

Jesus Will Supply Our Every Need in Glorifying Him

John 14:8-14 ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

❖ Introduction

- A lot of groundwork to lay today... before getting to 12-14
- **Jesus is going away... So their hearts are troubled... And Jesus is comforting them...**
- **And He is going to leave them with a mission to fulfill**
 - To take the gospel to the ends of the earth...
 - And He has left us all with that mission...
 - If you are a believer here in this church today...
 - You feel it in your bones... In your heart you know you are responsible for the Gospel getting out
- **But He is not going to leave them with just a reason not to be troubled**
 - Rather... There is a transition here...
 - He goes beyond helping them with their troubled heart...
 - And He is going to tell them something great and marvelous...
 - And life changing....
- **Jesus is going to let them know... Although they may not see Him...**
 - He will be there to help them...
 - Just ask... and they will get what they need for the mission...
- **We must live like this today...**

❖ Recap

- **A Remedy For A Troubled Heart**
 - If you have the time you should commit those verses to memory... Those things Jesus gives
 - To take care of a troubled heart
 - And you should meditate on them until they take root in your heart
 - **Remember they were troubled and filled with sorrow**
 - They were worried over what was coming and they did not know what to do...
 - And we get like this too...
- **Remedies**
 - **Remedy 1: Your Savior is Trustworthy**
 - **Remedy 2: There is a Place for You**
 - **Remedy 3: He has Prepared this Place for You**
 - **Remedy 4: He will Come and Take You There**
 - **Remedy 5: They knew the Way**
 - **Remedy 6: We Have Enough for our Troubled Heart**

- ❖ **Remedy 6: We Have Enough for our Troubled Heart** (Want to go back to this last one for a moment)
 - [8] Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” [9] Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? [10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. [11] Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.
 - **Philip asks my question: Lord show us the Father and it is enough for us...**
 - Ever asked this question... The Moses question...
 - Lord just let me see your face... like Moses did on Mt Sinai...
 - You know... the leaders of Israel got to see a glimpse into heaven to....
 - **So Philip... in answer to Jesus saying... Let not your hearts be troubled...**
 - Tells Jesus that He knows how to keep his heart from being anxious and troubled...
 - Just show me the Father He says...
 - I have prayed this prayed for almost 18 years...
 - Even though Jesus just gave them all these reason to not be troubled... Philip wanted more..
 - **We see how unclear the disciples saw Jesus at that time...**
 - That would change... but here they could not se Him clearly...
 - **Jesus answers...**
 - [9] Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? [10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?”
 - Jesus is saying... You are looking at Him...
 - The Father and I are so United that we are One...
 - And that if you have seen Me you have seen Him
 - I am in Him and He is in Me...
 - Every attribute and characteristic of Him is true of me
 - And every attribute and characteristic of me is true of Him...
 - **The deity of Christ is obvious**
 - By deity, I mean His place as the God of gods... Above all Gods
 - **Jesus Christ is the Ancient of Days as seen in the book of Daniel**
 - Daniel sees the Ancient of Days and recognizes him as the God of all existence
 - Jesus is the God Moses met with when leading the children of Israel out of Egypt
 - Jesus is the Uncreated Creator of all things...
 - All things were created through Him...
 - Jesus is the most glorious and prized possession in all of existence...
 - **John 1.1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word with God and the Word was God....**
 - **John 1:14 And the word became flesh and dwelt among us...**
 - **And the world was so darkened that they failed to see the light when He came...**
 - And Jesus wants to make sure that Philip doesn’t miss it
 - And He wants to make sure we do not miss it...

- **Open your eyes Philip.... I am right in front of you...**
 - If you see me, it should be enough for you...
- **So we often think... If I had been in the place of the disciples... boy would I be a strong Christian...**
 - If I could have just walked with Him... right....
 - But even then, Philip wanted more cause He could not see what He had...
- **We want more because we do not see what we have...**
 - Hear me on this... You do not see what you have...
 - Let me show you...
- **Jesus is going to leave... But send them a Helper... The Holy Spirit of God of Christ**
 - John 14:16-18 ¹⁶ **And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.**
 - for he dwells with you and will be in you
 - Notice that.... Jesus sends us His Spirit...
- **This is to our Advantage...**
 - The disciples are about to have an advantage even over Jesus walking in a body with them...
 - This is crazy unbelievable that this is so true...
 - Jesus is going to say it is better this way... listen...
 - After Jesus tells them of his going away he says... in ch 16
 - ◆ John 16:6-7 ⁶ **But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.**
- **Notice:**
 - You currently... if you are a Christian... Have all you need to grow up strongly in you walk with God
 - You have the Holy Spirit of God dwelling within you...
 - Convicting you and comforting you and helping you and teaching you
 - And he is there to be powerful and mighty in your life
 - If only you submit to Him and listen to Him...
 - If you do not notice His presence and heed His leading,
 - you will be weak, although power dwells within you

❖ **Believe me...**

- **The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. [11] Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.**
- **These last two verses wrap up what we looked at last time we were in John 14**
 - We didn't spend much time here....
 - But I want you to see a few points before we head into the next few verses...
- **Jesus Is Submissive to the Father**
 - Although He is equal with the Father(Phil 2.5-11) ...
 - He submits himself and speaks from the Father's authority

- **The Father was dwelling in Him**
 - Through the Holy Spirit who is the spirit of God, the Father was dwelling in Him...
 - How that all worked....? I do not know... It is marvelous...
 - We serve an amazing God that is above our understanding...
- **The Father and Son are joined as one**
 - He says... Believe me.... May be hard for you to understand but...
 - Believe me... believe what I am telling you...
- **If it is Hard to believe... Look at my works...**
 - If it is hard just to trust the words from my mouth... or whatever your struggles are...
 - Look at what I have done...
 - Remember when:
 - I called Lazarus up from the grave after four days
 - Remember me walking on the water, healing the sick boy, giving sight, healing the lame and the leper... remember me feeding the thousands with food for one...
- **Church... Today... Remember and believe**
 - Nothing is impossible for God...
 - Nothing is impossible for us as we seek to do His will...
 - His will of bringing the lost into a relationship with Him...

❖ Transition

- **He doesn't want their Hearts Troubled...**
 - And He gives them reasons not to be troubled...
 - And He is gonna build on it here...
 - He is going to leave them with great encouragement.....
 - He is going to encourage them in being able to continue His work...
 - He is going to give them a reason to believe they can fulfill their mission....
- **And it will be the same for you and me today...**
 - We can do this... We can live for Christ...
 - And we can see him do many mighty things through our serving Him...

❖ Everyone that believes in Jesus will do his works...

- ¹² **“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do;**
- **His Works**
 - **What was the work that Jesus was doing? More importantly, what was the result of the works He was doing....**
 - **If you read the scriptures you should see that everything He did on this earth was to draw men to Himself...**
 - He came to seek and to save that which was lost...
 - God sent His only Son here, so people would believe on Him and gain eternal life...
 - **In verse 11 Jesus had just said, believe me, or else believe on account of the works...**
 - He doesn't say believe in the works....
 - He says, believe in me... Believe in Jesus...

- The reason for the work is that we believe on Jesus...

- **Again in John 10:25**

- ²⁵ Jesus answered them, **“I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me,**
- His works are to bear witness about Jesus...

- **The Miraculous Works of Jesus...**

- I do not think He means here that we will be doing the exact miracles that He did...
- It would be crazy to think He has in mind here:
 - ◆ Walking on water or feeding 5000 or making a lame man walk...
 - ◆ Although this is not impossible for the believer if God desires it to make His name great...
- **Throughout the book of John... if you have followed along...**
 - ◆ You will see that every miracle was done strategically by Jesus....
 - ◆ So He could point people to His character...
- **Jesus:**
 - ◆ Fed the thousands so He could tell them that He is the bread of Life...
 - ◆ He healed the lame man to show His great power and that He was Lord of Sabbath
 - ◆ He showed He was the Light of the World
 - ◆ He said He could give a person water that would cause them to never thirst again...

- **Over and Over again throughout the Bible...**

- You will see that we are called to be witnesses and ambassadors for Jesus Christ...
- We bear His name as Christians and are to be Christ like....

- **To do the works that Jesus did....**

- Would mean drawing attention to the name of Jesus...
- It would mean being a witness in your life when you
 - ◆ Love as He has loved
 - ◆ When you tell the gospel to those He calls you to speak to
 - ◆ When your actions agree with the words you say...
- To do the Works of Jesus, you have to be a living Testimony of Christ...

➤ **Whoever believes in me**

- And He does not leave this job just to the disciples...
- Or to the mature Christians...
- Or the leaders in the Church...
- **If you are a Christian here today, you are called to do the works of Jesus...**
 - If that desire is not in you, then you have never been born again...
 - I am not saying you will feel like you are great at it...
 - But when the Spirit of God comes to dwell inside the person...
 - That person will be led by the Spirit
 - And the Spirit’s number one job is to bring attention to Jesus...
- **The Spirit of Christ wants to make Jesus known...**
 - And He uses us to accomplish this...
- **Whoever.... Means... Whoever believes in me...**

- I think you can weed out a lot of false converts this way....
- When you ask... what is the number one purpose of your life...
- And if that is not to make Jesus known
- Then you do not have the Spirit of Christ...
- **Disclaimer...**
 - I do not want you to misunderstand...
 - I am not saying that you will always live this way... Or you want have many times of struggle...
 - But there is a change in the life of the person that comes to know Jesus...
 - He lives in them... and He lives through them... there is no way getting around that
 - Some believers seem to live out Jesus more than others... and that is ok...
 - But our deep down desire in life is that the name of Jesus is made known...
 - And we want to see people get truly saved...

➤ **Will do the Works that I do**

- **Finally... They WILL do the works...**
 - Just want to reiterate this...
 - Will does not mean can or may... it means certainty...
 - The will do these works...
- **There is no wiggle room here...**
 - Whoever believes is going to be doing the works of Jesus...
 - Some in big ways and some in small ways...
 - God gives the gifts and sets forth the tasks... it is up to us to be faithful to do...
 - Believers in Jesus Will do His work...
- **How are you doing?**
 - Have you sat down to consider how you will go about this task that you certainly will do?
 - Do you have a plan, or a strategy?
 - Do you have a ministry?
 - Do you have a person or group of people that you want to influence with the gospel...

❖ **All Believers Will Do Greater Works Because Jesus is with the Father**

- **and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.**

➤ **Again... I do not think He has in mind here some of the miraculous things He did...**

- **Not that God does not gift people with the gift of miracles...**
 - He does... see 1 Cor 12....
 - Who has ever lived that has done more than what Jesus did in just His three years?
 - There would be no believers measured out if that were the test...
 - Remember what Paul said... "Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues?" The answer, Paul expects, is No (1 Corinthians 12:29-30).

➤ **It Seems as if He means this:**

- **Now... it is verse like this where I can say that John is the most intricate book in all the new testament....**
 - Although we say it is the most simple...

◆ there are places that make it most difficult and you have to dig deep...

▪ **Simply Put in my Own Words....**

• Through the helping of the Holy Spirit all believers will lead many people to Jesus...

◆ That is mean putting it into simple terms...

◆ And here is why I say that...

▪ **Look at the verse again...**

◆ **and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.**

• They will do greater works.... BECAUSE He is going to the Father...

• There is something about His going to the Father that will cause this...

• There is a connection there... so lets find it... Already looked at it today...

◆ John 16:7. ⁷ **Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.**

➤ So keep this in your mind... I am gonna come back to this... need to make a point,,,

▪ **The Works that Jesus did... in our first point...**

• *They bore testimony of who He is... so that people would believe in Him...*

◆ *And if you have read John... You will see that some followed Him...*

◆ *But many did not... Many people rejected Him...*

◆ *We see Him weeping over it...*

• **He was to be rejected, remember....**

◆ **Isaiah 53:3 ³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

◆ *People tried to stone Him and arrest Him...*

◆ *They asked Him dumb questions to trip Him up...*

◆ **In John 1, John tells us this is going to happen...**

➤ **John 1:10-11¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.**

➤ *In all His working... Many rejected Jesus...*

▪ **From John 16:7.... We see Jesus saying that He must leave so He could send them the Helper...**

• The helper... The Holy Spirit... Would not come until He goes to the Father...

• **In John 14 where we are studying now...**

◆ He says we will do greater works... because He goes to the Father...

◆ He means 2 things by this:

➤ **Number 1... Because He will be sending the Holy Spirit**

➤ **Number 2... And this is laid out next I believe... He will make intercession for us...**

▪ He will stand as our mediator...

▪ He will be there in heaven... ready to give us an answer for our prayers...

➤ **Here is the proof:**

▪ **In the first few chapters of Acts:**

▪ **We see the Holy Spirit come...**

• And the Apostles are given the ability to speak in the tongues of other men...

- Men from all over the world are able to hear the gospel in their own language...
- And it is a great miracle...
- And thousands and thousand get saved in just a short time...
- And so begins the great spreading of the gospel around the world...
- **It seems as if this is what Jesus means when He says we will do greater works...**
 - It was His propose to come and be rejected...
 - But He was going to leave the work for us to do...
 - And He was not going to leave us alone...
 - He would give us a helper to help and lead us...
- **And... He says this... and I love it... Which is the next point...**

❖ **Jesus Certainly Answers Prayers**

- ¹³ **Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do,.....** ¹⁴ **If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.**
- **So... For all believers....** And they will be doing the works of Jesus (bearing testimony of who He is)
 - And doing greater works... (people getting saved through their testimony with the Help of the Spirit)
- **For all Believers.... They can ask anything in His Name And He will do it...**
 - Jesus wants us to know He is there for us... Whatever we need...
 - Jesus is like the Home Depot that says...
 - Lets build something together
 - Jesus is saying... If you need anything for this task, I will give it to you...
- **Lets back up just a minute... He gives one rule here though... IN My NAME**
 - So, what we ask, must be done in His name...
 - That isn't just saying... In Jesus name...
 - It must be something that He agrees with... That He is happy to attach His name to...
- **If you ran a business...**
 - And let's say it was a big one with influence all over the world...
 - And you had a right hand man that you trusted with your business...
 - And you let Him speak for your company... and do business deals for you...
 - He would have to be doing them for the good of your business... right...
 - So your business would prosper...
- **If He did anything that went against the good name of your business, you wouldn't allow it...**
 - If He wanted to make a deal that cost you millions or made you look bad... You would not allow it..
- **Jesus being Glorified is Ultimately Important to God...**
 - And we represent His name...
 - And He is letting us know... If you need anything that will benefit my name...
 - That will enhance the reputation of my name...
 - Anything to get the mission done... I will give it to you...
- **Now... This does not mean that we get everything we ask for...**
 - Even well meaning things... Like... God... save my mother or brother...
 - Or give us money so we could do this thing or that...
 - We may think they are good things.. but He is all wise...

- So this may discourage you... that you can not get everything you ask for...
- Do not let it... You are concerned with Jesus being glorified right?
- So... you do not want to mess that up because you do not see the whole picture...
- **The Greatness of this Promise:**
 - Is that Jesus is promising that if you ask anything in His name He will give it to you...
 - So you know... as you grow close to Christ and get in His word
 - And understand Him better and more fully...
 - You will ask things that make sense...
 - He will give you wisdom...
- **You Will have great confidence...**
 - That you will get what you need...
 - When you order that shipment of whatever you need...
 - Jesus will supply it...
- **He has not left us alone to accomplish this work of reaching the world...**
 - He is ever with us...
 - Let us live with this confidence...
- **He ends with this:**

❖ **God's Glory is at Stake**

- **that the Father may be glorified in the Son**
- He does all this so the Father will be glorified in the Son...
 - God will be glorified through the Son's giving us what we need
 - In the expansion of the kingdom of God
 - Through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

❖ **Invitation:**

- Believer... Are you living with this purpose in mind...
 - If you are... do you live with confidence that God will supply all your needs...
 - Just ask Him...
 - And think... what might you need?
- Unbeliever...