

# LED BY THE SPIRIT

## “Help is HERE!” | Led by the Spirit

John 14:1-17

### How does God help us when change happens?

With a new year brings the inevitability of change. Change is a word we don't like because many of us are not all that excited for change. And yet, the Christian life is all about change. In a passage in the book of John, Jesus foreshadows that He will not always be with them but promises that this change will be good for them because of Who will come in His place to Help them. If we can lean into this promise this year, we will be able to receive the help we need to navigate the future God is leading us to embrace!

**John 14:1-17:** 1 “Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.”

5 “No, we don't know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. 7 If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!”

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

9 Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? **10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. 11 Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.**

12 “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. 13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. 14 Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

15 “If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

### Jesus promises to give us the Holy Spirit!

- **The Holy Spirit is God.** → THE 3rd Person in the Godhead. → ἄλλον: “another” → The HS as another of the same kind, but distinct person. → Continuity of divine presence! → Egg, Sun, Hand
  - All Knowing
  - All Powerful
  - All Present
- **The Holy Spirit is PERSONAL**, not a power. → Electricity
- **The Holy Spirit is described by Scriptural metaphors:** Wind, fire, water, oil, a dove, & a seal.
- **The Holy Spirit is a “He.”** → Jesus uses the personal pronoun, “he.” → John 14:16-17

### The Holy Spirit is THE Helper. → So...what does He help with?

- **Παράκλητον** (Paraklēton): **Παρά** (Para) & **Κλητος** (Kletos)
  - **Παρά:** This preposition generally means “beside” or “alongside.” It implies a close, near, or intimate association with someone or something.

- **Κλητος**: This noun is derived from the verb "καλέω" (kaleo), which means "to call" or "to summon." "Κλητος" can be translated as "called" or "summoned."
- **Translated** "Comforter," "Helper," "Counselor," or "Advocate."
- **The HS comes alongside, provides assistance, & offers comfort and support.**
- **He helps us in many ways!→CHANGE!→19 ways...**
  - **Convicter of Sin:** John 16:8→**Baptizer into the Body of Christ:** 1 Cor. 12:13→**Sealer/Assurer of Salvation:** Eph. 1:13-14→**Revealer of God's Love:** Romans 5:5→**Teacher/Guide:** John 16:13→**Revealer of God's Wisdom:** 1 Cor. 2:10-12→**Interpreter of Spiritual Truth:** 1 Cor. 2:14→**Indweller of Believers:** 1 Cor. 6:19→**God's Family Affirmer:** Rom. 8:16→**Intercessor in Prayer:** Rom. 8:26→**Giver of Life:** Rom. 8:11 **Transformative Agent:** 2 Cor. 3:18→**Empowerer for Christian Living:** Gal. 5:22-23→**Empowerer for Holiness:** 2 Thess. 2:13→**Empowerer for Ministry:** Acts 1:8→**Empowerer for Endurance:** Romans 15:13 **Giver of Spiritual Gifts:** 1 Cor. 12:4-11→**Unifier of Believers:** Eph. 4:3→**Glorifier of Christ:** John 16:14

**Are you open to help?**→Are you looking for Him?→Do you recognize Him?→Do you know Him?→Does He live in you?

- **I can't be LED BY THE SPIRIT...and led by...**
  - **PRIDE:** "I can do it better."
  - **STUBBORNNESS:** "I don't want change...or to change."
  - **CALLOUSNESS:** "I don't care what God thinks or wants me to do be or do."
  - **DOUBT:** "I doubt God has my best interest in mind."
  - **BUSYNESS:** "I'm too busy to pray and read the Bible."
  - **UNFORGIVENESS:** "I can't stop obsessing over what that person did to me. I'm bitter!"
  - **SELF-CENTEREDNESS:** "Im so focused on accomplishing my dreams!"
- **I need help.**

→**Help his here because help is HIM!**

**TALK ABOUT IT - Questions to GROW through with family, friends, & myself.**

1. How has God used change to change me throughout the course of my life? Negative or positive?
2. How does God help us navigate change, and what assurance does Jesus provide to his disciples about their future?
3. Consider the various ways the Holy Spirit helps believers, as listed in the sermon (e.g., Convicter of Sin, Baptizer into the Body of Christ, Sealer/Assurer of Salvation). Which of these roles resonate with you personally, and why?
4. Are there areas in your life where pride, stubbornness, callousness, doubt, busyness, unforgiveness, or self-centeredness hindering from the Holy Spirit's help?
5. **PRAYER:** "Father, help me to to be OPEN to your help. Change my heart!"

## The Trinity Scriptures: 3 “persons” in 1 “essence”

### Old Testament:

- **Genesis 1:26-27:** "Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.'"
- **Genesis 3:22:** "And the Lord God said, 'The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil.'"
- **Genesis 11:7:** "Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other."
- **Isaiah 6:8:** "Then I heard the Lord asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?'"
- **Isaiah 48:16:** "Come closer, and listen to this. From the beginning I have told you plainly what would happen. And now the Sovereign Lord and his Spirit have sent me with this message."

### New Testament:

- **Matthew 3:16-17:** "After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.'"
- **Matthew 28:19:** "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
- **John 14:16-17:** "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth."
- **John 15:26:** "But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me."
- **John 16:13-15:** "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future."
- **2 Corinthians 13:14:** "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
- **Ephesians 4:4-6:** "For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all."

### Scriptures Use Metaphors to Speak about the Holy Spirit:

- **Wind: John 3:8** - "The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."
- **Fire: Acts 2:3** - "Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them."
- **Water: John 7:38-39** - "Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.' (When he said 'living water,' he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him.)"
- **Oil: 1 John 2:20, 27** - "But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the truth... But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie."
- **Dove: Matthew 3:16** - "After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him."
- **Seal/Seal of Promise: Ephesians 1:13-14** - "And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people."

### The Holy Spirit has work to do in us and through us.

- **Comforter/Advocate: John 14:16-17:** "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth."
- **Teacher/Guide: John 16:13:** "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard."
- **Convicter of Sin: John 16:8:** "And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment."
- **Indweller of Believers: 1 Cor. 6:19:** "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?"
- **Empowerer for Christian Living: Gal. 5:22-23:** "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."
- **Revealer of God's Wisdom: 1 Cor. 2:10-12:** "But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets."
- **Bearer of Witness: Rom. 8:16:** "For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children."
- **Empowerer for Ministry: Acts 1:8:** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- **Intercessor in Prayer: Rom. 8:26:** "And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words."
- **Grantor of Spiritual Gifts: 1 Cor. 12:4-11:** "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all."
- **Giver of Life: Rom. 8:11:** "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."
- **Transformative Agent: 2 Cor. 3:18:** "So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."
- **Interpreter of Spiritual Truth: 1 Cor. 2:14:** "But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means."
- **Sealer/Assurer of Salvation: Eph. 1:13-14:** "And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago."
- **Unifier of Believers: Eph. 4:3:** "Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."
- **Empowerer for Holiness: 2 Thess. 2:13:** "As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth."
- **Empowerer for Endurance: Romans 15:13:** "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."
- **Agent of Baptism: Matthew 3:11:** "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."
- **Glorifier of Christ: John 16:14:** "He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me."
- **Revealer of God's Love: Romans 5:5:** "And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love."

**SCRIPTURES: New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.**

- **Galatians 5:22-23** - *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

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