

## First Baptist Church – Odessa

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### “Orphans Anonymous”

“Deeper – Discovering Your Potential Through the Power of  
the Holy Spirit” – Pt. 1

John 14:18 & Selected

#### True Confessions of a Spiritual Orphan:

1. God helps those who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.
2. God will never give you more than you can \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God promises an \_\_\_\_\_ life... for others.
4. God does not expect \_\_\_\_\_; nobody's perfect.
5. God accepts my weaknesses and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. God rarely answers when I \_\_\_\_\_.
7. God \_\_\_\_\_ my logic that “two out of three ain't bad!”
8. God helps others, but if it's going to be, it's \_\_\_\_\_!

**Disclaimer:** To eliminate all confusion, the above confessions are not biblical, nor are they the Christian life God plans for His children.

*Jesus says, “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*

John 14:18

#### **Why Does Jesus Not Leave Us as Orphans?**

- I. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to never leave me nor forsake me.

*“I will never leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*

John 14:18

*“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:20

**II. Jesus knows that I will be a complete and utter spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ on my own.**

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”* John 15:5

**III. Jesus understands the \_\_\_\_\_ I face in this world.**

*“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.”* John 16:33

*“Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than He who is in the world.”*

1 John 4:4

**IV. Jesus went away to make possible my \_\_\_\_\_ through the Holy Spirit.**

*“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.”* John 16:7

**V. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will take me \_\_\_\_\_ and help me to live in His victory!**

*“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you.”* John 16:12-15