John 14:1-6
“Do You Trust Me?”

This whole entire 14th chapter of The Book of John is really a promise from Jesus that He is the One giving us comfort. In fact, this entire chapter deals with comfort.

Martin Luther—who strongly influenced reformation in the 16th century—said this about John Chapter 14,

"It was the best and most comforting sermon that the Lord Christ delivered on earth, a treasure and a jewel, not to be purchased with the world's goods,"

This chapter contains—
- Jesus’ promise that He will come back for His Disciples
- His promise that He will provide The Holy Spirit as our Comforter
- In essence this chapter is to give us faith in the future—

As we open up Chapter 14 here today, the scene is in the upper room—
- The Disciples are gathered, and they have just finished The Lord’s Supper
- It is the night before Jesus is crucified on the Hill of Golgotha
- And now to add injury to insult, Jesus had just washed their feet—they had been too proud to even contemplate washing each others feet
- And Jesus had just told them that one of them would betray Him—He then told them, “It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.”
- He offers the bread to Judas, and then tells him, “What you do, do quickly.”
- Jesus is preparing them for what is about to take place—He’s letting them know that He is about to die—that He is going to leave, and they can’t follow Him

John 13:37 ¶ Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake.”
John 13:38 ¶ Jesus answered him, “Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.
- They are confused; they are afraid, and filled with anxiety
• They were filled with sorrow, because they were going to lose Him
• They were wondering about what was going to happen to them—after all they have given up their lives to follow Him
• Jesus was going to leave them right in the middle of an angry mob of people who hated them—
• And so Jesus knew exactly what they were feeling—He felt their pain

And so Jesus begins to speak to them, to encourage them, strengthen, and provide comfort in the midst of their fears, frustrations, and lack of hope.

Let’s pick up v. 1— Where we see Jesus telling them—

**John 14:1** “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

• In the Greek language, Jesus is saying, “*Stop letting your heart be troubled*”—Jesus knew they were confused and terrified of what was going to happen, and so He begins to comfort them
• Now the thing about comfort is it comes out of trust—it is when we trust in the outcome of something—
• If we have faith in our future, we will have comfort in our present times.
• Isn’t this so true? If I had a guarantee that something was going to work out for me, then I would a greater sense of peace as I go through it
• So if we honestly trust Jesus is in control, then what do we have to worry about? What do we have to be anxious about?
• So this is essentially the principle we can derive from what Jesus is telling them—“You believe in God—Believe also in Me…You trust God, trust Me!”
• In essence, Jesus is asking them, “Do You Trust Me?”

• In truth, every time we are discontent, anxious, or worried—every time we are perplexed, confused or agitated, we are simply not trusting Jesus
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• So Jesus is telling them here—“Believe in Me…Believe in who I am…”
• He is saying, “Keep on trusting Me…”
• Jesus knew they were recognizing Him as the Christ—
• But their faith was the weakest kind of faith—seeing is believing type of faith
• We can see a great example of this later with Thomas once Jesus was crucified—Jesus had resurrected and the other disciples saw Him, but not Thomas--

And in John chapter 20:25, we’re told—
**John 20:25** The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” ¶ So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

• Thomas didn’t believe—he needed to see it with his own eyes if he was going to believe—
• And so it is with us at times of our Christian walk—we say we believe—
• We believe that God is in control—
• We say we believe He is sovereign, and will work all things for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose—
• But we—like Thomas—can find ourselves struggling when we face life’s difficulties
• But Jesus will meet us in our times of struggle—

And so in John Ch. 20 we see that Jesus met Thomas—
**John 20:27** Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”
**John 20:28** ¶ And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”
**John 20:29** ¶ Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

• And so Jesus is speaking to every one of His disciples in this verse as well—He’s speaking to each of us

• “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed…” In other words, “Even though you cannot see me, trust in Me…if you do, you will be blessed…”

• When Jesus was here on earth, He was only at one place at a time—
• When He ascended to Heaven, He again became omnipresent—
meaning He can have His presence revealed by the Holy Spirit to every believer everywhere all at the same time.

And so Jesus can rightfully say, “Trust me, I’m here…”

As believers in Jesus Christ, we can find comfort in God’s promise to always being present with us, no matter where we are (John 14:16-17; Heb. 13:5-6).

V. 2—
John 14:2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

This word, “Mansions” used in this verse is translated from The Greek word, “μονεῖας” It actually means. “Dwelling places”

So Jesus is saying, “In My Fathers house are many dwelling places…”

This is interesting to me, because—

- In the Old Testament we can see detailed information about the Temple of God—which was called the House of God
- And connected to the precincts of this House of God were a great number of chambers

- And in context to these verses we can understand this better—you see, in these times—
- The father would build his home, and it would be common that when his son would become married, he would then build on a wing attaching it to the main house
- And as each son would be married, he would continue to build these additions—all attached to the main dwelling

- And to me it is interesting because as Christian believers, we are called the Bride of Christ—I believe when we are joined with Jesus in Heaven, we will be living with God in His house

John was given a vision of this, and it is recorded in Revelation 21:2-4
Rev. 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”
• And so we see this picture of the New Jerusalem, and we are told, God will dwell with us there…

• That will be one glorious house—and one glorious family

• We don’t know everything we want to know about Heaven do we?
  o We know the construction of its walls is of jasper (Rev. 21:18).
  o We know the foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with all kinds of precious stones (Rev. 21:19).
  o We know the streets are of pure gold, like transparent glass (Rev. 21:21).
  o We know there will be no need for a temple any more because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple—
  o We’re told it will have no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light… (Rev. 21:3)

• But being in Heaven isn’t about all this stuff—it’s about being with our Lord Jesus
• And so in v. 1 we see Jesus saying, we can trust in His Presence—
• And now in v. 2 He is letting us know we can trust in His Promises—
• “If it were not so, I would have told you...Trust in what I say…”

• Jesus always tells the truth—we can stake our very lives, our souls and eternity on His truth—
• And so He is telling them, “I go to prepare a place for you—I am going to get it ready---trust me!”

Jesus then follows up this promise with a 2nd promise—
V. 3—
John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

• And so we see Jesus’ promise to us—He is only going to get things ready and He will personally come and get us—He won’t send a messenger—He will do it Himself—

• And so Jesus is saying, “Trust me, it might look like its getting dark and bleak, but I will come back at exactly the right time to get you.”
• This should bring us great comfort today—Jesus is returning to bring us home…

V. 4—

**John 14:4** And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

**John 14:5** ¶ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

• They had already heard Jesus tell the Pharisees that He was going to leave, and where He was going—we see this back in John 7:33

• John 7:33 Then Jesus said to them, “I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me.

• So Thomas speaks up on behalf of the others and basically says, “We don’t know where you Father is at—how are we going to know the way there?”

V. 6—

**John 14:6** ¶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

• And so here we have this platform for sharing Jesus with every person in the world—you want to know how to get to Heaven—how to live eternally with God? Here it is—

**Jesus is saying, “I am the way…you simply trust in Me…abide in Me…you don’t have to worry about how to physically get there, because I will come and get you…”**

• Now we are told within God’s Word, there is only 1-Way to be reconciled unto Him—

• It is by Grace, through faith in Jesus Christ—not of works, lest anyone boast

**Rom. 10:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Rom. 10:10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

• And so here in John 14:6 Jesus personally gives the roadmap to eternal life—it is through Him, and no other way…
• The Apostle Luke boldly proclaimed to the Rulers of the people, and the Elders of Israel,
Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

In Romans 5:8—We’re told—
Rom. 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Rom. 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.
Rom. 5:10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
Rom. 5:11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

We are told this in 1Tim. 2:5—
1Tim. 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

And in 1John 5:12—we’re told—
1John 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

• There are many other religions that don’t believe that Jesus is The Way—they have their gods they worship
• Some people have a religion they worship
• Others would say Christianity is a very narrow minded religion
• They would say “there are many other ways”—
• That all roads eventually lead to God if their heart is right—
• There are others who would say that the Bible is insufficient—that there is another book about Jesus required, or a magazine with new revelation that shows the way to God
• But this is not true, God has given us His Word to guide us in ALL truth—

2Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
2Tim. 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
• Some would respond, “I don’t believe in The Bible, I have my own beliefs…”
• They would argue their way is just as relevant as what The Bible teaches.

But it isn’t God’s way—it’s their way—it’s what they believe…
Proverbs 14:12 says,

Prov. 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death

• Let me just say this—if believing that Jesus is the only way is being narrow minded,
• Then I personally believe it will take a narrow mind, believing and abiding in God’s truth for a person to make it through the Narrow Gate.

Jesus said —
Matt. 7:13 ¶ “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.
Matt. 7:14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

• God has kept the way to salvation very simple—only 1-way
• God knows if He had given 10-different ways to be saved, then the enemy would have devised multiple counterfeits of each one—

There is only 1-Way to be reconciled unto God, and that is through the blood of the Lamb of God—it is only by Grace, through faith in Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:9-10; 1Tim. 2:5; 1John 5:12)

Years ago, in the Lifestyle section of the Chicago Tribune, a story was run by Bob Greene. It went like this:

Douglas Maurer, 15, of Creve Coeur, Missouri, had been feeling bad for several days. His temperature was ranging between 103 and 105 degrees, and he was suffering from severe flu-like symptoms. Finally, his mother took him to the hospital in St. Louis. Douglas Maurer was diagnosed as having leukemia. The doctors told him in frank terms about his disease. They said that for the next three years, he would have to undergo chemotherapy. They didn't sugarcoat the side effects. They told Douglas he would go bald and that his body would most likely bloat. Upon learning this,
he went into a deep depression. His aunt called a floral shop to send Douglas an arrangement of flowers. She told the clerk that it was for her teenage nephew who has leukemia. When the flowers arrived at the hospital, they were beautiful. Douglas read the card from his aunt. Then he saw a second card. It said: "Douglas--I took your order. I work at Brix florist. I had leukemia when I was 7 years old. I'm 22 years old now. Good luck. My heart goes out to you. Sincerely, Laura Bradley." His face lit up. He said, "Oh!"

It's funny: Douglas Maurer was in a hospital filled with millions of dollars of the most sophisticated medical equipment. He was being treated by expert doctors and nurses with medical training totaling in the hundreds of years. But it was a salesclerk in a flower shop, a woman making $170 a week, who--by taking the time to care, and by being willing to go with what her heart told her to do--gave Douglas hope and the will to carry on.

Should we feel any less hope and comfort when we read the words that carry the promises of our Lord to us?

**Prov. 3:5**    Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
**Prov. 3:6**    In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.

Hey, let me ask you something today—  
Do you Trust Jesus?  
Do you trust in His presence in your life?  
Do you trust the promises He has made you?  
Do you trust Him with your very eternity?  
Will you trust Him with your life today?

Let’s pray…