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PART 25

John 14—Knowing Jesus and Loving Him More



Now What?
JOHN 14:23-31



IN THESE SEASONS OF LIFE,
WE DRAW SOME
VERY BAD
CONCLUSIONS:

“I’ll never be happy”

“Nothing good will come from this”

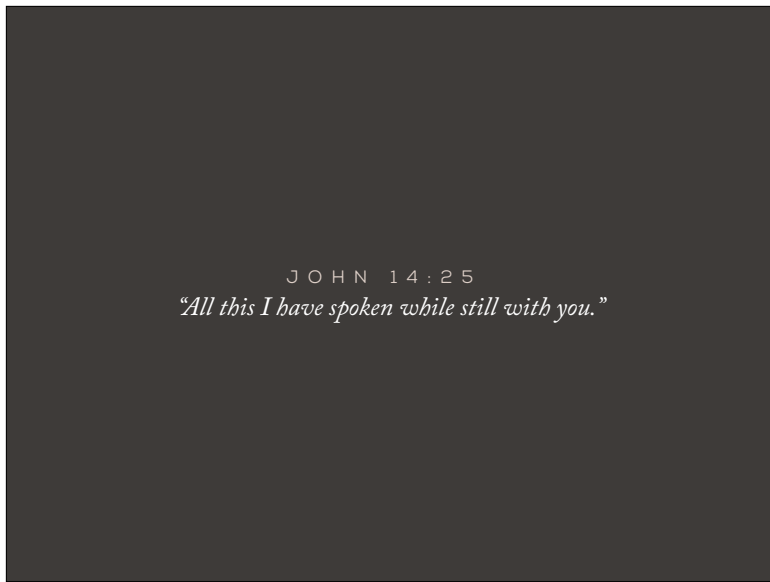
“There’s no point in continuing”



*So what do you do
when there's nothing
YOU can do?*

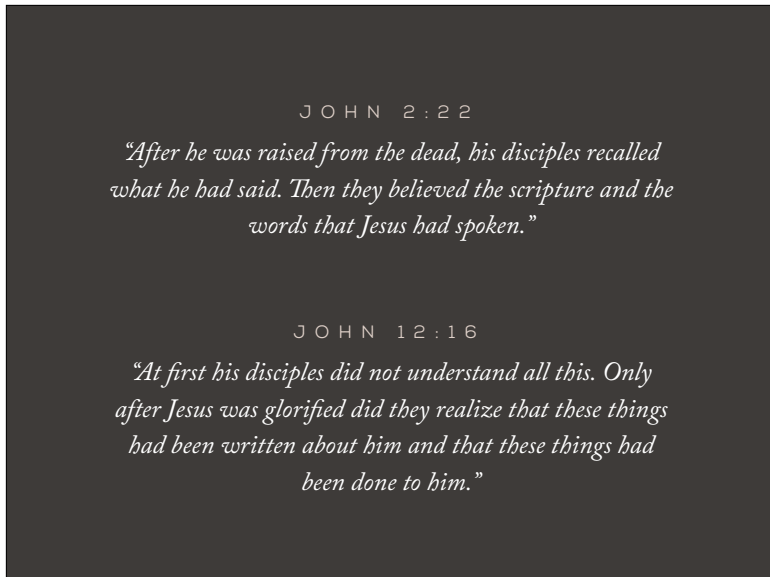
MAIN POINT:

Let God's Spirit live
inside of you.



JOHN 14:25

"All this I have spoken while still with you."

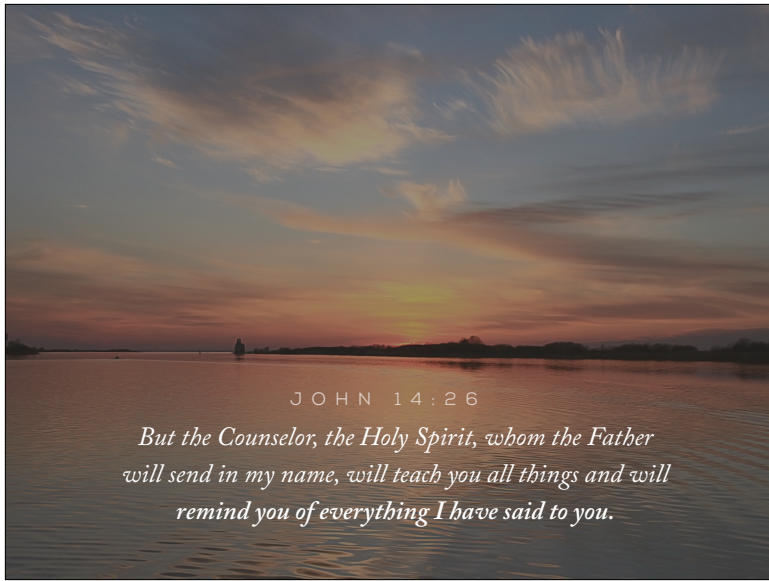


JOHN 2:22

"After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken."

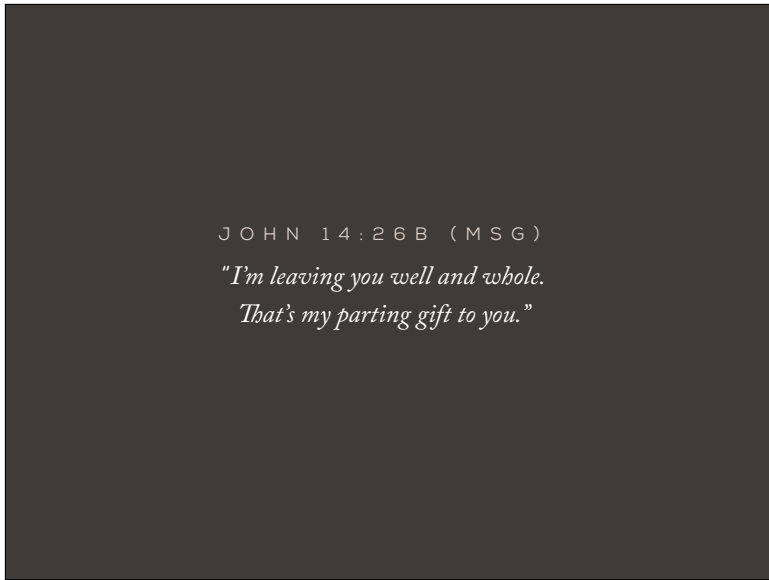
JOHN 12:16

"At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him."



JOHN 14:26

*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.*



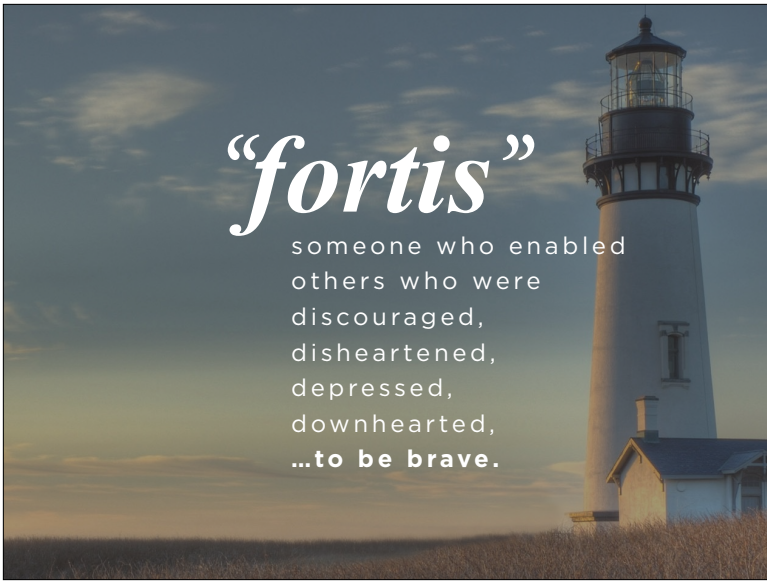
JOHN 14:26B (MSG)

*"I'm leaving you well and whole.
That's my parting gift to you."*



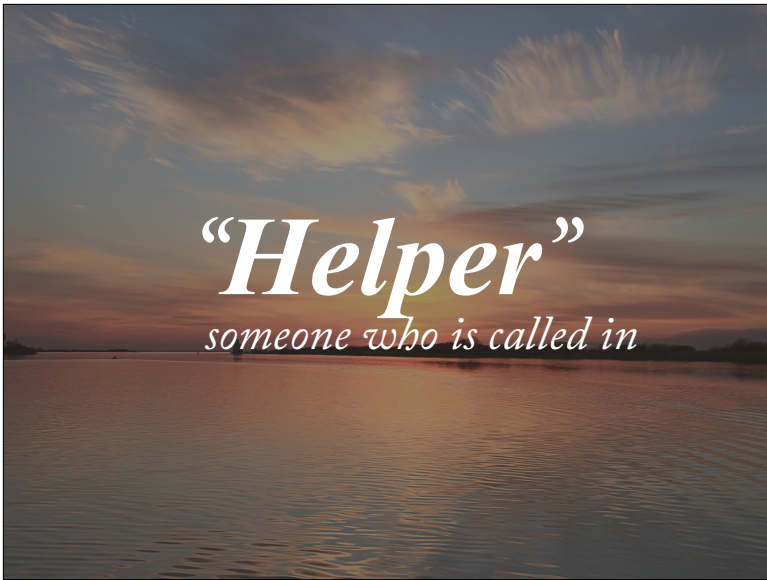
“parakletos”

“COMFORTER”
King James Version



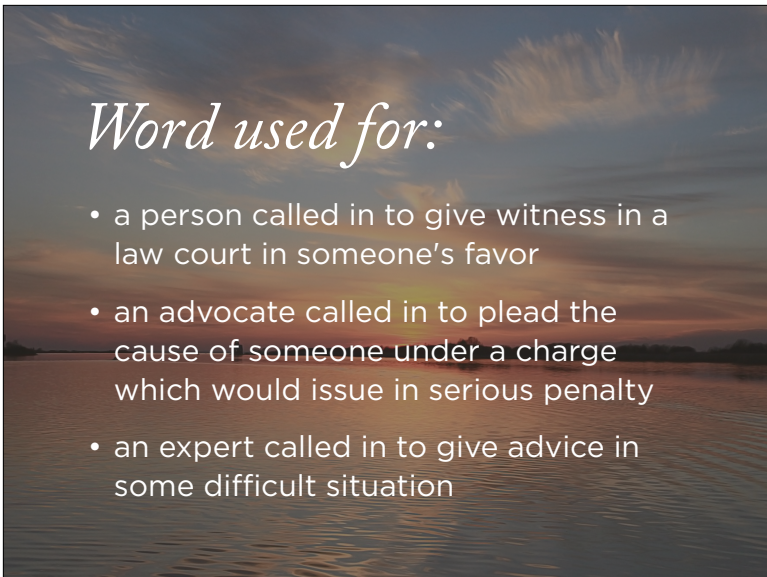
“fortis”

someone who enabled others who were discouraged, disheartened, depressed, downhearted, ...to be brave.



“Helper”

someone who is called in




Word used for:

- a person called in to give witness in a law court in someone’s favor
- an advocate called in to plead the cause of someone under a charge which would issue in serious penalty
- an expert called in to give advice in some difficult situation



Word used for:

- a person called in when a company of soldiers were depressed and discouraged to put new courage into their minds and hearts.
- Always someone called in to help in time of trouble or need.



THE
Holy Spirit
SUBSTITUTES
victorious
for DEFEATED
living.

JOHN 14:27
(AMPLIFIED BIBLE VERSION)

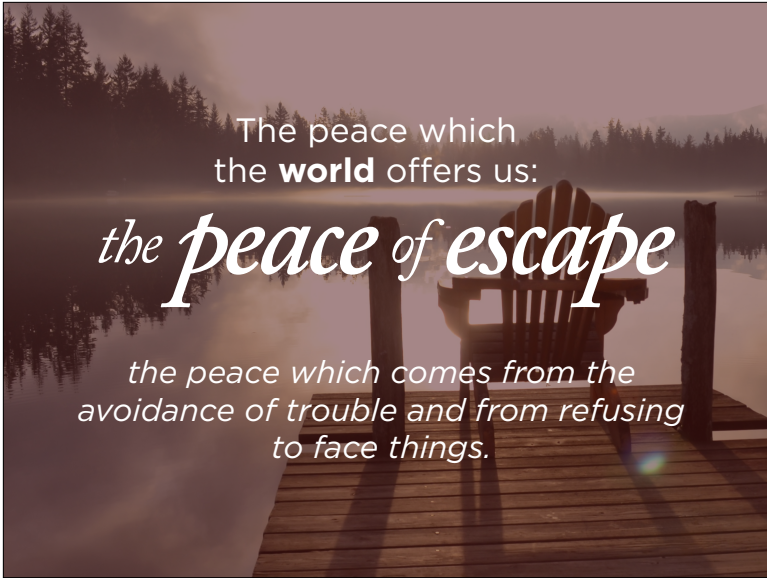
"Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]"

“shalom”

NEVER means simply the absence of trouble.

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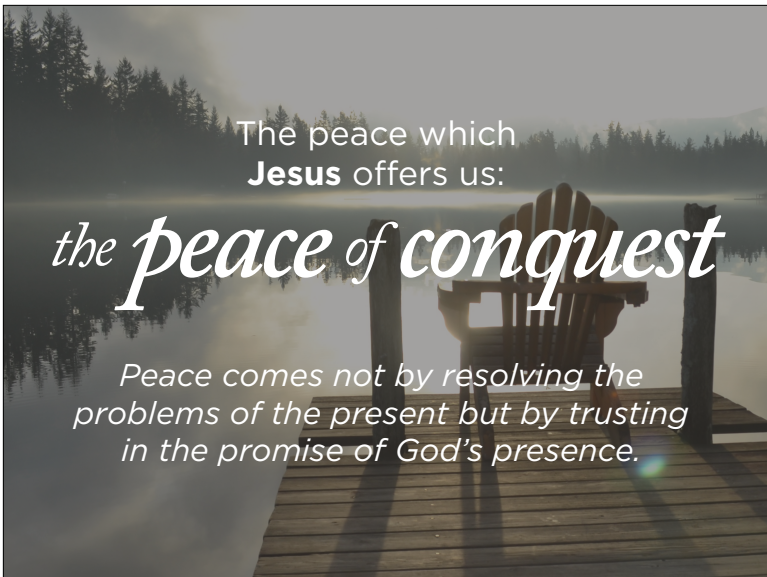
“everything which makes for our highest good.”



The peace which the **world** offers us:

the peace of escape

the peace which comes from the avoidance of trouble and from refusing to face things.



The peace which **Jesus** offers us:

the peace of conquest

Peace comes not by resolving the problems of the present but by trusting in the promise of God's presence.

FOUR POSSIBLE RESPONSES

1 We could **CONFORM**

We start compromising what we believe and the way we act in order to appeal to and appease the surrounding culture.

MATTHEW 16:24

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

FOUR POSSIBLE RESPONSES

2 We could **CHECK OUT**

The opposite extreme is to secede from culture, distancing ourselves so completely that we never have any interaction with the world around us.

JOHN 17:15-16

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.”

FOUR POSSIBLE RESPONSES

3 We could **COMBAT**

The problem with this approach is that it's antagonistic and defensive and it misses the heart of Jesus.

JOHN 18:36

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

FOUR POSSIBLE RESPONSES

4 We could **COUNTER**

We stand firmly on the truth of God, empowered by the Spirit, to extend the love of Christ to a lost and dying world.

“Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet.”

*N.T. Wright, **Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense***

“Surprisingly, the Christian faith today is perceived as disconnected from the supernatural world – a dimension that the vast majority of outsiders believe can be accessed and influenced.”

*David Kinnaman, **Unchristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity...and Why It Matters***

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