August 17, 2025 COMMUNITY Covenant Church Pastor Charlotte Joos

Text: John 11:1-57

I. Trusting the God Who Delays

John 11:1–7 — Jesus loved them, yet He delayed.

Sometimes God's timing feels painful, but it's purposeful.

Rey Thought: God's delay is not His denial.

? Reflection Question: Have you ever felt like God was late?

II. Trusting the God Who Gives Life Through Death

John 11:17-26 — 'I am the resurrection and the life.'

Jesus doesn't just promise resurrection—He *is* resurrection.

№ Key Thought: Death doesn't get the final word—Jesus does.

? Reflection Question: What does it mean to trust God when everything looks hopeless?

UII. Trusting the God Who Weeps

John 11:33–34, 11:37 — Jesus was deeply moved and wept.

God is not distant from our pain—He enters into it.

A Key Thought: Only our God has scars.

? Reflection Question: What grief are you carrying that you need to bring to Jesus?

> IV. Trusting the God Who Calls Us Out

John 11:40, 11:42-44 — 'Lazarus, come out!'

Jesus speaks life into what seems permanently lost.

 \nearrow Key Thought: He still calls us out of the tomb.

? Reflection Question: What part of your life needs resurrection?

V. Trusting the God Who Sees the Bigger Story

John 11:49–52 — God's plan was bigger than they realized.

Even in grief, God is working redemption.

- Rey Thought: Trust means believing God is doing more than we can see.
- ? Reflection Question: Where do you need to trust God's bigger story?

Action Steps

- 1. A Trust God even when it doesn't make sense.
- 2. Pring your grief and disappointment to Jesus.
- 3. Kest in the reality that He fixes it in the end.