

RCMI L-Path Teaching
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Title: **The Perfect Place**

Text: John 14:1-6

Introduction:

- Setbacks in our lives, struggle in the journey, and trials that fall across the way can take the joy out of living. Our faith is weakened, and if we collect enough hurts it will stop us from wanting to press forward.
- You may have accumulated some weights of burdens along the way that are sapping your spiritual life, stealing your joy, and causing you pain. This passage, if believed and received, is able to brush them off and restore your joy and peace once again. If your heart is troubled by something or the other, there is help here for you today.

John 14:1-6

Jesus, the Way to the Father (NLT)

¹“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ²There is more than enough room in my Father’s home.^[a] If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵“No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

I. THERE IS A FAITH TO EMBRACE (v.1)

¹“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.

- 3 Things that might trouble them:
 1. Jesus was going to leave them.
 2. Judas was going to betray Him.
 3. Peter would deny Him. [fears of death; betrayal; denial]
- Our hearts - not the physical organ of life, but the seat of spiritual life, the center of feeling and faith, “the focus of the Christian life”.
- Personal faith in a personal God brings personal strength.
- Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep him in perfect peace (shalom, shalom), whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”

II. THERE IS A FUTURE DWELLING PLACE(vv. 2-3)

² There is more than enough room (Mansions) in my Father's home.^[a] If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

- **Mansions** = (lit.) “dwellings” “abiding places”, speaking of the permanency of our heavenly home. Originally a staying or abiding.
- The place God has prepared is heaven, it is a real place, not merely “a state of mind”.
- These 2 things illustrate what Jesus is saying about himself in this passage:
 - a. He goes first, to make it safe for those who follow.
 - b. He announces the way to heaven and to God, that we might follow in His steps.

III. THERE IS A PERFECT LIFE! (vv. 4-6)

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- Jesus is the Way - He is not “a way” but “the way” to the Father!
- Jesus is the Truth - He is the perfect revelation of God the Father
- Jesus is the Life - A life given in belief & faith in Him will pave the way to eternal fellowship with Him.

For Discussion:

1. What are you afraid of today?
2. Do you have other places in which you desire to be? Where and Why?
3. Are you able to get your eyes above your trials, and see the perfect place that God has prepared for you? How? (Please explain your answer)