



I. REVIEW/INTRO

John 14:1-4 (TLB) “Let not your heart be troubled. You are trusting God, now trust in me. There are many homes up there where my Father lives, and I am going to prepare them for your coming. When everything is ready, then I will come and get you, so that you can always be with me where I am. If this weren’t so, I would tell you plainly. And you know where I am going and how to get there.”

John 14:6 (TLB) Jesus told him, “I am the Way—yes, and the Truth and the Life. No one can get to the Father except by means of me.

- A. What are you packing for? Imagine your life five years from now
- You don’t pack for where you are, you pack for where you’re going
 - Our beliefs govern what we think, say and do, they create the framework of our life

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

- B. What’s framing your world?
- Imagine your life 5 years from now, because today’s beliefs and actions are the seeds of tomorrow’s harvest

Psalm 27:13-14 (NKJV) *I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!*

II. DON’T LET YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

- A. John 14-17 are some of the most important instructions that Jesus gives

John 14:4-5 (TLB) And you know where I am going and how to get there.” “No, we don’t,” Thomas said. “We haven’t any idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

- B. Where I’m going to be in five years... Depends
- C. Jesus spends 3 chapters preparing the disciples for the unknown
- D. Jesus said “I’m leaving, but you won’t be alone”

John 14:25-26 (TLB) “I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. But when the Father sends the Comforter instead of me—and by the Comforter I mean the Holy Spirit—he will teach you much, as well as remind you of everything I myself have told you.



John 16:5-7 (TLB) “But now I am going away to the one who sent me; and none of you seems interested in the purpose of my going; none wonders why. Instead you are only filled with sorrow. But the fact of the matter is that it is best for you that I go away, for if I don’t, the Comforter won’t come. If I do, he will—for I will send him to you.

- Jesus concludes His teaching:

John 16:33 (TPT) And everything I’ve taught you is so that the peace which is in me will be in you and will give you great confidence as you rest in me. For in this unbelieving world you will experience trouble and sorrows but you must be courageous, for I have conquered the world!”

III. IN LIGHT OF AN UNKNOWN FUTURE, WHAT SHOULD I HAVE IN MY SUITCASE?

A. You need an anchor

Hebrews 6:17-18 (NLT) God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NASB) This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

- **The forerunner – “Prod-row-mos” trailblazer, pioneer, scout**
 - A small boat that would navigate the harbor and carry an anchor into the harbor, and secure a larger ship

B. Anchors don’t stop storms, they hold you in the storm

Romans 12:12 (TPT) Let this hope burst forth within you, releasing a continual joy. Don’t give up in a time of trouble, but commune with God at all times.