Podcast Worksheet
Accepting God's Will: The Story of Lazarus

Scriptural Text:
Habakkuk 3:17-18; Luke 8:52; John 11:1-44; 12:11; 1 Corinthians 15:6

Main Points:

1. God is usually doing things in a different way than we would.
2. It can be challenging to reconcile what we know to be true of God with what has happened.
3. God does not view pain as necessarily bad. He uses it, at times, for good in our life.
4. Pain is temporary. It will lead to life if we trust God and believe him.
5. *Our hope in Jesus does not insulate us from life's difficulties, but it does provide a way through and beyond them."* (The Life Application Bible Commentary)
6. Jesus wants to move us through and beyond our pain, something requiring our trust in him.
7. Our pain isn't fatal. It will lead to life, if we trust Jesus.
8. We need never doubt Jesus cares about us. He gave his life for us.
9. It is better to leave questions unanswered that to insert an answer that's wrong or false.
10. We should never assume we see and know everything. Only God can truthfully say that.
11. God doesn't expect us to anticipate his plans, but he does hope we'll trust his character.
12. Accept there will always be a gap between what we know and what God knows.
13. When we don't know what God is doing, let us go back to our foundations of truth.
14. We can miss our window of opportunity, but God never misses his.

Questions:

1. What has led you to feel disappointment with God?

2. How has God moved you through and beyond your pain in the past?

3. What did you hear in the podcast that might encourage you to trust God when things don't make sense?

Prayer of Response:
Lord God, please help me trust your love and wisdom when I don't understand why difficult things are happening. Help me to move through and beyond the painful events in my life. I choose to trust your goodness. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____

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