

God's Delay of Love  
John 11:1-16  
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Three points concerning sickness:

1. Just because you are close to Jesus doesn't mean you won't get sick.
2. The Lord uses sickness in our lives to grow us closer to Him.
3. The Lord uses sickness in our lives for the good of others.

Important Point: God's delays are delays of love.

Question: What good comes from God's delays? (2 things)

1. Delays conform our wayward will to God's perfect will.
2. God's delays build our faith.

Important Lesson:

Learn to interpret your circumstances by the love of Christ rather than interpreting the love of Christ by your circumstances.

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Question: Why would Jesus say, "Lazarus is dead. I am glad..."? (3 reasons)

1. Lazarus was a believer and Jesus understood what the death of a believer meant.
2. Jesus knew He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead.
3. Jesus knew what it was going to do for the disciples.