

GOD IS STILL POWERFULLY WORKING ¹

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BIG IDEA: God’s Spirit is constantly working, both as our advocate, and out ahead of us and calling us to join him.

²⁶ “But when the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

Paraclete, “who calls alongside.” (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19)

► **We have a powerful PARTNER in making Jesus known to a sin-sick world—the Holy Spirit!**

¹ “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, your heart is filled with sorrow because I have said these things.

► **At some point, your faith will COST YOU.**

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” **2 Timothy 3:12**

Matthew 13:20-21

⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

“you know him, for he lives *with* you and will be *in* you.”

John 14:17

1. The Spirit CONVICTS the world (and us) of sin—he makes us uncomfortable with everything that moves us away from God.

“Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it... your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended... Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.” **2 Corinthians 7:8-11**

2. The Spirit causes WHAT IS RIGHT to register in the human soul. (Rom. 3:10; Is. 64:6)

3. The Spirit proves to us that we are all ACCOUNTABLE for our sins before God. (Heb. 9:27; Mt. 12:36; 1 Pet. 4:5)