

### *Troubled hearts*

- What troubles people's hearts?
- How do people often respond to having a troubled heart?
- How is your heart, or the heart of someone you love, troubled today?
- Pray: The Presence of God in our hearts today, to speak His comfort

## Preparation for our Homecoming

John 14:1-21

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*Context: John*

- The book as a whole
  - Purpose: Evangelism
    - That is, help people become children of God through faith in Jesus of Nazareth as God
  - “These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” *John 20:30-31*
  - Problem: Jesus isn’t here anymore!

*Context: John*

- Chapter 13
  - 1-20: Jesus showed His love by serving as the least
    - His hour had come
    - All of his disciples, except one, were “clean”
    - One was going to “lift his heel against me” (betray)
    - Command: love each other
  - 21-30: Jesus was troubled that one of them will betray him
  - 31-35: Jesus was going to depart. He commanded love
  - 36-38: Jesus was going to depart. Peter would deny

*Context: John*

- Chapter 13
  - These were troubling events and words
    - Jesus' humility as lowly servant, yet He claimed to be God
    - Jesus kept talking about His departure
    - Jesus said that one of them would betray Him
    - Jesus said that Peter (most courageous) would deny Him

*John 14*

1-4:

5-6:

7-11:

12-14:

15-17:

18-21:

## *Troubled*

- Literally: of water
  - Stirred up
  - Agitated
- Figuratively: of heart, soul, or spirit
  - Perplexed
  - Agitated
  - Disquieted
  - Upset

“However appropriate it may be to cite the words ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled’ at Christian funerals, they were first addressed to disciples who ***under substantial emotional pressure were on the brink of catastrophic failure.***”

### *Jesus experienced a troubled soul*

- At Lazarus's (a close friend) funeral:
  - When Jesus saw [Lazarus's sister] weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. *John 11:33*
- As Jesus anticipated His death
  - “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” *John 12:27-28*
- As Jesus thought about being betrayed by Judas
  - After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.” *John 13:21*

### *John 14*

- 1-4: Have courage! Jesus will return to take us with Him to live with the Father forever
- 5-6: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life
  - The only way to God the Father
- 7-11: To see Jesus is to see God
  - Mutual indwelling, shown by words and works
- 12-14: Christians will do greater works
  - As Jesus answers prayer
- 15-17: Central prayer: Holy Spirit in us forever
- 18-21: Welcomed into the love of God forever

### *The Big Idea*

In Jesus' seeming absence and distance  
and in the reality of human frailty and failures  
God is preparing us and the rest of His family  
to live as His family  
in His 'house'  
forever

### **Preparations**

- Jesus...
  - Sacrificed His life, then rose again, to redeem a people for God
  - Then sent the Holy Spirit
  - And answers our prayers
- So that He can prepare God's household / family to live with God in love forever



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2. What are we to believe?
  - Jesus opened the way to God through His death and resurrection
  - Jesus is preparing us to live as God's children in God's family, even in (perhaps especially in) the difficulty and relative silence we so often feel
  - The final result will be to live in God's love and presence forever, and Jesus Himself is the one who will bring us there
  - To know Jesus is to know, and to be known by, the Godhead (Father, Son, and Spirit) even if it doesn't yet seem like it

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2. What are we to believe?
3. Live like Jesus lived ... **with God**
  - Speak God's words and do God's works (obedience)
  - By the Spirit's power and through prayer in Jesus' name and character and authority
  - In joyful **hope**, by **faith**, that He is preparing an unimaginably good future for us with Him in His **love** forever

*How is your soul troubled?  
How will you respond when greater trouble comes?*

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THOUGH WE MAY FEEL ALONE AND TROUBLED, HE WILL COME BACK  
AND TAKE US TO BE WITH GOD FOREVER. PRAISE BE TO GOD!**