

(Verses 5-16)

We want to _____ our _____

**Jesus wants us to _____
to Him**

(Verses 17-27)

We want to _____ in Jesus' _____

**Jesus wants to give us _____ and in the
_____**

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

John 11:1-27

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Before the followers of Jesus witness the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus, it appears as though all hope is lost. However, Jesus shows us that suffering is not without purpose.

Why does God allow _____?

(Verses 1-4)

We want to _____

Jesus wants the _____

NEXT STEPS: Applying God's Word Together

Identify one task/event/aspect in your life this week that will inevitably be a struggle for you. Before you engage with it this week, pray for God to shift your perspective from one of avoidance to one of trust. Focus on the truth that, in Christ, the outcome of this struggle will not lead to death.

NEXT WEEK: Jesus and the Raising of Lazarus | John 11:28-57

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Share about a struggle you are dreading in the next month.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 11:1-27. How did you come under the Word this week?
2. What does it look like to encounter suffering without Jesus? How might it be unsatisfying and limiting?

3. Read verse 4. Does Jesus minimize the pain that comes from suffering? How might this statement reframe your experience of suffering?

4. If Jesus has perfect faith, how do Thomas and Martha both represent imperfect faith? Knowing that you are not perfect either, does this encourage or discourage you?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Ask God to give you His perspective when you face suffering and loss. Pray for trust in Jesus that, through Him, this suffering will not end in death.