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"Master, come and see," they said. Now Jesus wept.

The Jews said, "Look how deeply he loved him."

Others among them said, "Well, if he loved him so much, why didn't he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man." Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, "Master, by this time there's a stench. He's been dead four days!" Jesus looked her in the

eye. "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

Then, to the others, "Go ahead, take away the stone." They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Father, I'm grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I've spoken so that they might believe that you sent me."

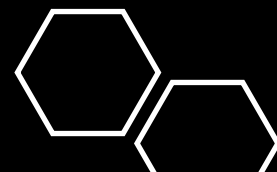
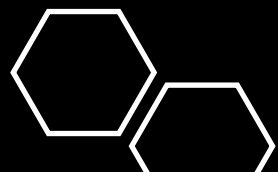
Then he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him loose."

»» GOD CAN _____ YOU AND LET YOU _____.

»» A DEEPER _____ REQUIRES
A DEEPER _____.

»» IF YOU ARE _____ FOR THEM,
ARE YOU _____ FOR THEM?

Consider those you have lost. If they were sitting in the room with you right now and saw your life, what advice would they give you? What would they say?



This week, arrange a time to meet with at least two others in your group to talk about what it is you've loved and lost. Prior to your meeting, write your responses to the questions below. Let these responses serve as a starting point for your discussion.

#1 – WHAT IS IT THAT YOU'VE LOST?

#2 – WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

#3 – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LET IT GO?

