

## Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Donnie Bates

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also on Me" (John 14:1). I really do not know of a more encouraging verse than this one. Jesus Himself tells us to not let our hearts be troubled. About...what? What is the context?

Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure; His return to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, to rule over His eternal kingdom. But look at it from the apostles' perspective. It is a terrifying feeling to know that a comfortable time or relationship is changing or ending. We know when a loved one who is faithful to God dies, we will see him/her again if we ourselves live a faithful life. Still we don't like that separation. When a young couple has their first child and prepares to leave the hospital, there can be a feeling of panic that comes with the realization that there is no little button at the side of the bed at home that will bring a nurse when you press it.

That must have been the kind of emotions that the apostles were experiencing when Jesus would talk of going away. Yet, go away He must. They didn't quite understand the concept that He would still be with them, but He was. And He is! Still with us, that is. Listen to the rest of what Jesus had to say in that context: "In My Father's house there are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going" (John 14:2-4).

Those men who were terrified that Jesus was leaving them alone in this world needed to know that He was coming back to get them; He wasn't leaving them all alone. And when you feel as though He has left you all alone, you need to know that He is away now, preparing a place for you and He is coming back to get you if you belong to Him. And here is what may be the most important part of what He said: "...you know the way where I am going."

Jesus didn't leave us in the dark. He told us where He was going and how we could follow Him. He left us an example to follow (1 Peter 2:21-24).

He intended (and intends) for us to follow His example so that we can be with Him in heaven forever. He may not be here in a form where I can cry on His shoulder, hold His hand, or hug His neck, but He is here, nevertheless! He has not gone away and left me alone. And He has told me how to get where He is and that if I will do those things in faith, He will come again and get me to take me home with Him.

We find ourselves right now in an unprecedented time of fear and uncertainty. The whole world seems to have lost its mind. And when it comes to the day-to-day decisions about what is the best thing to do, I don't have any more answers than anyone else. I find myself, like many others find themselves...pulled in the varied and disparate directions that the "experts" tell us we should be going. Through all this discouragement, here is the encouragement that I find: Jesus is coming back to get me and all of us who are faithfully serving Him, even through times as difficult as this.

## Things you should know about!

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends!!

### Family and Friends Day

April 10, 2022

Speaker: JD Buckner from the Lebanon Rd Church of Christ, TN

We will be having our potluck and annual EGG HUNT after morning services. Join us for this fun filled (and candy filled) day of fellowship!!

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carter Buckingham 4/1

Daniel Hittle 4/2

Judah Gasper 4/7

Waylon Wilson 4/9

Seth Arrell 4/11

Chelsea Wilson 4/16

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Men please make note of next quarter's Men's Meeting on April 16th.

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### Happy Anniversary

Greg and Michelle Buckingham 4/14

Cole and Lena Durst 4/16

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Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	March 27, 2022	April 3, 2022
Announcements	John McGiffin	Curt Thompson
Song Leading	Sam Martin	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer	Duane Kemp	Jerry Thompson
Lord's Supper Comments	Jerry Thompson	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Jason Bang	Chris McGiffin
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer	Chris McGiffin	Jason Bang

**Bible Verse of the Week**

“Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; <sup>2</sup>Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.” Psalms 30:1-2

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**Lord’s Supper Reflection – Why Did Jesus Die?**

*In the Lord’s Supper we proclaim His Death*

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.” 1 Corinthians 11:26

**Offering Meditation**

*Lay up your Treasure where your Heart is*

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matt 6:21

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**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders, Ukraine crisis
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- \*Tom Cruz (Phyllis Caldwell’s nephew) - having health issues, will be moving to OH soon
- \*Delores Fox (Tim & Dianna’s daughter) - having health issues
- \*Ronnie Martin (Sam Martin’s uncle) - health issues
- \*Laura McGiffin - has been having a hard adjusting to changes in some of the medications she’s taking
- \*Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues for them

- \*Sam Martin and Bryan Allen have both been sick this past week
- \*Larry Bey - asked for prayers for his Parkinson’s
- \*David Glenn - asks for prayers for his mom, Rosalee and for his friend, Carter
- \*Sherrilyn Butt’s daughter is having eye surgery
- \*Ransom & Emily Dean (Stephanie Bang’s niece’s family) - are moving to Indianapolis area in a few weeks, they need a place to live and a job for Ransom after they’re settled

**How can we be praying for YOU?**

Please call John or email him at [jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com](mailto:jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

| Sunday, March 20 | Wednesday, March 23 |                 |
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| Bible Classes    | 24                  | Attendance 25   |
| AM Attendance    | 27                  |                 |
| PM Attendance    | 21                  | Contribution \$ |

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## March 27, 2022

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.