Exit Plan

<u>Jesus is showing us how to turn: grief</u> to joy, to turn turmoil and confusion to perfect peace, and to turn discouragement and fear to victory and courage

John 16:16-33

There can be no exit plan unless Jesus exits.

- o John 16:7
- o John 16:16

Jesus' resurrection turns grief into>>>> joy.

Give an example in your life:

- o John 16:20
- Jesus' death isn't the end of the story.
- Jesus' death was necessary to fulfill His mission.
 - o Luke 19:10
- If Jesus is still dead, we are still in our sin.
 - o 1 Corinthians 15:17-19
 - o Ex.

<u>Joy</u>

You can't have the joy of the resurrection without the grief of the cross.

- Good Friday isn't good without Easter Sunday.
- The Christian life is a paradox, looking one way to the world when, in reality, it's very different.
 - o John 12:24 Seed must die to produce many s s.
- Our joy is determined by our <u>vision</u>.
 - o If your joy is low, raise your gaze to Jesus.

Prayer

God will answer our Christ-like prayers.

- o John 16:23-24
- We have direct access to God our Father through our prayers.
- We have direct access to God because He <u>loves</u> us by the Blood of J_____.

- Answered prayers bring us joy.
 - o John 16:24

<u>Peace</u>

We cannot "see" Jesus without His resurrection.

- o John 16:30
- John 16:16 play on words you will see me.... and then you will see me in a whole new way
- o **Ex.**
- God is always with us.
 - o John 16:32
 - o Psalm 30:5

We have <u>perfect</u> peace in Jesus because of His resurrection.

- John 16:33 read AMPC below
- The more we trust in Jesus, the more peace we will have.

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<u>Victory: Ex: Jesus walking on the water in Mark, Jesus appearing to Mary Magdelene at a point of crisis:</u>

We have victory and <u>courage</u> because of Jesus' resurrection.

- o 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 Struck down but not destroyed
- o Romans 8:37 More than conquerors

John 16:33 ampc

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulations and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]"

¹⁶ In a little while you will no longer see Me, and again after a short while you will see Me.

- ¹⁷ So some of His disciples questioned among themselves, What does He mean when He tells us, In a little while you will no longer see Me, and again after a short while you will see Me, and, Because I go to My Father?
- ¹⁸ What does He mean by a little while? We do not know *or* understand what He is talking about.
- ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, Are you wondering *and* inquiring among yourselves what I meant when I said, In a little while you will no longer see Me, and again after a short while you will see Me?
- ²⁰ I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that you shall weep and grieve, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.
- ²¹ A woman, when she gives birth to a child, has grief (anguish, agony) because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers her pain (trouble, anguish) because she is so glad that a man (a child, a human being) has been born into the world.
- ²² So for the present you are also in sorrow (in distress and depressed); but I will see you again and [then] your hearts will rejoice, and no one can take from you your joy (gladness, delight).
- ²³ And when that time comes, you will ask nothing of Me [you will need to ask Me no questions]. I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that My Father will grant you whatever you ask in My Name [as @presenting all that I AM].
- ²⁴ Up to this time you have not asked a [single] thing in My Name [as presenting all that I AM]; but now ask *and* keep on asking and you will receive, so that your joy (gladness, delight) may be full *and* complete.

- ²⁵ I have told you these things in parables (veiled language, allegories, dark sayings); the hour is now coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but I shall tell you about the Father in plain words *and* openly (without reserve).
- ²⁶ At that time you will ask (pray) in My Name; and I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf [for it will be unnecessary].
- ²⁷ For the Father Himself [tenderly] loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came out from the Father.
- ²⁸I came out from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father.
- ²⁹ His disciples said, Ah, now You are speaking plainly to us and not in parables (veiled language and figures of speech)!
- ³⁰ Now we know that You are acquainted with everything and have no need to be asked questions. Because of this we believe that you [really] came from God.
- ³¹ Jesus answered them, Do you now believe? [Do you believe it at last?]
- ³² But take notice, the hour is coming, and it has arrived, when you will all be dispersed *and* scattered, every man to his own home, leaving Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.³³ I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace *and* confidence. In the world you have tribulation *and* trials *and* distress *and* frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]