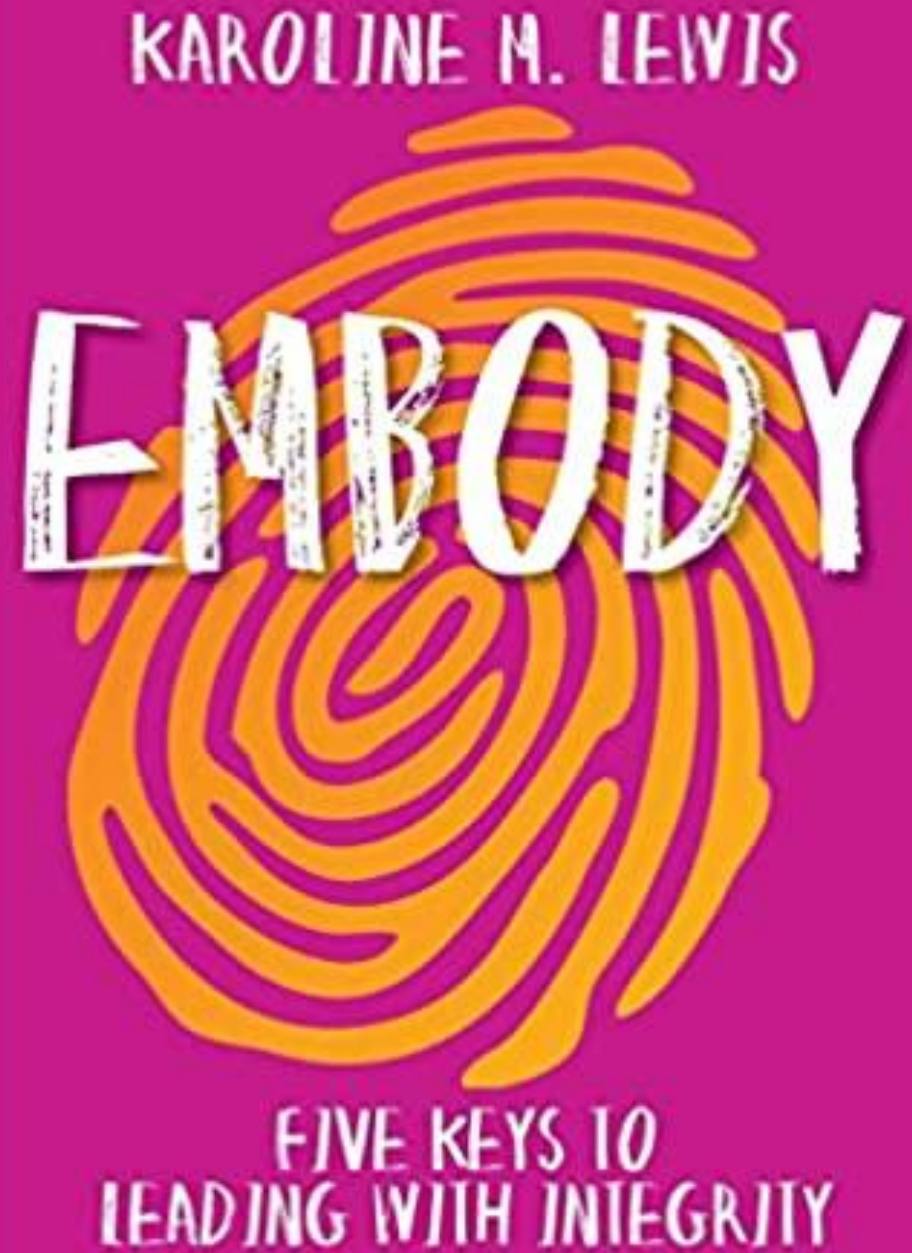


A vibrant rainbow arches across a dramatic sky, casting its colors over a lush green valley. In the foreground, a small village with several houses is nestled in a field. The background features rolling green hills and mountains, some partially shrouded in mist or low clouds. The overall scene is one of natural beauty and tranquility.

Knowing A Christian When You See One

With life as we have known it in turmoil, we share more in common with the first followers of Jesus than ever before. God showing up in Jesus turned the world upside down for those initial believers and changed the way they lived. What can they teach us about the Christian faith that might give us courage and hope in these unprecedented and unnerving days? Our study will focus on five key attributes of the faithful articulated in the Gospel of John that will encourage and empower us all.

Five Keys



Models for Christian Living

- Beatitudes
- Fruits of the Spirit



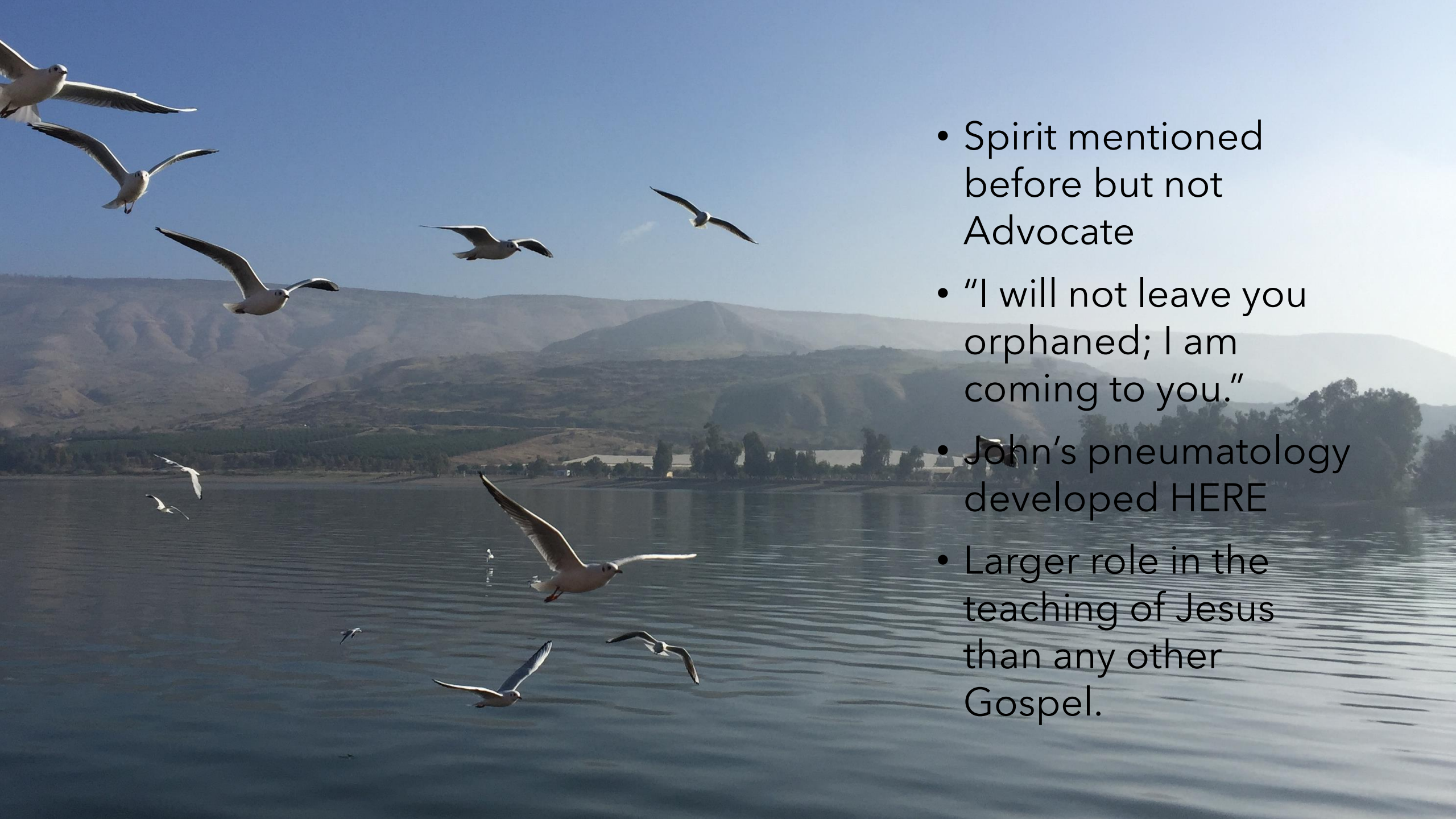
The HOLY SPIRIT



Context

John's Pneumatology





- Spirit mentioned before but not Advocate
- "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."
- John's pneumatology developed HERE
- Larger role in the teaching of Jesus than any other Gospel.

Farewell Discourse

- John 14:15-17; 25-26
- 15:26-27
- 16:7-11; 12-15
- 20:22





John 14:16

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

Five Keys

- Accompaniment
- Attentiveness
- Authenticity
- Abundance
- Advocacy



John 14:15-17

Accompaniment

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another** Advocate, to be with you forever. **17** This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

παρακλητος

παρα

summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid

1a) one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate

1b) one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor

καλεω

- Advocate
- Helper
- Comforter
- Aider
- Assistant
- Intercessor
- Companion
- Guide

John 14:25-26

Attentiveness

25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. **26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.



John 16:12-15 Attentiveness

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **14** He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **15** All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



John 15:26-27 Advocacy

26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. **27** You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16:7-11

Authenticity

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

John 20:22

Abundance

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Five Keys

- Accompaniment (mother of Jesus; 2:1-12)
- Attentiveness (Samaritan woman at the well; 4:1-42)
- Authenticity (Martha; 11:1-45)
- Abundance (Mary; 12:1-12)
- Advocacy (Mary Magdalene; 20:11-18)



Accompaniment Mother of Jesus (2:1-12)

- John 14:17, "You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."
 - "abide"
 - Intimate relationship
 - Presence (Cana and the cross)
 - Encouragement (impetus for the start of Jesus' ministry)
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Attentiveness

Samaritan Woman at the Well (4:1-42)

- John 16:12, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now."
- Longest conversation Jesus has with an individual
- Mutual responsive to needs
- Listening, questioning, openness



Authenticity Martha (11:1-45)



- John 16:8-11, "And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about **sin**, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about **judgment**, because the ruler of this world has been condemned."
- Truth-telling
- Correlation between theology and activity
- Trust
- Genuineness



Abundance Mary (12:1-12)

- John 20:22, "When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"
- Born anew (20:22; Genesis 2:7; Ezekiel 37:9)
- Signs in John = life and relationship
- Grace upon grace (John 1:16)

Advocacy Mary Magdalene (20:11-18)

- John 15:26-27, **26** “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. **27** You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.”
- John (not the Baptist)
- Samaritan woman
- First person confession
- Invitation, “come and see”



Five Keys of Paraclete Living

- God showing up in Jesus turned the world upside down for those initial believers and changed the way they lived.
- How might we, in this upside down world, live in response?
- Discipleship is not a uniform category/not one size fits all.
- ...born anew (3:3), children of God (1:12-13), for the sake of John 3:16.

