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[0 : 0 0] The Gospel According to John Chapter 14 Read in verse 80 I will not leave you comfortless I will come to you I will not leave you comfortless I will come to you My friends what a precious word this is What a precious promise it is

It is the word of God The Lord Jesus spoke this word to his dear disciples When he belonged You remember that they had walked with him Both in spirit And in the body You see Jesus was here As a man And he walked with the dear disciples And there was a blessed union They looked to the dear Lord Their Master Their dear Redeemer They loved him With all their hearts And so will you my dear friends If you are led to

To have a little feeling Sense of the love and mercy Of the Lord Toward your soul Ah But these dear disciples Now Were sad They were sad In their hearts Why?

Because the Lord Jesus Told them That he was to shortly Go from them And leave them And to suffer And to suffer And he says this In the blessed promise I will not leave you Comfortless I will come to you You see Although the Lord Jesus Was Shortly to leave His dear disciples Forever In the body Upon this earth He was going Back into heaven With his father And of course His dear disciples Were sad It may be

Some of you Are sad this day It may be That you're mourning In your heart And in your spirit Because you cannot Find this blessed Lord And my dear friends I venture to say this That if you are mourning Over this Then you've had a taste Of his blessed presence Because you wouldn't know The difference When you haven't got it It may be You're ready To cut yourself off And say that You're altogether wrong You don't believe You've come in At the gate Satan tells you You've jumped over The wall Or come in Some other way And yet You know in your heart That you have A longing To warning You're sad

[4 : 3 1] In your heart Because you can't Find him Ah my friends This is an evidence That you've known And had a visit From him In the past It is It is It's an evidence That the blessed Holy Spirit Has taken Of the things Of Jesus And revealed And revealed Them to you And there's That love In your heart Toward him There's that Aking void There's that Hungry and Thirsting After him Do you know Anything of it Ah This blessed Promise Is to you It is I will not Leave you Comfortless It wasn't

Only for the Dear Disciples Of old My dear Friends It was For the Whole People Of God The whole Of the Church Of God It is It's for Everyone Because Everyone Will come Into these Pathways Where they Cannot Find their Dear Redeemer Where they Lose sight Of him Where he Is hid From their Sight For a Season This is The way The Lord Has ordained That we Should walk In You see There would Be no Trial Of faith If we Had his Presence All the While Would There You Look Into Your Own Heart And Experiences When You Had a Taste Of The Dear Lord

Love And Mercy And Felt His Presence What Happened About Sin And The World In Your Heart Why You Had No Single Thought To Ward It No Place To Ward It Had You No Desire After It You Didn't Want It You Might Have Felt You Was A Sinner And Known You Was So You Are But The Lord May Have Even Hid That From Your Sight So That You Couldn't See Your Sins But All The Attraction The Blessed Draw In When You Had His Blessed Presence You Didn't Want Anything Of The World Then Did You You Had A Desire After It Where Was The Power In Temptation Gone Had It Gone

Gone The Power In Temptation Goes When The Dear Lord's Presence Is With You But Oh How Different It Is When The Lord Is Not With You When His Face Is Here And You Feel Those Clouds Between And Then The Temptations Come Or We Find And Prove That We Are There Because You Must Remember This That Temptation Is Always Something That We Might It's Made Attractive To Us It's Made Attractive And It Was So With Adam And Eve In The Beginning When They Were In The Garden Of Eden When Satan Came To Eve And Showed Her The Tree Of Life And Knowledge

And Made The Fruit Look Attractive And Desirable To Her You See The Temptation And So There Was That Desire After And She Fell She Part Took Of It Proving The Weakness Of The Flesh She Fell And Do We Not Find The Same My Dear Friends I Know I Do I Do I So I Have To Prove It Over And Over Again The Weakness Of My Flesh

[9 : 45] We Perhaps Feel We Have A Good Hearing Time We Feel The Blessed Lord Is There Why And Our Heart Is Set On Fire Our Attractions Our Love Ascends Up Toward We We Leave All The World Behind But How Is It Monday Morning Ah How Is It Now All The Times That I Found As I Got Up Gone Out To My Daily Work And How Soon I Found I Been In Right The Reverse Place To Where I Was The Day Before Satan Is There That Vile Temptor Drawing Our Hearts Away From

God Causing The Lust Of Our Arms To Bubble Up And The Temptations That He Puts In Our Way And The Suggestions In Our Arms And Is That Warfare Within What A Warfare It Is What A Battle It Is At Times And I Know This Dear Friends That When We Look Away From The Lord We Should Grow Weaker And Weaker And The Temptation Will Get Greater And Left To Ourselves We Should Fall In And Do Fall In Time And Time Again To The Guilt That We Suffer Because Of Our Sins And

It's Our Just Desserts My Friends What a Mercy It is Really That The Lord Comes And Causes Us To Feel Our Guilt Because Left To Ourselves My Friends We Should Grow Hard We Should Have A Seared Conscience There Be No Tenderness Toward Him There Be No Repentance But For The Work Of His Blessed Spirit Do You Not Have To Prove In Your Life That These Things Are In His Hands Your Own Heart The Softening And The Hardening Of It You Can't Give Yourself A Soft Heart Can You Can't You Can't But

Do You Know And Have You Felt The Lord Can Ah You Can And He Does He Comes To His Dear People He Don't Leave Them In All Their Sinfulness And Hardness And How They Dispond At Times And How Unbelief Grows But The Lord Says I Will Not Leave You Comfort Less I Will Not Leave You Comfort Less This Is A Blessed Promise It's A Promise My Friends From Our Dear Redeemer You See He Knows The Pathway That You And I Are Walking He Knows

The Places That We Should Come Into As He Does To All His Dear People He Knew Where Peter The Apostle Would Come He Told Him Before It Came To Pass That He Would Deny Three Times Peter Couldn't Believe It He Couldn't Believe It But He Had To Prove The Truth Of The Word Of His Dear Master And It Took Place But He Wasn't Left In It The Lord Broke His Heart He Gave Him That Repenting Spirit And He Will You And I My Friends If We're Taught Of Him He Won't Leave Us In Our Sins

[14 : 51] There'd Be No Hope For Us If He Did I Know There Are Those Times When We We Come Like Peter We're Bold We're Strong We Think We Are In Faith We Have A Little Sweetness In Our Heart Perhaps From The Lord And Feel A Little Attraction And Love Toward Him And We Get Bold We Say Yes I Won't Do This Anymore Lord I Won't Go In That Path Anymore I'm Going To Serve The Better We Disloved Peter We Get Bold The Desire Is Good My Friends But We Have To Prove That We Can't Do It We Can't Keep Ourselves We Do We Have To Prove

The Weakness Of Our Flesh Don't We Time And Time Again But There Is This Blessed Redeemer My Friends He's The One That We Want To Look Toward He's The One That Is Able To Redeem Us And Deliver Us From All Sin All Sin You You May Have Those Things In Your Heart That You Feel That To Be The That Will Condemn You That Will Keep You From The Dear Lord God That That Will Bar You From Heaven But My Dear Friends If You Are A Child Of God They Never Will They Never Will The Lord Jesus His Work Is Complete And

When He Died On The Cross And Said It Was Finished It Was Finished For Every Child Of God And He Said In That Blessed Prayer To His Dear Father That Those That He Had Been Given He Had Brought Them And None Will Be Lost Not One Not One Of The Lost And Then My Dear Friends This Is And Will Be At Times An Encouragement To You And I If We Are His Because There Is That Blessed Embracing The Lord Embraces His Dear People He Loves Them He Says I Will Not Leave Them Comfort Less I'm Going To Bring

Them All None Are Be Lost No Not One You May Often Feel That You Are Lost And Will Be Lost You Feel You Come So Short And Serving Him I Do My Friends I Know The Past And I Know If You Are Taught Of The Lord You Know It Too In The Measure We Each Shall Know But For His Mercy We Are Do We Are Finished We Are Lost You Might Say Well I Hope I Had A Taste Of His Love And Mercy Some Years Ago Perhaps Many Years Ago Perhaps Not Many Years Well How Is It With You Since Then

How Is It With Me Since Then Well I Know How It Is With Me My Friends I Know This That I Need That Mercy Again And Again I Feel I Need Fresh Applications Of It Do You I Believe You Will My Friends If You Are Taught By The Blessed Spirit I Believe You Will Want It Again And Again Revealed To You I Believe You Will Want To Be Assured Again And Again That That Was Really Fraud And That All Those Sins That You Committed Since That Day Are Also Forgiven You See Satan Often Uses These I Believe And Brings Them Forward To A Child Of God And Puts Them Right In Front Of Him

[19 : 54] And He Says Well Now You Had A Taste Of The Lord's Mercy You Thought Back Then But Now Look At This Lot That You Have Been Guilty Of Since Then What About That Lot You You'll never get to heaven.

And my friends, Satan is a liar. He ever was a liar. And if he can draw away a child of God and bring him into despair, he will.

But once a child of God has tasted of the love and mercy of God, this is a seal. It's a seal, my friends, from the blessed Redeemer.

And it's a promise, really, that he'll bring you through. You say, what about all these sins in front of me now? Yes.

I can put them all behind his back forever. Then what are we to do? Where are we to find relief?

[21 : 15] Looking at these sins. No. They'll be a burden to us. We shall be brought in guilty.

We shall have to repent. We shall have to tell the Lord we are guilty of them. But then what? Is that all?

No. No. Our eyes then will turn to the Lord Jesus, that blessed Redeemer. And we shall want a blessed application, another confirmation, that he has put them all away.

I will not leave you comfortless. I'll come again.

He promised the dear disciples he wouldn't leave them forever, that he'd come again to them, he'd comfort them. Oh, they was about to walk in a very deep path.

[22 : 26] Everything was going to be put to the test. You see, they'd been brought along by the Lord Jesus. He'd brought them along, he'd taught them, he'd preached to them, he'd showed them the way of salvation.

But as yet, it hadn't took place. And there was a lot of unbelief in their hearts.

They could hardly believe it. But the Lord said, what should take place? That the Son of Man must suffer all these things and be killed by wicked men.

But all in accordance to the will of God, remember this. The way the Lord Jesus suffered in the garden, how he travelled in prayer before his Father with that burden on him.

the redemption of his dear people. He knew he was feeling the weight of it. He knew he'd got to drink the cup.

[23 : 54] And it was more, it seemed more than it's fair. I say it reverently. Because he came to his dear Father and he said, if it be possible, take this cup from me.

He felt the weight of it. And he begged of the Lord, if it be possible, take it away that all the blessed submission, the humble submission, nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.

as if the Lord said, this is the way, even to the blessed Redeemer.

He had to walk in it. And you and I, my friends, we shall have to walk these things out. There'll be times when we have to take the cup and drink it.

The bitters. there are those bitters that we have to drink. But I believe we shall be brought where the Lord Jesus was.

[25 : 21] Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done. My friends, this is a blessed place to be brought. to have this humble submission and willingness to walk in the bitter pathway that he has ordained we should walk in.

We can't do it of ourselves, though, can we? We can't give ourselves that humble submission. Rather, is it the reverse? But have you not proved that the Lord has enabled you at times to walk into some bitter pathway it may be an affliction, it may be bodily suffering, it may be persecution, it may be anything, many things.

Your heart knows the path that you have been called to walk in. And perhaps at first there was a rebellion and an unwillingness but perhaps you found that the Lord made you willing.

Perhaps you read his word or a line of a hymn or something that the minister spoke came right where you was and you saw immediately and heard the Lord's voice in it.

This is the way walking in it. Ah, the Lord has a blessed ability to turn our hearts and make us submissive to walking his ways and in his paths.

[27 : 10] and he's promised to be with his people in that pathway. He doesn't leave them. You might say, you might be ready to argue and say, well, I'm in a pathway now and I can't feel his presence.

I can't feel he's with me in it. Well, are you still looking toward him? Or are you desponding and full of unbelief and not looking to the Lord in it and struggling along on your own, in your own strength?

If you are, my friends, then this is the cause. Turn to him. Look toward him.

his help. Ask him to give you that humble submission and willingness to walk in that pathway and plead with him that he has promised to be with his people through the fires and the waters.

He has said, I will be with him. This is the blessed word of the Master. and we have this blessed promise in the verse we have read, I will not leave you comfortless.

[28 : 45] You see, friends, it comes right where you and I are, in our daily pathways, in our experiences, in the path that we are now walking in.

comfort. You might be ready to say, but, I feel comfortless. I don't feel his blessed comfort.

I don't feel that blessed submissiveness toward him. I don't feel any love toward him in it.

It makes my heart hard, rebellious. unbelief works, Satan works, and it seems as if it's all an evidence against me.

Perhaps Satan says, if you were right, if you had grace, if the Lord was really teaching you, why are you thus?

[29 : 56] why are you in that condition now? You see, the Lord tries his own work. We have to be put to the test.

But I believe this, my friends, if the blessed love of God is in our hearts, and remember this, if it is, he's put it there. That will flame us, flare up it will.

Our hearts will go toward him, in all our pathways, all our perplexities, whatever they may be, our hearts will go out toward him, and you'll plead with him for this blessed comfort that he's able to give.

You will. Oh, my friends, I wish I could describe it. The comfort the dear Lord can give in our trials.

Ah, you see, if the Lord brings us into these trials, and he sanctifies it, with his own teaching and presence, well, what a blessing it is.

[31 : 20] As we enter into these pathways, we might feel that they're the very reverse, that there will be nothing in it for us, that there is no profit, our hearts might feel to be so rebellious and our, and the Lord comes, and he works, and he softens, and he makes with him, and he blesses, with just a whisper here, just a little help there, it might be something, just a few words, and you've got, you have a blessed persuasion that is in it.

It might be that in those words mentioned, this is the way walking in it. You may have heard them hundreds of times, and yet there's an attraction in them, perhaps this time, a blessed attraction, and if they came from the Lord, my friends, you are out to ascend up to him, that blessed faith is given.

Ah, there's a sweetness, there's a blessedness in the word of God when he speaks into our arms. Oh, I would that we might each feel and hear his blessed voice this day.

He knows the pathway that we're each walking in, only he does, I don't. and really I'm thankful I don't, because if the Lord is pleased to use me and give you a word and I know not your case, I feel it's much easier to give him all the praise and all the glory then.

It's more blessed. for I would then that he might come and visit your hearts and my heart this day and come right where we are and pour in a blessing.

[33 : 42] I is able. He knows where we each are and it may be you can't tell anybody the path that you're walking in.

You can't always tell even the children of God or his servants.

No, it's sometimes a secret matter between yourself and the Lord. But you know it's revealed to him, don't you? Everything is revealed to him.

we have to prove it at times, don't we, that he sees even our very thoughts. Ah, what a wonderful thing it is.

I believe it was mentioned to me in the vestry before we went in. today, the Lord sometimes sends answers before we even call to him.

[34 : 52] He does. All the wonders of it. You see, he reads our hearts, he knows our needs. Sometimes we think we have needs and we think that it's time that we need to answer.

But the Lord knows whether we really need it, whether the time has really come when we should have it. He does.

And the Lord often doesn't send these things until we really need them. And sometimes we're brought to the very borders of despair.

we're ready to give up. And that's the time sometimes when the Lord sweetly drops in. He sweetly comes with a word and he revives us.

I will not leave you comfortless. I'll lift you up. I'll keep alive my own work in your heart.

[36 : 05] I see you when you're ready to despair. I see you when you feel that you've got no religion. I see you when your heart's hard.

When your heart has no desire after him, all he does, he sees us through and through. but what a blessed promise. I will not leave your comfortless.

May we have some blessed realisation of it this day. For his name's sake. I have before I have ever had to afford everything else.

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