

The Gospel According to John

“Remembering the Way Home”

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Main Idea

By reminding us of the Way home,
Jesus comforts us in our troubles,
reassures us in our confusion,
and redirects us to our mission.

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Faith is the foundational beginning point for receiving comfort.

If you do not believe in Christ, you will not receive His comfort.

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Knowing the trials and troubles to come, Jesus holds out His second advent as the focal point for hope in this present age.

Titus 2:11-13

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In this present age of trouble,
Jesus gives comfort by directing our
focus to the hope found in the coming
vindication at His glorious return!

2 Timothy 4:1 and 8

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and **by His appearing** and His kingdom...

...in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all **who have loved His appearing**.

1 Peter 1:14

Therefore, prepare your minds for action,
keep sober in spirit, **fix your hope completely** on the grace
to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:13

But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ,
keep on rejoicing, so that also **at the revelation of His glory**
you may rejoice with exultation.

James 5:7

Therefore be patient, brethren,
until the coming of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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“...that where I am, there you may be also.”

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Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Jesus' comfort in our troubles:

The foundation of comfort is faith.

The focus of comfort is hope.

The substance of comfort is Christ.

John 14:3

“If I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come again and **receive you to Myself,**
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The comforting words we hear and
the comforting hopes we contemplate
are only intimations and shadows.

Christ is the substance;
He is the reality.

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
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It is the very presence of Christ, our Good Shepherd, that is comfort to us in the valley of the shadow of death.

The comforting hope that Christ holds out to us is the coming reality of His *embodied* presence with us.

“...that where I am, there you may be also.”

Reminding Us of the Way Home

Jesus comforts us in our troubles.

Jesus reassures us in our confusion.



The need for reassurance...

John 14:4-5

“And you know the way where I am going.”

Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where
You are going, how do we know the way?”

Thomas was confused, and his confusion
was undoubtedly unsettling.

Jesus' reassurance...

Thomas:

But Lord, we don't know the way!

Jesus:

Yes, you do, Thomas. You know Me!

John 14:6

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We're confused about these things too
and need reassurance.

Jesus' reassurance in our confusion

He reassures us that we know Him,
and *He* is the Way.

John 14:6

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The destination is the Father's house.

“In my Father's house are many dwelling places...
I am the way [*there*]...”

Jesus says that He Himself is the way to the Father.

“...no one comes to the Father but **through Me.**”

Jesus is not the way only in the sense that He teaches the way or walks ahead of us on the way.

He is the way in the sense that
He is the Way.

And because we know Him,
we can draw near!

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way...let us draw near...

Jesus' reassurance in our confusion

We know Jesus, and He is the Way.

He reassures us that we know Him,
and *He* is the truth.

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Jesus said to him,

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Jesus said to him,

“**I am** the way, and **the truth**, and the life.”

Jesus is not the truth only in the sense that He is a great prophet and teaches the truth.

He is the truth in the sense that ***He is Truth itself***; there is no truth outside of Him.

And because we know Him,
we can know the truth!

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He is not the life only in the sense that He is the author, giver, and sustainer of life.

He is the life in the sense that ***He is life itself***; there is no life outside of Him.

And because we know Him,
we can know life itself!

John 17:3

“This is eternal life, that they may know You,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

Reminding Us of the Way Home

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Jesus redirects us to our mission.



Jesus had called them and was preparing to send them out on the mission of making disciples from among all the nations.

John 13:15-16 and 20

For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, **nor is one who is sent** greater than the one who sent him.

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We too have been sent and need to be redirected to our mission.

Jesus' redirection to mission

He reminds us that there are many children who are still lost.

John 14:2

In My Father's house are **many dwelling places**;
if it were not so, I would have told you.

The Father's house has been
arranged for many children.

John 11:51-52

Now [*Caiaphas*] did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

There are still many of these children of God scattered abroad and lost, and they need to be found.

Luke 15:4-6

“What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’”

Our mission is to find lost sheep!

Jesus' redirection to mission

He reminds us that many children are still lost.

He reminds us that He is the only way
back home to the Father.

1 John 14:6

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If Jesus is *the way*, there can be
no other way to the Father!

What does this mean
in respect to our mission?

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

**Our mission is to preach Christ
and Christ alone!**

Concluding Questions:

In what or whom do you find comfort when you are troubled?

Are you being reassured by a growing knowledge of Christ?

Are you on mission to find lost children by preaching Christ to all?