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IF...

"Martha then said to Jesus, Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. John 11:21

You know you think you're moving along with God. You think you are doing well, then you realize you are an unbeliever. Oh, not the kind of unbeliever that would threaten your right standing with God. It's the kind of unbelief that has a form of godliness, but denies the power of God!

I think God speaks to me at times when I have my defenses down. I may be playing a game or in the shower or just waking up when He drops something in my heart. This morning it was "if only..." as I was waking up. We see this with Mary and Martha after Lazarus had died. Both of them made this statement, ***"if You had been here, my brother would not have died."***

Of course, they believed Jesus made the difference, but since He hadn't been there, they didn't think there was any hope. They left their faith at "if You had been here". We do it, too.

If (fill in name here) could pray for me, I would be healed.
If I had ever heard of that happening to someone else, I could believe it.
If I saw any sign of an answer, I could believe it was true.
If I felt anything, I would know God was with me.
If I didn't have debt, I could believe God could supply my need.
If I wasn't so much older, I could still believe God had a plan for my life.
If I knew more, I could teach or preach the word.
If...If...If...

Notice, each of these statements is dependent upon a visible sign. If I have a sign – it doesn't take a whole lot of faith. I don't need a physical sign although it is always encouraging, but I do have the word of God. God's word is TRUE. ***"God is not a man, that He should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that He should feel repentance or compunction [for what He has promised]. Has He said and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good?" Numbers 23:19 AMP*** God is not a man. He is unlike anyone else you have ever dealt with. If He said it, He meant it.

Many have been through a long and difficult season, but we have this promise: ***"And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint." Galatians 6:9 AMP***



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Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your “if only’s”. You might be surprised where you left your faith.

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