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## SCRIPTURE of the DAY

1st Reading Ez 37:12
"I am the Lord"

Psalm 129
"Lord, hear my voice"

2nd Reading Rm 8: 10 "Christ is in you"

Gospel Jn 11:1-45
"Lazarus, come out!"



The desire for something new is revealed whenever we say, "If only \_\_\_." Fill in the blank with whatever it is, that would make you feel complete. We are looking for something new whenever we try to make ourselves better. Sometimes grief, sorrow, exhaustion, and confusion, overwhelm us and we wish for something better. Sometimes we seek something new, in our lives.

In this week's Gospel we hear Jesus say, "Take away the stone. "What are the stones that block us, from making a change? What do we need to do, to "take away the stone." that block us from making a change? Who could help us with that?

Jesus cried out, 'Lazarus, come out!'" What's the first step, we need to take in order to come out, to be made new? Jesus isn't asking us to do anything he hasn't already done. He also took a first step out of the tomb, "so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Jesus said, "Unbind him, and let him go." If we are unwilling to unbind and let go, nothing can be made new.

Encourage every member of our family, to write down in a piece of paper the part or parts of our family life that we need to unbind? (there is no need to write our names) Find a box and a suitable place, to drop these papers. Make time, each day as a family asking Jesus to unbind us, from these difficulties. It's a way of making our family focus on Jesus.

