



Victory over Disappointment

John 11:1-7 (ESV)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

1. Victory over disappointment is for those who expect 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.

- Victory over disappointment is a result of living for the glory of God!

John 11:17-27 (ESV)

3. Victory over disappointment is not primarily found in "working the process" but falling in love with the person!

- Victory is found in a present person, not just a future event.

John 11:28-35 (ESV)

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept.

- In life's greatest disappointments, Jesus is working and weeping!

4. Victory over disappointment will always require a measure of faith.

John 11:36-44 (ESV)

5. Victory over disappointment is for those who "battle" from a place of victory.

- Victory over disappointment is for those who know that Jesus has stepped into the ring!
- Victory over disappointment occurs when we realize that one day our God will reveal the glory of recomposition out of our decomposing disappointments!