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Devotion for November 8th, 2021

Matthew 24:29-51

Today's devotion comes from Matthew 24:29-51. How fitting are these verses to consider after celebrating All Saints' Day yesterday? Often times thinking about death or Jesus' return can be frightening for many people. Generally speaking, people don't like the unknown. We like to plan, we like to be in control, and we like to be able to anticipate outcomes. However, the reality is we can't. Even when we may think we're in control, we're not.

I remember the first night my daughter was in my arms, when it came time to go to sleep, I was quite panicked because we were going to turn the lights off and turn away from her. She'd only arrived less than ten hours earlier, and had our eyes on her for that entire time. But now we would be asleep, we would not be able to keep constant surveillance or control what happened. I was lovingly reminded that her God was watching over her, in fact He had been for her entire life and any semblance of control I'd thought I'd had was not actually the case.

We are so blessed with a Heavenly Father who watches over us constantly. Nothing happens to us that He does not know, nothing happens apart from what He has planned. And He has even planned for the end of our lives or for the return of His Son, whichever comes first.

I pray that when life feels out of your control (and even if it feels in control) that you would rest in the assurance of your Heavenly Father's protection.

*God's blessings,
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