

The Beauty & Means of Obedience.

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Read John 14:15-31.

1. The relationship between love of and obedience to Christ is highlighted in this chapter. Which one comes first, love or obedience? How does **verse 15** connect with **verse 21** in further demonstrating Jesus' connection of love with obedience?

2. Jesus introduces "another" advocate. In what ways is Christ our advocate as seen in the book of **John**? How is the Holy Spirit unique in His advocacy versus Christ as highlighted in **verse 16-17**? How does the Holy Spirit as advocate, comforter or helper instruct and inform how you approach daily life?

3. Part of our identity in Christ is being invited into a new family and not as orphans. What is the difference between being a fully adopted child versus an orphan? What does that speak to in terms of rights, access and ongoing care with our heavenly Father?

4. Many of us have wished that Jesus would simply just make everything plain, visual and obvious to all like Judas in **verse 22**. Jesus has made clear, provocative statements and signs in John so why does Judas ask this question? What are his hopes and desires for Jesus to do? How do you relate to these desires in your life?

5. How does the Holy Spirit teach and remind us as **verse 26** instructs? Consider **2 Peter 1:21, Luke 12:12, Mark 13:11, 1 Cor. 2:10-11, Ephesians 6:17**. How is this encouraging as we seek to read and understand scripture?

6. This time in history was ruled by the "Pax Romana" that was enforced and held up by force in the Roman Empire. Jesus speaks of "my peace I give you" so what peace is Jesus referring to? Consider **Romans 5:1, Romans 8:6, Ephesians 2:14, Phil. 4:7-9**.

7. Jesus ends by speaking of the future and the prince of this world coming. Jesus says "He has no hold over me" and that his coming is meant to teach the world of Jesus love and obedience to the Father. What is important about the enemy not having a "hold" over Jesus? What does Jesus' obedience to the Father teach us?