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A. The Conflicts Of Commitment (16:1-4)

- 1. Doubt (16:1)
 - 2 Corinthians 7:5-6
- 2. Death (16:2)

3. Disapproval and denial (16:3-4)

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- **B.** The Comfort That Is Coming (16:5-7)
 - 1. Closer Than You Think (16:5) John 13:36
 - 2. Coming At The Right Time (16:6) John 14:1
 - 3. Commanded By Christ (16:7)

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- C. The Conviction Of Men (16:8-11)
 - 1. His authority (16:8)
 - John 5:22
 - Jude 1:15
 - 2. His activity (16:9-11)
 - a. Convince of unbelief (v 9)
 - John 8:34
 - Luke 12:10
 - **b.** Convince of unrighteosness (v 10)
 - **1** Peter 2:22-23
 - c. Convince of the judgement of Satan (v 11) Genesis 3:15

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D. The Counsel To The Believer (16:12-15)

- **1.** There is more you need to know (16:12)
- 2. You need to be guided to know (16:13)
- 3. When you know God more, you will glorify Him more (16:14-15)

The Peace In The Promise John 16:16-33

Faith In Christ Brings Power And Peace

A. When perplexed (16:16-18)

1. Christ's prophecy (v 16)

John 16:16

A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

A. When perplexed (16:16-18) - continued

2. The disciples puzzlement (vv 17-18)

John 16:17-18

17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?

18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

B. When promised sorrow (16:19-20)

1. Christ knows what your thinking (v 19)

John 16:19

Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?

B. When promised sorrow (16:19-20) - continued

2. Christ knows what is coming (16:20)

John 16:20

Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

1 Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

C. When pain comes (16:21-22) John 16:21-22

21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

C. When pain comes (16:21-22) Isaiah 35:10

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

- A. In Jesus' authority (16:23) John 16:32
- And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
- **Matthew 28:18**
- And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

B. In joyful anticipation (16:24-26)

1. Of receiving (v 24)

John 16:24

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Matthew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

B. In joyful anticipation (16:24-26) - continued

2. Of revealing (vv 25-26)

John 16:25-26

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

C. In Jehovah's affection (16:27-28) John 16:27-28

27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

A. The disciples' confession (16:29-30)

1. Their confusion gone (v 29)

John 16:29

His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.

- A. The disciples' confession (16:29-30) continued
 - 2. Their confidence grown (v 30)
- John 16:30
- Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.
- **Ephesians 3:12**
- In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

B. The Conflict Coming (16:31-32)
1. Their call to believe (v 31)
John 16:31
Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

B. The Conflict Coming (16:31-32) - continued

2. Their consequences (v 32)

John 16:32

Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

Zechariah 13:7

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

- C. The conquest of Christ (16:33) John 16:33
- These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

C. The conquest of Christ (16:33)

- 1. Peace in peril
- **Colossians 3:15**

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

2. Power in Christ

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

God Wants You To Have Peace In Your Struggles