

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 & John 14

Singing: 241:1, 2, 4, 5 – 65:2-3 – 290:1-5 – 164:2, 3 – 110:1, 3

Intro: John 14 is another example of Jesus' pastoral ministry to His saints

A. Notice how gently He prods their thoughts to come out (vs, 4, 7, 21)

B. Notice how He deals individually with each saint according to their weakness

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A. Jesus appeals to Philip's faith (10-11) in what He has made known to him

1. though Jesus is tender, there is mild rebuke in His question (vs. 10)

B. While all disciples struggled, Jesus never changed His direction: *Believe Me!*

1. Faith in My Word is still the way to come to only comfort in life and death

C. How did Philip's heart sigh upon hearing that instruction?

II. If believing His Word is too high, He invites you to believe Him for His works

A. His 'works' are many miracles (John 3:2; 9:31-33): *the evidence of Truth!*

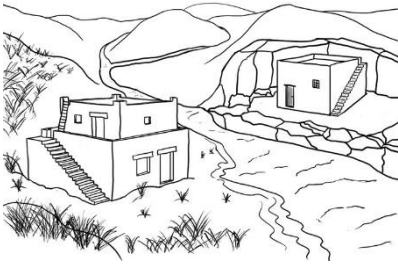
B. Your struggles in faith may not Philip's but nonetheless as difficult

C. There is a secondary but subordinate way to strengthen faith: *His works*

1. Assurance of faith is foremost to be obtained by believing His promises

2. Yet observing *within* you His works will help you to rejoice in faith

Take-away: How Jesus is keen to lead you as His disciples to comfort!



Dear girls and boys,

At the end of His life, Jesus took His disciples to the Upper Room. There He spoke many beautiful things. John alone wrote about them many years later. Today we will listen to Jesus comforting His disciple Philip. But don't listen to learn about Philip. Listen to learn what Jesus calls you to do.

1. What can you learn about Philip in John 1:43-45?
2. Write out what beautiful truth John wrote about Jesus in John 13:1.
3. What did Philip mean with his question to Jesus in John 14:8?
4. Jesus told Philip, "Believe me." What is to believe? Circle the write words.
a. to trust b. to obey c. to think d. to love
5. Somone said rightly, "Philip was not the only one that needed to believe. You also need to believe." Write down a few things God calls you to believe.
6. Philip struggled to believe the things Jesus told. Maybe you do as well. Why do you struggle to believe Jesus' words?
7. What did Jesus tell Philip to do as he struggled to believe Jesus' words?
8. True or False: *If God saved you, you will know that you are a different boy or girl. You are different in how you think about God; different in what you love; different what you feel about sin; different in what makes you truly happy.*
9. Write down a few things you should pray for when you come home.