GIFTS FOR TROUBLED HEARTS & FEARFUL FUTURES DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

		JOHN 14:15-31
	Jo	hn 14:15-31 - Sermon Outline and Notes for Meditation:
	W	hen faced with troubled hearts and a fearful future
		in the gifts of grace
		in the gift of the Helper
		the gift of love
1	Jesi	us wants his disciples to hope in the gift of the Father, the gift of love, and the gift of peace.
		a. Which gift do you find most difficult to grasp intellectually? Which gift takes the most faith to believe is truly available for you?
		b. What other gifts of grace has God given to encourage and strengthen His children during times of trouble and fear? Be ready to share the Bible passages that speak of these gifts of grace.
2	Sor	netimes the most significant hurdle in a time of trial is the lack of Biblical truth and counsel.
		a. What fears and troubles have you personally encountered on repeat in your life? What verses from the Bible are most consistently helpful in redirecting your thinking?
		b. 1 Peter 3:15 exhorts believers to always be "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." How can you practically prepare to share your hope with followers of Christ or those who don't yet believe?
3	Joh	n 14 introduces the giving of the Holy Spirit.
		a. What are the most comforting aspects of the Holy Spirit's nature and work, presented in John 14? What truth do you feel drawn to consider and meditate on?
		b. What other New Testament passages a key's to understand the deity of the Holy Spirit?
		c. Why is it important to connect the working of the Holy Spirit in teaching and reminding with the Bible (John 16:13)? What errors can arise if a person starts "following the Spirit" when the path is outside the scope and teaching of the Bible?

4	John 14:28 presents a controversial phrase - "for the Father is greater than I."			
	a. What theological errors can arise from a misunderstanding of the teaching of this passage?			
	b. How should this passage be viewed in light of the following verses? John 14:1, 7, 9; John 13:16; Philippid	ns 2:6-9		
5	Jesus speaks of leaving His peace with his disciples in John 14:27. Even in John, there is the tension of and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 both add the spiritual discipline of thanksgiving, in connection with peace discipline of thanksgiving.	peace and turmoil. Philippians 4:6-7 uring turmoil.		
	a. Why is it significant that believers face turmoil with peace and thanksgiving? How is this possible?			
	b. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. About what does this verse tell us to confidently say "this is the will of God Is it God's will that we walk through these circumstances? Is it both?	l"? Is it God's will that we give thanks?		
6	The whole passage inseparably links love and obedience to commands.			
		PRAYER REQUESTS		
	a. Read Romans 5:3-5. How does the "love of God shed abroad in our hearts" give strength and hope, when facing the sufferings of verse 3?			
	b. How are you struggling with loving obedience? Feel free to share openly and request prayer within your community group.			