

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (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.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

When 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 (NIV)**

WHY DO WE LOSE HOPE

1. THE SCOREBOARD

2. THE PEOPLE YOU LISTEN TO

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.
Proverbs 13:20 (ESV)

3. THE OPPONENT

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)**

But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. **2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)**

HOW TO EXPERIENCE A 2020 TURNAROUND

1. REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS DEEPLY MOVED BY MY CIRCUMSTANCES

So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead"... **John 11:14a (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. **John 11:33 (NIV)**

2. APPLY GOD'S WORD TO MY SITUATION

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. 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."

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

John 11:38-43 (NIV)

3. DON'T FORGET TO TAKE OFF THE GRAVE CLOTHES BEFORE YOU ENTER THE NEW SEASON

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." **John 11:44 (NIV)**