

When God Delays

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 11

Core Message: In this teaching, Rabbi Schneider explores the story of Lazarus' resurrection in John 11, revealing how God sometimes allows delays and difficulties for a greater spiritual purpose. Jesus' delay in coming to Lazarus was not neglect, but divine timing meant to glorify God and deepen faith. The message highlights that the safest and most powerful place to be is in the center of God's will, even when it appears risky from a worldly view. Yeshua, as the resurrection and the life, offers not only future hope but present resurrection power for every believer who clings to Him daily.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

Core Memory Verse: (John 11:3-4) "So the sister sent word to Him, saying, 'Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.' But when Jesus heard this, He said, 'This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.'"

- **John 11:6** "So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was."
- **John 11:9-10** "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."
- **John 11:25-26** "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?'"
- **Romans 8:11** "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** "Pray without ceasing."
- **2 Corinthians 12:9** "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

"The safest place for you to be, my brother, sister, is in the _____ of God."

"Jesus said, 'I am the _____ and the life.'"

"When we're outside of God's will, there's no _____ protection."

"Yesterday's _____ is not enough for today."

"We need a constant, continual _____ of the Holy Spirit."

"God's power is perfected in your _____."

"Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, and He's going to keep giving you _____ life daily."

Notes:

(Use lines below for your own thoughts and key takeaways.)

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Reflection Questions:

1. In what ways might God be using a delay in your life to bring about His greater purpose?

2. How do you know when you are truly walking in the will of God, and not just following your own desires?

3. What does it mean for you personally that Jesus is "the resurrection and the life" right now, not just in the future?

4. How can you intentionally seek daily "manna" or fresh filling from the Holy Spirit this week?

5. Rabbi and Cynthia both affirmed that the will of God is the safest place to be. How does this truth potentially impact your life and journey?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Every morning this week, spend 5–10 minutes asking Jesus to fill you with fresh resurrection power, then journal how you sense His strength throughout your day.

(Or come up with your own application as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- * Thank Jesus for being your daily resurrection and strength.
- * Ask God to help you stay in the center of His will no matter the cost
- * Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you each day with fresh power and peace.

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27 (