



WEEK FIVE:

Unanswered Prayers

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WEEK FIVE: Unanswered prayers, God's timing, when God is late. Waiting.

Scripture: John 11:1-45 Lazarus

What does God want us to know? God always has a purpose for our waiting or unanswered prayers. We may not understand.

What does God want us to do? Pray and trust God when we are waiting for a prayer to be answered. What to do while waiting. "But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." (John 11:20-22)

Like Martha and Mary, we have seen Jesus work in our lives. When we need extraordinary help, Jesus is there. But Jesus didn't seem to be there for his close friends, Martha and Mary, in this story. He could have healed Lazarus if he came in time. He was late. Ever feel like that? That God is late with your prayer? Or like he is ignoring you. We all hate to wait – in long lines, in traffic, for our wives to be ready on time. But the truth is that sometimes God makes us wait. There was no hope for Lazarus. By the time Jesus got there, he had been dead for 4 days. But the words of Jesus changed everything.