

Lazarus Alive: A Threat to Power

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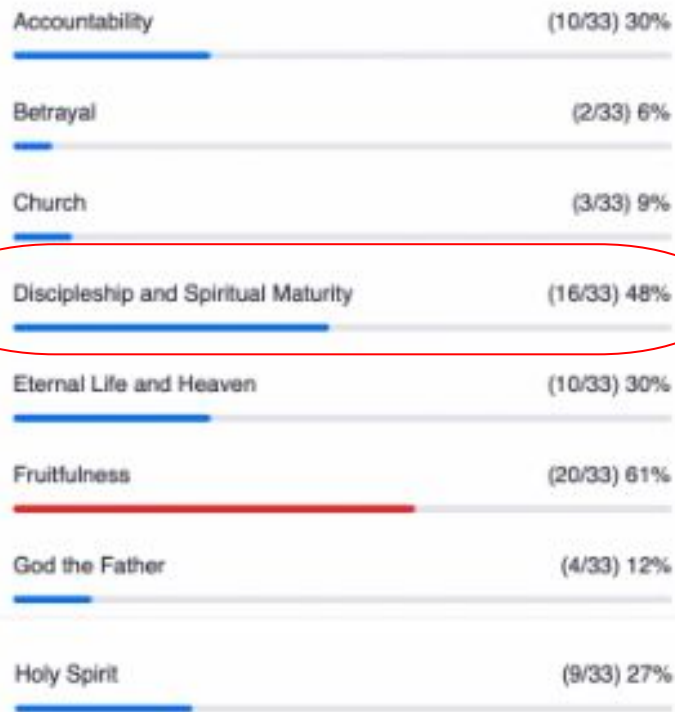
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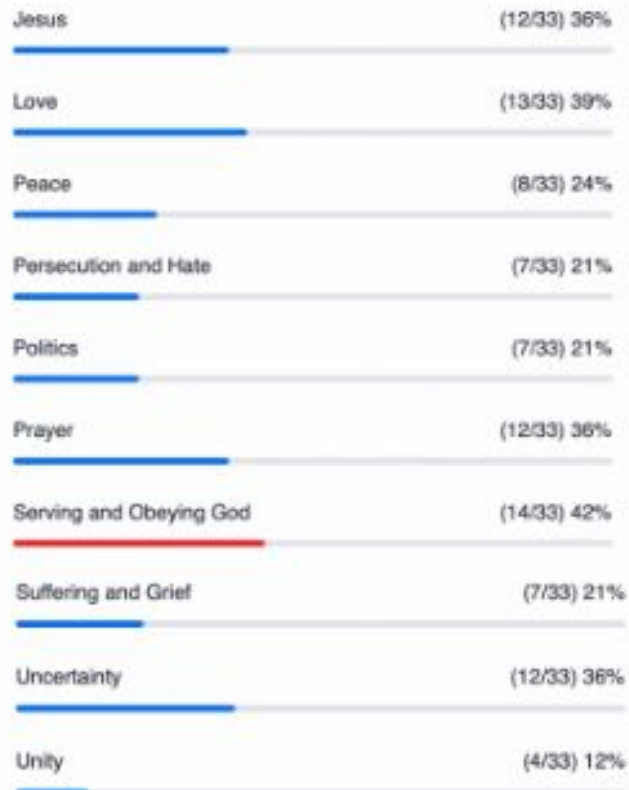
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Betrayal (2/33) 6%

Church (3/33) 9%

Discipleship and Spiritual Maturity (16/33) 48%

Eternal Life and Heaven (10/33) 30%

Fruitfulness (20/33) 61%

God the Father (4/33) 12%

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Jesus (12/33) 36%

Love (13/33) 39%

Peace (8/33) 24%

Persecution and Hate (7/33) 21%

Politics (7/33) 21%

Prayer (12/33) 36%

Serving and Obeying God (14/33) 42%

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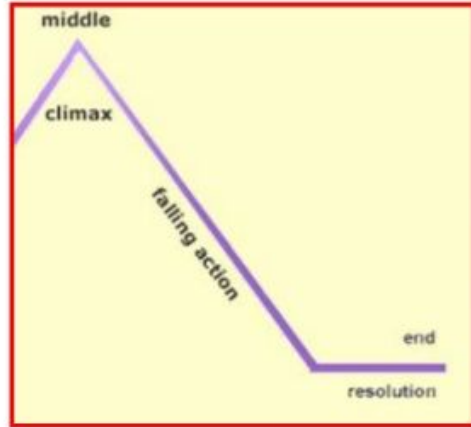
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- “in the middle of things”
- Story starts in the middle without exposition



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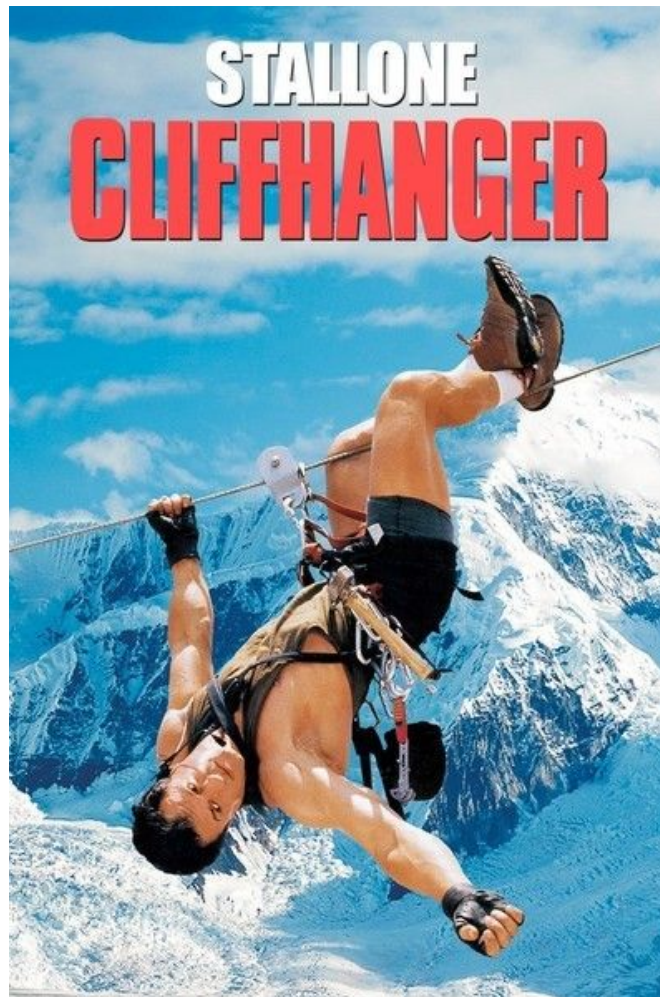
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“Healing blind people was one thing; but raising the dead, and doing so publicly where a lot of people could scurry back to Jerusalem and tell their friends about it -- this was too much.” (86)

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[SYMPATHETIC SEEKERS → BELIEVERS]

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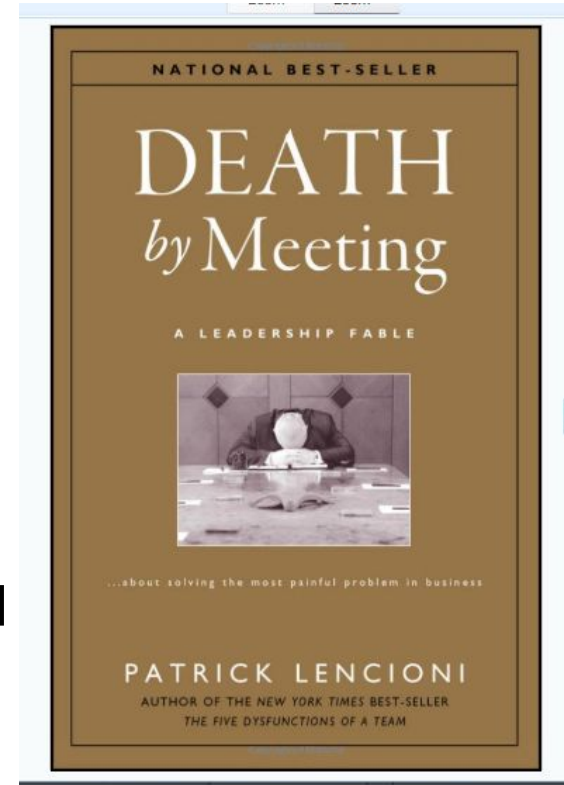
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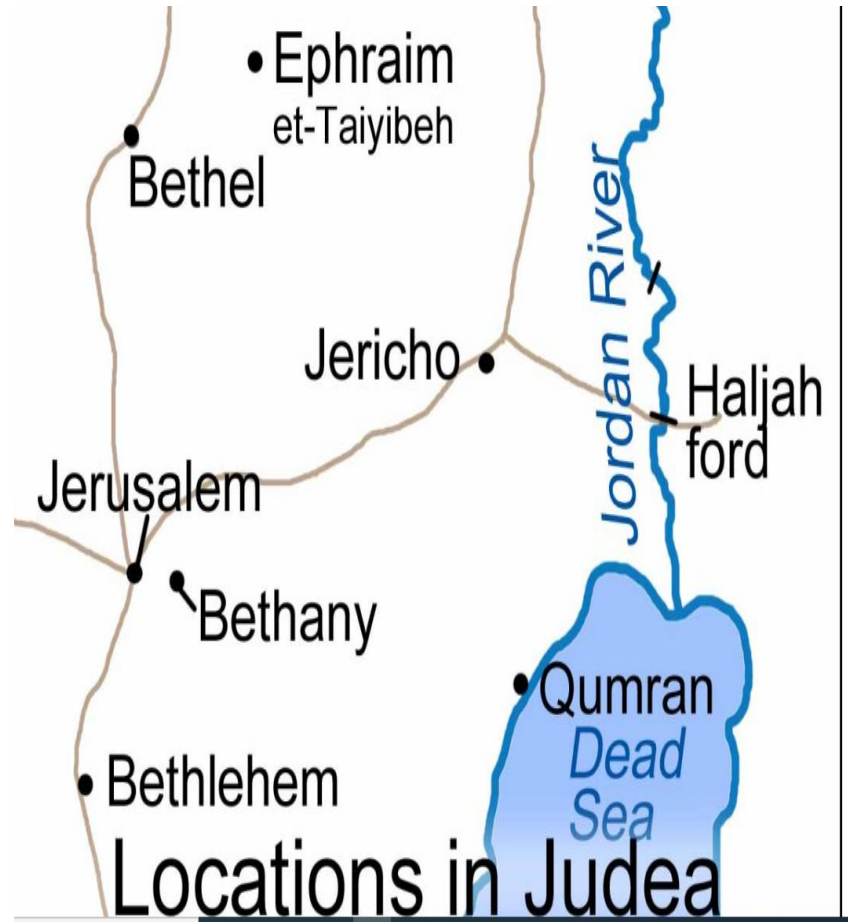
[Yet CAIAPHAS is the one who does not know he's uttering prophetic truth:

*Jesus **will** be that so-called "sacrificial lamb" for the nation's preservation!]*

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**“Scripture tells of nine people
who were granted bonus time.**

The best known was Lazarus.”

Pg 117 (references on 189)



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Three weeks later, despite a “dead or alive” bounty being placed on Jesus’ head by religious leaders, Lazarus boldly invited his healer to a celebratory dinner. **So visible was Lazarus’ identification with Jesus that a decision was made to kill them both.** (117)

1 Dangerous Implication of **Being Alive Again:** **you could get killed again**

John 12, V 9-11

“When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. **So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well**, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.”

verse 17-19

“So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify...

The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”



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BONUS TIME

(Don't worry: he didn't)

What became of Lazarus?

Greek Orthodox tradition believes he was 30 when he died the first time.

Fled to Cyprus to escape persecution.

Became a priest of Jesus Christ for 30 more years.

Died 2nd time at 60.

How do you **APPLY** this message?

You're probably *not* a Perceived Threat to the Established Order like

MLK, Gandhi, JFK, Jesus

(Politics of Envy?)

The New York Times

Ravi Zacharias, Preacher Who Used Reason to Defend Faith, Dies at 74

The influential evangelist sought to “connect the gospel with the life of the mind.”



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INTERNATIONAL

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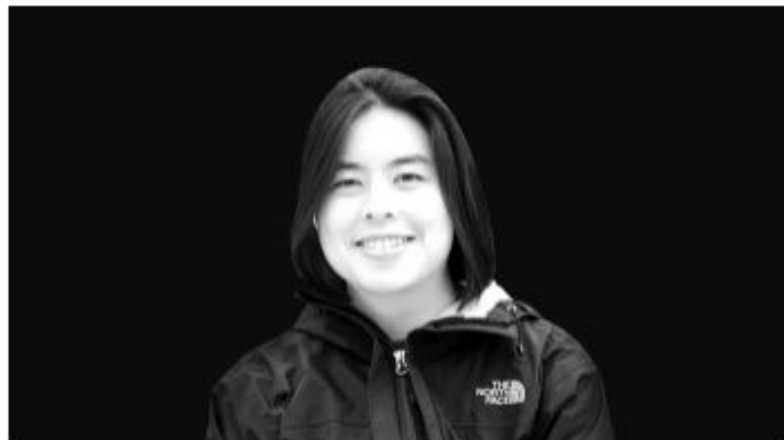


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Lexington Reservoir

James J. Lenihan Dam

Intersected Sandhenge River
Capacity: 6.5 billion gallons
Depth: 100 feet
Length: 3.5 miles
Built: 1952

Lexington Reservoir named for San Antonio
which was the first city to build on the water's bank.
A historic, wooded area contains 10 miles of trails
and wildflowers through the park's woods.
The water is crystal clear and is a great place
to enjoy the water's tranquility. The project
was the first of its kind when the reservoir was
built to be a water and recreation area.

When completed, the dam and reservoir created
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Doug Miller: The Man Behind Miller Point



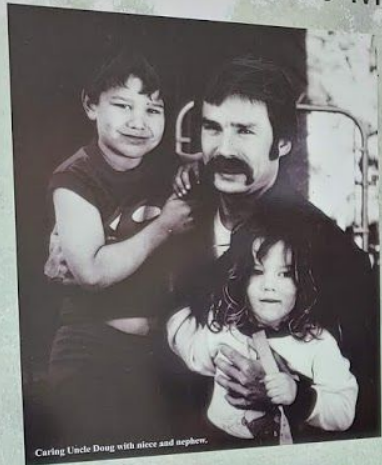
Doug Miller was born in 1945 in Miller Point, California. He grew up on a farm and was always interested in nature. He spent his childhood exploring the woods and fields around his home. He was a very active child and loved to play sports. He was also a very good student and was always at the top of his class. He graduated from Miller Point High School in 1963 and went on to attend the University of California, Berkeley. He studied for a degree in Environmental Science and graduated in 1967. He then worked for the U.S. Forest Service for several years before starting his own business, Miller Point Environmental Services, in 1970. He has since become a well-known expert on environmental issues and has written several books on the subject. He is also a frequent speaker at environmental conferences and has been featured in many news stories. He is a very dedicated and passionate man who has spent his entire life working to protect the environment. He is a true inspiration to all who care about the planet.



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Caring Uncle Doug with niece and nephew.

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds that carry the peace loving, gentle, reproachless, full of wisdom that comes from God here. The man among us are peacekeepers who go on quietly sowing peace through a harvest of righteousness in other people and in himself."

Excerpt from the Book of James read at Doug's memorial.

As a Santa Clara County Deputy Sheriff, Doug Miller blended his love of nature with his profession. He patrolled the Santa Cruz mountains helping everyone he contacted. Doug was fair and honest, a man of faith and substance who didn't compromise his morals. He lived his life according to his religion. He always made time to explain, taught by example and mentored friends and coworkers with his ever-present ear to eat grain.

Doug cared for the people he protected, his family, his garden roses, and the larger natural community. His passion ran deep when it came to the San Francisco 49ers and Giants.

Perhaps Doug's patience and caring was born of the wilderness he loved. Doug spent many happy and contented hours fishing and hiking in the mountains. His camera and dogs, Sam and Kelly, were his usual partners. His favorite pastime was to look out at the land from a solitary vista and listen to the silence. Even at home, Doug immersed himself in the land. He collected Louis L'Amour books and was designing a log cabin in Oregon.

Doug Miller was a hard-working, caring Deputy who liked people, liked his job and did it well. He made the ultimate sacrifice when he died in the line of duty in 1986. To honor the life of this dedicated individual, Santa Clara County renamed Oak Knoll picnic area at Lexington Reservoir Douglas B. Miller Memorial Point.

Highlights of Doug's Life

- ★ 1950 born in Ukiah, CA.
- ★ Family moved to San Jose, CA.
- ★ 1968 graduated from Lysbrook High School.
- ★ Attended De Anza College, Cupertino, CA.
- ★ Served 4 years in Vietnam as a sonar technician on U.S.S. Jouettie.
- ★ 1973 honorably discharged from the Navy.
- ★ Worked at Hewlett Packard.
- ★ 1979 joined the Santa Clara County Sheriff's department where he worked in the main jail department where he worked in the maintenance department in Saratoga, CA.
- ★ Transferred to Westside Substation in Saratoga, CA.
- ★ Patrolled Santa Cruz Mountains until 1986.





**“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away”
(Rev 21:4)**

J.R.R. Tolkien > Quotes > Quotable Quote



“Gandalf! I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead myself. Is everything sad going to come untrue? What's happened to the world?”

A great Shadow has departed,” said Gandalf, and then he laughed and the sound was like music, or like water in a parched land; and as he listened the thought came to Sam that he had not heard laughter, the pure sound of merriment, for days upon days without count.”

— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Return of the King*

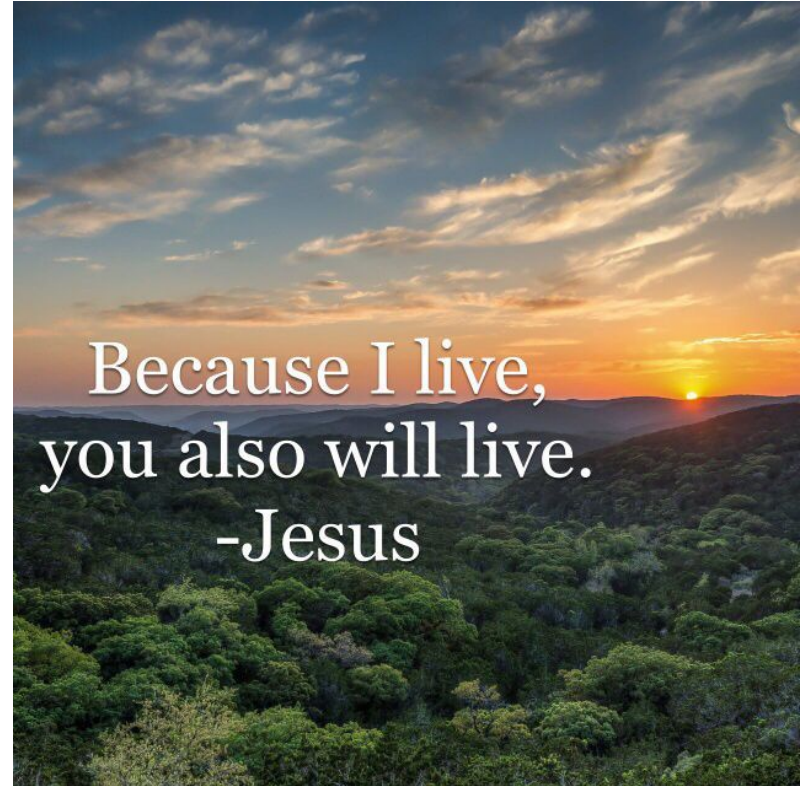
Jesus himself said it:

Yet a little while and the world will see
me no more,

but you will see me.

Because I live, you also will live.

(John 14:19)



**People can and will be disturbed/bothered/angry/upset about Jesus.
They did succeed in killing him.**

→ let family and friends have their reactions to him

→ some will come to believe (feverish boy's dad and household, John 4)

→ some will question/ridicule (Jesus' own brothers! John 7)

→ we will feel close to some, farther from others

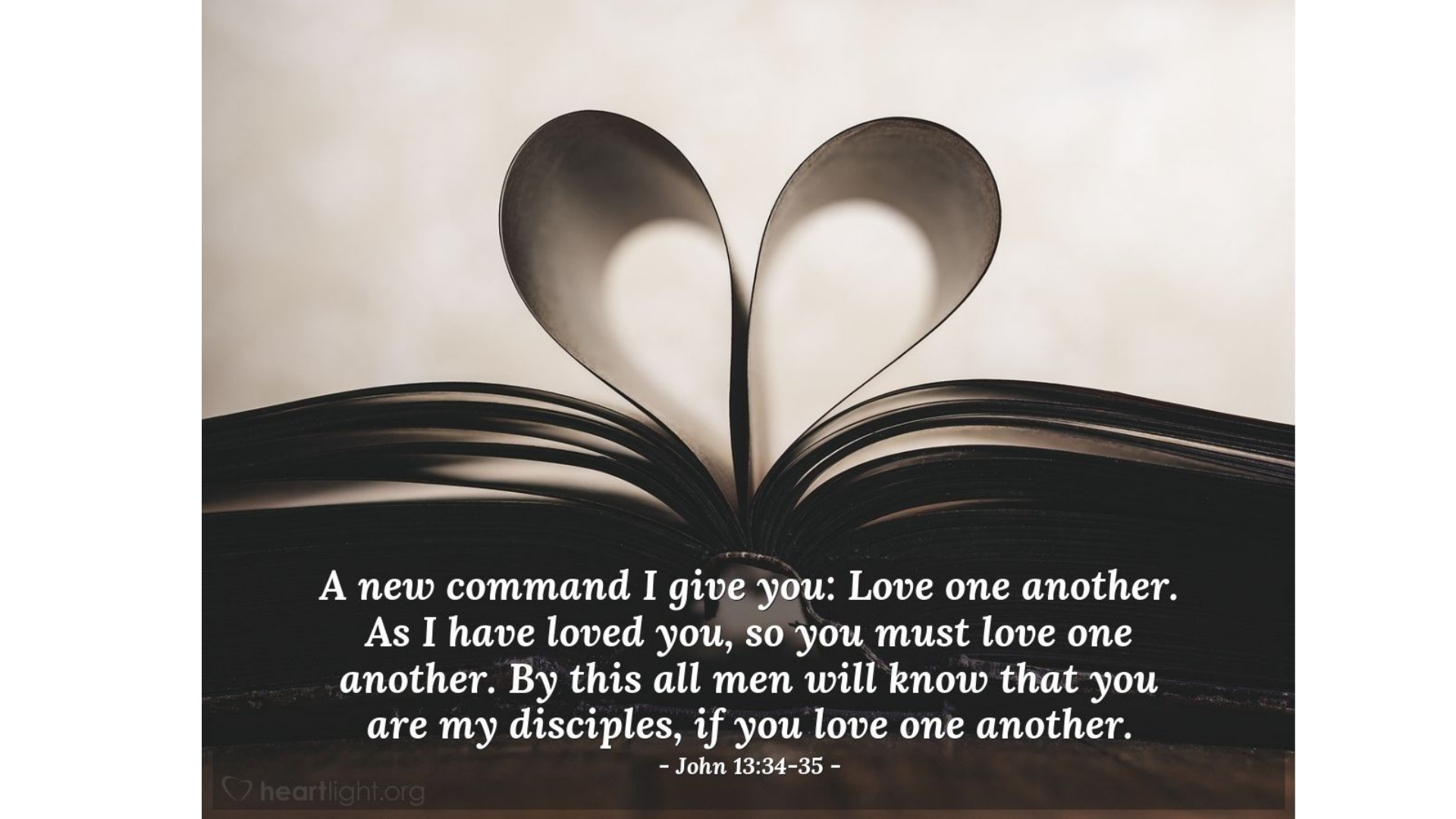
→ allow Jesus to grow your belief in him so these rich dialogues ***within***
your family will grow (eg: Mary and Martha to Jesus)



Do what God calls you to... even if others oppose it.

→ Let Jesus be the controversial, convicting, disruptive figure he was and is

→ yet let his WAY of LOVE be your MODEL and GUIDE in EVERYTHING.

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective. The pages are dark and have been curled upwards from the center, creating a symmetrical heart shape. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the book's pages.

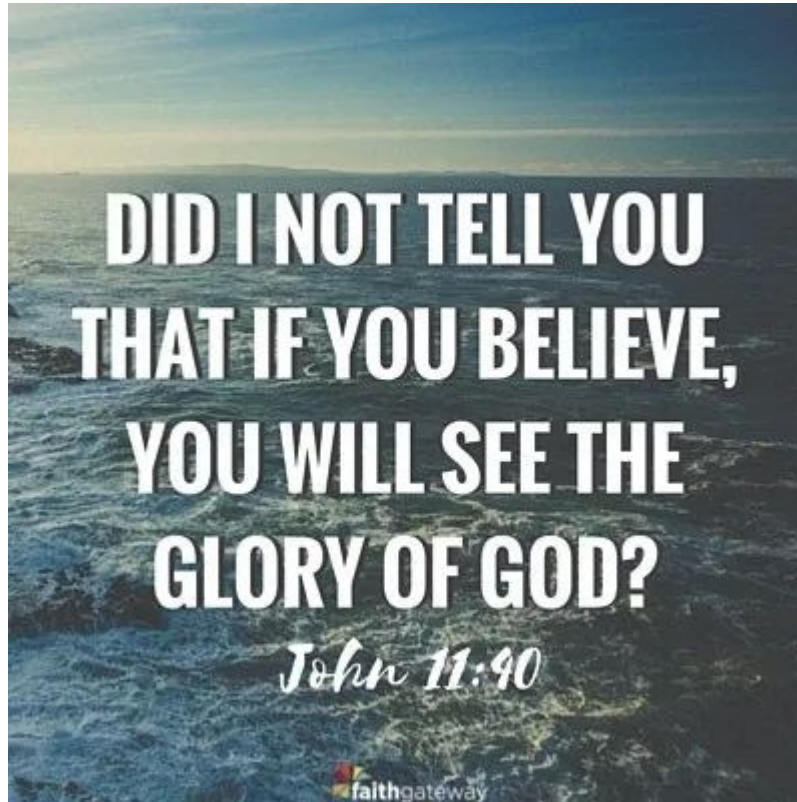
*A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one
another. By this all men will know that you
are my disciples, if you love one another.*

- John 13:34-35 -

Pray to God...others are listening



Choose to Believe... and see God's glory!



1. Which of these topics from John 11-17 are you most interested in learning about?

Pick only 2 topics. (Multiple Choice)

Accountability (10/33) 30%

Betrayal (2/33) 6%

Church (3/33) 9%

Discipleship and Spiritual Maturity (16/33) 48%

Eternal Life and Heaven (10/33) 30%

Fruitfulness (20/33) 61%

God the Father (4/33) 12%

Holy Spirit (9/33) 27%

2. Which of these topics from John 11-17 are you also interested in learning about?

Pick only 3 topics. (Multiple Choice)

Jesus (12/33) 36%

Love (13/33) 39%

Peace (8/33) 24%

Persecution and Hate (7/33) 21%

Politics (7/33) 21%

Prayer (12/33) 36%

Serving and Obeying God (14/33) 42%

Suffering and Grief (7/33) 21%

Uncertainty (12/33) 36%

Unity (4/33) 12%

Lazarus Alive: A Threat to Power

**The Dangerous IMPLICATIONS of
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