



OUR COUNSELOR – ALWAYS WITH US

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“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

Have you ever felt mysteriously, but unmistakably, led to do something in a way you didn't expect? And, when you look back, you realize that what happened couldn't have come from yourself alone, because it was far better than you could possibly have done on your own. I have often experienced that in my writing. That's why I always say that it was God's doing. The only credit I could accept would be the obedience of carrying out what I felt led to do.

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Have you ever felt that way about things you do when:

- talking to a person who is sick or in trouble?
- singing or playing an instrument?
- creating artwork?

As Jesus prepared to leave this earth, he told his disciples that God would send another Counselor, a Helper like himself—the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of truth. Although Jesus would no longer be with them in person, this Holy Spirit would live inside them, reminding them of him.

When we develop a relationship with Jesus, God will give us the Holy Spirit to live inside us, as he did for his disciples. He will guide us, and lead us, and teach as Jesus taught. Although we did not experience Jesus in person the way the disciples did, we have the Bible that tells his story. Through God's Word, we learn what he was like, the things he did, and the things he said. Through the Holy Spirit we will remember. This Spirit will always be with us, always ready to help guide us to do as Jesus would have us do.

Through the Holy Spirit, we will always remember how Jesus invited us to come to him. We will remember how he called us to accept his love and the peace he gives. We will remember his invitation to join him in being there for others in the way he was.

We can trust the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate and Counselor, our Teacher and Instructor, our Helper in times of trouble.

He will always be with us.

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