# TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"The Holy Spirit"

Sunday May 27, 2012 John 14:1-3 & 15-18

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth." – John 14:16-17a

## Theory:

The Holy Spirit is <u>UNKNOWN & ABSENT</u> in many churches and lives.

## My Experience:

There is a fundamental difference between knowing <u>ABOUT</u> the

Holy Spirit and KNOWING the Holy Spirit.

#### John 14:

- The Context
- The Re-Introduction

## The Holy Spirit as "Wooer"

- The Holy Spirit loves to <u>WOO</u> people.
- The Holy Spirit loves to <u>WHOO</u>! people.
- Life with the Holy Spirit is <u>NOT BORING</u>!

## **Three Commitments:**

- Be more AVAILABLE TO THE SPIRIT.
- Learn to LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT.
- Be <u>FLEXIBLE</u>.

**For Reflection / Action:** What have you thought about the Holy Spirit in the past? How is your thinking different today? Do you pray to God the Holy Spirit? What are some ways that you might call on the Holy Spirit in your life? How can you grow in your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Do you resist the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? How can you allow the Holy Spirit to work through you? Sometimes 'good news' looks different to different people... A neighbor with a new baby? Good news might be a meal or a shopping trip for the right sized diapers. A friend who is having car trouble? Good news could be lending your car or helping get them to/from work. What about a teacher at your school? How about a friend, family member or even a stranger? How might the Holy Spirit desire to use you to minister to them? What are you waiting for?

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