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JOHN 14:1-6

I thought I would share with you these first few verses of the 14th Chapter of John which is probably outside of Psalm 23 the most read passage of scripture at Celebration of Life services. It is a wonderful promise the Lord gives to believers full of Truth and Hope.

14 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. 4 And you know the way where I am going." 5 Thomas *said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" 6 Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

I love that Jesus is always concerned about our hearts, the place where worry and anxiety and fear seems to gather. He doesn't want us to be "troubled" or worried or have anxiety or be fearful. He loves us so much. Sometimes we can't help our heart being troubled. It just happens when satan attacks us with all his lies. We need a safe haven and we have it in Jesus.

One thing that helps a troubled heart is faith, believing in Jesus. Now there is that first moment when we begin believing in Jesus that ushers in salvation to our hearts and we know Jesus and confess Him as Lord and believe that He is the Risen Savior. This believing is settled in us and never can be touched by outside storms. No matter how bad our situation, we still believe. That belief is the help for a troubled heart. Jesus says believe in Me and let that faith steer your heart through the troubled waters.

Then the Lord makes an awesome promise to take care of us for eternity. He is preparing a place for us to be with Him forever. That indicates a massive intentionality on His part as He is working to prepare for us to come Home one day. When we lived overseas and would come back stateside for Christmas, my mom would literally spend days and maybe weeks getting ready for us. She would decorate the house so beautifully and make all of our favorite Christmas candies and cookies and buy great presents for us and the kids. The house would be immaculately clean and ready for us to come home to. Can you imagine what the Lord has in store??????

He even promises to come back and take us Home Himself. I believe that every believer who transitions from his earthly life to their Heavenly one is received by Jesus Himself and taken to the Father and introduced to his new home prepared by the Lord. He may bring some Angels with him when He comes to take us Home, but He is the One who greets us the very moment we leave this earthly body.

He is the WAY - He is the way Home. There is no other at all. No other religion or concept or theory or person or anything. He is the WAY.

He is the TRUTH - and the truth is that Jesus is God's Son, the Risen Lord and Savior. It doesn't make any difference whether you believe it or not, it is so. Whether you declare Him Lord or not makes no difference in the TRUTH of who He is.

He is the LIFE - Eternal Life. The moment you believe you have this Life in you because you have Jesus in you. As we know, we are seated in Heaven right now with Jesus right next to the Father and all the angels, etc. One day what we believe to be Spiritual Truth will become physical reality!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Without Him there is no hope - with Him there is nothing but HOPE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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