

WHEN IT'S OVER

Scripture: John 11:37, 40 NIV

Introduction

Sometimes in our lives, we have an experience where our dreams are shattered, our hopes are destroyed, and our life seems to crumble around us. We survey the ruins of our life, and can only see a hopeless situation so final that it is impossible to change it.

There are some things that God wants us to know about Himself that will lift us in those situations. Jesus modelled God's concern and abilities in our text.

I. Jesus is never unconcerned about our problems

So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

Yet when he heard that Laxarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

John 11:3, 6 NIV

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses....

Jesus was in Bethany

Hebrews 4:15a NIV

- A. He always has our ultimate good in mind
- B. His delays are calculated
- C. His inaction does not denote unconcern

II. Jesus is never too late to help

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

John 11:21-22

- A. The message of our flesh
 - 1. Lord, you should have come sooner
 - 2. Lord, you are TOO LATE
- B. The message of faith
 - 1. The circumstances don't matter
 - 2. God can still intervene

III. Jesus is never powerless to reverse the irreversible
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
John 11:25

- A. Jesus, the "I AM"
 - 1. I am the resurrection
 - 2. I am the life
 - 3. I am the I AM
- B. His power is not diminished
- C. He still speaks the word to reverse the hopeless situation

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with
strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

John 11:43-44

Conclusion

No matter what the circumstance, or the finality of the
situation, God is never powerless to change it.