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Sermon Title: The Holy Spirit: The Shy Member of the Trinity

Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor

Scripture: John 16:12-16

I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won't draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I've said, 'He takes from me and delivers to you.'

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Sermon Outline:

The Holy Spirit has one task and goal which is to glorify and shine the spotlight on Jesus Christ. The greatest revelation of the Holy Spirit is when Jesus Christ is central to our lives.

The Spirit is most present when Jesus is most central.

The say the Holy Spirit is "shy" does not mean it is timid, it means that the Holy Spirit doesn't mind taking a back seat to Jesus. The Holy Spirit wants to glorify Jesus.

We are most in the spirit and the spirit is most in us when our lives are radically oriented around Jesus.

Although the spirit is God, the spirit takes a back seat so that Jesus can shine. The Holy Spirit is fine letting Jesus shine.

The Church believes in one God in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, co-equal to Jesus and the Father. Within the Trinity there is no lust for power or glory. The Trinity is eternally and perpetually other-focused. There is an ongoing cosmic dance that takes place between the Trinity where the Holy Spirit is shining the light on Jesus to the glory of the Father.

The central focus of the Holy Spirit is to lead the Church in keeping Jesus as the central focus.

Jesus Christ needs to be the foundation of our lives. Our allegiance is to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God and to no one else. Our lives are to be saturated with Jesus Christ and the way of his kingdom.

To be a follower of Jesus means that he is the air that we breathe, the water that we drink and in him we move and have our being. That the way of the Kingdom is to be the way we see and engage with the world around us.

If the Holy Spirit is inside of us, the Holy Spirit is to lead us to live lives that glorify Jesus by being other-centered. Instead of focusing on glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ and living for blessing others, we live our lives focused inward.

To obstacles that keep us from being other oriented:

Narcissism
Jealously

How do we live more like the Holy Spirit?

1. You live in the security of God's love and acceptance.
2. Jesus and his glory is central, not our glory.
3. You are focused on the flourishing of other people.

We are all called to be like the Holy Spirit and live a shy life by glorifying Jesus and be other-centered.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Pastor Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor, continues our sermon series on the on the Holy Spirit. Today Pastor Rich teaches on the aspect of the Holy Spirit that often gets overlooked, namely that the Spirit is "shy" and how our lives are to be lived in the same manner as the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Questions:

1. Do you feel an invitation from Christ in today's scripture passage? What words resonate with you? Why?
2. We live in a society marked by narcissism, where we have an inflated sense of our own importance and our world becomes about me, me, me. Where do you see this taking place in your life? Is social media a place where you are becoming narcissistic? Can you ask God to help you in this area, so that you are less inward focused and more other-focused like the Holy Spirit?
3. If we are not careful, our world can become one filled with jealousy, so much so that we live our lives as a zero-sum game (in order for you to succeed, others need to fail first). The Holy Spirit is not jealous of Jesus, so why do we live our lives with jealousy? Are you able to admit that you are jealous of others and to what degree are you living with that jealousy?
4. To what degree is your life about Jesus Christ? If we are to live like the Holy Spirit, then our lives are to be other-centered, where we are helping those around us flourish. Find time this week to ask those around you how you can serve them and what type of help they might need. In what ways can you love those around you better?