



## SELF SUFFICIENCY

Have you ever thought about the words of Jesus in the account of the death of Lazarus: "LAZARUS IS DEAD AND I AM GLAD." Not exactly what you might expect to see on a bumper sticker. If you finish the statement it reads: ""I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent that you may believe" (Luke 11:14,15).

1. Where is God in your time of need? God is careful and methodical in how He works with His children. God has to bring us to an end of our ideas, resources, strength, plans, hopes, and dreams to remind us that IT IS ALL ABOUT HIM.
2. Signs that I am not trusting God: Impatience, criticism, hopelessness, criticism, anger, and/or bitterness.
3. What good outcome was Jesus working for in the case of Lazarus?
4. Should the good you desire not come to pass, what is your next move?
5. Mary and Martha got what they wanted, it just did not come the way they anticipated. Can you handle that?
6. As long as we are in control, what does that do to God?