



August 6, 2023

***Abounding Grace: Belonging***  
***Powerful Spirit***

John 14:15-26

**For Discussion and Reflection**

1. How did today's study change your view of the Holy Spirit? What did you think about my challenge to the word "helper" as translated in John?
2. A Paraclete represents the presence of another. Who does the Spirit represent in your life? What about that person does the Spirit communicate to you?
3. The incarnate Son of God, Jesus, is presented as depending on the Spirit of God for his works, his trials, and his obedience: Matthew 4:1, Luke 4:1, 4:14, 18, 10:21, John 3:34, Acts 10:38. If the same Spirit dwells within us, why are we not experiencing the same level of power?
4. While in prison, Paul writes the church in Philippi. How does he relate the presence of the Spirit to his current situation? Phil. 1:19. How does this communicate the comforting presence the Spirit provides?
5. The Spirit helps us have and understand the word of God. Consider a couple of passages: Ephesians 1:16-23, 1 Corinthians 2:11-16, John 14:26. As we are dependent on the Spirit of Truth to understand the scriptures and know God, how should we pray as we approach the Word?
6. Paul says that the Spirit prays for us according to the "will of God." Take a few minutes to analyze this passage and consider how the Spirit knows the will of God, and how he uses everything for our good: Romans 8:26-30. What do you learn about the Spirit from this passage?
7. Paul urges believers to walk with, or keep in step with, the Holy Spirit. How do we do this?
8. What did you learn today? How can you move into the grace that God has for you?