



LIFE...WHEN I
LEAST EXPECT IT.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

Name a couple of things that God has done in your life. Would you describe them as “miracles?” Why or why not?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

A miracle is defined as a “work of God that amazes.” Going back to the opening questions, would you re-define the things that God has done in you and for you as “miracles?”

Go to John 11:1-44 and read as a group through the entire account of Lazarus. Take turns reading a few verses at a time, then dive into these questions...

- If you were one of the disciples, would you have said anything to Jesus when he decided to wait?
- Can you identify with Mary and Martha? What emotions would you have been feeling when Jesus shows up too late to heal Lazarus?
- Why do you think “Jesus wept” when he already knew what he was going to do?
- What would you think of Jesus and his power if you saw a man dead for 4 days come back to life?

We know the end of this story, but Mary and Martha lived the reality of facing the tragedy without knowing what was coming. It was 4 days of loss with no guarantees. What issue have you been praying for and it hasn't been 4 days... it's been much longer? Where do you think Jesus is in your issue?

The ultimate miracle in this is the fact that Jesus presence changes everything. How can you become more aware of Jesus presence each day?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Make a list of 2 things where you need Jesus presence and power. Make them a regular part of your daily prayer.