



OUR FOREVER FRIEND

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. – Acts 1:8

GOD IS WITH US

READ ACTS 1-2

Did you and your best friend ever make friendship bracelets as kids? The bracelets are a way of connecting you to each other even when you are not together. When you begin to miss your friend or need a reminder of him or her, you simply look down at your wrist to see the bracelet that serves as a reminder of your friendship.

Jesus gave us the ultimate friendship bracelet after he returned to Heaven: the Holy Spirit. In the days after his resurrection, he spent time with his closest friends and followers, encouraging them and preparing them for the day when he would have to leave them behind on Earth in order to return to God the Father. But he did not stop guiding or encouraging them when he returned to Heaven. God sent his Holy Spirit to be with them and serve as a continuous reminder that he is always there.

When we accept Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit enters our hearts and guides us throughout our days. He comforts us, guides us, strengthens us, and empowers us to do what is right and share his love with those around us. When we are afraid or begin to worry, all we have to do is look to the Holy Spirit – the marking and reminder of our friendship with Jesus and God’s continuous involvement in our daily lives.

Though Jesus returned to Heaven, he gave us more than we could ever need to love, serve, and grow closer to him even while we are separated physically. The Holy Spirit is always with us, even when we feel alone. He will remind us of our friendship with Jesus and belonging to God’s family.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
2. When have you felt the Holy Spirit guide or comfort you when you felt alone?
3. What are some reminders God is giving you now of his presence with you?