

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE | FULL | AUGUST 5, 2018

Jesus' 'I AM' statements revealed his very nature, character and divinity He is God and views us as God views us. In John 14, Jesus is reassuring the disciples that even in the midst of confusion, concern and uncertainty, He can be trusted. We can begin with Him, continue with Him and end in Him.

JOHN 14: 1-7 - "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ... "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

- Among the disciples in these moments, there is confusion, concern, uncertainty.
- There's a genuine desire to follow Jesus, but in this uncertainty of how to do that in the unknowns.
- "It's hard to walk with Jesus and run ahead of him at the same time." - Bob Goff
- They were so fixated on the PRACTICALS, that they were missing the PERSON.

TRUST IN ME

- TRUST IN ME. DRAW CLOSE TO ME. I AM....
 - Exodus 3:14 God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM" (Whatever I Am, I will always be) - Note God's use of intimate language.
- He can be trusted because he is who God is, and he views us, as God views us.
- Jesus shares in the same oneness of God.
- "As the way, Jesus is our path to the Father. As the truth, he is the reality of all God's promises. As the life, he joins his divine life to ours, both now and eternally."

THE WAY

- Our need for a Saviour, isn't filled by walking in a specific direction - but walking with a specific someone.
- "When you've got a guide you can trust, you don't have to worry about the path you're on."

THE TRUTH

- Jesus is proof that God keeps his promises.
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- We have the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth

THE LIFE

- John 1:3-4 "...the Word gave life to everything..."
- John 3:16 "For this is how God loved the world..."

"Without the way there is no going; without the truth there is no knowing; without the life there is no living." - Thomas a Kempis, "Imitation of Christ,"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How might you trust Jesus in your confusion, concern, or uncertainty?
2. What might 'answered prayer' look like to you? What might it look like to God?
3. What truth are you needing to be reminded of in the midst of the unknown?
4. What might you do if you didn't know how the story plays out?
5. What does God's best look like for you?