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Encouragement in Isolation

Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. Genesis 28:15

... And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20b

When do you feel the most lonely?

Who are your closest friends? Do you have people with whom you can discuss the joys and sorrows of ministry?

Who are the people praying for you regularly? Are you able to share honestly with them about your life?

What fears might be holding you back from connecting honestly with a friend, a counselor, or a fellow pastor?

Holy Father, be near. Precious Son, be near. Comforting Spirit, be near. You promised to never leave me alone, yet I often feel alone. Grant me a sense of your presence even on difficult days. Send fellow believers into my life who can encourage me and lift me up in prayer even as I encourage and pray for my people. Show me you keep your promises. In your Son's name, who sent His Spirit to be my comforter. Amen.