

Lyrics, Theology, & Story Behind the Song

A little over a year ago, my wife said something along the lines of, “You need to write an upbeat Holy Spirit song that the kids will like and is not heretical.” Haha! I agreed with her assessment of the need. Think about it: how many songs, or even hymns, do you know specifically about the Holy Spirit? With how many of them are you 100% comfortable and excited? All the songs I know of are either theologically questionable/shallow or slow and contemplative musically and haven’t connected with wide audiences.

Soon thereafter, our pastor, Bart Barber, announced that we were going to be preaching through the Gospel of John. John’s Gospel teaches a great deal about the Holy Spirit, so I decided it would present a great opportunity to introduce a new Holy Spirit song to our congregation. I started working on the song during a songwriting retreat last October and polished it with the help of several people in the subsequent months.

The focus of the song is the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. I attempted to convey two main points: 1) The Holy Spirit dwells inside believers and will never leave 2) His power works with in us. Along the way, I threw in as much biblical teaching about the Holy Spirit as seemed to fit in this one 4-minute song. Below I will share the lyrics, along with the scriptural passages underlying them.

Verse 1

Living Water	John 4:14
Indwelling Presence	John 7:38-39
You are the Spirit of God	
You're our Helper	John 14:16
Sent from the Father	John 14:26
You are the Spirit of God	

Verse 2

Jesus sent You	John 14:26
To help us remember	
All the things He taught	
We will listen	1 John 4:1-6
To Your Holy Whisper	1 Kings 19:12
Oh help us Spirit of God	

Chorus

Your power is unfathomable	Luke 24:49, Ephesians 1:19-20
You've sealed us and You'll never let go	Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28
Holy Spirit have Your way in my life	Galatians 5:16-26
You lead us blowing like the wind	John 3:8
We'll follow no longer slaves to sin	Romans 6, Romans 8:2, John 8:34-36
Holy Spirit have Your way in my life	

Verse 3

You are with us	Romans 8:11
You never leave us	Deuteronomy 31:6, Matthew 28:20
You guide us every day	John 16:13
Holy Spirit	

Help us listen
And walk according to Your way

Bridge

We did not receive
The spirit of slavery or fear
But the spirit of adoption as sons
And now we draw near
You bear witness to us
That we are the children of God
Since we are children
We're heirs of the kingdom
And co-heirs with Jesus the Son

Romans 8:4

(This whole section follows
Romans 8:15-17 very closely)

The song has a fast groove and a catchy melody. Our church has responded quite enthusiastically to it and is singing it better and better each week. The Bible has a lot more to say about the Holy Spirit, and therefore more songs need to be written. For example, this song does not include an in depth look at the fruits of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, or the work of the Spirit in convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. However, I still hope this song may be a blessing to you, and I hope it encourages you to think about the Holy Spirit's work in your life as you follow the Spirit's leading and rejoice in the Spirit, as you also rejoice in the Father and the Son!