



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

John 15: 26-16: 4

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me.

And you also testify,

because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have told you this so that you may not fall away.

They will expel you from the synagogues;

in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God.

They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me.

I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus knew while speaking at the Last Supper that rough times were ahead for His disciples. He knew that there would be times after He had returned to the right hand of the Father when they would feel abandoned. That's why He promised to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to remain with them, and you know what?? Even in the midst of horrific persecution, the Church that He founded grew like wildfire and spread "to the ends of the earth"(Acts 1:8).

Food for your Journey

To assist with the challenge of obedient love, Jesus promises his disciples “the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name” (John 14:26). But how does it help?

“One of the most important aircraft of WWII was the P-38 Lightning. It was used for a variety of missions and was even exported to the UK for use by the RAF. But the RAF never got the performance out of the plane that the Americans did. You see, we left off the top-secret General Electric turbo-supercharger from the engines that we sent to our allies. The RAF version of the P-38 couldn’t do what the American version could BECAUSE IT DID NOT HAVE A SUPERCHARGER.

“The Holy Spirit is the supercharger that enables Christians to do things that folks in the world could never imagine!”

—Ben Sharpe, “Love, Obedience and the Spirit.”

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, The struggles Your Church faces these days comes less from outside and more from within. So many of those who were called to lead have become self-consumed. Pour forth Your Holy Spirit upon Your Church to give Her strength, wisdom, courage and a good cleansing so that the Church may truly function as the Body of Christ on earth. Amen