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John 16:16-33

The Gospel of John in chapters 14 through 17 records the words of Jesus on His final night with the disciples before His betrayal and crucifixion. His words are at once comforting and disturbing. The disciples understood clearly that Jesus was going away, but that another Comforter, the Holy Spirit, would come to encourage and enable them to fulfill their ongoing mission. They learned that though physically separated they would remain vitally connected to Jesus, like branches to a vine. They also learned that, just like Jesus, they would face rejection by the world. The thought of separation from their Lord, even for a period of time, brought them sorrow. Jesus had carefully explained these things, "so that in me you may have peace" (John 16:33).

Life often brings trouble and fears. It is easy for us to feel abandoned and alone. Nevertheless, for the believer in Jesus Christ, there is hope to sustain us in the midst of darkness and uncertainty.

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