

BATTLES OF THE JOURNEY

The ACLE4 Reflection Room will include a curated Christian Art Exhibition with images, Bible readings and prayers. You can begin your journey with us before you arrive.



Reflections on art from Simon Ratcliffe. The Old Knight. Simon gave this to his father-in-law, a practicing Christian for more than fifty years. It symbolizes that the battle continues even to the very gates of our final sanctuary. But we battle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and dark forces in high places. Sometimes when we unmask the enemy we find he / she is wearing our own face...it is us. Nevertheless, *“Greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world.”* God speaks in the Bible *“I am the good shepherd... I am with you... you are not alone. I am your battle shield, sword for the fight; I am with you; you are not alone.”* The LORD himself is our sanctuary.

WORDS OF WISDOM

¹⁹Now set your mind and heart to seek the LORD your God. Arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God...

1 Chronicles 22:19

Reflection Questions

For both men and women.

Put yourself in the place of the knight, in your person and in your roles.

What are the inner battles you go through?

What are the outer battles – outer dangers?

Where is the help / the relief / the cavalry for you? Who hears your cry for help / who comes?

What is the message of the LORD specifically for you in this extremity?

Sit with this for some time... till it enters your soul.

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