

Neighbors

by Steve Prince Inspired by Luke 10:25-37 Ink on paper

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way to collectively preserve the truth of our origin while moving as one communal body into an untouched future. —Steve Prince

Prompts for contemplation

- Observe the figures' posture and movement. Do you see connection, conflict, or both?
 How does this reflect your own relationships?
- Focus on the textures and shading. What story might these elements tell about resilience or fragility?
- Pay attention to the empty spaces around the figures. What do these spaces evoke for you?
- Imagine yourself as part of this scene. What role would you play in this dance of connection, tension, and movement?





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