



# Daily Reflections

**May 29, 2019**

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## Scripture

### **John 16: 12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.

But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,  
he will guide you to all truth.

He will not speak on his own,  
but he will speak what he hears,  
and will declare to you the things that are coming.

He will glorify me,  
because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.  
Everything that the Father has is mine;  
for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine  
and declare it to you."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

If you examine carefully the history of the Church you will discover a miraculous journey characterized by ups and downs and sideways....and on and on. And you will always find that where the Church is truly alive, there is the Presence of Her Lord. How can this be throughout 2019 years of history? Because of the primary function of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus was to be sent to reveal the very Presence of Her Lord. That promise is alive and well this very day.

## **Food for your Journey**

The vocation of each human soul is to live out his or her unique image of God, to be Godlike in the way one's own inheritance, history and circumstances make possible. A remarkable contemporary Christian thinker, Dorothy Daldy, has described this in the phrase "creative obedience within one's own personal given." This definition happily combines the three factors that contribute to Godlikeness in each and every life: the controlling model of God's own character ("obedience"); the particular opportunities and limitations of each person's historical situation (the "personal given" or datum); and the freedom to be Godlike in one's own way and according to one's own endowments ("creative"). The concept as a whole also reflects an essential aspect of God himself; for even God must be obedient to his own inner nature and can exercise creative freedom only within the terms of cosmic reality as he has determined that. Even God is not free to do just anything. -- John Austin Baker, *The Faith of a Christian* (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 1996), 133.

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### **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear God, Pour forth Your Holy Spirit upon the Church. As a member of the Church guided by the Holy Spirit, empower me to witness to Your Son Jesus is Word and deed. Amen