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Dove-Vine Intervention #3

**The Enduring Message**

**John 15:26-16:4**

I. Jesus is prophesying about the birth of something new.

- A. He is going to \_\_\_\_\_ us an advocate. (Paraclete) John 15:26
- B. This advocate will give \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. John 15:26
- C. Those who were with Christ from the \_\_\_\_\_ will also testify. John 15:27
- D. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ from Judaism. John 16:2
- E. The protection of \_\_\_\_\_ will be lifted, and persecution will come. John 16:2-4

II. How has this shaped the last 2,000 years.

- A. Something \_\_\_\_\_ has kept the church going. It is as if we have a divine lawyer constantly defending us.
- B. We now know \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus Christ than even the 12 Disciples knew. We can see the “big picture” of history, and we have so much information available to us.
- C. We now have the canonized New Testament which is the written \_\_\_\_\_ of the Disciples.
- D. Christianity is the world’s \_\_\_\_\_ religion.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ is a historical fact and a present reality.
  - 1. From without by other religions and government systems that are \_\_\_\_\_ by us.
  - 2. From within by those who \_\_\_\_\_ change and have not experienced Christ firsthand.

III. How does this keep us grounded (stay on message)? John 16:1

- A. We have the \_\_\_\_\_ of past guidance.
- B. We have the written \_\_\_\_\_ to keep our doctrine and practice stable.
- C. We know that persecution only \_\_\_\_\_ the cause.