

## When God Doesn't Make Sense:

**Late**

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### Bible References:

John 11:1-45

**Time spent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jesus isn't time**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Jesus.**

#1. Sometimes God makes us wait because the \_\_\_\_\_  
of our waiting are pivotal in developing the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ people.

#2. Sometimes God makes us wait because He is developing \_\_\_\_\_  
faith.

- "Sometimes God wants to do something in you before He wants to  
do something \_\_\_\_\_ you."

#3. Sometimes Jesus makes us wait because if He gave us exactly  
\_\_\_\_\_ we wanted \_\_\_\_\_ we wanted it, He would never have  
the chance to \_\_\_\_\_ our expectations.

- Sometimes Jesus makes us wait because waiting is what allows us to  
see His \_\_\_\_\_ more clearly!

### Application:

I don't know why God isn't doing something about that, but:

- I know He \_\_\_\_\_.

- I know He \_\_\_\_\_.

- I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ Him in the meantime.

## Reflection Questions:

*John 11:1-16*

- Why were the disciples hesitant to go to Judea to see Lazarus? How does this show an area where they needed to grow in their faith?
- How might traveling to Judea to raise Lazarus from the dead become something that helps what was lacking in their faith?

*John 11:17-32*

- How do you think Mary and Martha were feeling when Jesus finally showed up?
- Have you ever experienced a time where God seemed late and you had similar feelings to Mary and Martha?
- What do you think Jesus meant when He told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die" (John 11:25-26)?
- What makes Jesus' message in verses 25-26 important enough that He was willing to let Mary and Martha wait, and Lazarus die, so that He could make his point?

*John 11:33-45*

- Sometimes Jesus makes us wait because if He gave us exactly what we wanted when we wanted it, He would never have the chance to exceed our expectations. While we may conceptually understand this idea, why is it so hard to have this view in real life circumstances?
- How was God's glory shown in these circumstances?
- Sometimes God wants to do something in you before He does something for you. What's something you're currently waiting for God to do for you? What might He be doing in you by making you wait?
- What are some practical things you can do to help make time waiting for Jesus not time wasted on Jesus.