

## **Trinity's Desert Voice**

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(Romans 15:5)

## **Staying in Touch with God**

Where is Jesus today? Some 2000 years ago He ascended away from the first disciples' sight. True, He said, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Yet today many people wonder, "Where is God? How can I know He is there with me?"

Where is God? He is working in and through His Word, given long ago. In Romans 15:4 we read, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." God promises that He is speaking to us every time we are confronted with our own sins through His Word. He also assures us in the Scriptures that His forgiveness is established and real for all who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

God's presence with us in this way comforts and directs us through our pilgrimage in life. St. Paul wrote to the struggling church at Rome, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus" (Romans 15:5). The unity we have and confess in His enduring Scriptures actually shows itself to those around us and to the world at large.

Where is Jesus today? In His powerful promises He goes before us to lead us. He also comes alongside us to comfort. It's good to be in touch with Him.

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