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²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. ²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

²⁷ During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) ²⁹ The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. ³⁰ This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Chapter 13: Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.



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¹⁹ Now Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 4:36



But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles.

Acts 9:27



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Parakaleo



Para

To come alongside
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Kaleo

Directing others toward a
goal or a truth.



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Acts 11:25







“If you love me, keep my commands.¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. He says, “I’m going to send you the Holy Spirit.”

John 14:15-17



***"advocate"* comes from
the noun form of verb
Parakaleo.**

Paraclete

**which is used only twice
in the Bible**



So if Jesus calls the Holy Spirit an *another advocate* it means the Holy Spirit is the Second Advocate.

Who is the First Advocate?



In the only other place we
find the word Paraclete
we read:

*My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, **we have an advocate** who pleads our case before the Father. **He is Jesus Christ,** the one who is truly righteous. 1 John 2:1*

For the wages of sin is death, but
the free gift of God is eternal life
through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23





But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my
name, will teach you all things and
will remind you of everything I
have said to you. John 14:26



But we have this treasure
in jars of clay to show that
this all-surpassing power is
from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7





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