



COMFORT FOR TROUBLED HEARTS "Comfort Through Trust" John 14:1-14

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Jesus, knowing what lay ahead of Him, spent the waning hours of His life with His disciples. It was a difficult time for them, and they became deeply troubled. Jesus' response was to tell them, "Trust God; trust Me, don't let your hearts be troubled." Easier said than done—but still the way for troubled hearts to find comfort.

I. Troubled Hearts.

- A. The Savior's troubled heart.
 1. Confronting the pain of despair. 11:33
 2. Facing the horror of crucifixion. 12:27
 3. Recognizing the brutality of betrayal. 13:21
- B. The disciples' troubled hearts.
 1. Because of disgrace. 13:17
 2. Because of desertion. 13:30
 3. Because of denial. 13:38
 4. Because of disillusionment. 14:5, 8

II. Trusting Hearts.

- A. The disaster of distrust.
 1. Humans were made to trust God.
 2. God's trustworthiness called into question. Genesis 3:1
 3. Disintegration and disillusionment result.
 4. God's commitment to restoring the relationship. 14:1
- B. The basis of belief.
 1. Jesus made His point.
 - a. By His words... "I tell you the truth." 14:12
 - b. By His works... "What I have been doing." 14:12
 2. Jesus stated His position. 14:6
 - a. I am the Way.
 - b. I am the Truth.
 - c. I am the Life.
 3. Jesus outlined His promise. 14:24
 - a. The Father's house has many rooms.
 - b. I'm going to prepare one for you.
 - c. I will come back for you.
 - d. You will be with Me.

III. Triumphant Hearts.

- A. The comfort of knowing God in Christ. 14:7
- B. The comfort of knowing adequate resources. 14:12
 1. The principle of faith.
 2. The power of the Spirit because I am going.
- C. The comfort of knowing answered prayer. 14:13-14
 1. Prayer that seeks God's glory.
 2. Prayer offered in Christ's name.

Points to ponder: Do I have a troubled heart? What do I need to make it a trusting heart?