

## Reflections

God's power to create light from darkness, from nothing.

His power to create

His power to transform

His power to give meaning

His power to give purpose

His power to cause order.

Daylight = order and clarity                      In light we see

In darkness there may be disorientation, obscurity.

In darkness we may lose our pathway.

As humans we suffer loss                                      loss=darkness

Intrusive thoughts – my own mental health and bi-polar rhythms – voices grow louder – surprise me or build up over time. Become more clear, more believable. Lose sense of reality and clarity.

Darkness, gloom, bleakness, suffering

REMEMBER: Light overpowers the darkness

FAITH – helps you to choose the light – allows you to hand over your heaviness

God did not make 3.00pm or 5.00am – we did. Some 'nights' are short.

Some 'nights' are long and winding

There can be false dawns – followed by more night. DISORIENTATION – lost – chaos

BUT. Without night we cannot recognise the day

Metaphorical daytime bleeds clarity and diminishes the darkness so we can continue our path.

SOMETIMES –

circumstances/life/battles/overloads/stress/hurdles/barriers/confrontation/challenge

DARKNESS IS LOUDER

Clouds gather around the daylight

Sometimes we don't see any light. We don't even know which direction it will be in. What happens then?

FAITH will keep us on track. Courage helps us to keep stepping forward.

It is merely a passing of time. Light will appear. A new dawn will be seen. The darkness does subside.

Then we can choose to turn away from the dark, to follow the light...

We journey through night to morning, to day, through evening and through night. Time is eternal and infinite

BUT ALSO

We need the night

It brings rest. It is peaceful

The daytime can be busy. No stop, no pause, no chance to dream, no vision.

The evening – it slows us.  
The night brings rest  
And each – it passes. INFINITY

Life is a journey. Through faith. There is strength  
The darkness will pass. Light is on its way. ALWAYS

It is how God intends it to be.

It is how God works.