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### I. Remember

*"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away" (John 16:1).*

The Spirit is a Helper, like Jesus

The Spirit is the presence of Jesus – forever

The Spirit is the Teacher, like Jesus

The Spirit is the Enlightener – helping us remember, like Jesus

The Spirit will testify, like Jesus

The Spirit will convict the world concerning sin, like Jesus

### II. Tension

<sup>12</sup> ***"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now."*** <sup>13</sup> *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.* <sup>14</sup> *He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.* <sup>15</sup> *All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you (John 16:7–15).*

A. *"I still have **many things** to say to you..."*

*I glorified you on earth, **having accomplished the work that you gave me to do** (John 17:4).*

B. *"...but you **cannot bear** them now."*

*"They will put you out of the synagogues. The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God" (John 16:2).*

C. *"When the **Spirit of Truth** comes..."*

D. *"...he will **guide** you into all the **truth**..."*

*(John 17:3)*

- E. *“...for he will not **speak on his own authority...**”*
- F. *“...but whatever **he hears he will speak...**”*  
*For I **have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me** (John 17:8).*
- G. *“...and he will **declare to you the things that are to come.**”*  
*(Revelation 1:4–5) (Revelation 2:1, 8, 12, 18, 3:1, 7, 14)*  
*(Revelation 1:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22)*
- H. *“He will glorify me, for he will **take what is mine and declare it to you.**”*
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