



To Keep Us From Falling Away

JOHN 15:18—16:4a

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away." 16:1

I. Jesus encouraged His disciples: *What you'll _____
from the world, I've already been through.*

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you." 15:18

The world is an organized system of society hostile toward God.

The world does not acknowledge the words and works of God.

The world hates God without a logical cause.

II. Jesus warned His disciples: _____ *that the world will
hate you, so you won't be surprised and fall away.*

"If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours." 15:19-20

Christians are a new organism with an altered allegiance to God.

Christians allow God's authoritative teaching to guide their words and works.

Christians reflect an illogical relationship to the world.

III. Jesus assured His disciples: *You won't be alone, and you'll be
to imitate Me.*

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning." 15:26-27

Don't _____ your witness for Jesus
by conforming to a world you don't belong to.

Don't _____ yourself from a world
that needs to see God's heart incarnate.

Don't _____ the world or retaliate,
because God loves transforming His enemies into His children.

"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:44-45a



DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. In what ways have you seen the world pressure people to conform?

WHAT IS "THE WORLD"?

"The world' from a Christian point of view involves all the people, plans, organizations, activities, philosophies, values, etc., that belong to society without God. ... all of them have their origins in the heart and mind of sinful man and promote what sinful man wants to enjoy and accomplish."

WARREN WIERSBE

"... 'the world' represents the fallen world system, which operates according to Satan's values and is subject to the curse of sin (Gen 3:14-19)."

CHARLES SWINDOLL

"... the godless world, the world organized in opposition to God, and therefore opposed to His people."

F. F. BRUCE

2. Read John 15:18–16:4a. What did the disciples not understand about what Jesus was telling them? How were they able to understand these things later?

3. In the sermon, the pastor talked about the illogical relationship Christians have to the world. What is this relationship, and why is it illogical?

4. In John 15:27, Jesus says that we will bear witness to Him. Charles Swindoll writes that "while battling immorality and pursuing social justice is commendable, our primary mission is to 'testify.' The only effective weapon against evil is truth." Why is testifying to the truth of God so critical?

5. God loves transforming enemies into His children—and we ourselves used to be His enemies before Christ transformed us. How should remembering this fact help us as we witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world?

FOR THIS WEEK

Journaling in John 15:18–16:4a

Last week's Scripture memorized
JOHN 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

JOURNAL John 15:18–16:4a

The ever-increasing struggles we face in this world should not be surprising to us because Jesus told us about them beforehand. It's not always easy to be kind to those who ridicule our beliefs, show contempt for our Savior or make a mockery of the institutions that Christians hold sacred. But how do we show love toward those who hate us, when we often want to return to them the same contempt they show us? Followers of Jesus don't get to withdraw or be silent. We must continue to testify about Jesus and reflect His love in a way that honors Him. After all, this is what we signed up for when we decided to follow Him!

Read the following verses and write any insights that come to mind.

Philippians 1:27a

2 Timothy 3:12

1 Peter 2:15

1 Peter 3:9

1 Peter 4:19

Luke 6:28

Matthew 10:32-33

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.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

TODAY IS NATIONAL ORPHAN SUNDAY.

Would you like to get involved with HISchild, Christ Chapel's ministry to orphans and adoptive/foster families? Email us at hischild@christchapelbc.org. There's a new Adoptive and Foster Moms Fellowship starting in January 2022 that we'd love to tell you more about.

PICK UP OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES TODAY.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry that sends Christmas gifts and the gospel message to children in need around the world every year—and you can help by filling a few boxes yourself this November. Stop by the table in the Great Room or Atrium today; directions with everything you need to know are included. The final day to return boxes is Sunday, Nov. 21.

SIGN UP FOR "WHEREVER YOU GO"—IT'S THIS SATURDAY, NOV. 13!

As part of our Be One, Make One, Reach One ministry vision, we're excited to bring more evangelism training to you this year. "Wherever You Go" is a chance to learn more about sharing the gospel with clarity and kindness from EvanTell. At the interactive event they'll help you feel more prepared to have faith conversations and share your own story wherever you go. Happening from 9 a.m. to noon in the Oak Room, you can sign up now at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

NEXT GEN EXPERIENCE IS NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 14.

If you've considered serving in Children's Ministry but wish you had a better idea of what to expect, join us next Sunday! You'll get a tour, find out what our kids are learning, how leaders help and where you'll fit as part of the team. Let us know you'll be there by signing up at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

DON'T GRIEVE THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS ALONE. REGISTER FOR SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS.

When you're grieving a loved one's death, it's not unusual to wish you could skip over the whole season. At Surviving the Holidays you'll gain some practical wisdom and advice as we talk about what to do with favorite traditions and memories, how to handle different emotions and where to find real hope. The workshop's happening Saturday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn more and register at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

LET'S SERVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON! OCC

box collections, Secret Agent Christmas at Beautiful Feet Ministries, Operation Zip Code—there are a lot of ways you can share God's love and hope this holiday season. Head to www.ccbcfamily.org/holidayserve to find a special way to serve now.

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.

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