



# Daily Reflections

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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

At the Last Supper table Jesus told the disciples that He was going to leave them. Not only did this make them sad, but it also left them wondering how they would carry on with His mission in His absence. In today's Gospel reading He assures them He will not leave them without hope and direction. The Holy Spirit would be sent and would remain with them at all times. The Holy Spirit, would teach them, remind them and help them live the way of

Jesus. For that reason, the early Church, even in the face of horrible persecution, would spread like wild fire to "the ends of the earth."

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## **Food for your Journey**

I can remember, years ago, when I was growing up, our family took a little vacation to Gettysburg. We stopped by the visitor's center, and my dad went to look for a map of the battlefield. He came out, saying, "Here's a map, but there's something even better. They tell me in there we can hire a guide to drive around with us and show us the battlefield."

"Can we afford it?" Mom wanted to know.

"I think we can," said Dad. "It's not as expensive as you think."

So, that's what we did. A man came out and sat in the front passenger seat of our car. Mom climbed into the back seat with us, and we set off, driving across the battlefield. Our guide told my father exactly where to turn. When he said "Stop here," we did, and he pointed out some monument or another and told us a story about it.

Then he said, "See that hill over there? That's Little Round Top. Let me tell you what it was like to be a Union soldier that day, trying to hold that piece of ground." He pulled a rusty metal ball out of his pocket, about the size of a marble. "Do you know what this is? It's a minie ball. It's what those soldiers loaded into their rifles, along with a charge of powder. It's real, it was dug up here on the battlefield. Do you want to hold it?"

And then he said, "See that monument over there? That's where Pickett's Charge ended. They call that spot 'The high-water-mark of the Confederacy.'"

It was a glorious afternoon. I remember it to this day. We didn't need a battlefield map. We didn't even need to know where we were going. We had a guide.

Those early Christians did, too. They knew they weren't traveling alone. They knew the Holy Spirit was going with them.

--Carlos Wilton.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear God, Pour forth the gift of Your Holy Spirit fresh and new upon Your holy people. Teach us the way of Your Son Jesus and help us to live His way faithfully despite the cost. Amen