

“Courageous Comfort”
May 31, 2015

John 14:25-27 (NIV & TPT)

Background:

- **John 13-16** not a sermon (*i.e., Sermon on the Mount*), rather a long **conversation** (in response to disciples’ questions)
- Summary: “I am **leaving**—but you are **not alone**”
- Context: The **GOSPEL** is about more than **afterlife** in Heaven—includes **present life** on earth continuing Jesus’ ministry
- Focus: This is only possible thru a dynamic **relationship with H.S. available to everyone** (*not just an elite few*).

CORE: Holy Spirit will give you all you need to continue My ministry—including a **supernatural peace**—My **courageous comfort** will be your **ever-present reality**.

1. PERSONAL “MY peace (*Lit.- “My own personal peace”*)” into you!”

This is PEACE...

- **Experienced and enjoyed with the Father**
- **Available through what Jesus has done**
- **Made personal to us by Holy Spirit**

Lit.- “I am putting this peace INTO you”!

NOTE: Technology claims to be able to upload our minds to computers by 2045; yet, this is much more powerful than having Google in your brain..

The Holy Spirit is God downloading Himself into us!

SHALOM- speaks of the ultimate friendship brought together thru covenant; life-giving lasting relationship—the unhindered enjoyment of a friendship that knows no guilt or suspicion or blame or condemnation. Not a hint of disloyalty or suspicion. It’s totally safe—because this other person accepts me fully. This person would die for me.

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.
(Romans 5:1 NLT)

NOTE: Word Jesus used for “**prayer**” means “**nailed to; permanently attached to**”; far cry from fearful, panicky prayer—trying to twist God’s arm to give you something you don’t think He really wants to; or nervously approaching Someone with uncertainty that He even hears you.

“**In My name**” speaks of open access; a “joint account” ...equal access to the storehouse. **You are SAFE with Him!**

2. POWERFUL

John 14:27- “Don’t let your heart—your innermost person—be troubled” (Also stated in 14:1)

“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.]” (John 14:27 AMP)

“TROUBLED”—thoroughly agitated, percolating with fearful thoughts that invade your waking moments, your dreams, your thoughts & emotions; continually disturbed.

NOTE: There is more FEAR (terrorism) in the world than ever before. (ABC News recently said—“Americans have stopped HOPING. Now, they are merely COPING with life.”) [“Hearts of many will fail them because of FEAR.” (Luke 21:26)]

Jesus—This new day will be marked by My people UNAFRAID. H.S. WILL BRING EVERY AGITATION UNDER THE REIGN OF HIS PEACE. No longer intimidated or afraid of life! You will be empowered to HANDLE LIFE. To face challenges—to face your fears. This is international...it works in the most oppressive zones of the world!

His PEACE is not to make us COZY—IT MAKES US COURAGEOUS.

“DO NOT LET your hearts be troubled.” We have the authority and the power, by the H.S., to refuse inner turmoil! (Fear, panic, agitation) We have a CHOICE! (**“Stop allowing...”** AMP)

How God created: “Let there be light...”

- “LET”—the idea of releasing—not trying harder. You hold the keys to the door.
- You have the power to **“bind” (establish) and “release” (put to flight).**

3. PERSPECTIVE

PEACE IS ALWAYS LINKED TO JOY

Fruit of H.S. is **“Love, joy peace...”** Gal. 2:20

Kingdom of God—“Righteousness, peace & joy in the H.S.” (Romans 14)

AND JOY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH “HAPPINESS.” “HAP” is a brief moment; a chance event (i.e., a mishap)

JOY is not limited to a moment—it’s based on a settled perspective.

“The plans I have for you are for PEACE, not evil; to give you a future and a hope” (Jer. 29:11) These words were spoken by God to His people when they had lost everything. He was saying: ***“My plans haven’t changed for you. I never have evil plans for My people. These circumstances haven’t changed that!”***

Joseph- “You meant it for evil (20 years ago; not a mistake), but God stood in your miserable circumstances and used them for good.”

CONCLUSION

- **No one can fulfill evil in your life—as you live in untroubled trust in His heart. You see through—rather than look at the situations.** Troubled people look at the circumstances. Peace-filled people see through them!
- **“My peace I GIVE TO YOU” (a gift).** i.e., Matt. 10- When you go into a house, give them your peace—you can give it away, w/o lessening your own peace. But if the people in the house don’t want it, it comes back to you!)
- It is TANGIBLE. You walk with more authority than you know. “More than conquerors” are bigger than their circumstances!!!!