

**Dead Man Talking
Part IV; May 12, 2019**

John 11:1-16 (NIV)

“When God Doesn’t Make Sense”

**God hears our prayers
even when it seems like He doesn’t.**

“I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers!” – Isaiah 65:24 (NLT)

**Sometimes God does what we want,
but not the way we want Him to!**

“You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. **On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns.**”
– Joshua 6:3-4 (NLT)

**We are not the only ones God is thinking about
when He answers our prayers!**

“Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.
But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.” – John 11:45-46 (NIV)

**Sometimes our frustration with God is because
we’re playing checkers while God is playing chess!**

**God strengthens our faith
by pushing it to uncomfortable places.**

Three uncomfortable questions we have to answer:

Can we surrender our desires to God’s purposes?

Is our faith great enough to allow God to use our grief and suffering?

Can we stay faithful even if we never understand?

“For we live by faith, not by sight.”
– 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)