

FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, we often find ourselves riding a rollercoaster of emotions. A year filled with teaching, guiding, encouraging, and praying for our students is coming to a close. For dedicated educators, there's an inevitable moment of reflection during which we wonder if we've done enough. Exhaustion quietly creeps in, threatening to drain the last of our energy. Yet, deep down, we all share the same desire – to finish strong and remain faithful to the calling we've been given. In moments like these, turning to God's Word for strength and direction is essential.

Read [Isaiah 40:28-31](#).

What stands out to you most in this passage? In practical terms, where are you needing God's strength?

Make no mistake. Words like *weak* and *powerless* in these verses are terms that describe all of us. When was the last time you asked the One who never becomes weary to renew your strength? When you feel tired or discouraged, lean on His strength. You don't have to do it alone. Remember, the Lord has called you to this mission, and He will sustain you to finish strong.

Who are the recipients of God's gracious strengthening (verse 31)?

Only those who believe in God's Word and submit to it can experience His spiritual power in their daily lives. God always provides enough strength for today, transforming us whether or not He changes our circumstances. Trust in Him, and you will finish the year strong.

Read [Psalm 37:3-6](#).

What are we called to do in verses 3-5? Just list the verbs.

List the actions God will perform as a result.

God has so much He desires to do for us. We often limit Him when we try to finish strong by relying solely on our own strength. This is a call to entrust our plans, dreams, and daily tasks to God. By committing everything to Him, we acknowledge His sovereignty over every area of our lives. Trusting in God means letting go of control and recognizing that He is faithful to guide and support us in all things. Only then can we truly finish strong.

Lord, thank You for the privilege of serving as an educator. As the school year comes to a close, I pray for Your strength and perseverance to finish well. Help me to remember the impact I am making in the lives of my students, even in the midst of challenges. I trust in Your guidance and lean on Your strength to carry me through these final days. May all that I do bring glory to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9 (NIV)*

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