

Extraordinary Comfort Message 6 Joshua J. Masters July 31, 2022

# Outline

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me." John 14:1 (NLT)

# A. Introduction

(John 14:1. C/R: Psalm 9:10; John 16:33)

### B. Christ offers extraordinary comfort through...

1. His \_\_\_\_\_\_ for me. (John 14:2-5. C/R: John 10:10,28; Ephesians 2:8-9; Colossians 2:13-14) 2. His \_\_\_\_\_\_ revealed to me. (John 14:6-11. C/R: John 6:44; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 5:20)

3. His \_\_\_\_\_\_ in me. (John 14:12-14. C/R: Romans 8:11; Philippians 4:11-13; Galatians 2:20)

4. His \_\_\_\_\_\_ to me. (John 14:15-18. C/R: Romans 8:38-39; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Hebrews 13:8)

Answers: 1. preparation 2. person 3. power 4. promise

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## Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

#### **Conversation Starter**

What brought you comfort as a child?

#### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

#### **Bible Study and Group Discussion**

#### Read John 14:1-18.

- 1. The Jews were living under widespread Roman oppression, so Jesus' promise to, one day, bring them into a spacious place would have been overwhelmingly great news. What sorts of oppression do people live under today, and how would this be good news for them? Think of people around the world, as well as people you know personally.
- 2. Where in your life is your heart troubled? What promises in this passage bring encouragement?
- 3. Describe a time you experienced a deep sense of hope.
- 4. When have you found it difficult to trust in God? Why?
- 5. Jesus reminded the disciples that He was the only way to have a personal relationship with God. Why are many people reluctant to believe this? How strongly do you believe this? Why?
- 6. Jesus told His disciples to believe in Him, at least because of the work they'd seen Him do. What have you seen Jesus do? What impact has that had on your relationship with Him?
- 7. How did Jesus' departure open the possibility for His disciples to do *even greater works*?

- 8. Jesus says that knowing Him will influence the way we pray and the way we live. How have you seen your prayer life develop over the years? In what ways have your desires become more aligned with the ways of Jesus?
- 9. If you're a follower of Christ, you have the Holy Spirit living in you. He's the one who encourages our hearts and leads us into what's real and true (vs. 15-17). In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit? What can you do to become more aware of God's Spirit working in you?

10. What truth from this passage is most important for you right now?

#### **Spiritual Practice**

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these practices become a regular part of your life so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Talk with God about the things that trouble your heart. Ask Him to fill you with comfort and hope. Pray for people you know who are lost and hurting, that Jesus would overwhelm them with His love.

#### **Memory Verse**

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me."

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#### **Daily Reading**

Day 1:	Ephesians 2:8-9	Day 4:	Psalm 94:16-19
Day 2:	Colossians 2:6-14	Day 5:	2 Corinthians 1:3-7
Day 3:	Romans 8:10-11		

#### **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, August 7, we'll continue our series titled *extraORDINARY*. To prepare, read **Matthew 26:6-13 and John 12:1-11.** 



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