

# “HE DWELT AMONG US”

## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN LESSON 15 Chapter 14

*“I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you.” John 14:18*

The disciples must have been completely bewildered, discouraged and fearful for the future. Jesus had just told them:

- 1) One of the twelve was a traitor (**John 13:21**)
- 2) Peter, the strong one, would deny Him (**John 13:38**)
- 3) Satan was working against them (**Luke 22:31**)
- 4) All the disciples would fall away (**Matt. 26:31**)
- 5) He would leave them (**John 13:33**)
- 6) He would die (**John 12:32-33**)

When *we* face trials and failure, it is easy for despair to overwhelm us. When someone we love leaves us, we feel a sense of loss and loneliness. Jesus understood that. He wanted to prepare His disciples by comforting them and giving them hope in the fact that the separation was to be only temporary. This same knowledge must become a reality to us also. When it does, our burdens become lighter, and our priorities will adjust to reflect our future blessed hope.

**DAY #1** \*Pray before you start your lesson each day.\*

Read **John, chapter 14** all the way through. Go back and read **verses 1** through **15**. Record the important facts. Give a brief title to this section.

Title:

**DAY #2**

1) Read **John 14:1**.

A. Describe what it is like to have a “troubled heart.”

B. What is the opposite state of mind and heart from that of a “troubled heart?”

C. In **verse 1**, what did Jesus say was the antidote to having a “troubled heart?”

D. How can a firm trust in God the Father and Jesus the Son relieve fear and soul-sorrow? Also explain how faith can sustain us as we face tests and trials.

2) Read the following scriptures. What do you learn that can help you develop a state of calm, comforting confidence in God? First state the general lesson you learn from each scripture, then share the effect that the lesson can have on your own personal life.

**General Lessons**

**Personal Applications**

A. **II Corinthians 1:3-4**

B. **Isaiah 26:3**

C. **Psalms 55:17-18**

- 3) Read **John 14:2** carefully. Read it again, prayerfully. Describe what you picture as you read this verse.
  
- 4) In **verse 3**, Jesus tells us that He will “come again.” These words were meant to encourage. They also engrave in our hearts and lives the reality of *His Future Kingdom* in contrast to the temporary world in which we now live. Share how the following scriptures direct you to live with an expectancy of His return.
  - A. **Titus 2:12-14**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. **I Thessalonians 3:12-13**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - 5) The joyful aspect of His return is that He will “receive us to Himself.” We will never again feel a distance or separation from our loving God. Share from your heart as you ponder *His never ending presence* as described in **John 14:3b** and **Revelation 21:3-4**.

**DAY #3 Read John 14:4-7**

- 1) Many people ponder the deep questions of the meaning of life: Where did I come from? Where am I going? What is truth? How do I find God? These questions have been asked by people for thousands of years. In **John 14:6**, Jesus gives the answer. How would you use this verse to share with a non-Christian that **Jesus is the** answer? Use other scriptures from the Gospel of John to support your answer, if you have time.

***“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12***

- 2) Notice in **John 14:6**, Jesus uses the word “**the**” instead of just “**a**” way. This upsets some people. They accuse Christians of being narrow. But their argument is not with Christians, but with Christ Himself. What do you learn from the following?

Results of Man’s Way	Results of God’s Way
A. <b>Proverbs 14:12</b>	A. <b>John 3:16</b>
B. <b>Matthew 7:13</b>	B. <b>John 10:9</b>
C. <b>John 3:20</b>	C. <b>John 1:12</b>

**DAY #4 Read John 14:7-15**

- 1) Read **John 14:7-9** again. Philip expressed a desire we have all had at some time. We would like to actually physically see God.
- A. What was Jesus’ response?
- B. Physical sight is not the only way we can “see.” Insight and understanding are internal and spiritual ways of “seeing.” How can learning about Jesus enable us to spiritually “see and know” God?
- C. As we learn about Jesus, what do we “see” (understand) about God?

- 2) Read **John 14:10-12**. God the Father accomplished great works here on earth through Jesus.
  - A. What does God intend to do through us? (**verse 12**)
  
  - B. How is “belief in Jesus” necessary to do His works?
  
- 3) As we serve the Lord, we need to be constantly aware that prayer is a vital element. Read **John 14:13-14**.
  - A. In **John 14:13b**, what is the primary goal that Jesus desires to be accomplished from our prayers?
  
  - B. Explain how **I John 5:14** clarifies guaranteed answered prayer as stated in **John 14:14**.
  
- 4) Combine the truths of **John 13:34-35** and **John 14:15** to show how we demonstrate that we love God.

## **DAY #5**

Read **John 14:16-31**. Record the important facts. Give a title to this section.

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**DAY #6**

1) Read **John 14:16-18** and **John 14:26**.

A. What are all the things that you learn about the Holy Spirit from these verses?

B. Describe how you personally benefit from the Holy Spirit's presence as you ponder what you have just learned.

C. The Bible instructs us "do not quench (suppress, subdue, smother) the Holy Spirit," **I Thessalonians 5:19**. How do you sometimes limit or hinder His ability to work in your life?

2) List the promises and wonderful truths given to us in **John 14:19-21**.

3) "My heart-Christ's home!" What a wonderful promise is stated in **John 14:23**.

A. What are the conditions of His abiding presence in your life?

B. Share the benefits and blessing of Jesus dwelling in your heart and life.

- 4) In the beginning of **chapter 14**, Jesus encouraged His disciples and us not to be troubled.
- A. From reading **John 14:27**, what does He leave us to replace anxiousness? How can He do that?
- B. Describe how God's peace can be present regardless of our circumstances. Is this true in your life? Why or Why not?
- C. Jesus said that the peace He gives is different from what the world offers. Pause and prayerfully ponder this. Then share what you learn as you would share with someone who is in a state of turmoil. Allow those truths to sink deeply into *your* own heart.

***Salvation is not something we achieve, it is something we receive.***

### ***PEACE***

***“The storm was raging. The sea was beating against the rocks in huge, dashing waves. The lightning was flashing, the thunder was roaring, the wind was blowing; but the little bird was sound asleep in the crevice of the rock, its head tucked serenely under its wing. That is peace: to be able to sleep in the storm!”***

***In Christ we are relaxed and at peace in the midst of the confusions, bewilderments, and perplexities of this life. The storm rages, but our hearts are at rest. We have found peace—at last!”***

***Billy Graham***