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**John 15:26-27**

**John 16:1-33**

***26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, 27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning." John 15:26-27***

- ***The Helper, the Spirit of Truth.***
- ***He will come and re-present Jesus and then so will we. We will testify by the words we speak and by what we do... the 'smoking gun'!***
- ***We will testify by what we say, what we do, and by who we are!***

***16 "These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling. 2 They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God. 3 These things they will do because they have not known the Father or Me. 4 But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. John 16:1-4 NASB***

- ***He wants to keep us from stumbling. (v6)***
- ***..."so that you will not stumble or be caught off guard and fall away"... (v1 AMPC)***
- ***..."to kill you is offering service to God..." (v2 AMPC)***
- ***..."and they will do these things because they did not know the Father or Me..." (v3 N.T. Transline)***
- ***He wanted them to remember His warning. (v4)***

***5 "But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. 12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But***

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**when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you. John 16:5-15 NASB**

- **The disciples don't ask any questions (v6). They are confused and gripped by grief.**
- **The Holy Spirit: The Abiding Advantage.**
  - **Jesus 'shocks' His disciples by telling them that it is to their advantage that he goes away because then He can pour out the Holy Spirit. (v7)**
    - **Advantageous, profitable, beneficial for the disciples...it certainly didn't look or feel that way. (v7)**
  - **The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgement.**

**<sup>8</sup>And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment: <sup>9</sup> About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me]; <sup>10</sup> About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer; <sup>11</sup> About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him. John 16:8-11 AMPC**

- **Convict or expose (v8). The Spirit will 'expose' the world's guilt and need and call them to respond.**
- **It takes God to reveal to a person that right standing with God is not about their 'good works' but on Jesus' death on the cross for us.**
- **Jesus has a lot more to tell the disciples, but they simply cannot grasp**
- **from or bear them in this hour. (v12) (See Isaiah 53:4 ... 'carried')**
- **The Holy Spirit will teach us in time the things we can't bear now.**

**<sup>13</sup> But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]. <sup>14</sup> He will**

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***honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you. John 16:13-14 AMPC***

- ***The Holy Spirit will disclose, report, announce, and inform us about things to come.***
- ***He will glorify and honor Jesus to us and give us revelation and disclosure.***
- ***The Lord does have things to tell us. (See Matthew 4:4)***
- ***He edifies us and empowers us to obey, abide, and be fruitful.***
- ***He guides us into all truth, so we don't 'glide' into non-truth.***
- ***The Holy Spirit discloses the truth to us about Jesus and His Word for our own development and for blessing others.***
- ***Jesus says, 'All things that the Father has are Mine! (v15) Wow!***

***<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me." <sup>17</sup> Some of His disciples then said to one another, "What is this thing He is telling us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. <sup>21</sup> Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. John 16:16-22 NASB***

- ***Jesus talks to His team about His death and resurrection, but they are baffled.***
- ***... "We do not know what He is talking about" ... (v18)***
- ***He talks to them about how their unspeakable grief will become unstealable joy!***

***<sup>23</sup> In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you***

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*have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full. <sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. <sup>28</sup> I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father." <sup>29</sup> His disciples \*said, "Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God." <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. <sup>33</sup> These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:23-33 NASB*

- ***The Holy Spirit: Empowering the Priesthood of the Believer***
  - *Jesus makes it very plain that the outpouring of God's Spirit will open a new door for their personal prayer lives. (v23-27)*
    - *Ask and receive so that your joy may be made full.*
    - *You ask in my name (I won't be doing this for you is the message Jesus is giving here.)*
    - *Jesus is our mediator, our intercessor, our representative.*
  - *The Holy Spirit brings understanding and clarity to our confusion. (v28-31)*
    - *Spiritual things are spiritually discerned.*
    - *He spoke and they understood and believed...most often this process is reversed.*
  - *The Holy Spirit: our continual Commander and Companion. (v32-33)*
    - *He never leaves us alone.*
    - *He plans for our peace to be in Him even in the midst of the trouble that defines this world.*

***Jesus answered them, Do you now believe? [Do you believe it at last?] John 16:31  
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***His conquest is complete and accomplished; His victory is everlasting.***

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