**NOT YET: Based on “God’s Will”.**

**Case Study: Lazarus Death & Resurrection: John 11**

*Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha…****3****So* ***the sisters sent word to Jesus,*** *“Lord, the one you love is sick.”…* ***5****Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.****6****So when he heard that Lazarus was sick,* ***he stayed where he was two more days****…  ”* ***14****So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead,****15****and for your sake I am glad I was not there,* ***so that you may believe****. But let us go to him.”* John 11:1-6, 14

***21****“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “****if you had been here****, my brother would not have died*… ***25****Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;****26****and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”* ***27****“Yes, Lord,” she replied,* ***“I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God****, who is to come into the world.”* John 11:23-27

***32****When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord,* ***if you had been here****, my brother would not have died.”* John 11:32

***39****“Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there* ***four days****.”* John 11:38-39

***41****So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.****42****I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that* ***they may believe that you sent me****.”* John 11:39-42

**Application. In Prayer:**

* Be Faithful And Keep Praying.
* Be Patient.
* Be Confident And Full Of Trust.

**“Too Busy Not To Pray”… When God Says “NO Or NOT YET”**

**6/18/23**

**NO… Based On “My Actions” [Sermon July 9th]**

**1) Living According to the Flesh**. Romans 8:13

**2) Selfishness and Motives.** James 4:3; Luke 22:42; Phil 2:3-4

**3) Spirit of Unforgiveness.** Matthew 18:23-35

**4) Unbelief and Doubt In Our Prayers.** Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6-7

**5) Discord In Our Homes.** 1 Peter 3:7

**6) Hypocrisy. Matthew 6:5-8**

**NO… Based On “God’s Will”. Case Study: Paul’s Thorn In The Flesh.**

***7****… Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming* ***conceited****, I was* g*iven* *a* ***thorn in my flesh****, a* ***messenger of Satan****, to* ***torment*** *me.*  2 Cor 12:6-7

**KEY: There Is Always A Divine Reason, A Purpose For Your Pain.**

***8Three times I pleaded*** *with the Lord to take it away from me.****9****But he said to me, “My* ***grace is sufficient*** *for you, for* ***my******power****is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.* 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

**God’s Purpose In “NO”: Was A Greater Purpose: Paul’s HUMILITY!**

**God Was More Concerned About Paul’s Character Than Ease in Ministry.**

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***10****That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties****. For when I am weak, then I am strong****.* 2 Corinthians 12:10

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