

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Chapter 14 PT. 1: Jesus Comforts His Disciples

John 14:1-15

Introduction: We end **Chapter 13** with Jesus letting Peter know of his pending denial of Him. Now we enter into the chapter where Yeshua shows us his concern for His Disciples even above His own pending suffering.

Verse 1-2

John 14:1-2 (NASB) - ¹“**Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.** ²In My Father’s house are many rooms; if *that* were not *so*, I would have told you, because I am going *there* to prepare a place for you.



- The only thing that can bring Joy and Peace is belief in G-d!
- Yeshua and Father are the only Ones Who can anchor in storms so that we cannot be moved.
- Jesus on numerous occasion commanded His Disciples to “fear not”!

Question: So how many times did Jesus say to His Disciples to “Fear Not”?

Answer: There is a popular saying stating that "**fear not**" appears **365** times in the Bible. This exact phrase is not found that many times in any single translation, nor did Jesus say it that often specifically to His disciples.

- It is estimated that "**fear not**" and related phrases (e.g. "**be not afraid**" "**do not be dismayed**") appear **over 100 times in various translations**.
- There is no biblical version that says "fear not" **365 times**.
- In other words, it is a myth developed by people teaching what they heard someone else say.
- This is how doctrinal errors start.

2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP) – ¹⁵ Study *and* do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling *and* skillfully teaching the word of truth.

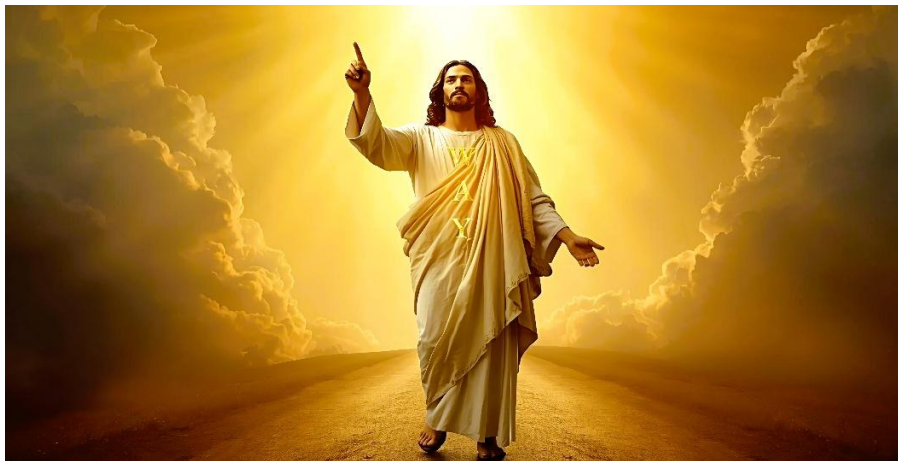
Verse 3-4

John 14:3-4 (NASB) – ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, *there* you also will be. ⁴ And **you know the way** where I am going.”

Note: Yeshua gives them all Hope for the future: “**You know the Way**”. Then He goes on to tell them just how well they know.

Verse 5-6

John 14:5-6 (NASB) - ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.



- Jesus is letting Thomas and everyone that will ever read or hear these words that He alone is the Way!
- The early Church were not called “Christians”, but followers of “**the Way**”.

- Even the Apostle Paul spoke of persecuting followers of “**the Way**” (Acts 22:4).
- Even the darkness of this world knows Jesus is the only “**Way**” and turned hearts away from Jesus.

Acts 19:8-9 (NASB) – ⁸ And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, having discussions and persuading *them* about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took the disciples away *with him*, and had discussions daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Note: The Apostle Paul would no longer teach in the synagogue in **Ephesus** due to people speaking against “**the Way**”.



- **Remember:** this is one of the seven churches in Revelation 2:1-7.
- Ephesus was the church known for its hard work but had, “**abandoned its first love**”.
- What happened then is happening now.



Galatians 5:7 (AMP) – ⁷ You were running [the race] well; who has interfered *and* prevented you from obeying the truth?

Oneness With Father

Verses 7-9

John 14:7-9 (NASB) - ⁷ If you **had** known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.” ⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ **Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”**



Note: This is not doubting Thomas; this is Philip!

- Philip met Jesus beyond the Jordan River during John the Baptist ministry.
- Philip was chosen by Jesus in Galilee one day after Jesus called Peter and Andrew.
- Philip brought his friend Nathaniel also to meet Jesus.
- He has been with Jesus too long to still not know Who the Father is!

Verse 10-11

John 14:10-11 (NASB) - ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own, but the Father, as He remains in Me, does His works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

Key: Father already knows what it will take to draw you to Him and He also knows those who, no matter what He does, will still have doubt and unbelief.

Verse 12

John 14:12 (NASB) - ¹² Truly, truly I say to you, **the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also;** and greater *works* than these he will do; because I am going to the Father.

Key: The reason people are stuck in **words** of belief and not **works** of belief is because they do not **BELIEVE!**

James 2:26 (AMP) – ²⁶ For just as the [human] body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works [of obedience] is also dead.

Verse 13-14

John 14:13-14 (NASB) - ¹³ And **whatever** you ask in My name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

REVELATION: Holy Spirit said, tell my children; “get past the ‘**Whatever**’ and get to ‘**His Will**’”!

1 John 5:14-15 (AMP) – ¹⁴ This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears *and* listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him.

Key: Father will never go against His Word! Keep the Word of G-d in context with His whole Counsel! **Selah.**

Verse 15

John 14:15 (NASB) - ¹⁵“If you love Me, you will keep **My commandments.”**



Keep-(Greek)-*tay-reh'-o*-to attend to carefully, take care of, to guard, metaphorically to keep, one in the state in which he is.

Key: We must keep the Word of G-d just as it states, in context and without compromise!

The End