

FAITH, FLAWS & FLOWS

ECHOES OF A CHRISTIAN POET

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Echoes (noun): the sounds that remain after the original source is gone— repetitions that carry meaning, memory, and truth beyond the initial event...

Beginnings

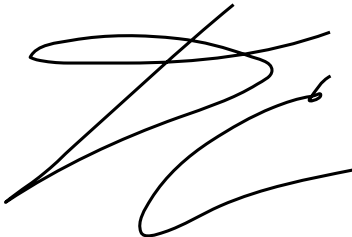
Thank you for taking the time to read my labor of love, let alone this brief intro to it.

For years I've desired to write and illustrate my own book. As I set out to make this dream a reality, it dawned on me I was writing something more than just a collection of poems– these were my *echoes*: ~150 pages of lived **Faith** under fire, **Flaws** exposed, and **Flows** from the rhythm of life's ups & downs.

Many of these poems were written in real time– mid-mistake, mid-prayer, and mid-reflection. They emerged from my walk– imperfect but progressing; however these reflections aren't mine alone. They mirror the same exact conflicts and breakthroughs we all face as we walk with God.

If you're anything like me, these poems are meant to sound familiar...

~ DáSean L. Clark, the Author

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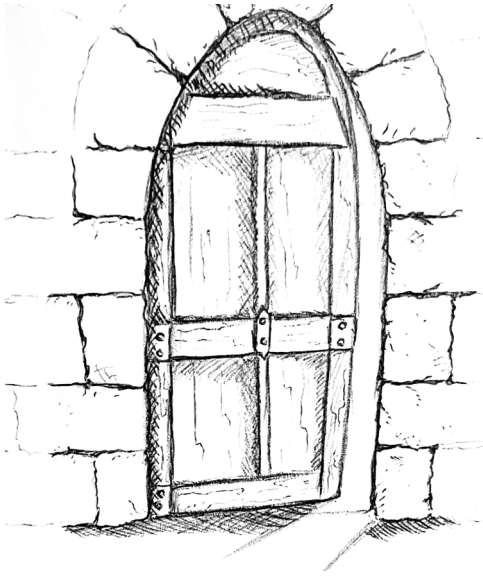
I

FAITH

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Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

~ John 1:29



I am the door. If anyone comes through Me, he will be saved.

He will come and go and find pasture. ~ John 10:9

FAITH

He Is

Yes! He is the LAMB.

He died for us; rose again.

Blessed! He is the GOAT.

Adored

I adore you Lord.

You're the door we all come through
for life ever more.

II

FLAWS

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Be alert, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

~ 1st Peter 5:8

Temptation

I strive to do right,
Stage left, the devil enters
Drags me down, hither.

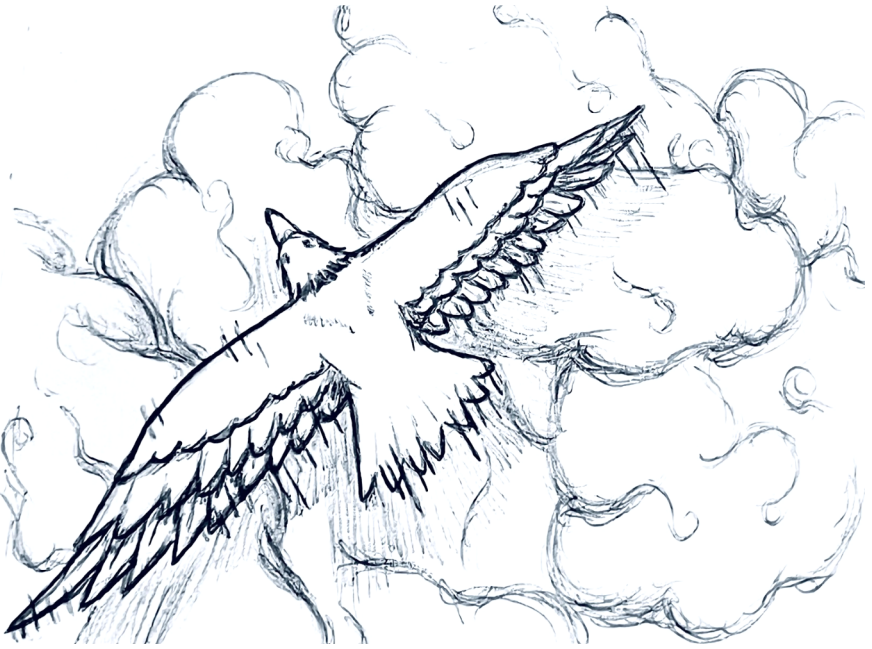
The Enemy

Steal, Kill and Destroy—
Like a lion he devours;
Lyin' to ya boy.

III

FLOWS

FLAWS

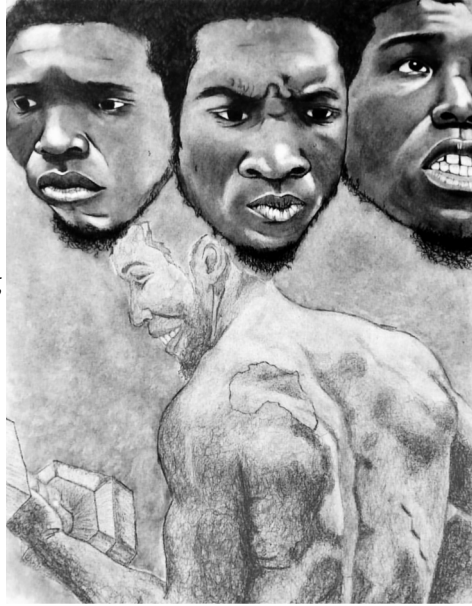


Night Flight

Most nights I dream of flying.
Not soaring in the clouds,
but floating over crowds—
those friends and foes of mine,
biding their time in the hall.
I hover to class
and try not to fall.
The tension in the air is palpable,
as high as my altitude.
I rise above teenage attitudes
and give my bullies a scare,
as I barrelroll in midair.
Most nights I dream of flying—
as lucid as can be—
although some nights I don't;
that's fine with me.
The sky will be there,
for me to dive into later.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

DáSean Clark is a Christian, Artist & Animator who uses his creativity as a means to reflect, express, and grow. Much of the writing in this book began simply as journal entries— private prayers, grievances, and moments of honesty that slowly found rhythm and a



rhyme scheme on the page. Visual storytelling has long been DáSean's passion and primary medium to work in, while written prose has always been a close second. He loves reading and almost all things grammar (i.e Scrabble, word puzzles, scriptwriting, and rhetorical debates). When he isn't creating, DáSean is rooted in family time with his wife and their two daughters, learning daily what it means to live faithfully and love deeply.

DáSean shares *Faith, Flaws and Flows* with humility and the hope that others may recognize familiar echoes in their own journey.