



I H A V E Q U E S T I O N S

## Message Notes for April 8, 2018

I Have Questions (Week 01) - Why Didn't God Answer My Prayers? (John 11:1-6)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. (John 11:1-6, ESV)

### 1. Is my prayer request God's \_\_\_\_\_ ?

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything **according to his will** he hears us. (1 John 5:14)

### 2. Is God not answering because I need to \_\_\_\_\_ ?

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. (Psalm 66:18, NIV)

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4)

### 3. Is God waiting for the right \_\_\_\_\_ to answer?

"And for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe." (John 11:15)

### 4. Is God delaying because he wants to give me something \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Jesus wept. (John 11:35)

Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." (John 11:39)

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" (John 11:40)

So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me." (John 11:41)

When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (John 11:43-44)

### Main point: I don't have to know the \_\_\_\_\_ to why God doesn't answer.

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**April 8, 2018**

Campus?  Joplin  Carthage  North // Service?  9:30 am  11:00 am

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