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Devotion for March 2nd, 2022

John 11:1-16

This passage of verses gives us a unique glimpse into Jesus' earthly life.

He was a man, He made connections, He had very dear friends beyond His disciples. We often, rightly so, end up focused on the big, huge, miraculous things that Jesus did. But the reality is He also experienced the simplicity of human life. He ate meals, He slept, He made friends and had all kinds of interactions with them. He even put Himself at risk for His friends.

Notice He is returning to where just recently a group had tried to stone Him, a foreshadowing of how He was willing to go all the way to the cross and stay there for all those whom He cared about.

While there is great comfort to be found in His miracles, there is also comfort to be found in His human nature. Our Savior truly, completely understands what we experience every day. He felt hunger and thirst, He needed rest. And He mourned His friend. It's not in this section of verses but as we read on we'll see "Jesus wept." He knew Lazarus would rise and still He wept. He wept over the pain of death, over the sadness that His dear friends felt so keenly at the death of their brother.

When you find yourself facing the trials of human life, I pray that you would remember that Jesus knows your pain, He hears your prayer, and because of His sacrifice, someday all trials and tribulations will be removed.

*God's blessings,
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