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Stuff Jesus Said: Episode 1
I Will Not Leave You As Orphans
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John 14:15-21

¹⁵ *"If you love Me, keep My commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show Myself to them."*

Orphan: Experience The Loss Of A Parent

Characteristics of Orphans

- They often don't know who their true parents are.
- Often don't have a home that they can call their own.
- Often lack a name that brings identity.
- Often lack a history.
- Often don't belong to anyone.
- Often lack a sense of security.
- Often lack a sense of legitimacy.
- Often have a sense of being alone and rejected.
 - "If I don't take care of myself, no one else will."

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Jesus is not speaking to orphans.

- Judaism is a paternal religion that values lineage.
- Jesus is speaking to a spiritual condition, created at the fall.
 - **Jesus uses the word Father 23 times in John 14**

It is very difficult for an orphan to abandon the orphan mindset.

- It is a mindset of insecurity, fear, anxiety and lack.
- There is a constant striving and a lack of rest.
- Orphan dreams are not the same dreams as dreams of sonship dreams.

Jesus is the ultimate son: Jesus' entire life paradigm.

- Even on the cross Jesus was in constant companionship with his Father.
 - John 10:30 *I and the Father are One.*
 - Luke 23:34 *Father forgive them.*

If you spent your entire life committed to discovering what it means to be a son or daughter of the King, it would be a pursuit worthy of your life.

The Core Of The Gospel: The mission of Jesus was to restore God's children back to Him.

- When we make Jesus' death and resurrection solely about us (being saved or avoiding hell) we miss the point.