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That the World May Know

John 14:25-31

Is it important to remember what you are taught? Of course it is, especially the important things! Jesus has been teaching His disciples some very important truths during these last hours with His disciples. Jesus and His disciples have finished the Passover meal, which has been called, "The Last Supper." Jesus and His disciples have not left the upper room yet. They are in a deep discussion about important matters in life. Soon they will walk to The Mount of Olives where they will enter a garden called Gethsemane. It is there Jesus will pray for God's will to be done, be betrayed and then be arrested (Mark 14:32).

In our scripture today, Jesus said to His disciples, "*These things I have spoken to you while being present with you*" (John 14:25). Jesus said, "*Tauta lelalaka humin*" seven times in chapters 14-16. Remember the **three most important things Jesus taught** His disciples and all His disciples in this chapter. Jesus said, **1)** "*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me*" (John 14:1). No matter what happens, no matter how bad the circumstances seem to be in life, don't be troubled. The same faith we have in God, we are also to have in Jesus. He is in control. Trust Him. **2)** "*He who has seen Me has seen the Father*" (14:9). The Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father. They are different persons, yet the very same God. All that Jesus has said, taught and did is exactly the same as what the Father says, teaches and does. Believe that They are One. And **3)** "*If you love Me, keep My commandments*" (14:15). The choice and the challenge for the disciples after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is to die to their sinful nature every day and to do the will of God the Father every day just as Jesus did.

These three things are important to remember. They are so important that Jesus told His disciples, "*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you*" (John 14:26). Jesus had a lot of things to tell the disciples. He did not have the opportunity to tell the disciples everything nor were the disciples mentally ready to receive everything Jesus needed to teach them (John 16:12). **The Holy Spirit will come to live in every believer in Jesus Christ**. He will teach those whom He lives in the things they need to know. Do you know the first person mentioned in the Bible who was **filled with the Holy Spirit**? His name was **Bezalel**. Do you know what the Holy Spirit taught him? The Lord spoke to Moses saying, "*See I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work*

in all manner of workmanship" (Exodus 31:1-5). The Holy Spirit is not limited in what He can teach. He can help us learn all kinds of things from moral truths to manual skills to make and fix things. He will use all methods necessary to teach us. He will even use other people He has taught to teach us.

The Holy Spirit will help us remember all things that He has taught us. How does He speak to us now? He speaks to us **through the word of God, the Bible**. This is why it is so important to read God's word. **The Spirit cannot help you remember something that you have never read.** Keep reading God's word over and over so the Spirit of God can bring to your remembrance what you have read. Those verses or events that stand out to you when you read them, read them again. Take some time to think about what God is teaching you. The Holy Spirit may use what you are learning now at some future event in your life just when you need it.

God also speaks through His servants. "*How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher*?" (Romans 10:14). **The Spirit of God cannot help a person believe in someone or something they have never heard of**. We are called to share the gospel, the good news of Jesus. We are also to teach the disciples of Jesus to "*observe all things that I have commanded you*" (Matthew 28:20). There is a lot of things to learn about God's love and His salvation. It is God's Spirit who will do the convicting work and the conversion work. Listen to Him. Follow His directions. Do the will of God. Let God use you to teach other people what the Spirit of God has taught you.

Jesus then told His disciples, "*Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid*." Peace has to do with reconciliation, making things right between two or more people or two or more parties, nations. **Peace as the world gives** is more of an absence of problems which does not always include a restoration of relationships. What would peace look like between Russia and Ukraine, between the United States and Iran? Or between Israel and the Palestinians? This peace is temporary, depending on the people involved and the moods, hatred, or greed of the decision makers. **The peace God gives is permanent**. His peace comes to us through the sacrifice of Jesus. "*We were reconciled to God through the death of His Son*" (Romans 5:10). "*Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*" (5:1). Through faith in Jesus Christ, we have complete and lasting peace with God because He has reconciled us to Himself (2 Corinthians 5:18).

Any and all wrath from God towards His disciples is ended. All hostility between God and His disciples is over. Anything that would separate His disciples from God has been permanently removed through faith in Jesus Christ. God's relationship with His disciples has been completely restored. We have peace with God! **God will not change His mind. God will not change the rules**. God has

established His plan of peace with all people. Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. He died in our place. He reconciled us to God. He is the peacemaker. When you have made a profession of faith, confessing with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believing in your heart that God raised His from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9). You will have permanent peace with God. God gives us peace with Him so that we can help others have this same peace with God. It is called "*The ministry of reconciliation*" (2 Corinthians 5:18). We are to encourage people to be reconciled to God. "*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God*" (Matthew 5:9).

Jesus said to His disciples, "*You have heard Me say to you*, '*I am going away and coming back to you*.' *If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said*, '*I am going to the Father*,' *for My Father is greater than I*" (John 14:28). **Jesus had taught the disciples about His death and resurrection** (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34). They know about this. Now Jesus tells them that if they really loved Him, which includes understanding what was happening, they would rejoice that Jesus is returning to the Father in heaven. The disciples do not seem to be rejoicing about what is going to happen to Jesus. They want what is best for themselves, not what is best for Jesus. We do not, nor should the disciples rejoice in the cruel, painful crucifixion of Jesus' death. It was horrible. We should, as well as the disciples should rejoice that after His death and resurrection, Jesus would return to heaven, to be with His Father. Then Jesus made this interesting statement, "*For My Father is greater than I*."

What does Jesus mean? Why would He say this? First, Jesus said this because it is true. It does not mean that He is not God or that He is a lesser god. No, **Jesus is God**. He has revealed this truth to us, even in this chapter (14:1, 9, 15). There is an equality between God the Father and God the Son seen in the gospel of John because They are One (1:1: 5:16-18; 8:58; 10:30; 20:28). How do we describe this equality between God the Father and God the Son? They have the same **essence**, the same **nature**, and the same **character**. Yet They each have a different **function**, a different **office** and a different **position**. The gospel of John also shows a dependence between God the Father and God the Son (4:34; 5:19-30; 8:29; 12:48-49). Along with these, Jesus "*made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men*" (Philippians 2:7). Jesus emptied Himself to do the will of the Father, paying the debt for our sins, reconciling us to God, giving us peace with God.

Just as the president of the United States is the same as I am, yet he is greater than I am. We are both humans. We have the same nature. We are both created in the image of God. Yet, he has a greater office or position than I have. I don't want that office or responsibility. I am fine where I am. Mike Shepherd and I are the same yet we are different. Even though Mike is wiser, smarter, and more educated, we have different positions of responsibility. All disciples of Jesus should rejoice that Jesus will go to the Father. There He will be "*at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us*" (Romans 8:34).

Jesus said to His disciples, "*And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe*" (John 14:29). Jesus has spoken of His departure and His return so that when they do happen, the result in the disciples will be true belief. The disciples will go through many emotions in the coming hours and days. But when Jesus appears to them, they will believe. He will give the disciples again His peace and the Holy Spirit (John 20:20-21).

Jesus said to His disciples, "*I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here*" (John 14:30-31). The final conversation and prayer Jesus had with His disciples is recorded in John 15-17. Then His arrest and trials will come. The ruler of this world refers to Satan. He had temporary authority over the world and death (Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 5:19). He may think he has power over Jesus but he does not. He had no control or claim over Jesus because Jesus is not of this world (John 8:23). Satan may have thought that killing Jesus would give him victory over Him. The resurrection proved him wrong. Jesus was simply being obedient to the Father. Jesus' death brought glory and victory to the Father and salvation, reconciliation and peace to all who believe.

What do you want your family to know about you? What do you want your friends to know about you? What do you want the world to know about you? For Jesus, He wanted everyone to know that He loved the Father. The Father loved the Son. Their love was inseparable. God the Father was committed to glorifying God the Son (John 17:1-5). Jesus, God the Son was willingly obedient to all the commands of the Father. His obedience brought glory to God the Father. Jesus loved the Father so He kept all of His commands. If we love Jesus, we will keep His commands. When tempted, ask yourself, "Do I love Jesus?" If you do, then say no to ungodliness and worldly lusts. Live soberly and righteously and godly in this present evil age. Keep looking for the return of Jesus. Be zealous for good works (Titus 3:12-14).

Questions to ask yourself: Do you have peace with God? Are you learning His commands. Are you believing His truths He is revealing?
Actions to take: Remember the commands of Jesus. Do what He said.

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