

I Am  
It is Good to be Empty  
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**John 11:17-26** When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that **Lazarus** had already been in his grave for **four days**. Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But **Mary stayed in the house**. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, **if only you had been here**, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus told her, “Your brother will **rise again**.” “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, **at the last day**.” Jesus told her, “**I am the resurrection and the life**. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. **Do you believe this?**”

3 Ways God wants to Fill Us in this Season:

1. His \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Chronicles 7:13-15** “...a plague among my people, **if my people**, who are called by my name, will **humble themselves and pray** and seek my face and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven, and I will **forgive** their sin and will **heal** their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.”

**Psalm 56:9** My enemies will turn back when I cry out to you for help; I know that **God is on my side**.

2. His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 8:11** The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, **lives in you**. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will **give life** to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit **living within you**.

**2 Timothy 4:5** But you should keep a **clear mind** in every situation. **Don’t be afraid** of suffering for the Lord. Work at **telling others the Good News**, and fully carry out the **ministry God has given you**.

3. His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Isaiah 61:3 (NKJV)** To give them the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

**Psalm 98:4-6** Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy! Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song, with trumpets and the sound of the ram’s horn. **Make** a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King!

**Key Thought:** Joy does not \_\_\_\_\_ you...\_\_\_\_\_ have to find it.

**Philippians 4:8-9** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the **God of peace will be with you**.

**Walk Away:** God wants to take our empty lives and fill it with His \_\_\_\_\_, His Power, His \_\_\_\_\_.