

WELCOME HOME

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

In your Bible, find 3 promises of God that encourage you when your heart is troubled. Write down those 3 promises and put them in places that you'll see all week. Let them remind you of God's love and power, even in the midst of your current troubles.

TAKEAWAYS

- God cares about your home and the troubles in your home.
- When your heart is troubled, turn your mind to Jesus' promises.
- You are loved by God even in the midst of troubles.
- Your present agony is not your lasting destiny.
- Your troubles will pass, and God's good will prevail.
- Your ideal future is reality. Don't give up!
- Your peace level depends on your distraction or fixation with the Peace-Giver.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-3, John 14:6, John 14:15-17, John 14:27, Ephesians 2:17-19

QUESTIONS

1. Where has there been past trouble in your life? How did you see God at work in your past troubles?
2. Pastor John said, "When your heart is troubled, turn your mind to Jesus' promises." What promises of Jesus have you held on to throughout your life? If you're new to faith, which of God's promises do you need to remember?
3. In John 14, we are reminded that God's peace is different from the world's peace and that we are not to be afraid. When you are troubled or anxious, what actions can you take to remind yourself of God's promises of calm and comfort?
4. Pastor John reminds us that this world is not our home, but that Heaven is our eternal destination. Trouble and suffering are a normal part of life, but God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us find peace. When you're struggling, how can you focus on the Holy Spirit to find peace?
5. Read Philippians 1:21-26 and 2 Corinthians 5:1-10. In these verses, it appears that Paul is homesick for Heaven. What stands out to you from the tension that Paul was living in? Have you ever experienced this type of home sickness? Explain. How should we live as we wait for Heaven?