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Encouragement In Troubled Times

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John 13:18-38

The Unfaithful One Is Exposed (Verses 18-30)

The announcement of treason.

John 13:10 & 11 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." Proverbs 16:4 The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. Psalm 76:10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise you; the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt.

Matthew 26:24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

Psalm 41:9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

2 Samuel 15:31 And it was told David, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O Lord, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."

Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

The disciples' reaction.

Matthew 26:20-22 When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. 21 And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." 22 And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?"

Matthew 26:25 Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Luke 22:23 And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

The traitor is addressed.

Mark 14:11 And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Luke 22:6 So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

Matthew 26:48-50 Now the betrayer had given them a sign saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him

Expressions of Faithfulness (Verses 31-35)

Focusing on the glory of God.

Daniel 7:13 & 14 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Galatians 6:14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Hebrews 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Accepting without fully understanding.

John 7:34 You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come."

John 8:21 So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come."

John 8:22-24 So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot

come'?" 23 He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins."

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Loving as He commanded.

Matthew 22:34-40 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

1 John 2:7 & 8 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. 8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

1 John 3:11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

2 John 5 And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

Romans 12:10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Faithlessness Uncovered (Verses 36-38)

Paralysis through analysis.

Matthew 16:16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:21-23 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

John 14:1-3 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Concentration on self.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Self-sufficiency exposed.

Matthew 26:33 Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."

Mark 14:31 But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

Luke 22:33 Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."