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Overcoming discouragement

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Jesus said to his disciples: "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told

*them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.
(John 15: 26 - 16:4)*

The Holy Spirit's help is indispensable to us throughout our earthly lives, because the strength He gives us will help us not to become discouraged during daily trials and great persecutions. Let us always remember to pray to the Holy Spirit so as not to fall prey to discouragement, especially when misunderstanding and isolation are forms of persecution we suffer.