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## Our Helper the Holy Spirit

It says in John 14:16-18 *"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."*

The journey of this life has many twists and turns. While some seem to know exactly what to do with every choice, many of us struggle to know what the right decision is to make. The world has taught us wisdom on how to survive successfully, but that is only for the strong and capable and not for the dysfunctional.

The world will tell you that if you don't take care of yourself and follow its system of success, then you will fail and starve in a heap of loneliness. They have a system in place for you to submit your life into but again the strong rule in that system. As they say, it's "dog eat dog," and the strongest dog eats the weaker dog every time. The world wanders around as orphans, children without a father and the truth is if they don't take care of themselves then no one else will. They must navigate through this life using every skill, instincts, tactics, and strength that they can muster within themselves; otherwise, they will get devoured by something or someone stronger than themselves. Yet, even those who seem to be successful and have developed the skills of great victories by the world's standards are sadly lacking in the true victory, and their peace is fleeting.

They do not have a Father to help guide their steps. They rely on their own ability and own power, but you and I are not alone. We are His children, and in His family, the weak are really the strong. Joel 3:10 says *"Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.' "* In other words, we can fight as great as the mighty because our strength comes from Him and not ourselves. God doesn't leave anyone behind or devalue us because of our weakness. He allows us to lean entirely on His strength and wisdom; there is no battle that we cannot overcome by His Spirit!

One of our greatest mistakes is trying to measure our success by the world's standards and trying to serve God while trusting in the system of the World. I've watched many Christians find peace in their personal life by submitting to the wisdom of the world and then attempt to serve God with what they have leftover. God calls that wisdom foolishness to Him. That wisdom will never survive the attacks of the enemy. The peace that comes with that way of living will be fleeting. But there is a peace that comes from God that will carry us through every battle or struggle, based on His strength and not our own!

One gentleman going through a difficult time in his life came to me at the end of himself, broken both emotionally and financially. He said, "I can't find strength anywhere within myself

to get up during the day, and I don't know where to turn, I don't know what to tell myself to do." I was able to share with him how he was not alone and from John 14:26-27 how Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit so we can also walk in peace "*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid*". It's in these times that things seem most desperate that we can walk in the true power of God because we can really see how powerless our own strength is without Him.

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to not only teach us but to also guide us through this life. When I gave my life to God I didn't just give him my extra time; I gave Him everything, every minute of every day, every step, every decision became His will and not mine. Fear of losing control stops many of us from establishing a beautiful walk with Him every day. If you let Him, «SALUTATION», He will prove to you that He loves you and has incredible things ahead of you. Even if you can't see those things or feel those things you will feel His peace because there will be a trust that He loves you that much! As we spend more and more time with the Holy Spirit, we will find all of our strength and answers. Always remember that in our family, we are all strong because of Him.

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