

- And - From 14:3:
 - “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also!”
 - But - As Comforting As These Words:
 - Are To Us Now:
 - The Disciples Were Still Stuck:
 - In Their Following:
 - Of The Lord - And:
 - The Direction & Destination:
 - Of Path Of His Life!
 - And So - Jesus Confirms:
 - What They Already Should Have Known!
 - That He Went On *His* Way:
 - So That He Could Become *Their* Way - To God!
 - Because - As He Said In:
 - 14:6 - “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me!”
5. But - It Is Clear That:
- As Much As Jesus Tried To Help Them:
 - They Were Still Stuck!
 - Which Is Why - As We Continue Through:
 - This “Discourse With The Disciples” - Jesus Then:
 - “Critiques” His Disciples - And How They Understood The Truths He Taught Them!
 - And So - From 14:7-11 - The Lord Continues:
 - “If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. / Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. / Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? / Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. / Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works’ sake!”
6. Now - When Jesus “Critiques” The Understanding:
- Of His Disciples:
 - He Does So - Not To:
 - “Criticize” Them In A:
 - Critical Way - But In A:
 - Constructive Way!
 - Because Jesus Wanted Them:
 - To Grow! To Grow In:
 - Their Knowledge & Faith:
 - In The Lord!
 - How Often Has Someone:
 - Offered What They Say Is:
 - “Constructive Criticism” To You?
 - Either About What You Do:
 - Or Even - What You Are Like!
 - All Too Often:
 - Its Heavier On The “Criticism” Side:
 - Than On The “Constructive” Side!
 - But - That’s Not The Case With Jesus!
7. Jesus Only Wanted *The Best*:
- For His Disciples!
 - Both Then & Now!
 - So - Whatever “Critique” - Or - “Constructive Criticism” He Offers:
 - It’s For Your Best & Its For Your Growth!
 - He Does Not Want You To Stay “Stuck” Where You’re At:
 - In Your Relationship & Walk With God!

- The Friendship Of His Father:
 - As Well As:
 - The Fellowship With His Father:
 - That Will One Day Even Be:
 - In His "Father's House!"
- This Was Jesus' Greatest Desire!
 - That You Would Come To Know:
 - His Father:
 - By Knowing Him!
 - But - They Were Stuck!
 - And They Hadn't Moved Or Grown:
 - In Their Knowledge!
 - Which Is Why Jesus Told Them:
 - 14:7 - "If Ye Had Known Me, Ye Should Have & Would Have Known My Father Also!"
- But Then - Unlike Some Of The:
 - "Constructive Criticism" That You Might Get From Others:
 - Jesus Then Offers Them Hope:
 - Even Through His Help!
 - Which Is Why He Adds Next In 14:7:
 - "And From Henceforth - Or - From Now On - Ye Know Him!"
 - Or - They Will Get To Know His Father As Their Father!
- Because - Whatever They Were Missing:
 - Jesus Was Able To Provide!
 - This Was One Of The Reasons For:
 - This Entire "Upper Room Discourse!"
 - Any Depth Of Knowledge:
 - That They Lacked (And You Lack):
 - Jesus Would / Will Fill! And:
 - Any Desire For Knowledge:
 - That They Lacked (And You Lack):
 - Jesus Would / Will Flame!
- Do You Want To Know God?
 - Jesus Was & Still Is:
 - "The Way" To Know Him!
 - And So - Only When You:
 - Really Know Jesus - Can You:
 - Really Know God!
 - And - Only When You:
 - Really Know God - Will You Ever:
 - Be Able Grow In Your Walk With God!
 - But - Still - The Disciples Of Jesus:
 - Were Stuck In Their:
 - Knowledge Of Both Jesus & His Father! How About You?

* So - The Second Thing That Jesus "Critiques" In These Verses Is:

2. *What We Really See:*

- In Him - As His Disciples!
 - What We Really See!
 - Which Is Why At The End Of 14:7 - Jesus Says:
 - "And Have Seen Him!"
 - So - Not Only Does Jesus:
 - Try To Encourage His Disciples:
 - By Telling Them That:
 - They Will *Know* God!
 - He Also Tells Them That:
 - They Have Already *Seen* God!
- Now - This Piqued The Interest:

- Of Another One Of His Disciples:
 - This Time - Philip!
 - And Philip Reveals:
- What He Truly Longed For:
 - In His Response To Jesus:
 - In 14:8 - "Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us!"
 - Now, Even Though We Meet Philip Only A Few Times:
 - In The Pages Of Scripture:
 - Philip Seems To Be A Very Devoted & Determined Disciple!
 - So - When Jesus Says:
 - You Have Already Seen The Father:
 - Instead Of Expressing Doubt:
 - Like Thomas Did!
 - Philip Just Wants Jesus:
 - To Show Him The Father:
 - Again!
 - Because - Perhaps When:
 - They Saw Him Before:
 - He Was In Some Kind Of:
 - Disguise!
 - Or - Perhaps When:
 - They Saw Him Before:
 - They Were In Some Way:
 - Blind To Him!
 - And So - Philip Expresses The Desire:
 - That Was Felt By Many:
 - Devoted & Determined Believers:
 - In The Past & Even Now!
 - Like The Desire Of Moses:
 - Who Said To God In:
 - Exodus 33:18 - "I Beseech Thee, Shew Me Thy Glory!"
 - Or - Like The Desire Of The Psalmist:
 - Of Psalm 42 - Who Said:
 - "My Soul Thirsteth For God, For The Living God! When Shall I Come And Appear Before God?"
 - This Desire Was & Still Is A Good Desire!
 - To See God:
 - As He Is!
 - But - Even Though What Philip Longed For:
 - Was Great! And Is What We:
 - Should Long For!
 - He Also Reveals:
- What He Truly Lacked:
 - When He Said To Jesus:
 - "And It Sufficeth Us!"
 - Or - It Is Enough & All We Need!
 - Now - The Natural Question Is:
 - Sufficient & Enough For What, Philip?
 - The "Enough" That Philip Is Talking About Seems To Be:
 - Enough For Everything!
 - Enough For His Fears / His Faith / His Following / And Even His Fathoming & Understanding Of God!
 - So - All He Needed & All They Needed:
 - To Solve All The Problems:
 - That Jesus Was Dealing With:
 - Was Just A Glimpse Of God:
 - With Their Own Eyes!
 - "Lord, Shew Us The Father, And It Sufficeth Us!"

- But - Would It Be Enough?
- Could It Be Enough?
- Was It Enough For Moses:
 - When God Made All Of His Goodness:
 - To Pass Before Him - As He Stood In:
 - The “Cleft Of The Rock?” (Exodus 33)
 - No - Because Even After:
 - This Vision Of God:
 - Moses Disobeyed The Word Of The Lord When He Struck The Rock Instead Of Speaking To It At Meribah! (Numbers 20)
- Was It Enough For The Children Of Israel:
 - When God Showed His Power & Glory:
 - At Mount Sinai - To Give Them
 - His Law?
 - Or Even When The Elders Of Israel:
 - Were Given A Vision Of God:
 - When They Saw Him & “Under His Feet As It Were A Paved Work Of A Sapphire Stone, And As It Were The Body Of Heaven In His Clearness?” (Exodus 24:9-11)
 - No - Because Within Just A Few Days Of:
 - This Vision Of God & His Glory:
 - They Worshiped A Golden Calf As The God Who Brought Them Out Of Egypt!
- Moses & The Children Of Israel & The Elders Of Israel:
 - Along With Philip & The Rest Of The Disciples:
 - As Well As You & Me:
 - Need Something More Than Just A Physical “Glimpse Of God” To Change Us & To Be Enough For Us!
 - We Need God To Be With Us:
 - And Even In Us - If There Is To Be:
 - Any Hope For Us!
- What Philip Lacked:
 - Was An Understanding Of:
 - His Own Nature & Weakness!
 - And - Even Though:
 - It Is Good & Right To Long To See:
 - A Vision Of God:
 - In All Of His Glory!
 - Even That Will Not Be Enough:
 - Until & Unless You See:
 - The Glory Of The Father In Person Of Jesus Christ!
- Which Is Why Jesus Then Asks Philip:
 - In 14:9 - “Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”
 - For Over Thirty Years:
 - Jesus Had Been In This World! And:
 - For Over Three Years:
 - Jesus Had Been With His Disciples:
 - And With Philip!
 - And - For All That Time:
 - God The Father Revealed Himself:
 - Through Jesus!
 - Now - When Jesus Says:
 - “He That Hath Seen Me Hath Seen The Father!”
 - He Is Not Saying That:
 - He & His Father Are:
 - The Same In Person!
 - Instead - He Is Saying That:

- He & His Father Are:
 - The Same In Their Nature!
- And - Their Resemblance:
 - To Each Other:
 - Is So Close - That:
 - To See / Hear / Know The One Is To See / Hear / Know The Other!
- So - Philip Did Not Need:
 - A Special Vision Of God The Father!
 - Because He Saw Jesus!
 - And - **Jesus** Is Sufficient!
 - **Jesus** Is Enough!
 - So That You Can Really Know God!
- After All - According To Hebrews 1:3:
 - Jesus Is The “Brightness Of (His Father's) Glory, And The Express Image Of His Person!”
- And - According To Colossians 2:9:
 - In Jesus “Dwelleth All The Fulness Of The Godhead Bodily!”
- Do You Want To Know God & To See God?
 - Thinking That Just A Glimpse Of His Glory:
 - Would Be Enough?
 - To Calm Your Fears?
 - To Strengthen Your Faith?
 - To Enhance Your Fellowship?
 - To Keep You Faithful?
 - The Jesus That You Find:
 - In The Bible:
 - Is All The Vision Of God You Need - To Fulfill All Of These Desires:
 - And Even More!
 - Because - In 2 Corinthians 4:6:
 - We Are Told That - “The Light Of Knowledge Of The Glory Of God” - **IS** - “In The Face Of Jesus Christ!”
- Only When You:
 - See God The Father *In* Jesus:
 - Will You Ever Be Able To:
 - Know God The Father & Jesus!
 - And - When You:
 - See God & Know God:
 - In This Way:
 - You Will Grow!
- But - Once Again:
 - Philip & The Disciples:
 - Like So Many Of Us:
 - Were Still Stuck & Stagnant:
 - In Our Spiritual Growth & Walk With God!

* And So - There's Just One More Thing That Jesus “Critiques” - And That Is:

3. What We Really Believe:

- About Him - As His Disciples!
 - What We Really Believe!
 - Which Is Why In 14:10 - Jesus Asks Again:
 - “Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works!”
- To Really Know The Lord - And:
 - To Really See The Lord - All Comes Down To:
 - Really Believing The Lord:
 - Doesn't It?
 - Because Faith Is The Fuel For Your Growth!
 - And So - Jesus Wants Us:
 - To Examine Our Faith & Belief!

- Do You Believe That:
- He Is All The Vision Of God:
 - That You Need:
 - In Order To Grow?
 - “Believest Thou Not That I Am In The Father, And The Father In Me”
 - This Truth Reveals:
 - The Close Communion:
 - Between Jesus & His Father!
 - A Communion That Exists Nowhere Else Outside Of God!
 - And - Even Though:
 - It’s A Difficult Truth:
 - To Understand - Because It Is The Very Basis Of The Doctrine Of The Trinity!
 - It Is Still A Truth:
 - That Can & Should Be Believed!
 - Because - Whatever You Desire:
 - From God - Can Be Found In:
 - And Received Through:
 - Jesus Christ!
 - Because - They Are One!
 - They Are One In Every Way:
 - Except In Their Own:
 - Distinct Persons - As Father & Son!
 - A Deeper Faith In Jesus Christ:
 - As The Vision Of God:
 - Is What You Need:
 - In Order To Get “Unstuck” In Your Life & Walk With God!
 - But At The Same Time:
- He Is All The Voice Of God:
 - That You Need To Hear:
 - In Order To Grow!
 - Since Jesus Also Says:
 - 14:10 - “The Words That I Speak Unto You I Speak Not Of Myself!”
 - This Truth Reveals:
 - The Close Communication:
 - That Exists Between Jesus & His Father!
 - A Communication That Exists Nowhere Else Outside Of God!
 - This Does Not Mean That:
 - Jesus Just Mimics:
 - The Words Of His Father - Or:
 - That His Father:
 - Just Dictated The Words He Wanted Him To Say!
 - It Means That - Everything Jesus Ever Said:
 - He Said *From* His Father - And:
 - He Said *For* His Father!
 - **IE:** Not Just Able To “Finish Each Others’ Sentences” - But Able To Speak The Words Of The Other! To Hear One Is To Hear The Other!
 - Jesus Is The Very:
 - “Word Of God” - That John Told Us About In John 1:1:
 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God!”
 - A Deeper Faith In Jesus Christ:
 - As The Voice Of God:
 - Is What You Also Need:
 - In Order To Get “Unstuck” In Your Life & Walk With God!
 - The Words Of Christ:
 - That Are In This Book:
 - Are The Words Of God!
 - And - The Word Of Christ:

- That This Book Is:
 - Is The Word Of God!
- Listen To His Word!
 - Learn From His Word! And Then:
 - Live According To His Word!
 - But Even More:
- He Is The True Vitality Of God:
 - In This World:
 - Since In 14:10 - Jesus Adds:
 - “But The Father That Dwelleth In Me, He Doeth The Works!”
 - This Truth Reveals:
 - The Close Connection:
 - Between The Word Of God - And:
 - The Works Of God!
 - To The Point That:
 - God Works:
 - Through His Word!
 - This Can Be Seen In Creation!
 - “And God Said!”
 - God Works Through His Word!
 - This Can Be Seen In Salvation!
 - “Faith Cometh By Hearing, And Hearing, By The Word Of God!” (Romans 10:17)
 - God Works Through His Word!
 - This Can Be Seen In Sanctification!
 - “Sanctify Them Through Thy Truth! Thy Word Is Truth!” (John 17:17)
 - God Works Through His Word!
 - Do You Want To See God:
 - At Work In Your Life?
 - Then Keep Exposing Yourself:
 - To His Word!
 - Because - A Deeper Faith In Jesus Christ:
 - As The Vitality Of God:
 - In All Of What He Says & Does:
 - Is What You Need:
 - To Get Growing Again As God’s Child!
 - Only When You:
 - Believe That Jesus Is:
 - The Vision & Voice & Vitality Of God:
 - Will You Ever Be Able To:
 - See God The Father In Jesus!
 - But - When You *Do* Believe & You *Do* See:
 - In This Way - Then:
 - You Will Be Able To:
 - Really Know God:
 - And Grow!

Conclusion:

1. And So - Jesus Ends His:
 - “Critique” & “Constructive Criticism” - By:
 - Calling On His Own Disciples:
 - One More Time:
 - To Just “Believe” Him!
 - 14:11 - “Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works’ sake!”
2. Jesus Understands That:
 - Among His True Disciples:
 - There Are Different Levels Of Faith!
 - And That Is True:

- Even Here Today!
- But - Whatever Kind Of Faith:
 - You Have - Jesus Wants:
 - Your Faith In Him To Grow!
- Jesus Calls You Today To:
 - “Believe Me” - And - What I Say!
 - Even If Its Hard:
 - To Understand!
 - Even The Truth That:
 - “He Is In The Father, And The Father Is In Him!”
 - Because He Speaks:
 - Only The Words Of God!
 - When You Believe In & Trust In:
 - His Word - You Are Ready:
 - To Grow!
 - But - Even If You Struggle:
 - With His Words - As Some Still Do!
- Jesus Calls On You To Just:
 - “Believe Me” - Because Of - What I Do!
 - He Does Only:
 - The Works Of God!
 - From Start To Finish!
 - And So - Just Believe Him:
 - “For The Very Work’s Sake!”
- 3. Because - Only When:
 - As *Believe* The Lord:
 - Will You Be Able To *See* The Lord:
 - So That You Can Really Come:
 - To *Know* The Lord!
 - And *Grow*!

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