

ANOTHER COMFORTER ~ JOHN 14:15-31

→ Scripture Reading John 14:23-29

I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU ~ John 14:15-21

[15] "If you love me, you will obey what I command. [16] And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- [17] 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. [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

→ The Holy Spirit gives Understanding and Reveals God's TRUTH (Spirit of Truth)

[21] Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

APPLICATION

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 (NIV) Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. [8] The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Hebrews 3:17-18 (Phillips) And who was it with whom God was displeased for forty long years? Was it not those who, after all their hearing of God's Word, fell into sin, and left their bones in the desert? And to whom did God swear that they should never enter his rest? Was it not these very men who refused to trust him?

LOVE + OBEY = RELATIONSHIP ~ John 14:22-24

[22] Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" [23] Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. [24] He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

APPLICATION

Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV) So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Paul's Encouragement...

- don't WORRY - Pray
- don't give in to FEAR - Thank God (Praise for ALL His Goodness)
- don't FOCUS on your Needs - Tell them to God

Result - Peace of GOD that Exceed all Expectations

I GIVE YOU MY PEACE ~ John 14:25-31

[25] "All this I have spoken while still with you. [26] But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Truth About the Holy Spirit: (Life Application Bible Notes)

- He's with us forever vs. 16
- world cannot accept Him vs. 17
- He lives in us vs. 17
- He teaches us vs. 26
- He reminds us of Jesus' words vs. 26

[27] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. [28] "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. [29] I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. [30] I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, [31] but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave.

Before the Disciples Could Fully Understand: (Bible Know. Comm.)

- Jesus had to DIE
- Jesus had to Rise again in VICTORY
- Holy Spirit had to COME

TAKE AWAY ??

➔ **LOVE and DEVOTION are more powerful motivators than FEAR of Punishment**

Matthew 22:37-40 ..."Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

➔ **The Best Motivation for OBEYING God's Word is LOVE**

It Takes TIME in...

- Prayer, Journaling, Singing
- Bible, Meditating, Reading, Listening