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Series: Jesus: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God

Title: Jesus: Counselor

Text: Isaiah 9:6-7



Introduction:

- In the ancient context, the counselor was a **Royal Strategist** who stood at the King's right hand to devise war plans and kingdom policy.
- Counselor King Jesus is counseled by **no one** (Isa. 8:10; 40:13–14). He is the full counsel of God made manifest.

The Counselor's nature and character are the source of all the guidance we need:

C - Center of God's eternal design.

Jesus' counsel is the foundation of reality itself. (Prov. 3:19; John 1:1-3)

O – Ordains the world and eternity.

Jesus is the Royal Strategist whose sovereign plan will come to pass. (Psalm 33:8-11)

U – Unfathomable in all His judgments.

Jesus is the Source without source and without ending. (Rom. 11:33-34)

N - Near to all who call on Him.

Jesus is Immanuel—God with us—ever present and accessible. (Ps. 145:18; Acts 17:26-27)

S - Shepherd who guides His people.

Jesus is the Counselor Shepherd who leads with truth and tenderness. (Ps. 23; John 10:14)

Jesus guards and lays down His life for the sheep. (John 10:11, 27-28)

E - Eternal in purpose and plan.

Jesus' counsel does not change. (Heb. 13:8)

His plan secures eternal life for all who believe & follow His counsel. (1 John 2:17; John 10:28)

L - Light which leads the way in darkness.

1. Through His **Incarnation**. (Isa. 9:2; John 1:4-5, 14)

2. Through His **Revelation**. (Ps. 119:24)

3. Through the **Holy Spirit**. (Isa. 11:2; John 15:26; 1 Cor. 2:9-10)

Conclusion: True wisdom isn't knowing everything; true wisdom is knowing the **ONE** who does.

Questions to Consider:

1. Where are you currently tempted to take a quick-fix shortcut in your life instead of following God's proven path?
2. What piece of advice (from culture or your own heart) feels sincere but does not align with God's absolute truth?
3. The Counselor's advice is a sovereign decree (**Ordains**). What burden does this remove from you, knowing the ultimate plan is already settled and certain?
4. What specific struggle or confusion can you bring to Christ this week, trusting that *Immanuel* (**Near**) understands and is present? (Ps. 145:18)
5. The Counselor's plan is **Eternal**. How would you live differently this week if you were absolutely certain that your main worry is covered by His eternal plan? (John 10:28)
6. The Wise Men knelt before the infant King. What concrete choice can you make this week to **consult the King** instead of relying on your own intellect?

PARENTS: Here are the answers and supplemental material for the children's handout.

C - Center	Center: Jesus is the starting Center of everything. He made it all! (John 1:1-3)	Since Jesus made the world, He knows how it works and what you need.
O - Ordains	Ordains: Jesus has the perfect plan and his plans will never fail.	You don't need to worry! Jesus' plans are completely wise and good!
U - Unending	Unending: His wisdom is Unfathomable —it has no bottom!	You will never find the end of His knowledge. He always has the right answer for every problem.
N - Near	Near: Jesus is Near to you! (Psalm 145:18)	He is not far away. You can talk to Him anytime, anywhere! He wants to hear your problems.
S - Shepherd	Shepherd: Jesus Shepherds us. He leads us safely. (John 10:11)	He watches over you like a Good Shepherd watches His sheep. He protects and guides you.
E - Eternal	Eternal: Jesus's promises are Eternal—they last forever! (Hebrews 13:8)	You never have to worry about Jesus changing His mind. If He promises to save you, it's forever!
L - Light	Light: Jesus is the Light that shows us the way.	When you feel lost or scared, His Word and His Spirit show you the next right step.