

**Encounter  
Friends with Benefits**

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**John 14:15-17a**

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**15** Then Moses said, “If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place. **16** How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don’t go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.” **Exodus 33:1-3, 15-16**

**The Holy Spirit Brings:**

- I. \_\_\_\_\_.  
But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.  
**Romans 8:9a**
- II. \_\_\_\_\_.  
**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. **27** And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will. **Romans 8:26-27**
- III. \_\_\_\_\_.  
“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. **John 14:12**
- 4** And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. **5** I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. **1 Corinthians 2:4-5**
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_.  
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