

THE LAZARUS LIFE

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*Sometimes reading...
I look out at everything
growing so wild and faithfully beneath
the sky and wonder
why we are the one terrible part of creation
privileged to refuse our flowering.
– David Whyte "The Sun"*

*"I am not what I ought to be.
I am not what I want to be.
I am not what I hope to be.
But by the grace of God,
I am not what I was."
– John Newton*

John 11:44

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Raising of Lazarus by Giotto di Bondone



Rejection - I'm not _____ enough.

"On one side of the family, the cousins are called insecurity, low self-esteem, low self-worth, inferiority, and even self-hate. On the other side of the family—and it can be surprising to learn these are related—the cousins are called driven to succeed, perfectionism, winning at all costs, and being an overachiever...If you've been told you're worthless, then you think low of yourself. And if you've been told you're only valuable when you perform, then you think you've got to prove yourself every single time to be accepted. Both methods of coping are signs you're battling the giant of rejection." – Louie Giglio

Guilt - I can't get over it.

Shame - I'm a failure.

Resentment - I can't let it go.

Control - I know what's best.

Addiction - I can't function without it.

Approval - I'm pre-occupied with what others think of me.

Fear/Anxiety - I can't do this.

"The antidote to fear is faith, and the soundtrack of faith is worship. God encourages us to put on a garment of praise when we feel entangled by the spirit of heaviness. He gives us songs in the night, anthems for the dark night of the soul where worry and stress and fear lurk about. Our invitation is to preload our journey with playlists of worship. Sing into the face of the uncertainty about a sure and unchanging God. We have the ability to determine where we look and to whom we look." – Louie Giglio