

# Walking with the Holy Spirit

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“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

“All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them.

“I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away.

## John 16:7-16:15

“Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

“He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

# Walking with the Spirit #1

## Testify

- Own your story
- Share your life

# Walking with the Spirit #2

Don't be bothered

if people don't get it at first

- We live in the same world but not with the same rules or values
- People didn't get Jesus, but they needed him to show them how to live more fully

## Walking with the Spirit #3

Represent Jesus in the continuing mission wherever you are at

- As Christians, we may be the main or even only way people connect with Jesus
- When we have split motives with people, we can give mixed messages about Jesus.

# Walking with the Spirit #4

## Confronting sin

- Not about legalism, it's about what it means to truly live
  - Sin is not the way it's supposed to be
- We're called to thrive, and who better to know how to thrive than our creator?
- "Confronting" should involve Spirit-led responses depending on situations

# Walking with the Spirit #5

## Embracing Hope

- Living out the work of God in our contexts
  - Not about holier than thou, but about loving God and loving others
  - What does that mean for us?
- We can't look at what Jesus is doing in our setting, so we have to be in tune with the Holy Spirit

# Walking with the Spirit #6

## Acknowledging judgement

- Who wins? Who is the ultimate judge of who we are and reality?
  - Everyone has an answer to this that guides responses
- What side are we on?
  - We have to commit to either Jesus or the world

# Walking with the Spirit #6

## Acknowledging judgement

- The Spirit orients us with Jesus
- The narratives of the world pull us away from the Spirit
  - The amount we waver with this commitment the more we'll be confused about the Spirit's work in our lives.
    - Feels like being out where the waves are crashing

# Walking with the Spirit #7

## Glorifying Jesus

- If we want to glorify Jesus, we walk with the Spirit
  - The Spirit leads us into fullness of life and that fullness of life of love is what Jesus is inviting all people into.

# Walking with the Spirit #7

## Glorifying Jesus

- Jesus is the Lord of Love
- Glorifying Jesus is about living life in the fullness of God's love for us and others
  - Not ignoring what hurts people, but in love wanting the best for them
  - Sharing hope and peace with others

# Walking with the Spirit

- The Spirit always fills *in order to* transform and be active
- Living out who God has made us to be where we are at so that the Spirit's work reaches those around us
- Living life as God desires for us in fullness of hope, joy, peace, and love

**What does it mean for you to walk with the Spirit?**