Jesus Heals You - Even Now Faith
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[Jhn 11:21-22 NASB95] 21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 "Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

- People usually have a limit to when they need to stop believing God. Their faith has reached some barrier. If the situation gets too bad, they stop expecting anything to happen.
- Martha makes two confessions of faith: 1. If you had been here; 2. Even now…
- Two levels of faith. One good, the other is better.
- Having "even now" faith endures every trial and circumstance

What is "even now" faith and how to we develop it?

Learning what "even now" faith is not and what it is helps us to develop it.

I. **Even Now Faith IS NOT Based**
   a. [Jhn 11:6, 21 NASB95] 6 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days [longer] in the place where He was. ... 21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.
   b. Time - v. 6 & 21 - "Too long", "If He was going to do anything, He would have already done it."
      i. We expect v. 6 to read He came.
      ii. He waited. Sometimes He waits.
      iii. Hebrews 11 shows many times He waits.
      iv. **Faith based on time is weak faith**.
   c. Circumstance - [Jhn 11:14, 21 NASB95] 14 So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ... 21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.
      i. Circumstance says God can only work this way.
      ii. God ignores deadlines.

II. **Even Now IS Based**
   a. Understanding His Passion [Jhn 11:5 NASB95] 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.
      i. Martha had faith in Him because she knew He loved her.
      ii. Only when we are absolutely convinced of His love for us will "Even Now" faith be with us.
   b. Understanding His Position [Jhn 11:27 NASB95] 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, [even] He who comes into the world."
      i. Lord - She had a personal relationship with Him.
      ii. Are we seeking Him for results or relationship?
      iii. When His is Lord, the faith principles take on a whole new form. [Rom 10:9-10 NASB95] 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus [as] Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
   c. Understanding His Purpose [Jhn 11:27 NASB95] 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, [even] He who comes into the world."
      i. Christ - He came to seek and save that which was lost. [Luk 19:10 NASB95] 10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."
      ii. Christ means the Anointed One and His anointing.

iii. The purpose of the anointing is remove burdens and destroy yokes. [Isa 10:27 NASB95] 27 So it will be in that day, that his burden will be removed from your shoulders and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be broken because of fatness.

d. Understanding His Person [Jhn 11:27 NASB95] 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, [even] He who comes into the world."
   i. Son of God - Martha knew He was God
   ii. Most people serve a little God.
   iii. [Col 2:15 NASB95] 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.
   iv. Jesus paraded the devil.

- Even Now faith based on
  1. Understanding His passion – He loves you.
  2. Understanding His position - Lord
  3. Understanding His purpose - Christ
  4. Understanding His person - Son of God
- Where is your “even now” faith? Do you have a limit that God did not set?