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When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" (John 11:33-37)

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When the situation seems impossible,

_____?

UNBELIEF IN THE POWER OF GOD

✓ Willful _____

✓ Spiritual _____

✓ Cultural _____

ONE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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How God's miraculous power is released

1. _____ His voice.

Other voices:

✓ The voice of _____

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✓ The voice of _____

2. _____ whatever He asks.

The challenge of faith:

✓ You have to _____

✓ The request usually comes at an _____

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3. _____ God to work.

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What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?

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