

# five things God uses to GROW your faith

## JOHN - CHAPTER 11

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

<sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." <sup>8</sup> "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

<sup>11</sup> After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." <sup>12</sup> His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." <sup>13</sup> Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. <sup>14</sup> So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

<sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

## 5 CATALYSTS GOD USES TO GROW YOUR FAITH PIVOTAL CIRCUMSTANCES

► Pivotal circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ our faith. James 1:2-4

► God is so honored by our \_\_\_\_\_  
that He will use anything and everything to grow our faith.

► Question: How do we \_\_\_\_\_  
when pivotal circumstances come into our life?

- The \_\_\_\_\_ make the  
biggest difference in our response to God and pivotal circumstances

- The right response leaves us open to

\_\_\_\_\_

- The wrong response forces us to face life

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*"The only thing worse than disappointment with God  
is disappointment without God."*

Phillip Yancy

- When we feel like God is doing something \_\_\_\_\_  
that's when you lose faith.

- When God is doing something \_\_\_\_\_  
that's when your faith gets bigger.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

We must \_\_\_\_\_  
in the pivotal circumstances of our life.