

CCC Message Notes

"Grief, Joy, Pain & Peace" - John 16:16-33

Just Before He's Arrested Jesus Speaks His Final Words to His First Followers

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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Being in a relationship with God is anything but static. It plays out with mind-blowing highs & at times seemingly heart-crushing lows.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Trusting God whether it's smooth sailing or the boat's falling apart is one of the choices He calls all who follow Him to be sure they make.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

As we continue through the chapters of scripture in The Gospel of John that tells us of Jesus' last hours & final words before He's betrayed, arrested, taken away, sentenced, scourged & crucified, we continue to learn not just the information He shares with His first followers but His heart for them as well. In the passage we look at this morning we once again see that being associated with Him let alone truly in relationship with Him carries a price that is real & a commitment that must be made & maintained.

Jesus Continues to Prepare His Disciples for His Death & Departure by Telling Them ...

1. there will be a GRIEF that STINGS for a WHILE □
FOLLOWED BY a LASTING JOY that REMAINS.

Keep being sure you don't but a period where God puts a comma.

John 16:16-21

2. again that ANSWERED PRAYER should be EXPECTED. It will be a BIG PART of the REAL JOY they'll KNOW & HAVE. He is hammering the call to / need for / promised of answered prayer into them.

John 16:22-26

3. HIS FATHER is THEIR FATHER & He LOVES THEM.

This cosmic reality & wonder should bring all of us who are His to a place of overwhelming gratitude & awe concerning His Father being our Father too.

John 16:27-28

4. they will BE SCATTERED & YET even THAT will be OVERRIDDEN by HIM in HIS VICTORY over the WORLD.

Nothing takes God by surprise. Nothing. He is in control everywhere & always.

John 16:29-33

Making It Real Questions

- * Will you seek to walk in the balance of knowing that there will be grief & joy?
- * Can you truly say you truly expect answered prayer to be a big part of your life today?
 - * Are you convinced the same Father in Heaven Who loves & sent Jesus is the same Father in Heaven Who loved & longs to be with you?
- * Have you settled it as best you can that God is in control in the midst of everything always.

Action Step

Write down your strategy for answered prayer being your story in ways it's not been yet.