

# GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF: IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING!

## GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF OF DEATH

JOHN 11



### The Heart of the Matter

Most people do everything in their power to ignore or deny the finality of death. Due to modern advances in science, some people can spend years without being exposed to death's harsh reality. But no one can live a full lifetime of escape and denial. Eventually, we are forced to face the inevitable. When struck with the loneliness brought on by death, we need help. Fortunately, there is One who both understands our grief and gives us the power to endure.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Familiar Reactions to the Subject of Death

We deal with death in various ways. Some of us make light of it or ignore it. Others make it beautiful or leave it cloaked in mystery. But there will come a time when death will no longer be funny or distant, beautiful or mysterious. Death comes to us all.

#### 2. Death at Bethany: A Story of Grief and Faith (John 11:1–46)

Even Jesus encountered the reality of death when His friend Lazarus became sick and died. And as we so often see in our lives, some assigned blame because they felt Lazarus's death was preventable. However, Jesus prayed for His friend to live and grief changed to belief.

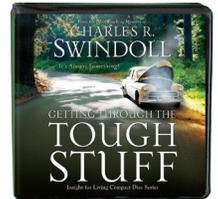


### Starting Your Journey

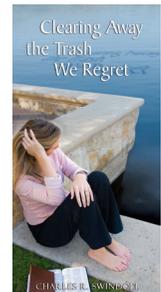
What about you? Are you ready for death? The question is not: Do you have eternal life? We all do. The real question is: Where will you spend the life to come?



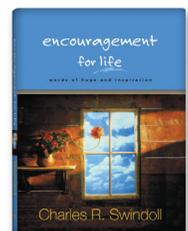
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