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Lead Me, Holy Spirit: Lead Me into Conviction

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John 16:7 (NIV): But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away...

John 16:7 (NIV): ...Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Paraclete – The One Called Alongside

- Think Paragraph: He is the one who inspired the mind, that moved that hand, that wielded the pen that recorded in ink the very words of God.
- Think Paramedic: When you were dead in your sin, flatlined on the monitor, He pulled up and shocked your lifeless heart and breathed spiritual life into your body, so you could reach out and respond to Christ.
- Think Parachute: When your life was spiraling downward, in a free fall, He caught you in His grace and mercy, breaking your fall, leading you to the Lord and keeping you from destruction.
- Think Paradigm: He shifts your default way of thinking and acting, renewing and transforming you from the inside out.
- Think Paralegal: When the enemy builds the case of condemnation and accusation against you, He comes alongside to remind you of the truth and testifies that you are a child of God. Case closed: No condemnation for those who are in Christ.

John 16:8 (NIV): When he comes, he will prove the world...

Three Components of the Holy Spirit's Work in Conviction

Component #1: The Meaning of Conviction

Condemnation	Conviction
Tone: harsh, accusatory, and hopeless	Tone: gentle, loving, and merciful
Goal: drive you from God	Goal: draw you to God
Result: shame and despair	Result: repentance, restoration, and joy

Component #2: The Areas of Conviction

John 16:8 (NIV): When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

A. Sin

John 16:9 (NIV): about sin, because people do not believe in me;

B. Righteousness

John 16:10 (NIV): about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

C. Judgment

John 16:11 (NIV): and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Component #3: The Means of Conviction

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This ministry of the Spirit is what He does in and through and by means of you and me! –Sam Storms