

## Lifelines October 3, 2022

### Today's Scripture: 1 Verse

John 16:13

He hears, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.  
for He will not speak on His own, but will speak whatever  
When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth;

### WHY WE'RE HERE

2 Timothy 3:16-17, All scripture is inspired by God & is useful for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction, & for training in righteousness, so that everyone  
who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

### CONTEXT

Jesus, speaking to the disciples, has just told them that even though He  
has much to tell them, they can't bear what He has to say right now. He  
explains that the Spirit, Who is to come, will glorify Him by taking what is  
His, Jesus', & disclosing it to them when the time is right.  
These are some of the most cherished words in the gospel. Here, Jesus  
teaches, reminds, encourages & warns the disciples. He wants them (& us) to  
remember there's a promise of joy, despite challenges they'll encounter. He's  
preparing their minds to grasp that they won't be going through anything  
alone. They'll no longer have Him. Now, they must rely on the Holy Spirit.

### DIFFERENT VERSIONS

#### MSG

But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, He will take you by the  
hand & guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to  
Himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen & indeed, out of  
all that I have done & said.

## **NIV**

But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, & He will tell you what is to come.

## **NLT**

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future.

## **AMP**

But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth (full & complete truth). For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears (from the Father – the message regarding the Son), & He will disclose to you what is to come (in the future).

## **GW (God's Word)**

When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into the full truth. He won't speak on His own. He will speak what He hears & will tell you about things to come.

## **Good News Translation**

When, however, the Spirit comes, Who reveals the truth about God, He will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own authority, but He will speak of what He hears & will tell you what is to come.

## **SEVAH**

## **BREAKING DOWN THE VERSE**

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth... (1. Some commentaries say that "all truth" refers to all necessary truth. Jesus had already told them all the truths they could bare. The Holy Spirit would take over when they were ready. Have you experienced instances when people, especially children, were not yet ready to know all truth? 2. Other commentaries say that "all truth" means all the truth about Jesus as the Son of God & His mission on earth as well as His role at the right hand of the Father in heaven.) Many aspects of Christ's earthly ministry weren't fully

understood until after the resurrection. Even though Jesus had taught for 3 years, there was still so much they needed to learn. He would not be with them much longer to instruct them. The work of the Holy Spirit, especially in the lives of the disciples, was to clarify events & continue their education. The same is true for us today. We may know parables & other Bible stories, but the daily living of what we've cognitively learned requires a guide, comforter, helper, a "spirit," living inside us to lead us into all the truths needed to live a life that glorifies God.

For believers, the Holy Spirit gives insight that nonbelievers can't fathom. He gives us insight that can come in no other way. These insights are truths. He helps us recognize & think truths!

The Spirit's influence doesn't give instant wisdom or make our minds function perfectly. No, the Holy Spirit "speaks," guides in ways believers learn to discern/feel/intuit. Still, the Spirit's influence can be ignored, resisted, even misunderstood.

One example of a truth the Holy Spirit would bring to their minds is John 14:26, if you want to peek ahead. It is because of the Holy Spirit's working in & guiding the disciples in all truth that we have the Bible.

for He will not speak on His own but will speak whatever He hears... The Spirit does not operate in a vacuum (the way we sometimes do). The Holy Spirit hears from & confers with the other members of the Trinity. He is the representative on earth in the heart of all true believers. He represents the eternal truth of God & like Jesus, seeks to glorify God in all He does.

What the Holy Spirit hears is the same thing God the Father declared to God the Son. This is a beautiful thing. (See John 16:15, below.) Jesus is the Way, the Truth & the Life. He is truth which comes from the Father. All God has belongs to the Son, & all this, Jesus says, the Spirit will also take & declare to us! The Spirit speaks truth to us, just as Jesus did. He even helps us see the truth about ourselves.

Jesus told the disciples, & He tells us, to pray directly to God in His (Jesus') name. There were many things the disciples still needed to know, just as there are many things each of us still needs to know. The Spirit is eager to guide us into all truth, too.

and He will declare to you the things that are to come. God the Father is a God of truth; it is one of His character traits. The Holy Spirit is the revealer of truth. The truths the Holy Spirit hears He will declare to those of us who

are in tune with Him. He does this by speaking directly or through events, promptings, other people, situations, etc. (1 Corinthians verses below.)  
The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of prophecy. Think of prophecies revealed to John in the book of "The Revelation to John." Jesus already explained that hard times, even persecution, were coming, & He expected the disciples & believers not to panic or doubt but to remain faithful, knowing it would all be part of God's plan. That is still what we are expected to do – in the face of the unexpected, remain faithful.

## SELAH

### RELATED VERSES

Isaiah 11:2, The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on Him, the Spirit of wisdom & understanding, the Spirit of counsel & might, the Spirit of knowledge & the fear of the Lord.

Jeremiah 33:3, Call to Me & I will answer you, & will tell you great & hidden things that you have not known.

Joel 2:28, Then afterward I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons & daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, & your young men shall see visions.

Luke 6:39, He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?"

John 2:22, After He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this; & they believed the scripture & the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 3:34, He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for He gives the Spirit without measure.

John 6:63, It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit & life.

John 7:16, Then Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not Mine but His Who sent Me."

John 7:18, Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the One who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him is true, & there is nothing false in Him.

John 14:10, Do you not believe that I am in the Father & the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own; but the Father who dwells in Me does His works.

John 14:17, This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you & He will be in you.

John 14:26, But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything, & remind you of all that I have said to you.

John 15:26, When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, He will testify on My behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:14-15, He will glorify Me because He will take what is Mine & declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine. For this reason I said that He will take what is Mine & declare it to you.

Acts 2:17-18, 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh & your sons & daughters shall prophesy, & your young men shall see visions & your old men shall dream dreams,' (see Joel above).

Acts 11:28, One of them named Agabus stood up & predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; & this took place during the reign of Claudius. (More predictions from Agabus in Acts 21:11.)

1 Corinthians 2:10, 11b-14, These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God... So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have

received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, & they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Peter 1:14, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

1 John 2:6, This is the One who came by water & blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water & the blood. And the Spirit is the One that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

## SUMMARY

Just think - Without the Holy Spirit, all the work Jesus did on earth would have come to a grinding halt. The early disciples, with good intentions, would have carried on as well as they could with self-will, determination, & dedication to Jesus, their Rabbi & Teacher. Have you tried to accomplish things solely through determination & will power? Believers know there's a limit to what we can do on our own. It is only through the presence & power of God, the Holy Spirit, living in us that we can accomplish anything to the glory of God. The Holy Spirit is vital to the life of a Christian!

Let this verse be a *Lifeline* for you!  
Let's Continue Learning!

## SCRIPTURE IS OUR –

# Lifeline!