13—I Will Not Leave You

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INTRO:

I. → John 14:18-21

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not **see** me anymore, but you will **see** me."

- → "Because I **live**, you also will **live**. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."
- → "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

BODY:

I. Seeing in Jesus

"I will not leave you as **orphans**; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not **see** me anymore, but you will **see** me."

- A. <u>It is the Father's heart to connect us all to the family.</u>
 - 1) Grk (*orfanós*) comfortless, parentless
 - 2) **Psalms 68:5-6**

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.
God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing.

- 3) CHUY—I CAN SEE HER IN MY HEART
- B. The only Jesus they will see is the one we show them.
 - 1) 1 Peter 1:8

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.

2) SEEING THE TROPHY PLACE

II. Living in Jesus

"Because I **live**, you also will **live**. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."

- A. Life in Christ means sharing our life with other people.
 - 1) **Philippians 2:1-2**

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being likeminded.

- 2) PERICHOREO—GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS
- B. In Christ we discover a life we could never find without Him.
 - 1) **Galatians 2:20**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
 - 2) GOING TO NEW YORK

III. Loving in Jesus

"21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who **loves me** will be loved by my Father, and I too will **love them** and **show** myself to them."

- A. The love of Christ will stop at nothing to win us over.
 - 1) Romans 5:8

 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 - 2) CRAWLING UNDER THE DECK TO GET BOAZ
- B. <u>Without Jesus we would all be walking in darkness.</u>
 - 1) **Colossians 1:13**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.
 - 2) CONVINCING DHS ABOUT SAM

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Hosea 6:3

3 Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Romans 10:14-15

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.