



JOHN 16:1-15

A GOD STRONG PERSON IS...

GUIDED BY THE  
HOLY SPIRIT

## PART 1: “STILL MORE ABOUT THE SPIRIT”

### READ JOHN 16:5-7

1. Earlier the disciples had asked Jesus about where He was going, but they are not presently asking him. Probably because they were currently more caught up in their growing grief and the impact of His leaving on them (v.6). But why is it so crucial that He goes?

2. Again, He says this as an encouraging word. What is the benefit?

## PART 1: REFLECTION

I'm not so sure how encouraging His words would have been for the disciples at that moment. It would have been hard to appreciate what they were gaining when it seemed that they were losing so much. But for you, how has the sending and coming of the Spirit into your life been for your good?

## PART 2: “THE SPIRIT’S ROLE WITH THE WORLD”

### READ JOHN 16:8-11

1. Before telling the disciples of the further benefits of the coming of the Spirit for them, Jesus tells them how the Spirit will impact the world. How might this have been an encouraging word to the disciples given all that they had been hearing about what the world was going to do to them?

2. Many scholars think that the Spirit now puts the world on trial. The world (under the influence of the prince of the air) had judged Jesus to be a sinner, who is therefore “unrighteous” and deserving of death. But the Spirit will prove that, through Jesus’ death, resurrection and ascension into heaven, God has condemned Satan, declared Jesus righteous and made all those who don’t believe in Jesus to be the real “sinners.” The Spirit will vindicate Jesus. He will therefore vindicate us. How does this serve as an encouragement for the disciples and us?

## PART 2: REFLECTION

How do you feel knowing that the Spirit's role is not only to help us, but also to go on the offensive – to seek to convict the world of their wrong perspective of Jesus and us?

How does this give you hope and a resolve to endure?

For whom are you praying that the Spirit would be successful in bringing conviction, repentance and change? Take a moment right now to lift them up again.

## PART 3: “MORE ABOUT THE SPIRIT – WHAT A BLESSING!”

### READ JOHN 16:12-15

1. We have the final deposit of what the Spirit will do for us. What are those benefits?

2. What will the Spirit do for Jesus?

## PART 3: REFLECTION:

How are these functions encouraging to you?

How have you been experiencing them in your life?

If you want to grow more in learning to discern how the Spirit speaks to you and guides you in your life, talk with Mark Fee about upcoming training events.