

## **FORTY: Forward Together Foundations, Part 8: The Holy Spirit (John 14)**

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**Main Idea:** In today's sermon Robin concludes our "Forty" series by helping us to understand how the Holy Spirit, God's *empowering* Spirit, enables us as the church to fulfil our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

### **Sermon Outline:**

1. Who is Jesus speaking to? (v13, 15, 21)
2. The Promise of the Spirit (v16-18, 26)
3. The Holy Spirit is the empowering Spirit

### **Key Text/Quotes:**

*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."* John 14:15-21

*"So the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good."* Romans 7:12

### **Fellowship Starters:**

1. Read John 14:1-21 and Luke 11:9-13 and open in prayer.
2. Jesus said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments." If you were speaking with a new believer, how would describe what it means to keep Jesus' commandments? Why it is so important?
3. Does God expect us to walk in our own strength as we keep his commandments? Discuss how and why we might be tempted to try to "follow" Jesus in our own strength.
4. All of us have probably experienced the futility of trying to love and obey Jesus in our own strength. Do you have any specific examples of falling short? Can you describe a specific time when you sensed the Holy Spirit's role as helper, comforter, or advocate?
5. How amazing and empowering it is to realize that the Holy Spirit, who is God, promises *NEVER* to leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5) and is *IN* us (John 14:20)! Discuss some of the many ways God is at work in his people: reminding, comforting, guiding, convicting, sanctifying, consoling, encouraging, giving gifts, etc. God also promises "that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion..." (Philippians 1:6).
6. In light of these verses, especially Luke 11:9-13, close your time in prayer together asking God for more of the Holy Spirit.