

Day 17: Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:6 For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor. He listens to us, hears our hurts, understands our pain, comprehends our heartache.

He is able to do this because, as the Son of Man, he is clearly qualified to understand and identify with us as humans. Jesus endured the same issues and problems that we have and will continue to have, with the main difference that Jesus never sinned in any of those experiences.

And even though, unlike me, Jesus never got so self-absorbed that he threw himself a pity party about how hard life can be, he experienced pain. The Old Testament called Jesus a “Man of Sorrows.” He is familiar with pain and rejection. He bore our insults. Which means that he can be a Counselor, a helper, a paraclete who comes alongside us to help us through the worst hard times in our lives.

Trust His counsel. Cry out to your Wonderful Counselor today if you’re hurting.