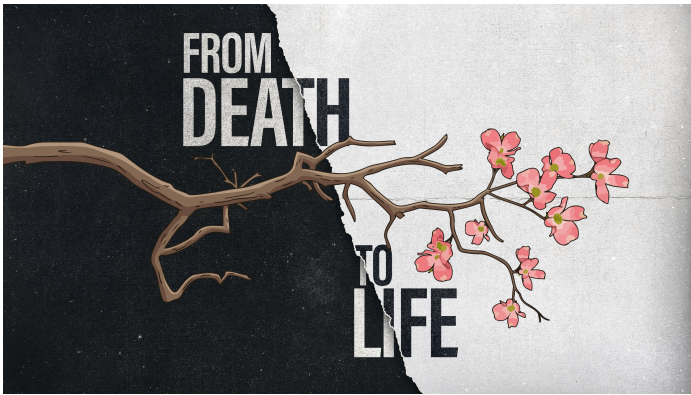


MESSAGE NOTES



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Expectations shape how we respond when life does not go as planned.

⁸ “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.”⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NLT)

Disappointment can either push us closer towards God or further.

²⁰ When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” ²³ Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in

me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?” ²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.”

John 11: 20-27 (NLT)

Trust means believing God is still working even when we cannot see how.

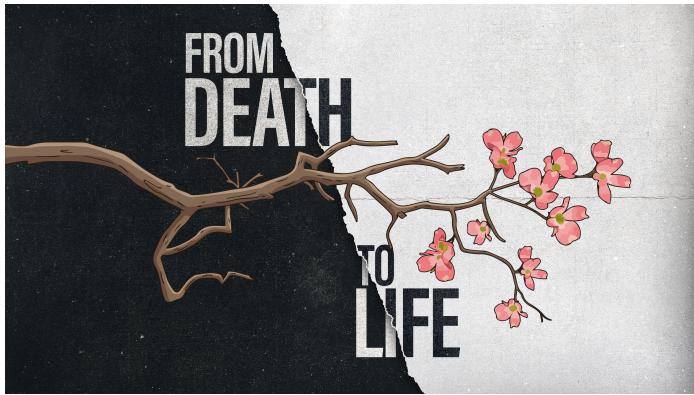
⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

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NLT- New Living Translation

TAKE HOME SHEET



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When have your expectations of how God should act not matched what actually happened?

Read Isaiah 55:8–9

Why do you think it is difficult for us to accept that God's ways and timing are different from ours?

In John 11:20–27 how can we learn from Martha about bringing our honest emotions to Jesus while still choosing to trust Him?

Read Proverbs 3:5–6

What does it practically look like to “trust in the Lord with all your heart” in a season where you do not understand what God is doing?