

God Will Come Alongside You

John 14:16-18,26; 15:26; 16:7

It's amazing what we can face when we're not alone. With the moral support and companionship of another person we can tackle tough decisions and meet other challenges with confidence and assurance. But without the support of someone else, life's challenges can be pretty overwhelming at times.

Life doesn't have to be overwhelming for those who believe in Christ, even when we have to face it without the comfort of friends or even family. Before Jesus left earth to return to heaven, He gave a powerful assurance to His followers in John 14:16-18.

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth... I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

The word counselor in this case means "comforter." This is God coming alongside us, being present with us 24/7. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be with us forever (verse 16). The Holy Spirit guides us into spiritual truth, warns us when we sin, and serves as our greatest comforter.

Perhaps today you feel you are facing life all alone. If you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of your life, you have a companion. The Holy Spirit is with you. He is fully aware of the challenges you face and the fear that might be in your heart. And He is more than able to give assurance and guidance wherever needed. Trust in that assurance today.

Describe a critical moment in your life when you particularly sensed the Holy Spirit's presence. How did that make you feel?

How can you be an extension of the Holy Spirit's help to others?