

**Introduction:**

- Last Wednesday we looked at two passages of scripture that had to do with the Holy Spirit as Encourager.
  - I used a stake to illustrate how a young vulnerable plant draws strength from the stake it is tied, in order that it can survive the storm. That is encouragement. Letting others draw strength from you.
  - The question was then asked who are you staked up to and who is staked up to you. If you have an encouraging word give it! Not depressing, Not fearful, not opinionated...give an encouraging word. A word that causes others to be stronger not weaker. That is the Word! ***"Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, come and give it."*** (Acts 13:15, NLT)
- I want you to open your Bibles to two places:
  - ***"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."*** (John 14:26, NKJV)
  - ***"You sent your good Spirit to instruct them, and you did not stop giving them manna from heaven or water for their thirst."*** (Nehemiah 9:20, NLT) The Holy Spirit was teacher in the OT too.
- The Holy Spirit is not just my encourager, He is my Teacher. Teachers make all the difference! You know when you have a good teacher!

**I. A Teacher Is A Helper**

- A. The Gr. paraclete - helper, encourager, one who strengthens another. One who comes along our side to give courage to and to inspire confidence. A teacher is to be an advocate for children. Hospitals now have patient advocates.
  1. Jesus declares that the encourager/comforter is the Holy Spirit, the Advocate that is for us!
  2. The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father. If He is sent, He has a mission.
  3. And one of His assignments in that mission is to teach us the people of God.
- B. He knows our level and it is not based on age. It is based on hunger and intimacy...how close you live to God.
- C. Like a coach, he believes in us and is there to help us become all we can be.
- D. The mission of the teacher is to help us become...A better learner.
- E. The mission of the teacher is to help us become...God's vision for us.
- F. As we find ourselves in the midst of this Covid 19 crisis know this: God is working on us and God is working through us. And when it is over we will be more like Him if we let him teach/coach us.

**II. Teachers and Student Relationship**

- A. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit, The Teacher. That is a huge description of who He is and what He is about. Teacher has the authority and is empowered to accomplish something. God wants us to be great citizens of the Kingdom of heaven embracing the Kingdom culture. So he gave us a teacher.
- B. If One is a teacher then it implies followers.

1. Jesus was called Rabbi (teacher) by his followers. Jesus introduced the Kingdom and its system of operation. It does not operate like the world does.
2. If the Holy Spirit is your teacher, you have to know His voice and follow His lead.
- C. Those who are taught by the Holy Spirit demonstrate a willing submission to learn.
  1. A learner has a teachable spirit.
  2. Jesus in Jn 6:45 declares Is 54:13 which says *"They shall all be taught by God."*

### III. What Does The Holy Spirit Teach?

- A. He teaches who Jesus is!
  1. He reveals Jesus. I believe this is the number one job of the Holy Spirit! When you know Jesus and not just about Him you are on the right road of life. The Holy Spirit shows the way to God. Eph 1:17 May God give a spirit of wisdom and revelation of Him (Jesus)
  2. IE. *"Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him."* (Acts 8:30-31, NLT)
    - a) Philip begins to break down Is 53:7-8, the passage the man was reading in his chariot.
    - b) *"So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus."* Acts 8:35 Philip was revealing Jesus to this man by the power of the Holy Spirit.
    - c) The man gets revelation of who Jesus is and immediately wants to be baptized!
  3. The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus. This is not philosophy where one learns about Jesus, this is OTJ (on the job training) where I meet Him face to face.
- B. The Holy Spirit teaches the Word! The Bible is His manual and The Word/Jesus is His message.
  1. *"Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled."* (Romans 15:4, NLT)
  2. Eph 4:14 basically says that when we are taught the Word we will no longer be like immature children.
  3. Jesus in John 6:63 states that His word is Spirit and it is life. This brings to the believer a supernatural dimension that can only be reached through the Word and a relationship with the Word.
    - a) The Holy Spirit will teach us when we read the Word, if we ask Him.
    - b) God wants us to have life and have it abundantly but it comes through His word. You can tell a big difference between a person in the Word and one who is not. IE. Under pressure what is really on their inside will come out!
  4. *"And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear."* (Mark 4:24, AMP)
- C. The Holy Spirit teaches us how to relate to God and to man.
  1. Relationship is important to God. So Holy Spirit teaches us how to have relationship with God.

2. He not only shows us the way to God. But, He also teaches us how to walk with God.
3. Deut 6:4-6, when God begins to disciple a nation He teaches them to love him.
4. In verse 7, he says "repeat them." IE. The Word repeat has the connotation of a knife passing over a stone as it is sharpened.

**Conclusion:**

- The Holy Spirit is the Teacher sent by God. He is here to help us relate to God. He is here to help us sharpen our relationship to Him.
- Since He is the teacher then the implication is that we are students, let's be good ones who learn quickly.
- May our prayer be, "Holy Spirit, reveal Jesus to me. Let me see Him as He is. Healer, Deliverer, Lover, Savior, Soon and Coming King, Worthy One..."

**QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION:**

1. What do you envision when you hear Jesus say, "He will teach you all things?" Jn 14:26
2. What are the characteristics of a good teacher?
3. Describe a time in which you received a revelation of Jesus?
  1. Did you the Holy Spirit did that?
  2. Take a few moments after everyone has shared and tell the Holy Spirit "Thank you, for revealing Jesus to me."
4. What are some ways that you can be a better student and learn from Holy Spirit.