

# IF YOU LOVED ME...

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**John 14:15-31**

## Tags

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## Introduction

IF YOU LOVED ME, you would have rejoiced. This was a somber and dark time for the disciples. The thought of Jesus leaving must have been overwhelming. How could it possibly be better for them if Jesus leaves? The closeness they shared with Jesus was special, and the thought of losing that must have been almost unbearable. For three years, they have followed him, become friends, grown accustomed to his presence, voice, care, comfort, and teaching, but now he is leaving. This does not seem like a time for joy.

Jesus seeks to comfort the disciples in these final moments before his death. He wants them to understand that he is not abandoning them, leaving them vulnerable and exposed like orphans. He will come to them personally. However, when he leaves, another helper will be given to them forever. The Holy Spirit will continue to help the disciples. He will teach them and help them remember all that he said to them. Jesus was also giving them his peace. The conversation is almost over and it's as if he can hear the footsteps of the ruler of this world, but he is fearless and he will demonstrate his love for the Father by obeying him and for us by dying in our place.

## Outline

**God is always there to help his children through the Holy Spirit (vv. 16-17).**

**Jesus prepared a place for us and a home in us (vv. 18-20).**

**Love is the fuel for free and happy obedience (v. 21).**

**Jesus isn't interested in playing house with empty religion, he makes his home with those who love him (vv. 23-24).**

**The Holy Spirit will comfort, strengthen, and teach us through the ministry of the word (v. 26).**

Through Jesus, we can have peace with God and the peace of God (v. 27).

Rise and follow Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit without fear of a defeated enemy so that others might hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, see his glory, surrender to his grace, and experience his peace (vv. 30-31).

## **Application**

Do you love Jesus and is he at home with you?

Do you treat the Holy Spirit like an impersonal power or a person?

Where do you need the peace of God in your life right now?

## **Questions**

1. How are love and obedience connected? Does it automatically mean that we don't love Jesus every time we disobey his word? Why?
2. How does God make his home with us? (1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 2:21-22)
3. What is your biggest struggle when it comes to understanding and relating to the Holy Spirit? What are some ways he helps you?
4. How are the word and the Holy Spirit connected? (2 Peter 1:21)
5. How does Jesus give us peace with God? (Romans 5:1) What is the role of the Holy Spirit when it comes to peace? (Galatians 5:22)
6. What does Jesus mean when he says the Father is greater? Compare that with John 1:1; 1:18; 5:16-17; 10:30; 20:28 Did Jesus contradict himself?
7. How did Jesus conquer sin, death, and the devil? (Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14-15)