

Prayer Update

Hospitalized & Surgeries this past week

Gene Cutler had a brain aneurysm mid-August and has had several surgeries at Stanford Hospital and is now out at a rehab center near Stanford. Please pray for healing and a miraculous recovery and for comfort and peace for the family.

Pauline Roby is still fighting a bad infection from her hip replacement surgery and is back at Stanford hospital.

Home with the Lord

Elizabeth McCroskey is home with the Lord after she lost her battle with cancer. Please keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time. A celebration of her life will be Tuesday, September 30th, 4:00pm at TLC.

Pat Owen was promoted to heaven on Sunday, September 21st. Please keep his wife, Laura, and his family in your prayers.

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



< Conversations with Christ

The grieving sisters



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John 11

September 27 & 28 | René Schlaepfer

New series begins next weekend!



Why did John write all these stories about Jesus?

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 20:31

“Believe”:

To think something is worthy of my _____

Jesus calls me to...

1. TRUST HIS _____

“ . . . when (Jesus) heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.” John 11:6

“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 _____

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

3. 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**. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “**See how he loved him!**” John 11:33–36

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

4. TRUST HIS _____

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 11:43b–44

The big question: Do I _____ ?

“Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” John 11:27

Resources

Tim Keller, Encounters With Jesus

Ron Mehl, Surprise Endings

Mark Spurlock, “Do You Believe”, paper for Western Seminary

Daily Meditations

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? *Ask God 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 11:1–21 & 2 Peter 3:8–9. What do you learn about God’s timing from these verses? How have you struggled with God’s timing? In what way do these verses give you comfort? *Talk to God 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.*

Wednesday: Read John 11:21–27. Who does Jesus say He is in this passage? What does that mean? How does He personalize that claim for Martha? What is your response to His question? *Thank God today for His love for you. Pray that you will grow in faith and trust. Ask God to use you as an encouragement to those you encounter today.*

Thursday: Read Psalm 145:8–9, Isaiah 30:18 & John 11:28–38. What do you learn about the empathy of 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. *Thank God for His heart of love and grace for you. Pray that as you encounter the ups and downs of life, you will find comfort in trusting God’s heart.*

Friday: Read Isaiah 40:25–26, John 11:39–45. 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? *Thank God today for His amazing power – even power over death! Thank Him for the many ways you’ve seen His power. Pray you’ll increasingly walk each step in His power.*

Saturday: *Finish up any devotions you may have missed and review the memory verse for this week. Please pray for the 40 Days in the Word series, that people will be motivated to plunge in!*