

RISE, LET US GO FROM HERE

John 14:23-31 (ESV)

²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

INTRODUCTION:

In John 14:23-31, Jesus speaks words of assurance to His disciples before His departure. He promises the Holy Spirit, His peace, and calls them to move forward in faith. In His final words, “Rise, let us go from here,” He invites His disciples, and also us, to step into obedience, trust, and action. As we reflect on this passage, may we embrace His call to go forth in faith.

DISCUSS:

1. Love and Obedience (John 14:23):

True love for Christ is expressed through obedience, shaping our lives according to His word and inviting the presence of God into our hearts.

In what ways does faithfully keeping Jesus' word shape our love for Him, and how might this transform different aspects of our lives?

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2. The Gift of Peace (John 14:27):

Jesus offers divine peace, different from anything the world provides; a peace rooted in His presence and power.

How can we fully embrace the peace of Christ, allowing it to calm our fears and uncertainties?

3. The Call to Move Forward (John 14:31):

Jesus calls His disciples to step forward, reminding us that faith is not stagnant, it moves, trusts, and acts.

As Jesus calls us to go forward in faith and obedience, we will face challenges and uncertainties, how can we trust God's leading in the process?

Pray:

1. **Pray for our hearts** - that we will love Jesus deeply and walk in obedience to His word.
2. **Ask for the peace of Christ** – His peace to reign in our lives, dispelling fear and uncertainty.
3. **Seek courage** – so as to step forward in faith, trusting in God's leading and promises.