

John 11:17-37

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

▲ **THEME:** "Align your Personality to Serve the Ways of God."

▲ DISCUSSION:

Are you an introvert or an extrovert? Are you intuitive thinker who is known for being rational, impartial, and intellectual or are you an intuitive feeler who is known for being empathetic, diplomatic and passionate about your ideals? Neither is good nor bad. The point is, when you put your personality in the hands of Jesus, **God can use that.**

1. It might sound obvious, but you have a personality. And your personality has been shaped by God. Your personality is neither good nor bad, it just is. Your personality isn't static either. As you have discovered your SHAPE, share with one another what you have learned about your personality.
2. Read John 11:17-37 together.
3. ReRead John 20:20. Just based upon what you know about your personality, who do you relate with more closely, Martha or Mary? Why?
4. Pastor Drew quoted Tim Keller saying, "Jesus met Martha with the ministry of truth and Mary with the Ministry of tears." Pastor Drew expanded this by highlighting that Jesus also met them based upon their unique personalities. Describe a time where you experienced Jesus meeting you in your unique personality.
5. Our personalities have a "shadow side." What may be valued in one culture can be seen quite different in another context. How might you articulate the shadow side of your personality?
6. What might it look like for you to place your personality in the hands of Jesus for God to use?
7. Take some time to affirm, celebrate and praise God for the various personalities in your group.

▲ SUPER SET

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we all need to **Align our Personality**
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