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“And I will pray (ask, request) the Father, and He will give you another (*állos* – another of the same kind, not another as in different) Helper (*paraklētos* – just like Jesus), that He may abide (*menō*) with you (how long) forever—

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