

Calvary Chapel Viewpoint

Care Group

Study in John

John 14:1-14

Troubled Hearts

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4** And you know the way to where I am going.” **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and *q*have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” **9** Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you *v*I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. **13** Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Jesus knows that the disciples’ hearts are troubled. What are some reasons why their hearts are troubled?

Application: What kinds of things trouble your heart?

What are some of the remedies for a troubled heart? Pray and ask God to enable you to trust Him more (verse 1). Force yourself to think eternally, looking beyond the immediate. Reflect on where you’ve been and what He’s taken you through. Consider how He’s blessed you, and how faithful He has been. Remind yourself that God is sovereign. Read, memorize, and meditate on these verses.

- “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5).
- “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

Note: Adversity drives us to God which is right where He wants us to be. Our text is a call to us to become strong Christians, not the kind who weep and wail and expect everyone to pity them, but rather Christians who are of great stature in faith and who are a source of strength to others. Proverbs 24:10 says “If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!” Prayerfully consider the Bible role models—men and women who faced adversity—who we can learn from. Strive to grow strong in your faith!

In verse 6 Jesus makes the sixth “I AM” statement.

What does it mean when Jesus says that He is “the way”?

How is Jesus the truth?

How is Jesus the life?

Note: Because Jesus is the life, His life cannot be taken away from Him. He lays it down, and He has authority to take it up again (See John 10:17-18 and John 5:26). He has life in Himself. None of us has life inherent in ourselves. Our life is derived from our parents. Jesus claimed that His life was derived from no one; it is inherent and uncreated. Theologians call this the quality of self-existence and recognize that God alone possesses it.

What does Philip’s question in verse 8 reveal about him?

How can Christians do greater things than Jesus (verse 12)?

What are the secrets to asking in prayer as presented in verses 13-14?

What does “in His name” mean?

Application: What are reasons why we should not be troubled?

We know Jesus. He is God. He knows about us and our circumstances. He is able to deal with them. Therefore, there is every reason to trust Him.

- He is going to prepare a place for us. Have you ever decorated a room for someone special? If you have, you know what it is to make a room suit one particular personality. If it is a daughter, you make the room pretty. You hang up her pictures. You make a place for her hobbies. If it is a son, the room might have airplanes or model cars. If it is for Grandma, the room might have her favorite books; and it might be separated from the playroom or the children’s bedrooms. We take care in such preparation. Are we to think that Jesus will take less care for those whom He loves, who are to spend eternity with Him?
- Jesus is returning again for those (us!) whom he has left behind “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” (verse 3).
- From that point on we will be with Him forever—with no more troubles!