

A night sky filled with stars, with a prominent bright star in the center. Below the sky is a dark silhouette of a mountain range.

DAY 4

Wonderful Counselor



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🎵 Recommended Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Read

Proverbs 18:24

Some friendships do not last, but some friends are more loyal than brothers.

John 15:9-17

I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

Reflect

Life can leave us searching for guidance, for someone who truly understands. The Bible tells us that in Jesus we find not only a Savior, but a Friend and Counselor whose wisdom is perfect.

The name Wonderful Counselor from **Isaiah 9:6** reminds us that Jesus sees every detail of our hearts. Unlike human advice, his counsel never fails or fades in time. His friendship is loyal and steady—closer than a brother, as **Proverbs 18:24** declares.

When Jesus calls his disciples “friends,” he invites them into a relationship built on love, trust, and revelation. He shares the Father’s heart with us, guiding us in truth and teaching us to love others as he has loved us. This experience empowers our witness to the world (**John 13:34-35**).

This Christmas, you may need Jesus’s counsel more than ever. You may have decisions to make, grief to bear, or uncertainty ahead. In all these things,

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remember that your Wonderful Counselor walks beside you. Listen to his Word, lean on his promises, and let his wisdom fill you with peace.

Dig Deeper

- Think about a time you sought guidance from a trusted friend. How did their words encourage you? Why can you rely on God's Word to guide your decisions and encourage you in seasons of uncertainty, need, or sorrow?
- Set a timer and spend ten minutes in quiet prayer, bringing anything weighing on your heart during this busy season to your loving heavenly Father. Ask for his wisdom and guidance, trusting that he will show you the way (**Proverbs 3:6**).

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus, my Wonderful Counselor and closest friend. Thank you for the wisdom that flows from your Word and for the love that never fails. When I am unsure what to do, remind me that your Spirit is with me to guide and comfort me. Help me to listen for your voice and follow your ways with trust and joy. Thank you for the gift of friendship with Christ, who laid down his life for me. In his name I pray, Amen.

