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**Discussion Question for 05/13/19**

**Thorsen Chapter 18**

1. Page 223: Feminism in Christianity. Thorsen talks about the rise in feminist Christians believing that the Holy Spirit should be referred to with neutral pronouns like the ancient Hebrew had it originally. How would this change the meaning of the Bible? Would certain passages have different meanings, or would they change? I do feel that it might help Christian women to feel more included by switching the pronouns, even if it was a small improvement, but I wonder how it would affect how we interpret passages.
2. We view God as looking somewhat like us: humanoid, with attributes like ours. The Holy Spirit is never physically described, however. Does this mean He is formless, more of a dust/cloud like substance that floats around? Is this something that we can only answer when we get to heaven?
3. The Holy Spirit, and the trinity in general, is hard to wrap my head around, as someone of logic. How can three beings, at the same time, be one being? Do they converse with each other as separate entities, or share one mind? I can easily say and accept that they are three in one, but on a physical level, I’ve always been curious how that works.
4. Page 216: Thorsen references a Biblical passage where the Holy Spirit is referred to as an advocate. This would imply that He advocates for us in the spiritual realm. Thinking about this, how the Holy Spirit might be our advocate, brought into mind the ranking system of Heaven. Is there a system in place like we have in the court system, where the Holy Spirit acts as a middle-man, and Jesus and God have a higher status? Do they all have different attributes, but share a level playing field?