

# MESSAGE NOTES

## breathless THE LIFE WE LONG FOR

### When Life Gets Messy

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John 11, p.748

#### Your spiritual transformation was never intended to be something that you do on your own.

1. No one can do what Jesus can do (11:25-26):

Only Jesus can raise the dead to life.

2. No one can do what you are supposed to do (11:43-44):

You must respond to the call of Jesus.

3. Jesus will not do what He has created the church community to do (11:44):

We are to help each other in this transformation process.

#### the one thing:

Spiritual transformation requires community.

*Miss something? All of these sermon notes will be available online Monday.*

# TAKING IT HOME NOTES FOR SMALL GROUP & PERSONAL STUDY

## 1 KEEPING IT REAL

People can be bound by any number of things—physical limitations, bad habits, other addictive behaviors, fear of being found out, etc. If you have supported someone in their efforts to be free of such things, share what you can about the experience.

## 2 LOOK AT THE BOOK

In John 8:31-36, Jesus instructs Abraham's offspring regarding what it means to be truly free. Compare and contrast physical and behavioral freedoms with spiritual and emotional freedom.

## 3

Jesus begins Luke 7:41-47 with the parable about a debtor who owes his creditor a large sum of money, and a second debtor who owes the same creditor a much smaller sum of money. Discuss each debtor's ability to empathize and show compassion to others after being forgiven their debts.

## 4

### THE NEXT STEP

Look for an opportunity to share an example of how you have been set free, and how others helped you along the way.

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Ephesians 2:1-5.
- Read the two chapters on graveclothes from *The Lazarus Life* by Stephen W. Smith.
- I want to actively participate in the transformation process (contact me).
- I need to regularly give myself a grace and truth evaluation.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### MAY

WAYPOINT: SHIFT .....	25
FAMILY SUNDAY (ONE 9 AM SERVICE) .....	29
MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) .....	30

### JUNE

COMMUNITY PRAY FOR OUR NATION NIGHT .....	8
MEN'S BREAKFAST .....	11
GRADUATION SUNDAY .....	12
FATHER'S DAY .....	19