



# The Path to Peace

JOHN 14:1-11

"Let not your hearts be troubled." v. 1

## I. The path to peace begins with Jesus having a sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

*"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." vv. 1-3*

PUT YOUR PLAN *into God's hands* THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_.

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7*

## II. The path to peace is through Jesus' perfect \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

*"And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." vv. 4-6*

MAKE JESUS YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ FOR PROVIDING YOUR *way, truth and life.*

*His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence ... 2 Peter 1:3*

## III. The path to peace is illuminated by Jesus' sufficient \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

*Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves." vv. 8-11*

LOOK BACK AT *what God has done* TO GIVE YOU \_\_\_\_\_ AS YOU LOOK FORWARD.

*"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" ... 1 Corinthians 2:9*

**"Without the way, there is no going; without the truth, there is no knowing; without the life, there is no living." Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ***



## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Does looking forward to heaven help to calm you when you're troubled? Why or why not?
2. Read John 14:1-11. What troubled the disciples? What are some things that trouble you?

### FOR THIS WEEK

Journaling in John 14:1-11

Last week's Scripture memorized

JOHN 13:35

*"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

3. Pastor and author Ed Stetzer writes, *"Idolatry is not tied to any specific idol; it exists whenever we look to someone or something in the world around us to save and satisfy us."* In what "idols" are you tempted to place your confidence, instead of in Jesus?

4. Often we feel like Jesus has deserted us when we are going through the hard times of life. Even the apostle Paul was in a situation so difficult he felt "so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself" (2 Cor 1:8). Why do we not recognize Jesus at times like these? What false conclusions do we draw about His authority in our lives?

5. J.C. Ryle, an evangelical Anglican bishop who was widowed three times, said, *"Faith in the Lord Jesus is the only sure medicine for troubled hearts. To believe more thoroughly, trust more entirely, rest more unreservedly, lay hold more firmly, lean back more completely—this is the prescription which our Master urges on the attention of all His disciples. No doubt the members of that little band which sat round the table at the last supper, had believed already. They had proved the reality of their faith by giving up everything for Christ's sake. Yet what does their Lord say to them here? Once more He presses on them the old lesson, the lesson with which they first began—'Believe! Believe more! Believe on Me!' (Is 26:3)."* In what area do you need to "rest more unreservedly" and "Believe!" in your Lord Jesus and His promises?

### JOURNAL John 14:1-11

Writer Corrie ten Boom said that *"If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God you'll be at rest."* In this passage, where were the disciples looking, and how did it affect them? How are your own responses to the circumstances of life similar to theirs? How does this Scripture passage illuminate your path?

End your time in the Lord's presence with this prayer:

*Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
till they find their rest in you;  
so lead us by your Spirit  
that in this life we may live to your glory  
and in the life to come enjoy you for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever.  
Amen.*

Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions of Augustine*

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.cbcfamily.org/events](http://www.cbcfamily.org/events). That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

### HAVE YOU PICKED UP A JOHN JOURNAL AND SIGNED UP FOR OUR WEEKLY TEXT?

There are a few ways you can jump into Be One, Make One, Reach One (our church vision for 2021/22) today. As a church family, we're aligning our hearts to God's with weekly journaling, prayer and Scripture memory. To get started, pick up a John journal in the Great Room or Atrium. You'll be able to use it for reading and studying the conversations of the Upper Room, as well as writing notes, praying and memorizing Scripture. To get the weekly texts of what Scripture verse we're memorizing, text Vision to 24253. The next text will be sent tomorrow morning.

**GUYS, SERVE WITH MANPOWER!** ManPower is a group that serves the widows and single moms of Christ Chapel one Saturday every month ... and they're looking for more men to join their crew! Experience and special skills aren't needed—just a willingness to get your hands dirty and help with outdoor projects and home maintenance tasks. Stop by the kiosk in the Great Room or Atrium to learn more today. You can also email the team at [ManPower@christchapelbc.org](mailto:ManPower@christchapelbc.org).

**DADS, LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR DADDY DAUGHTER ADVENTURE.** This Saturday, Oct. 23, Christ Chapel dads and daughters will be at Camp Thurman for a day of adventure! It's a special event designed for you, dads, to spend time with and encourage your little girl while having a whole bunch of fun together. Learn more and register today at [www.cbcfamily.org/events](http://www.cbcfamily.org/events). Made for daughters in Grades K-8, the cost is \$65 per person.

**HELP US PASS ON GOD'S TRUTH TO THE NEXT GENERATION!** Serving with Children's Ministry not only means you get to build authentic friendships, grow deeper in your faith and show kids that Jesus loves them, but you also help provide an opportunity for more families to come and worship on Sundays, too! Join us and serve! You can stop by the Children's Ministry display or email [children@christchapelbc.org](mailto:children@christchapelbc.org) to sign up.

**LOVE TAKING PHOTOS?** We're looking for volunteers for occasional photography assignments that capture Christ Chapel events and people. If you have an eye for nice shots, know how to handle a professional camera, and love catching moments and gatherings, come serve with us! Email Elise at [EliseK@christchapelbc.org](mailto:EliseK@christchapelbc.org) to learn more.

**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 833-422-7200 to get started.

