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The literal translation of *Everlasting Father*:

Jesus is the "Father of Eternity."

John 10:28-30 (NLT)

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

This verse prophesied Jesus 700 years before His birth.

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4 Names of Jesus in this passage:

- **Wonderful Counselor**

John 14:26 (TPT)

But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like me who sets you free, he will teach you all things in my name. And he will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you.

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Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."

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Long before you gave birth to the earth and before the mountains were born, you have been from everlasting to everlasting, the one and only true God.

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Jesus is the Prince of Peace = Sar-Shalom

The world of Isaiah and our world today:

- **A world of despair** – Isaiah 1:2-4 (NLT)
- **A world of dejection** – Isaiah 1:7 (NLT)
- **A world of desperation** – Isaiah 1:11-13 (NLT)

There is still hope – Isaiah 1:18 (NLT)

4 Ways Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor:

1

Jesus is the most compassionate counselor because of His empathy.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT)

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Colossians 2:3 (AMPC)

In Him all the treasures of divine wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God) and all the riches of spiritual knowledge and enlightenment are stored up and lie hidden.

So, tell Jesus what I'm feeling, because He can handle it all.

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Jesus is the most caring counselor about any problem we're facing.

1 Peter 5:7 (TPT)

Pour out all your worries and stress upon him and leave them there, for he always tenderly cares for you.

Matthew 6:25-26 (TPT)

“This is why I tell you to never be worried about your life, for all that you need will be provided, such as food, water, clothing—everything your body needs. Isn’t there more to your life than a meal? Isn’t your body more than clothing? “Consider the birds—do you think they worry about their existence? They don’t plant or reap or store up food, yet your heavenly Father provides them each with food. Aren’t you much more valuable to your Father than they?”

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Jesus is the most comforting counselor who gives us real rest.

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How does Jesus, our Counselor, speak to us?

- Through the Bible - Psalm 119:105 (NLT)
- Through the Holy Spirit - John 16:13 (TPT)
- Through the church - Proverbs 15:22 (MSG)

Remember, the church is the hands and feet of our Wonderful Counselor.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

Isaiah 61:1-2 a (NLT)

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD’s favor has come...

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Jesus is our committed counselor who will carry us through this life into the next.

Colossians 1:11-14 (NLT)

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Jesus' commitment is:

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“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

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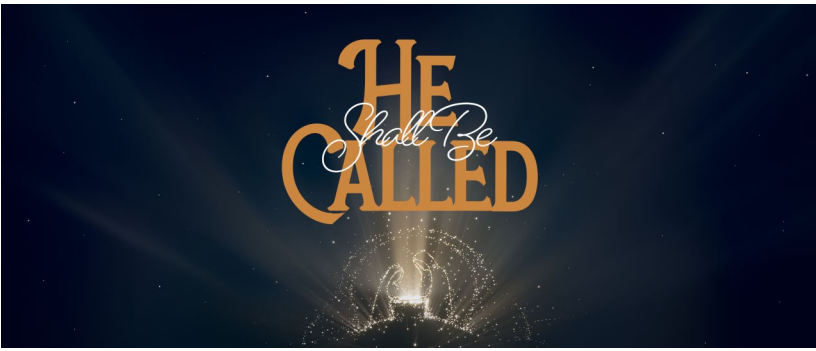
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- To lead us into eternity.

John 5:24 (TPT)

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