

## Staying Connected to the Story

One Big Story – Part 8

Ephesians 1:11-12

*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth...” John 14:16-17 (NLT)*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...” Acts 1:8 (NLT)*

### Practical Provisions of the Holy Spirit

#### 1) **God’s perspective and guidance**

*“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.” John 16:13 (NLT)*

#### 2) **The power to live a holy life**

*“Those who live following their sinful selves think only about things that their sinful selves want. But those who live following the Spirit are thinking about the things the Spirit wants them to do.” Romans 8:5 (NCV)*

*“Live freely, animated and motivated by God’s Spirit. Then you won’t feed the compulsions of selfishness.” Galatians 5:16 (Msg.)*

#### 3) **The ability to make a lasting difference**

*“... God works in all of us in everything we do. Something from the Spirit can be seen in each person, for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:6-7 (NCV)*

### How to Maintain My Connection

#### **Stay thirsty**

*(John 7:37-39)*

#### **Be willing to repent**

*(Jeremiah 2:13)*

#### **Take your next step of faith**

*(Romans 15:13)*

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Gal. 5:22-23 (NIV)*