

Read: Acts 2:14a,22-32

I Am Never Alone

Acts 2:25

I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Have you ever had a job to do that seemed so big you did not even want to start? Maybe your room was a mess, and your mom said, “Time to clean up!” and you didn’t think you could get it done all by yourself. Or, there’s so much homework, you don’t know where to start much less what to do. Help!

Can you imagine how the disciples felt after the first Easter? Just a few days before, Jesus introduced the first Lord’s Supper with them. In the hours that followed, Jesus was hung on the cross by his enemies, and he died. Three days later, their eyes saw the unbelievable—Jesus was alive! He conquered death and rose from the dead. What news this was to share! So God sent the disciples to tell *everyone* all about Jesus. They were even supposed to tell the enemies that hung Jesus on a cross. That must have been scary. Help is what the disciples needed.

God gave the disciples the help they needed. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he promised to always be with his disciples. They would never be alone in their work. On a special day called Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the gifts they needed to spread the Gospel. They had what they needed to do the work. Now they did not have to be afraid—they knew God was with them and would help them with their important work of telling people about Jesus.

Jesus’s perfect life and death paid for our sins. His empty grave means our grave will also be empty. This is the best news. If we know and believe this good news, God has work for us to do. Like the disciples, God wants us to boldly share the good news of Jesus, our Savior. He does not want us to be overwhelmed or frightened. But should you ever be, cry out “Help!” The Holy Spirit gives us faith and all we need to do this work. Jesus wants us to see that he is with us. With God by our side and his word in our heart, we have all the help we need.

Let’s go and tell!

The questions below are to help families discuss this devotion. The questions are divided by age group as suggestions, but anyone could reflect on any of the questions as they desire.

Questions for the Younger Children

- What is something you are afraid to do by yourself?
- Who can help you to do this hard thing?

Questions for Elementary Age Children

- Recall the last time you dragged your feet because you didn't want to do something. How did you get this job done?
- Listen to Acts 2:25 again. How does this verse remind you that God has given all the help you need to share Jesus with others?

Questions for Middle School and Above

- Give at least one reason why sharing Jesus is so important.
- With someone specifically in mind, what can you do to prepare yourself to share the love of Jesus with him (or her)?

Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus, forgive us for the times we have been afraid to talk about you. May we always remember you are with us and you have given us everything we need. Help us share your wonderful, saving love with others. Amen.