

PEACE WHEN WE FAIL

John 16:23-33

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INTRODUCTION: PREPARING THE DISCIPLES

Difficult times are made less difficult the more prepared you are beforehand.

Jesus give us 8 comforts between John 13 and John 16. Let's review the seven comforts before we study the eighth.

I. I'M LEAVING, BUT IT ISN'T THE END OF OUR RELATIONSHIP

1 Peter 1:8

A. BELIEVE IN ME

B. BE LOVED BY ME, John 15:9a

C. BE LOVING ME, John 15:9b

D. BE EXPECTING MY RETURN

II. I'M LEAVING, BUT IT'S PART OF THE PLAN, John 14:29, 31a

A. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BEAR FRUIT,

B. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER THINGS

III. I'M LEAVING, BUT YOU HAVE EACH OTHER, John 15:17

IV. I'M LEAVING, SO EXPECT THE WORLD TO HATE YOU

A. YOU WILL FACE PERSECUTION, John 15:18-27

B. YOU WILL BE KILLED , John 16:1-4

V. I'M LEAVING, BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP YOU

A. HE WILL BE WITH YOU AND HELP YOU,

John 14:16ff.

B. HE WILL TESTIFY ABOUT ME, John 15:26

C. HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD , John 16:8

D. HE WILL BRING TO MIND THINGS ABOUT ME FOR YOU TO WRITE DOWN, John 16:13

VI. I'M LEAVING BUT IT IS FOR YOUR ULTIMATE JOY,

John 16:20

VII. I'M LEAVING, BUT YOU CAN CONNECT TO GOD THROUGH PRAYER, VV. 23-28

The flow of this final passage is governed by time words. This helps us to understand the emphasis that John is trying to bring out.

A. YOU WILL PRAY IN MY NAME, John 14:12-14; 15:7, 8, 16

B. YOU CAN HAVE THAT FOR WHICH YOU ASK, VV. 23, 24

1. These Prayers Aren't Based On Ignorance
2. These Prayers Are Meant To Fulfill A Task

C. YOU HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE FATHER

1. You Don't Have To Go Through Someone Else To Speak To God
2. The Whole Purpose Of Jesus Mission Was To Gain Us This Access, v. 28

Proposition: Jesus is victorious over the world so that His disciples find peace even when they succumb to temptation.

VIII. YOU WILL FAIL, BUT YOU WILL FIND PEACE WHEN YOU FAIL, VV. 29-33

A. THE DISCIPLES WOULD FAIL

1. A Confident Boast

John 3:2; 6:42; 7:27

2. A Quick Reply
 - a. You will be scattered
 - b. You will leave me all alone

3. A Sad Reality

B. JESUS OVERCAME THE WORLD

Romans 5:3

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

2 Corinthians 4:17

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

C. THE DISCIPLES WOULD FIND PEACE AND COURAGE

We need the first seven comforts so that we won't be troubled.

We need the final comfort so that we won't be paralyzed by regret.

Romans 8:37

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

? What is the victory?

1. The Work Of Jesus

John 12:31

2. Our Trust In Him

1 John 5:4, 5

CONCLUSION: THE GREATEST COMFORT?

APPLICATION:

As we persevere, we are the legacy of John 16.

Jesus prepared them. The disciples began this new era. We continue in it until His return.