

Title | Peace Under Pressure

Series | NOW I SEE

Text | John 16:25-33

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John 16:25 "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. **26** In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; 27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." 29 His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." **31** Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." FSV

Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

Sermon Notes

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read John 16:25. Why do you think Jesus did not always speak plainly to his disciples on that night before he was crucified?

Tuesday:

Read John 16:26-27. What is the point Jesus is trying to make here? According to verse 27 why does the Father love his followers? How do you reconcile this with God's unconditional love? Why evidence do you see here of a dynamic relationship between God and his children?

Wednesday:

Read John 16:29-32. Apparently, the disciples were overconfident in their own faith and understanding. Have you ever been similarly overconfident? What's the remedy for that?

Thursday:

Read John 16:33. Jesus describes two spheres or locations. What are they, and how are they different? If someone experiences peace in Christ, does that mean they no longer experience pressure in the world? Why or why not?

Friday:

Read John 15:4 and then reread John 16:33. What is the relationship between experiencing peace in Christ and abiding in Christ? Are you abiding in Christ right now? How can you abide in him?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you that you have overcome the world. Help me to abide in you that I may experience the peace under pressure that you promise. Amen.