

Sunday, 07-17-22

The Word Resurrects the Dead
Bible Background: John 11:17-44
Printed Text: John 11:17-27, 38-44 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: John 3:18-21

Aim for Change (Page 528):

1. **EXPLORE** Mary's and Martha's faith relationships *with Jesus*
 2. **EMBRACE with** confident expectation that *Jesus* has the power of God to save, heal, and raise people from the dead
 3. **ENGAGE with Jesus** honestly and faithfully, even when faced with impossible situations
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In Focus (Page 528):

1. What can we do to keep our hope vibrant in the face of impossible situations? – *Psalm 78:5-8; Proverbs 4:19-27*
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The People, Places, and Times (Page 531):

- **Martha**
 1. Why do people get upset if your faith is shown differently? – *Luke 10:38-42*
 - **Bethany**
 1. Why did Jesus prefer to stay in the area for the pilgrimage festivals of Passover, Tabernacles, and Pentecost? – many noteworthy events regarding Jesus and His ministry
 - a. John baptizes Jesus – *John 1:28*
 - b. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with oil – *John 12:3*
 - c. Jesus rides in on a colt – *John 12:12-19*
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Background (Pages 531):

1. Why do we get upset when God doesn't answer when we think He should? – *Luke 8:11-15*
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In Depth (Pages 531-532)

1. **Jesus Is in Control (John 11:17-20)**
 - a. What benefit do we think we gain by handling things ourselves rather than trusting Jesus? – *Proverbs 3:1-7*
 2. **Jesus Is Always Right on Time (John 11:21-24)**
 - a. How have you misunderstood God's meaning when He tries to comfort you? – *Isaiah 40:28-31; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10*
 - b. If you're looking forward to the end of days for Jesus' return, why are your actions revealing no hope for the present?
 3. **Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25-27)**
 - a. When has God surprised you when you thought the situation was beyond hope?
 - b. Does your belief reveal your commitment to Christ? – *Romans 15:1-6*
 4. **Jesus Is Lord over Death (John 11:38-44)**
 - a. Why do we, like Martha, object when God wants to work a miracle for us? – *Job 33:16-18; Acts 17:29-31*
 - b. Why do we not put in the work when directed by God?
 - c. What have you done to bring God glory? – *1 Corinthians 10:31-33*
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Application for Activation (Page 533):

- Think about some of the times that you have given up hope and the Lord came in and "resurrected" the situation.
1. What would it look like for you to trust Jesus to resurrect the situation today? – *Mark 16:14-20*
 2. How has God helped you out of your restrictions? – *Hebrews 10:16-26*
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Note – *Bold/Italicized* scriptures are additional scriptural reference; Some will be read during class

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