

Have you still maintained your 2018 resolution(s)? One way to improve your probability of success is through an accountability partner: someone to whom you tell your resolution and who checks in to see how you are progressing.

Did you know that, as a Christian, you have an accountability partner inside you? Yes, the Holy Spirit! In today's passage we learn how the Holy Spirit is a prayer partner, not just praying with you, but for you. How awesome is the God we serve!

So don't forget- when we can't find the right words, or think we've said the right words (and they aren't), the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf.

### Getting To Know You

1. Have you ever had a moment while giving a presentation, or while speaking publically, where you forgot your words? Explain how you felt.

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2. Has anyone ever said they would pray for you? Do you know if they did? How did you find out that they had indeed prayed for you? How did that make you feel?

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### Into the Bible

1. Romans 8:24 talks about hope. What type of hope? How are you waiting?

*"For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?"* Romans 8:24

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2. The Holy Spirit is called the "Comforter," or, "He who comes along side to help." How has the Holy Spirit helped you lately?

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3. What do you think it means when the Bible says we don't know how to pray?

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4. If we can't find the right words, or say what is "correct," how does the Holy Spirit know what to say on our behalf, according to Romans 8:27?

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## Taking It Home

1. Make a prayer journal of "requests" and "answers." Then, at the end of the year, see how God has answered those prayers.
2. Do you have a prayer partner? Why not invite someone to pray for you (and you for them) on an ongoing basis?

## **"Prayer Partner" [Romans 8:26-27]**

***"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."***  
**[Romans 8:26-27]**

The Holy Spirit not only prays F\_\_\_\_\_ us, but W\_\_\_\_\_ us.

1. We are W\_\_\_\_\_
  - We do not know how to P\_\_\_\_\_.
  - We are S\_\_\_\_\_.
  - We are S\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Holy Spirit H\_\_\_\_\_ us.
  - The Holy Spirit P\_\_\_\_\_ for us.
  - The Holy Spirit C\_\_\_\_\_ perfectly.

### **Prayer Opportunities at MEFC**

Monthly Prayer Meeting [4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month]  
Prayer Service [3 Times a Year]  
Mothers Praying for Prodigals [1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month]  
Dads Praying for Kids [2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays]  
Prayer Ministry [Every Sunday]  
Prayer Emails [Daily]