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*Isaiah* 9:2, 6-7

<sup>2</sup> People walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned...<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. God Almighty is determined to do all this.

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*Wonderful Counselor*  
*Mighty God*  
*Everlasting Father*  
*Prince of Peace*

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# Wonderful Counselor

1

## Jesus listens empathically

*He listens carefully and cares deeply about what we go through.*

*Hebrews* 4:15-16

"Our High Priest understands our weaknesses, for he faced all the same temptations we do, yet he didn't sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy and grace to help us when we need it."

"Cast all your care upon Him—he cares for you."  
1 PETER 5:7

"Shout for joy...For he comforts his people and has compassion on their afflictions."  
ISAIAH 49:13

"He hears our cries...and saves us. So we can trust in him and not be disappointed."  
PSALM 22:5

*The Gift*

# Wonderful Counselor

2

## Jesus speaks truthfully

*We can handle Jesus' truth when we are convinced of his empathy for us.*

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*"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."*  
**JOHN 1:14**

*"I will send the Counselor—the Spirit of truth. He will come from the Father and will testify to you about me."*  
**JOHN 15:26**

*"He will guide you into all truth."*  
**JOHN 16:13**

*The Gift*

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# Wonderful Counselor

3

## Jesus empowers generously

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"He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way."

**PSALM 25:9**

"Don't be afraid or discouraged, for...  
I am with you. I will strengthen you,  
help you and uphold you with my  
victorious right hand."

**ISAIAH 41:10**

*The Gift*

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*the One  
Who Empowers*

**JESUS**  
personally guides  
*he guides the humble*

**JESUS**  
practically shows  
*he teaches them his way.*

**JESUS**  
powerfully equips  
*he strengthens, helps and  
upholds them in victory.*

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Tapping the Reservoir of  
**COMFORT, TRUTH & POWER**

**Ask for it**  
*boldly!*

"You do not have because you  
do not ask God."

**JAMES 4:2**

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Tapping the Reservoir of  
**COMFORT, TRUTH & POWER**

**Look for it**  
*expectantly!*

"When you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord."

**JEREMIAH 29:12-14**

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Tapping the Reservoir of  
**COMFORT, TRUTH & POWER**

**Trust Jesus**  
*completely!*

"If you are tired out, worn out or burned out, just come to me and I will show you the unforced rhythms of my grace and you will recover your life."

**MATTHEW 11:28 (MSG)**

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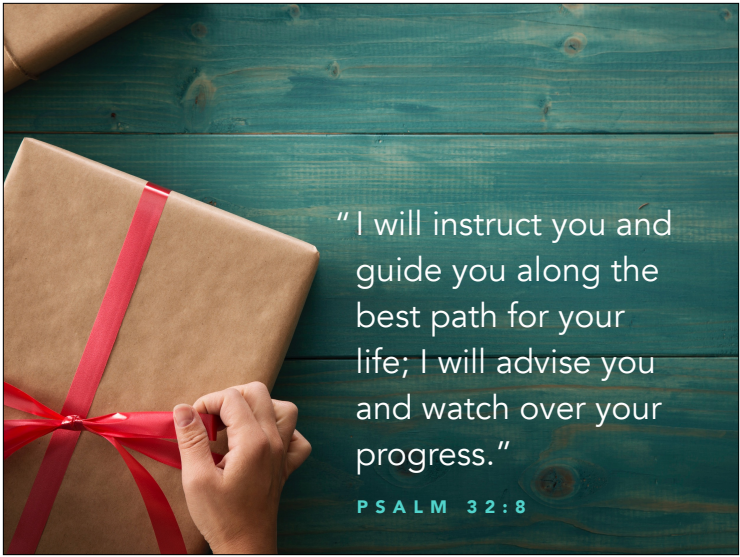
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