



Melodies of Miracles – Week 5 “How to Deal with Disappointment”

John 11:1-7 (NIV)

Now a man was sick—Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair, and it was her brother Lazarus who was sick. ³ So the sisters sent a message to him: “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

⁴ When Jesus heard it, he said, “This sickness will not end in death but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that he was sick, he stayed two more days in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after that, he said to the disciples, “Let’s go to Judea again.”

1. Victory over disappointment is for those who expect difficulties and delays.

- Delays do not show disinterest but divine purpose.
- We feel disappointed in life because we play the short game.

2. Victory over disappointment is for those who value God’s glory over our immediate gain.

John 11:17-27 (NIV)

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem (less than two miles away). ¹⁹ Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

²⁰ As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Then Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. ²² Yet even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

²³ *"Your brother will rise again," Jesus told her.*

²⁴ *Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."*

²⁵ *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. ²⁶ Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

²⁷ *"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who comes into the world."*

3. Victory over disappointment is found in a person not a "process."