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When God Seems Late

- With God, a _____ season is never a _____ season.

¹ A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha.... ³ So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, “Lord, your dear friend is very sick.”

John 11:1-3 (NLT2)

Two Things to Remember When Waiting on God

1. God’s _____ are not necessarily God’s _____

⁴ But when Jesus heard about it he said, “Lazarus’s sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.”

John 11:4 (NLT2)

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. **John 11:17 (NLT2)**

²⁰ When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” **John 11:20-22 (NLT2)**

2. If God always met your expectations he’d never have the opportunity to _____ them.

²³ Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?” **John 11:23-26 (NLT2)**

⁴³ Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!” **John 11:43-44 (NLT2)**

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. **Ephesians 3:20 (NLT2)**

My Next Step is To...

- Meditate on and/r memorize John 11:25-26
- Be open to what God wants to do in my life while I am waiting.
- Surrender to God’s plan and purposes admitting that He is God and I’m not.
- Believe in Jesus, accepting Him as my Savior and Lord.