

**Dr. Selwyn Q. Bachus Sermon Notes**  
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**Everybody Wins When Our Hearts Break**  
**John 11**  
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There are a lot of people sick people in the world but they are not all in hospitals or the emergency room. Some are sick and tired, some are sick of life, some are sick of worrying, some are sick of pain, some are sick of being lied on and lied to, but the bottom line is that they are all sick.

In our text for today, we find Lazarus, the friend of Jesus sick. Mary and Martha, Lazarus' sisters send for Jesus, but Jesus does not come when they call. When Jesus finally arrived to the home of Mary, and Martha, Lazarus had been dead for 4 days. Mary and Martha say to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died."

Verse 35 records, "Jesus Wept." The language in the original Greek would suggest that Jesus burst into tears, he lost it; his heart was broken. Not so much because Lazarus was dead, but because of love, sympathy and mercy. Because Jesus was moved to tears and his heart broke, it moved him to action to do something about Lazarus' condition. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

The question the sermon raises for us on today is this. What in life moves us to tears, breaks our hearts, and causes us to take action. Is it verbal abuse, gun and gang violence? Is it cancer, drunk drivers, or abuse to children and older adults? What breaks your heart? Or are we so numb to the horrid conditions of life that we no longer have feelings for injustices whatever they may be.

When we are moved to tears and our hearts are broken, we will take action to improve the living conditions and quality of life for all; and when we do this, **EVERYBODY WINS!!!**