

## I Know!

<sup>21</sup> “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But *I know* that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” (John 11:21-22)

Martha was dealing with grief and disappointment. Lazarus, the brother that she loved had died. Jesus, whom she loved as a dear friend, was not there to heal her sick brother. She was disappointed, hurt and perhaps angry as well.

However, she gave us some simple principles on what to do when we are coping with difficulties and feel that Jesus is not nearby to help.

1. “**I know..**” Believe! Not only did she keep her faith in Jesus, but she had a strong conviction that God can turn here situation around – one which, not even the great obstacle in life could have shaken. Life’s trials always test our faith in Jesus. All that is needed is ‘mustard seed’ (tiny) faith.
2. “**Even now...**” Even if she felt forsaken, she did not give up on Jesus. It is never too late for Jesus to come in and help! Right now!
3. “**God will give you whatever you ask.**” She displayed strong confidence that Jesus’ prayers will be answered! God hears our prayers and always answers at the right time.
4. She spoke positive words over her situation. Although she expressed her disappointment over the fact that Jesus was not there to heal her sick brother, she did not dwell on this. The negative situation was not her focus. Instead, she shifted her speech and made positive declaration with her mouth:

*“<sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”*

The scripture says it this way: “*Life and death are in the power of the tongue.*” (Proverbs 18:21).

Following Martha’s example, speak life over your situation! Maintain your faith and trust in Jesus, and believe that even now, God can still answer your prayers! We speak “death” when we complain, criticize and say negative things about our situation. This only hamper our blessings and breakthrough. Refuse to believe the lies of the devil which say that things will never change, and that your situation is hopeless. Like Lazarus, God can bring your ‘dead situation’ back to life. Just believe!

“Heavenly Father,

“I thank You for always being there in the midst of my troubles. Help my unbelief! Give me the faith that I need to overcome negative thoughts of hopeless, anger and non-forgiveness. Your grace is sufficient to help me through this painful situation. Like Martha, I know that You will answer my prayers. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”

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