

The Peace That Remains - John 14:25-31

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Most Important Point: Jesus gives us His own peace - a peace that remains when everything around us changes.

In the Upper Room, Jesus knows Judas, the soldiers, and the cross are coming. Soon He will no longer be physically present with His disciples. Jesus now explains how His peace can remain when everything around them changes.

1) THE HOLY SPIRIT KEEPS JESUS' WORDS ALIVE - John 14:25-26

- **For the apostles**, this promise guaranteed the accurate remembrance and recording of Jesus' words. The Holy Spirit guided them in giving us the written Word of God.
- **For believers today**, the Spirit gives no new Scripture. He illuminates the Word already given, helping us understand, remember, and apply God's truth.
- **The Lord's peace** comes when the Holy Spirit brings the truths and promises of Jesus to bear on what we are facing - not when we pretend everything is fine.
- **When fear, grief, or confusion speaks**, the Spirit brings us back to Jesus. He reminds us that God has not abandoned us, Jesus is alive, and His promises remain true.

2) JESUS GIVES A PEACE THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE - John 14:27

- **Jesus is not merely wishing us peace;** He is giving us HIS peace - not simply a calm feeling or temporary relief, but His own peace of mind and heart.
- **Judas has betrayed Him, Peter will deny Him, the disciples will scatter, and the cross is hours away.** Yet Jesus walks forward with settled trust in the Father.
- **His peace flows from knowing** the Father is still in control, and nothing can defeat what God has determined to do. Jesus makes that peace real in us through the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- **The world's peace depends on control:** knowing what will happen, receiving good news, and seeing our plans work. But one phone call or diagnosis can take that fragile peace away.
- **The world says**, "You can have peace when the trouble is gone." Jesus says, "You can have My peace while you walk through the trouble." Peace is the presence of Jesus in the middle of what we feel.

3) JESUS' DEPARTURE SERVED A GREATER PURPOSE - John 14:28-29

- **The disciples heard**, "I am going away," and felt immediate loss. Jesus wanted them to hear, "I am going to the Father," and recognize the Father's greater purpose.
- **Sometimes our anxiety comes** from interpreting what God is doing before we can see where He is going. Present circumstances are nowhere close to the whole story.

- **What felt like loss** was redemption moving forward: the cross, the resurrection, Jesus' return to the Father, the sending of the Spirit, and the spread of the gospel.
- **Experiencing His peace** did not require understanding every detail - only trusting the One who did. We find peace when we interpret our circumstances through God's goodness and faithfulness.
- **"The Father is greater than I"** does not mean the Son is less divine. As the Son who became man, Jesus willingly humbled Himself and submitted to the Father's will.
- **Jesus told them beforehand** so they would believe when the crisis came. His words became an anchor, and the Holy Spirit still anchors us to Christ's promises when life begins to shake.

4) THE CROSS WAS NOT DEFEAT - IT WAS VICTORY - John 14:30-31

- **The ruler of this world is Satan**, but Jesus said, "He has no power over Me." Jesus was not dragged toward the cross; He moved there deliberately.
- **The cross was not something Satan did to Jesus against His will.** Jesus willingly embraced it in obedience to the Father and in love for us. What looked like defeat was obedient victory.
- **Jesus had taught**, "If you love Me, obey My commandments." Now He lives that truth perfectly. Nothing - not the enemy, the grave, or death - could stop the Father's purpose.
- **"Come, let's be going"** shows that the peace of Jesus does not hide from life. It walks forward in obedience. His peace may not remove the difficult road, but it gives us strength to walk it with Him.

RESPONSE

- **Remember:** What truth or promise has fear, grief, or confusion caused me to forget?
- **Reverse the lens:** Am I interpreting God's goodness through my circumstances, or my circumstances through God's goodness and faithfulness?
- **Take the next step:** What act of obedience is Jesus calling me to take? His peace gives us strength for the next faithful step.

FINAL CHALLENGE

- **Jesus is not offering control** over every circumstance. He is offering His peace in every circumstance.
- **Do not wait** until every question is answered, every circumstance changes, or every fear disappears. Receive His peace through the Holy Spirit, trust the Father's greater purpose, and take the next step with Jesus.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me Your peace. Holy Spirit, bring Christ's promises back to my heart, help me trust the Father's greater purpose, and give me strength for the next faithful step.

KEY CROSS REFERENCES: John 14:1-6, 16-18, 25-31 - John 16:33 - Isaiah 26:3 - Psalm 46:10 - Romans 8:28 - Philippians 4:6-9 - Colossians 3:15-16