

Awakened Out of Sleep Steve Johnson  
John 11: 6, 11-46

- v.6,  
15      1.      God allows time for circumstances to be set up in His time and for His glory to be revealed.  
(When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where He was.)
- v.11      2.      God is aware aforehand of circumstances which trouble man's hearts.  
(Our friend Lazarus sleepeth ...)
- v.12,  
32,39      3.      Man's problem is he generally underestimates or over exaggerates the real circumstances which trouble him.  
(if he sleeps, he shall do well.)
- v.14      4.      God knows precisely the need of His influence.  
(Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.)
- v.17      5.      The problems men have are assuredly affixed.  
(Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.)
- v.19      6.      The comfort of men in trying times is not all sufficient.  
The comfort of Christ is.  
(And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.)
- v.25,  
26      7.      God prompts a believer's faith to trust in Him amidst difficult circumstances.  
(Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: ...)
- v.27      8.      God often finds the faith of his servants immature or incomplete.  
(She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.)
- v.33-  
39      9.      Man's assessment of life's limitations differ from God's.  
(...for he hath been dead four days)
- v.40-  
42      10.      God knows of heaven's limitless resources.  
(see the glory of God ...)
- v.43      11.      God issues His call on circumstances to yield to His purpose.  
(And when He thus had spoken He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.)
- v.44      12.      The dominion which circumstances seemingly hold is yielded up to the higher dominion of Christ's rule.  
(And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.)

- v.44 13. Circumstances can be either binding or freeing depending on the influence of God's presence.  
(he...came for bound...with grave clothes...Jesus saith unto them, Loose him and let him go.)
- v.45 God's message to some brings liberty, to others reveals a preference for bondage.  
46 (Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him,)  
(But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.)
- v.45 14. Some men are awakened out of their sleep; Some remain asleep.  
49 (many of the Jews ...believed on Him)  
(And one of them named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, ye know nothing at all,)