

# **THIS WILL NOT END IN DEATH**

**1-DAY MINI STUDY**



**A GATHERING WELL BIBLE STUDY**

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An 1-day Mini Study designed to draw you into God's Living Word.

This study is meant to help you grow closer in relationship to God.

Just like how all our relationships look different, so too do each of God's relationships with His children. You are one of those children!

God's relationship with you will look a little different than others around you, and that's a good thing! God is a personal and intimate God.

We encourage you to actively engage in this study.

It's recommended that you find a quiet space free of clutter and dedicate time to your study.

Answer the response questions as thoroughly and thoughtfully as you can. Find the Scripture references in your Bible and explore the surrounding context.

You have permission to be confused about things. The fun part about studying the Bible is seeking out and discovering the answers!

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# Icon Key

This study follows the basic layout below. Please note that some Days have multiple pages, and that some Days have more or less content than others.



**Directions and reflection question(s).**



*Read this  
Scripture*

*Space to write a response.*

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Information to read about the Scripture, questions, reflections, and other thoughts to guide you through the study.



**A “deep dive” section that is completely optional. Usually requires background knowledge to complete.**

*Space to write a response.*

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*A prayer that you can say outloud or write in a journal.*

*This line indicates the end of content for that Day.*

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# DAY 1



Read the verses, then answer the following questions.



*John 11:4*  
*Mark 39-40*  
*John 16:19-21*

Based on what you might know about these passages, what do these references all have in common?

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Your list might include that Jesus said all these quotes, and that their themes revolve around something that seems dead or painful, but that supposedly life or joy will come from it.

Each of the quotes are said by Jesus before he raises Lazarus from the dead (*John 11:4*), before he raised a young girl from the dead (*Mark 5:39-40*), and before he himself dies... and eventually is raised from the dead (*John 16:19-21*).

Thinking figuratively, have you ever experienced trying to “birth” something? Meaning, have you ever pursued or worked on something for a long time to help it grow, and the critical moments of that pursuit’s “birth” were painful?



Were you able to see it through, and afterward found that the joy about the arrival of that thing, made you forget the pain of before, or even makes you look back on the pain fondly?

This could apply to investing in a relationship, building a business, pursuing higher education, growing crops or a window plant, or maybe you’ve given real childbirth like the example in the scripture above.

Life is full of “births.” It could be argued that “birth” itself, and all that it implies, is the definition of life. Life is also full of death.

Following the examples from before, we see “deaths” in relationship breakups, a business failing, flunking an important test, the season of winter, or growing out of old clothes and mindsets. Ironically, in the way God set our world up, for something to keep living, death is often required.

Life is full of unexpected twists. Maybe down the road you realize that you would have never met the love of your life had you stayed with an ex. Maybe you would have completely missed the business opportunity of your life if your old company had survived. Maybe you pivoted your degree and enjoy it much more now.

A seed must be buried before it can sprout to life. Roots must grow in the dark before fruit can be enjoyed in the light. And even then, after it sprouts, before it sees any fruit, it must continually shed old growth to make room for new.



**Have you ever experienced a “death” and “birth” in your own life? This could be literally or figuratively. How did you feel in the moments leading up to the “death.” How did you feel when “life” came?**

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**For those who might not have experienced the “life” part of this equation yet, how do you feel in this waiting period between death and life?**

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To read the full referenced Bible stories, see below:

John 11:1-47, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Mark 5:1-43, Jesus raises a dead girl and heals a sick women.

John 16:16-35, Jesus talking to his disciples about his death. For the full context of this conversation, start at 12:20.

What Jesus said was true, but the people around him did not understand.

“This will not end in death” made Jesus seem like an out-of-touch wishful thinker to a crowd who knows a girl has died. But to a compassionate Jesus, the crowd seemed uninformed.

The people saw death as the last chapter in a book never to be opened again. But Jesus knew that he would raise the girl, and that truly, this would not end in death. A new chapter had just begun.

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In what ways might God call to “life” something you thought was dead? It might not always happen the way we want it to, but God doesn’t waste any situation. He’s a God of Life, not death.

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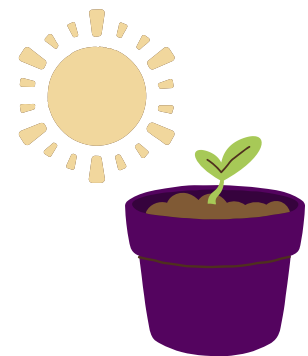
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*“God, you are Holy. I choose to believe that somehow, you bring life from death. I’ve experienced a lot of pain from deaths in my life. I know you experienced the same kind of pain and more, having to watch your Son be humiliated, betrayed, and tortured.*

*Thank you for loving me that much. I know I can’t pay that back, and I don’t have to, because you love me freely.*

*Holy Spirit, please bring me comfort in times of death in my life. You know that it’s hard for me to see the mountaintop from a distance when I’m in a valley. Remind me that you hold my hand through it. Help me be vulnerable with you about what I’m going through. How do you feel about the situation I’m in? Thank you for permission to grieve.*

*Thank you that your joy in your resurrected Son was worth his death to you. Thank you that this applies to me too, as your adopted son or daughter. Help me die to my fleshly desires that I might live fully in you.*

*In Jesus name. To you be the Power and Glory and Honor forever and ever. Amen.”*

And remember, this will not end in death.

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**Mark 5:39-40**



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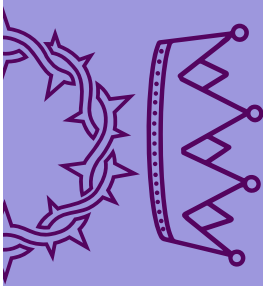
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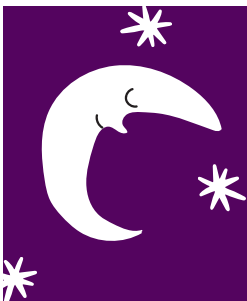
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John 16:19

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**John 16:20**  
Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy.



**John 16:21**  
When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

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