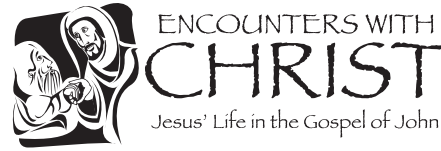


# Prayer Updates



## "How Christ Gives Me Life" John 11

Message by Mark Spurlock, March 18 & 19, 2006

### HOSPITALIZATIONS & SURGERIES THIS PAST WEEK

Buck Harris – pneumonia, moved to RCU  
Carl Cutshaw – surgery for aneurysms (see prayer update)  
Irene McCarty – sleep apnea problems  
Jane Evers – stroke recovery, moved to RCU  
John Parich – recovering from back injury & cancer surgery  
Ladell Faulk – cancer surgery recovery, doing wonderfully  
Larry Warren – testing  
Linda Davenport – pancreatitis, very serious, Stanford  
Philip Walker – testing  
Robert Walters – spinal infection after recent fall  
Roger McGary, Jr. – testing  
Susan Irby – car accident night of big storm  
Virginia Fair –left lung really bad with pneumonia, ICU

### Recent hospitalizations & surgeries:

Bud Emory, Dennis Mowles, Jan Emanuelson, Lorraine Kenyon, Loré Kingsbury

### HOME WITH THE LORD

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Bernie Bourriague and family in the sudden loss of his dear wife, Marian. She was a very faithful Women's Bible Study leader with a sweet and encouraging personality, and will be greatly missed by our women too.

One of our dear shut-ins, Bruce Glass' mother, Virginia Tatkovski, passed peacefully into the presence the Lord. Virginia was a wonderful mother and so faithful to pray for our TLC family.

Samantha Baglioni's, brother, Milo Baglioni, passed away 3/8 after a long-term illness. Samantha remembers him as "a great brother, wonderful son, and incredible uncle." And please remember Chad & Susan Arnold, also grieving the loss of his brother.

### We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.

### John's Goal:

For me to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

*Jesus did many other miraculous signs...which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that **you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing **you may have life** in his name. John 20:30-31*

### "Believe"

To think something or someone is \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
and therefore worthy of my \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Jesus calls me to...

#### 1. Trust his \_\_\_\_\_ .

*So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. John 11:3, 6*

*Then (Jesus) said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?" John 11:7-8*

*"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." John 11:21  
(See also: John 11:32)*

#### 2. Trust his \_\_\_\_\_ .

*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*

*Jesus, **once more deeply moved**, came to the tomb. John 11:38*

#### 3. Trust his \_\_\_\_\_ .

*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!" 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 11:41-44*

#### 4. Trust him \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." John 11:23-24*

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who **believes in me** will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and **believes in me** will never die. **Do you believe this?**" John 11:25:26*

# Daily Meditations

*Brief daily devotions based on this weekend's message*

*Memory Verse: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;" John 11:25*

## Monday

Read John 11:1-44. What was one thing that impacted you from last week's sermon and why?

When you read this account, which verse is most striking to you and why?

Which of the people in this story do you tend to be like? What do you learn from their example?

*Thank God today for His amazing power. Thank Him for the opportunity to study the Bible. Ask Him to give you insight as you study this passage of scripture this week. Pray that you will apply what you learn to your life and encourage those around you.*

## Tuesday

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-12, John 11:6-8, 17, 32 & II Peter 3:8-9. What role did timing play in Jesus' interaction with Mary, Martha and Lazarus?

What do you learn about God's timing from these verses?

How have you struggled with God's timing in your own life? In what way do these verses give you comfort?

Think about your life right now. Write down an area where you feel like your timing and God's timing are not matched.

*Thank God today that He knows the story of your life from beginning to end. Talk to Him about the area of your life where you're struggling with God's timing. Pray that God will give you the faith to trust His timing for your life.*

## Wednesday

Read Psalm 145:8-9, Isaiah 30:18 & John 11:5, 33-35, 38. As you read these verses write down what you learn about the heart of God.

How does Jesus' heart impact the story in John 11? What do you learn about empathy from Jesus in this story?

How does understanding God's heart help when it comes to trusting His timing?

Write down at least three things you know about God's heart.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

*Thank God today that He is trustworthy. Thank God for His heart of love and grace for you. Pray that as you encounter the ups and downs of life that you will find comfort of trusting God's heart.*

## Thursday

Read Psalm 147:5, Isaiah 40:25-26, John 11:38-44. Spend some time thinking about the resurrection on Lazarus. What an overwhelming display of God's power! According to the passage in John, what was the purpose of this display of God's power?

How have you seen God's power displayed in creation in the last month? How have you seen God's power displayed in your life?

What purposes have you seen God accomplish through His power displayed in your life?

*Thank God today for His amazing power – even power over death! Thank Him for the many ways you've seen His power at work in your life. Pray for the patience and discipline to resist the temptation to provide your own power for your life. Pray that you'll increasingly walk each step in His strength and power.*

## Friday

Read John 11:14-27, 40-42. What is the key word in these verses? What is the importance of belief in your life?

In what way can you relate to Martha's struggle to believe and trust?

Who does Jesus say He is in this passage? What does that mean?

How does He personalize that claim for Martha, and by extension to you? What is your response to His question?

*Thank God today that He wants to have a personal relationship with you. Thank Him for His love for you. Talk to Him about your struggles to trust God. Pray that you will grow in faith and trust. Ask God to use you as an encouragement to those you encounter today.*

## Saturday

*Please finish up any devotions you may have missed and review the memory verse for this week. Please pray for the weekend services, that they will provide hope and encouragement to all who attend. Please begin praying for the Easter services which are less than a month away. Pray that Twin Lakes Church will be a bright light in our community that weekend.*