

Monday Musings-May 31, 2021

I remember reading about a guide in the Arabian Desert who never lost his way. No matter how the winds re-shaped the desert sand and covered his trails, he always would successfully guide his caravans' home...in the days before GPS. It was amazing. How did he do it?

Well, he traveled with something very old-fashioned...a homing pigeon which was tied to a long line. Whenever the man was unsure of which way he should go, he would release the bird. Of course, the homing pigeon would start flying, straining on the line, always flying in the direction of home. The guide would simply turn his camel in the bird's direction and continue on his way. When his resourcefulness became known throughout the area, he was nicknamed "the Dove Man."

We ourselves may not physically be traveling in a desert, but we often feel overwhelmed and perplexed about what direction our lives should follow, especially in these troubling times when we are experiencing lock-downs and social isolation. We may feel parched, in need of spiritual refreshment. In times like this, isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus has promised us a Helper, an Advocate, a Comforter, to abide with us forever?

John 14:16-17. *I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*

The season of Pentecost reminds us that God's Spirit is with us every second of every day. The Spirit is our "dove", leading us to truth, leading us home to the Father. If we follow Him, we are heading in the right direction.

I found Cathy Logan's description of the Spirit, from crosswalk.com encouraging. "Unity with the Holy Spirit brings us ever closer to the heart of Father God. Knowing we have the Spirit of God within us and knowing we can inquire of the Spirit for direction, truth, and wisdom ushers forth hope. Ask the Holy Spirit today to reveal Himself to you for a peace that goes beyond comprehension, a love that pours upon us like gentle rain, and a path for us to bless the kingdom. The Holy Spirit is our helper, friend, and connection to God Himself."

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