



May 23, 2021 John 15:26-27, 16: 4b-15_ Acts 2:1-21
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ENTERING THE SCENE:

We revisit this part of John’s gospel in order to reflect on the mystery of the Trinity. Like the Möbius strip in this drawing, the Father, Son and Spirit are all part of one reality, like an endless ribbon. The early church struggled mightily as people tried to put in words their lived experience of God. Even today, theologians stumble as they attempt to explain this experiential mystery. How do you make sense of this essential element of your faith?

Jn 15: 26-27

26 “When the **Advocate** comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

Jn. 16:12-15

12 I have much more to say to you, **more than you can now bear**. 13 But when he, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, he will **guide** you into **all truth**. He will **not speak on his own**; he will **speak only what he hears**, and he will **tell you what is yet to come**. 14 He will **bring glory to me** by taking from what is **mine** and **making it known** to you. 15 All that belongs to the **Father** is **mine**. That is why I said the **Spirit** will take from what is **mine** and **make it known to you**.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: How does the Holy Spirit make known to you the will of the Father given to you by Jesus?

PRAYER: Holy Trinity, I come to you full of wonder at the profound mystery that I experience in and through your presence. At times your creative power is most obvious to me. At other times your essence is revealed most clearly in the words and deeds of Jesus. Yet all the time I rely on your wisdom to help me live into what God’s will is for me to become. Help me as I stumble along, hoping that all will be perfectly clear when I encounter you face to face. Amen.

WORD STUDY AND QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

ADVOCATE: Jesus mentions the Holy Spirit as part of His encouragement in the face of persecution. The term Advocate means “helper,” “counselor,” and “comforter.” *Can you think of a time when the Advocate was present to you in a time of trouble?*

MORE THAN YOU CAN NOW BEAR: At any given time, we can only bear to experience so much because of our inherent limits. Jesus knew very well that the disciples were not able at this time to take in all that he was giving them, but also knew that the Spirit would enable them to hear what they could bear to hear in the time to come.

Has anyone ever recognized that you were not able to hear something now? How did you know that? Were you eventually able to hear it? What made that possible? Did that person’s waiting help? How