

L.I.O.N – Saying Goodbye  
Outline

L.I.O.N.

L – Living

I – Intentionally

O – On Earth

N – Now

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John 13:31 (beginning only)

My time has come...

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John 13:33

Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'

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**"Jesus had spoken of His impending departure, a departure to a place where they could not follow Him. To men who had left everything for their leader, to be told that He is about to leave them is shattering. They are all very disturbed...within a few short hours they would be even more disturbed. So He tells them to be calm." NICNT**

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John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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**"I believe in the inerrancy of the Word of God, in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the scriptures, in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that He died on the cross for our sin...I believe He was raised bodily and ascended back to heaven and that He is coming personally to take His church out of the world. But I want to say this, and I want to say it very carefully: believing those things does not convince the unsaved world outside. The world is dying for just a little love. Jesus says that His disciples are to be known for their love." J. Vernon.**

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John 13:36-38

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." 37 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." 38 Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

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John 14:1a

"Let not your hearts be troubled."

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How to respond to suffering and loss?

1. Have faith in Christ

John 14:1b

"Believe in God; believe also in me."

## 2. Remember our future destination

John 14:2a

- That destination is assured  
In my Father's house are many rooms.

John 14:2b

- Our destination is with Jesus  
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

John 14:3

- There is only one way to get there  
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14:4-6

And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

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1 Thessalonians 4:14

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

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1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Saying goodbye

### 1. They are at home

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

### 2. It is ok to mourn, in fact it is a blessing

Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

### **3. Be comforted**

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

### **4. Live Intentionally**