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Where This Book Began

For two and a half years, my wife and I read the Bible together every day. Not quickly, and not to check off a duty — just a portion each morning, the way you take daily bread. We were two ordinary people who wanted to know the Lord better.

Then came a morning in July — the seventh of July — when our reading was in the first chapter of John. We had read the words before:

"The Word became flesh and lived among us." — John 1:14

But that morning, the words stopped being only words on a page. The Holy Spirit caught me. I cannot fully explain it, and I will not pretend to. I only know that the One we had been reading about all those mornings was suddenly near, and real, and speaking — and that reading the Bible has never been the same since.

That morning started everything. Out of it grew a daily reading journey for anyone who wants to come along: 365 days through the whole Bible, looking for one Person on every page. It all points to Jesus.

But I will be honest with you, the way I have to be honest with myself: even after that morning, I still said, "I have always been curious, but I can't understand the Holy Spirit." I knew He had caught me. I did not really know who He was.

This book is the search that followed. Not my answers — the Bible's. We are going to walk from the first page of Scripture to the last and watch for Him: where He appears, what He does, and what He is like. And by the end, we will see that He has one great work He loves above all others.

He points to Jesus.

Come and see.

A Word Before We Begin

Many people open this book saying: "I have always been curious about the Holy Spirit, but I can't understand Him."

This little book starts right there. You do not have to figure the Holy Spirit out. Jesus promised that the Spirit Himself would be our Teacher. So we will not begin with hard words and big ideas. We will begin with the Bible, and walk through it slowly, from the first page to the last, and meet Him as He comes.

One thing you will notice as we walk: the Holy Spirit never points to Himself. He points to Jesus. That is His work, and it is the name of this book — and of this whole ministry. *It all points to Jesus.*

Read one chapter at a time. Read the verses out loud if you can. And let the Teacher teach.

Chapter 1 — The Spirit at the Very Beginning

Genesis 1:2 · Genesis 2:7

The Holy Spirit is not a new idea that shows up late in the Bible. He is there before the first light, before the first day, before anything was made.

The Bible's second verse says:

"The earth was formless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep and God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters." — Genesis 1:2

Before God spoke a single word of creation, His Spirit was already there — hovering, like a bird over its nest, close and caring, ready for life to begin. The Spirit of God is not distant. From the very first page, He is *near* what God is making.

Then God made man. He formed him from the dust of the ground — dust is not alive. What made the man alive?

"The LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." — Genesis 2:7

God breathed, and dust became a living person. The word for "breath" in the Bible's first language is the same word used for "Spirit." God's breath is God's Spirit, and God's Spirit is life itself. Every living person who has ever drawn breath is living proof: life does not come from dust. Life comes from God.

So here is the first true thing to know about the Holy Spirit: **He is the Giver of life, and He has been near to us from the very beginning.** You have never lived one day without His nearness. Before you knew His name, He was there — hovering over your life the way He hovered over the waters, ready for the moment God would say, "Let there be light," in you.

He points to Jesus: The Spirit who hovered over the first creation would one day bring about a new creation. The same Spirit who breathed life into the first man would breathe new life into everyone who believes in Jesus (John 3). Creation begins with the Spirit — and so does the Christian life.

A short prayer: Holy Spirit, You were there at the beginning, and You are here now. Thank You for the breath in my body. Open my eyes as I read, and teach me who You are. Amen.

Chapter 2 — The Spirit Comes Upon His People

Judges 6:34 · 1 Samuel 16:13

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit worked in a way that may surprise you. He did not yet live inside all of God's people, the way He does today. Instead, He *came upon* certain people — for a certain task, at a certain time — and gave them strength they did not have on their own.

Consider Gideon. Gideon was not a brave man. When God called him, he was hiding, threshing wheat in a wine press where no one would see him. He was the least member of the least family in his tribe, and he knew it. Then this happened:

"But the LORD's Spirit came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered together to follow him." — Judges 6:34

The difference between hiding Gideon and leading Gideon was not courage Gideon found inside himself. The difference was that God's Spirit came on him. That is still how God works. He does not wait for strong people. He gives His Spirit, and the Spirit makes weak people able.

Or consider David. David was the youngest son, left out in the field with the sheep when the prophet Samuel came looking for a king. His brothers looked like kings. God chose the shepherd boy. Samuel anointed him with oil, and the Bible says:

"Then the LORD's Spirit came mightily on David from that day forward." — 1 Samuel 16:13

Notice those words: *from that day forward*. David's whole life — the giant, the battles, the psalms, the failures and the tears — was lived with the Spirit of God upon him. The Spirit did not make David perfect. David sinned greatly, and he suffered for it. But the Spirit never treated David as a stranger. He stayed, He convicted him when he fell, and He lifted him up again.

Here is the pattern of the Old Testament: the Spirit came upon judges and kings and prophets — some people, for a task, for a time. It was real, and it was powerful. But it was not yet for *everyone*. A farmer plowing his field, a mother rocking her child, an old woman praying alone in her house — the Spirit did not yet dwell in *them*.

God saw that. And God was not finished. What He gave to a few, He was planning to pour out on all. That promise is where we turn next.

He points to Jesus: David, the Spirit-anointed king, is a picture of a greater King to come — one anointed not with oil in a horn, but with the Spirit without measure. Every judge and king the Spirit empowered was a shadow. Jesus is the substance.

A short prayer: Lord, You have never needed strong people — You give Your Spirit to weak ones. Come upon my life today, for the tasks You have given me. Amen.

Chapter 3 — The Promise of More

Joel 2:28 · Ezekiel 36:26–27

God is a promise-keeping God, and He loves to tell His people ahead of time what He is going to do. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God looked past the days when His Spirit came only upon a few, and He promised a day beyond anything His people had yet seen.

Through the prophet Joel, God said:

"It will happen afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; and your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions." — Joel 2:28

Listen to who is included: *all flesh*. Sons **and** daughters. Old men **and** young men. Not just kings. Not just prophets. Everyone God calls. The word is "pour out" — not a drop, not a spoonful, but a pouring, like rain on dry ground. God was promising that the Spirit who came upon Gideon and David would one day be given like this — generously, widely, to ordinary people.

And through Ezekiel, God promised something even deeper. The problem with God's people was never only that they lacked strength. Their hearts had gone hard, like stone. So God promised a heart transplant:

"I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes." — Ezekiel 36:26–27

Hold on to that word *within*. In the Old Testament, the Spirit came **upon** people. In the promise, God says He will put His Spirit **within** them. Not a visit — a home. Not help from outside — life from inside. The Spirit within would do what no rule written on stone could ever do: make God's people *want* to walk in His ways, and give them the power to do it.

These promises were made to a broken, exiled, scattered people who must have wondered if God was finished with them. He was not finished. He was just getting started. The promises waited — through centuries of silence — for one Person to arrive.

When He came, everything the prophets promised began to come true. His name is Jesus, and the Spirit's story and Jesus' story are woven together from the very start of His life on earth.

He points to Jesus: The new heart Ezekiel promised is the very thing Jesus called being "born again" — born of the Spirit (John 3:5–6). And the pouring-out Joel promised did not happen until Jesus had died, risen, and gone up into heaven. The promise waited for Him.

A short prayer: Father, You promised Your Spirit to all Your people, and a new heart to everyone who believes. Thank You that Your promises never expire. Give me the heart You promised. Amen.

Chapter 4 — The Spirit and Jesus

Luke 1:35 · Matthew 3:16 · Luke 4:18

If you want to know the Holy Spirit, watch Jesus. No one has ever lived so full of the Spirit, and the Spirit has never been so clearly seen as in the life of the Son of God.

It began before Jesus was born. The angel Gabriel came to a young woman named Mary with news no one had ever heard: she would have a child, though she had never been with a man. When she asked how this could be, the angel answered:

"The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore also the holy one who is born from you will be called the Son of God." — Luke 1:35

Jesus' life on earth began by the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit who hovered over the waters at creation overshadowed Mary, and the Word became flesh. The Spirit is the One through whom God brings His Son into the world.

About thirty years later, Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. He had no sins to confess — He was baptized to stand with sinners and to begin His saving work. And as He came up out of the water, heaven itself opened:

"Jesus, when he was baptized, went up directly from the water: and behold, the heavens were opened to him. He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming on him." — Matthew 3:16

A dove. Not a flame of judgment, not a storm — a dove, the gentle bird of peace. The Spirit came upon Jesus and *stayed* on Him. This was the anointing the prophets had spoken of: God's chosen Servant, filled with God's own Spirit, beginning the work that would save the world.

Then Jesus returned to His hometown, stood up in the synagogue, opened the scroll of Isaiah, and read His own assignment out loud:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim release to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to deliver those who are crushed." — Luke 4:18

That is what the Spirit anointed Jesus to do — and notice who it is *for*: the poor, the brokenhearted, the captives, the blind, the crushed. The Spirit's work in Jesus was never for show. It was mercy, aimed at hurting people. Then Jesus closed the book and said, in effect: *this is happening today, in Me*.

Everything Jesus did from that day forward — teaching, healing, forgiving, raising the dead — He did in the power of the Holy Spirit. And here is the wonder: before He left this earth, Jesus promised that this same Spirit, the Spirit who was on Him, would be given to *us*. That promise is the next chapter.

He points to Jesus: It is the Spirit who does the pointing in this book — but in this chapter, look where He points first. At Jesus' baptism, the Spirit descended and rested on Him, marking Him out before the whole world: *this is the One*. If you follow where the Spirit rests, you will always arrive at Jesus.

A short prayer: Lord Jesus, the Spirit rested on You and never left. Thank You that He came for the poor and the brokenhearted — for people like me. Amen.

Chapter 5 — Jesus Promises the Helper

John 14:16–17, 26 · John 16:13

On the last night before the cross, Jesus sat with His friends in an upper room. He knew He was leaving them, and He knew their hearts were troubled. So He made them a promise — one of the most comforting promises in the whole Bible:

"I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever: the Spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive, for it doesn't see him and doesn't know him. You know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." — John 14:16–17

Read that slowly. *Another* Counselor — another one like Jesus Himself. The word "Counselor" can also be read as Helper, Comforter, Advocate — the One who comes alongside to help. Jesus had been all of that to His disciples for three years. Now He promised that when He went away, the Father would send Someone who would take His place beside them — not for three years, but *forever*.

And notice the change Jesus describes. Until then, the Spirit had lived *with* them. From now on, He would be *in* them. That is Ezekiel's promise, arriving at last: not the Spirit upon a few, but the Spirit within all of Jesus' people.

Then Jesus told them what the Spirit would do when He came:

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you." — John 14:26

The Spirit is a Teacher. He teaches all things — not by giving us new words beyond Jesus, but by reminding us of Jesus' words and opening them up to us. That is why a person can read the same verse for fifty years and suddenly, one morning, see something in it that changes everything. The Teacher was in the room.

And one more promise:

"However, when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak from himself; but whatever he hears, he will speak. He will declare to you things that are coming." — John 16:13

Guide you into all truth. Not drag. Not shame. Guide — like a trusted friend who knows the road, walking with you step by step. The Holy Spirit is not impatient with slow learners. He guides.

The disciples in that upper room did not yet understand any of this. They were confused and afraid. But Jesus does not make promises He does not keep. Within weeks, everything He said that night began to happen — loudly, publicly, and in a way no one could miss.

He points to Jesus: Even the Spirit's name in these verses points to Jesus: the Father sends Him *in Jesus' name*, and His teaching is *reminding us of Jesus' words*. The Helper's whole job is to keep Jesus before our eyes.

A short prayer: Jesus, thank You for not leaving us alone. Thank You for the Helper You promised — the Teacher, the Comforter, the Guide. Help me learn to listen for Him. Amen.

Chapter 6 — The Spirit Is Given

Acts 2 · Acts 9:31

Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, His followers were gathered together in Jerusalem, waiting — because He had told them to wait for the promise of the Father. They did not know what would happen, or when. Then the day of Pentecost came:

"Suddenly there came from the sky a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Tongues like fire appeared and were distributed to them, and one sat on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak." — Acts 2:2–4

Wind and fire. Sound and sight. The Spirit did not slip in quietly — He came like a flood, the way Joel said He would be *poured out*. And the first thing the Spirit did was give ordinary Galileans the ability to speak in languages they had never learned, so that visitors from every nation in Jerusalem that day heard the wonders of God in their own tongue. The Spirit's first sermon was for *everybody*.

Peter — the same Peter who had been too afraid to admit he knew Jesus just weeks before — stood up in front of the whole crowd and explained what was happening. This, he said, is what Joel promised. And this is why it could happen now:

"Being therefore exalted by the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you now see and hear." — Acts 2:33

Do you see it? The risen Jesus received the promised Spirit from the Father, and *poured Him out* on His people. Pentecost is not the Spirit acting alone. Pentecost is Jesus, alive and enthroned, keeping His upper-room promise in person.

When the crowd asked what they should do, Peter answered:

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far off, even as many as the Lord our God will call to himself." — Acts 2:38–39

To you, and to your children, and to all who are far off. If you are reading this book, you are one of the ones far off — far off in place, far off in time — and the promise still has your name on it. About three thousand people believed that day and were baptized. The church was born, and the Spirit was its life from the very first breath.

And He has never left. A few chapters later, after a time of suffering, the book of Acts sums up the church's life in one quiet sentence:

"So the assemblies throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were built up. They were multiplied, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit." — Acts 9:31

Peace. Growth. Reverence. And *the comfort of the Holy Spirit*. That is what the Spirit has been doing in the church for two thousand years — including in a small church in Pennsylvania, and including in you.

He points to Jesus: The Spirit was poured out by Jesus, preached people to Jesus, and gave them Jesus' forgiveness. Three thousand people did not go home talking about the wind and the fire. They went home baptized into Jesus' name.

A short prayer: Risen Jesus, You kept Your promise and poured out Your Spirit. The promise is for me, too — I receive it with thanks. Fill my life the way You filled that room. Amen.

Chapter 7 — The Spirit in You

Romans 8:9–11, 26 · Galatians 5:22–23

Everything so far has been leading to this: the Holy Spirit does not only come *upon* God's people, or work *around* them. For everyone who belongs to Jesus, the Spirit lives *within*. Paul says it as plainly as it can be said:

"But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, he is not his." — Romans 8:9

That means the mark of a Christian is not a perfect record. It is a Person living inside. If you belong to Jesus, His Spirit dwells in you — not as a guest who might leave when you have a bad day, but as a resident. He has moved in.

And He brings life with Him. The same Spirit who was present at Jesus' resurrection now lives in you:

"But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." — Romans 8:11

Death raised to life — that power is not far away in heaven. It dwells in you. One day it will raise your body, just as it raised Jesus'. And even now, today, it is at work making you alive inside in ways you can feel: hope where there was despair, strength where there was weakness, peace in the middle of trouble.

The Spirit also helps us in our weakest place — our prayers. Every believer knows the feeling: you kneel down and the words will not come. The grief is too big, or the need is too tangled, and all you have is a sigh. Paul says that sigh is not wasted:

"In the same way, the Spirit also helps our weaknesses, for we don't know how to pray as we ought. But the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which can't be uttered." — Romans 8:26

When you cannot pray, the Spirit prays *for* you — inside you, in words deeper than words, and the Father always understands Him. You have never prayed a lonely prayer in your life.

And day by day, quietly, the Spirit grows something in the person He lives in. Paul calls it fruit:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." — Galatians 5:22–23

Fruit is not forced; fruit *grows*. You do not have to strain to manufacture love, joy, and peace like a factory. A branch does not grunt and sweat to make an apple — it just stays connected to the tree. Stay close to Jesus, walk with His Spirit, and the fruit grows the way fruit has always grown: slowly, surely, and from the inside out.

He points to Jesus: The indwelling Spirit keeps saying, with His own presence, what Paul says in words: "You are not your own — you are *His*." And He testifies with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:16), adopted, named, and kept — all because of Jesus.

A short prayer: Holy Spirit, thank You for living in me — for praying when I have no words, and for growing Your fruit in my life. Keep me close to Jesus today. Amen.

Chapter 8 — The Spirit and the Word

2 Peter 1:21 · John 14:26

Where did the Bible come from? Christians have always answered: it came from God, through people, by the Holy Spirit. Peter explains it in one sentence:

"For no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit." — 2 Peter 1:21

Moved by the Holy Spirit — carried along by Him, the way a river carries a boat. The writers of Scripture were real people, with their own voices and their own times. Moses is not Isaiah; Luke is not Paul. But underneath all of them, one Author was carrying the whole Book toward its one subject. The Bible is not a human book about God that God happened to approve. It is God's Book, breathed out through His Spirit.

That is why this ministry exists: when ordinary people actually read this Book, it reads *them*. The Spirit who carried the writers carries the words still.

And the same Spirit who gave the Book also opens it. Remember Jesus' promise from the upper room:

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you." — John 14:26

This is the answer for every reader who has ever sat with an open Bible and thought, *I can't understand this*. Understanding the Bible was never meant to rest on your cleverness. The Teacher lives in you. His lessons are not always fast — sometimes one verse stays with you for a year — but they are never wasted. Read slowly. Read out loud. Read with a friend. And before you read, pray the simplest prayer a reader can pray: *Holy Spirit, teach me*. He has been answering that prayer since Pentecost.

There is one more thing to notice. The Spirit and the Word are never separated. The Spirit does not lead people away from Scripture, and Scripture is never alive in our hands without the Spirit. A church with the Book but no hunger for the Spirit becomes a museum. A movement with excitement but no Book becomes a wildfire. God gave us both, together: the Spirit *in* us, and the Word *before* us — each one keeping us close to the other, and both of them keeping us close to Jesus.

He points to Jesus: The Spirit breathed out a Book whose whole center is Jesus — "the Word became flesh." Every time the Teacher opens a page for you, He is doing the job He was sent to do: reminding you of Jesus.

A short prayer: Holy Spirit, You gave us this Book, and You alone can open it. Teach me as I read. Remind me of Jesus on every page. Amen.

Chapter 9 — The Spirit Points to Jesus

John 16:14

This is the heart of the book. If you remember one chapter, remember this one.

On the night before He died, Jesus described the Holy Spirit's work in a single sentence. It may be the most important sentence ever written about Him:

"He will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine and will declare it to you." — John 16:14

He will glorify me. Not Himself — *Me*, says Jesus. The Holy Spirit's great work, the work He delights in, is to glorify Jesus: to take what belongs to Jesus — His truth, His life, His forgiveness, His beauty — and declare it to us, make it real to us, press it into our hearts until we see Him as He is.

Think about a spotlight in a theater. Nobody watches a play and admires the light. The light exists to show you the actor. And yet without the light, you would sit in the dark and see nothing. The Holy Spirit is like that light. He is not trying to be looked at. He is shining — on Jesus — so that people sitting in darkness can see the Son of God and live.

This explains so much. It explains why a sermon full of the Spirit leaves you thinking about Jesus, not about the preacher. It explains why the Spirit-filled pages of Acts are full of Jesus' name and almost shy about the Spirit's own. It explains why, when the Spirit truly moves in a person, that person does not become proud of being "spiritual" — he becomes humble, and hungry for Jesus, and kind to other people. The light does not boast. The light just shines.

It also gives you a sure test. There are many voices in the world claiming to speak for the Spirit — shows, movements, strong feelings, impressive claims. Here is the test Jesus Himself gave: **Does it glorify Jesus?** Does it take what is His and declare it? Does it lead you to trust Him more, obey Him more gladly, and love His people more? Then it is the true Spirit at work. Anything that makes much of a man, or of money, or of itself — and little of Jesus — is not the Holy Spirit, whatever it calls itself. The Spirit always points to Jesus. Always.

And now you can see why this little book — and this whole ministry — carries the name it does. *It all points to Jesus* is not just a title. It is a description of the Holy Spirit's own

work in the world. When you point a friend to Jesus, when you open the Bible with your grandchildren, when you tell a lonely person that Jesus is near — you are not working alone, and you are not working against the grain of the universe. You are joining the Holy Spirit in the very thing He has been doing since Pentecost. He points to Jesus. So do we.

He points to Jesus: This chapter needs no separate section. The whole chapter is the point: the Spirit points to Jesus — in the Book He breathed, in the church He fills, and in your heart as you read this page.

A short prayer: Holy Spirit, glorify Jesus to me. Take what is His and declare it to me until I see Him clearly. And use my life to point others to Him too. Amen.

Chapter 10 — The Spirit Says "Come"

Revelation 22:17 · Luke 11:13

We began at the Bible's first page, with the Spirit hovering over the waters. Now we end at its last page — and He is there too, doing at the end what He has done all along: calling people to Jesus.

The Bible's final invitation is spoken by two voices together — the Spirit, and the bride, the church He has filled:

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' He who hears, let him say, 'Come!' He who is thirsty, let him come. He who desires, let him take the water of life freely." — Revelation 22:17

Come. If you are thirsty — thirsty for forgiveness, for peace, for a life that is not empty — the water of life is offered *freely*. No price. No record to clean up first. The last word of the Spirit in Scripture is an open door.

And until that day, Jesus leaves us with a promise for the asking. He taught His friends to pray, and He told them what kind of Father they were praying to: if earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children,

"how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" — Luke 11:13

Read that again. Of all the good gifts a father could give, Jesus names *the Holy Spirit* as the gift the Father loves to give — to those who ask Him. Not to those who earn Him. Not to those who understand Him fully first. To those who **ask**.

So if you have read this little book and still feel what so many feel — "I can't understand the Holy Spirit" — you are in exactly the right place. Understanding was never the entrance fee. The Spirit is a gift, given by a generous Father, to people who ask. Ask Him to fill you. Ask Him to teach you. Ask Him every day, the way you ask for daily bread — because the asking is not a one-time event, any more than breathing is. The Spirit who hovered at creation, who came upon Gideon and David, who rested on Jesus, who was poured out at Pentecost, who lives in God's people and points forever to Jesus — that same Spirit is given, today, to those who ask.

The Father is not reluctant. The Son has opened the way. And the Spirit Himself is saying the word He has been saying since the world began, and will say until the world is made new:

Come.

He points to Jesus: The Spirit's last word in the Bible is an invitation to the water of life — and the water of life flows from Jesus, who said that whoever believes in Him would have rivers of living water flowing from within (John 7:38). The Spirit says "Come" — and where He brings you is Jesus.

A short prayer: Father, You promised to give Your Holy Spirit to those who ask. I ask. Fill me, teach me, and keep me close to Jesus — today, tomorrow, and for the rest of my life. Amen.

The Invitation

You have walked the whole Bible now, watching the Holy Spirit at work — and you have seen that His work is always the same: He points to Jesus.

So this book ends the way He does. *Come.*

If you have never come to Jesus, come today. He is not far away, and He is not reluctant. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." He who is thirsty, let him come — the water of life is offered freely, to anyone who desires it.

And if you already belong to Him, come closer. Read His Book with His Teacher living in you. Gather a friend around the readings, or sit with Him alone — you are never actually alone. Start with today. One day at a time, one page at a time, for the rest of your life.

And when you reach the end of the year, you simply begin again. He will meet you every time.

It all points to Jesus — today, tomorrow, and for eternity.

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