



February 1, 2026
A Few Last Words Before I Go
The Helper
John 14:25-31

1. **Sermon Outline:**

- a. The Helper Is Why You Can Trust Scripture
- b. The Helper Is How You Can Understand and Apply Scripture
 - i. What Jesus says applies to all believers
 - ii. Don't waste the Helper!
- c. The Helper Is How You Can Have Supernatural Peace In a Badly Broken World
 - i. Jesus gifts His followers with divine peace
 - ii. This IS the Fruit of the Spirit

2. **Sunday Afternoon** – As soon as possible after the sermon, consider:

- a. What stood out to you the most in this sermon?
- b. What new truth did you learn, or what truth were you reminded of?
- c. Is there a particular Scripture passage you feel God is leading you to meditate on or commit to memory?
- d. What is one thing God is leading you to do after hearing this message?
- e. Did God convict you of a need to make any changes in your life and walk with Him?

3. **Monday:**

- a. Remember, as Brian continues this series, “A few last words before I go”, each week’s focal passage continues and builds on what Jesus has said earlier in His discourse. Therefore, it will be helpful to remind ourselves of the context from the preceding verse, so read John 14:1-31 today.
 - i. How does the opening sentence set the tone for what Jesus is saying to His disciples?
 - ii. What are the main themes or topics that Jesus spoke about in this chapter?
 - iii. What do the three questions/comments injected by disciples (verses 5, 8, and 22) suggest about their understanding/comprehension of what Jesus was telling them?
- b. Now reread John 14:25-31, the focal passage for this week.
 - i. How do these verses relate to and provide answers to the questions above?
 - ii. What major truths does Jesus teach in these seven verses?
 - iii. What single truth or verse strikes you as most important in your life?

4. **Tuesday:**

- a. Read and meditate on John 14:25-26.
- b. What is implied by Jesus' statement in verse 25? Why do you think Jesus keeps reminding the disciples what is going to happen in the coming days (see John 13:33, 14:2-4, 18-19)?

- c. What does Jesus now reveal about the identity of the Helper (Advocate, Comforter) He promised in verse 16?
- i. What two things does Jesus say the Helper will do for the disciples?
 - ii. How does the second thing (verse 26b) show that, in some sense, this promise is given specifically to the disciples who were with Him as He spoke?
 1. Why can the Holy Spirit not remind us of everything Jesus spoke to the disciples?
 2. John makes a point of demonstrating this function of the Holy Spirit in his Gospel. Read John 2:17, 22, 12:16, 15:20, and 16:4. What fact/teaching did the disciples remember or did Jesus tell them they would remember?
 3. Since we were not there to hear them, we can't remember all the words Jesus spoke, but what can the Holy Spirit cause us to remember (see Matthew 10:19-20)?
 - iii. How did Paul describe the work of the Holy Spirit to "teach all things" in 1 Corinthians 2:11-13? How was this working of the Holy Spirit demonstrated in Peter's life when he was led to present the Gospel to Cornelius' household (see Acts 10:1-11:18, especially 11:12)?
 - iv. What did Paul credit the Holy Spirit with accomplishing in 2 Timothy 3:16 and Peter confirm in 2 Peter 1:21?
 1. Why were both activities of the Holy Spirit that Jesus identified in John 14:26 necessary for the writing of the books we now have in our Bible?
 2. Which books depend most heavily on the Holy Spirit bringing Jesus' sayings to mind? Which are most dependent upon the Holy Spirit's teaching?

5. *Wednesday:*

- a. Read and meditate on John 14:25-26 again today.
- b. How does the first half of verse 26 demonstrate the reality and the work of the Trinity?
 - i. The question "Who sent the Holy Spirit?" has long been debated in the church and is one of the major causes of the division between the Eastern and Western branches of the church. As you read verse 26 and also John 14:16, 15:26, and 16:7, how would you answer the question?
 - ii. While all analogies fail at some level, assume that you just flew from San Francisco to DC with a plane change in Denver. As you exit the jet bridge in DC, someone asks, "Where did you just come from?" What would be the correct answer (SF or Denver)? How might this analogy clarify the question of who sent the Holy Spirit?
- c. What is the significance of the fact that Jesus says the Holy Spirit will be sent "in my name"?
 - i. Jesus came representing (showing us) the Father. Who does the Spirit represent?
 - ii. How does knowing that the Holy Spirit is sent "in Jesus name" help us understand the link Jesus makes to His departure and the sending of the Holy Spirit in John 16:7?
 - iii. Since the Holy Spirit is sent "in Jesus' name," what authority does He have (see Matthew 28:18)?

6. *Thursday:*

- a. Read John 14:25-27 and Galatians 5:22-23.
- b. Peace, Shalom, was a common greeting and farewell in Jesus' day (see John 20:19, 21, & 26), but why is it clear that Jesus has much more in mind in verse 27 than a greeting?
 - i. What is the source of the peace Jesus gives – how do we access it?
 - ii. What does the world consider to be “peace”? What does the Bible tell us true “peace” is (see Romans 5:1, 14:17, Ephesians 2:14-18, Colossians 1:20-22)?
- c. How does Matthew 10:34-36 show that the peace Jesus promises in John 14:27 is not peace as the world would define it?
 - i. By considering both passages (and others like Luke 9:23-24) what might we say about what our life may be like as we enjoy the “peace” Jesus promises?
 - ii. How does Paul demonstrate this truth in Philippians 4:11-13?
- d. What do you consider to be the difference between fear and having a troubled heart?
 - i. What does Jesus suggest about both in Matthew 6:25-34 and 10:26-31?
 - ii. What does Paul teach about the Holy Spirit and fear in Romans 8:14-15 and 2 Timothy 1:6-7?
 - iii. What does John teach about the Holy Spirit and fear in 1 John 4:15-18?
 - iv. Combining all of these teachings, what can we say about how we should live when we are responding to the leading of the Holy Spirit?

7. *Friday:*

- a. Read and meditate on John 14: 28-29.
- b. Jesus has given a practical reason (the gift of the Holy Spirit) that His disciples should not be troubled (sad) that He is leaving. What is the even more important reason He gives in verse 28 that should actually cause them to be glad about His departure?
- c. Verse 28b can be controversial and lead to a wrong view of Jesus if not understood correctly.
 - i. Read John 1:1-18, 5:16-18, 10:30, 14:10-11, and 20:28. What do these passages clearly teach about the relationship of the Father and the Son?
 - ii. Now read John 4:34, 5:19–30, 6:38-39, 8:28-29, 10:32 & 37, 12:48–49, 14:31, and 17:4. What do these verses show us about what Jesus knew His mission to be?
 - iii. After reading these two sets of verses, how do you think Jesus would explain what He meant when He said “the Father is greater than I”?
 - iv. Why is it important (critical) that there be no question in our minds that Jesus IS both fully God and fully man?
- d. Compare verse 29 with John 13:19. What is it that Jesus expects His disciples to believe? Why would this sign be particularly important to a Jew in Jesus' day (see Deuteronomy 18:21-22, 1 Kings 22:28, Jeremiah 28:9, and Ezekiel 33:33)?

8. *Saturday:*

- a. Read the entire focal passage, John 14:25-31, one more time.

- b. Who is the “ruler of this world” (see John 12:31 and 16:11)? What do all three verses confirm about the outcome that Jesus will have in His conflict with the “ruler of the world”?
 - i. What do Colossians 2:13-15, Hebrews 2:14-15, and Revelation 12:10 tell us about this conflict and why Jesus’ victory is so important to us?
 - ii. What explanation does Jesus give in verse 31 for why these events were happening (compare John 17:21-23)?
- c. Close the week’s study by reading Philippians 2:5-11.

9. Application:

- a. Role of the Holy Spirit. We often become so focused on Christ and what He did for us by paying the price we could not, so that our sins could be forgiven, that we overlook or minimize the role of the Holy Spirit. In fact, all three Persons of the Trinity are equally important to our salvation. The Father planned it in eternity past, Jesus executed it through His incarnation, death, and resurrection 2000 years ago, and the Holy Spirit applies it in the life of believers today, enabling us to live a life we would otherwise be incapable of. Spend time this week meditating and praying about how you have been responding to the leading of the Holy Spirit that lives within you.
- b. Peace. When we are anxious, troubled, or fearful, we are usually saying, although probably not consciously, that we don’t trust that God, in His providence, can care for us, protect us, or enable us to do as He has commanded. What roles do anxiety and fear have in how you do or do not obey the Holy Spirit’s leading? Do fear and anxiety ever cause you to not share the Gospel with those who are lost? If so, pray that our source of power, the Holy Spirit, will strengthen you when you have such opportunities in the future.

10. **Pray:** India has more unreached people groups than any other country. This week, pray for these two that are highlighted in IMB’s *Loving the Lost through Prayer* guide:

- a. **Bairagi (Odia):** As temple priests and followers of the Hindu god Vishnu, the Bairagi (buy-RAH-jee) of India are chained to the ways, practices, and beliefs of Hinduism. Devotion to Vishnu defines their identity, which is passed from generation to generation. They rely upon meditation and strict self-denial, while also believing that they need Vishnu’s grace to achieve liberation. Found in temples across most Indian villages and cities, the Bairagi are visible yet unreached with the gospel. Without a gospel witness, they will remain bound to worshipping a false god. Ask the Lord to send a gospel witness to the Bairagi people and do the seemingly impossible in their lives — break the pride, traditions, and deception that bind them and set them free through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- b. **Purig-Pa:** The Purig-Pa are a rural people group living in the Ladakh region of India. They speak Purki and number around 55,000. Most are Sunni Muslim and live simple lives growing food to feed their families. Although some of their villages lie along tourist routes, those deeper in the region off the main road are suspicious of outsiders. There has been sporadic gospel sharing among them, but there are no known Purig-Pa followers of Jesus, and seekers are discouraged from learning more. Once, when a few boys showed interest in following Jesus, the community did not allow them to hear more or share what they heard about the gospel. Please pray for those who have heard the gospel to turn in faith, standing firm against persecution. Ask God to soften the hearts of those who are preventing the spread of the gospel. Pray for them to receive and share the truth of God’s grace and mercy.