



# SERMON CHEAT SHEET

JESUS, OUR HOPE | John 14

## FINDING HOPE IN CHRIST

### **The Peace of Christ Amidst Chaos**

In John 14:1, Jesus calms his disciples amidst their chaos and confusion, urging them not to let their hearts be troubled. This isn't a blanket dismissal of their struggles; instead, it's an invitation to trust Him. Jesus acknowledges that trouble is part of life, but He directs us toward faith as the remedy for our anxieties. When facing trials whether they're relational, financial, or emotional Jesus reminds us to redirect our focus from the storm to the Savior. By shifting our trust from circumstances to Christ, we can experience His peace in profound ways.

### **A Place Prepared for Us**

The promise of a spacious place in the Father's house brings immense hope and assurance to every believer (John 14:2-3). This isn't just a metaphorical comfort; it signifies a divine invitation to eternal relationship with God. The 'many rooms' aren't reserved for a select few but are inclusive of all who believe, emphasizing the relational aspect of dwelling with Him. As we navigate life's uncertainties, we can hold onto this promise that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us, giving us both security now and hope for our future.

### **The Only Way to the Father**

In a world filled with conflicting ideologies, Jesus stands firm in His declaration: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6). This exclusive claim teaches us that knowing God is not a matter of personal paths but rather a relationship through Christ alone. Our faith isn't built on abstract principles but on the person of Jesus, who embodies truth and life. By recognizing Him as the only way to the Father, we align our understanding of faith with the truth He presents, fostering an authentic relationship with God.

### **Seeing God Through Jesus**

Philip's request to see the Father reflects a common struggle we all face in understanding the divine (John 14:8-9). Jesus responds by asserting that He is the visible representation of God. This radical claim reassures us that when we look at Jesus His actions, teachings, and character we see the heart of God Himself. As we grapple with our questions about God, let's remember that studying Jesus and His life is the clearest way to learn about the divine nature and His desires for our lives.

### **The Power of Prayer in His Name**

Jesus promises that those who believe in Him will do even greater things than He did, primarily through prayer (John 14:12-14). This doesn't suggest that we will surpass His miraculous works but emphasizes the power of partnership with God in prayer. When we pray in alignment with His will and character, we join Him in His mission on Earth. As we commit our prayers to Him, we open ourselves to experience His answers in ways that glorify the Father, deepening our faith and connection to Him.

## LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK

- Take time daily to reflect on areas where you need peace. Consider how you can redirect your focus to Jesus amidst your struggles.
- Make a list of specific prayers you're lifting to God, aligning them with His will as you seek His guidance.

## PRAYER PROMPTS

- Pray for renewed hope in areas of your life where you feel troubled or anxious.
- Seek God's guidance on how to align your prayers with His will and purpose.
- Ask for opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with those around you, especially those who may be struggling.