# Sacred Space Trust Me

The Gospel of Matthew Series (and John)

## PREPARATION

 $^{10}$  "But you are my witnesses, O Israel!" says the Lord. "You are my servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God.

There is no other God— there never has been, and there never will be.

<sup>11</sup> I, yes I, am the Lord, and there is no other Savior. Isaiah 43

## ADORATION and GRATITUDE

- <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.
- <sup>5</sup> You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. Psalm 63

## CONFESSION

- 3 We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do.
- 4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. 5 We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. 2 Corinthians 10

## MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION-John 14

"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."

<sup>5</sup> "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had really known me, you would know

PRACTICE: IN SOLITUDE OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.
Reflect How do I relate to this?

Respond What is my next step of obedience?
Rest Receive God's healing and renewal.

who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

<sup>9</sup> 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? <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. <sup>13</sup> You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. <sup>14</sup> Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

ANCHORING PRAYER "I believe and trust in You my Father."

## **REVIEW OF THE HEART**

- When was I confident in God's leading and direction in my life?
- When have I experienced doubt, confusion, or fear about about God's plans?

## WISDOM

When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer. Psalm 94:19

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." Corrie Ten Boom

"One often sees a call only in retrospect. This too is God's design. God often reinforces our faith after we trust him, not before." Ravi Zacharias

TESTIMONY What is God saving to me?

INTERCESSION Prayers for the Church & One Another

#### CLOSING PRAYER

"Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed." Amen.

Revelation 15:3b-4

SACRED SPACE EVERY DAY

Become still and quiet before God.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the Sacred Space Community.

Minister from a listening heart.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."