

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Week 8

Lesson: What Satan intends for evil, God still turns for good. Bad things happen. We suffer. But we need to trust in God and his plan for us. God is our strength, our source of comfort, he loves us and wants the best for us. We must trust in God's schedule and plans for our life.

John 11: Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴ 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." 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

John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Hebrews 11:13-16 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Psalm 27 ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 34:18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 100:5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 145:8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

