

JOHN 14:15-31

JESUS PROMISES

As the conversation continues, Jesus shifts from their future hope to their present need.

He knows He is going away, but He also knows they will not be alone.

“If you love me, keep my commands” (14:15). Love for Jesus is not just words; it is expressed in trust and obedience. And for those who follow Him, Jesus makes a remarkable promise to send “another advocate” (14:16).

This Helper, the Holy Spirit, will not simply visit them but dwell within them. He will teach, remind, guide, and comfort. Jesus reassures them, “I will not leave you as orphans” (14:18a). Though He is leaving physically, His presence will remain.

In a world that feels uncertain, Jesus offers something deeper than circumstances can provide:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (14:27 ESV).

This is not a fragile or temporary peace. It is grounded in His presence and sustained by the Spirit. The disciples may not fully understand what lies ahead, but they are given what they need—a promise that Jesus will remain with them through the Spirit.

DAILY READINGS

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| I. JOHN 14:15-31 | V. ACTS 1:4-11 |
| II. 2 CORINTHIANS 6:16-7:1 | VI. ACTS 2:1-13 |
| III. MATTHEW 28:16-20 | VII. ACTS 2:14-41 |
| IV. ROMANS 8:26-30 | |

MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 14:27

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“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, ³¹ but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.”

DISCUSSION

Do you have any special items that help you remember someone who has passed away? Maybe it's a photo, a piece of clothing, or a small keepsake tied to a shared memory. What helps you remember them?

Read John 14:15-31 aloud.

As you walk back through the passage, note each reference to the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit, including pronouns. What do you learn about the Trinity from this section?

Jesus will say much more about the Holy Spirit in the chapters ahead, but what can we learn about the Spirit and His work just from these verses? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit at work in your own life?

How does Jesus connect love and obedience in this passage? (See verses 14:15, 21, 23, and 24.) What does this reveal about the way we are called to live?

Jesus says the Spirit will remind us of His words (v. 26). What does this teach us about the importance of knowing Scripture? Share a time when the Spirit brought a particular verse to mind right when you needed it.

Jesus promises a peace that the world cannot give (v. 27). Share about a time when you experienced this kind of peace. How is the peace of Christ different from the peace the world offers?

The end of chapter 14 signals a shift in the narrative. Before we “leave” the upper room in our study to take a walk with Jesus and the disciples, take a moment to reflect on John 13 and 14 together. What have you taken away from these chapters?

What is the Lord teaching you? How can your group pray for one another as you continue this journey?



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