

Why the Holy Spirit May Feel Far Away

The Ongoing Work of the Holy Spirit Season 1

Core Message: The Holy Spirit is actively working in believers to reveal the fullness, beauty, and true character of Jesus. He proceeds from the father and the Son into our souls, our minds, our hearts, even our bodies to testify of Jesus and bear witness as to who Jesus is. The Holy Spirit helps remove distorted thoughts that cause us to view Yeshua as condemning, distant, or angry. He also comforts us in spiritual warfare and helps us receive The Father's love more deeply. The spirit life, the life of God himself is a living, active spirit that's above every life form because He's the creator of all life and He's in his children strengthening us. Being that The Holy Spirit lives within us, we can receive divine strength that circumstances, possessions, relationships, and worldly solutions cannot provide. Lasting joy and wholeness come as we depend on the Holy Spirit to strengthen us from the inside out.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (John 15:26)** "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me."
- **(Acts 9:31)** "So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase."
- **(Ephesians 3:16)** "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man."
- **(1 John 4:4)** "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."
- **(John 14:18)** "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."
- **(1Corin 6:20)** For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Reflection Questions:

1. Are there thoughts, fears, or assumptions that may be preventing you from seeing Jesus as He truly is?

2. What makes it difficult for you to open your heart and receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit?

3. What worldly things are you tempted to depend on for happiness, security, or relief from pain?

4. How would your daily life change if you consciously depended on the Holy Spirit to strengthen you from within?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Set aside ten quiet minutes each day this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus more fully, receive His comfort, and strengthen your inner person. Write down any truth, Scripture, or encouragement He brings to your heart. (Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- Holy Spirit, remove every false belief that keeps me from seeing Jesus clearly.
- Help me open my heart and fully receive Your love and comfort.
- Strengthen me from the inside out so that I will depend on You rather than the things of this world.

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27
(NASB 95’)