

# WALKING WITH JESUS A STUDY IN DISCIPLESHIP

## JOHN 16

16 Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

17 At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” 18 They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

19 Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?” 20 Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. 21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. 22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. 23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

25 “Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

29 Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. 30 Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

31 “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. 32 “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

**1** — We are inquisitive (v. 17)

**2** — Our experience does not match the world’s experience (v. 20)

**3** — The joy we have in Christ cannot be taken from us (v. 22)

**4** — Our understanding is enlarged by Spirit’s enlightening (v. 23)

**5** — In Christ’s name, our prayers have unlimited influence (v. 23)

**6** — God’s glory is comingled with our joy (v. 24)

**7** — We have joy in the asking and joy in the receiving (v. 24)

**8** — Loved by the Father (v. 27)

**9** — We recognize the characteristics of God (v. 30)

**10** — We express our belief verbally (v. 30)

**11** — We may falter in our commitment (v. 32)

33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

## JOHN 17

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.”

**12** — We are steeled against the world's trouble by taking heart in Jesus (v. 33)

**13** — We recognize Christ's authority for eternal life (v. 2)

**14** — Eternity is ours through knowledge of Father and Son (v. 3)

**15** — We accept the words of God and obey them (vv. 6,8)

**16** — There is a certainty in our belief (v. 8)

**17** — We are kept in the faith by the Father's power (vv. 11-12)

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As we read our Bibles and consider who we have been made to be and how the Holy Spirit lives in us, we will find that there are things we are by the work of God in us and there are things we do because of who we are. Should we get this backwards, we start relying on our strength enacting our religion and hoping God will see us differently. But if our faith is in Jesus, God first sees us differently through him and calls us to follow in righteousness, knowing we can accomplish it by the power of the Holy Spirit in us, maturing us each day.