
Sermon Notes

The Holy Spirit Our Helper

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Main Text: John 16 : 5–11

Introduction

- William & Chantal Wood recently launched their ministry **His Kingdom Reigns**.
 - Focus of this message: the **work and ministry of the Holy Spirit**.
 - Jesus declared it is to our *advantage* that He goes away, so the **Helper** can come (John 16 : 7).
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I. The Advantage of the Spirit

- Jesus in His earthly body was limited to one place at a time.
 - By the Spirit, Christ now lives **with** and **in** every believer.
 - **You are the temple of God** (1 Corinthians 3 : 16).
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II. The Spirit Is a Helper, Not a Controller

- God values free will; He wants **children**, not slaves.
 - Submission must be voluntary — it is **surrender** that releases the Spirit's power.
 - Jesus limits His work in us to the degree of our **yes**.
 - In the Kingdom of God, you move at the **speed of obedience**.
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III. The Spirit's Threefold Conviction (John 16 : 8–11)

1. Convicts of Sin — Unbelief

- The root sin is **not believing in Christ** (John 16 : 9).
- All other sins flow from unbelief.
- Unbelievers should be convicted of unbelief when they encounter the life of a Spirit-filled believer.
- *Illustration:* stranded driver encountered God's love when riding with William.

2. Convicts of Righteousness — Standard Through the Church

- Since Jesus has gone to the Father, the **world sees Him through us** (1 Corinthians 12).
- The church is called to be the **visible standard of righteousness**.
- To embody righteousness, believers must die to **self** (Galatians 2 : 20).
- *Illustration:* William forgave his brother's murderer — choosing justice without revenge, overcoming evil with good (Romans 12 : 21).

3. Convicts of Judgment — Satan Defeated

- The ruler of this world (Satan) has already been judged (John 16 : 11).
 - The church enforces Christ's verdict — we “serve the eviction notice” on the enemy.
 - Authority has been handed to believers to expel darkness (Luke 10 : 19).
 - Don't magnify the devil; magnify Jesus.
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IV. Practical Application

- Don't waste the Helper inside you — **partner** with Him daily.
- Refuse to complain; what you **vocalize, you authorize**.
- Set the spiritual atmosphere where you work and live.

- Shine light rather than curse the darkness.
 - Live surrendered so that others see **Jesus' life** in you.
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Key Scriptures

- John 14 : 12
 - John 16 : 5–11
 - 1 Corinthians 3 : 16
 - Romans 12 : 21
 - Galatians 2 : 20
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Closing

- Salvation is free, but **lordship costs your surrender**.
 - The Spirit is in you to **help**, not control.
 - Recognize the Helper and walk in the **victory of Christ**.
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