

When God Seems Silent

John 11:1-45

¹⁴So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him"...

...²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

"My grace is sufficient for you,
my power is made perfect in weakness." **2 Corinthians 12:9**

We would all like God to remove our hurts and sufferings even before they happen. But sometimes the better solution for a life of a Jesus follower is for God to display His divine power in midst of our time of greatest need.

"Be still and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations.
I will be exalted in the earth." **Psalm 46:10**

An experience with God will lead you into a deeper love relationship, a stronger commitment and a real worship of Jesus Christ!

When God seems silent, remember this...

- You can't be an _____ unless you have something to _____.
- You can't be _____ unless you are in a _____.
- You can't experience the joy of _____ unless you lose the _____.

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

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Memory Verse: Psalm 46:10

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Discovery Bible Study Exercise:

In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Read this week's memory verse, Psalm 46:10
- Step #2: Re-write in your own words Psalm 46:10
- Step #3: Write down what you discover from this passage
- Step #4: What will you do to obey what this passage says?

Daily Reading Lesson:

Day 1: Psalm 46

Day 2: John 11:1-32

Day 3: John 11:33-57

Day 4: John 12:1-19

Day 5: 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

Lesson:

Review the story of Lazarus found in John 11:1-45

1. Have you ever experienced what seemed to be a silence from God? Write down what you recall happened?
2. How did God use this experience to draw you closer to Him or to strengthen your trust in Him?
3. What have you learned about God and His attributes through this experience?
4. Read Psalm 46: What do you learn about God from Psalm 46?
5. Share with your group what you have discovered from Psalm 46:10 during your discovery Bible Study exercise shown in the box above.