



WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

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***"This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God,
that the Son of God may be glorified through it"***

(John 11:4 - NKJV)

We are commanded to have faith in God and trust His purposes for our lives:

- *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths"* (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord"* (Jeremiah 17:7)
- *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"* (Hebrews 11:1)

When we follow the Lord, we can often find ourselves in situations that look far from what we expected. As a result, disappointment begins to set in, and our faith starts to deteriorate.

Knowing this - that our circumstance can change in the blink of an eye - it is essential we are hearing or have received a word (or promise) from Jesus Christ to hold onto. For when circumstances display signs of failure in our lives, it is *His word* that will keep us strong and enable us to *press the battle*.

- *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* (Psalm 119:105)

THE DEATH OF LAZARUS

I have been captivated by, *"The death of Lazarus"*, in the Gospel of John (see John 11:1-44). Mainly because a good friend of Jesus, Lazarus, had become sick, and as we read through the Scriptures it looked like Jesus had left him to die:

- **LAZARUS HAD BECOME SICK:** *"Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha"* (John 11:1)
- **JESUS LOVED LAZARUS:** *"Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus"* (John 11:5)
- **JESUS INTENTIONALLY DELAYED ATTENDING TO LAZARUS:** *"So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was"* (John 11:6)

- **LAZARUS DETERIORATED AND PASSED AWAY - IT WAS ONLY THEN JESUS ATTENDED TO HIM:** *"Then Jesus said to them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.'"* (John 11:14-15).

Due to the fact Jesus *loved* Lazarus and knew of his sickness, I thought Jesus would have at least "sent the word" and healed Lazarus. Just like He did with the Centurions Servant:

- *"Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, ⁶ saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.'*
⁷ *And Jesus said to him, 'I will come and heal him.'*
⁸ *The centurion answered and said, 'Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.'"* (Matthew 8:5-8)

"Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.' And his servant was healed that same hour" (Matthew 8:13).

SOME QUESTIONS I HAVE:

- Why would Jesus delay attending to someone He loved?
- Why did Jesus wait till Lazarus had died before attending to him?
- Surely a lot of grief and heartache could have been avoided if Jesus responded sooner.

When Jesus finally arrived on the scene - after Lazarus had died - He was met with a similar statement from Martha, Lazarus' sister:

- *"Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died"* (John 11:21).

Perhaps Martha was also struggling to understand this situation. That a close friend of Jesus had become sick but seemed to be intentionally left to die. This is hard to comprehend when the person who died is your own brother.

When struck with grief, loss, affliction, hardship, delay, or feelings of failure, we wrestle with all kinds of questions:

- This wouldn't have happened if Jesus were here!
- Why did Jesus let this happen?
- Don't You love me Jesus? If you did, surely, I would not be in such a mess?
- I have prayed and believed for so much blessing and fruit, but everything has died!

WHAT HAD JESUS SAID IN REGARD TO LAZRUS' SITUATION?

During times of hardship, affliction, confusion, and loss (even death), we can easily get overwhelmed by everything going on and lose our sense of direction, or truth. So, we must be diligent to listen and trust what Jesus is saying or has previously said.

When Jesus heard Lazarus was sick, He made this statement:

- ***"This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it"*** (John 11:4).

This sickness not unto death? But Lazarus died, right?

Yes, Lazarus died. He was as dead as dead can be. His lifeless body was wrapped in grave clothes and placed in a dark tomb. The tomb was then sealed by a large stone.

Had the words of Jesus Christ failed Lazarus?

CIRCUMSTANCE vs TRUTH:

- **CIRCUMSTANCE DOES NOT OVER-RULE TRUTH**
- **TRUTH IS WHAT JESUS SAY'S, NOT WHAT CIRCUMSTANCE PORTRAYS.**

When Jesus said, *"This sickness is not unto death"*, His word could be trusted. Why? Because Jesus can only speak truth:

- *"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"* (Numbers 23:19)
- *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'"* (John 14:6)
- *"It is impossible for God to lie"* (Hebrews 6:18).

Even when death knocked at Lazarus' door, there was no way it was going to hold him, because what Jesus has promised is truth – for it is impossible for Him to lie!

When it looks like we're dying in darkened circumstances and failure, we need to hold onto the *truth* Jesus has spoken. His *truth* will bring *hope* to any hopeless situation or circumstance.

HOPE AS AN ANCHOR:

"That by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. ¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil"
(Hebrews 6:18-19)

Jesus Christ is our *hope* and *anchor*. He has gone before us, and entered in behind the veil, securing our salvation and destiny in Him.

To be a follower of Jesus Christ we believe this to be true; we are saved through the blood and resurrection of Jesus Christ for all eternity:

- *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"* (Ephesians 1:7)
- *"But what does it say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Romans 10:8-9).

Our belief in Jesus Christ and in these Scriptural truths, give us *hope* for our eternal salvation.

This *hope* we have is the *anchor of our soul*, which is both *sure* and *steadfast*:

- **SURE:** To be completely confident that one is right; having no doubt or uncertainty
- **STEADFAST:** To be firmly fixed in place; immovable; unwavering; not subject to change.

We need to apply the same *sure* and *steadfast* hope we have for our eternal salvation, to the things Jesus has spoken to us personally, for:

- His word/promise, is the anchor that holds us steady when circumstances try to divert us
- His word/promise is the anchor that brings *hope* to any situation
- His word/promise is the anchor that shines light into any scheme of darkness
- His word/promise is the anchor and hope to see that which has died, resurrected back to life.

JESUS HAD GIVEN MARY AND MARTHA REASON TO HOPE:

- *“When Jesus heard that, He said, ‘This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it’”* (John 11:4)
- *“Jesus said to her (Martha), ‘Your brother will rise again’”* (John 11:23).

These words from Jesus are truth, even when Lazarus’ circumstances were proving otherwise it was only a matter of time before Jesus’ words prevailed.

MIRACULOUS TURN-AROUND:

The *foundation promise* Jesus gave, *“This sickness is not unto death”*, was going to be proved correct. And it was time for the people to witness this miraculous turnaround of circumstance.

As Jesus approached the tomb a large stone was blocking the entrance. Jesus said, *“Take away the stone”* (V39).

Jesus then spoke powerful words of resurrection, *“Lazarus, come forth!”*

As these *power-filled* words burst into that darkened tomb they penetrated the lingering stench of decay and manifested resurrection life in Lazarus’ dead body.

Christ’s words, *“Come forth”* carried eternal power and truth which instantly destroyed the power of death and destruction trying to cut Lazarus’ life short.

In an instance what was dead, is now alive. Lazarus walked out of that dark tomb, and God was glorified in a powerful way:

- *“And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Loose him, and let him go’”* (John 11:44).

Circumstance led us to believe Jesus had simply left Lazarus to die. But in fact, Jesus had given His word/promise, that Lazarus’ sickness *would not end in death*. And His words were ultimately proven to be true.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY:

My wife, Yvonne, was brought up in a Christian home and has always put her faith in Christ.

From the age of twelve Yvonne carried in her heart she would have two children, then a seven-year gap, then a third child.

Later in life, Yvonne and I got married and had two wonderful boys together. And at that time, we felt two boys completed our family, and decided we would not have any more children.

However, as the years ticked by Yvonne's womb started speaking. Or more importantly, the words, or promise she received from Christ at age twelve, that we would have two children, then a seven-year gap before having a third child, began to surface.

Now at the time I was content with my two boys, but the desire for a third child started to become stronger for Yvonne, and I sensed she wanted this to become a reality (there were many hints made by her 😊).

One evening when Yvonne was at her worship team practice, I knelt before Jesus and started to talk to Him, sharing my heart that I felt Yvonne wanted another baby. I asked if this was correct and was it something He planned for us – the initial promise of a seven-year gap and then another child was not even in our recollection at the time.

Jesus confirmed that Yvonne wanted another baby, and confirmed we were to have a third child. In response, I asked Jesus if we were to have a third child could I have a girl as I already had two boys. Jesus then confirmed this as I felt a great presence of peace come upon me.

When Yvonne came home that night, I sat her down and told her I had been talking with Jesus; that I believed she wanted another child, and how Jesus told me we were to have a third child - I did not tell her it was going to be a girl. You can only imagine the elated emotion Yvonne showed when I shared all this with her... Happy wife, happy life!

THE PROCESS vs THE PROMISE:

“The vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”
(Habakkuk 2:3)

With clear confirmation from Jesus, we proceeded to *try* for our third child. Now apart from an initial miscarriage our first two boys were conceived quickly, and we assumed the same would be for our third baby, especially after hearing so clearly from Jesus. However, months started ticking by and no baby had been conceived.

At first, each new month gave us reason to *renew our hope* and *set our faith* on Christ. Yet without any positive test or success over a long period of time, disappointment started to sink in, and many tears were shed.

Doubt began to question our ability to hear from Jesus, and with no fruit to show for our actions, it was looking like it was impossible. In due course Yvonne suggested I get a fertility test, which I refused.

Then one day, out of the blue, Yvonne started to get severe side abdominal pain and Yvonne was taken to hospital, where she eventually received a positive pregnancy test. Unfortunately, Yvonne was having an Ectopic Pregnancy and was in grave danger.

It was a traumatic time, and a serious situation to be in. The pain of disappointment we suffered - especially for Yvonne - after all the time and faith we put in to conceive was devastating.

However, Yvonne's health was priority, and we spent the next two weeks in and out of hospital as complications afflicted her body. And we both had significant emotional challenges to work through as we processed what had happened.

WHY WAS THIS HAPPENING?

We had received clear confirmation from Jesus Christ that we were to have a third child. Yet here we were, a long way down the track of time with no success, and worse, Yvonne is in hospital with an Ectopic Pregnancy. It did not make sense!

Corresponding with this, I was booked to fly to the deep South Island of New Zealand to be a speaker at a prophetic retreat where my two mentors and myself were gathering 100 people for a week's stay-in conference: Equipping them in the prophetic and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

This was an opportunity I had been really looking forward to and had planned my lead in preparation. However, two weeks of hospital stays, worry, trauma, and lack of sleep had left me feeling defeated.

On the day I was to fly to the South Island for the conference I arrived early at the airport but through an unfortunate distraction I missed my plane. I was left standing at the airport overwhelmed and devastated. After rescheduling a flight for later in the day, I then called Yvonne to collect me.

Back in the car with my family I broke-down, crying my heart out as the weight and tiredness of the previous two weeks, and missing my plane, pushed me over the edge of despair.

Trying hard to re-group, waiting to return to the airport for my rescheduled flight, Yvonne and I took our two boys to McDonalds for a *one-dollar* burger each, as they were hungry. However, when I tried to pay the *two dollars* for the burgers the transaction declined. Turns out we had no money in any of our accounts.

HAD THE WORDS OF CHRIST FAILED US?

- Yvonne carried in her heart that we would have two children, then after a seven-year gap we would have another child
- I believed Jesus confirmed we would have a third child, and it would be a girl
- Yet here we are after a long period of time with no baby, and a traumatic Ectopic Pregnancy
- Previously we had received a prophetic word saying Jesus was training us for the faith life, and here we were left with no money in our bank account
- I was waiting for a plane, leaving my family to *serve Jesus* for the week, yet my heart-broken wife and two children were heading home with no money and no food for the week.

TIME TO ROLL THE STONE AWAY – OUR MIRACULOUS TURN-AROUND:

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life”

(Proverbs 13:12)

Arriving back at the airport we were so defeated, and as we slouched back in the seats of the departure lounge Yvonne said to me, *“What are we going to do?”*
Sitting with my hands covering my face, I replied, *“I don’t know.”*

I then heard Jesus speak, *“Check your bank account.”*

It was the quickest thing I had ever done, and as the phone App loaded my bank account my eyes burst open wide, and my heart leaped with amazement as I tried to comprehend what I was seeing.

At that precise time a special lady, who had never sowed into us before, had just deposited *seven hundred dollars* into our bank account. This was the largest love gift we had ever received.

I showed Yvonne the screen of my phone, and emotion started pouring out of us both as we stood amongst a congested flight lounge embracing each other, both crying and rejoicing at the same time.

My two boys were concerned, asking, *“Is everything OK?”*

My reply, *“Yes, everything is great. Everything is going to be OK.”*

Jesus had come through in a miraculous way! What seemed like failure was the actual positioning for perfect timing; the most effective moment for Christ to be glorified.

Although we had tasted defeat, and the embarrassment of man, Jesus proved His words to be true; if we continued to look to Him and trust Him, He would always provide for us.

As my flight was called, I happily hopped on the plane, rejoicing in the goodness of God. And while away at the Prophetic Conference, Jesus worked through me powerfully in sharing His word and imparting/activating Holy Spirit in the people.

What initially looked like a complete failure became one of the great highlights in ministry. Praise Jesus!

WHAT ABOUT THE THIRD CHILD; HIS PROMISE?

Once Yvonne recovered from the Ectopic Pregnancy we dared to believe again. And through the perfect grace of God, on my youngest boy’s *seventh* birthday, we received wonderful news that Yvonne was pregnant.

This time Yvonne went full-term and gave birth to a healthy, beautiful little *girl*, who is an absolute blessing and the treasure of our family. We adore her, and her older brothers love her immensely. Praise Jesus!

Additional: Yvonne never felt our little baby move in the womb. At times this caused anxiety, but when checked by our midwife, the baby’s heart was always beating strong. Goes to show, that regardless of what our circumstances are telling us, the word of God is at work, even when we don’t feel it, or see it – in the end it will speak:

- *“Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?” says the Lord. ‘Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?’ says your God” (Isaiah 66:9).*

Although we experienced the sour taste of failure, heartache, and defeat, the words of Christ prevailed in our lives - Yvonne had carried the word of Christ in her heart *like an anchor* since she was twelve years old.

Even though we found ourselves sailing on rocky seas of failure, uncertainty, and desperation, that word *anchored the promise* and was fulfilled at the precise *seven-year* moment. **What Jesus has said is truth and will come to pass!**

SOME POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- Circumstance does not prevail over the words of Jesus
- Outcome and *hope* should never be based on our own understanding, but on His word
- Trust Jesus, because only He is faithful, trustworthy, and reliable
- It is impossible for Jesus to lie. What He says will be!

JESUS IS NOT DONE WITH YOU!

Lazarus was sick, and eventually died. But Jesus had said it wouldn't end there. Jesus said Lazarus would rise again:

- *“Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again’” (John 11:20-23).*

You may feel like you're dying; those circumstances suffocating to the point you feel locked in a darkened tomb with no escape. However, this is the time to look to Christ and trust Him in faith, because the sound of His footsteps coming into town are getting louder.

When Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, He didn't just call out, *“Come forth!”*

No, Jesus personalized the call to Lazarus, *“Lazarus, come forth!”*

This was a specific and personal moment for Lazarus' dead body to be called out of the tomb. Yes, Jesus could have turned up a few days earlier and healed him. Yet this was the ordained day of perfection, orchestrated by Almighty God for life to break forth in that tomb; the perfect day for Jesus Christ to receive all glory and praise for His mighty working power.

At the sound of Jesus' words, life entered Lazarus, and he boldly walked out of that tomb. Death could not hold him captive, because Jesus has promised his sickness **would not end in death**, and this was the day Jesus proved these words to be truth.

HE WON'T LEAVE YOU THERE:

Jesus knows the situation/darkness you are in, but just like Lazarus, **He is not going to leave you there.**

There may have been a delay on your promise. you may have suffered loss, even walked through grief, and feel locked in a tomb, but **Jesus is coming to attend to you - He is responding at the right time;** the perfect time for your breakthrough, and the perfect time for God to be glorified; the time that will make the most impact on those watching.

- *"You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come."* (Psalm 102:13)
- *"The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, 'Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, and as I have purposed, so it shall stand.'" (Isaiah 14:24).*

SELF IMPOSED FAILURE:

Have you locked yourself away in a *self-imposed* tomb of condemnation and punishment; hiding behind a failing you think has disqualified you from the promise?

Are you afraid to take up the call to, *"Come Forth"*, through fear of being exposed for the weaknesses now afflicting you?

Well, you need to look to Jesus Christ, because your failings should not keep you locked away forever. Jesus Christ took all punishment and died on the cross for you; that you could find redemption through His blood and receive forgiveness for all sin:

- *"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7)*
- *"And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight" (Colossians 1:21-22)*
- *"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you" (Isaiah 44:22)*

Are there people around you trying to hinder your coming forth?

Well, again look to Jesus Christ, because even Lazarus' sister, Martha, tried to hinder Jesus attending to her brother.

Lazarus had been dead four days and as Jesus commanded the stone to be rolled away, Martha stepped in, fearing the decaying stench of her brother would be exposed:

- *"Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.'*
Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, 'Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.'
⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?'" (John 11:39-40)

When Jesus gave the command, *"Take away the stone"*, it was not to reveal Lazarus' stench, or decay. His intention was to bring what was dead, back to life; to release light into the darkness and bring glory to God. **It was not about exposing a fleshly stench!**

- The rolling away of the stone will not expose you, **it will reveal Him**
- The rolling away of the stone is to bring glory to God; death will not speak, **life will speak**

WHEN YOU HEAR HIS WORDS, "COME FORTH" :

- **You will come forth in power, new life, and renewed hope:** *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17)*
- **All rotten graveclothes will be removed:** *"And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Loose him, and let him go.'" (John 11:44)*
- **God will make a way, where there has been no way:** *"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:18-19).*

IN CLOSING...

WHERE ARE YOU AT?

- What has Jesus *'actually'* said to you?
- What can't you see, or refusing to believe?
- Have your circumstances blinded your vision?
- What has Jesus said that may have slipped your mind?
- Have you lost faith, or trust in the promises Jesus has given you?

Remember...

- Lazarus got sick
- Jesus said it wouldn't end in death
- Lazarus died
- Jesus brought Lazarus back to life
- Jesus was glorified
- We are still talking about this miraculous turnaround today!

WHAT JESUS SAY'S IS TRUTH:

- *"The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times" (Psalm 12:6)*
- *"As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him" (Psalm 18:30).*

IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE IS SPEAKING DEATH OR NEGATIVITY, REFLECT ON THESE PROMISES:

- *"I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you" (Joshua 1:5)*
- *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you" (Isaiah 43:2)*

- *“For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,’ says the Lord, who has mercy on you”* (Isaiah 54:10)
- *“Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard,⁹ who keeps our soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved.¹⁰ For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined.¹¹ You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs.¹² You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; **but You brought us out to rich fulfillment”** (Psalm 66:8-12).*

God made these promises to His people, and through Christ they are for you.

Claim them as your own and let them speak life into your inner most being, releasing light and hope into your situation.

Meditate on them morning and night, until they become your *anchor of hope*:

- *“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”* (Philippians 4:8)

LISTEN TO TRUTH:

If there are any negative voices telling you lies and dragging you backwards, cut them off and turn back to His word, His truth, and the promises He has given you:

- *“I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope”* (Jeremiah 29:11)
- *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose”* (Romans 8:28).

These promises are for you because God *did not lie* when He made them. They were given as an *anchor of hope* in Him.

TRUST HIM IN THE PROCESS:

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the Lord.⁹ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.¹⁰ For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,¹¹ so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”
(Isaiah 55:8-11)

As these verses state, the thoughts of God are not the same as our thoughts, and the ways of God are much higher than our ways - mostly because our understanding lacks the perfect wisdom of Christ, and the much greater picture of eternity.

However, whatever process He leads us through, we can be certain the words Jesus has spoken will come to pass, and His words will prosper in all they are sent to do; **they will not fail Him, nor will they fail you!**

What you may be interpreting as death, failure, wilderness, rejection, loss, or hopelessness, may actually be an undiscerned process of promotion, a road to revelation, or a positioning for breakthrough and God glorification.

If you struggle to comprehend this victory today, simply remember Lazarus: He was done, dead as dead can be, and locked away in a sealed tomb... **but then the promises of Christ came to pass:**

- **PROMISE:** *"This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it"* (John 11:4)
- **PROMISE:** *"Your brother will rise again"* (John 11:23) – **You will rise again!**
- **KEEP THE FAITH:** *"Did I not say to you that if you believe you would see the glory of God?"* (John 11:40)
- **DAY OF PROMISE:** *"Lazarus, come Forth!"* (John 11:43)
- **PROMISE FULFILLED:** *"And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Loose him, and let him go.'"*

TRUST JESUS AT ALL TIMES. HOLD ON TO WHAT JESUS HAS SAID. STAND STRONG IN FAITH. SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD. STAY BLESSED!

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