IF!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jer 29:11



Four Spiritual Truths We Need To Embrace From John 11:1-44



God Can Be Glorified By What We Consider "Bad" Things

Jesus had a plan from the very beginning!

John 11:4: "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's son may be glorified!"

We need to have a mindset shift:

• From: God, WHY did this happen?

• To: God, HOW do you want to use this for your glory?



Just Because Jesus Loves You It Doesn't Guarantee Your Life Will Be Easy!

"So then he told them plainly, Lazarus is dead." vs 14

- Mary did not know "the end of the story."
- Martha did not know "the end of the story."
- Lazarus did not know "the end of the story."

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



Everyone Gets It Right Sometimes!

"Then Thomas said...Let us also go, that we may die with him!" vs 16

Challenge

Start seeing people differently. Know them by their BEST moments

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Not their WORST!



We All Need Help Becoming What God Has Declared Us To Be

2 Cor 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

John 11:44

"Take off the grave clothers and let him go!: (niv)
"Loose him, and let him go!" (kjv)



5 Step Process of "Unwrapping" (Loosing)

PRAYER

PERSONAL ACTION

ACCOUNTABILITY

COUNSELOR

REPLACEMENT

1 John 1:9

Eph 4:22-32

Prov 27:17

Prov 11:14

Eph 4:22-32



Two Questions:

Got Some Graveclothes Hanging Around?

What Are YOU going to do about it?

