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**SERMON NOTES November 8, 2020**

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**John 14:1-11**  
**Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled**  
**Pastor Mike**

I. A \_\_\_\_\_ heart in \_\_\_\_\_ times

a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of one principle

*The opposite of a trouble heart is \_\_\_\_\_*

b. Crisis exposes the gap between our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_ that bring \_\_\_\_\_ to a troubled heart

a. You have an \_\_\_\_\_ as God's \_\_\_\_\_

b. Your relationship with God is \_\_\_\_\_

c. The ultimate treasure of your inheritance is \_\_\_\_\_

d. You have a \_\_\_\_\_ of this relationship with God \_\_\_\_\_

e. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ to your fundamental questions and needs

1. He is the \_\_\_\_\_

2. He is the \_\_\_\_\_

3. He is the source of \_\_\_\_\_

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. In John 14:1 Jesus tells his disciples (and us), "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." In his message Pastor Mike pointed out that Jesus is teaching us the two sides of one principle; We don't let our heart be troubled by believing in God and his promises.
  - a. If these are two sides of one principle, does this mean that a troubled heart and belief in God and his promises are incompatible? Put another way, does a trouble heart always reveal a lack of faith in God? Explain your answer.
  - b. Pastor Mike said that trials and crisis often expose a gap between our theology and our practical faith. What does he mean by that?
  - c. We are in a time of crisis and uncertainty; To what degree is your heart troubled? Does your anxiety and worry reveal a gap between your theology and your faith? If so, what are the truths that you know (your theology) that you are having a hard time believing in practice?
  
2. In teaching us what we need to believe to have an untroubled heart, the first thing Jesus mentions is the promise of heaven, telling us "in my father's house are many rooms," and "I go to prepare a place for you."
  - a. How should a right belief about the promise of heaven call give us an untroubled heart in the midst of troubled times?
  - b. Some would argue that focusing on heaven is just a form of escapism resulting in Christians who are so heavenly minded they are no earthly good. How do you respond to this charge?
  - c. Did the early disciples focus on eternity result in them being more engaged in the present or less? What should we learn from their example and teaching on this issue?
  - d. Many of us are familiar with the old King James translation, "*In my Father's house are many mansions,*" and leading to the idea that Jesus is preparing a mansion for us in heaven. What is practical difference in the meaning of him preparing rooms rather than mansions?
  
3. In John 14 Jesus teaches us that the ultimate treasure of heaven isn't primarily in the place or the things we get there (the mansions), but it's in the nature of the relationship that we will have with him. As he says in verse 3, "*I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*"
  - a. How does this impact your understanding of and vision of heaven?
  - b. Why is it that when we think of heaven, we are more likely to think of the place (streets of gold) and things (crowns and mansions) rather than the person of God and our relationship with him?
  
4. In John 14:6 Jesus said, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*" What does it mean that he is the way? What does it mean that he is the truth? What does it mean that he is the life?
  
5. In these troubled time Jesus speaks to you as his follower, telling you, "*Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.*" If you are stressed and/or troubled, what truth about God do you need to hold on to more tightly this week?