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Did I Not Tell You to Believe?

John 11:1-6; 17-25; 38-44

1. Delays often have a **spiritual purpose** we cannot see.

A. John 11:6, two days longer

- John 11:39, dead for four days.

B. Spiritual purpose?

- John 11:14, 25-26

C. Jesus is Lord, over death and time.

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2. God allows us to get **lost** so we can **find our way to the light.**

A. The disciples are lost in their fears.

- John 11:7-10
- 1 Jn. 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. **And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith.** (ESV)

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“Seeing” is not always believing.

- Jn. 11:45-46 **Many** of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶ **but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.**
- Jn 11:47f, John 2:23-24; 6:4, Matt 9:4

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3. We limit the Lord's hand by what we *really* believe.

- Jn. 11:22 ... I know that **whatever you ask from God, God will give you.**"
- Jn. 11:39 ..., **"Lord, by this time there will be an odor,..."**

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Jesus confronts Martha *sternly* over her unbelief in His power.

- Jn. 11:27 ..., "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the **Christ**, the **Son of God**, ...
- Jn. 11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" (ESV)

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4. Believing is our responsibility.

- Jn. 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. **Whoever believes** in me, though **he die**, yet shall **he live**,²⁶ and everyone who **lives and believes in me** shall never die. **Do you believe this?**" (ESV)

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Mk. 9:23-24 And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes.'" ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; **help my unbelief!**" (ESV)

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Heb. 11:6 And without **faith it is impossible to please *Him***, for he who comes to God must believe that **He is** and *that* He is a **rewarder of those who seek Him.** (NAU)

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5. It is in the **nature & character** of Jesus to **weep with us**.

- Jesus felt strong emotions:
 1. Matt 23:37-39, over the Jews.
 2. John 17:9f, over his disciples
 3. Matt 26:37, over his coming death
 4. John 11:35, with Mary

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Next Step.

1. Ask God to “open your eyes” to see your own unbelief.
 - Take **responsibility** for your doubts.
 - Confess them.
 - Believe God for a **raising from the dead in your life.**

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Last Week:

1. **What, when, and purpose** of miracles.
2. Two things necessary for a miracle to occur:
 1. Presence of **power** of the **Holy Spirit to heal**
 2. **Faith** – of either the **healer** or the **healed.**

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- **Two things were necessary for a miracle to occur.**

- A. The **presence** of the power of the Spirit to heal (the will of God). Luke 5:17

- B. **Faith in Almighty God** to heal:

- 1. the healer: Luke 17:6

- 2. the healed.

- 3. Absence of faith: Mark 6:5-6

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