

John 16

A Guide for the Journey

A Year Of the Lords Favour

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim (announce) good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, [2] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, **Isaiah 61:1-2**

"Sing, barren woman, who has never had a baby. Fill the air with song, you who've never experienced childbirth! You're ending up with far more children than all those childbearing women." **Isaiah 54:1-5 MSG**

- His grace, kindness and love towards us
- Him being present with us and giving us Encounter with him
- The growing family here and depth of relationship
- The increasing growth in prayer
- Stewarding the favour is what is important - Joseph

Introduction

The last few weeks we have looked at John's gospel in particular 14,15

- Written by the Apostle John - 'The one Jesus Loved'
- This book is about Jesus
- John reveals that Jesus is the Son of God
- John wants us to see who Jesus is and wants us to put our trust and faith in him
- It's an opportunity to grow in intimacy with Christ
- And these are the words and teaching of Jesus himself that we will be looking at. Most of the words are in red - In other words they are mostly Christ's words.
- John's Gospel reveals the life and story of Jesus
- John 14 - Do not let your heart be troubled - Trust in me or Believe in me, I am the way, keep my commands
- John 15 - Be Fruitful, bear much fruit and by remaining in Christ, stay connected, Abide

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- Perhaps read all Chapter

1. The Journey ahead will be difficult

"I've told you these things to prepare you for rough times ahead. They are going to throw you out of the meeting places. There will even come a time when anyone who kills you will think he's doing God a favour. They will do these things because they never really understood the Father. I've told you

these things so that when the time comes and they start in on you, you'll be well-warned and ready for them. **John 16:1-3 MSG**

- It will be a difficult and challenging road to travel
- Persecution and suffering will come against you
- Not everyone will like your message
- I am telling you so when that happens you are prepared and ready
- I have told you these things to prepare you for rough times ahead

Joel - DOE walk carrying your tent, food, sleeping bags etc. Two days one night covering between 15-20 miles

- They had a lot of teaching and meetings preparing them for the time ahead.
- Getting their minds prepared
- What to take on the journey
- How to work together
- How well each pupil prepared is still up to them

2. Ask The Father - Prayer

"This is what I want you to do: Ask the Father for whatever is in keeping with the things I've revealed to you. Ask in my name, according to my will, and he'll most certainly give it to you. Your joy will be a river overflowing its banks! **John 16:23-24 MSG**

- Ask - Make a request, talk to the Father
 - O how much we miss because we do not ask
- Ask the Father in my name - Go straight to the Father
- Ask in faith - Believing God hears and answers prayer
 - Ask with confidence
- Ask according to the will and teaching of Jesus - Go to the Word
- And you will have joy overflowing

Be assured, if you walk with Him and look to Him, and expect help from Him, He will never fail you." **George Müller**

A foundational Kingdom principle is that God releases more blessing as we ask Him. He knows all of our needs (Mt. 6:32), but requires that we ask Him for increased blessing, because it causes us to interact with His heart. To ask implies that we verbalise our prayers, not just think on them.

You do not have because you do not ask. **James 4:2**

In everything by prayer...let your requests be made known to God...

Philippians 4:6

3. I will send you a Friend

So let me say it again, this truth: It's better for you that I leave. If I don't leave, the Friend won't come. But if I go, I'll send him to you. **John 16:7**

"When he comes, he'll expose the error of the godless world's view of sin, righteousness, and judgment: He'll show them that their refusal to believe in me is their basic sin; that righteousness comes from above, where I am with the Father, out of their sight and control; that judgment takes place as the ruler of this godless world is brought to trial and convicted. **John 16:8-11**

- The Holy Spirit will convict the world
- He will draw people to Christ - showing them that righteousness comes from Him

"I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I've said, 'He takes from me and delivers to you.'

John 16:12-15 MSG

- The Holy Spirit will always point to Christ and his teaching
- Read the gospels to know what Christ teaches
- In the gospels we have four portraits of our Saviour and his teaching

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **John 14.15-19**

- The Holy Spirit as the gift that Jesus promised
- The Father sent
- The third person of the Godhead
- Sometimes known as the Spirit of Christ - It is the very real way Jesus is present with his people - John 15 - remain in me - how - through the Holy Spirit

Another - One just like Jesus

Counsellor - (Greek) Parakletos - One called alongside, counsellor, comforter, encourager

Christianity is the divine power of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, filling a man's soul and body, flashing through his nature like holy flame, accomplishing the will of God. **John G Lake**

The life of the Christian without the indwelling power of the Spirit in the heart is a weariness to the flesh. It is an obedience to commandments and an endeavour to walk according to a pattern which you have not power to follow.

But, bless God, the Christian life that is lived by, the impulse of the Spirit of Christ within your soul becomes a joy, a power, and a glory. **John G Lake**

- The Holy Spirit Reveals Christ to us
- The Holy Spirit reveals Christ in us
- The Holy Spirit manifests Christ through us

Conclusion

I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world." **John 16:33**

- Trusting in me
- You will be unshakeable and assured
- You will be deeply at peace
- Take heart - Be encouraged