Sermon Notes May 24, 2026

John 14 26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

John 15 26 “But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.

John 16 7 But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. 9 The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. 10 Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. 11 Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

John 16 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. 14 He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’

Acts 1 6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they **kept asking him**, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” 7 He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 2 1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. 5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in

Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. 7 They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, 8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

… 36 “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” 37 Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away — all who have been called by the Lord our God.” 40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” 41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

2 Corinthains 3 16 But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

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Action Steps

- If you do not know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, you need to come to the Altar and repent – receive His forgiveness by faith and ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit

- If you are still living your life for Jesus in your own strength and it is 'you focused' – you need to come and ask God to remove the veil from your heart and be filled with the Holy Spirit
- If you are ready to declare that you are more than a Christian in name but a life that has been transformed and is being transformed, I want you to join with me in making this statement of faith:

I will not sit quietly while the world aches for redemption. I belong to a Christ who sets hearts on fire and sends them out to burn.

I am a True Christian

I believe there is more than forgiveness. The Holy Spirit does not merely pardon me. He makes me new. He calls me to be holy, not as a burden to bear but as the very freedom for which I was made. Grace is not permission to remain as I am, but the power to become who God created me to be.

I am a True Christian.

I come from a people who took that freedom and rode on horseback into the wilderness frontier, who packed their belongings in coffins knowing they were never turning back. They preached in barns, schoolhouses, and open fields. They were beaten, imprisoned, and exiled to the margins. They chose to shelter the hunted as they were fleeing and opened pulpits to women when no one else would. They crossed to the other side of the tracks to minister to prostitutes, alcoholics and everyone the "respectable" church had written off. This is the Christ-haunted, kingdom-building lineage I carry.

I am a True Christian.

I am not my own. Whatever God asks of me, whether it costs me comfort, reputation or safety, I give it freely. No parish is too far, no people beyond reach. I will exhaust every means and every moment *doing all the good I can for everyone I can*. I will carry this message of hope across borders and barriers, into classrooms and clinics, offices and shop floors, city streets, and forgotten corners. I will be a living witness of the good news in the ordinary spaces and places of my world.

I am a True Christian.

I will be a folk theologian in the thick of culture, a circuit rider in frontier places, a freedom fighter wherever people are enslaved or marginalized in body or spirit. I will preach for a decision and live as proof of one.

I am a True Christian.