

From Fear To Faith

Never Be The Same Again- Part 2

Connect: Describe a past fear or phobia that you have experienced and how did you overcome that fear.

Hook: There is much in our world today that can cause anxiety, fears, and concerns. Think for a moment how the disciples might have felt during the course of events recorded in John, chapter 13. Jesus is in the Upper Room and He informs them that one of the twelve would betray Him. The Lord has also announced that He is leaving them and that they cannot follow Him. These are men who had left their jobs and families to follow Jesus in the hope that He was the promised Messiah. They were ecstatic a few days before when He rode into Jerusalem to the cheers of the crowd. But now He is talking about His death, not about His messianic kingdom. And to top it off, He had just told Peter that before daybreak, he would deny Jesus three times.

This kind of news is a recipe for fear and anxiety. How would Jesus encourage them to move them from "fear to faith"? Let's find out as we study John 14!

Book:

John 14:1 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me.

John 14:2 There is more than enough room in My Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

John 14:3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am.

John 14:4 And you know the way to where I am going."

John 14:5 "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where You are going, so how can we know the way?"

John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.

John 14:7 If you had really known Me, you would know who My Father is. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him!"

John 14:8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

John 14:9 Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father! So why are you asking Me to show Him to you?"

John 14:10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I speak are not My own, but My Father who lives in Me does His work through Me.

John 14:11 Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen Me do.

John 14:12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in Me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

Look:

Consider the following statement: "Faith is only as good as its object". What does that mean?

Jesus states that the disciples need to have faith in Him. There are at least 4 reasons that He gives in our text to be worthy of that trust. Please list and discuss them:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Jesus states that we are to be encouraged in this life because one day we will be united with Him in the next life. What truths do we learn about "Heaven" in our text?

Another word of encouragement that Jesus gives is verse 12: *"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in Me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father."*

How can we do the same works that Jesus did?

How can we do even greater works?

Making It Personal:

A person you witness to says, *"It's fine that you believe in Jesus, but I have my own spiritual beliefs that work for me."* What is your reply?

What "greater works" is Christ calling you to do?

What personal step(s) do you need to take to move from fear to faith?