

You Promise?

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John 14:15-21

In chapter 14 of John's Gospel, Jesus is speaking with His disciples. They were wrestling with the reality of Jesus "going away." They were struggling with the prospect of life without their Master. This was not in their plans! Before sadness and despair could settle in, Jesus made a promise: "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you" (v. 18). To be an orphan meant one was destitute of resources and vulnerable to treachery. An orphan faced loneliness and hopelessness. Jesus spoke to the fear of this future with the promise of His presence.

Promises are made every day. Promises are broken every day. Broken promises result in shattered spirits, broken hearts, traumatized lives—and the hollowness of hopelessness. Like the disciples, we need to hear the words of Jesus: "I will come to you." No matter where we are in life or what we may be going through, His promise will be kept. Jesus will come to us. He takes the initiative and presses in at the point of our need.

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