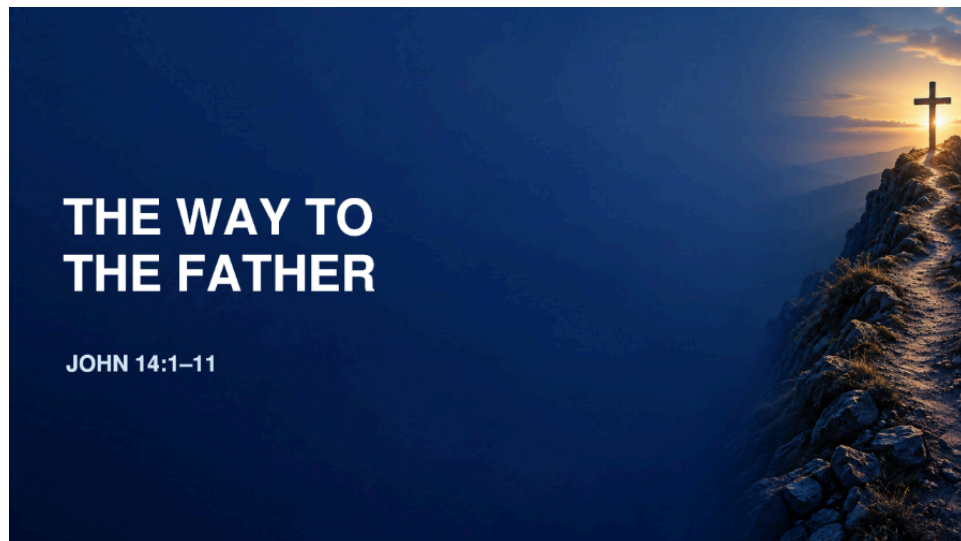




5-Day Devotional
The Way to the Father
John 14:1–11



Jesus' Earthly Ministry

Scripture

John 14:1–11 (NLT)

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

⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

⁹ Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. ¹¹ Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.”

Day 1 — Trusting Jesus with the Road Ahead

Theme

Jesus invites troubled hearts to trust Him with a future they cannot yet see.

Scripture

John 14:1–3

Devotional

What keeps running through your mind when you turn out the light? An unanswered message or a decision about someone you love can leave you trying to work out tomorrow before it arrives. Jesus' disciples face that kind of uncertainty in John 14. He has told them He is leaving. Judas has gone to betray Him, and Peter has heard that he will deny Him. They cannot yet understand the cross ahead.

Jesus speaks into their fear by inviting them to trust God and trust Him. Then He promises a place in His Father's home and a future together. The purpose is deeply personal, they will be with Him. He knows their weakness as He speaks. His care gives us somewhere to bring our fears too. We can entrust an uncertain future to the Savior who has committed Himself to bringing us to the Father.

Going Deeper

Jesus' promise does not make the coming night painless. His friends will grieve and discover their own failure. His death and resurrection will provide the forgiveness they need to turn back to Him. Our confidence rests in His saving work. When shame makes us want to hide, His care invites us to come to Him honestly. In Sunday's message, Pastor Rob connected the promise of the Father's home with Jesus' knowledge of these frightened disciples.

Quote from Sunday's Message

Jesus knows their weakness as He makes this promise. Their hope rests on what He is about to do for them at the cross and in His resurrection. His promise gives them a reason to turn back to Him when they face their own failure.

Reflect

1. What uncertainty feels hardest to place in Jesus' care today?
2. What would it look like to bring that concern to Him before trying to solve everything yourself?

Today's Practice

Write down one concern you keep rehearsing. Beside it, write one promise from John 14:1–3 to return to when that concern resurfaces.

Closing Prayer

Jesus, You know the future I cannot see and the fears I carry into it. Help me trust Your care and return to You when I feel overwhelmed. Amen.

Day 2 — Coming to the Father through Jesus

Theme

Jesus gives us forgiveness and brings us into a restored relationship with the Father.

Scripture

John 14:4–6; Acts 4:11–12

Devotional

Have you ever followed familiar directions and discovered you were heading somewhere you no longer meant to go? In Sunday's message, Pastor Rob described confidently driving toward his former home after moving. That experience raises a question for someone searching for God: how can we know what will bring us to Him?

Thomas asks Jesus how to know the way when he does not understand the destination. Jesus answers by identifying Himself as the way, the truth, and the life. Everyone who comes to the Father comes through Him. Our sin has broken our relationship with God, and Jesus is about to give His life for our sins and rise again. He offers the forgiveness we need. We can come to Him with our need today, trusting Him to bring us to the Father.

Going Deeper

We may have heard that being good is enough or that all religions arrive at the same destination. Jesus' claim asks us to consider what He alone has done for us. The sinless Son gives Himself to atone for our sins. We cannot earn that reconciliation by improving ourselves. Repentance means turning to Him, and faith means relying on His saving work. This is the gift Pastor Rob described.

Quote from Sunday's Message

Through His death and resurrection, He opens the way for us to come to God. We receive that gift by trusting Him.

Reflect

1. What have you been told about how a person comes to God?
2. How could you explain to someone searching for God why you place your hope in Jesus?

Today's Practice

Write two or three plain sentences explaining how Jesus' death and resurrection make a relationship with the Father possible. Use words you could naturally say to a friend.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for welcoming me through Jesus. Help me rely on His saving work and explain the hope You offer with clarity and humility. Amen.

Day 3 — Knowing the Father through the Son

Theme

Jesus reveals the Father completely because He is God the Son in human flesh.

Scripture

John 14:7–11

Devotional

Have you ever wanted to know God more personally, beyond the things you've heard about Him? We can know a great deal about someone and still long to know them for ourselves. As Jesus speaks about His Father, Philip expresses that longing: "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus' answer invites Philip to recognize what His words, His compassion, and His actions have been showing him about the Father all along.

Jesus tells Philip that anyone who has seen Him has seen the Father. God the Son has become human, fully God and fully human. The disciples have watched Him welcome people, confront sin, and serve them. That evening, He has washed their feet. His words and works reveal the Father. As we listen to Jesus, we can allow Him to shape our understanding of the God we want to know.

Going Deeper

Philip has already seen the evidence Jesus asks him to remember. In days of grief, those words and works will help him recognize the Father's heart. We can also bring our assumptions about God back to Jesus. If we admire His kindness while setting aside His authority, we are still resisting the One we want to know. In Sunday's message, Pastor Rob explained how knowing Jesus answers Philip's longing.

Quote from Sunday's Message

The Father and Son are distinct persons who share the same divine nature. It is the Son who has become human. He reveals the Father completely, so Philip can know the Father through the Jesus he already knows.

Reflect

1. Which part of Jesus' character challenges or reassures the way you picture God?
2. Where could receiving Jesus' authority change a response you are about to make?

Today's Practice

Recall one Gospel account in which Jesus shows mercy or confronts sin. Describe what that moment teaches you about the Father to a trusted believer.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for making Yourself known through Your Son. Help me receive Jesus for who He is and let His words shape the way I know and follow You. Amen.

Day 4 — Following Jesus with His Help

Theme

Jesus gives His people the Holy Spirit's continuing presence as they follow Him.

Scripture

John 14:15–18

Devotional

Have you ever known what you needed to do and wondered whether you could actually do it? A needed apology or a habit you want to surrender can feel harder when the moment arrives. Following Jesus brings us into situations where we need help. He understands that need.

Later in the same evening's conversation, Jesus connects love for Him with obedience and promises another Advocate. His disciples have spent years asking Him questions and learning from His presence. His departure frightens them. He assures them that the Holy Spirit will remain with them and lead them into truth. Jesus' people can depend on God's presence as they put His teaching into practice. We can ask for that help in the very place we have been resisting Him.

Going Deeper

An Advocate comes alongside to help. Jesus asks the Father to give the Spirit, revealing the shared care of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God has eternally existed in this communion of love. Through the Son and Spirit, He welcomes us into life with Himself. His presence sustains our obedience. In Sunday's message, Pastor Rob connected this promise directly to the disciples' fear of Jesus leaving.

Quote from Sunday's Message

When Jesus promises "another" Advocate, He assures them that God's help will continue after His departure. They can depend on the Holy Spirit forever as they live out Jesus' teaching.

Reflect

1. Where do you feel your need for help in following Jesus?
2. What specific step could you take today while depending on the Spirit's help?

Today's Practice

Take one step of obedience you have postponed, such as beginning an apology or changing one habit. Ask for the Spirit's help before you act.

Closing Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me follow Jesus in the place where I have been holding back. Give me willingness to obey and confidence in Your continuing presence. Amen.

Day 5 — Sharing Hope with Faithful Kindness

Theme

The love we receive from Jesus shapes how we share the way to the Father.

Scripture

John 14:6, 15–18; 1 Peter 3:15–16

Devotional

Have you ever hesitated to talk about faith because you wanted to protect a friendship? When someone we love says every religion leads to God, we may wonder how to be honest without pushing them away. Jesus' conversation with His disciples helps us think about that. He hears their questions and continues caring for them while speaking clearly about who He is.

Jesus says that everyone who comes to the Father comes through Him. His death and resurrection provide the forgiveness we want our friend to know. Peter later calls believers to honor Christ as Lord and explain their hope with gentleness and respect. We can begin by asking what led our friend to their belief. Listening helps us understand the person with whom we are sharing Jesus' invitation.

Going Deeper

Respect honors a person and their freedom to believe while allowing us to acknowledge disagreement. The biblical word *hesed* describes steadfast, faithful love. Jesus shows that love as He cares for disciples He knows will fail Him. His care can shape our tone and our willingness to remain present when someone sees Him differently. In Sunday's message, Pastor Rob connected sharing Jesus with seeking another person's lasting good.

Quote from Sunday's Message

Sharing the way to the Father seeks their lasting good. Our patience, honesty, and continued love can help them hear His invitation.

Reflect

1. What makes a conversation about Jesus feel difficult with someone you love?
2. How could your next conversation show both honesty about Jesus and care for that person?

Today's Practice

Give one person space to share their questions about God today. Listen without interrupting, and ask permission to explain your hope in Jesus when a natural opportunity arises.

Closing Prayer

Jesus, let my words reflect the faithful love You have shown me. Give me courage to explain my hope and patience to keep caring when someone disagrees. Amen.