

## **“Wake Up With Purpose”**

### **Points To Ponder:**

- If you get off track with God, emotions can be the biggest destruction to your life.
- What goes on between your ears will affect your destiny.
- One negative thought can cause years of problems.
- The difference between a dream and fantasy, fantasy can be derailed by excuses.
- You will never accomplish your dreams if you let them get derailed by excuses.
- If it's really your dream you don't have to take "NO" for an answer.
- Dreams don't die to excuses.
- Whatever your dream is, it will be scary – it forces you to trust God.

### **SCRIPTURE READING:** John 11:1 – 39

1. Lazarus is sick and dying.
2. Jesus informs His disciples He will be going to "wake" Lazarus from his sleep.

**Why does it seem that what seems dead to us is only "asleep" to God?  
Why do you think Lazarus' condition didn't scare Jesus?**

3. The disciples are fearful to travel to the area where Lazarus lives.
4. Jesus waits 2 more days before heading out to Lazarus' home to raise him up.

**Why does it seem God is often "late" with the answer to our requests?**

5. When Jesus arrives He is informed that Lazarus is indeed dead.
6. Mary and Martha, Lazarus' sisters come out to meet Jesus.
7. After a brief discussion Jesus informs them that Lazarus will indeed live.
8. He instructs the sisters to 'roll away the stone' that is sealing up Lazarus' grave.
9. The sisters begin to make excuse about "the grave stinking" since it's been 4 days.

**Why do you think it's important to "roll away the stone" of our excuses if we are to see God work?**

**Why do you think Jesus didn't roll away the stone?**

**How do you see excuses hindering God's best in your life?**

**How can excuses rob us of expecting God's supernatural help?**