

# Sacred Space Parting Gift

The Gospel of Matthew Series

## PREPARATION

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. <sup>24a</sup> Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. <sup>1 John 3</sup>

But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. <sup>1 John 2:5</sup>

**And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.** <sup>1 John 3:24b</sup>

## ADORATION and GRATITUDE

The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people.

**He did this so we would praise and glorify him.** <sup>Ephesians 1:14</sup>

## CONFESSION

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. <sup>Galatians 5:16</sup>

**<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.**

<sup>Psalms 51</sup>

## MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—John 14

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, obey my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. <sup>18</sup> No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."

### PRACTICE: IN SOLITUDE OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	How do I relate to this?
Respond	What is my next step of obedience?
Rest	Receive God's healing and renewal.

ANCHORING PRAYER *"Father You are in me and I am in You."*

## REVIEW OF THE HEART

- *Where have I seen the Holy Spirit working in or through me?*
- *When is obedience difficult for me?*

## WISDOM

<sup>19</sup> Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup> for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. <sup>1 Corinthians 6</sup>

"Our Lord told His disciples that love and obedience were organically united. The final test of love is obedience." A.W. Tozer

## TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

## INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church & One Another*

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. <sup>Romans 8:26</sup>

## CLOSING PRAYER

**"Father, let the Holy Spirit have full dominion over me, in my home, in my temper, in every word of my tongue, in every thought of my heart, in every feeling toward my fellow men [and women]; let the Holy Spirit have entire possession.» Amen.**

—*Absolute Surrender* by Andrew Murray

### SACRED SPACE EVERY DAY

Become still and quiet before God.  
Be filled with the Holy Spirit.  
Pray for the Sacred Space Community.  
Minister from a listening heart.