

God's Word Is My Counselor

"Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors." Psalm 119:24



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For years my counsel came from worldly books, television, movies, magazines, etc. My life was in ruins. As an unbeliever I looked to the world for help. The world's counsel made everything worse. In 1976 God's amazing grace revealed to me that I was a sinner, and I put my trust in Christ as my Savior. Daily as I spent time praying and reading the Bible, I learned why the world's ways do not work.

1 Corinthians 3:19 says, *"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."* 1 Corinthians 1:20 reads, *"Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?"* Psalms 1 told me not to walk in the counsel of the ungodly but to delight myself in the law of the Lord. Isaiah 9:6 told me that one of the names of Jesus is Counselor. James 1:5 reads, *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."*

For the first time in my life, I had hope! Jesus was my Counselor. I could go to Him for help and advice 24 hours a day. Jeremiah 33:3 reads, *"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."*

Beloved, with the mess my life was in as a new believer, I was constantly calling on Jesus for help. I needed godly wisdom to change my life and save my marriage. As I prayed, listened, and spent time daily with Jesus, I found that all of my answers came as I would read the Bible. Jesus and His Word not only became

my counselor; Jesus became my best Friend. Time with the Lord was not something I felt I had to do. It was my delight to go to the Bible and to talk to Jesus. Obedience to the Bible was not hard (contrary to what other Christians were constantly saying). But sin, pride, rebellion, self-will, and obedience to my flesh—these were HARD. Psalms 40:8 became true in my life. It reads, *"I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."*

Beloved, obedience to the Bible and doing the will of my heavenly Father not only became my delight, but also it transformed my life and my home. Psalms 37:4 reads, *"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."* The desires of my heart were not to have a pain-free life with no tests, trials, or suffering; the desire of my heart is to have a daily life that brings honor and glory to Jesus Christ and to have the closest, most intimate relationship possible with Him.

Yes, Jesus is my Counselor, and He is my Savior, but He is also my best Friend. Can you say this? Is Jesus Christ your Savior? Is Jesus your Counselor? Do you delight to do His will? Are His laws written on your heart? Has He transformed your life? Is He your best Friend?

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