

John 14:1-27

(Words in red reflect the plural use of those words.)

14 ¹“Do not let **you** heart be troubled. **You** trust God, don’t **you**? Trust me. ²There is plenty of room for **you** to dwell with the One who gives me life. ³I am going to prepare a place for **you**, then I will be coming back to get **you**, so that where I am **you** may be. ⁴And **you** know the way I am leading.”

⁵Thomas said, “Master, we have no idea where you’re going. How do you expect us to know the way?”

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the One who gives me life apart from me. ⁷If **you** really knew me, **you** would have known the One who gives me life as well. From now on, **you** do know the One who gives me life. **You’ve** even seen the One who gives me life!”

⁸Philip said, “Master, show us the One who gives you life; that will be sufficient for us.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “I have been with **you** all this time, Philip, and you still don’t know me? To see me is to see the One who gives me life. So how can you ask, ‘Show me the One who gives me life?’ ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the One who gives me life and the One who gives me life is in me? The words that I speak to **you** aren’t mere words. I don’t just make them up on my own. The One who gives me life, who resides in me, crafts each word into a divine act.

¹¹“**Believe** me: I am in the One who gives me life and the One who gives me life is in me. If **you** can’t believe that, believe what **you** see—these works. ¹²I tell **you**, the person who trusts me will do the works I do, not only do what I am doing but will be doing even greater things because I am on my way to the One who gives me life. ¹³From now on, whatever **you** request in my name, along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I’ll do it. That’s how the One who gives me life will be seen, as the One who reigns and as the One who is also glorified in the one who is the heir (*to the throne*). ¹⁴I mean it. Whatever **you** request in this way, I’ll do.

¹⁵“If **you** love me, show it by doing what I’ve taught **you**. ¹⁶I will talk to the One who gives me life, and the One who gives me life will provide you another Advocate so that **you** will have someone with **you** till the end of the age. ¹⁷The Advocate is the Spirit of Truth, whom the current rulers of the world can’t receive, because they don’t have eyes to perceive it, neither do they know what to look for. But **you** know the Spirit of Truth already because it has been staying with **you** and will be in **you**!

¹⁸“I will not leave **you** orphaned. I am coming back for you. ¹⁹In just a little while those who currently rule the world will no longer see me, but **you** perceive I am alive and **you’re** about to come alive. ²⁰At that moment **you** will know absolutely that I am in the One who gives me life, and **you** are in me, and I am in **you**.

²¹ “The person who knows my teachings and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by the One who gives me life, and I will love that person and reveal myself to that person.”

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said, “Master, why is it that you are about to reveal yourself to us, but not to the current rulers of the world?”

²³ Jesus answered, “If anyone loves me, that person will keep my word and the One who gives me life will love that person and we’ll dwell side-by-side with that person! ²⁴ Not loving me means not keeping my words. The message **you** are hearing isn’t mine. It’s the message of the One who gives me life, the One who sent me.

²⁵ “I’m telling **you** these things while I’m still living with **you**. ²⁶ The Advocate, the holy Spirit whom the One who gives me life will send to **you** at my request, will make everything plain to **you**. The Advocate will remind **you** of all the things I have taught **you**. ²⁷ I’m leaving **you** well and whole. That’s my parting gift to **you**. I don’t leave **you** the way the current rules of the world would leave **you**. I leave you with Peace! So, don’t be upset. Do not let **your** heart be troubled, neither let it be timid.”