

Christ

Orchestrates

Victories

In our

Distress

Pillar #1: Christ is familiar
with the depths of our
distress because he
plumbed those depths and
navigated their terrain.

“My friends and companions stand
aloof from my plague,
and my nearest kin stand far off.”

- Psalm 38:11

“He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man at his death, because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully.”

- Isaiah 53:9

“He sanctified the grave and prepared it for his people. They would’ve been afraid to go in but he entered it before them. They can lie in this bed after Him. He has freed it from every horror. He has softened it, and made it easy for them.”

- William Jay

“There is no pit so deep, but Christ is deeper still.”

- Corrie ten Boom

“Looking up, they noticed that the stone—which was very large—had been rolled away.”

- Mark 16:4

“Don’t be alarmed,” he told them. “You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they put him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there just as he told you.’ ” - Mark 16:6-7

“They went out and ran from the tomb, because trembling and astonishment overwhelmed them. And they said nothing to anyone, since they were afraid.”

- Mark 16:8

Pillar #2: Christ is able to orchestrate victories in our distress because he conquered our darkest dread and is now going ahead of us to create a whole new world.

“But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there just as he told you.’ ”

- Mark 16:7

The joys we've tasted and cannot hold onto are:

“The scent of a flower I have not found, the echo of a tune I have not heard, news from a country I have not yet visited.”

The resurrection of Jesus is: “Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read; which goes on forever; in which every chapter is better than the one before.” - C. S. Lewis