



A Courageous Look at the Present

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New Series: What lessons would you learn if you took a courageous look at your past, present, and future?

1. A Courageous Look at the Past:” What are your big lessons from your past?”
2. A Courageous Look at the Present: **“What do I have right now in my life?”**
3. A Courageous look at the Future: “What will happen to me if I stay on this road?”
4. A Courageous look at those around me. “What will happen if the people around me don’t change?”

Big Question: What tools do I have to work with right now in my life?

Answer: Spiritually, I have three things that give me an advantage:

1. God’s Presence (John 14:15-20), “...He **dwells** with you...”
2. God’s Promise (John 14:16), “...He will give you another **Helper/Comforter...**”
3. God’s Perspective (His Word, John 16:12-15), “...He will **guide** you into all truth...”

Note: He promises to dwell, comfort, and guide us.

I. My Spiritual Advantage (His Presence and Promise)

John 14:15-20, NKJV

Note: The Spiritual Promise Comes With One Condition

- 15 **“If you love Me, keep My commandments.** 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may abide with you forever—17 **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for **He dwells with you and will be in you.** 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.19 “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

- A. **The Condition:** You must keep, not throw away, my commandments (or instructions) v.15
- B. **The Promise:** You will have the presence of God’s Spirit (The Spirit of Truth) in your life

II. My Spiritual Advantage (His Perspective in His Word)

John 16:12-15, NKJV

- 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, **the Spirit of truth**, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears **He will speak**; and **He will tell you things to come.** 14 **He will glorify Me**, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.





Four Things The Spirit of Truth Promises To Do

1. He will **guide** you into the truth
2. He will **speak** to you
3. He will **tell you things to come**
4. He will **honor and glorify God**

Next Time:

A Courageous look at the Future: "What will happen to me if I stay on this road?"

Hint: Deuteronomy 28