

# RYF DEVOTION MONDAY MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2020

## TODAY'S READING: JOHN 14:15-17

15 “if you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 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.

## REFLECTION

At this point Jesus is still talking to His disciples in the upper room. They are worried that Jesus is going away and He is giving them reassurance. In this passage Jesus begins to describe the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is called “another Helper”, meaning someone who represents us, encourages us, and helps us better understand God. Jesus uses the word “another” because He had done these things for the disciples, but He was leaving. The Holy Spirit, as Jesus explains, will be with all believers. The disciples could take comfort in the fact that although Jesus was leaving, God would still be with them. The Holy Spirit is given to all believers and Jesus will continue to describe the work of the Spirit in the coming chapters. Although Jesus has ascended into heaven, there is great comfort in knowing that all of us who believe in Him have God the Holy Spirit dwelling in us!

## PRAYER

If you are a believer, give thanks to God that the Holy Spirit dwells within you. Pray that you would be able to better listen to the Holy Spirit. If you are not a believer, consider where Jesus was going, and what it would be like to have such a Helper.

## FOR FURTHER READING

The Holy Spirit descends on the Disciples in Acts 2:1-13