

Listening to the Holy Spirit

John 14:15-27

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

“Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

John 14:22-27

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14-16 quick summary

- Jesus is going away
- The disciples are worried
- It's all good
- The Holy Spirit is with us

Listening step #1

If you love me, keep my commands

Listening step #2

Jesus sends the Spirit, it's not our work

Listening step #3

The Spirit works differently than the world

- How does the Spirit work?
- Who does the Spirit work through?

Listening step #4

The Holy Spirit teaches all things

- The Holy Spirit reminds us
- The Holy Spirit keeps us in tune

Listening step #5

The Spirit gives us peace

- Peace not frenzy
- Shalom

Listening step #6

The Spirit gives us courage

Summary

Holiness isn't about legalism

It's about being in tune with the Spirit

The Spirit works in teaching and guiding

The Spirit works in followers of Christ

We may not think we are capable (the disciples didn't)

But it's good that the Spirit works this way because the mission of the Spirit goes to everywhere we go

The Holy Spirit has a general work that is the same for all

and

The Holy Spirit has a particular work that is unique to each of us

Prayer, Peace and courage are how we 'tune'