

Troubled Part 2

John 14:1-14, pg. 901

We started last week talking about troubles. Most of us walked in pretty happy and within a few minutes of my sermon, we were all depressed... You're welcome for that. But I said something that I think is important, if we can be honest about our heart troubles we can be better positioned to receive the solution.

Jesus tells his disciples "Let not your hearts be troubled" and this is part 2 of that. The things Jesus says next are mind blowing, but to truly understand them, our starting point needs to be evaluated.

Like Peter, we have good intentions that fall short.
Read John 13:37-38

Like Thomas, we are lost
Read John 14:5

Like Philip, we are looking for a confirmation to simply believe and trust Jesus.
Read John 14:8

They were looking for an earthly kingdom. To make all things right *here* (Outward hand motions) but they didn't understand what needed to be made right was *here* (Heart).

Introduce **CONFESSON**. (*Address visitors and unbelievers*)

If we can **be honest, oh the things God can do through us!**
-Silent then public

Let's look to God's word for our solution.

Please turn to [John 14, pg. 901](#)

Stand, read,

["This is the word of the Lord"](#) ["Thanks be to God"](#) **PRAY**

Let Not your Hearts be Troubled

Jesus, in context is preparing his closest disciples to have true faith in the true Christ to have true life, and it's only life in HIM that we can have hope for our troubled hearts!

Vs. 1, Believe in God; believe also in me.

Do not forget who GOD is AND... He's *with* you AND *for* you

Vs. 2-3, I'm coming back for YOU!

Picture of first century engagement and wedding ceremony.

Jesus has asked us to be his, he goes and prepares our new home!

Celebration is imminent!

Vs. 6, Jesus is the remedy!

-Gospel.

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BUT, our saga continues... The main point of the Gospel of John is to have true faith, in the true Christ that you may have true life.

Read Vs. 7 & vs. 9b, Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

We gain a better understanding of the Father through the life of the son, (NT)
BUT, we also gain an understanding of the Son through who the Father is (OT).

Address gap of OT and NT understanding of God.

Rather than seeing it as a gap, see it as a culmination.

-Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration

Sin will be remedied, but there are particular sins that made Jesus angry.

-Turned over tables at the greed in the temple.

"House of prayer/ Den of thieves"

-Religious mindset.

Read Matthew 23 and instead of seeing as "those Pharisees"

read it and see if any of those sins exist in you, for instance,

hypocrisy. Jesus takes sin seriously like the God of the OT does!

Why do I say all this? Because I think we are dull in our understanding of Jesus and if we don't have true faith in the *true Christ* then we might not have the true life!

READ VS. 8

Jesus takes faith seriously, & sin seriously & holiness seriously.

-OT story -> NT, and then Jesus comes.

And instead of punishing people for their sin, the Father sends his son to take the punishment for us!

Instead of opening up the ground and swallowing us when we live in rebellion, Christ is put in the ground for us, but death is what is now swallowed because he overcame death and took the keys of death and hades with him which unlocks of life in him!!!

And our response, Saints, is we now live for the glory of God because the Gospel has changed our hearts... let not your hearts be troubled!!!

When we have true faith, in the true Christ, the life we have...

Read VS. 12-14

Peters shadow healed the sick

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And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Acts 5:14-16

Pauls handkerchief healed people!

And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Acts 19:11-12

Can we do these things? YES!
BUT, it's in Christ.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Remember last week, these promises and for his closest disciples and because of the Gospel, we are some of his closest disciples, and the same Holy Spirit POWER dwells in us!

Is it for his Glory? "That my Father may be glorified!"

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Why don't we experience this? What about when God doesn't answer prayer.

The process.

God cares more about you living into the life of his son than your desires.

-I've been praying that someone would give us a house. Some of it is Coveting, some of it is Godly, but the process is what God uses to cleanse my heart and make me more like him.

-Money is huge! It goes straight to the heart!

We ask. When we don't get an answer like we think, we go through the process.

We take Sin seriously because Jesus does.

We seek the glory of God FIRST!!!

PARDON- Gospel