

## THE COUNSEL AND COMPANIONSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (10/09/05)

John 14:15-26

**INTRO:** *Movement*-You remember in John 15:9 which we have studied, that Jesus said “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you, continue ye in my love.” Now we see the love of the Father for Christ is what flows into our lives, and the “continue” part is a command that begins at this very moment. It is as if Jesus is saying STAY!! Don’t move out of this flow because that is what will keep your life moving in this pattern of love. *Residence*- Then in John 14:21-23, Jesus states that keeping His commandments (authoritative-precepts) will result in Him setting up house in our lives. That is what I want to look at with you today.

### LOVE... THE RESIDENT COUNSELOR:

**In John 14:16** Jesus says He would “pray” the Father. This is an interesting word. Not the “pray” of the Lord’s prayer, but of a different kind. This word is literally interrogate, urge, request. It is almost a legal term. Why? The context helps us to understand. What is Jesus praying for? He is praying for a Counselor or Helper. Now helper or friend is a little weaker translation here. Counselor grabs the meaning strongly. This is not traditional counseling. This isn’t just advice. This is powerful stuff. This word is **parakletos**. Thayer Definition: 1) summoned, called to one’s side, especially called to one’s aid 1a) one who pleads another’s cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate 1b) one who pleads another’s cause with one, an intercessor 1b1) of Christ in his exaltation at God’s right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins 1c) in the widest sense, a helper, succourer, aider, assistant 1c1) of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom. Wow!! Do you hear what Jesus is requesting for me? An entire defense team and one that actually enables me to make it through anything. How? BECAUSE MY LAWYER IS BEING APPOINTED BY THE JUDGE!! I CAN’T LOSE! GOD IS THE JUDGE, AND JESUS IS ASKING HIM TO GIVE ME A LAWYER. AMAZING!! This lawyer is not hard to locate, or get return calls from. In fact, This lawyer is setting up residence in me. He’s changing His address, He’s relocating from being nearby to being IN ME!! AND HE’S STAYING FOREVER. IT’S NOT A TEMPORARY MOVE, it’s a permanent thing.

In John 14:17, it even gets more amazing. He is the Spirit of truth. That Greek word is one of my wife’s favorites. It is “pneuma.” My lawyer is fresh wind, He is the breath, the blast, the breeze, the vital principle, the mental disposition that I need. I didn’t make that up. That is all directly or be implication the meaning of this simple word in the original language... AND this fresh wind is Truth, objective, factual, timeless truth of the Judge Himself. The “world” cannot, is unable to grab hold of this truth because it does not know (ginosko- have relationship with) the Lawyer or the Judge. Ahhhh.. But I KNOW (ginosko) both. I have know him because He was always with me before, but now He is not just with me, He has moved in and is living in my house. Jesus indicates that I do not have to be without the highest counsel and intercession. Why should I ever be alone in this ministry, or be relying on my own advice. In my ministry a large part is counseling. I am learning that I cannot talk about solutions unless I am really relying on the intercession and counsel of the Spirit of the Father who is one with Christ. I cannot face the hurting world and church that I face with world system thinking. I must have the heart of the Father and the counsel of God’s Holy Spirit. And I must have that in every situation.

All of this is based on John 14:15 and 23, which is the precepts and thoughts (commandments-words) of Jesus dominating my life based on the flow of the Father’s love to Jesus, Jesus to me, and me continuing

in that love by the Holy Spirit.

### LOVE-THE RESIDENT PARENT

In **John 14:18**, as if having the perfect Judge, Lawyer and resident weren't enough, He adds more to my life. Jesus says: "I will not leave you comfortless" or as an orphan. This word is *orphano, fatherless, one without parents or guardian*. It is only used twice in Scripture. Here and in James 1:27 as "fatherless." My parents have both been deceased a long time now. They have moved to a different city. They lived in SANDSTONE, but now they are resting on the ROCK. Their city is a place whose builder and maker is God. I counted on them a lot in my life. They financed me, clothed me and fed me. They prayed, interceded, wept and hunted me down when I was lost, wiped my nose, applauded my successes, carried me in defeat, bound my wounds, and gave me to Jesus. I thought they were unreplaceable, but the fact is...Jesus wasn't satisfied with my being left without them. So He stepped in and said: "I will not leave you without parents, Sam. "I'm coming down to live in you. I will never leave you, I am with you always." He wants to be the husband to the widow, the companion to the widower, the brother, the sister, the friend. Do you know what He says to His disciples? **In John 15:15**, Jesus says I'm not calling you a servant anymore. I used to, but I'm letting you into the inner circle of the Father and Me. The word for servant was the same word as slave. Not a bondage slave but a freed slave in Christ. Yet, Jesus said the slave isn't in on the Master's business... BUT I'm letting you in on all things the Father is showing and telling me, so from now on we are REALLY friends.

### THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER

We as a family have had much easier weeks than this one. In fact, this has been one of the more difficult ones. Yet, I have found in Him, all of the answers. But far more than that I found again that He is the answer. I need a counselor in my life. Advice is not enough. I found myself running, representing my own case. Didn't do anything all that bad, but I needed to repent. To sit down with my Legal Representative. I had to give the case back to Him. I worked for Him (I thought) for almost a week. Then we just sat and talked one morning. I said to Him: *"I need your counsel and I really need your friendship. I don't need a counselor that just tells me how to do it. I have learned that I can't. I don't need one that gives me a legal kit on how to represent myself. I need a counselor that has absolute authority before the Judge. In fact, one who is related to the Judge and appointed by the Judge. On top of that I need a counselor that will represent me perfectly and then, tear up my bill."*

JESUS IS MY COUNSELOR!!

I need something else. I need to not be left alone after the battle is over. I need a counselor that is actually a close friend. One that would even move in with me and stay. One that let's me in on everything I need to know. I need counsel, but man do I need comfort in this trip. The road gets rough sometimes. Even when you know the outcome. I can't believe it, but all of this is available in one counselor, and that counselor is: "THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH," .. I CAN FEEL A STRANGE BREEZE IN THE AIR, IT'S BUILDING INTO A WIND, AND IT IS A WIND THAT SETS ME FREE, FOR IT CARRIES THE TRUTH.

JESUS IS MY FRESH WIND, AND MY FRIEND!!