

Afflicted for His Glory!

¹Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²(This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” ⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, “*This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.*” (John 11: 1-4)

God and His Son Jesus will get the glory out of that messed up situation you are in. Troubled relationship? Dysfunctional home? Sickness? Financial woes? Drug problem? Health issues? Unemployment? Failure? There is no denying that the circumstances are real..... Lazarus was sick! Like Martha and Mary you have bruised your knees in prayer and sent the message: “Lord, help me! The one You love is sick!”

Like Mary, “the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wipe His feet with her hair,” you have been a selfless giver because you love God. O faithful servant, now in your time of trouble, you have wondered, “Why me?”

Jesus’ response to Martha and Mary still applies:

“This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”

In spite of how difficult and uncertain things may appear, God is at work in the midst of your problem. He has a plan! What you are dealing with will not overcome you. Instead, in the end God will get the glory, and Jesus, also, shall be glorified!

Take your eyes off from the problem, and lift them up to the heavens:

Heavenly Father,

To God be the glory! May Your Son, Jesus, also be glorified in the midst of my troubles. I thank You for what You are doing right now in my life. May Your grace be sufficient to take me through this stormy period. Strengthen my faith in You, and help me not to focus on my problems, but on You, my Rock and my Deliverer! Anxiety, stress, worry, fear, uncertainty and depression....depart from me! May Your praise be continually on my lips, and may Your Word continue to keep me in perfect peace. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.