

Sermon Series: Take Heart
"Reassured Hearts"
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Scripture Reading: *1 John 3:18-24*

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What verse particularly jumped out at you? Why?
2. Have you ever had an unlikely friendship with someone that was very different from you? What were the joys of that relationship? The challenges?
3. What are some emotions you've felt this election week? How might this passage encourage us in this challenging time in our country as we await election results?
4. What does it mean to love not in word or speech, but in truth and action?
5. What might be some ways that our heart might condemn us?
6. What does the Apostle John mean when he says that God is greater than our hearts?
7. In v. 22 the Apostle John talks about when God answers prayer. How does he say that we can help bring about answered prayer in our lives?
8. We are told in v. 23 two commands given of us. What are they? And how are they connected to one another?
9. What does it mean to abide in Christ?
10. How might the Holy Spirit reassure our hearts right now?