

He Cares - John 11:17-44 - 9/13/23 Pastor Chandler Sims

He cares is a simple thought that we all know or claim to know, but often it's hard to put into action in our everyday lives.

John 11:17-44

17 When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. **18** Bethany was only a few miles[d] down the road from Jerusalem, **19** and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. **20** When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. **21** Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

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

24 "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day."

25 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life.[e] Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. **26** Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

27 "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God." **28** Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, "The Teacher is here and wants to see you." **29** So Mary immediately went to him.

30 Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. **31** When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep. So they followed her there. **32** When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell

at his feet and said, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

33 When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him,[f] and he was deeply troubled.

34 “Where have you put him?” he asked them.

They told him, “Lord, come and see.” **35** Then Jesus wept. **36** The people who were standing nearby said, “See how much he loved him!” **37** But some said, “This man healed a blind man. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

38 Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. **39** “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them.

But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.”

40 Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” **41** So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. **42** You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” **43** Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” **44** And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”

35 Then Jesus wept.

He Cares about your needs...

Matthew 6:25-34 gives us a great example of how we should handle the needs in our lives

25 “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? **27** Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

28 “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, **29** yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. **30** And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

31 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ **32** These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33** Seek the Kingdom of God[a] above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

34 “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

He Cares about your family...

Psalm 72:4 “He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.”

Psalm 102:28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.”

Acts 16:31 “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.”

He cares about your feelings...

Hebrews 4:15-16

15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

He cares about you...

Mark 5:19 But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how *merciful* he has been.”

1 Peter 5:7 NLT simply says

7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.