



Holy Spirit *Day 1: Verse 1*

There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope
Your Presence Lord

Scripture Reference

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: 26-27*



The moment we each become a believer, God gives us the Holy Spirit to reside in us, to journey through life. In our scripture today, Jesus himself told His disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in this world. You are a temple for the Holy Spirit.

Do you view yourself as a temple for the Holy Spirit? How often are you reminded that the Holy Spirit resides within you? Begin today thanking God that He so generously and graciously gives you the Holy Spirit to journey through life. Ask Him to continually and tangibly show you the Holy Spirit's presence in your life this week.

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit our "Advocate" in this scripture. Other translations reflect this title as Counselor or Comforter. This original Greek word indicates an intercessor or consoler. In the context of our scripture, the Holy Spirit leads us to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth and to give divine strength. Jesus himself says the Holy Spirit will teach and remind us of His truths. The Holy Spirit is our living hope through His teachings of truths. He gives us divine strength that cannot compare to any humanly strength.

Do you view the Holy Spirit as a teacher or a provider of strength? Are either of those concepts easier for you to understand and, if so, why? If you struggle with either, why do you think that is?



Jesus promises to give us His peace through the Holy Spirit. Jesus specifically tells us this peace is not like what the world gives. This peace indicates a sense of rest and contentment; total well-being. In our rushed lives, it can often seem difficult to find rest, can't it? In our life of a pursuit of more, it can often seem difficult to find contentment, can't it? However, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we can find true peace. Nothing can compare to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and what can be worth more?

Do you often find you're too busy for true rest? Do you often find you're always searching for more? If either of those are yes, why do you think that is the case? What are you turning to in your life for your sense of peace? What can you change today to seek the Holy Spirit for your peace? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His peace – His rest, His contentment.

Jesus tells us to not let our hearts be troubled or afraid. In this context, these words mean to be agitated or timid. How often do we go through our days feeling agitated or timid? Agitated at others, at circumstances, at ourselves? Timid of others, of circumstances, of even of our own thoughts? Do not forget: The presence of the Holy Spirit is incomparable, it is not like what the world gives. Take comfort in the Holy Spirit; you can find peace.

In your own experience, what is the difference between a troubled heart and a heart that is afraid? Do you feel troubled or afraid lately? Why do you think that is? Is it people around you, your circumstances, or even yourself? End today praying to your Heavenly Father. Ask Him to help you more fully understand and recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit.
