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Having a faithful friend is one of God's greatest blessings. No matter what's going on in your life, you can count on that person to stick with you. However, there is no guarantee that you won't lose that friend. Unavoidable circumstances like relocation, illness, or death may take your companion away, but if you are a Christian, you have a friend who will never leave you.

He's the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus called the Helper. He's no fair-weather friend, slipping in and out of our lives when it's to His advantage. When He takes up residence within us, He comes to stay forever (John 14:16).

In most human relationships, we try to avoid the use of sweeping negative or positive statements such as, "You are always late," or "You are always there for me." However, such superlative declarations are completely fitting when applied to the Holy Spirit. Listen to how the Lord Jesus described Him:

- *"He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you" (John 14:26).*
- *"He will testify about Me" (John 15:26).*

- *“He will guide you into all the truth” (John 16:13).*
- *“All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you” (John 16:15).*

Throughout the New Testament epistles, we find even more descriptions of this marvelous companion. His ministry in our lives is varied, and His accomplishments in and through us are many. How wealthy we are to have the Holy Spirit. He is a friend who truly sticks closer than a brother!

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