

**Week 13: It Ain't Over****Series:** John**Scripture:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45; Romans 8:5-11

We have a God that seeks to work _____ us, _____ us,
_____ us and _____ us.

God wants us to be a part of _____, _____ and
_____ us and everyone around us.

He is the Resurrection and the Life _____.

They were _____ to be a _____ of the miracle.

God's _____ is for today.

Death doesn't get the _____ word, _____ does.

God's Holy Spirit can lead us to a life of _____,
_____ and _____.

Start talking.

- If you could raise one person from the dead, who would it be? Why?

Start thinking. Read John 11:1-44

- How would you feel if you were Martha or Mary and you heard that Jesus had finally come?
- What do you learn about Martha from the way she talks with Jesus in vv21-27? How does Jesus stretch her faith by his claim in v25? How does this relate to his claim in 10:9?
- What does Martha's statement (v27) sound like to you: (a) Stab in the dark? (b) Hope against hope? (c) Intellectual assent? (d) Active commitment? Why do you think so?
- How is Mary's greeting like and unlike Martha's? Since Jesus knew he was going to raise Lazarus (v11), how do you account for his weeping (vv33-35)?
- How does Martha's objection in v39 contrast with her confidence in v22?

Start sharing.

- When have you been faced with a tough situation recently that ended up stretching your faith? What would have been different for you if that struggle had simply been avoided?
- How does Jesus' response to Lazarus' death and Mary's weeping (v.35) help you to trust him more?
- Spiritually, do you feel like you are: Still in the grave? Alive, but wearing the old grave clothes? Alive and set free? Why?
- What are some "old grave clothes" that still must be shed for you to feel truly free in Christ?
- What death of a relationship, emotional scars, or other practical concerns, and past hurts now block your faith in Jesus?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the beautiful example of Martha who trusted You in the most grievous of life's circumstances. Thank You that You are, indeed, the Resurrection and the life for all who trust in You. Help me to develop such a confident trust in Your Word that I am enabled to remain firmly settled in the faith, even when I am surrounded by life's greatest problems and pain. Help me to live my life by faith and not by sight. This I ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Pay attention to moments where you can listen for the voice of God to lead you to put faith in him and walk in that faith.