It's On The Way

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John 11:38-41 "Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." **40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"** 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."

- 1) Am I grateful even when I am WAITING?
- 2) Am I grateful even when **CIRCUMSTANCES** aren't favorable?
- 3) Am I grateful even in my FRUSTRATIONS?

1 Kings 18:41-46 "Elijah said to Ahab, "Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain." 42 So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. 43 "Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. Seven times Elijah said, "Go back." 44 The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you." 45 Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. 46 The power of the Lord came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel."

- Gratitude is determined by what I <u>HEAR</u>.
- Gratitude is determined by what I SEE.
- Gratitude will cause me to <u>RUN</u>, before I ever feel the <u>RAIN</u>.