

July's Teaching Theme: The Way of the Exile

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题目 Topic: "Don't Be Troubled? Why?"

经文 Scripture: John 14:1-6

Monthly Idea: This month's teaching theme is a continuation from last month with "Exile" and "the Way of the Exile." The human condition is one of exile as we live in homes that are characterized by brokenness and situated in a world of brokenness. "Exile" also becomes a key identity marker for the Christian, as we give our allegiance to another Kingdom - the Kingdom of God. As "exiles" allegiant to another King and the ethics of that Kingdom, this calls us to be people of consistent love and justice. We are to seek the welfare of our cities but never give allegiance to the nations.

This week, Dr. Moon talked about the Christian's power to not live in fear and anxiety as we cast out cares upon the Triune God. Part of the Christian's unique identity as "exile" and living in the "way of the exile" is the Christian's ability to live with ultimate hope even as we lament in the suffering and pain of the world. The Christian is not one that grieves without hope. John 14 tells us that our hope comes in the fact that Jesus is our way "home" even as we walk as "exiles" in this world. This hope means our hearts "don't have to be troubled/"

Resources:

Video: [The Gospel of John 13-21](#) [English] (8:32)

Video: [The Gospel of John 13-21](#) [Chinese] (8:06)

If you don't watch the video as a group make sure you watch it as a leader for context for the passage and discussion questions.

Important Notes (from Pastor Will):

- When looking at verse 1b, it is best translated and understood as two imperatives (commands) "**Trust in God, also trust in Me.**" Believe is a very shallow word in modern English and thus doesn't capture the essence of this passage or the Greek behind the translations. "Trust" or "Give Allegiance" to God is the best English of this verse. *The key to "not being troubled" is ultimately loyal trust in God, that he is our hope and will fulfill his promise to rid his good creation of evil.*
- In the context of the passage, the disciples "troubled hearts" were coming from the emotional distress of the idea of Jesus departing them. Jesus' encouragement to the disciples is the same to us, that we can be confident Jesus is "preparing a place for us" in the New Heaven and New Earth, and that through him we will be lead home. We also later learn that Jesus' departure means the giving of "the Helper" (the Holy Spirit) who will guide the Christians in the way of Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- (1) Read John 14:1-6 together. What observations do you make and what stands out to you? Summarize the passage.
- (2) Share your story of how you found Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life?
- (3) What is one challenge you have faced recently? How has God helped you during this time?
- (4) What does the hope of heaven mean to you? Who have you been praying for to have the same hope?
- (5) How has God led you in the past? How is he leading you today?

Sermon Summary (Elder Yin):

Why need no worry

Dr moon

John 14:1-6

Dr. Moon lost 45 pounds since last February

All the bad news in Newspaper headlines:

Y2K

Population explosion

Global cooling

Global warning

Cell phone link to brain cancer

Apostle Paul said "don't worry about every thing, in every situation by thanksgiving prayer to the lord

Phil4:6

2tim1:7

What were the disciples thinking when Jesus told them about his crucifixion?

What to do in time of fearful?

In OT when psalmists were fearful, 141:8, trust god and lean on him

in NT "don't let your heart to troubled, believe god and believe in me" said Jesus in John14:1

Jesus is the prove that our lord wants to give us everything, he even gave up his son (Romans 8:32)

So remember Jesus's promise

Hebrews 13:5 never leave you

John14:2 many houses (rooms for all) in my fathers house (heaven)

Heaven has "no vacancy sign"

Jesus loves the little children

Heaven's door not shut for those want to enter

John 14:

1. It tells us Jesus's honesty

14:2, no misleading in Christianity, blunt about the troubles and suffers in this world, inevitable, we cannot avoid the cross,

16:33, yet he has overcome the world

Rev 2:10 be faithful till death, the crown of life is waiting

Challenge us into greatness

2. It tells us Jesus's purpose, to prepare a place

In ancient Rome, army had small group at the front to make sure the safety of the pass. Same thing Jesus did

In OT our lord used cloud and fire pillars to lead the Israelites

Hymn "He leadth me"

3. It tells us Jesus's triumph

14:3 "will come back to take you where I am"

"I am coming again"

His 2nd coming: two extremes views, not care or think of nothing else but

We don't know when, only sure thing is he is coming, history must have completion, will end w his coming, his triumph

Are you his friends? Are you looking forward to his 2nd coming?

"Where I am, there you will be also"

Bible only gives a glimpse of heaven but enough to let us know we will be w Jesus, forever

Nothing will separate us from him anymore

Romans 8:38-39 "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Thomas was far too honest, no vagueness, have to be sure "we don't know where are you going?" which question lead to the most amazing statement of Jesus—14:4-6 I am the way, the truth & the life

I am the way:

Dr Moon's experience of a kind stranger led them to the path (hiking), so they didn't miss it

Jesus walks w us, strengthening and guiding us everyday, not just tell us how to get on the way, he IS the way

Psalms 23, he leads me beside the still water, still holds truth today

I am the truth

Psalms 86:11 teach me thy way, I will walk in the truth

A teacher's character doesn't affect his teaching content if teaching such as geometry; but what about teaching moral standards? How about an adulter teaching purity?

Angry person teach serenity?

Bitter person teach love?

All bound to be ineffective, moral lesson has to be conveyed by example

No teacher has fully lived up the truth he teaches, only Jesus

I am the life

Psalms 16:11 show me the path of life

The life w Jesus is life worth living

Love brought life

No one comes to father except through me, him alone

Without fear and shame

Do you know him as your way, your truth and your life?

Today he invites you, he promises you, seek and you will find him

Pledge our allegiance to him

为什么要一无挂虑

很多坏消息

带来恐惧感,

保罗叫我们应当一无挂虑, 凡事祷告将告诉神

神赐不是胆怯的心

当耶稣被钉十字架的消息来时, 门徒恐惧. 诗141:8恐惧时所说。

新约, 约14:1

我们也应该信靠。

保罗给神应许, 罗8:32

虽然暴风我们可以信靠耶稣的应许, 我总不丢弃你。约14:2。在我父家有很多住处, 指天堂有很多地方为我们所有的人。这段经文说

1, 耶稣, 诚实

耶稣说不要怕人也许会向你关闭但神向你开门。耶稣所说的是可信的。祂说这世上有苦难，但又说你们可以放心，我已胜了世界。永恒中得冠。

2, 耶稣告诉我们目的。

祂给我们目的，祂自己先去预备。旧约中云柱火柱领我们。

3, 再来接我们，约14:3.耶稣的第二次再来。时间我们不知。

历史会终，终结在耶稣

你是耶稣的朋友吗？你盼祂的再来？

4, 我在，叫你们也在那里。约14:3

与耶稣同在，有一天在天上面对面。

罗8:38-39

没有任何能让我们和神的爱隔绝

5, 神是种们的道路，约14：4-6

多马，很胆小的人，他要搞清楚。他有怀疑就说出来，疑问没事，只要问。耶稣说 he 自己是道路。耶稣给方向又带领，祂是道路，什么意思？诗23。

耶稣也是真理，祂自己有很好的道德标准。道德真理定要行为表现。什么是我是真理.？活出来的真理

耶稣也是生命，诗16:11

爱带来生命，

约14:6, 不藉着我没人能到父那里去，问题：你知道耶稣是道路真理生命？

寻找祂，

有耶稣的，你永远在家，神的天国的家，在地上。