WHEN GOD IS SILENT

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KEY SCRIPTURE

- John 11
- Acts 3:1-10
- Isaiah 55:8-9
- Matthew 28:20
- John 12:1-3

KEY POINTS

- Nothing can change the fact that God loves us.
- God has bigger plans than anything we can imagine.
- God works through ordinary people to achieve extraordinary things.
- Even in the silent times, God is expressing His love for you.
- God is always working, even when His activity is hidden or delayed.

DISCUSSION

- Have you ever gone through a season where God felt silent or distant? What made it difficult?
    - How did that silence affect your prayer life, trust, or expectations of God?
    - Looking back now, can you see anything God was doing beneath the surface during that season?
- In John 11, Jesus delays even though He loves Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. What does this teach us about God's timing?
- How can trusting God's presence change how we endure seasons of uncertainty or silence?
- What practices help you remain aware of God's presence when you don't feel it?
- In Sunday's message, the following passages were highlighted as sources of encouragement in times of waiting/silence. How do they speak to you?
    - "Surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20
    - "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all… and it will be given to him." James 1:5
    - "Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28
    - Are there any passages you could add to this list?