

**JOHN 14:1FF.**  
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Subject: A troubled heart in troubling times

Theme: Our assurance of deliverance from all life's foibles.

Proposition: Are you experiencing the "trouble" free walk with Jesus that He desires for you?

**Let not your heart be troubled** BECAUSE:

1. CHRIST IS PREPARING A PLACE FOR US V. 2
2. CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN TO RECEIVE US UNTO HIS FATHER'S HOME  
V. 3
3. CHRIST DESIRES US IN HIS PRESENCE V. 3
4. CHRIST IS ONE WITH THE FATHER - AND WE KNOW GOD BY KNOWING JESUS V. 1 & 7-10

At the very least, the latter half of **chapter 13** was more than a little disconcerting to the ears of the disciples.

**Jesus has talked of his betrayal, his departure, and Peter's denial.**

Perhaps in the minds of some of those gathered there, Jesus' statement to Peter may have caused them to think that perhaps Peter himself was the one who Christ spoke of as the betrayer.

The same disciples who had participated in the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem a few hours earlier, were now seeing their world crumble around them.

YOU HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCES IN YOUR LIFE – TIMES WHEN YOUR HEART IS TROUBLED:

- ❖ A CHANGE IN YOUR FINANCES,
  - THE LOSS OF A JOB,
    - THE DEATH OF A SPOUSE,
      - A CHILD WHO, FOR A SEASON, DENIES THE LORD.

JESUS HAS RECORDED FOR US IN HIS WORD SOME SOUND WORDS OF ASSURANCE IN **JOHN 14:**

John 14:1 **LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED**:ye believe in God, believe also in me.

The opening verses of this chapter are oft repeated because of the comfort they bring to God's children – but the whole chapter may rightfully be seen as [a treatise of the assurance of our on-going relationship](#) with the Risen Savior.

**JOHN 14 IS A CHAPTER OF ASSURANCE:**

- \*1-3 = THE ASSURANCE OF OUR ETERNAL SECURITY
- \*4-6 = THE ASSURANCE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP TO JESUS CHRIST
- \*7-11 = THE ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE FATHER
- \*10 = THE ASSURANCE THAT THE FATHER WORKS IN CHRIST
- \*12-14 = THE ASSURANCE OF OUR SUFFICIENCY IN CHRIST

\*15 = THE ASSURANCE THAT CHRIST'S LOVE ENABLES US TO OBEY HIM

\*16-17 = THE ASSURANCE OF THE COMING OF THE COMFORTER

\*18-19 = THE ASSURANCE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

\*20 = THE ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.

\*21 = THE ASSURANCE OF THE LOVE OF THE FATHER.

\*23-25 THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S ABIDING PRESENCE AND LOVE FOR US

\*26 = THE ASSURANCE OF THE ABIDING PRESENCE AND TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

\*27 = THE ASSURANCE OF PEACE

\*28 = THE ASSURANCE THAT OUR FUTURE STATE SURPASSES OUR PRESENT STATE

\*29 = THE ASSURANCE OF THE OMNISCIENCE OF CHRIST

\*30-31 THE ASSURANCE OF THE OMNIPOTENCE OF CHRIST

- DO NOT LET YOUR HEART BE STIRRED UP, DISTURBED, UNSETTLED, THROWN INTO CONFUSION
  - DO NOT GET CAUGHT UP IN A STATE OF MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL AGITATION -
    - DO NOT BE INTIMIDATED BY THE AFFAIRS OF THIS WORLD !

## I WILL BE BETRAYED - I AM GOING AWAY - PETER IS GOING TO DENY ME - LIVE BY A NEW COMMANDMENT

JOHN 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: **ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

IN SPITE OF THE EVENTS ABOUT TO TRANSPIRE - BE AWARE THAT THAT **YOUR FAITH IN ME IS TO BE AS UNSHAKEABLE AS YOUR FAITH IN THE FATHER.**

We should pray with the **Psalmist**:

"Oh keep my soul, and deliver me: **LET ME NOT BE ASHAMED**;(disappointed) for I put my trust in thee." **Ps. 25:20**

THE SAME CONFIDENCE THAT THE PSALMIST EXPRESSED IN GOD IS NOW TO BE EXHIBITED TOWARD HIS SON!

John 14:1 - **LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED:**

## WHY?

**1ST - BECAUSE JESUS HAS GONE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR US.**

**IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS.** THEY ARE **IN** THE FATHER'S HOUSE. **THEY ARE ALREADY THERE.** BUT WITHIN THESE MANSIONS, THESE ABODES, JESUS IS PREPARING A **PLACE** FOR US.

MOST OF THE ADULTS HERE HAVE HAD NEW CHILDREN TO COME INTO OUR HOME. WE MADE SPECIAL PREPARATIONS FOR THEM. WE PREPARED A PLACE FOR THEM. IT WAS NOT A NEW HOME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WAS BUILT FOR THEM, **BUT RATHER IT WAS A PLACE IN OUR HOME.** THIS IS WHAT JESUS IS DOING FOR US!

(Sitcom - Cosby kids on TV. One room apartment. Bought a Chinese room divider in order to have a room for the coming baby. They were preparing a PLACE in their home.)

Illus: – in 1987 – we had our third child on the way – and **GBC** graciously **prepared a place** for **Eric**. **The parsonage was already there – but a place was prepared.**

Jesus Christ has physically preceded us in order that he might prepare a place for us in our Fathers house.

Our hope is not for pie in the sky by and by - but it is hope in God who assures us that there is a life to come in which we will dwell perpetually in the **safety of His home** – **IN A PLACE THAT HE HAS PREPARED**. It is in fact a “a prepared place for a prepared people!”

### **LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED :**

**2 NDLY** BECAUSE JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF WILL COME AND RECEIVE US UNTO HIMSELF.

**14:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and **receive you unto myself**; that where I **am**, *there ye may be also*.

**AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION** - WHEN THE DISCIPLES LOOKED INTO THE EMPTY TOMB - WE READ:

**John 20:10** Then the disciples went away again **UNTO THEIR OWN HOME**. HE HAD TOLD THEM THAT HE WAS GOING AWAY AND THAT THEY COULD NOT COME!

**BUT JESUS PROMISES** US THAT THERE IS A TIME COMING **WHEN HE WILL TAKE US WITH HIM**.

**I Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. WHEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS.

**I John 3:2** Beloved, **NOW** are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we **SHALL BE**: **BUT WE KNOW THAT, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.**

### **LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED**

**3 rdly** I DESIRE THAT YOU BE WITH ME!

**John 14:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; **that where I am, there ye may be also**.

THE LORD OF LORDS AND **KING OF KINGS DESIRES TO FELLOWSHIP WITH ME!**

AND **WONDER OF WONDERS** - HE DESIRES TO FELLOWSHIP WITH **YOU ALSO**.

COMFORT ONE ANOTHER - **LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED!**

HE NOT ONLY DESIRES IT - HE HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE!

**14: 4-6**

**John 14:4** And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

**5** Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

**6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

IN THE O.T. THE WAY INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES, THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD, THE INNERMOST SANCTUARY AND THE MEETING PLACE OF MAN AND GOD, - **THIS WAY WAS** SPRINKLED WITH BLOOD.

**BUT NOW, THE WAY INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD, IS THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS.**

14:6 - I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man **cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**JESUS DOES NOT POINT THE WAY – HE IS THE WAY**

There was fear and uncertainty in the hearts of the 11, death's shadow had cast an ominous light on their parade - but death itself has been swallowed up by the mere shadow of the cross!

WITHOUT THE **WAY** - YOU CAN NOT **GO**

WITHOUT THE **TRUTH** - YOU CAN NOT **KNOW**

WITHOUT THE **LIFE** - YOU CAN NOT **LIVE!**

BUT WE HAVE **THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE** - JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF!

**LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED:**

**TO PHILIP, YOU KNOW THE WAY - I AM THE WAY! YOU KNOW ME - THEREFORE YOU KNOW GOD!**

**14:7** . If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

**PHILIP'S HEART WAS STILL SOMEWHAT TROUBLED - SHOW US THE FATHER! 14:8**

PHILIP WAS ONE WHO HAD RECOGNIZED JESUS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING –

**John 1:45** Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, **We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**

**HERE WAS ONE WHOSE FAITH HAD BEEN CORRECT FROM THE MOMENT HE FIRST MET JESUS - YET NOW HIS HEART BEGAN TO BE TROUBLED!**

BUT JESUS SAYS **LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED:**

WHY? **V . 7 , 9-11**

**John 14:7** If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

9. Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

4 thly **JESUS IS ONE WITH THE FATHER, AND WE ARE ONE WITH JESUS**

14:20 “At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. “

**IS YOUR HEART TROUBLED?** BELIEVE IN THE LORD - **IF NOT IN HIS WORD - IN HIS WORKS THAT HE DEMONSTRATED TO US (14:11)**. Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else **believe me for the very works' sake**.

DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN THE UNCERTAINTIES OF LIFE. EVEN WHEN ALL APPEARS LOST - HOPE IN GOD!

JESUS IN HIS MINISTRY ON EARTH WAS REJECTED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM BEST – (*neighbors*)

**Matthew 13:57** And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, **A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house.**

BUT YET:

**Philippians 2:9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is **above every name**: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

IF WE SUFFER WITH HIM - WE WILL LIKEWISE SHARE IN HIS GLORY.

( I John 3:2 - WE ARE **NOW** THE CHILDREN OF GOD)

**Romans 8:17** And if CHILDREN, then HEIRS; HEIRS of God, and JOINT-HEIRS with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH THE AGES WHO HAVE SUFFERED, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THEY DID NOT ALL KNOW WHAT IT MEANT TO SUFFER "WITH HIM". TO TRULY SUFFER WITH HIM, WE MUST BE IN HIM, AND THIS WE CAN ONLY DO WHEN WE PUT OUR FULL FAITH IN GOD.