

A TIME OF HOPE

Rob Unrau

December 6

Please read John 14:1-6

As I sit here writing this, I am very aware that finding the right “head space” to do this has been elusive. And maybe that is the point. It is like God is trying to tell me right now. “Do not let your heart be troubled,” when that is exactly what my heart feels like right now. And that is the head space from which I am writing. Troubled.

What do you do when every doorway to a solution, to the core challenge you are facing, has been closed? The type of challenge I am referring to is not a new challenge from a week ago or even a few months ago but rather one that I have been wrestling with for years. One that is with you daily and the weight of it at times is overpowering and always life sucking.

The Message answers “Don’t let this throw you. You trust God, don’t you? Trust me.” “Trust me,” well that feels like a Sunday school answer. True but far more difficult to live out day to day.

At the suggestion of a friend I reached out to an organization that might be able to help. This was over 6 months ago and due to the impact of Covid 19, they have been overwhelmed. I would check in periodically with them only to be disappointed. After a particularly difficult week I reached out again out of sheer desperation. Typically, negative responses would come back a week or two later. This time was different. There was email the next morning and then a phone meeting and a long conversation. Someone understood, someone knew there could be a solution and Hope was rekindled.

Jesus tells his disciples to Trust Him. He has prepared a place for us. That it will all work out. I am not done with this challenge. I haven’t figured out what the solution will be yet. But I have been given enough hope to trust that God’s got this. It will work out.

If you, like me, find yourself at the end of any visible solution to the challenges you face and if you find your heart troubled. Then take heart because this is for you. May my story kindle the hope you need to push on. May you put your trust this Christmas in God’s son Jesus who always be with you in the struggle.

“Don’t let this throw you. You trust God, don’t you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father’s home. If that weren’t so, would I have told you that I’m on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I’m on my way to get your room ready, I’ll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I’m taking.”

Thomas said, “Master, we have no idea where you’re going. How do you expect us to know the road?”

Jesus said, “I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me.

John 14:1-6 from The Message