

When GOD Allows Hurt | John 11:1-6

- † **John 11:1** - Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
- † **John 11:2** - (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
- † **John 11:3** - Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.
- † **John 11:4** - When Jesus heard *that*, he said, **This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.**
- † **John 11:5** - Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
- † **John 11:6** - When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

Sometimes we wonder why GOD waits or if HE has forgotten us.

- † **Psalm 13:1** - How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

Last week we talked about “Love GOD Love People”.

How do we “Love GOD – When GOD Allows Hurt”?

1. TRUST HIM THROUGH THE WAIT

- † **John 11:7** - hen after that saith he to *his* disciples, **Let us go into Judaea again.**

GOD sees the big picture & we have to trust HIS timing.

2. TRUST HE HAS OUR BEST INTEREST

- † **John 11:15** - **And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.**

GOD knows better than we do & we have to trust HE can make a better decision for us.

3. TRUST IN HIS PROMISE

- † **John 11:23** - Jesus saith unto her, **Thy brother shall rise again.**

GOD has never lied – HE keeps HIS word.



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4. TRUST HIS COMPASSION

- † **John 11:33** - When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,
- † **John 11:34** - And said, **Where have ye laid him?** They said unto him, Lord, come and see.
- † **John 11:35** - Jesus wept.

GOD hurts when we hurt – it's painful to HIM.

5. TRUST HIS REASSURANCE

- † **John 11:39** - Jesus said, **Take ye away the stone.** Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.
- † **John 11:40** - Jesus saith unto her, **Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?**

GOD's word serves as a reminder of the victory & joy that we will experience.

6. TRUST OTHERS SEE OUR FAITHFULNESS

- † **John 11:41** - Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, **Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.**
- † **John 11:42** - **And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.**

GOD uses our lives to help witness to others – many we never know about.

7. EXPECT A MIRACLE

- † **John 11:43** - And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, **Lazarus, come forth.**
- † **John 11:44** - And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, **Loose him, and let him go.**

GOD is able to perform miracles at any time – expect HIM to move every day!

Just because GOD allows hurt, doesn't mean HE isn't working.

Just because GOD allows hurt, doesn't mean we are alone.

Even in our time of hurt – we can “Love GOD”.



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