

# Even Now

Scriptuure: John 11:22

**John 11:22 KJV** But I know, that **even now**, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

## Introduction

It was a devastating time for Mary and Martha. Their brother had become critically ill. They had sent for their friend, Jesus, and he did not come. Their brother had died and had been in the grave for three days when Jesus arrived. Many questions filled their minds. Why had Jesus delayed his coming? Did he not even care?

But when Jesus finally arrived, Martha made one of the most profound declarations of faith recorded in the scripture.

## I. Disqualifying moments

**John 11:21 KJV** Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

### A. Poor decisions

#### 1. Jonah

**Jonah 1:3 KJV** But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: **so he paid the fare thereof**, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

#### 2. John Mark

**Acts 13:13 KJV** Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

### B. Missed opportunities

#### 1. The ten virgins

**Matthew 25:10 KJV** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

#### 2. Joash, King of Israel

**2 Kings 13:18-19 KJV** And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. <sup>19</sup> And the man of God was

wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

### C. Past failures

#### 1. Samson

**Judges 16:20 KJV** And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him.

**Hebrews 11:32 KJV** And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of **Samson**, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

#### 2. Peter

**Mark 16:7 KJV** But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

## II. Lessons to be learned

**John 11:33-34 KJV** When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. <sup>34</sup> And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

### A. We only live in the NOW

### B. God lives in eternity

**Revelation 1:11a KJV** Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:

### C. Show Jesus your pile of disqualifying moments

## III. Your "Even now"

**John 11:43-44 KJV** And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. <sup>44</sup> And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

### A. God's acceptance of you

### B. Restored relationships

### C. Renewed opportunities

### D. Missed blessings

