

- Fire- consuming, purifying, energy
- Light- illuminating, pure, directs, truth
- Cloud- all enveloping, guiding, God's presence, protection, worship
- River- springs, rain- life giving, powerful, never ending, eternally fresh

### III. MY PASSIONS- what I love to do. Join Me!

- I love to guide you into all truth- bring you to faith in Christ, speak, explain, show, convict, guide, counsel, assure, and purify
- I love to empower you- call, baptize, fill, anoint, intercede, protect, enable faith, worship, Christian unity, bear my fruit, save souls through your witness and life, perform miracles, give gifts, cast out demons, and will resurrect your body
- I love to love you by manifesting Gods power & presence to you, bless, fellowship,
- I love to love through you, by uniting you to Jesus and his followers and to care for the lost and hurting in this world

### IV. MY HOME- where can you find Me?

- I surround the heaven's throne, fill and sustain the universe, made and created you in the womb.
- I'm sent out into the world to bring each one to Jesus.
- I speak to your conscience, I speak through the Bible, circumstances, others and wisdom.
- I dwell in your heart when you accept Christ, make a special presence when you gather for worship, and go with you into the world to help you be close to Jesus and bring others to Jesus.

❖ **WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU?** – write it down, pray it back, DO IT, and share it with others!

Heavenly Father, show me the Holy Spirit. He is close to me. I want to be close to Him. Help me get to know Him. I open my life up in all the dark corners for the Holy Spirit to light up, cleanse and control. Search me Holy Spirit (Ps 139:23-24). Love me and love through me. All so that, I become more like Jesus and bring more to Jesus. I especially hear You saying, ...

## EMBRACE THE HOLY SPIRIT- John 3, 11/6/22

GETTING OUR FEET WET- Max Lucado and the parable of the trail guide ([Help Is Here](#))

DIVING INTO SCRIPTURE- John 3:1-21

3:1- 2- Nicodemus- the man, the timing, and his affirmation of Jesus

3:3- Jesus' love and warning to Nicodemus- you must be born again

3:4-8- Nicodemus asks "How?" and Jesus answers by the S\_\_\_\_\_

3:9-18- Nicodemus asks- "How can this be?" Jesus answers by b\_\_\_\_\_

3:19-21- Unspoken question- so why don't we believe in Jesus? Or get close to the Spirit?

**TAKING IT HOME**

THE BIG QUESTION- So why aren't we moved by the Holy Spirit? Where's the blowing wind and the flowing water? Jesus talked about the Spirit with Nicodemus and...

- The woman at the well – Jn 4:13-14, 23
- The crowds at the Temple- Jn 7:37-39
- The disciples in the upper room- Jn 14:26
- The disciples after the resurrection- Jn 20:21-22, Acts 1:8

**3 POSSIBLE ANSWERS**

1. We are not b\_\_\_\_\_ - Jn 3:3, 16
2. We are not intellectually aware and/or emotionally c\_\_\_\_\_ to the Holy Spirit- Jn 3:5-8
3. We are afraid of the Holy Spirit's l\_\_\_\_\_ - Jn 3:19-21

So...

1. So, ask Jesus to save you- Dear Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner. I believe you died and rose again to pay for my sin. I trust you now to forgive me my sins (confess the ones that come to mind). I welcome the Holy Spirit into my life. Help me now to follow you all the days of my life, seeking your kingdom first, till you take me to heaven.
2. So, get to know the Holy Spirit- intellectually and emotionally- prayerfully read through Getting to Know the Holy Spirit (see the top of next page & last page)
3. So, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your darkness and sin with His light. Look at where you're struggling (low pressure). It's where the Spirit wants to bring His life and light (high pressure)

<b>The 4 "E"s – when life hands you lemons</b>	
<u>Event</u> - what happened? *Can include God speaking to you thru His Word, people, circumstances, etc.	<u>Emotion</u> - be honest, what are you feeling? <u>Expectation</u> - what did you want to happen? <u>Evaluation</u> - give your expectations to God, forgive, confront, negotiate thru the Spirit
<b>When you feel the lemons on the inside...Or have a hard time believing a Bible truth</b>	
What is the true truth?	
Emotional lie- what you really believe	Why I believe it...
How does the emotional lie affect the way I view...	
Others...	Circumstances...
Myself...	God...
How would the true truth affect the way I view...	
Others...	Circumstances...
Myself...	God...

**GETTING TO KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT- make it personal. He's talking to you! Read this 4-5x this next week- have a short prayer experience with the Holy Spirit ☺**

I. I'M THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY

- A. I am Holy- I am part of the Trinity- Father, Son & Holy Spirit- we are one in...
  1. One in Essence- attributes- holy, loving, eternal, all knowing, present & wise...
  2. One in Unity- support, submit, do everything together- vs pagan gods- fight each other
  3. One in Exclusivity- there is no other god- versus pagan mythology- many gods
- B. I am the Spirit- I'm a real person- with thoughts, feelings, will, plans, actions. I'm just not a force, influence or cloud. Get to know me, not just use me.
- C. I do things only God can do- creation, inspiration, incarnation, resurrection, salvation...
- D. I give you freewill- I can be resisted, quenched, grieved, insulted, lied to, disobeyed, blasphemed. So, treat me with the honor, respect and obedience that you'd give the Father and the Son.

II. LOOK AT ALL MY NAMES & SYMBOLS- because I want you to know me, call me by name, know what I am like

A. My names- and feel free to call me more when I show myself to you

Titles	Descriptions Adjectives of the Spirit	Realms of the Spirit
Advocate Breath of Almighty Comforter Friend Helper Power of the Highest	Eternal Spirit Free Spirit Good Spirit Holy Spirit Sevenfold Spirit The Spirit- used most often	Spirit of adoption, burning, Christ, Son, Father, God, Lord, Lord God Spirit of counsel, faith, fear of the Lord, glory, grace, holiness Spirit of judgement, knowledge, life, might, promise, prophecy Spirit of revelation, truth, wisdom

B. My symbols- so you can know what I'm like, and I'm so much better...

1. Animal- dove- gentle, peaceful, loyal, close, hovering, nurturing
2. Mineral
  - Oil- healing, soothing, moistening, empowering, sealing, anointing- priest, prophet, king
  - Water- thirst quenching, life giving, cleansing, refreshing, necessary- pour, baptize, fill, fall
  - Air- invisible, powerful, mysterious, precious, cleansing- come upon
3. Forces of nature-
  - Wind- powerful, mysterious, uncontrollable