John 14:7-11

A Loving Rebuke and a Christocentric Faith Command

INTRO- When fear and worry seem to be choking out faith and peace.

Outline of John 14:7-10

1) **A Powerful** _____.

(*John 14:6-7*)

2) **The "Still Not Getting It"** _____.

(*John 14:8*)

3) A Loving _____ and a Christocentric _____ Command.

<u>**(John 14:9-10**</u>

3 Practical Reasons Why Believers Must Trust Jesus

A) Because it's _____ and _____ Not to Trust Jesus!

B) Because Faith in Christ _____our Heavenly Father.

C) Because Jesus is our _____.

<u>**For Further Reflection/Application**</u>: *Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!*

How were you particularly comforted/encouraged/challenged/helped as you listened to the word of Christ this morning? What do you want to study further?

How might today's sermon comfort a believer who has recently lost a loved one? How might it comfort a Christian who is overwhelmed by the state of our country and the swift moral drift? How might it comfort Christians who have recently lost their material possessions and are now displaced following Putin's invasion of Ukraine? Use John 14 to comfort a struggling saint.

It is good to hide God's Wod in our heart (Psalm 1:1-3; 34:1; 119:11).
Consider memorizing John 14:1-3, 6, 26. Isaiah 26:3. Hebrews 11:1, 6.

Put songs/hymns the reinforce Jesus' teaching in John 14 on repeat this week. Examples include: *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus; I Will Trust My Savior Jesus; Blessed Assurance. Stayed on Jesus* (the Master's Chorale). *By Faith. How Long, O Lord* (Sovereign Grace Music). *Trust and Obey*.   What other songs have lyrics that complement today's sermon?

"I will trust my Savior Jesus/When my darkest doubts befall
Trust Him when to simply trust Him/Seems the hardest thing of all

I will trust my Savior Jesus/Trust Him when my strength is small
For I know the shield of Jesus/ Is the safest place of all

I will trust my Savior Jesus/ He has said His way is best
And I know the path He's chosen/ Leads to everlasting rest

Jesus, only Jesus/ Help me trust You more and more
Jesus, only Jesus/ May my heart be ever Yours!"

You received difficult news! Your world is coming undone! You feel overwhelmed by what's happening and by what's not happening! Your circumstances seem greater than your resources.

What are some of the excuses people make when they are are sinfully anxious? What excuses are used when sinful fear seems to be choking out faith and peace?

What are the key differences between godly fear and sinful fear? Of genuine, godly concern and sinful worry?   The Bible repeatedly commands us, "Do not be afraid!" The Lord Jesus also commands His disciples to "stop letting their heart be troubled" and to trust Me!

Knowing and believing can be two very different things. Explain.

Like sinful lust, weak faith and/or unbelief is never fully satisfied! Note John 14:8.

John 14:6. An ancient writer wrote, "Without THE WAY, there is no going; without THE TRUTH, there is no knowing; without THE LIFE, there is no living! Jesus is the way which thou oughtest to follow; the TRUTH which thou oughest to trust; the LIFE which thou oughtest to hope in!" To question the Son of God is the height of pride (and yet many today reject the core message of John 14:6). "It's too narrow, exclusive. Etc."

Concerning John 14:6; Acts 4:12. Dr. R.C. Sproul was spot on when he said, "There is nothing more *politically incorrect* and more repugnant to the relativists of this age, than the claims of exclusivity given to Jesus.

Why is Philip (note v. 8) sometimes called a "bean-counter?" (see John 6:5).

Faith opens the eyes of our heart to see Jesus for who He truly is! Faith in Christ is a crucial component of an untroubled heart. Many things in the Christian walk are easier said than done. Walking by faith and not sight is one example.

Review the 3 practical reasons "Why Believers Must Heed Jesus' Summons to Trust Him."