**Living on the promises of Jesus – John 14: 1 -3**

**Focal Truth: Jesus promises His disciples that He is arranging a place for each of them in**

**heaven & will come to get them when things are ready**

**Observations**

1. **Jesus commands His disciples to believe in Him not to fear 14:1**

*Do not let your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe also in Me*

1. The disciples were in great confusion & fear when Jesus said He was leaving

13:33 – *Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, where I am going you cannot come*

1. Jesus commanded the disciples not to fear

*“do not let your heart be troubled”-* ***he speaks an imperative***

*You must not be troubled in heart –* ***I am leaving, one is betraying, others deserting***

***Jesus said to the man: do not be afraid only believe***

1. *Jesus commanded the disciples to believe – trust in God the Father & Him*

*“believe in God, believe also in Me” –* ***he speaks an imperative***

*Believe = putting confident trust in God the Father & the Lord Jesus*

*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen*

* *Disciples believe that God sent the Son to be the Savior of the world*
* *Disciples believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah the Son of God*
* *Disciples believe the promises of Jesus*
* *Disciples believe that Jesus rose from the dead & will come again!*

**Faith in Jesus removes fear & assures the mind that what Jesus has said He will do**

1. **Jesus promises His disciples He is making a place for each disciple in Heaven 14:2**

*In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you*

1. Jesus promises the disciples that Heaven is God the Father’s house

*In My Father’s house = household*

**Heaven is the place of God’s eternal presence – like a household**

1. Jesus promises the disciples that Heaven – the Father’s house is filled with eternal dwelling places for all of them

*Dwelling places = places to live in the Father’s household*

**Heaven is filled with places for disciples to live forever**

1. Jesus promises the disciples that He is going to heaven to prepare places for each disciple

*“I go to prepare” =* ***to make ready; make the necessary preparations***

*“a place for you” = a place =* ***marked off spot for you***

*Peter wrote: to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away,* ***reserved in heaven for you 1 Pet. 1:4***

***Because of the hope laid up for you in heaven Col. 1:5***

**Jesus promises to everyone who believes in Him a personal reserved place in Heaven**

1. **Jesus promises His disciples He will come and get them when things are prepared 14:3**

*If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also*

1. Jesus promises His disciples He will be reunited with them when preparations for them in heaven are completed

*If I go and prepare – make the arrangements for you, I will come again & receive you to Myself*

*Jesus promises: I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you 14:18*

*Jesus encourages: if you loved Me, you have rejoiced because I go to the Father*

* Disciples rejoice that Jesus is in heaven preparing for them to be with Him
* Disciples rejoice that they will have a personal place with Jesus in heaven
* Disciples rejoice that Jesus will come again to be reunited with them

1. Jesus promises that His disciples will be eternally with Him in heaven

*Jesus promised: if anyone serves Me, he must follow Me and where I am, there My servant will be also, if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him 12:26*

* Disciples longingly wait to be with Jesus in a world of trials & sorrow
* Disciples anxiously watch for the Lord’s return to be with Him

**The greatest longing of the believer’s heart is to be with Jesus!**

*For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and* ***so we shall always be with the Lord*** *1 Thess. 4:15 -16*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Trust in Jesus don’t live with a worrisome mind!**
2. **Believer - set your mind on things above – Jesus is preparing your place in heaven**
3. **Keep looking up! Soon and very soon we are going to see the King! Hallelujah!**

*Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and received you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also*

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**