

The Journey Towards Love

John 14

THE JOURNEY JESUS IS CALLING US INTO

(v.12) “I assure you: The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

Jesus is calls His followers into a journey of love

(v.34) “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

(v.15) “If you love Me, you will keep My commands...”

John 14:21, 23, 24

The one who has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. And the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father. I also will love him and will reveal Myself to him.” “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 The one who doesn't love Me will not keep My words. The word that you hear is not Mine but is from the Father who sent Me.

AS HARD AS WE TRY WE CAN'T REACH THE
DESTINATION

John 13:38

Jesus replied, "Will you lay down your life for Me? I assure you: A rooster will not crow until you have denied Me three times.

Relationship is so much harder than rules.

Our direction follows our affection

WE NEED A GUIDE TO GET US THERE

(v.15) “If you love Me, you will keep My commands.
16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another
Counselor to be with you forever....17 He is the Spirit of
truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it
doesn’t see Him or know Him. But you do know Him,
because He remains with you and will be in you.

The Holy Spirit Is The True Friend We Long For

The Greek word Parakletos (Para and kaleo) together mean “to call toward”

“Parakletos=The True Friend...because if many of us were asked what name we would give to there persons who stepped in for us in an emergency situation, I think we would be most apt to call that person “the true friend.”

—F. Dale Bruner

Spiritus (wind or breath) & Parakletos (Defender,
Advocate, Consoler, Intercessor, True Friend)

“We aren’t just there to take care of people with disabilities, or do things for them; we were there to live with them, so that each may discover this truth: “You are loved as you are. You have the right to be yourself. Our desire is to help you rise up so that you may develop your gifts and become fully yourself.”

—Jean Vanier

HOW DOES HE GUIDE US THERE

John 14:22-24

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it You’re going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?”

23 Jesus answered, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 The one who doesn’t love Me will not keep My words.

John 15:14

“You are My friends if you do what I command you.”

1 John 3:10, 16-17

This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

How/Where is He—the Holy Spirit guiding you?