



Know Greater Love!

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Text: John 15:9-13

Passage Summary: While following Jesus comprises life's greatest calling, it can also lead to times and seasons that leave our hearts troubled!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that when following Jesus leads to a troubled heart, take Him at His Word! (15:9-13)

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me."
John 14:1*

Application: Recognize that when it comes to taking Jesus at His Word...

- Believe that His emphasis on abiding is as important as He intended it to be! (v.9-13)

See that when it comes to abiding in Christ...

Abiding is _____! (v.9-11)

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love."

John 15:9-10

- It is the _____ to _____ in His love!

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love..."

John 15:9-10a

- It is _____ for us in the _____ of Jesus!

"...just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love."

John 15:10b

- It opens the door to _____ of _____!

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

John 15:11

Abiding is _____! (v.12-13)

- It is _____ like _____! (v.12)

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:33-34

- It is a _____ love! (v.13)

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

1 John 3:16

Remember: When it comes to taking Jesus at His Word, abiding in the form of loving and obeying is _____; the _____ that comes forth through this kind of abiding is life changing to the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom!

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 15:8

Core Conviction to live by: Resolutely determine that when it comes to abiding in Jesus, that you will _____ before you _____; that is to say, you will make it your aim to know the sacrificial, unconditional love of Christ in your personally, experientially, theologically, before you try to go and share it with a lost and dying world, and the church that God bought with His own blood!