An Untroubled Heart

Jesus’ announcement that He was going away was very troubling to the apostles (14:28; 16:5-7, 28-29). Looking back on this announcement, we find it very comforting. We are comforted by—

**1. Where Christ was going**

A. To the glory of the *cruel cross* (13:31-32)

Jesus glorified the Father by His *obedience*

The Father glorified Jesus by the *resurrection*

B. To the glory of the *Father’s house* (14:2-3)

**2. How we can go there**

A. Not by self-confident *determination* (13:36-38)

B. But through Christ, *the Way* (14:4-6)

**3. What we are to do in the meantime**

A. Love the *family* (13:34-35)

A new standard of love—Christ

A new power of love—the Spirit

A new community of love—the Church

B. Trust in the *Lord* (14:1)

**Application** An untroubled heart

Pray earnestly for—

A. A loving heart that is *patient*

B. A trusting heart that is *peaceful*

C. A heavenly heart that is *hopeful*

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. What is your typical response to aggravation, disappointment, and conflict? What would a more Christ-like response look like? Will you commit yourself to asking the Lord to give you that kind of heart? Do you need to be praying that God will give that kind of heart to someone close to you as well as to yourself?

*Never let us forget that there are degrees in faith, and that there is a wide difference between weak and strong believers. The weakest faith is enough to give a man a saving interest in Christ, and ought not to be despised; but it will not give a man such inward comfort as a strong faith* (J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*, 3.37).

*Follow thou me. I am the way and the truth and the life. Without the way there is no going; without the truth there is no knowing; without the life there is no living. I am the way which thou must follow; the truth which thou must believe; the life for which thou must hope. I am the inviolable way; the infallible truth, the never-ending life. I am the straightest way; the sovereign truth; life true, life blessed, life uncreated* (Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ,* 56.1, quoted in Carson*, The Gospel of John,* 492).