Let us pray

I have been growing in understanding of WHO the Holy Spirit is

John 14

18"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19**Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20**In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ~~**21**Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."~~ **22**~~Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" **23**Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. **24**Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.~~

25"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. **26**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. **27**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. **28**You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.

John 16
"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. **5**But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' **6**But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7**Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.

God gave us a Helper
He is a heavenly best friend

Jesus was so eager to leave so the Holy Spirit could come and help us live this Christian life

John 15 - **26**"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. **27**And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Jesus knew – the Most effective way to glorify the Father and proclaim the Son – to be indwelt by the Spirit of God – comforter, guide, helper

So he's called our helper
When it comes to prayer
Talk to him

Explain
Don't give up
Be honest

The beautiful spiritual activity in others
Ask for that
Godly jealousy
Lord I want that fruit on my life
(Grace of God stirring in you)

Give me the Fathers heart
26"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. **27**And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

When we turn to prayer holding the hand of the Spirit we are going to receive the Fathers heart and help

He will bring people to your mind

He will highlight attitudes in your heart

He will start to tug on places of unforgiveness

He'll whisper desires into your heart

He will show you His heart for the church, the nations etc etc

If you have been baptized in the Holy Ghost he will pray through you in tongues
"why I pray I tongues"
In heavens words lifting up the situations, your children, your hurt in ways and words you never could. **Praying the Fathers heart in and through you.**

Groan through me
Romans 8
26Likewise the Spirit **helps us in our weakness**. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27**And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. **28**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

I have known these groanings – not unstable, different,
I have felt God move through me
I have seen the results of letting the Fathers heart groan through me

Example

You have to be willing to let the Lord do something different

Quiet company - just sit with God
Be led by **Him** in your thoughts –

He WANTS to lead you
He WANTS your company
He WANTS to fulfill His role in giving you the Fathers heart
NO STRIVING necessary

But do we go to prayer as if The Holy Spirit is there to help us?
Do we go to prayer with that feeling of companionship?
Or do you feel like God is far away and you are trying to pull Him down?

Prayer works
Prayer is talking to God
Talk to Him in faith

“I don’t have any opportunities”
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“Lord open doors for me to serve you”

“Lord teach us to pray”
Not teach us to complain

Be honest don’t be fake
“Lord I am offended”
“Lord I don’t like them”
But I know you can help me…

Talk to your friend like you know who he is
“God, creator, womb-knitter purpose giver, heavenly Father…

The more we know about God the easier it is to pray
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Eph 3

Prayer for Spiritual Power

14For this reason I kneel before the Father **15**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. **16**I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches*a* of his glory,*b* to be **strengthened with power*c* in your inner being*d* through his Spirit,** **17**and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in **love**, **18**may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the **length and width, height and depth of God's love**,*a* **19**and to **know** Christ's love that **surpasses knowledge**, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power*c* that works in us — **21**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

"Comprehend" –

Kat-al-am-ban-o

Take

Attain

Apprehend

This is a knowledge of God's love that is a deeper revelation – it's accumulated

Paul says it "surpasses knowledge" – it means it exceeds or goes beyond the basic retention of facts.

This knowledge is more than memorization

NLT - **19**May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

To know Christs love is more than the ability to recite scripture or explain doctrine,

It's so much more than a head knowledge

What Paul is beckoning and praying for the church to know isn't neeccesarily sought by all of the church

Not all seek this knowledge, this depth of revelation,

Not all want to swim that deep

Ir's not a secret knowledge

Its not Gnosticism

To know Christs love is to experience, commune with and emit HIM

This love is a better knowledge

You can't read scripture successfully through any other lens

But when we look at God as a God of love, and seek to learn all He has done for us, and the Holy Spirit, the Spirit OF GOD that ha been GIVEN to HELP us

Prayer is MORE exciting
MORE faith filled – ergo more effective
Prayer becomes natural – like a part of who you are rather than a specific ritual or session

John 17

The High Priestly Prayer

1When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,**2**since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. **3**And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

What a marvelous calling
What an exciting life – to spend it getting to KNOW God and walking hand in hand with the helper

Don't underestimate the Holy Spirit
He is not cute
He is not small
He is not less than
He is God
God the Spirit
A Spirit of power…

Glance across scripture
What do you see the Spirit of God doing?

Coming upon prophets with words of great power, warning, portraying God's character…
Interpreting dreams through Joseph and Daniel
Driving out demons (matt 12:28)
Leading Jesus and the disciples into fruitful ministry

Isa 11
1There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
2And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Rom 8.11

11If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus[d] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies **through his Spirit who dwells in you.**

1 cor 2
10these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11**For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12**Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. **13**And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but **taught by the Spirit**, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.[d]

The Holy Spirit IS GOD
The Holy Spirit was sent BY Jesus to Help us
The Holy Spirit tells us the Fathers Heart
The Holy Spirit is eager to help us

This is just a glimpse of who He is