

Close Encounters Of the Christ kind

HOW AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD



Argyle Community Church Autumn 2019 Sermon Series

An encounter with Philip & Judas

John 14:15–27

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The Holy Spirit

A member of the Trinity

is God

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit... You have not lied just to human beings but to God." Acts 5:3-4



The Holy Spirit

according to John 14:15–27

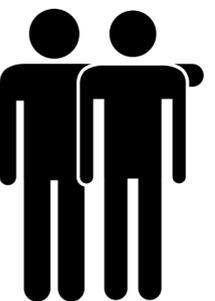
The Holy Spirit is another advocate

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:16 & 26

Παράκλητον means 'one who comes alongside' — that is, one who is called or summoned who constantly stands by your side as your helper, counsellor, comforter and friend.



The Holy Spirit helps us

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.

John 14:15—16



The Holy Spirit will be with us forever
If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the
Father, and he will give you another advocate to help
you and be with you forever.
John 14:16



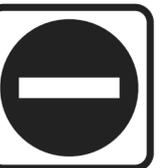
The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth
...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him,
because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you
know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
John 14:17



The world refuses the Spirit

...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.**

John 14:17



We know the Spirit

...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:17



The Spirit lives with us

...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

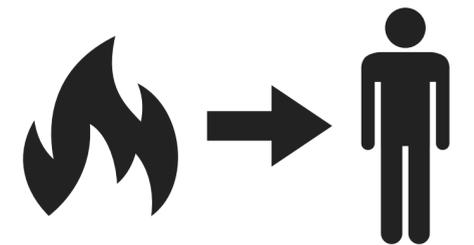
John 14:17 & 23



The Spirit is in us

...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:17



The Spirit is a person, not an influence
...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him,
because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you
know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
John 14:17



The Spirit comes to us so we are not orphans

I will not leave you as orphans; **I will come to you.**

John 14:18



The Spirit will teach us all things

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26



The Spirit will remind us of Jesus' teachings

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26





**A crucial
point
in the sermon**

**How does the Holy Spirit
become real in our lives?**



So I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:18

Since we live by the Spirit, let us **keep in step with the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:25

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.**

Ephesians 5:18

And **pray in the Spirit** on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

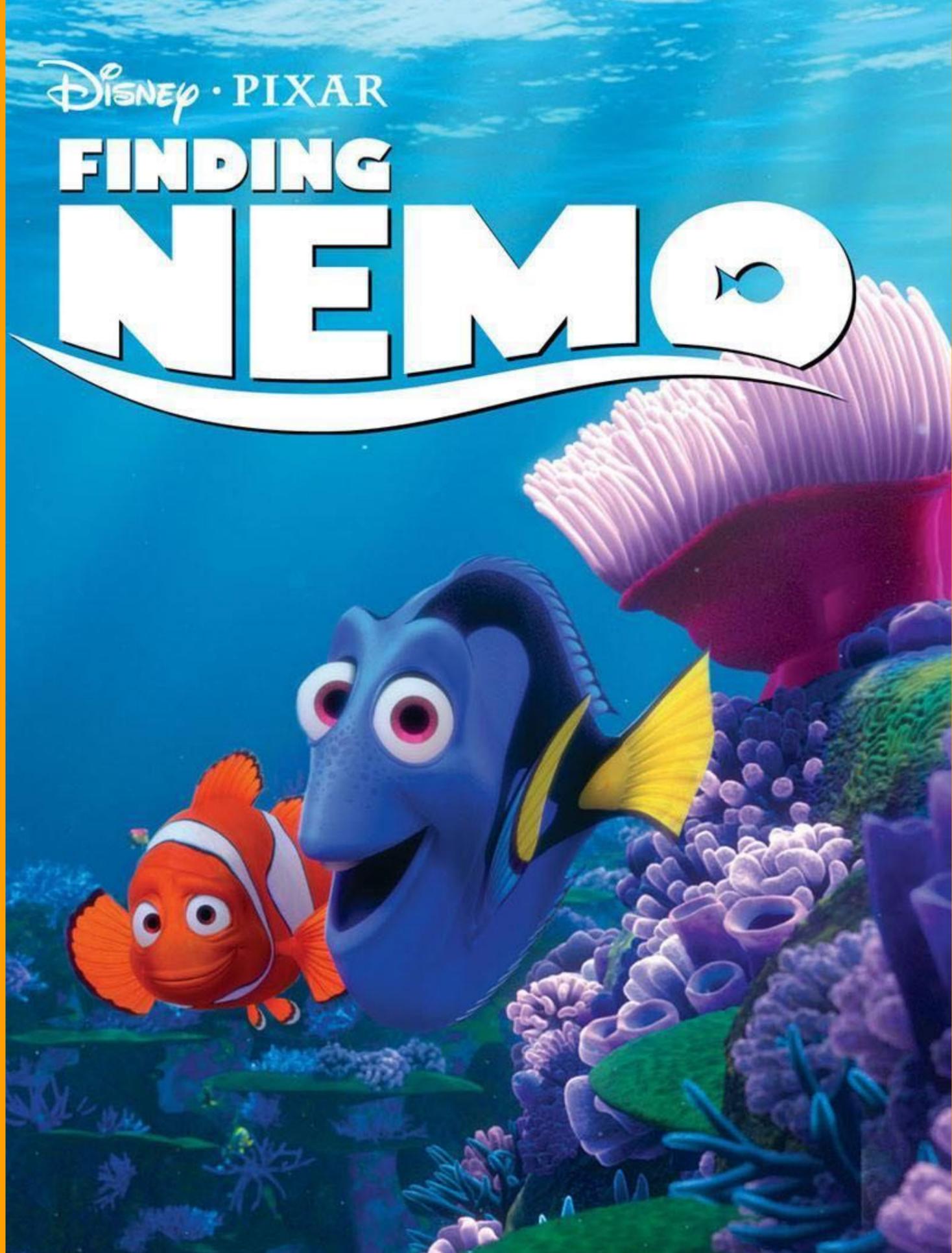
Ephesians 6:18



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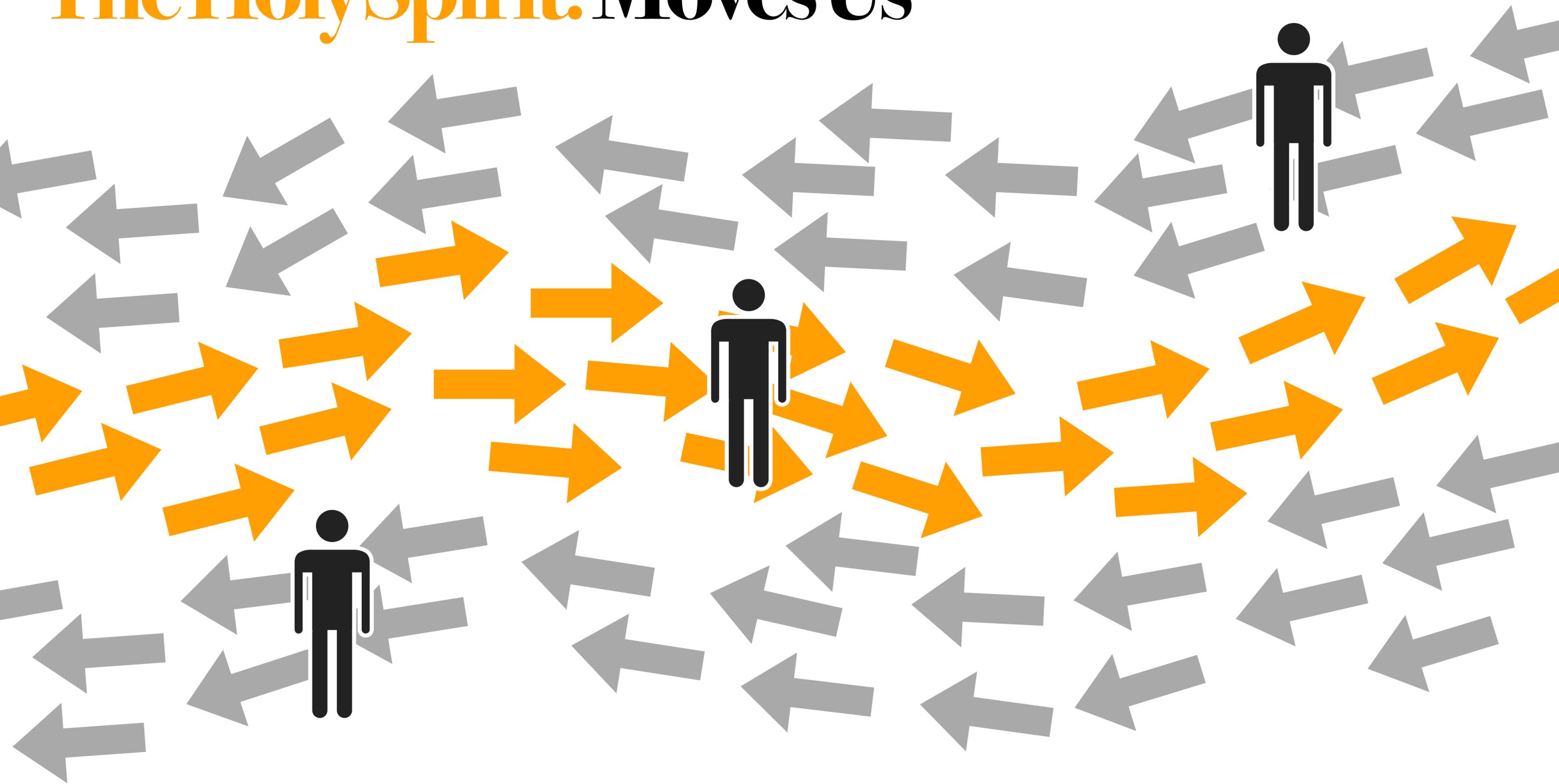
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The Holy Spirit: Moves Us



A question of reliance

Is God asking you to be less reliant on yourself and to rely more on the Spirit?

Orphans

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Jn. 14:18

Tends toward an “I can do it myself!” attitude. Strong-willed, driven.

Unbelieving effort. Relies only on gifts to get by in ministry. Stressed.

Tends to be ungrateful. Complaining, bitter, critical. Tears down others.

Relatively prayerless. Prayer is a last resort. Prays sometimes in public, seldom in private.

Worried, anxious. Feels no power. “It’s all up to me. I can’t do this!”

Life with The Spirit

The Father... will give you another advocate to help you. Jn. 14:16

“I can do it—because the Spirit helps me!

Trusting less in self & more in the Spirit—a daily, conscious, reliance.

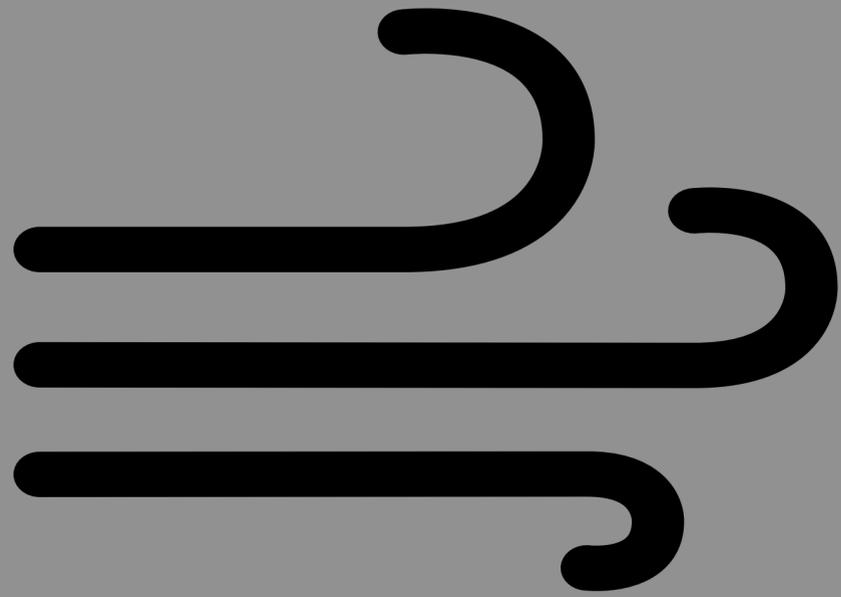
Depends on Spirit to guide tongue. Praises, edifies, gives thanks, encourages.

Prayer a vital part of the day, not confined to a quiet-time. Loves to pray in the Spirit to the Father.

“I’ve got this—because my advocate is by my side as my helper, counsellor, comforter, friend.

Consciously Dependant
On The Holy Spirit

Consciously depending on the Spirit involves an element of risk



**With the Spirit
we can**

Live strong

Live free

Live confident



Consciously Dependent as a church

Tradition

The past

Preference

Style

Comfort



Opening ourselves to the Spirit

Will cause us to grow closer closer to Jesus
and our Father

