

Faith During the 'In Between'
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John 11:1 ff (CSB) *Now a man was sick—Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary 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. ³So the sisters sent a message to Him: "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴When 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." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. ⁶So when He heard that he [Lazarus] was sick, He [Jesus] stayed two more days in the place where He was. [Bethany Beyond the Jordan in John 10 where John baptized.]*

- GOD DESIRES US TO TRUST HIM.

EVER ASK YOURSELF, Why does it take 'time' from the moment you ask God to answer your prayer, and the Answer?

What sin enslaves you? Where does satan keep you under his control?

Exodus 14:16 (CSB) *As for you, lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.*

- The Red Sea became Moses' route to freedom.

Jesus' blood can become your route to freedom and forgiveness. Step out in faith. Trust God.

- God is God of the Promise Kept!

Genesis 16:1-3a (CSB) *Abram's wife, Sarai, had not borne any children for him, but she owned an Egyptian slave named Hagar. Sarai said to Abram, "Since the Lord has prevented me from bearing children, go to my slave; perhaps through her I can build a family." And Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So Abram's wife, Sarai, took Hagar, her Egyptian slave, and gave her to her husband, Abram, as a wife for him.*

John 11:20 *As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. ²² Yet even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ "Your brother will rise again," Jesus told her. ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. ²⁶ Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who comes into the world." ²⁸ Having said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ As soon as Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ... ³² As soon as Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and told him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died!" ... ³⁹ "Remove the stone," Jesus said. Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, there is already a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ... ⁴³ After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out bound hand and foot with linen strips and with his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unwrap him and let him go."*

What lies 'buried' in you, the IN BETWEEN!

A prayer that has not been answered, you have almost given up, IN BETWEEN!

A God-given purpose that you believe is over, dead, buried, the IN BETWEEN!

What sin or addiction enslaves you? You have prayed, the IN BETWEEN!