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PEACE

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INTRO:

Right now, we are experiencing unprecedented events. Never before have we been forced to isolate ourselves in our homes because of an enemy we cannot see. We might think it has never been this bad. Before we indulge in a major pity party, we need to remember the disciples of our Lord in the upper room just before His crucifixion. In **John 14**, the Lord Jesus Christ prepared His apostles with an enormous spiritual truth. He gave them His peace.

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I. The Context (V. 25-26)

John 14:25-26 *“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 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.”*

A. We are in the upper room with Jesus. The Apostle John is the only Gospel writer who takes us inside the upper room and tells us what Jesus told His disciples there.

In the upper room we listen as Jesus described for His disciples the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

B. When the Holy Spirit comes, after Jesus has left, He will teach and remind the disciples of all the Lord taught them when He was with them. We see evidence of this in John's divine editorial comments in this book.

1. For example, in **John 2**, in the beginning of His ministry Jesus cleared the temple. The officials who challenged Jesus had no idea what He meant by His answer.

“So the Jews answered and said to Him, ‘What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?’ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ Then the Jews said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’”

These Jewish leaders did not have a clue.

2. Our Lord's disciples also did not understand. John continued,

John 2:21–22 “But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.”

II. His Peace (v. 27)

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.”

A. The second truth our Lord taught them is that He was leaving them peace. The usual problem we have with this word is that we can only understand it in a negative sense. In our vocabulary peace is defined as the absence of conflict. At the end of World War II, we made peace with Germany and Japan. This meant we were no longer at war with them.

B. One way we understand peace in the New Testament is the peace we have with God. The Apostle Paul announced in **Romans 5:1**,

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“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

When we recognized we were sinners and put our trust in the Lord Jesus alone to save us, the war between God and us was ended. We read more about this in **Romans 5:10**.

“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

C. However, for a believer there is much more than the lack of war in this word peace. **Romans 5:2** gives us a glimpse.

“Through [the Lord Jesus Christ] also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Peace is more than the absence of war. Peace is the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and having direct access to God and His grace.

D. Listen again to the Lord Jesus in **John 14:27**.

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you.”

This peace is uniquely the peace the Lord Jesus gives. What kind of peace is this? It is the peace that came from being one with the Father and always doing the Father’s will and accomplishing the Father’s plan for His life. This is like the Hebrew thought of Shalom. It was the sense of God’s blessing and well-being in the life. It is a peace that exists in contrast to the peace the world can give.

“Not as the world gives do I give to you.”

III. Our Responsibility

“Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

A. Our responsibility is to not allow our hearts to become troubled and afraid. The word troubled means to become stirred up like water, to be overcome with fear or grief. This is an imperative, which means it is not optional but a mandate. We must not allow our minds to become troubled or afraid.

B. How do we do this? Two texts come to mind.

Philippians 4:6-8 *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”*

There are three steps, a promise and practical advice here. Overcome anxiety by **(1)** praying, **(2)** asking for specific things we think we need, and **(3)** giving thanks for the way the Lord has already worked in our lives. The promise is that the unexplainable peace of God will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, we need to not ruminate on our fears but remember what is true, good, etc.

B. 1 Peter 5:6-7 *“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”*

We need to humble ourselves under the hand of God. This means letting God be God even when we do not know what He is doing. He knows what He is doing. In the meantime we must be throwing every one of our anxious cares on Him for He loves us!

Remember Jeremiah watching Jerusalem’s destruction in **Lamentations 3:21-25**.

“This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. ‘The LORD is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘Therefore I hope in Him!’ The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.”