

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled (The Simplicity of 'Believe Also in Me')

by Hans R. Waldvogel

The sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting in Jesus and rejoicing in the hope of the Gospel to live a life of abundance and joy.

Topics: "Faith in Jesus", "Overcoming Anxiety"

Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the profound message of Jesus in John 14:1, urging believers not to let their hearts be troubled but to trust in Him as they do in God. He explains that Jesus offers a living hope and encourages believers to cast their cares upon Him, highlighting the simplicity and depth of faith in Christ. Waldvogel reassures that by believing in Jesus, one can tap into the divine fountain of life and grace, which leads to a more abundant life. He stresses the importance of focusing on Jesus, who is the source of all wisdom and knowledge, and encourages a life devoted to Him, free from worldly anxieties. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a deep, personal relationship with Jesus as the key to peace and fulfillment.

Transcript

Selected Verses:

John 14:1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Romans 12:12. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Matthew 6:25a. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life...

1 Peter 5:7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Opening:

"Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in Me." Jesus says those words. And they're just as powerful this morning, and the meaning is the same today as it was when Jesus spoke them to His disciples. They were being troubled because He had spoken to them about leaving them. He says, "I came forth from the Father into the world, and again I leave the world and go to the Father," and they were troubled. You can imagine how troubled we would be if someone that we thought a great deal

of, upon whom we depended very very much for guidance, for help, for blessing, said goodbye to us and left us. They were troubled. But Jesus had to show them that there was something far better in store for them. That's the thing I thank God for. It's not a New Year's text; it's a text for every day--every day, praise God! "Let not your heart be troubled."

The thing that is strange to me is that we're so slow in accepting this unspeakable gift of God. When Jesus Christ says, "Ye believe in God, believe also in Me," He has told us about God. He said God was within Him, and God worked in Him. And just like God was in Him, the life and the victory--and God worked through Him--so, He says, "You can look for Me to be in you." There's a fountain in every one of us, a wonderful fountain that's waiting to burst forth and to send forth rivers of living water.

And Jesus Christ says, "Tap that fountain. Forsake the stagnant pools that can hold no water. You don't get anything out of them. Come, believe also in Me." He authorizes me to draw "out of His fullness," day by day, "grace upon grace." All that I need "for life and for godliness is freely offered to me in this one word: "Believe also in Me."

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Selected Quotes:

My whole duty on earth is to be devoted to Jesus. And Jesus is here, and He manifests Himself, thank God! And all I need to know about sanctification is...just how to please Jesus.

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But oh, how important that we "be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel"! We're "begotten again unto a living hope." "Our inheritance is in heaven." It's waiting for us, "waiting to be revealed." And God commands us to rejoice in this hope, not to be moved away from it. Gear your life to this living hope--praise God--and the world will lose its charms, and "sin shall not have dominion over you." And when Jesus Christ Himself is your hope, and you know He's coming, why then you'll be looking for His coming.

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Jesus is real, and you don't need to know anything under the sun but Jesus, praise God! Therein lies all the mystery of the Godhead, praise God, and "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" are revealed to the heart that simply loves Jesus. How simple are his words in that 14th chapter: "If any man love Me..." Oh, that's it.

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"Casting all your care upon Him." How simple is that! Why, beloved, that gives you more knowledge, more wisdom, more understanding than all the books and magazines about divine healing that you can read. "Casting all your care upon Him" means that you don't have to care anymore. You care about Him. Oh, my Lord, You're present with me--not only present, but You're within my heart, You're that Fountain, waiting to burst forth with life-giving streams. And I don't give You a chance.

It is as simple as all that. But beloved, it's so sublime, it is so heavenly. "Our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Oh, how very wonderfully heavenly will

my life be when I'm occupied only with Jesus!

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The life that Jesus Christ has in store for us is "life more abundant," and it all hinges on my believing that Jesus Christ is "all in all," He's mine. Paying loving attention to Him will keep me "praying without ceasing." That's prayer without ceasing. It isn't talking without ceasing, but it's this interior regard--something the Holy Ghost has done. Your heart becomes aflame with love for Jesus. Oh, Jesus.

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He'll give Himself to every heart that wants Him. Oh, Jesus, wonderful Jesus. I think we're a happy lot of people. And you know, it relieves you of all responsibility to be a big-shot. You don't have to be nothin'. In fact, the better you understand to be nothing, the more Jesus Christ can reveal Himself and be what He is, hallelujah.

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Oh, but to know Jesus is life eternal. "This is life eternal, that they might know" this Secret, this indwelling Fountain--that you might tap it, that you might give it a chance, that you might know that you don't know anything, and never will know anything, but that God Almighty unites you to this tap of heaven, this Fountain, this wonderful stream that issues from the throne of God. "In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge," and "Ye are complete in Him." And you'll never know anything until you know Jesus. And when you know Jesus Christ, you'll be through with yourself. You'll draw "out of His fullness grace upon grace."

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Illustrations:

The mysticism of the saints contrasted with the simplicity of true mysticism. "They'll dissect your soul, and they'll show you, oh, what a zoo there is inside of you. And it just somehow makes your hair stand on end, and you think, 'Well, how will I ever get there?' And God says, 'Jesus, Jesus.' 'I am the Way.' 'Believe in Me.' Glory to God. Let Him be the mystic within you." (from 4:21)

An illustration of rejoicing in hope. (from 6:28)

An illustration of "worldly hope" in a maternity ward. "These were hopeful fathers. They were all in hope. That's why they were in such despair. But you know, you come into some churches and you find the people looking just like that." (from 8:51)

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