

**John 16:25-33**

*Serenity and Courage in the Face of Grave Danger!*

INTRO: *When* is trusting and obeying Christ particularly difficult for you? What are ways Satan might attack your joy or try and get you to hide in a corner?

In John 14-16 our Good Shepherd comforts His panic-stricken sheep with 5 Comforting Promises.

I) Jesus promises to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

II) Jesus promises to come \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

III) Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will \_\_\_\_\_  
in new and glorious ways!

IV) Jesus promises to come to us in our distress transforming our deepest \_\_\_\_\_  
into deep and abiding joy.

V) Jesus promises \_\_\_\_\_ and ultimate \_\_\_\_\_  
in the face of grave danger(s).

Sermon Outline of John 16:25-33

1) A Word of \_\_\_\_\_.

*(John 16:25-27)*

Sermon Outline of John 16:25-33 (continued)

2) **A Gospel** \_\_\_\_\_.

*(John 16:28-30)*

3) **A Dire Prediction.**

*(John 16:31-32)*

4) **A Parting** \_\_\_\_\_ **and a Final Charge.**

*(John 16:33)*

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

1 Thess. 5:14 tells Christians that we ought to “encourage the fainthearted” believer. How can you use the precious promises of Christ that are presented in John 14-16 to minister God’s Word to a saint that is afraid, discouraged, depressed, or who feels alone?

*When* is trusting and obeying Christ particularly difficult for you? Think about a time when you panicked like the disciples in the Upper Room.

What are some (the lower case “t”) tribulations that American Christians might experience in the future? Note John 15:18-19; 16:1-3; Acts 14:19-22. 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 10-17.

How can you as a Christian watch the news and engage the culture without succumbing to sinful anger, fear, or despair? What are some ways Satan might attack your joy?

How can we experience peace (serenity) and courage in the face of spiritual danger? Review the 5 promises of Christ that were summarized in today’s message. How might these 5 precious promises comfort the heart of a believer you know that is struggling with fear, worry, and anxiety? How might they comfort someone who is hurting or who feels alone? How might they strengthen our faith and help us to be strong and courageous?

Recall the sermon illustration of the weeping soldier and President Lincoln’s son (who provided him with access to his father). In Christ we have direct access to the Father and by extension to the storehouse of heaven. Let us humbly, in faith, “Ask in Jesus’ Name!” Lord, help us to be a house of prayer.

The pathway to deep and abiding joy is believing prayer and an obedient and believing heart! God is the fountain of joy (hence John 16:25). How should the promise of peace and joy and hatred and persecution impact your prayer life?

How does the gospel/Christ keep the enemy from robbing us of our joy and peace?

Review the outlines listed on page 3-4 of this sermon handout.

How were you particularly comforted/encouraged/challenged/convicted as you listened to God’s Word? What do you want to study further because of this morning’s sermon?

Related Songs: Hymns- *Trust and Obey. Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken. How Firm a Foundation. A Mighty Fortress is our God. Like a River Glorious. Sovereign Grace Music- My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62); How Long, O Lord. Come For Us. How Long, O Lord, How Long (Psalm 13). Getty- Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God/Gabriel’s Oboe; O Church Arise. The Lord is My Salvation. Matt Boswell- God the Spirit.*

From Sorrow to Joy expository outline of John 16:16-24

**1) The Foundation For Complete Joy is Built Upon the Person and Work of Christ.**

(John 16:16-22)

**2) The Graphic Analogy that Illustrates Jesus’ (From Sorrow to Joy) Promise.**

(John 16:21-22)

**3) The Pathway to Deep and Overflowing Joy.**

(John 16:23-24)

The Spirit's Threefold Ministry in Relation to the Apostles (and by extension to us, the Church)

The Spirit's role is to 1) **Guide the Human Authors of Scripture (the Apostles) into Complete Truth.**  
(John 16:12-13a; 2 Peter 1:16-21)

The Spirit's role is to 2) **Disclose Everything Jesus' People Need to Know about the Future.**  
(John 16:13b; Revelation 6-22)

The Spirit's role is to 3) **Help the Disciples Join His Cause in Glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.**  
(John 16:14-15)

The Spirit's Threefold Ministry in Relation to the Big, Bad World. (2/5/23 sermon)

1) **The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of its Sin.**  
(John 16:8-9; 15:22; Acts 2:37-41)

2) **The Holy Spirit Convicts the World Concerning True & Counterfeit Righteousness.**  
(John 16:8, 10; Rom 3:25-26; 10:3f;)

3) **The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of Judgment.**  
(John 16:8, 11; 12:31; Genesis 3:15; Col. 2:13-15; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 20:10-15)

2 Major Takeaways from John 15:26-16:4a sermon

1) **Christ Abundantly Aids His People, Especially Faithful Disciples who are Persecuted for Righteousness Sake.** (John 15:26-27; 14:16-18; Acts 1:3-11)

2) **Christ Forewarns His Disciples to Forearm Them For the Coming Conflict with the Hostile World.** (John 15:28-16:4a; 15:18-25; Matthew 5:11-12; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-14)

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