

Key Scripture:

John 20:27 NIV ..."<u>Stop doubting and believe.</u>"

Waiting for a Miracle

John 11:3-7 NLT

3 So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." 4 But when Jesus heard about it He said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death.
No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this."
5 So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, 6 He stayed where Hwas for the next two days. 7 Finally, He said to His disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

John 11:20-26 NLT

20 When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him. But Mary stayed in the house.
 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only You had been here, my brother would not have died.
 22 But even now I know that God will give You whatever You ask."
 23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day."
25 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying. 26 Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

Keep Your Faith In The Waiting

1. Keep *fighting* the enemy.

Luke 13:10-17 ESV

10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And there was a *woman who had had a disabling spirit* for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. 12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." 13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. 16 And ought not this

woman, a daughter of Abraham <u>whom Satan bound for eighteen years</u>, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

2. Keep yourself from being offended.

Matthew 15:25-28 ESV

25 But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And He answered, <u>"It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."</u> 27 She said,

<u>"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."</u> 28 Then Jesus answered her, <u>"O woman, great is your faith!</u> Be it done for you as you desire."

And her daughter was healed instantly.

Believe The Miraculous Messiah

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Luke 7:23 ESV And *blessed is the one who is not offended by Me.*

3. Keep the right attitude.

Philippians 2:5 NLT You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

4. Keep in the <u>Word</u>.

John 11:26 NLT

<u>Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me</u> will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

John 15:7 NLT

But if you remain in Me and <u>My words remain in you</u>, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

5. Keep your <u>friends</u> close.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 CEV

9 <u>You are better off to have a friend</u> than to be all alone...10 If you fall, <u>your friend</u> <u>can help you up.</u> But if you fall without <u>having a friend nearby</u>, you are really in trouble.

John 11:38-44

38 Jesus was still angry as He arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. 39 "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible."
40 Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" 41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said,
"Father, thank you for hearing Me. 42 You always hear Me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent Me."
43 Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

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