

## OUTLINEEASTER6C16

“Are You Worriers or Warriors?” based on John 14:23-29

Opening story on a bad day when you feel ‘shot down’.

- Jesus during the Last Supper prepares them. Leaves a gift of ‘peace’
- What kind of gift? Things looked pretty harsh.

The fact is that we’re not promised a life free from problems.

- To be human is to encounter problems.
- Example of simple problem from my life, hooking up a ‘flexible hose’.
- Example of Dan Jansen, the figure skater who ‘choked’ in the Olympics. Overcame failures through perseverance and peace of mind and heart.

Jesus concerned for followers, and so gave them, and us, the gift of the Holy Spirit

- Prerequisite for a Christian warrior, the Spirit gives courage and comfort
- Most of disciples became martyrs because they wouldn’t renounce their faith.
- Their problems dwarfed ours, but they didn’t worry, they overcame them by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

That’s the same Spirit God offers to followers today! Are you worriers or warriors, do you call on God’s help or depend on your own strength? Grab hold of the gift of the Holy Spirit in confronting the challenges of life!