

# Your season is coming

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**JOHN 11:25-27; 32, 37 and 39-40 NIV - (25)** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; **(26)** and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" **(27)** "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." **(32)** When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." **(37)** But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" **(39)** "Take away the stone," He said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." **(40)** Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

O how hard it is for human nature to see things in the light of God, and to measure His spoken Word against all circumstances, all possibilities, all sicknesses, all troubles! Whatsoever happens to a brother or sister, happens that the Son of God should be glorified thereby. If we enter into His purpose, He is glorified, and the lesson of faith is not given in vain.

As I evaluate my troubled experiences, I have felt isolated. I felt as if Christ wasn't there. And I mean it was a deep routed feeling! I even wanted to give up. At the same time, God speaks verses **(25 - 26)** to me. There are times when we will answer as in verse **(27)**, but before we answer, let's think about what Christ said. Now the question is, "Do you really believe Him?" Put your emotions to the side. Let faith ground your thoughts. Yes, we are human, but do we really understand the manifestation of His power? If you have answer "Yes", then don't let your emotions, surroundings, gratification of people, etc., steer you from your answer and what you know! Is it Satan? Is it just a test of faith? Is Christ really in control?

Next thing I want you to know is "Timing." It may not happen when you expect, but it will! It's on His timing. In verse **(32)**, Mary tells Jesus, "You are too late!" or "You took too long!" or "You didn't move fast enough!" What nerve we have because we are experiencing a little discomfort. Go back to verse **(25-27)**. Yes, our emotions can get the best of us at times, but here is the time to talk to Jesus. Tell Him how you feel or what you are feeling. Don't, sugar coat it, instead confess it! This is not Burger King, where we are used to having things our way. Instead, the Jesus that we acknowledged in **(verses 25-27)**, will bring comfort to that discomfort you are experiencing.

Be careful of those who are less mature than you. They criticize because your situation isn't where they think it should be. As if they control God's very hand. **(verse 37)** gives you an idea of what I'm talking about. "Jesus can do this or that, why won't or hasn't He taken care of this. Negative food for thought and I want to say, "Stay away from it." In time Jesus will command your stone to be removed **(verse 39)**. Remember, your situation is hard and there is nothing you can do about it. So try to be a super hero and remove your stone. God has made provisions. You do not have the strength! But here Mary goes again, telling God that she has a degree in mortuary science. It doesn't matter how many days, weeks or years your situation has been stinking, you can mess up your season of deliverance by telling Christ what is best! So don't be surprised when Christ reminds you of **(verse 40)**. Sit still and see the "Salvation of the Lord at hand." God will take care of it and it won't be for your benefit, but for His glory. **AMEN.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: JOEL 2:25-26**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** When you know who is at the controls, you have peace in the midst of life's storms.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"