

## HOLY DISCOMFORT

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Alive In The Spirit, part 3

**BIG IDEA: God’s Spirit will bring holy discomfort when we chose directions or activities that stray from God’s good and loving best for us. Repentance is the adjustment back on the path.**

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don’t go away the *Counselor* will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: <sup>9</sup> About sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.” **John 16:7-11** CSB

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*The Spirit brings the convincing argument!*

- 1) Prove the “world” is wrong about him and have sinned because they did not believe** he is the One God sent, the Messiah, the true king. (Acts 9)
  - 2) Prove that Jesus was right about everything and is setting things right** thru everything he did.
  - 3) Prove the “ruler of this world,” the devil,** behind everything moving away from God—**has been judged,** condemned, and stripped of authority. (1 Jn. 3:8)
- 1. The Spirit makes us \_\_\_\_\_ with sin—  
speaking into everything that moves us away from God.**

“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** (Jonah 4:9)

- 2. The Spirit emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_, so our souls get it.** (1 Cor. 6:18).
- 3. The Spirit proves that we are \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins before God.**

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” **Hebrews 4:13** (1 Pet. 4:5; Mt. 12:36)

“Many are the sorrows and frustrations of those who don’t come clean with God. But when you trust in the Lord for forgiveness, his wraparound love will surround you.” **Psalm 32:10** TPT

### FOR REFLECTION & PRACTICE:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the holy discomfort and the loving Spirit who’s providing it.
- If the Spirit is addressing something with you today, \_\_\_\_\_ with him; turn from it and back to him! **Repentance** is turning around.
- In talking with others about Jesus, let the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_. You do the loving.