

The Spirit's Whisper (John 14:15-27)

Need Direction? – Part 7

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1 Kings 19:11b-13 (NIV) Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Hebrews 5:14 (NIV) But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

1. Love and _____ Jesus

John 14:15 (NIV) "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

1A. Receive the Spirit as your _____

John 14:16-17a (NIV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him.

1B. Believe the Spirit lives _____

John 14:17b (NIV) ... But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 20:21-22 (NIV) Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

1C. Understand Jesus _____ to you by the Spirit

John 14:18, 20 (NIV) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ... On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NIV2011) Do not quench the Spirit.

2. Receive direction from the _____

John 14:25 (NIV) All this I have spoken while still with you.

2A. The Spirit will _____ you everything

John 14:26a (NIV) But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things ...

2B. The Spirit will _____ you of God's Word

John 14:26b (NIV) ... and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

2C. The Spirit will give you _____

John 14:27 (NIV) 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.

Philippians 4:7 (NIV2011) And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Intro. How would you describe the Holy Spirit to someone?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit speaks in a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:11-13)?

How can you train yourself to distinguish the Spirit's voice from other voices (Hebrews 5:14)?

1A. In Jesus' teaching on the Holy Spirit, He repeats that those who love Him will obey Him (John 14:15, 21, 23-24). Why do you think this is important?

1B. In what ways does the Holy Spirit fill the role of Counselor to us that Jesus fulfilled for His disciples (John 14:16-17a)?

1C. What difference does it make that the Holy Spirit now lives in every believer and is not just with us (John 14:17b. John 20:21-22)?

1D. Describe how the roles of Jesus and the Holy Spirit changed when Jesus ascended into heaven (John 14:18-20).

1E. In what ways is the Spirit's whisper in our lives dependent on loving and obeying Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:19)?

2A. What does Jesus' promise that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things mean (John 14:25-26a)?

2B. How can the Holy Spirit remind us of God's Word (John 14:26b)?

2C. Why do you think that Jesus concludes His teaching on the Holy Spirit by speaking of His peace (John 14:27)?

2D. How can discerning the peace of the Spirit help in making decisions (Philippians 4:7)?

2E. How do you think you can grow in hearing the Spirit's whisper?