

## **RCMI L-Path Teaching**

### **January 8, 2023**

January Series: **Spirit Lead Me**  
Title: **Demonstrated Love**

In our text, Jesus continues His explanation of how we can do greater works than He did. In addition to prayer, He gives us three more essential truths about His demonstrated love through the Holy Spirit.

Text: **John 14:15-26**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> 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 <sup>18</sup> in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

<sup>22</sup> Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> 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.

### **The Truth of the Demonstrated Love:**

#### **1. His Person (vv. 16a, 18)**

##### **a. His Title: Comforter - “paraklete”**

The Greek word is a compound word meaning literally, “to call alongside.” In extra-biblical Greek, it refers to an attorney who was called alongside the accused to defend his case.

##### **b. His Personality: Another - “allos” - Literally “another of the same kind and quality.”**

The New Testament teaches that the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force, but rather a divine person.

##### **c. His Ability - v. 17**

<sup>17</sup> 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<sup>[c]</sup> in you.**

## **2. His Permanence (v. 16b)**

...and he will give you another advocate to help you and **be with you forever.**

## **3. His Purpose (vv. 17, 21, 26)**

### **a. To Indwell - v. 17**

<sup>17</sup> 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<sup>[c]</sup> in you.

### **b. To Invest - v. 21**

<sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and **I too will love them and show myself to them.**"

Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.

### **c. To Instruct and To Inspire - v. 2**

<sup>26</sup> 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.**

## **For Discussion:**

1. Based on what you have learned today, can you share how God demonstrated His love to you, and what is the role of the Holy Spirit in that demonstrated love?
2. How can you apply the truth about the Holy Spirit in your life?
3. Cite some ways how you can deepen your relationship and obedience to the Holy Spirit this 2023.