First Baptist Church of Progress Village
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Title: Trusting God's Glory Through Crisis
Scripture: John 11:1-57

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I. FIND GOD'S _____ IN YOUR HARDEST MOMENTS.

A. Realize that sickness and suffering don't mean God has ghosted you.

John 11:4 *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."*

B. Recognize that God's bigger purpose matters more than your temporary pain.

J. Vernon McGee reminds us that nothing enters our lives without God's permission, and if God permits it, it will be for His glory.

C. Train yourself to see past your tears and focus on what God is doing.

John 11:40–42 *Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."*

II. DON'T DOUBT GOD'S_____ WHEN YOU'RE IN WAITING SEASON

A. Trust that God's love stays constant, even when is timing feels slow

John 11:3*-5So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." …Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.*

John 11:35-36 *Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"*

B. Recognize that God's delays mean he is being wise, not indifferent or uncaring

John 11:15 *and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."*

Gal 4:4-5 *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

C. Be completely real and bold with God about your pain.

Heb 4:16 *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

III. ANCHOR ON GOD'S_____: BUILD FAITH THAT STANDS UP TO DIFFICULTIES

A. Lock in your belief that Jesus is the resurrection and the ultimate source of life.

John 11:25-26 *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*

B. Own your faith and openly declare Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

John 11:27 *Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."*

C. Lean on God's promises even when your circumstances try to tell you otherwise.

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IV. RECOGNIZE AND STAND FIRM AGAINST GOD'S

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A. Understand that people often oppose God's way out of fear and protecting their own comfort.

John 11:47-48 *So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."*

B. Expect that unlikely critics will team up to get in the way of what God is doing.

John 11:53 *So from that day on they made plans to put him to death*

C. Stand your ground knowing that God's ultimate plan will always win.

John 11:45 *Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.*