



Choose Confidence

John 14

**Look at what Jesus
has promised us!**

Let not your heart be troubled . . .

1. Read John chapter 14. John chapters 13-17 is a conversation Jesus had with his disciples right before his death. It's as if this is his farewell speech and here we see a glimpse into the heart of Jesus for his disciples. This section is what he wanted them to hang on to when he was gone. **In chapter 14**, look for specific promises that Jesus made to his disciples. Why would Jesus's disciples have needed to hear this?

Which of these promises do you need most at this time in your life?

2. Read John 14:1. Notice the phrase "let not your hearts be troubled." See what empathy Jesus has for his disciples. He knows that the next day he will endure the worst imaginable torture and death, and yet he is concerned because he can tell that his disciples are troubled. What does Jesus say in this verse that will ease a troubled heart? _____ How does this tie into **verses 2 and 3**?

In **14:1, 10, 11** what does Jesus want his followers to believe? Why is this so important?

Describe the word "believe." Are there levels of belief? What does it look like to truly believe in Jesus?

3. in **John 14:27** Jesus also says, "let not your hearts be troubled." In this verse what is the cure for a troubled heart?

What kind of things does the world think will give us peace? (eg. A lack of war, good health)

Jesus says his peace is not like the world's peace. Read the definitions of peace below and then put into words how you describe the peace that Jesus gives?

*Peace—eirene (Greek): the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ. Fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is.

The world bases its peace on its resources, while God's peace depends on relationships.

To be right with God means to enjoy the peace of God.

The world depends on personal ability, but the Christian depends on spiritual adequacy in Christ.

In the world, peace is something you hope for or work for; but to the Christian, peace is God's wonderful gift, received by faith.

Unsaved people enjoy peace when there is an absence of trouble; Christians enjoy peace in spite of trials because of the presence of power, the Holy Spirit.

People in the world walk by sight and depend on the externals, but Christians walk by faith and depend on the eternal. (Wiersbe, W: Bible Exposition Commentary)

4. John 14:13, 14—Jesus wants his followers to have confidence in prayer. In these two verses, Jesus says he will do whatever they ask in his name. What does it mean to pray “in my name?”

What else did Jesus tell his followers about prayer in these verses?

John 15:7

John 15:16

John 16:23,24

Do you have confidence that when you pray Jesus will answer? Why or why not?

5. Another gift Jesus said he was leaving with them is seen in **vs. 16, 17, and 26**. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Why should this have brought comfort to his disciples?

In Greek, the word for Holy Spirit is “Parakletos,” one to come alongside you to help you. Other words that describe the Holy Spirit are intercessor, comforter, advocate, encourager, counselor, helper.

What does this scripture tell us about the Holy Spirit? **Romans 8:16, 17 NLT**

For His Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God’s children. And since we are His children, we will share His treasures—for everything God gives to His Son, Christ is ours, too.

Share an example of the Holy Spirit’s work in your heart, or share what you would like the Holy Spirit to do in you.

See and Share

*Peer--to look closely or intently at something that may be difficult to see

Pray—Psalm 119:18

Examine the context. Ask questions.

Evaluate how this applies to you.

Respond. Talk to God about what you've seen.

Share. Tell somebody!

As we have peered into this lesson, what have you seen? What will you hold on to from this lesson? Who will you share this with?