



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Grief: When Life Takes a Turn**
Series: **The Struggle is Real**
Text: **John 14:1-14**
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“Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid.” (John 14:1, 27)

Thursday Night in a Borrowed _____.

Jesus was ***troubled in his spirit*** and testified, ***“Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”*** (John 13:21)

“I will be with you only a little longer. Where I am going, you cannot come.” (John 13:33)

Peter says, ***“Lord, why can’t I follow you? I will lay down my life for you.”*** Jesus replied, ***“Will you really lay down your life for me? Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”*** (John 13:38)

Words for a Troubled _____

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.” (John 14:1)

Grief Is How the Soul _____

_____ is to the heart what healing is to the body after surgery. The pain is not a sign that something is wrong with you. The pain is the work of healing. Without grief, we do not heal; we just go numb.

WHEN YOUR HEART IS TROUBLED ...

1. REMEMBER THE MEANING BEYOND THIS _____.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” (John 14:1–3)

Grief teaches us: it is often not the pain that breaks us. **It is the uncertainty.** The not-knowing. The wondering whether anything beyond this loss will ever make sense again.

2. YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU MOST _____ TO KNOW.

*“You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, **“Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”**”*

*Jesus answered, **“I am the way and the truth and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:4–6)*

*Job said at the end of his terrible ordeal, “I had reports about you, but **now my eyes have seen you.**” (Job 42:5)*

The Fixed Point of Navigation - is _____!

3. GOD’S _____ IS AT WORK IN YOU.

*Philip said, **“Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”** (John 14:8)*

*Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** (Jn 14:9).*

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. (John 14:11)

*I tell you the truth, **anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing.** He will **do even greater things** than these, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12)*

“He comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” (2 Corinthians 1:4)

THE PROMISE!

13 And **I will do whatever you ask in my name,** so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (Jn 14:11–14).

This is not a BLANK CHECK but an invitation to _____ with HIM!