

The Greatest Ingredient in Building Bridges –



Jn. 14:1-6

“Building a Bridge When You Are Not Sure Where You Are Going”

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3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that **where I am, there ye may be also.**

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I. THE CLARITY OF OUR LIVES, 14:1-3

A. The Solution for our Perplexity, 14:1 Let not your heart be **troubled**: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

1. Control your emotions –
“Let not...troubled...”
(imperative verb)



Original Word: ταραάσσω

Transliteration: tarassó

Definition: I disturb, agitate, stir up, trouble.

Properly, put in *motion* (to agitate back-and-forth, shake to-and-fro); (figuratively) to set in motion what *needs to remain still* (at ease); to "trouble" ("agitate"), **causing inner perplexity (emotional agitation) from getting too stirred up inside ("upset")**. <http://biblehub.com/greek/5015.htm>



2. Center your emphasis – “...believe...”

Col. 2:6 **As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk** ye in him:

Gal. 3:2 This only would I learn of you, **Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

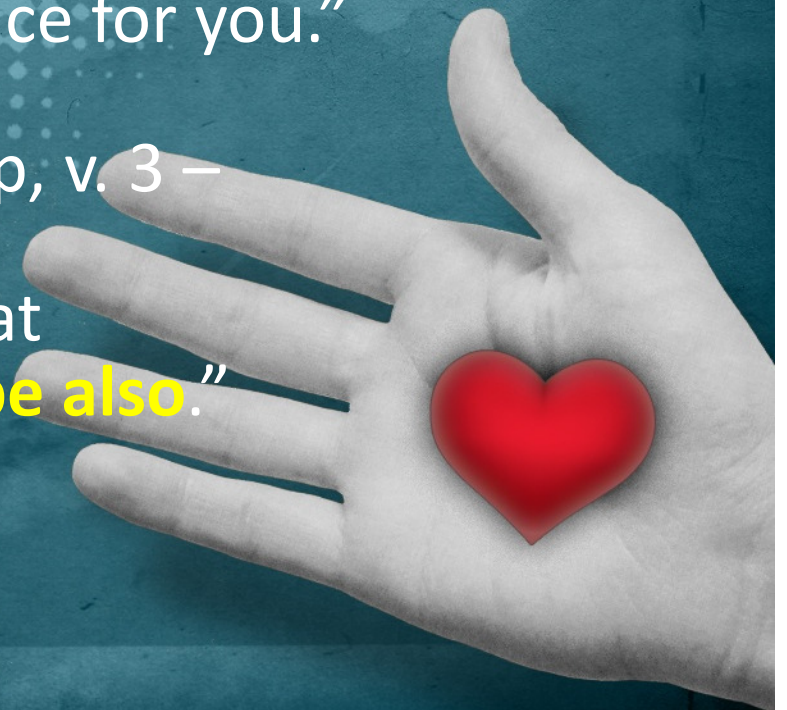


B. The Savior's Promise, 14:2-3

Jn. 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that **where I am, there ye may be also.**

1. The Promise of a Future, v. 2 – “...my Father's house...I go to prepare a place for you.”

2. The Promise of Fellowship, v. 3 –
“...I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that **where I am, there ye may be also.**”



- The Lord Jesus Christ tells where He is going and what He is going to do.
- The Lord promises that He will come again.
- The Lord promised that He would personally receive us.

Original Word: παραλαμβάνω

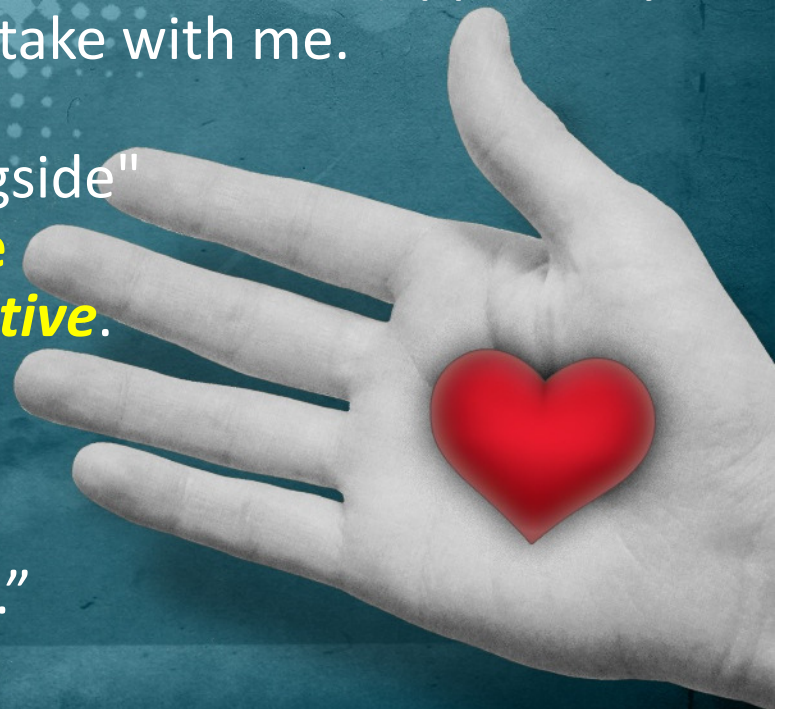
Transliteration: paralambanó

Definition: I take from, receive from, or: I take to, receive (apparently not used of money), admit, acknowledge; I take with me.

paralambánō (from *pará*, "from close-alongside" and *lambánō*, "aggressively take") – **to take (receive) by showing strong personal initiative.**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3880.htm>

- The most important part of heaven –
“...that where I am, *there* ye may be also.”



II. THE CONFUSION IN OUR LISTENING, 14:4-5

Jn. 14:4 And **whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.**

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

A. The Clarity from the Savior, v. 4 – And **whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.**

Original Word: οἶδα

Transliteration: eidó

Definition: I know, remember, appreciate.

Properly, to see with *physical* eyes (cf. Ro 1:11),
as **it naturally bridges to the metaphorical sense:**
perceiving ("mentally seeing").

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1492.htm>



- The Lord made it clear that the disciples knew WHERE He was going.
- The Lord made it clear the WAY He would go.

Original Word: ὁδός

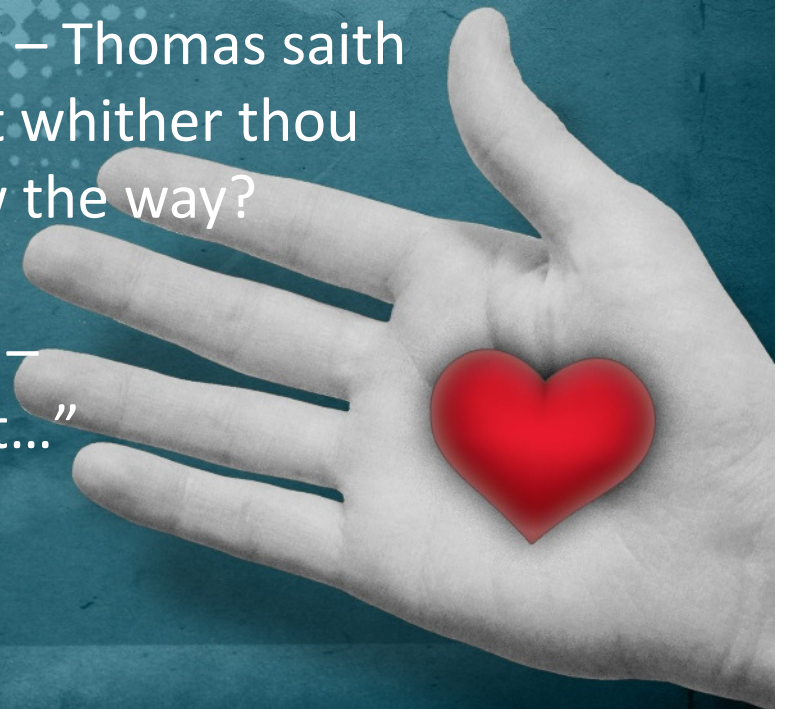
Transliteration: hodos

Definition: a way, road, journey, path.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3598.htm>

B. The Confusion of the Servant, v. 5 – Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

- “Doubting Thomas” contradicts the Lord –
“...Lord, we know not whither thou goest...”
- Thomas sought clarity when he asked,
“...how can we know the way?”



III. THE CONCENTRATION OF OUR LIFE, 14:6

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

A. The Bridge We are to Travel may be Unclear to Us

B. The Bridge We are to Travel Is Clear to the Lord

C. The Bridge We are to Travel is
Awaiting to be Discovered



- WAY = Direction

Psa. 119:105 **Thy word** is a lamp unto my feet, and **a light unto my path.**

Prov. 3:5 **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart**; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.**

- TRUTH = Discernment

Jn. 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth:
thy word is truth.

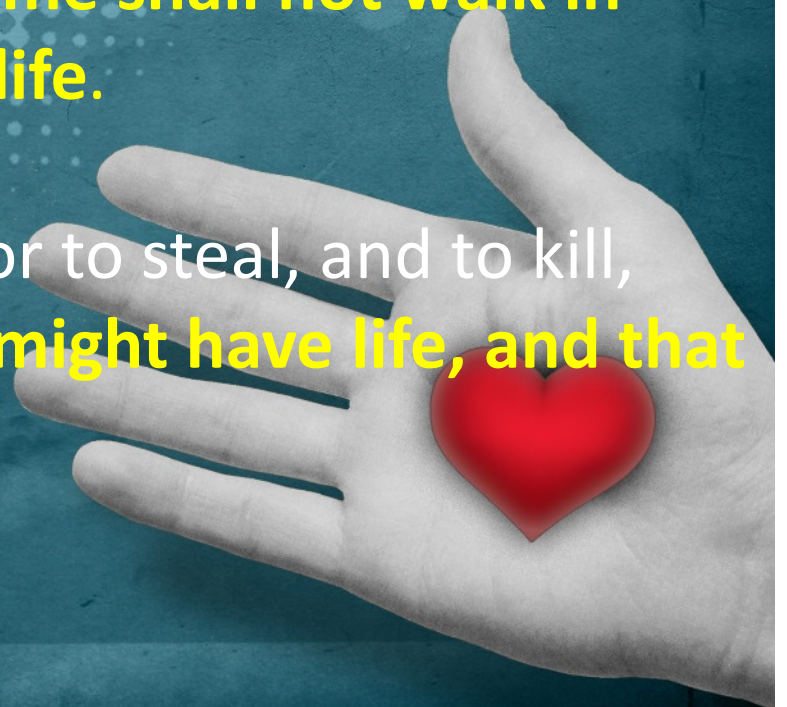


- LIFE = Determination

Jn. 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

Jn. 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**

Jn. 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**



WAY + TRUTH = LIFE

- Study and submit to the Word of God, Incarnate and Inspired = life as God intended for us to have.



Conclusion

Jn. 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Lu. 6:47 **Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them,** I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which **built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock:** and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and **could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.**

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and **the ruin of that house was great.**



1 Cor. 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ.**

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IF NOT
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AN EXCUSE



Take My Life and Let It Be
Frances R. Havergal, 1874

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.



Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

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