

FEAR NOT

For God hath not given
us the spirit of **fear**;
but of **power**, and of
love, and of a **sound**
mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

● **The HOLY SPIRIT
Teacher and Guide**



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John 16:13

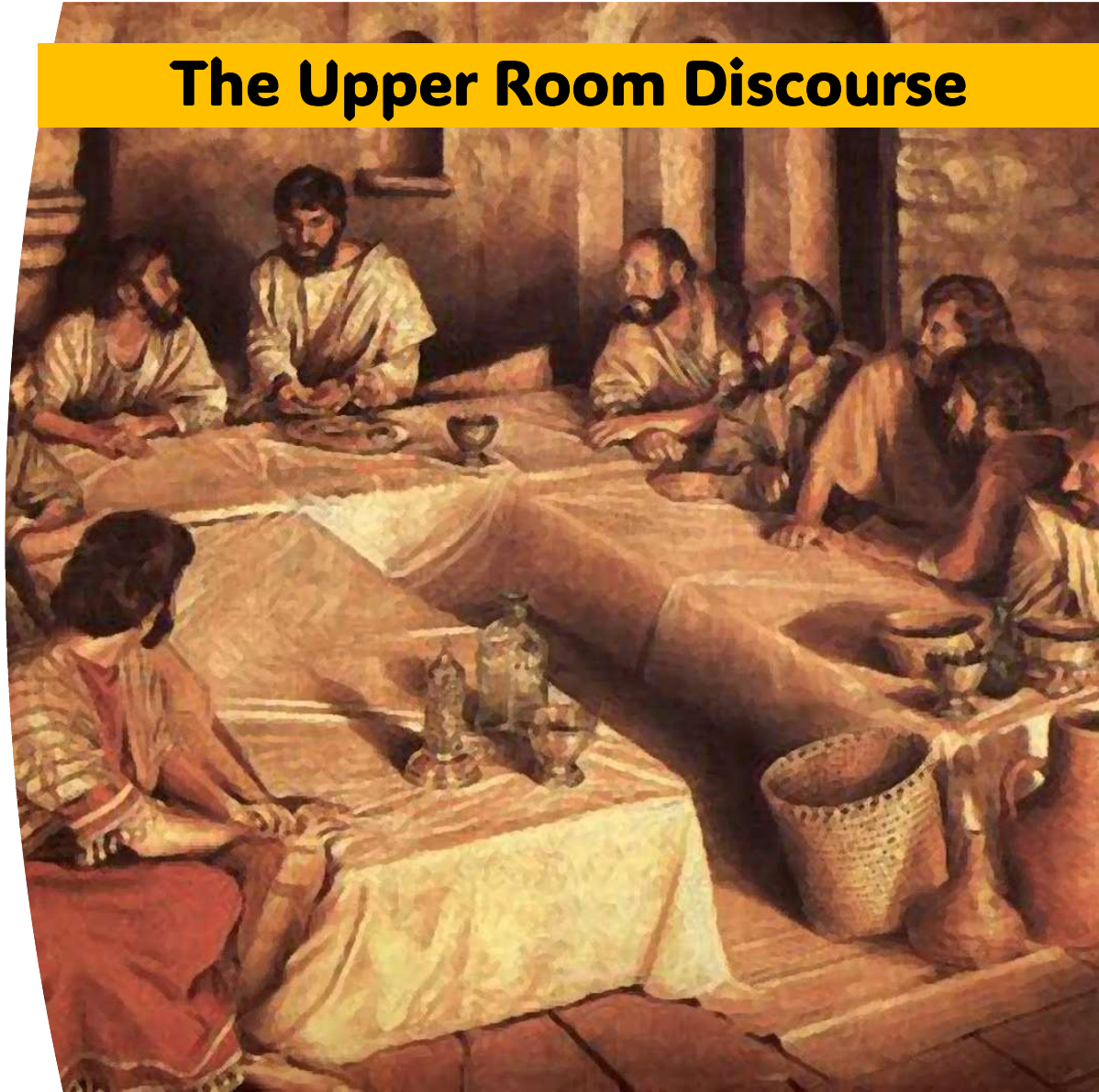
The Holy Spirit is a Gift to Us!

- One of God's most **beautiful gifts** to his children is the Holy Spirit!
- The Holy Spirit **teaches** us and **guides** us.
- Oh, how we need to learn to **follow the Holy Spirit!**
- We are living in a time when **we need to know how to recognize the Holy Spirit.**
- **He will show us things to come!**



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- In the Upper Room, **Jesus gave a speech to his disciples.**
 - This was when Jesus was having his last meal with the twelve, **just before he died on the cross for us.**
 - He told his disciples that **the Holy Spirit would be our Comforter.**
 - The Holy Spirit would be the one to guide us in **TRUTH.**
 - And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that **he may abide with you for ever;**
 - **Even the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for **he dwelleth with you,** and **shall be in you.** John 14:16-17

The Upper Room Discourse



The Holy Spirit Is Our Teacher



- Jesus said that **upon his departure**, he would send the Holy Spirit to us.
 - Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; **but if I depart, I will send him unto you**. John 16:7
- The Holy Spirit is our **TEACHER**, our **GUIDE**, our **BEST FRIEND**.

The Holy Spirit, Your Teacher

- I grew up having many good teachers.
- I, myself, was a high school teacher and college professor for many years.
- Good teachers make an influence on the lives of their students.
- My first-grade teacher is still alive! She taught me 54 years ago!
- She made such an influence on my life that I dedicated my first book, A Child of Royalty, to her.
- I remember my typing teacher who encouraged me to excel.
- This is a skill that I use almost every day!

The Holy Spirit, Your Teacher

- I was seven years old when I received the Lord Jesus Christ into my life.
- Later, I was filled completely with the **Holy Spirit**, the greatest Teacher of all!
- **The Holy Spirit is the One who knows and explains everything.**
- Jesus announced that the Holy Spirit would **come and help us**.
- We read about this in 1 Corinthians 2:9-16.



- But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**
- But God hath revealed *them* unto us **by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.**
- For what man knoweth the things of a man, **save the spirit of man which is in him?** even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- Now **we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**
- Which things also **we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;** comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.**
- But **he that is spiritual judgeth all things**, yet he himself is judged of no man.
- For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.** 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

The Holy Spirit, Your Teacher

- I pray that you **know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior** and that you have been **filled with the Holy Spirit**.
- The **Holy Spirit will help you with everything you encounter.**
- **Read the Word** and **ask the Holy Spirit** to help you to remember and understand what you read.
- Once the Holy Spirit teaches you, then impart what you have learned to others.
 - But the **anointing** which ye have received of him **abideth in you**, and **ye need not that any man teach you**: but as **the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie**, and even as it hath taught you, **ye shall abide in him**. 1 John 2:27

The Holy Spirit, Your Guide

- Have you ever taken a tour with a guide?
- **The guide knows** where to take you and the right path to get to specific places.
- The Holy Spirit is like that. **He always knows the right path for us to take.**
- The **Holy Spirit will watch over us** and **guard our steps**. He will **protect us from harm**.
 - Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, **he will guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and **he will shew you things to come**. John 16:13
- The word “shew” here means to **“show you the way.”**

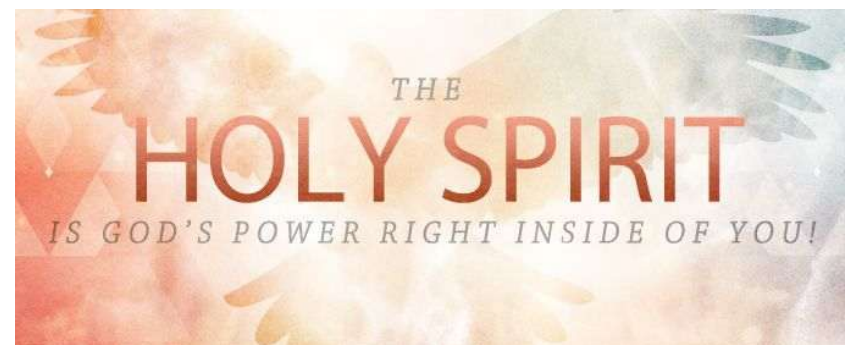


Lord, I Pray That
You Direct My Steps
and Guide Me In
The Right Path

The Holy Spirit, Your Guide

- Let the Holy Spirit lead you and direct your steps.
 - For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14
- Did you ever have an important decision to make, and not know what to do or say?
- The Holy Spirit will show you the way!
- God gave King Solomon the gift of wisdom. He then passed it on to us in the Word of God.
 - **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.** Proverbs 3:5-6
- In EVERYTHING you do, put God first, and things will turn out so much better!

The Holy Spirit, Our Friend



- We live in a lonely world in a lonely time.
- Many people do not feel like they have a real friend. People often tell me, “I feel so alone.”
- Walking with Christ can be a lonely walk, but we are never alone.
- What is a real friend?
- A real friend is someone whom you have a **RELATIONSHIP** with.
- A real friend is **ALWAYS THERE** for you.
- A real friend is there for **LIFE**.
- In our journey, real friends are hard to come by, but when we do find them, they are there for life.
- The Holy Spirit is our best friend and is there for us for life.
- The Holy Spirit is faithful.

The Holy Spirit, Our Friend

- You may ask, “How can I know if I have a real friend?”
- Unfortunately, some people will APPEAR to be your friend, but they only want something from you.
- These kinds of people usually have no friends of their own and act this way because they cannot recognize a REAL FRIEND.
- Are you a real friend to others?
- Let’s look at some characteristics of a real friend.



A Real Friend

- A real friend is a **COMPANION**, someone who will walk anywhere with you, no matter what life throws your way.
- The Apostle John always stood by Jesus, even at the cross.
 - Now **there stood by the cross of Jesus** his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.
 - When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and **the disciple standing by, whom he loved**, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!
 - **Then saith he to the disciple**, Behold thy mother! **And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home***. John 19:25-27
- The disciple Jesus spoke of here was his beloved friend, John.

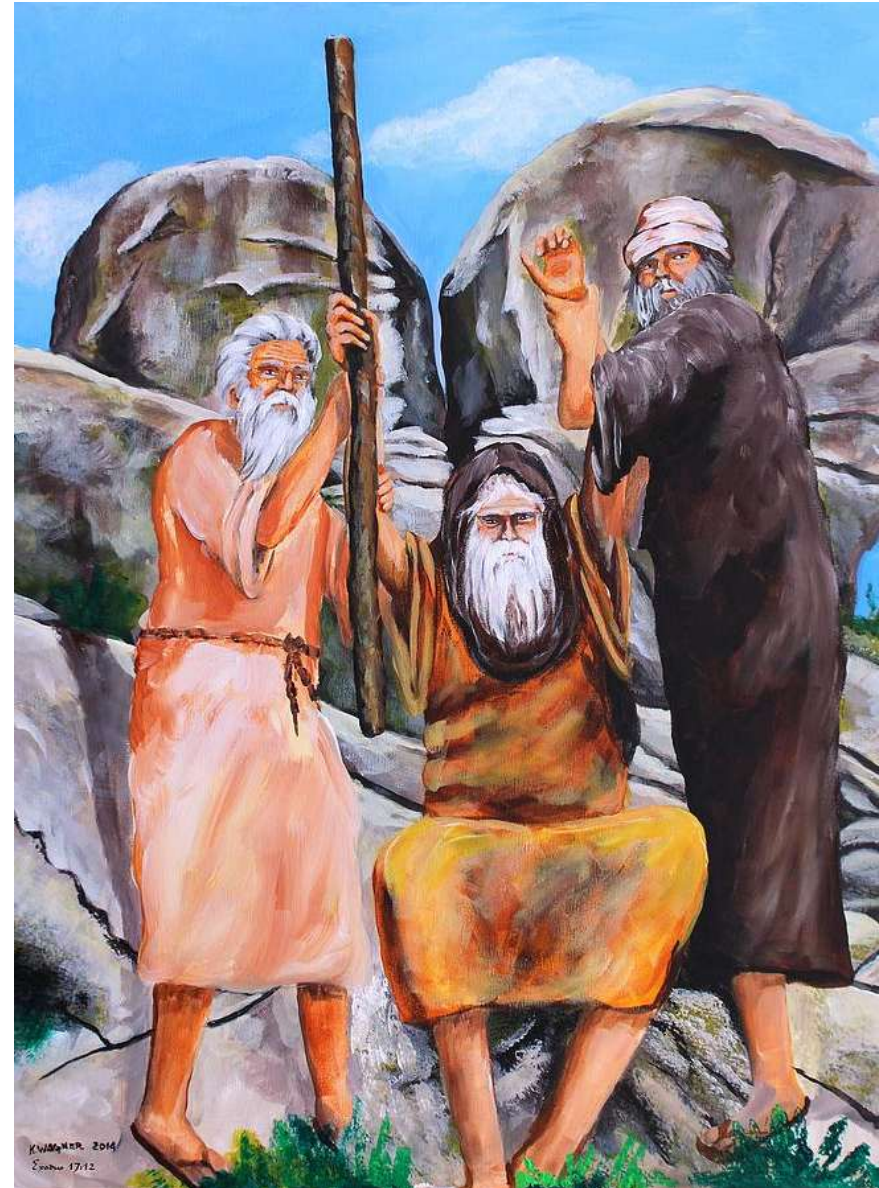
A Real Friend

- A real friend is a partner will **share responsibility** with you.
 - A real friend is someone who can be **trusted** and **who knows** how **you** think and feel.
 - The Apostle Paul knew that he could always rely on his spiritual son, Timothy to get the job done.
 - But **I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you**, that **I also may be of good comfort**, when I know your state.
 - For I have no man [no one else like him] likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.
 - For **all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's**.
 - **But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.**
- Philippians 2:19-22



A Real Friend

- A real friend is a HELPER; a person you can always count on to be there when you need them.
- Aaron and Hur held up the weary hands of Moses during the heat of battle.
 - Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.
 - So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, **Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.**
 - And it came to pass, **when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.**
 - But **Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side;** and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. Exodus 17:8-12



A Real Friend

- A real friend is a teacher as well as being **teachable**.
- A real friend is a wise person who is there to **LISTEN** to you and to **LEARN** from you when you need to talk and share something important or new.
- Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi were good friends who talked about many things.
 - Ruth said [to Naomi], Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God. Ruth 1:16



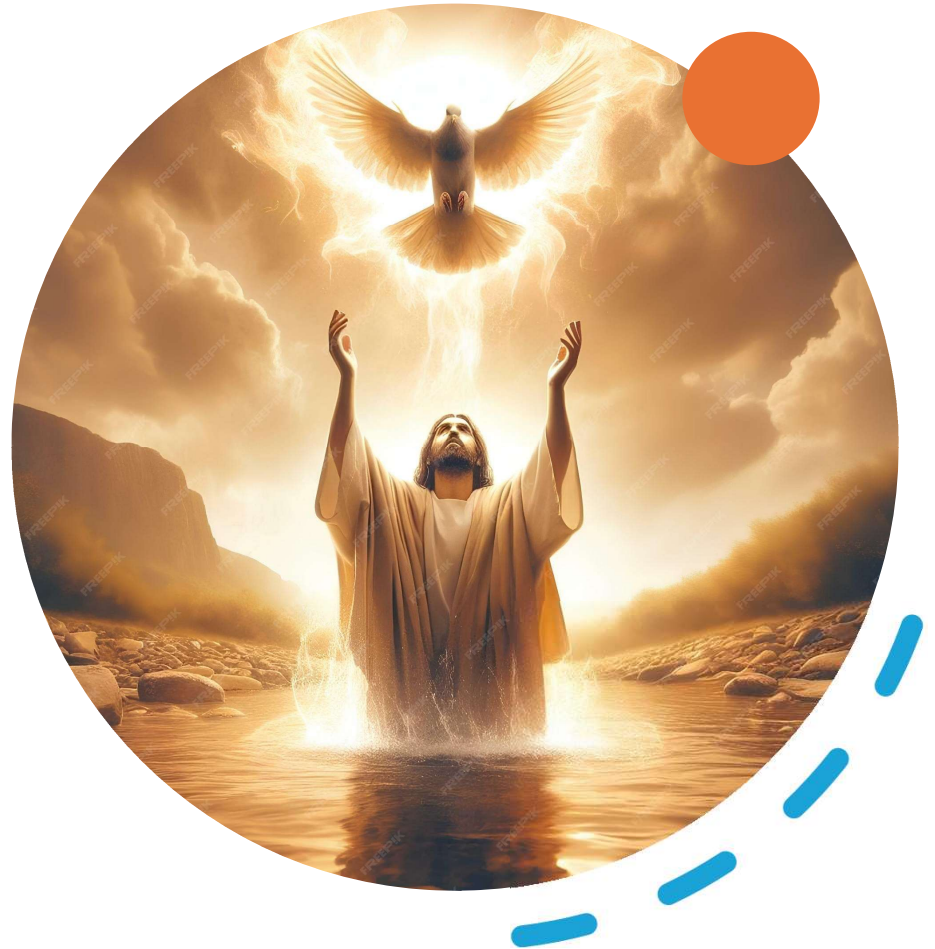
The Holy Spirit is our Very Best Friend



- I pray that you have good quality friends. Those who are giving and are sacrificial in your life.
- However, a word to the wise: having a real close friend of the opposite sex can pose difficulties because we care so deeply for them.
- Be careful who you let into your life.
- The older we get, the more we understand that our real friends are more important than things or “success”.
- But most of all, as we mature, we discover that the Holy Spirit is our very best friend.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus!

- We have learned that the Holy Spirit is our Teacher, our Guide, and our Friend.
- The Holy Spirit is a Person! He is the Spirit of Jesus.
 - And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts**, crying, Abba, Father. Galatians 4:6
- The Holy Spirit will always stick by you and be there for you.
 - there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24





You are Never Alone!

You have a Real Friend in the Holy Spirit.

He will show you The Way.

Self- Reflective Indicators of Spiritual Strength

- Do you have a friend who fits the description of a real friend (like the Holy Spirit)?
- Have you been a real friend to others (like the Holy Spirit)?
- Have you ever experienced a friendship with the Holy Spirit? How has he been there for you?
- Do you do things in your own wisdom and strength – your way? Or do you allow the Holy Spirit to help you by thinking it through and then talking it over with him?

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John 16:13

Worship with Me

What a Friend we Have in Jesus!



What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.