

Living in the Balance November and December 2020

In early 2019, I began having dreams that were just songs or a line from a song. In September 2019 Billy Joel sang the River of Dreams loud and clear several times. And Paul Williams brought the line...."keep on walkin' and don't look back...." There have been many more. Sting's If I Ever Lose my Faith... has been with me ever since its 1993 release.

If I Ever Lose My Faith in You -- Sting

You could say I lost my faith in science and progress You could say I lost my belief in the holy church You could say I lost my sense of direction You could say all of this and worse But If I ever lose my faith in you There'd be nothing left for me to do....

You could say I was a lost man in a lost world You could say I lost my faith in the people on TV You could say I'd lost my belief in our politicians

They all seemed like game show hosts to me If I ever lose my faith in you There'd be nothing left for me to do

I could be lost inside their lies without a trace But every time I close my eyes I see your face

I never saw no miracle of science that didn't go from a blessing to a curse I never saw no military solution that didn't always end up as something worse

But let me say this first If I ever lose my faith in you If I ever lose my faith in you There'd be nothing left for me to do If I ever lose my faith in you.

The River of Dreams – Billy Joel

In the middle of the night I go walking in my sleep From the mountains of faith to the river so deep I must be looking for something....something sacred I lost But the river is wide and it's too hard to cross

Even though I know the river is wide I walk down every evening and I stand on the shore I try to cross to the opposite side so I can finally find what I've been looking for

In the middle of the night I go walking in my sleep Through the valley of fear to a river so deep

I've been searching for something taken out of my soul Something I'd never lose something somebody stole

I don't know why I go walking at night But now I'm tired and I don't want to walk anymore I hope it doesn't take the rest of my life Until I finally find what I've been looking for

In the middle of the night I go walking in my sleep Through the jungle of doubt to the river so deep I know I'm searching for something...something so undefined that it can only be seen by the eyes of the blind

In the middle of the night....I go walkin' in the, in the middle of the.....

I'm not sure about a life after this God knows I've never been a spiritual man Baptized by the fire, I wade into the river That is running to the promised land

In the middle of the night I go walking in my sleep Through the desert of the truth to the river so deep We all end in the ocean.....We all start in the streams We're all carried along by the river of dreams In the middle of the night....

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About Spiritual Direction -

- Offers a space and time for you to explore, reflect upon, and deepen your relationship with God.
- Provides a haven from the daily busyness of the outer world and opens a time to be still and to reflect on your inner journey.
- Is a companioning relationship grounded in dialogue and discernment.
- Explores ways you may integrate spirituality into your daily life.
- Is not limited to any one spiritual practice or tradition.
- May involve one or two meetings or multiple meetings over time.

You may wish to consider spiritual companioning if you are -

- Longing for a deeper relationship with the Divine
- Looking for a place to dialogue about spiritual questions
- Seeking ways to connect with the Spirit in a more intentional way
- Discerning ways to live in a more integrated and whole way
- Standing at a crossroads in your life
- Exploring new or fresh ways to be in relationship with God

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All of these photos are mine. Taken in Mendocino, Greenland and a tiny town somewhere in the Baltic.