

We Will Believe

He Knows Our Needs (Week 4)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

We will believe Jesus knows our needs.

Key Scriptures

Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said, "I tell you, get up." Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Luke 7:11-15

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Psalms 27:13

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalms 34:18

Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you. Isaiah 41:10 MSG

We allow the details of our circumstances to define the character of our God.

Because He knows my needs:

- I can trust Him.
- I am not alone.
- I am set free from fear.

Start talking.

- Why do children constantly ask for you to see them?
- How does the desire to be "seen" and "known" change as we get older?

Start thinking.

- Read Luke 7:11-15. What was the widows focused on?
- What did she think her future might hold?
- Why did Jesus see her?
- Why was Jesus moved with compassion?

Start sharing.

- Julie made the statement, "We allow the details of our circumstances to define the character of our God." How has that been true for you?
- Read Psalms 27:13. What "goodness" are you believing from the LORD?
- Read Psalms 34:18. Describe a time Jesus has drawn close though you've been broken-hearted.
- Read Isaiah 41:10. Does that verse encourage you? If so, how?

Start doing.

- First, we need to declare what is true. Write on your bathroom mirror or on an index card and place it somewhere prominent... "I will believe He sees me and knows my needs."
- Who has an emotional and/or practical need you can help meet? What is one thing you can do this week to lean toward that need?

Closing prayer.

Lord Jesus, I believe you see me and know my needs. I believe you are for me, and for those I love. I believe that even in the midst of pain and difficulty, you are close to me. I believe that you come close when I am hurting and broken-hearted. I believe I will see your goodness. I believe your love has set me free from fear.