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Accelerated Growth John 11:1-44

1. Growing in faith often begins with a situation you CAN'T HANDLE.

Mary & Martha's Limitation

They thought it was too late. If only Jesus had been present sooner, then Lazarus would not have died.

2. Growing in faith often involves a DEEPER REVELATION about Jesus.

Deeper Revelation

Jesus is the RESURRECTION & the LIFE. Whoever believes in Him will LIVE even though they die. John 11:25-26

3. Growing in faith often involves a moment where Jesus' EMPATHY is EXPERIENCED.
 - Jesus WEPT.

Perspective

The miraculous is an OPPORTUNITY to experience accelerated growth in your faith, if you are OPEN to going deeper in Jesus.

Reflection Question

Are you OPEN to going DEEPER in Jesus?

JOHN 11:1-48

Discipling with Family & Friends

1. What experience(s) have you had that significantly changed you? How did it change you? Why did it change you?
2. How did witnessing Jesus raising of Lazarus from the dead change Mary and Martha?
3. In this message the concept of accelerated growth was mentioned. What kinds of experiences have been opportunities for you to experience this? Note it can be a "good" experience & not just a "negative" experience or trial.
 - Parents, the following would be good to talk about with your kids. Sometimes your walk in the Lord will feel stagnant but if you hang around where God is moving, for example church or a youth group, it will be more likely that you'll have an encounter with the Lord. If you remove yourself from association with other Christians & the church then you will be less likely to have an encounter with God.
4. It is interesting that there were diverse responses to the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Many believed in Jesus. Others were mainly interested in stopping His miracles. Do you think you are open to what Jesus wants to reveal & do in your life? Pray for this kind of heart toward God. Pray for those far from God that they would have an openness to believe in Jesus.