

Jesus' preparation of His disciples for His return to the Father in Heaven was disconcerting for them. For three years they had witnessed His teaching and His merciful healings, not to mention His companionship and counsel. What would they do without Him?

The solution He revealed to them was new. He would send to them a Helper who they came to understand was the Holy Spirit - given to them a few weeks later at the Feast of Pentecost. (Acts 2) In fact, Jesus said it would be to their advantage for Him to go away and for the Holy Spirit to come in His place, enabling them to do even greater works than He had done. (John 14:12) So the Holy Spirit was given to all believers to empower the life of Christ in each one who believes. (Romans 8:11; Galatians 2:20; 5:22-23)

Never forget during difficult moments that if you belong to Christ by faith in Him, He dwells in you by His Holy Spirit.

John 16:7 "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."