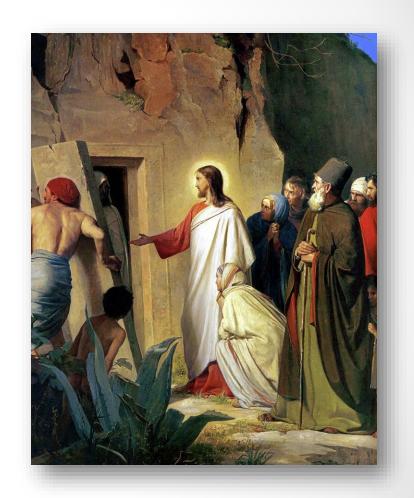
"So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was"



John 11:6

# When God is Silent!

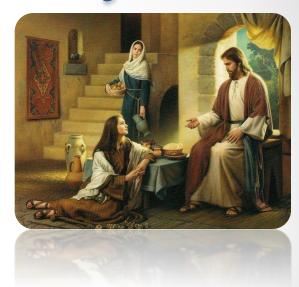


"Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God"

**Psalm 83:1** 

# 1. Martha and Mary

- It was a test of their love towards the Lord
- Their faith while still in pain is what counted at the end:
  "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" John 11:40



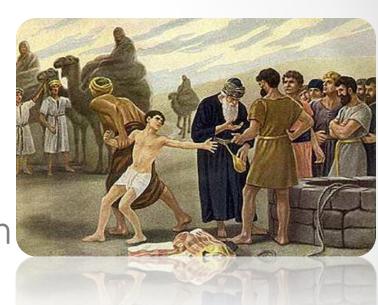
### 2. Adam and Eve

- The Lord was silent while seeing them tempted and transgressing His command
- It is the sign of His respect to man's free will and the fairness of their test



# 3. Joseph

- He suffered for 13 years in Egypt with no word from God to comfort him
- It was the way to teach him patience and set before us the example of walking faithfully with no signs



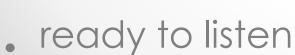
### 4. The Israelites

 "So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob." Exodus 2:24

 The process of deliverance and the preparation of Moses; God was silent but He was not inactive

## 5. Job

- "If I cry out concerning wrong,
   I am not heard.
   If I cry aloud, there is no
   justice" Job 19:7
- God started to answer Job when Job gave up on justifying himself and was





# 6. King Saul

 "And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets"

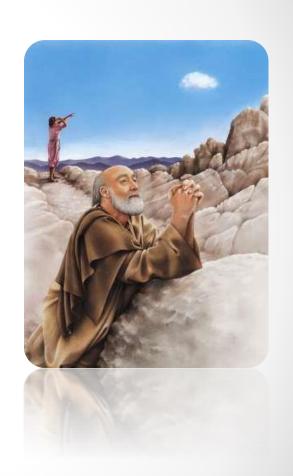


#### 1 Samuel 28:6

 God rejected Saul and he didn't answer him because of his evil doings

# 7. Elijah (1)

- "Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said,
  'There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!'" 1 Kings 18:44
- The lesson of perseverance in calling even if there is no response



# 7. Elijah (2)

 "I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs" Luke 11:8



### 8. The Father of the Lost Son

 "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything" Luke 15:16

### The lost son wouldn't learn his life lesson if his father pitied him while away



### 9. Herod

- "Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing" Luke 23:9
- A lesson on silence when
   talking with the unreasonable,
   the scoffers, the foolish, and
   the biased



### 10. The Canaanite Woman

"'Have mercy on me, O Lord,
 Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed'
 But He answered her not a word." Matthew 15:22-23



 His silence was to praise her faith and show an example of a true believer