



Who You Gonna Call? Trading Fear for the Spirit

Scripture: John 14:16-26 ·
Acts 2 · Romans 8





The Proton Pack Problem: The Helper Jesus Promised

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John 14:16-27 (NIV)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ 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^[a] in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 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."

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

23 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.

24 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.

25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 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.

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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**Another Helper. The word is about
someone who comes alongside you.**

**The Ghostbusters have a pack on the
outside. We get a Helper on the inside.**

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He promises the Helper, and right in the same breath he says, don't be afraid.

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The reason you don't have to be afraid is that you're not carrying the load alone.

The Helper is not on your back. He's right next to you, and he's inside you

Don't Cross the Streams: The Spirit Arrives on His Terms

Scripture: Acts 1:4;
Acts 2:1-4



Acts 1:4 (NIV)

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

**³ They saw what seemed to be
tongues of fire that separated and
came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of
them were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other
tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.**

**Don't Cross the Streams:
The Spirit Arrives on His Terms**

**All of them were filled with the Holy
Spirit**

**God showed up the way God shows
up.**

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Some of you are exhausted, because you've been trying to generate courage, generate faith, generate joy, generate peace, all on your own battery. You don't need to produce it. You need to receive it.

The Marshmallow Man and the Free Invoice: Living Free of Fear

Scripture: Romans 8:15, 32; Acts 2:38



Romans 8:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.^[a] And by him we cry, “Abba,^[b] Father.”

Acts 2:38 (NIV)

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

**This resurrection life you received from
God is not a timid, grave-tending life.**

It's adventurously expectant.

The Spirit does not make you a slave to fear. Fear is a slave master.

Fear says you're on your own. The Spirit says you're a child of God

Romans 8:32 (NIV)

**³² He who did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up for us all—how will
he not also, along with him,
graciously give us all things?**

The invoice.

**God paid the highest price already, he
gave up his own Son for us**

**He is not going to nickel-and-dime
you for help with your anxiety?**

The invoice.

**Holy Spirit is a gift. Not a purchase.
Not a payment plan. A gift.**

You cannot earn the Spirit.

**Challenge number one: name one fear
each morning and hand it to the
Spirit.**

**Challenge number two: pause before
you react, and ask for help first.**

Challenge number three: tell one person how the Spirit has helped you.

Our ghosts. Fear. Anxiety. Uncertainty.

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The big idea is this: stop fearing, and start relying on the Spirit.

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