

There is no one in this world who lives without worries or problems. Even we, who live as God's children and citizens of His kingdom, still have many burdens, concerns, and prayer requests that often trouble our hearts.

This was true also for the people we see in the Bible. The Samaritan woman at the well, Jairus the synagogue ruler, and the woman with the issue of blood—all of them faced desperate problems in life that could not be solved by human strength. Likewise, Martha and Mary in today's passage were standing before the great trial of their beloved brother's death, something they were utterly powerless to change.

In the face of the many problems and prayer requests in our lives, with what kind of heart and with what kind of faith should we live the life God has given us? Through today's passage about Jesus meeting Martha and Mary, I hope this will be a time for us to reflect on what we should look to in order to follow the Lord's calling even in the midst of life's heavy challenges.

First, in the face of problems, we must look to Jesus who knows our troubled hearts, shares in our grief, and leads us in the truth. (vv. 17-37)

As Lazarus' condition worsened, Martha and Mary waited for Jesus with desperate hope. Yet Lazarus died before Jesus arrived. Only after his death did Jesus come to them. What is striking in this passage is that Jesus responded differently to Martha and Mary.

When Martha came to Him saying, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died," Jesus replied, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

When Jesus saw Mary fall at His feet weeping, He was deeply moved and wept with her. Pastor Tim Keller called Jesus' ministry to Martha "the ministry of truth" and His response to Mary "the ministry of tears."

In the same way, Jesus is the God who knows our weary and broken hearts, who touches and comforts us, and who weeps with us. At the same time, He is also the God who, through His Word and by the Spirit, leads us into the path of truth.

Second, in faith we must place our true hope in Jesus. (vv. 38-44)

After ministering to each sister according to her need, Jesus once again was deeply moved as He came to Lazarus' tomb. Before the unbelief of those who doubted who He was and what He could do, and in the face of humanity's greatest enemy—death, which swallows up everything—Jesus expressed righteous anger.

Then He prayed to the Father. His prayer was for Martha, Mary, and those around them whose faith was still weak and bound by human limitations. Jesus teaches us that true faith is to look with trust to what the Lord will do, to hope against hope, and to believe even when it seems impossible. Through such faith, He says, we will see the glory of God.

Then Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb, showing Martha, Mary, and all of us today that He Himself is truly the resurrection and the life.

May the Lord's grace touch our troubled hearts and open our eyes to His truth, even in the midst of the problems and prayer requests that weigh us down today. And may the power of the cross—the power by which Jesus conquered sin and death—shine ever more beautifully through our worship, ministry, and fellowship, so that our church community, Hanuri Church, may truly embody the body of Christ in this world.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

**Bible
Reading**

9/8(Mon)	9/9(Tue)	9/10(Wed)	9/11(Thur)	9/12(Fri)	9/13(Sat)	9/14(Sun)
Ezekiel 3-6	Ezekiel 7-10	Ezekiel 11-13	Ezekiel 14-16	Ezekiel 17-19	Ezekiel 20	Ezekiel 21-23

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Quiet Time Passage

9/8(Mon)	9/9(Tue)	9/10(Wed)	9/11(Thur)	9/12(Fri)	9/13(Sat)	9/14(Sun)
Romans 3:21-31	Romans 4:1-8	Romans 4:9-17	Romans 4:18-25	Romans 5:1-11	Romans 5:12-21	Romans 6:1-7

**Sharing
Questions**

1. What new insight or grace did you receive from today's message?
2. Share a time when you were in despair before life's problems and how the Lord embraced you in His heart.
3. What kind of faith is needed in order to place true hope in Jesus?