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## - CHAPTER 3 -

### The Ruach HaKodesh / Spirit of Truth

**I am so grateful for the ministry of the Ruach HaKodesh in my life. I also greatly enjoy teaching others about the vitally important role He plays in everything we do.**

Let's begin by looking at what Yeshua (Jesus) tells us in John 16:13: *But when He, the Ruach/Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father, the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future].*

I love this! Hashem (God) knows we need help walking out the good plan He has for our lives, so He has given us His Ruach HaKodesh (Spirit of Truth), to live in us and give us His instructions. The Ruach HaKodesh is *in* us and *with* us all the time, leading us in the right direction.

The Ruach HaKodesh knows the counsel of Hashem (God), He knows the mind of Hashem (God). And because He lives in us, 1 Corinthians 2:16 (AMPC) says, *We have the mind of Yeshua (Jesus the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.*

A little bit earlier in John chapter 16, in verse 7, Yeshua (Jesus) told the disciples that it was

actually *better* for Him to go away because then the Ruach HaKodesh would come. You see, Yeshua (Jesus) could only be in one place at one time. However, the Ruach HaKodesh can be *everywhere, all the time*. He can individually lead and guide each one of us at the same time!

Let's look at this verse in its entirety. Yeshua (Jesus) says:

*But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counselor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Ruach HaKodesh) to you [to be in close fellowship with you].*

Yeshua (Jesus) spent three entire years with His disciples, and during this time He taught them many things. But His leaving didn't mean their fellowship with Hashem and the teaching they received from Him would end. Quite the opposite! Yeshua (Jesus) promised to send the Ruach HaKodesh, Who would help guide and direct them in an even more personal way.

In what ways does the Ruach HaKodesh (Jesus) help and guide us? In this verse, Yeshua (Jesus) uses several different words to describe the incredible work of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit): **Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener and Standby**. Let's look at what a few of these mean.

## **HE IS OUR COUNSELOR**

Did you know the Ruach HaKodesh (Spirit of Truth) wants to counsel you? In fact, He is available at every moment to offer guidance for anything that concerns your life.

Over the years, I've been continually amazed at what happens when I ask the Ruach HaKodesh for help and answers to my problems. I'll give you a practical example.

I was recently having episodes of feeling really weak and tired. As I sought the Lord about it, He showed me I wasn't eating often enough and my blood sugar was dipping too low. As a result, I adjusted my diet and everything went back to normal! When I later went to the doctor, he confirmed this was the problem.

I can give you example after example of how the Ruach HaKodesh (Spirit of Truth) has counseled and directed me, how He has shown me things and uncovered answers that have made a dramatic impact in my life.

I believe we often spin our wheels looking for solutions when the Lord has our answers all along. The Ruach HaKodesh (Spirit of Truth) is our Counselor, and as we seek Him, He can reveal in a few moments things we could never discover on our own.

## **GOOD HELP *ISN'T* HARD TO FIND**

The Ruach HaKodesh (Spirit of Truth) is our "Helper,"

and as I've discussed, He wants to help us with *every little detail* of our lives.

Maybe you are like I was. For years, I felt like it was okay to bring my “serious problems” to Hashem (God), but I didn't want to bother Him with the smaller things. The truth is, the Ruach HaKodesh (God) is concerned about everything that concerns you, whether it's a “serious” matter like a relationship issue, or something as simple as fixing your hair in the morning.

We should certainly respect and show reverence for Hashem (God); however, it's important to remember that He is our friend. I encourage you to talk to the Ruach HaKodesh (Spirit of Truth) throughout the day, asking for His help and direction with anything and everything. The more you practice doing this, the easier and more natural it will become.

It's very common for me now to talk to the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) as I go about my day. I'll say things like, “Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), I really need Your help and direction as I sit down to study for this message. Show me what You want me to tell the people at my next conference.”

Or if I'm meeting a friend for coffee, I may say, “Lord, I just want to acknowledge You with this time. Ruach HaKodesh (Spirit of Truth), please help us to have a good conversation. Help me to be a good friend and a good listener.”

There are times when we don't even know how to pray, and that's okay. It may sound simple, but "Help me!" has become one of my favorite prayers to pray. And the more we acknowledge the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) and *ask* for help, the more we'll discover His presence and ability in everything we do.

### **HE IS OUR "STANDBY"**

What does it mean to have the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) as our Standby? Years ago, Hashem (God) gave me a terrific example. He said to think of it this way: If you've ever been on "standby" for an airplane, you simply wait nearby until an opening is available, then you take that opportunity.

In the same way, the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) is standing by, just waiting for an opening in our lives, waiting for us to ask for His counsel, guidance, and help.

Friends, I want you to know that Hashem (God) has you covered. I think many of us have a mindset that says, *Oh, I don't want to bother Hashem (God) with that.* But the truth is this: The One who knows you the best is the One who desires to help you the most.

And He is with you everywhere you go.