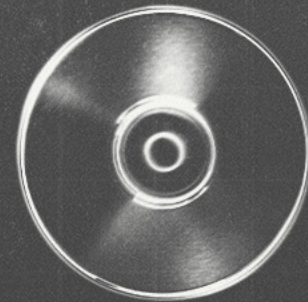


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Ephesians 1:13

...When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

John 14:26-27

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.

John 16:13-14

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Ephesians 1:19-20

...And his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

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Our Approach, Practically:

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- Had to remind them a lot of what was reality
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- Reframe/temper expectations of what God will do
- Use clear, concrete language

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- Don't Do It Alone

Resources We've Found Helpful:

Resources for Kids:

- *Jesus Storybook Bible*
- *Goodbye to Goodbyes* by Lauren Chandler
- *Henry Says Goodbye* by Edward T. Welch
- *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst

Resources for Adults:

- *Raising Worry-Free Girls* by Sissy Goff
- *Walking with God Through Pain & Suffering* by Tim Keller
- *A Grace Disguised* by Jerry Sittser

Romans 8:34

Christ Jesus who died – more than, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

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