

Freaked Out?

“ How to Respond When Life Gets Challenging - Part 1 ”

1. Remember God is Paying Attention vv. 1-4



2. Expect a Timeline Struggle vv. 5-6

Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read John 11:1-3, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 10:38-42

- In what way were Mary and Martha freaking out about their brother Lazarus? How would you have felt?
- How would their past experiences have influenced their request of Jesus? How would you have felt the same?
- Given the relational dynamic, how might Martha and Mary struggled to see God's plan? How does this help you?

TUESDAY // Read John 11:1-4, Matthew 6:25-33, 10:29-31, Job 37:5

- In what way would the response of Jesus in verse 4 have been challenging or confusing to Martha and Mary?
- Given we know Lazarus ended up dying, how would verse 4 have seemed like a lie or unfulfilled promise?
- What does this teach about our perspective when life gets challenging? How are you encouraged by this truth?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 11:1-4, 2 Corinthians 11:24-28

- Given Paul the Apostle was a man used by God, how does his life challenge your perspective of Christianity?
- Why will a perspective that Christians are insulated from daily struggles always lead to a freak out? Be specific.
- What can cause you to easily freak out, worry, or become anxious? How do you need to adjust your perspective?

THURSDAY // Read John 11:5-6, 2 Peter 3:8, Psalm 90:4

- How could the delay of Jesus have felt unloving? What was ultimately prompting His "lack" of response?
- What are some other ways Jesus could have responded but didn't? What does this highlight about God's plan?
- Why will this truth always be a struggle during challenging times? How will you apply this to a current struggle?

FRIDAY // Read John 11:5-6, Psalm 18:30, Romans 11:33-36, Galatians 4:4

- How does scripture describe God's wisdom and understanding? How can this also relate to His timing?
- How does Jesus' delayed response to Lazarus severe condition highlight this truth? Be specific.
- In what way does this help you trust God for His timing in your struggle? Where can you apply this truth today?

SATURDAY // Read John 11:5-6, 2 Peter 3:9a, Romans 8:28, Proverbs 3:5-6

- How do today's scriptures directly address life's challenges? (i.e., God's motive for seemingly slow responses)
- In what way does this also address the root cause of worry or fear? How can this be easily missed? Be specific.
- What typically causes you to freak out and be spiritually impatient? How has today's devotion brought clarify?

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness...

2 Peter 3:8-9a