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## Broken Dreams and Blessed Realities - John 20:11-18

Change: A letting go and a grabbing on

Spring: New greenery means a newer plant, things shed and added

Humans: New cells replace old, memory built and trimmed

Time Marches On: We can get mired in the past good and bad

Try to hold on without embracing the present and growing

Keeps us past focused and hope deprived

Mary's grief: Rabbi is dead and missing. Why does she seek him?

Her dreams lie shattered before her

How does she move forward with an unattainable assumed future

How do you manage life with broken people and broken dream

Hope: Remember the promise and trust in its fulfillment

Then she hears her name. Rabbi, Don't hold on I must go

You must go. Will She Listen? She must let go to gain better

Abandon Her will for His will

Will she love him or herself more? It is a matter of "wills"

C.S. Lewis: Love is an affair of the will. Mere Christianity

Pride inhibits love: Pride is about competition-My will

"The greatest sin with the greatest misery" Lewis

Luke 22:39-44 If you are willing, yet not my will

Angels strengthened still in anguish kept praying

Disciples: Spirit is willing but the body is weak

On the Cross: An act of will to love your neighbor when your neighbor includes your enemy

Pressed not Crushed

Perplexed not in Despair

Persecuted not Abandoned

Struck Down not Destroyed

2Cor 4:13-18 The will to trust results in thanksgiving

Don't lose heart: outward wasting away inwardly renewed

With fixed eyes on the unseen promised eternity

The one who raised Jesus will raise us

Hope in the next world causes us to act in this world Lewis

Hebrews 12:1-3

For the Joy set Before Him – Living the Promise today

Throwing off the old

We must grieve the broken dreams and embrace reality?

Our response: Identify the fight, Throw off hindrances, Let go of controlling behaviors, Be Salt and Light