



We'll Always Be With You

Themes: **Comfort in the face of trouble, Control, God's love, Fear, Trust**

Jack tells Joey that no matter where he goes, his parents will always be with him in his heart.

Main Idea

Our love for someone and relationship with them is not dependent upon physical proximity. God is always with us through His Holy Spirit in our lives.

Scene setup:

Jack and Molly have just told Joey that he must go to Ohio to spend a few days with some "friends" of theirs. Jack and Molly's concern about the situation troubles Joey, and he reacts with fear at being separated from his parents.

Scripture

Deuteronomy 31:6-8

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Psalm 23 (*becomes fresh when we are faced with acute fear*)

Isaiah 41:10

Sermon Notes

Most parents who see this scene have a dramatic reaction – it connects with them on a deep level. It illuminates the fear that they are not able to protect those they love the most. This fear shows their inadequacy and limitations. It also challenges them to believe God is a loving Father and He is protector, comforter and provider – even in the face of great trouble. When they go through very difficult times. When those they love the most are in danger or struggling. When they go through pain and suffering. God is there. He will never leave -- He is trustworthy.