

*Series: A Spirited Life, # 1*

The Spirit of Conviction

**John 16:7-11, 1 John 3:24**

When you read John 1:18 *“No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son... has made him known”*, how do you respond? Do you ever wish you could see God? Hear him audibly? Touch him? Do you wish you had been one of the disciples of Jesus?

When Jesus left Earth and returned to his Father, he promised he would send the Holy Spirit. He is the third person of the Trinity, the one who is with us, in us, guides us; he is God to us. Almost 2,000 years later however, most believers talk about Jesus way more than we talk about God the Holy Spirit. Why is that?

In the John 16 text, Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will convict the world in regard to sin, righteousness and judgment. Think about a time when you were strongly convicted about something wrong you had done:

Where does conviction come from?

Why do we avoid admitting sin and wrongs?

How does it feel to: Ignore conviction?

Ask for forgiveness?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me a conscience, an innate sense of what is right and wrong. Thank you for the ministry of your Holy Spirit, who speaks to my heart and brings conviction. Give me spiritual ears, to hear your voice and repent.