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Before You Quit Your Faith (Week 1 of 4)

John 11:8-45

“But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?” “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe.” John 11:8; 11-12; 14-15 NIV

1. We attach personal _____ to our faithful actions

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” John 11:21 NIV

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”
John 11:33; 35-36 NIV

Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” John 11:41-42

2. Your circumstances are not an _____ of God’s absence

Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out ... Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. John 11:43-45 NIV

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7 NIV

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