God the Father

John 16:16-33

Introduction:

I. Words of Direction – 16:16-28

A. A Little Time – 16:16-19

1. What Jesus said – 16:16-18

a. Message to the disciples – 16:6

“A ﻿﻿little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, ﻿﻿because I go to the Father.”

b. Misunderstanding by the disciples – 16:17- 18

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“Then *some* of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?”

“They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not ﻿﻿know what He is saying.”

2. What Jesus Saw – 16:19

“Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’?

B. A Little Tears – 16:20-22

1. An Explanation – 16:20

“Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and ﻿﻿lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into ﻿﻿joy.

2. An Example – 16:21-22

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“A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and ﻿﻿your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.”

C. A Little Talking – 16:23-24

1. The Reversal of Roles – 16:23

“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. ﻿﻿Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

2. The Result of Requests – 16:24

Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, ﻿﻿that your joy may be ﻿﻿full.

D. A Little Tarrying – 16:25-26

1. Speaking Specifically about the Father – 16:25

“These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you ﻿﻿plainly about the Father.”

2. Speaking Straight to the Father – 16:26-28

a. The Son’s Father Loves the Son’s Followers – 16:26-27a

“In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you,”

b. The Son’s Followers Love the Son’s Father – 16:27b-28

“because you have loved Me, and ﻿﻿have believed that I came forth from God. ﻿﻿I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

II. Words of Affection – 16:29-33

A. Their Boldness Revealed – 16:29-30 - shown

1. Proverbs – 16:29

“His disciples said to Him, “See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!”

2. Person – 16:30

“Now we are sure that ﻿﻿You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this ﻿﻿we believe that You came forth from God.”

B. Their Boldness Rebuked – 16:31-33

1. To be Tested – 16:31-32

“Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, ﻿﻿each to his ﻿﻿own, and will leave Me alone. And ﻿﻿yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.”

2. To be Triumphant – 16:33

a. Peace through the Word – 16:33a

“These things I have spoken to you, that ﻿﻿in Me you may have peace.”

b. Power in the world – 16:33b ﻿

“In the world you ﻿﻿will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, ﻿﻿I have overcome the world.”

Conclusion