



DGM Message Title: A Miracle With Your Name On It

Theme: A blessing specifically for you!

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Message Summary: A miracle is an event that is not explainable by the natural world. Sometimes God makes you wait on your miracle, but it is for your own good. God sometimes has to wait to perform a miracle because it is not impossible enough yet. He may not perform his miracle when you want but he's always on time and will always do it his way.

Scripture References (NKJV):

- John 11:1-2
- John 11:6
- John 11:12, 14-15, 17, 19,23-25, 39, 43
- Luke 10:38-42
- Psalms 119:71
- Psalms 46:1

Key Points:

- John 11:1
 - Lazarus of Bethany was sick
 - He lived in a town with Mary and Martha
 - Mary and Martha were important in the beginning of Jesus life
 - Everyone knew about Mary and Martha
 - Mary was an extraordinary worshiper
- Luke 10:38
 - This passage talks more about Mary and Martha
 - Martha owned her own home which was very rare in the ancient world
 - The Bible doesn't go into detail about her house, but she stood out
- Luke 10:39
 - She had a sister Mary that sat at Jesus feet
 - There was no self-respecting rabbi at that time to encourage female discipleship more than Jesus did
 - Times were very different 2000 years ago
 - There was a segregation between male and female

- o Mary did not do the typical female's work

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- o She sat with the males at the feet of Jesus
 - Those who break barriers are those who ignore them
- o Martha was distracted with serving
 - Serving is good but sometimes it can be too much
- Luke 10:40
 - o Martha was distracted with serving
 - o She asked Jesus to tell Mary, her sister, to help her with serving
 - Though the genders are different, we are no less equal before God
- Luke 10:41
 - o Jesus said she is worried about many things
 - Sometimes the stress we feel has nothing to do with what God has placed on us. It's all the extra that we add to our lives.
 - Pressure from the outside world makes you do things you don't need to do
 - We have to learn and realize that if people don't like us, that's not our problem.
 - Our only assignment is to please God
 - We don't have to please others
 - The problem is seldom our responsibilities, but what we have added to them
 - o When we add all the extra unnecessary stuff, we get in trouble
 - o Martha made a choice
 - It was her choice to do all the extra stuff and to be upset
 - o Mary made a choice as well
 - She has seized her responsibility
 - May choice reflect your hopes and not your fears. –Nelson Mandela
- Luke 10:42
 - o Mary has chosen the good part and it will not be taken from her
 - The good part about walking with Jesus is that you don't have to be like everyone else.
 - o Instead of Jesus reprimanding Mary, he reprimands Martha
 - Mary recognized the value of Jesus presence
 - Mary chose the good part, which will not be taken from her
 - Jesus reinforced Mary's choice to follow Jesus instead of the culture
 - Be **bold** or *italic*, but never regular.
- John 11:2
 - o Mary's brother Lazarus was sick
 - Despite Mary being a true worshipper, she had real problems
 - Faith does not exempt you from problems

- You are going to have challenges in life but, put on the full armor of God so He can protect you through it
- Faith preserves it when you are in a fight

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- o Light weight problems are for light weight people
- o Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
 - Why would bad things happen to them if Jesus loved them?
- John 11:6
 - o When Jesus heard Lazarus was sick, he stayed two more days
 - o Lazarus condition was not permanent
 - There is nothing permanent in this wicked world, not even our troubles.
–Charlie Chaplin
- John 11:12
 - o Jesus said Lazarus sleeps
 - o A disciple said that if he sleeps, he will get well
 - o Jesus was not talking about natural sleep
- John 11:14
 - o Jesus said Lazarus is dead
 - It's not about denying the facts; it's about trusting God despite them.
- John 11:15
 - o Jesus said He's glad for their sakes...
 - Why would God be glad someone died?
 - How can God be glad about the crisis in your household?
- Psalms 119:71
 - o It's good for me that I have been afflicted that I might learn your statutes
 - o Most of your learning comes from your adversaries
- John 11:15
 - o Nevertheless, let us go to him
- John 11:17
 - o When Jesus came, He saw that Lazarus has been in the tomb four days
 - Some miracles God has to wait to perform because the situation is not impossible enough yet.
 - Sometimes there has to be no natural explanation so that no one else can take credit but him
- John 11:19
 - o People gathered around the sisters in concern for their brother
 - The stage was set for God to do a miracle that no one can deny
 - o She was disappointed in the death of her brother, but she knew who to run too.
 - We can run away from God, run to God, but the best thing is to run with God.
 - o She was angry because it never crossed her mind that God had another plan

- John 11:23
 - Jesus said their brother would rise again

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- John 11:24
 - Martha said she knew he would rise again on the last day of the resurrection
 - Jesus already raised several people from the dead
 - But in her mind, she believed that Lazarus would be healed before he died
 - Sometimes the way God does things hurts us because it's not what we wanted or expected
- John 11:25
 - Jesus said You don't have to wait until the end
 - God is a right now God
- Psalms 46:1
 - God is our refuge and strength
 - He is our present help in trouble
 - God specializes in trouble
- John 11:25
 - He said He is right now; He is resurrection in life
 - It said He is resurrection
 - He may be late based on your schedule but never late on His schedule.
- John 11:39
 - Jesus said take away the stone
 - Martha said there is a stench because he has been dead for four days
- John 11:43
 - Jesus cried with a loud voice Lazarus, come forth
 - This was a miracle with only Lazarus name on it
 - Jesus was specific and particular
 - God has a custom fit miracle with your name on it
 - Use your testimony to change the world
 - God said He is resurrection in Life
 - God is going to do it His way
 - God will raise you up again