



# I THINK. I FEEL. I AM ... *hurt*

JOHN 11:1-44

## I. I feel hurt when God lets something \_\_\_\_\_ happen.

*Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." vv. 1-3*

## II. I feel hurt when God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ like I hoped He would.

*So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. v. 6*

## III. I feel hurt when God doesn't seem to \_\_\_\_\_ the depth of my pain.

*Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." v. 21*

*But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."*

JOHN 11:4

## *When I think, I feel, I am hurt ...*

### ■ I AM ... \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

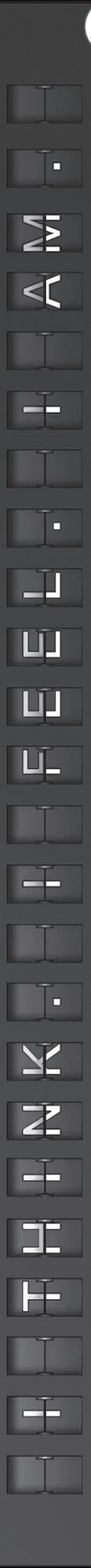
*Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. v. 5*

### ■ I FEEL ... \_\_\_\_\_ by God, who weeps for me.

*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. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. vv. 33-35*

### ■ I THINK ... \_\_\_\_\_ is possible for the glory of God.

*So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 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." vv. 41-44*



DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read John 11:1-44. The raising of Lazarus is the last and greatest of Jesus' signs before His own resurrection. Why doesn't Jesus go immediately when He learns of Lazarus' illness? What do you learn about Jesus from His decision to wait?

"God's love for His own is not a pampering love; it is a perfecting love. The fact that He loves us and we love Him is no guarantee that we will be sheltered from the problems and pains of life. After all, the Father loves His Son, and yet the Father permitted His beloved Son to drink the cup of sorrow and experience the shame and pain of the cross. We must never think that love and suffering are incompatible. Certainly they unite in Jesus Christ.

... Our Lord's message to the sisters did not say that their brother would not die. It promised only that death would not be the ultimate result, for the ultimate result would be the glory of God. When we find ourselves confronted by disease, disappointment, delay and even death, our only encouragement is the Word of God. We must live by faith and not by sight. Their situation seemed hopeless, yet the sisters knew that Jesus was the Master of every situation."

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2. In the first three points of the sermon, the pastor talked about how we can feel hurt by God when we don't understand our circumstances. When have you had these same thoughts?

3. What beliefs do you sense in Martha's and Mary's reactions to Jesus in verses 17-40? How are they similar to the first three points of the sermon?

4. Why do you think John stresses Jesus' love for Lazarus and his sisters in this account (vv. 3, 5, 36)? What does this emphasis tell you about who Jesus really is?

5. Why do you think Jesus was so deeply moved and wept (vv. 33, 35)? How do His actions here counter the thinking of the first three sermon points and lead you to understand God's love for you?

6. What has been the most helpful for you in studying this passage that you will use daily in your walk with the Lord?

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

- 1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

DISCORD OR JOY: TUNING YOUR EMOTIONAL PLAYLIST Starting next month, Discord or Joy: Tuning Your Emotional Playlist will be a four-week class for anyone to join, and it's happening here at the Fort Worth Campus. Designed to complement our current sermon series, I Think. I Feel. I Am., we'll find ways to tune our emotions into a melody that sounds just right. Read more about this class, see details and complete your registration by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/emotions.

AVENEW WEEKEND From dating and engaged couples to newly married, join us for the AVENEW weekend conference on Friday and Saturday, May 17-18. In just two days, receive a biblical framework of marriage and tools for walking out God's purpose for your relationship. Learn more and sign up today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/avenew.

ELDER PRAYER The Elders and their wives would love to spend time with you and pray for any encouragement or healing you need in your life right now. God does extraordinary things when we go to Him, and we're excited to do this together Sunday, May 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/elderprayer.

MSM SUMMER CAMP Join the MSM staff and your favorite leaders as we head to Carolina Creek Christian Camp from Wednesday, July 24, to Saturday, July 27. From learning more about Jesus and the gospel to hanging with friends and making memories, register today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/msmsummer.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS Why do life alone when you were meant for community? That's why we created Discipleship Groups. Around here, the purpose of these groups is for spiritual growth to increase. Practically, this looks like meeting with a leader and a small group to dive deeper into the basics of our faith, and then, we want you to go and do-leading your own Discipleship Group. Our faith flourishes in community, so start today! Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/groups.

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A 5 P.M. SERVICE? We created the 5 p.m. service with the BE, MAKE and REACH vision in mind, opening more opportunities for others to meet Jesus. This Sunday, April 14, the 5 p.m. service is moving to a permanent location in the Chapel! We'll have a free dinner to celebrate and would love for everyone to join in. So come and meet more of the staff, welcome new families and see what God is doing at our campus. We'll see you there!

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