

*Session One Video*

# Stuck Christianity

For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.

PSALM 86:13

***The Story, Luke 10:38–42 and John 11:5***

We can understand why Jesus loved...

- ~ Mary; look how she worshiped.
- ~ Martha; look how she \_\_\_\_\_.

The only thing of significance Lazarus did was \_\_\_\_\_, yet “Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” (John 11:5).

***From Death to Life, John 11:1–44***

In many ways, the story of Lazarus parallels our salvation experience:

1. Jesus calls our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We must respond.
3. We must \_\_\_\_\_ into new life.
4. We must begin to \_\_\_\_\_ our graveclothes.

***The Invitation, John 11:25–28***

“I am the resurrection and the life...” (John 11:25)

“Do you \_\_\_\_\_ this?” (verse 26)

“Place of Lazarus” or *Eleazar*, which means “God has \_\_\_\_\_.”

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# Talitha Koum!

“Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

EPHESIANS 5:14

***A Family in Need, John 11:1–11***

The family in Bethany sent word to Jesus...

- ~ The Problem: “Lord, the one you love is \_\_\_\_\_” (verse 3).
- ~ The Declaration: “This sickness will not end in death....” (verse 4).
- ~ The Miracle: “I am going there to \_\_\_\_\_ him up” (verse 11).

***Our Touchable Jesus***

Two different people from opposite ends of society, both of whom needed Jesus’s touch:

- ~ Jairus
- ~ Unnamed woman

***Pathway to a Miracle, Mark 5:22–43***

1. Reach out and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.  
Principle #1: You matter to God.  
Principle #2: You are never a bother to God.
2. Don’t be afraid; just \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It’s time to \_\_\_\_\_ !

Mark 5:41: He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”)

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# Friendship with God

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends.

JOHN 15:15

***Our Friend Lazarus, John 11:11***

When Jesus referred to Lazarus, He called him “our friend.” It’s a term not given to many individuals, yet it is extended to us (John 15:15).

Are you a friend of God or just an acquaintance?

- ~ Saul’s Relationship: “The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ God” (1 Samuel 15:15)
- ~ David’s Relationship: “\_\_\_\_\_ God is my rock...” (2 Samuel 22:2–3)

***True Friendship with God, Psalm 25:14 TLB***

Friendship with God doesn’t happen overnight. It has to be nurtured and cultivated. From the life of David (though not perfect), we learn that true friendship with God is:

1. Developed in \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 23:1–3)
2. Forged by \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 24:6)
3. Revealed by \_\_\_\_\_ on God (1 Samuel 30:6)
4. Expressed by pointing \_\_\_\_\_ to God (1 Samuel 23:16)

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# Shaped in the Quarry

And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling  
in which God lives by his Spirit. .

EPHESIANS 2:22

***Created to be God's Dwelling, 2 Corinthians 6:16***

God doesn't "dwell in temples" made by human hands (Acts 17:24), but in you and me.

We are meant to be "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5).

- ~ The temple stones were shaped in the quarry (1 Kings 6:7).
- ~ God does some of His best work in the \_\_\_\_\_.

***Building a Temple***

In order to become a Living Stone worthy of God's temple we must be:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in secret
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to His touch
3. Honed to fit with \_\_\_\_\_
4. Made ready \_\_\_\_\_ and out

***It All Begins at the Altar, Joshua 8:31 and Romans 12:1***

As we offer our lives to God—as imperfect as they are!—He uses them to build a temple to display His glory to the world.

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# Leaving Our Tombs

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

EPHESIANS 1:18–19

***We Serve a Mighty God, Ephesians 1:17–20***

We need to realize the mighty power of God working on our behalf. But while we serve a mighty God, we also have a formidable foe (1 Peter 5:8).

Satan seeks to:

- ~ Hem us in
- ~ Shut us down
- ~ Close us off

***The Dark Plot***

Satan desires to keep us from being effective in God's kingdom. He wants to:

1. Marginalize us
2. \_\_\_\_\_ us
3. \_\_\_\_\_ us

***The Glorious Answer, Psalm 40:1–3, NLT***

Jesus wants to set us free from our tombs so that He can open us up to be all He intends us to be...

A \_\_\_\_\_ case for His splendor!

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# Do You Want to Be Well?

Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda... Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

JOHN 5:2–3

***A Man with a Problem, John 5:1–14***

Jesus encountered a man who had suffered for thirty-eight years, longer than many people lived at that time.

The question: “Do you want to get well?” (verse 6)

The response: Fixated on his \_\_\_\_\_ rather than his Savior (verse 7).

***Steps to Wholeness***

Like the man, if we want to be healed, we must:

1. Stop making \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Look to the right \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Take a leap of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Leave old life behind.
5. Stop \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Shedding Graveclothes

Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up.

HEBREWS 12:1, TLB

## ***Lazarus, Come Forth! John 11:17–44***

When Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb, the man was alive but still bound.

- ~ Salvation—instantaneous
- ~ Sanctification—a \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Clothing Exchange, Ephesians 4:22–24***

We have been made alive in Christ, but with the Holy Spirit's help we must do our part:

- ~ Put off our graveclothes by \_\_\_\_\_
- ~ Put on His righteousness by \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Avoiding the Snare***

Whatever trips us can also entrap us. Snares<sup>1</sup> are:

1. Artfully \_\_\_\_\_
2. Usually attractive
3. Sadly \_\_\_\_\_

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy...” (Jude 1:24–25)

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<sup>1</sup> Points adapted from a sermon by C.H. Spurgeon, “The Bird Escaped from the Snare.”

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# Living in the Light of Eternity

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

***Brought Back to Life, John 12:1–11***

In this family from Bethany, I see a template for transformation:

- ~ Lazarus \_\_\_\_\_.
- ~ Martha \_\_\_\_\_.
- ~ Mary \_\_\_\_\_.

***A Threat to Hell, John 12:10–11 and Galatians 2:20***

Don't you want your life to be a threat to hell like Lazarus's was? In order to live fully resurrected:

1. We must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. We must be willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

***Eternity Starts Now!***

We don't have to wait for an end-time resurrection, we can experience resurrection today. But never forget...there is more life to come.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).