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John 14:1-4

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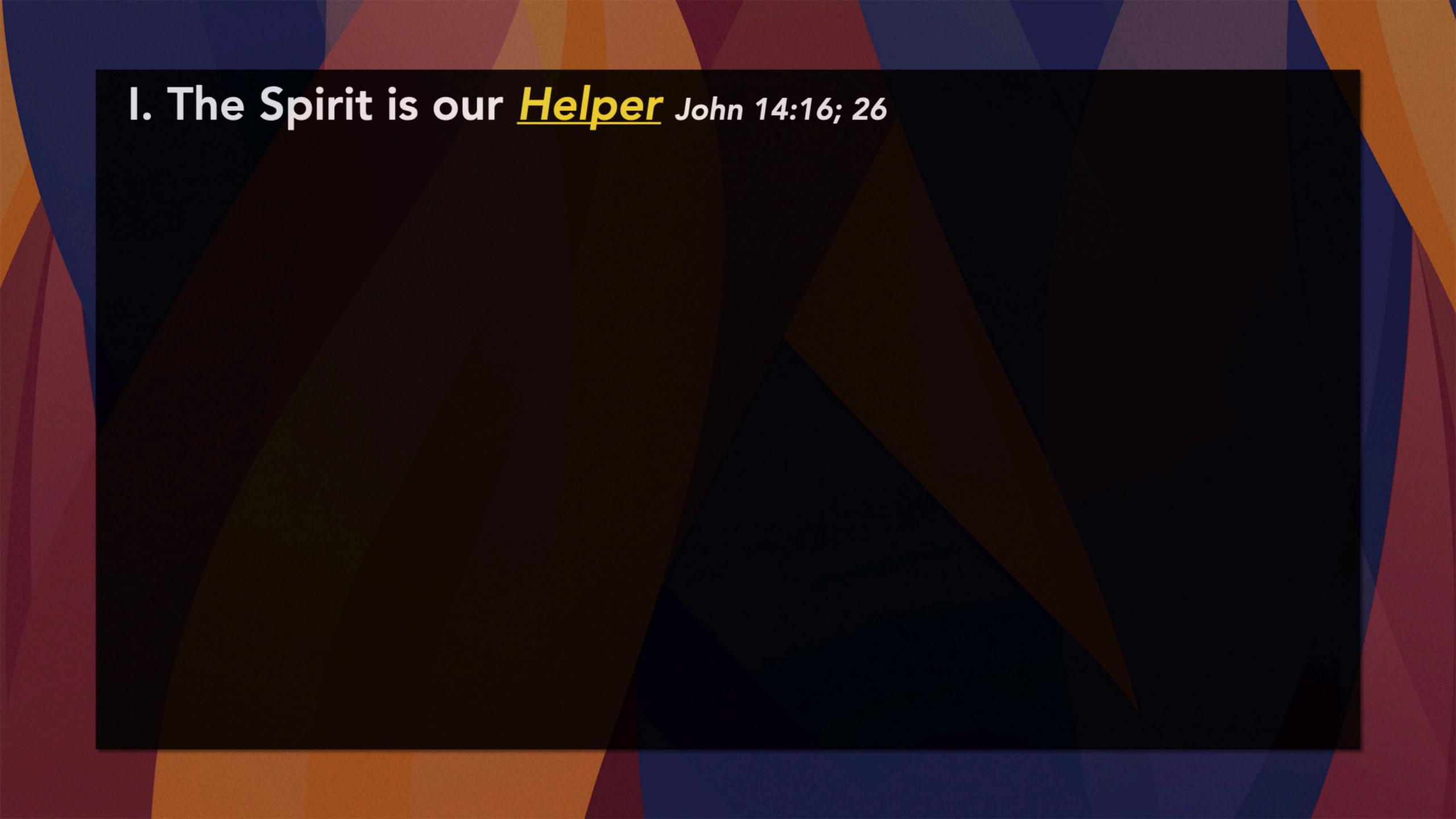
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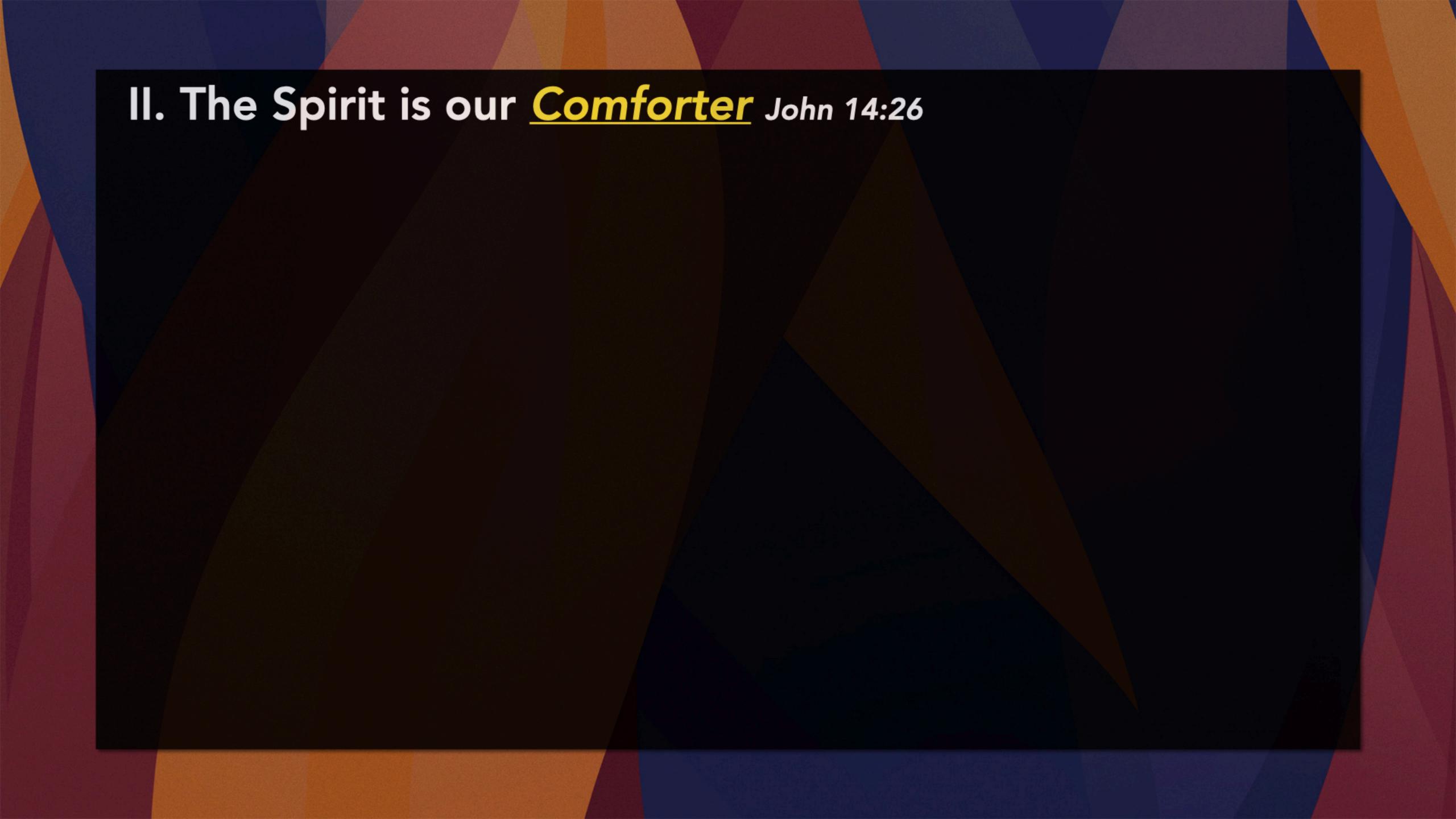
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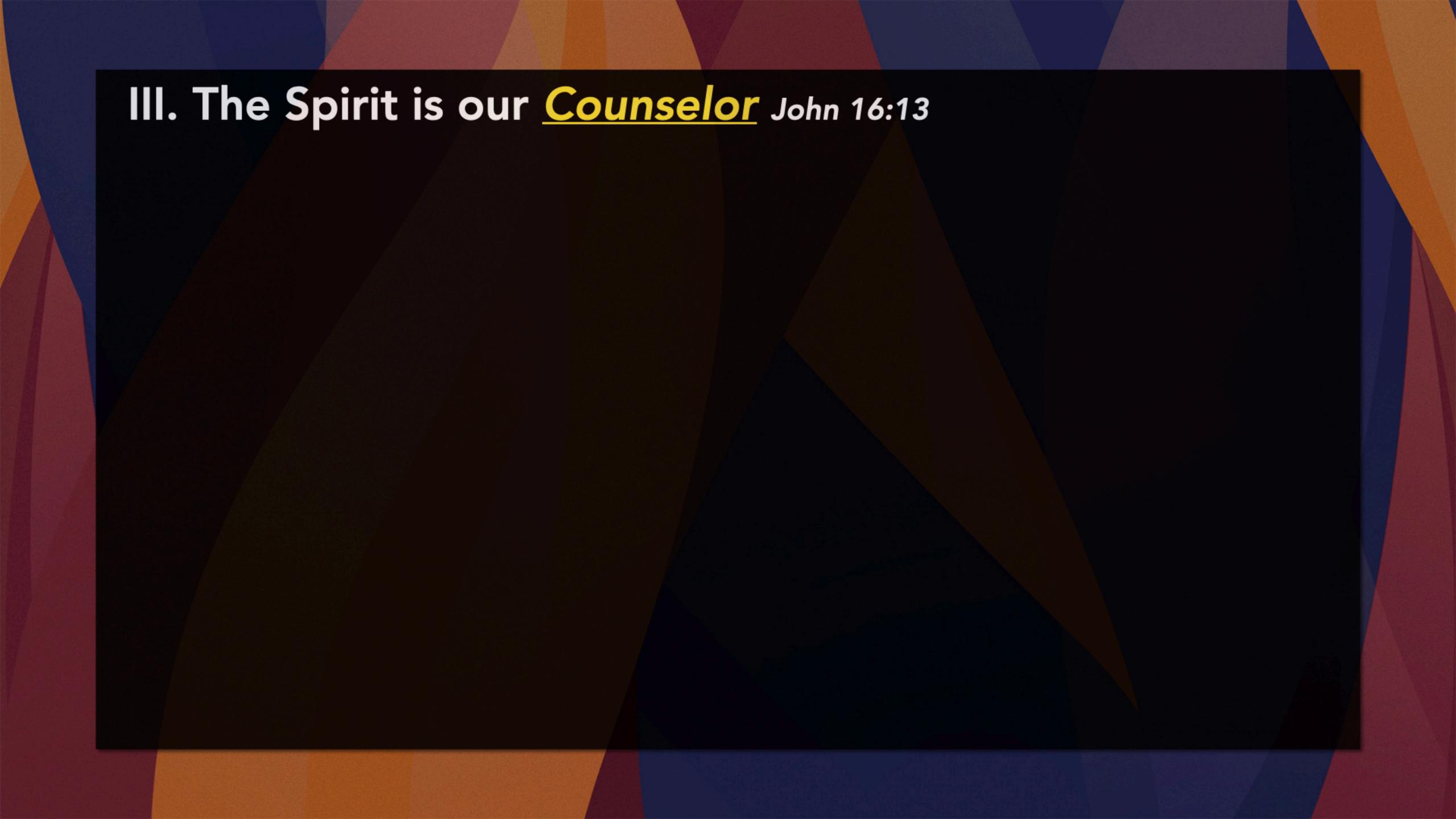
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- He teaches through scripture, prayer, and worship. He is felt through a deep connection to it.

1 John 2:1 - If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Romans 8:16 - The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

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