

Dealing with a Crisis
John 11:1-45

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. (John 14:9)

Lesson # 1: Whenever you face a crisis, turn to the Lord.

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

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (vv.21 & 32)

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Lesson # 2: Whenever you face a crisis, trust the Lord.

A. Trust that God is in control.

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." (v.21-22).

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. (Mt.10:29)

Fear not, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows. (Mt.10:31)

B. Trust that God cares for you.

³² 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." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. (John 11:32-35)

C. Trust that God is working according to His good purpose.

It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:5)

Think about how the Father and the Son were glorified:

- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.
When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (John 11:43-44)
- Many people believed in Jesus:
Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him (v.45).

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Rom.8:28)

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (Rom.8:18)

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (Rom.8:29).

After the Sermon. A Closing Announcement:

During this time of crisis in our country, we need to faithfully:

Turn to the Lord in confident trust every day and ask Him to heal those who are sick, give our leaders wisdom to lead us, and bring an end to the Coronavirus pandemic very soon.

Listen to our government and health care leaders and following their instructions.

Do everything we can to stay healthy, help others, and stop the spread of this virus.