

Devotional Reflections

1. When you feel far from God, what is your first impulse? If it is not turning to the truths found in scripture, how might you begin to practice applying the word of God to the worries of your life?

2. How is the fact that Jesus makes God known affected your reading habits, your prayer life, and the way that you perceive the culture around you

3. When you are in affliction, what promises of God bring you the greatest comfort and joy? How can you help other believers when they are afflicted?

Direct Access

John 16:25-33

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We have direct access to God...

I. **Because Jesus** _____

²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

I. **Despite our** _____

²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!" ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

II. **Even during** _____

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (Jn 16:25-33).