

Children's Sermon:

Intro: What is a good way of being disowned on mother's day? Mother's day gift no-no's... cleaning supplies, thigh master, Botox certificate -How do we demonstrate love for mother?

Background: Discourse to disciples, Maundy Thursday, after supper, still in upper room Judas' (Jude) Q: "How would Jesus visibly reveal Himself to His disciples, and not world?" -he had held opinion concerning Messianic glory -great **demonstration**, **temporal** power.

SERMON (NKJV) John 14:23-29 – How would Jesus demonstrate His love / glory to us?

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. **24** "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. **25** " These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26** "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. **28** "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. **29** "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

V15-18 Jesus says He will not leave you as an orphan

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1. Because my Brother has told me -Jesus is my Brother **V29** –told... for faith **V19**
 - a. **V25** before visible departure - death/ascension **V28** ≥ Jesus? **Phil 2:5-8**
 - b. **Heb 2:17-18** didn't abandon me **V27** 4x leave/give of peace (spiritual)
 - i. Contrast world peace (Judas); my anchor of faith **Ps 46; Lk 2:14**
 - ii. Gift - inheritance of peace (treasured) (no trouble/fear take it!)

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2. Because my "Mother" has shown me **V26** -"The Paraclete" -title like "the Christ"
 - a. Holy Spirit like my "Mother" (His work) -Helper/counselor/nurturer of faith
 - b. Teach/remind me **1 Cor 2:10** –authority scripture/apostles **Eph 2:19-20**
 - c. How could they/we sort out/remember? Same Holy Spirit **2 Pet 1:16-21**

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3. Because my Father hasn't disowned me **V23** -God is my Father (love, He 1st loved)
 - a. Forgives my running away (didn't disown/adopted–done deal) **Gal 4:1-7**
 - b. I feel sorry/pray runaways-unrepentant, **V24** deny the love of Triune God
 - i. Father appointed Jesus; His word(s) world divides **2 Tim 4:2-4**

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4. Because my "Home is where my Heart is" **V28**
 - a. In this world...My heart is where the Lord lives (His temple) **V23**
 - b. My heart waits in peace my eternal home (adoption–wait pick up) n.o.t.w.

App: Jesus love demonstrated -Word, gives peace) I show love: mother/Jesus =give thanks

Sum: Even though I live in an orphanage (world), praise God I've not been left an orphan!

This peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard and keep your hearts and minds in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!