

Wake Up and trust God

John 11:1-16

Now a man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair, and it was her brother Lazarus who was sick. So the sisters sent a message to him: “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

When Jesus heard it, he said, “This sickness will not end in death but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was sick, he stayed two more days in the place where he was.

Then after that, he said to the disciples, “Let’s go to Judea again.”

“Rabbi,” the disciples told him, “just now the Jews tried to stone you, and you’re going there again?”

“Aren’t there twelve hours in a day?” Jesus answered. “If anyone walks during the day, he doesn’t stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone

walks during the night, he does stumble, because the light is not in him.”

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He said this, and then he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I’m on my way to wake him up.”

Then the disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will get well.”

Jesus, however, was speaking about his death, but they thought he was speaking about natural sleep.

So Jesus then told them plainly, “Lazarus has died. I’m glad for you that I wasn’t there so that you may believe. But let’s go to him.”

Then Thomas (called “Twin”) said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s go too so that we may die with him.”

John 11:1-16

I can trust God because of His love

Now Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was sick, he stayed two more days in the place where he was.

John 11:5-6

But as Christ is the unique mirror of divine grace, his delay teaches us that we should not judge God's love through present circumstances...Although Christ may delay, he never sleeps or forgets his own people.

John Calvin, Commentary on John

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved-”

Ephesians 2:4-5

“The Lord-the Lord is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth, maintaining faithful love to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, rebellion, and sin.”

Exodus 34:6-7a

“The Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued to extend faithful love to you.” Jeremiah 31:3

Thou hast declared Thine unchanging love for us in Christ Jesus. If nothing in us can win thy love, nothing in the universe can prevent thee from loving us. Thy love is

uncaused and undeserved. Thou art thyself the reason for love wherewith we are loved.

Help us believe the intensity, the eternity of the love that has found us. Then love will cast out fear; and our troubled hearts will be at peace, trusting not in what we are but in what Thou hast declared thyself to be.

A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy

I can trust God because He knows the way

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and He will make your path straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

I can trust God because it is about His glory, not mine

When Jesus heard it, he said, “This sickness will not end in death but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

John 11:4

So Jesus then told them plainly,

“Lazarus has died. I’m glad for you that I wasn’t there so

that you may believe. But let's go to him."

John 11:14

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said to his fellow disciples,

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John 11:16

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9