

God's Timing
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"And many believed in him there." (John 10:42)

*"Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill."
(John 11:1–2)*

*"So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."
(John 11:3)*

How We Should Approach God in Prayer:

1. _____
2. In _____
3. Sense of _____

"But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was." (John 11:4–6)

A mature faith does not look for the _____ way out, but instead, looks to see how God can be glorified in the _____

No matter how it may appear from our perspective, God's delays are actually _____

We must choose to trust God and be okay not having all the _____ today.

"Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely." (1 Corinthians 13:12, NLT)

"Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover."

Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:7–16)

It is no harder for Jesus to _____, than it is to raise you from the dead.

"Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16)

"Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'" (John 11:32)

"When Jesus saw her [Mary] weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled." (John 11:33)

"And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept." (John 11:34–35)

"a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3a)

Jesus did not weep because He lacked _____, He weeps because He is full of _____.

Jesus enters into Mary and Martha's _____ before He _____ it.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46b, ESV)

In the Midst of the Trial:

- Keep an _____.

"This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)

- Remember your Heavenly Father _____ with you through the fire and the flood.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you." (Isaiah 43:2–3)