



The Helper

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- ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ 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 that I have said to you.
- ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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- ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.
- Rise, let us go from here.

Introduction:

Love is More than a Feeling—It's a Choice

Love is a decision and not just a feeling.. It is selfless, sacrificial and transformational.

- The Love Dare

I. Commitment to Obedience

- **Choose to obey God's commandments:**
- **"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"** (John 14:15).
- **"but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father"** (John 14:31a).
- **The Lord's Commandments are for Our Good:**
- **"Oh, that they had such a heart as this always, to fear (show reverence to) me and to keep all my commandments, **that it might go well with them** and with their descendants forever!** (Deuteronomy 5:29).
- **"The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul"** (Psalm 19:7).
- **"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole *duty* of man**" (Ecclesiastes 12:13 KJV)**

II. The Holy Spirit is On the Way

A. Helper

- And I will ask the Father, and **he will give you another Helper**, to be with you forever (John 14:16).
- **God gives us what we need to accomplish what he has planned for us:**
- **Paraclete:** (Greek) Holy Spirit, Helper, Advocate, Comforter, Counselor
- “fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you; I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10)

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B. Truth

- “even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him” (John 14:17a).
- **The Holy Spirit reveals Truth to us:**
- “When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**” (John 16:13)

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B. Truth

- **The Spirit of Prophecy:**
- “The primary function of the spirit of God in the Old Testament is as **the spirit of prophecy**. God’s spirit is the motivating force in the inspiration of the prophets”
(Evangelical Dictionary of Theology).
- But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the Spirit of the LORD,
and with justice and might,
**to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.** (Micah 3:8)
- “For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.** (2 Peter 1:21)

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C. Internal Presence

- “You know him, for he dwells with you and **will be in you**” (John 14:17b).
- **God is not some far-away being, but works in and through you:**
- “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, **according to the power at work within us**” (Ephesians 3:20)

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D. Teacher

- “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **he will teach you all things**” (John 14:26a).
- **The Holy Spirit reveals to us the meaning of events and images:**
- “Now **we have received** not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand** the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but **taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths** to those who are spiritual. (1 Corinthians 2:12-13)
- **Intellectual humility is sometimes needed to receive understanding:**
- *Credo ut intelligam*: “I believe in order that I might understand” (Anselm)

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E. Reminder (14:26b)

- “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 that I have said to you.**”
- **How do the writers of the Bible know what happened?**
- He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but **afterward you will understand.**” (John 13:6-7)
- But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, **his disciples remembered that he had said this**, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (John 2:21-22)
- **Inspiration:** “Most evangelical theories of inspiration maintain that the Holy Spirit divinely guided the writing of Scripture” (*Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms*)

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- **F. Leader** (an add-on)
- **The Holy Spirit leads us where we need to go:**
- And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ **Rise and go down** and accompany them **without hesitation**, for I have sent them.” ²¹ **And Peter went down to the men** and said, “I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?” (Acts 10:19-21)

III. Discover True Peace (Shalom)

- “Peace, I leave with you; **my peace I give to you**. Not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid**” (John 14:27).
- “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me” (Psalm 23:4 KJV)
- **The nearness and peace of God through prayer:**
- “The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And **the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding**, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

Conclusion

- “Rise, **let us go** from here” (John 14:31b).
- “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹**Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰**teaching** them to **observe all that I have commanded you**. And behold, **I am with you always**, to the end of the age.”
(Matthew 28:18-20)

Let's Go!



Let Us Pray

A silhouette of two hands raised in prayer, holding a glowing white cross. The background is a warm, golden sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon. The hands are positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image, with the cross centered between them. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.