

SERMON NOTES

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JOHN 16 | Grief Turned to Joy

-In this chapter Jesus is wrapping up what we call _____

-Today we will be asking how do we _____ for the _____.

John 16:1 | (NLT)

"I have told you these things so that you won't _____ your _____."

.... TOLD US WHAT THINGS?!? (see end of Chapter 15!)

John 16:5-8 | (NLT)

"But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment." (NLT)

-Preparing for "the Unpreparables":

No matter how _____ it gets or how _____ you drift, always _____ and _____
_____ The Holy Spirit to _____ and _____.

John 16: 12-13 | (NLT)

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

John 16:20 |

"I tell you the truth, you will _____ and _____ over what is going to happen to me, but the _____ will _____. You will _____, but your _____ will _____ to _____."

John 16:21-24 | (NLT)

"It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy. At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy."

WARREN WIERSBE | John 13-21 “Be Transformed”

“There is a principle to grasp. The principle is simply this: God brings joy to our lives, not by substitution, but by transformation. His illustration of the woman giving birth makes this clear. *The same baby that caused the pain also caused the joy.* In birth, God does not substitute something else to relieve the mother’s pain. Instead, He uses what is there already but transforms it. Jesus did not say that the mother’s sorrow (PAIN) was replaced by joy. *The same baby that caused the pain also caused the joy!* And so it is in the Christian life: God takes seemingly impossible situations, adds the miracle of His grace, and transforms trial into triumph and sorrow into joy.”

-PREPARING FOR “THE UNPREPARABLES”

To move us from GRIEF to JOY, God desires to do a _____ of _____ in our _____ rather than a _____ of outer _____.

John 16:25-31 | (NLT)

“I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father. Then you will ask in my name. I’m not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf, for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God. Yes, I came from the Father into the world, and now I will leave the world and return to the Father.” Then his disciples said, *“At last you are speaking plainly and not figuratively. Now we understand that you know everything, and there’s no need to question you. From this we believe that you came from God.”* Jesus asked, *“Do you finally believe?”*

-PREPARING FOR “THE UNPREPARABLES”

_____ as a _____ who _____ that _____ is in _____!

John 16:32-33 | (NLT)

“But the time is coming –indeed it’s here now– when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

-PREPARING FOR “THE UNPREPARABLES”

_____, because THE GREAT I AM has _____!