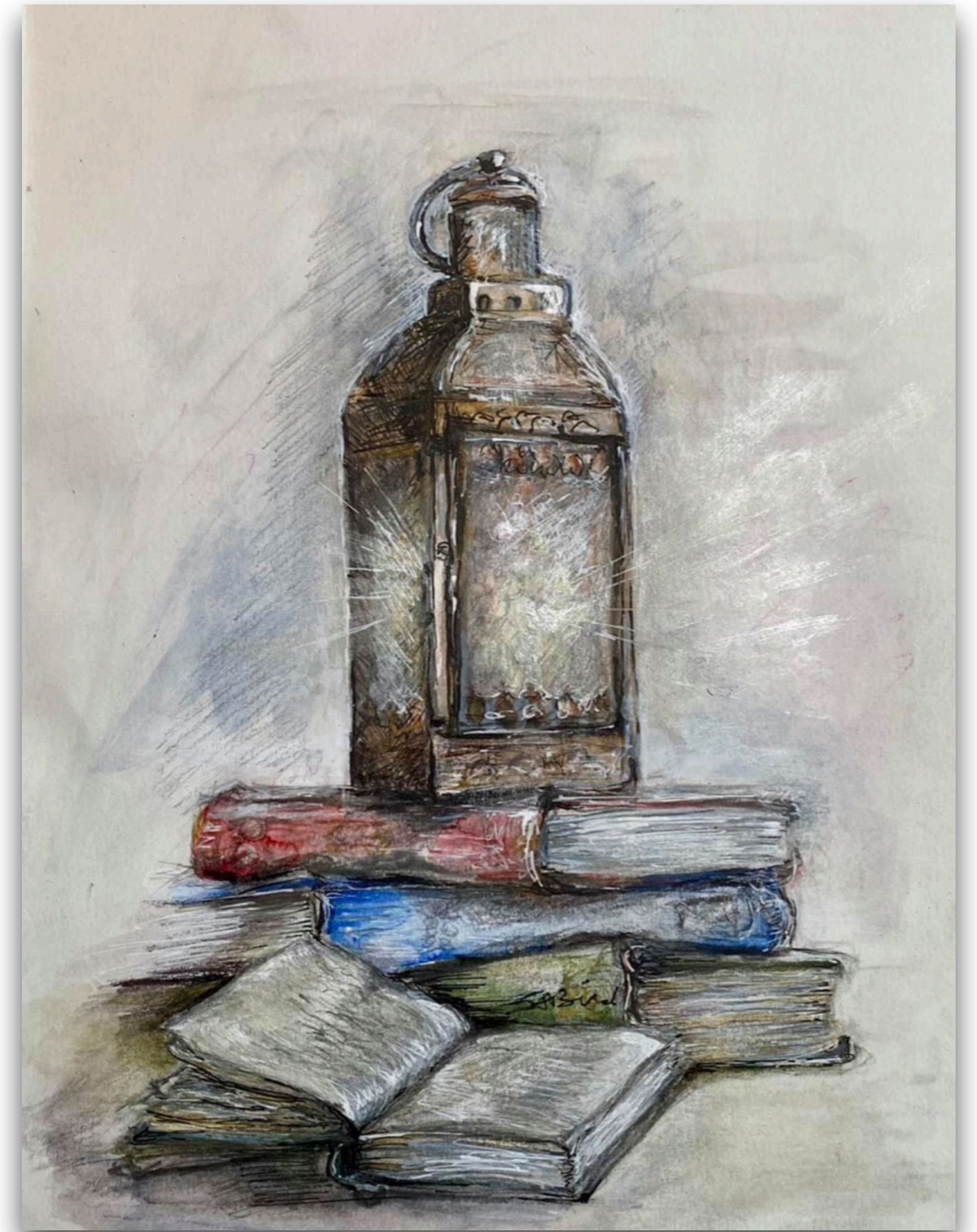
from all their troubles!

A sung version of the Psalm can be found [here](#)

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Proverbs 13:9

The light of the righteous shines brightly,
but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.



Creative prayer

Martyrs

In the book of Acts we come across Stephen and James the first Christian martyrs. We also read of Paul speaking murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. Sadly many people still continue to be martyred for their faith in Christ today.

Paul Hobbs has created thirteen icons to commemorate modern saints from a range of countries and in different situations where believers suffer for their faith in Christ.

- You might like to visit Paul's website [here](#) and look at each of the images, giving thanks for the lives of those who have died for their faith, and interceding for those being persecuted today.
- You might like to look at the [Open Door](#) and [Christian Solidarity Worldwide](#) websites and seek God as to how you might respond.
- You might like to download an [Open Door](#) or [CSW](#) prayer diary.
- You might like to create your own icon using newspaper clippings as you pray for countries of the world where Christians are persecuted today.



God, the Artist

The Lord's prayer, Korean-style

Imagine waking up in your cold North Korean home, praying:

'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.'

Imagine working in a labour camp, praying:

'Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'

Imagine searching the mountains for something to eat, praying:

'Give us this day our daily bread.'

Imagine being forced to take part in a self-criticism session, praying:

'Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors.'

Imagine seeing the wealthy leaders on television, leading a rich life, and praying:

'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'

Imagine kneeling on your sleep mat each night, praying: **'Amen.'**

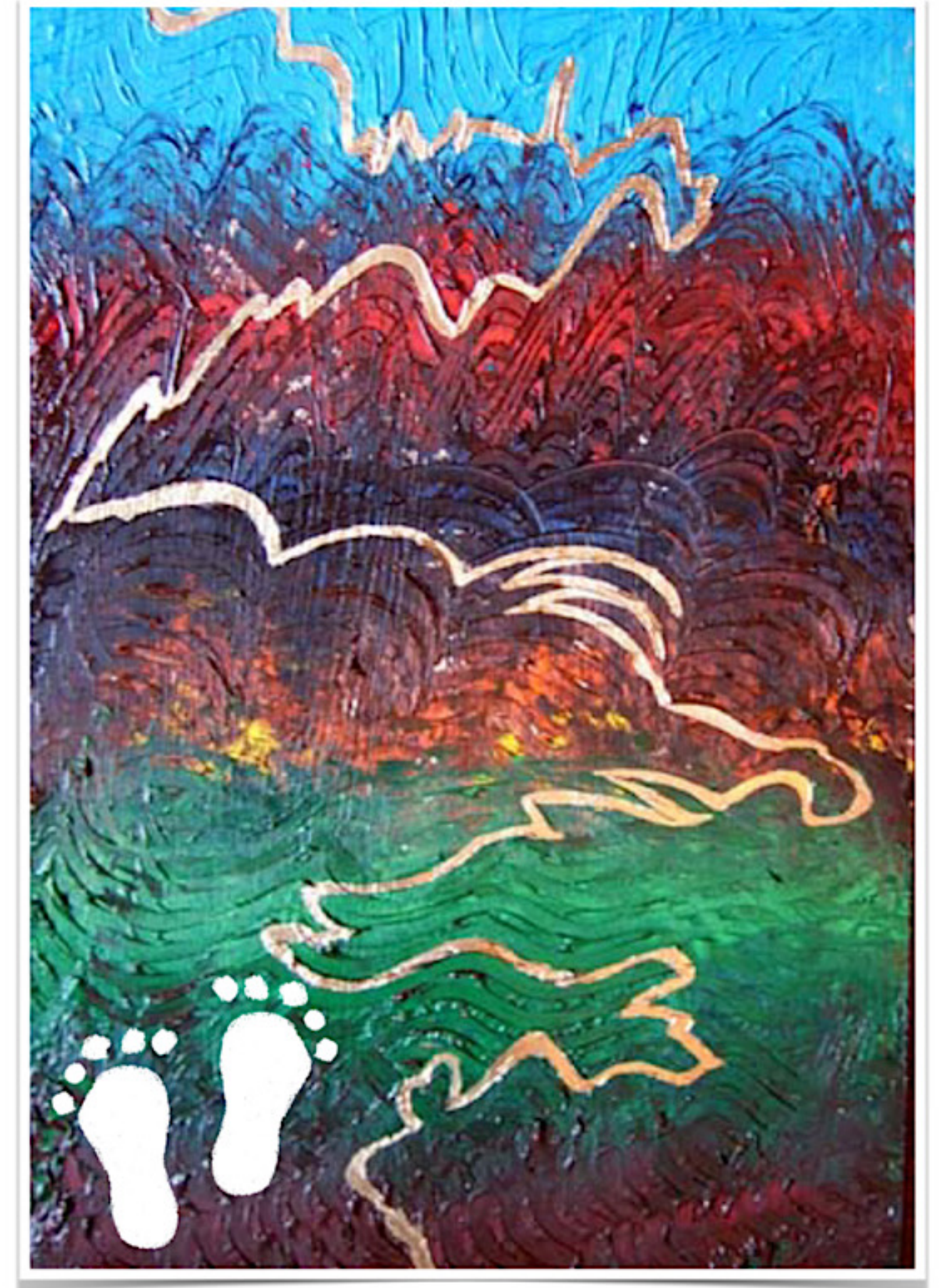
From Open Doors [Prayers for Persecuted Believers](#)



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The first part of a graphic introduction to the book of Acts can be found [here](#).



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