

DAY 5: ABIDING COUNSELOR

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The Lord spoke this to me a few months ago, "I AM your Abiding Counselor!" It was right after Jackie and I were finishing up our early-morning daily devotional, prayer, and Bible reading. In the hustle and bustle and perilous times that we live in, The Lord knew at that moment that I needed to be reminded that the Greater One lives inside of me. Since then, He has consistently reminded me that I am never alone and that I never have to wonder about anything. All I have to do is ask Him, seek Him.

He reminded me of the time recently when I was pondering something in my heart. He said, "every time you have ever asked 'what is this, Lord?;' or said 'I need help!' haven't I always granted you the petitions that you have desired of Me (1 John 5:15)?" I said, "that is true, Lord!" I quickly remembered that I'm supposed to cast all my care upon Him because he cares for me. Because He is my Abiding Counselor, He helps me in EVERY situation. All too often I try to handle things with my own strength. This is a recipe for disaster and defeat. It's a continuous process, but I am learning to trust him with EVERY aspect of my life. Life is much easier that way. After all, The Lord is much smarter than I am. He knows EVERYTHING!

During that same time The Lord said – "Every jot and tittle; every word of the Bible is inscribed on your heart. You don't need to know every word all the time. But whenever you need it, I will bring it to your remembrance." That's what He does and has done all of my life. He reminded me that my reading and hearing and meditating and studying the Word has caused it to be inscribed in my heart. As a result, The Holy Spirit has something to work with. This is how I am able to recognize Him when He brings things to my remembrance. He even has a sense of humor: One day He said – "**The world says 'there's an APP for that. I say – There's a scripture for that!'**". The Bible has the answer for whatever circumstance or situation that may arise in your life.

Through this fast, let's learn to trust Him with every aspect of our lives. Take some time to reflect on your walk with the Lord and I'm sure you'll see His Providential Hand on EVERY area of your life. And as we continue to spend time in His Word, we can allow this time of Fasting and Prayer to help us to fully seek the Will of God.

Prayer: Father, in the Name of Jesus, I offer up thanksgiving and praise to You for never leaving nor forsaking us. You promised us in Your Word and as always, You are faithful to keep Your promises to us. Thank You for supplying all our need according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus, and for allowing us to cast all of our cares upon You because you care for us. You make things clear to us and You make our crooked paths straight. Thank You, Lord, for enlightening the eyes of our understanding; that we may know what is the hope of Your calling, and what the riches of the glory of Your inheritance in the saints. Father, thank You for the comfort and peace of the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth. As You lead us forward, we purpose to keep Your Word hidden in our hearts so that we may not sin against You. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4:19, John 14:26; John 16:13; James 4:2; 1 Peter 5:7; Ephesians 1:18

Are there situations that you don't fully bring to God? If so, what are some reasons you don't bring them to Him? If not, how does it help you knowing that you bring everything to Him?

