





- 1. Seek God's Wisdom in His Word.
- 2. Confide in God and His People.
- 3. Believe in God and His Goodness.

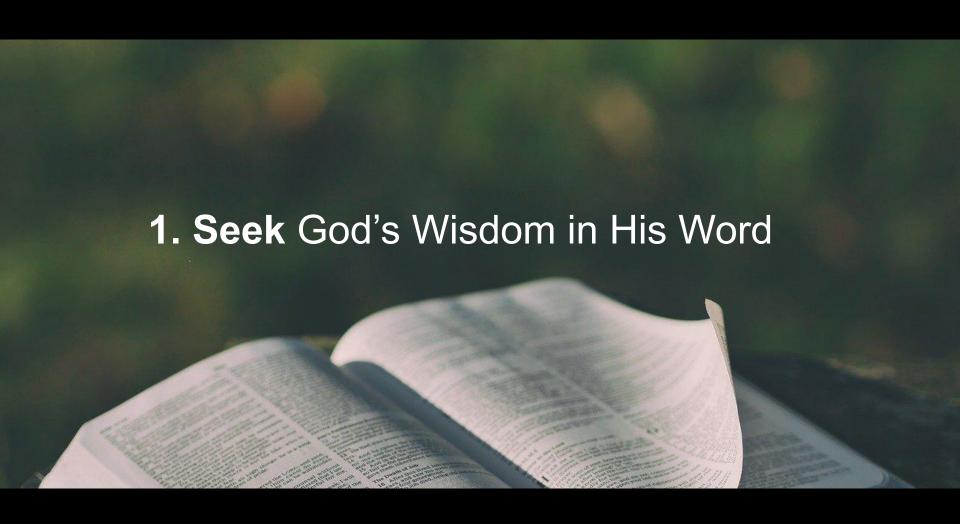
1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 So the sisters sent *word* to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days *longer* in the place where He was.





James 1

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

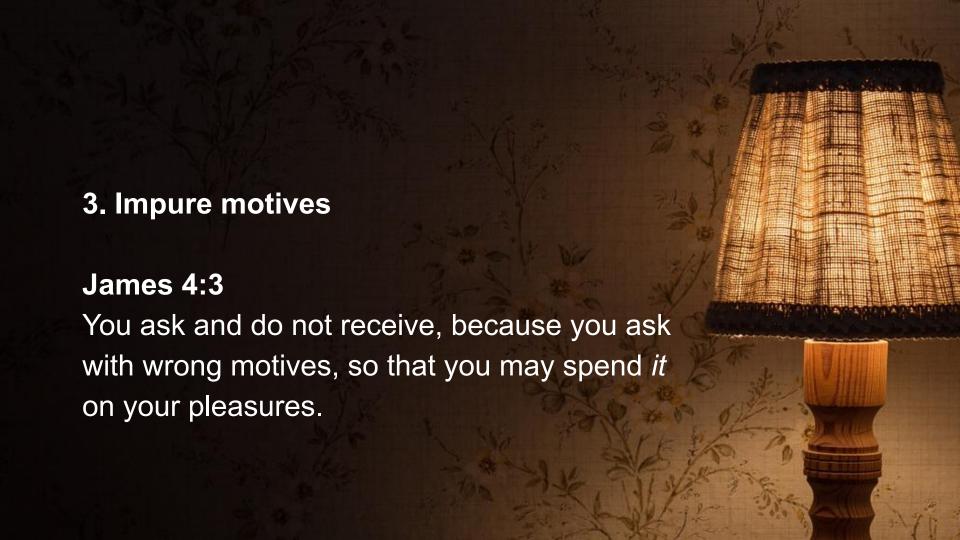


1. Doubt James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

2. Bad relationship with spouse

1 Peter 3:7

You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.





4. Ignoring and mistreating the poor

Proverbs 21:13

Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.

5. Praying to impress people

Matthew 6:5

"When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

6. Disobedience

Psalm 66:18



If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear;

Proverbs 28:9

He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.







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17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off; 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother.

20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house.

21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

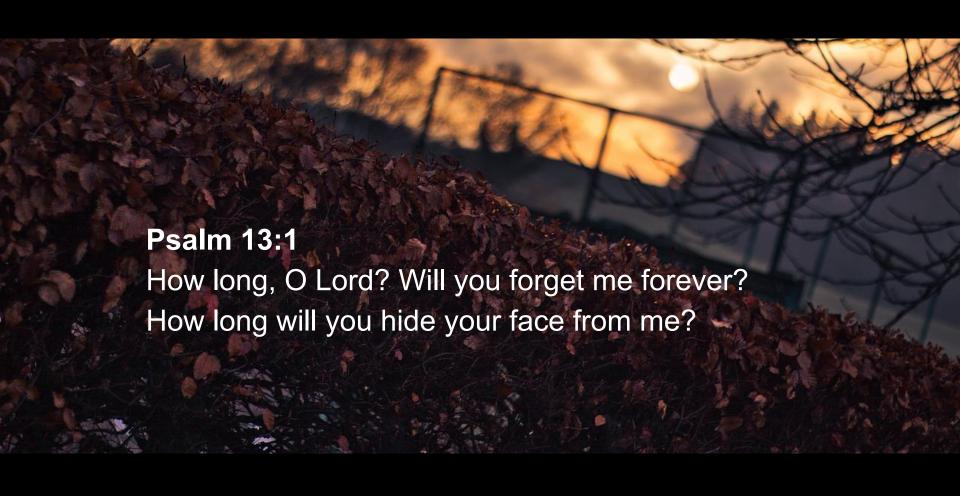
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

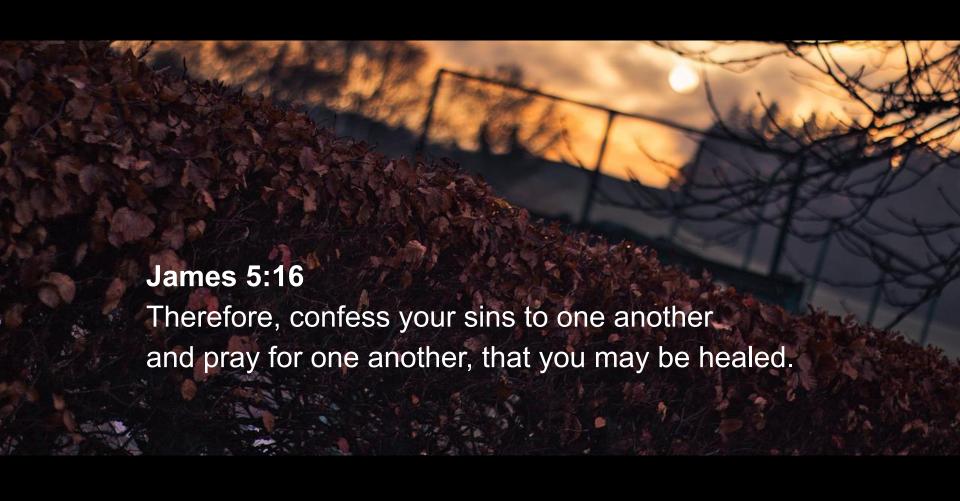
26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."







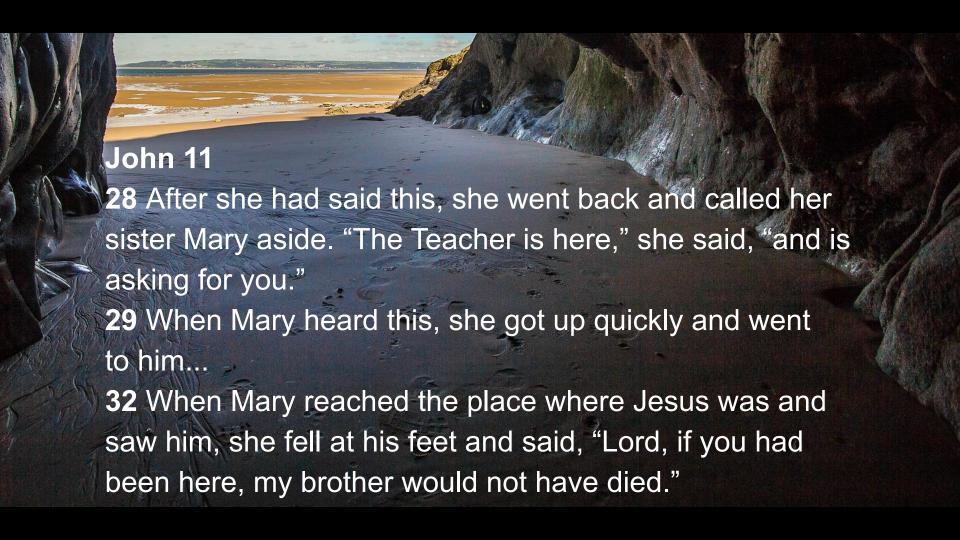


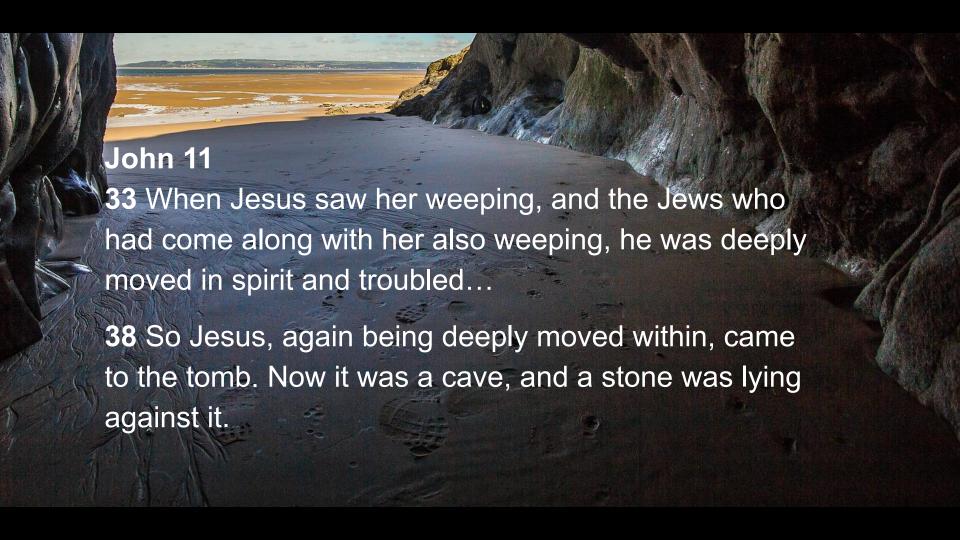


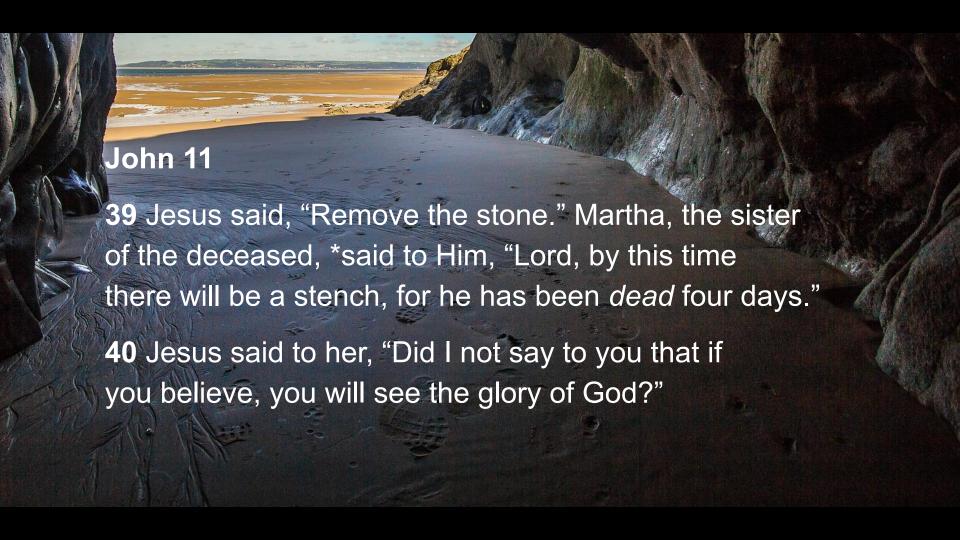




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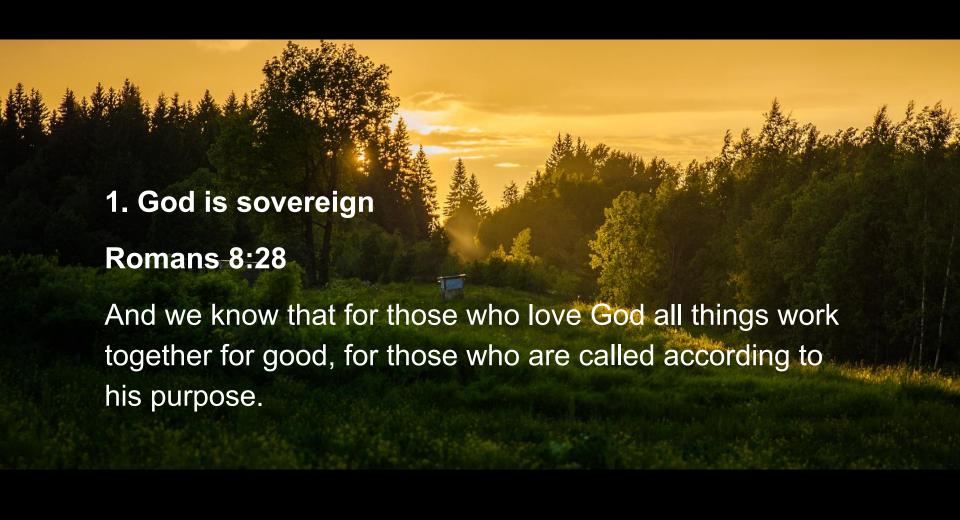


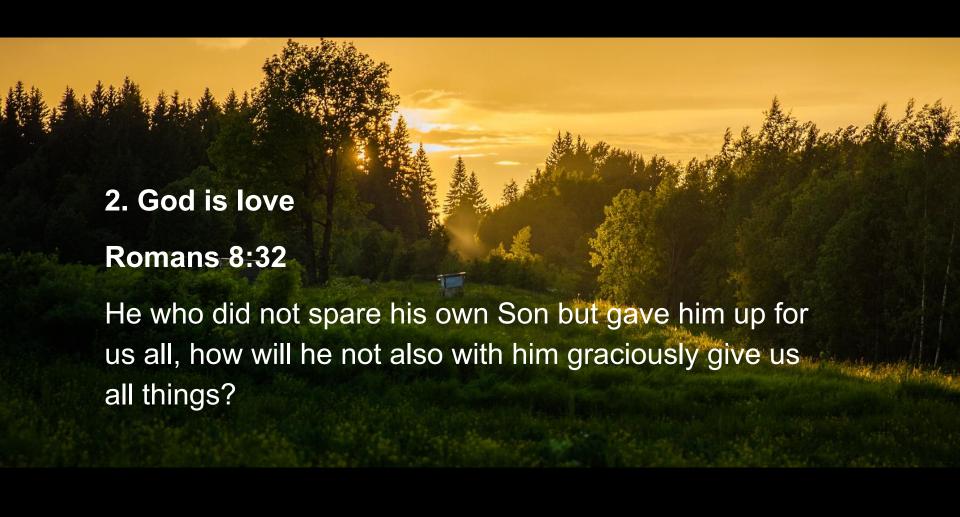




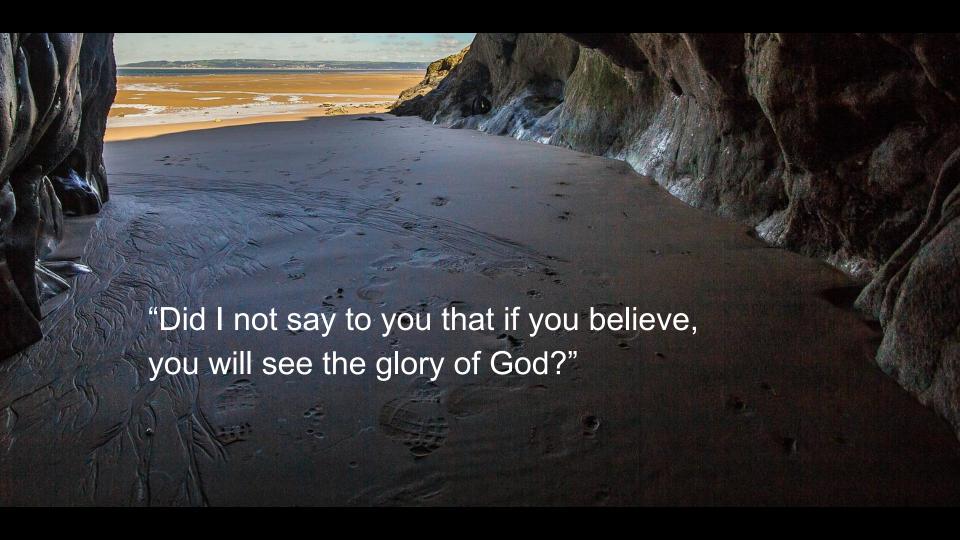














Dear Lord Jesus,
I know that I have sinned against You.
I am so sorry for the things I have done wrong to others and to You. Please forgive me.

I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I now turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour.

In Jesus Name, amen.