



Message: *Tiny Houses?* | May 3, 2026 | Speaker: Pastor Eddie Eddy

John 14:1-14 NIV

¹⁴ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

Jesus the Way to the Father

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Tiny Houses?

There is a trend that's been sweeping the nation. This is the so-called tiny house movement. Some people are looking for alternatives to the traditional...three-bedroom...two-bathroom mansions that many of us live in and they're opting for these teeny tiny ultra modest homes. A friend of ours was thinking about a home that was only 200 square feet...and they have 2 young children that they're raising.

There are several reasons people may choose an option like this...one...they are portable. So, if you want to live in Florida for a while, you can, and if you decide you want to move to Maine for a few years...you can just hitch up your house and head north. Another reason you might commit to a tiny house is that it requires less resources to build it. Some believe it is better for the environment. I would think that an advantage would be...that we could not accumulate so much stuff to store.

If you have ever watched some of the TV shows dedicated to this trend...The most fascinating part is watching how they try to maximize that little amount of space. There are beds that fold up into the wall, bookshelves that are built into the steps and televisions that slide into the floor, allowing the tabletop to fold down so you can eat dinner.

I think it is amazing how little space we require to live...and still live well.

PAUSE

In today's scripture...John's gospel speaks to us of our eternal living quarters. It tells us that there are many rooms. In the New Revised Standard Version, verse 2 says, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." The Common English Bible words it, "My Father's house has room to spare," I guess as I read this passage the question that came to my mind is...How big is the room he has prepared for us?

I think that as Americans we create this image of mansions and plenty of space for us and our loved ones to spread out and have plenty of room. But when I think of heaven and the souls that we will share it with...is having plenty of room really necessary. Is that the goal? Do we really need that much space to store stuff that we won't have or stuff that we won't need? Jesus only promises us followers that: There is room for everyone!

PAUSE

The more I meditated on this idea and the more I prayed for some insight to what this passage is saying...the more I thought about those tiny houses.

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them. And he did. The very next day...after this conversation with his disciples...He prepared a place for them...and he included you and me... through his selfless offering on the cross. This act of pure love opened the door to God's House where everyone is invited...and where there is more room than any of us will need.

I would like you to think about this with me. If you remember the day after easter morning. The Gospels tell us that the ten of the disciples were together in one room. They were there locked away from the rest of the world.

I'm sure there were more people there with them too. I am sure there were some of the women with them. Lord knows they weren't going to cook for themselves. Mary was obviously a central part of the group so; I would assume that she was there with them. Here's the thing...at that moment...all they needed was each other. And if we think about it...they were living in a tiny space.

And who shows us...through a locked door by the way...Jesus...in his resurrected body. **Remember this**...because I want to come back to this thought in a moment.

PAUSE

In our passage...verse 6, Jesus describes God's House as only having one address. And He says there is only one way to get there, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." One address...one way to get there. And that is through our belief in who Jesus is...and what he did for us on the cross. That is how we navigate our way to our eternal home...whether it be big...or tiny.

This may seem a bit confusing. Didn't Jesus say there were many dwelling places? And now he's saying that he is the only way to the Father and only one house? With billions of people in the world, and only a part of them active Christians, it would be tempting to think that the Father's house, might be smaller than we previously thought.

PAUSE

I would ask you to consider what you will need when you get to the heavenly feast? If you are living in God's house...what possessions do you need to have? Why do we think we need a small farmette when we get to heaven.

When Jesus sent the disciples out 2x2...he told them to take nothing with them. They were to trust that wherever they would go...they would be provided for.

PAUSE

Earlier I mentioned that Jesus returned in his resurrected body. We are promised a resurrected body too. 1 Corinthians says this:

42 It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. 43 Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. 44 They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

You see...when we receive our eternal resurrected body...it will be spiritual...it will be pure...it will be as God created us in the beginning. And we will all share these bodies in a redeemed world that will be returned to the way that God planned it.

When you think about it...we won't need much space to live. We won't fear for having something taken from us. We won't need a three car garage, a full basement to store unused stuff and to shelter us from the storms that threaten us. We won't experience sickness and death. We won't even need to reserve a burial plot. We won't need a giant house because our perfect resurrected body will be the tiny house in which our essence dwells.

We will commune together at a common table in one house...God's House. Can you imagine a time when **you will own nothing** but share in **everything...together.**

This morning as we share communion together...it is a foretaste of what our eternity will be like. Open access to God's unrelenting unending undeserved provision of grace. Friends, we are called to share that grace so others may find their place at this eternal table as well. Won't it be a great day when all of God's children find their place in God's house?

Let us come to the table of God's grace. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus reminds us that in the Father's house, there is room for everyone...not because of what we bring, but because of what He has already given.

And yet, as people who have been welcomed in, we are called to participate in that same work of making room.

Our giving today is not about obligation...

it is about invitation.

It is about helping others find their place at God's table.

It is about trusting, just as the disciples did,
that God will provide what is needed.

So as we give, we do so with grateful hearts...knowing that we are not consumers of grace, but partners in God's mission.

Let us give generously, faithfully, and joyfully.

Closing Prayer & Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly Father,

we thank You for the promise that in Your house there is room for us—
not because of our worthiness, but because of Your great love revealed in Jesus Christ.

As we leave this place, remind us that we are people of that promise.

We are people who follow the Way. We are people who live not for what we can gather, but for what we can share.

Receive now these gifts that have been offered. Use them, Lord, to build Your kingdom...to open doors, to extend tables, to welcome those still searching for their place in You.

And dedicate our lives as well that we may be living offerings, carriers of Your grace, and witnesses to the truth that there is room in Your house for all.

Send us out with courage and joy, trusting that the One who has prepared a place for us is also preparing the way before us.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.