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"God Allows Those He Loves To Suffer"

John 11:1-4

A grace believer always rises to the occasion while a religious legalist remains stuck in a guilt-ridden state of confusion.

God's purpose sometimes overrules our prayer desires but it's always to His glory.

It's not what we do, it's what we think and if what we think is biblically sound, what we do will surely be compatible with the grace plan of God.

God has designed our lives in His plan for our ultimate triumph.

Knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior, the Sovereign One of the universe, should have caused the sisters to completely relax and trust Him.

The sisters don't realize that their brother must die for Jesus to bring him back to life as His seventh calling or business card that John calls a sign.

When Jesus said "This sickness will not end in death" He meant that death was not the final issue in Lazarus' sickness.

Every crisis in the life of a believer is designed to glorify God and focus attention on His grace.

The Lord Jesus will not deliver Lazarus from death but He will deliver him through death.

God's plan does not call for deliverance from but deliverance through our problems.

The only way for us to have maximum application of biblical truth is for pressures in life to force

it out and that is a very good thing.

Since the Fall of man, women have been trying to dictate their course of action to men.