

LAZARUS

Do you ever feel like you're sleepwalking through life?
What does that mean? What makes you wake up, with new life?



LUKE 7:11-17

As Jesus and his disciples were traveling, they met a funeral procession. A widow's only son was being carried out for burial. When Jesus saw her, his heart broke. He told her not to cry, and went over and touched the bier, or stretcher, they were using to carry the woman's dead son. Jesus told him to get up, and he did. Jesus presented him to his mother.

TALK ABOUT THIS:

This woman lost her husband and her only son. In the ancient world, this would have left her destitute as well as sad. Her life would be over. But Jesus sees the widow's grief and his heart aches. Jesus breaks a religious law by touching the stretcher that carries her dead son. This makes him "unclean." Jesus doesn't just bring the boy back to life; he brings the widow back to life, too.

Why does Jesus lead with compassion and love instead of religious rules? Are we like that? Are our opinions and conversations about the hot topics in this country weighted down by judgment and religious law? Do we see the issue rather than the person it affects? Why? How can this story speak into our lives?



RESURRECTION

How awake are you? Is there any part of you that needs new life?



RESURRECTION

How awake is your faith community? Is there any part of your church that needs new life?



PROGRESS

How awake is your city, state or nation? What would change if we all brought a new sense of aliveness and compassion to the world?

FAITH5

A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day.

READ the Bible story.

TALK about how the story relates to your highs and lows.

PRAY for one another's highs and lows.

BLESS one another.

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