

MESSAGE NOTES

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Part 3 The Inside Scoop

John 16:5-7 (NIV) Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

The Holy Spirit is and has been active since the 'beginning';

- Creation: "The Spirit of God was hovering over the water" as God began to separate his creation into recognizable parts (Genesis 1:2)
- Incarnation: When Mary turned up pregnant the angel made it clear to Joseph that what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:20)
- Crucifixion: At the cross, Christ through the eternal Spirit, offered himself unblemished to God. (Hebrews 7:27)
- Revelation: "All scripture is God breathed (from the breath/Spirit of God) and is useful in teaching, rebuking, correcting, training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Regeneration: The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)
- Resurrection: And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the death will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)

What does the Holy Spirit do?

- When I'm stuck on self, He moves me

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NIV) I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

- When I'm wayward, He convicts me

Ephesians 4:30 (NIV) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

- When I'm clueless, He prays for me

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV) In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

- When I'm ignorant, He instructs me

John 14: 25-26 (NIV) All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, 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.

- When I'm weak, He empowers me

Romans 15:13 (NIV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Getting personal

Romans 7:15-24 (NIV)

¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?