

5 CATALYSTS GOD USES TO GROW YOUR FAITH

PIVOTAL CIRCUMSTANCES

JOHN - CHAPTER 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." 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 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, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." ⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

¹¹ 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." ¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. 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."

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

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

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

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► 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 _____

***"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.