

"God's Late"
Help, God Doesn't Make Sense! Series
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With God, a **WAITING** season is never a **WASTED** season!

"Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one You love is sick." John 11:1-3

2 things to remember in the middle of the waiting season:

- 1) God's delays are not necessarily God's **DENIALS**!
 - "When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Verse 4
 - God may want to do something **IN** you before He does something **FOR** you!
 - "On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for <u>four days</u>."
 Verse 17
 - "When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home." Verse 20
 - "'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know even now God will give you whatever you ask." Verses 21-22
- 2) If God always met your expectations, He'd never have the opportunity to **EXCEED THEM!**
 - "Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Verse 24
 - "Jesus said to her, '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." Verses 25-26
 - "Jesus called in a <u>loud voice</u>." Verse 43
 - "The dead man came out." Verse 44