**John**

*The Compassion of Jesus*

*John 11:28-36*

Outline

* Listen for the Lord ( v28)
* Learn from the Lord (v 29)
* Let the Lord Deal with You Uniquely
* Love that Jesus Feels Your Agony and Pain

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* Dr. William Coltman, the pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church in Michigan from 1914-1956, wrote

Until I learned to trust, I never learned to pray;

And I did not learn to fully trust ’til sorrows came my way.

Until I felt my weakness, His strength I never knew;

Nor dreamed ’til I was stricken that He could see me through.

Who deepest drinks of sorrow, drinks deepest, too, of grace;

He sends the storm so He Himself can be our hiding place.

His heart that seeks our highest good, knows well when things annoy;

We would not long for heaven if earth held only joy.

Let the Lord Deal with You Uniquely

* Notice, how differently Jesus addresses Mary versus Martha
* Application – Be sensitive to the unique personalities of others when we try to comfort or help them in difficult situations.

Love that Jesus Feels Your Agony and Pain

* Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:3)
* Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16)
* Psalm 103: 13 Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him. 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust. (Psalms 103:13-14)
* NOTE – The Bible mentions Jesus weeping three times, though it never mentions Jesus laughing.
  + Luke 19:41And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, (Luke 19:41)
  + Hebrews 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; (Hebrews 5:7)
* While no laughter is mentioned, Jesus did rejoice!
  + Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. (Luke 10:21)