

# YOU WERE NEVER MEANT TO SERVE A L O N E

*5 Devotions for Christian Educators on  
Strength, Community, and Encouragement*

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TWO PEOPLE ARE BETTER OFF THAN ONE, FOR THEY CAN HELP EACH OTHER SUCCEED. IF ONE PERSON FALLS, THE OTHER CAN REACH OUT AND HELP. BUT SOMEONE WHO FALLS ALONE IS IN REAL TROUBLE. **ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10**

# INTRODUCTION



**You were never meant to serve alone.**

Education is a calling that requires wisdom, courage, and perseverance. Every day educators step into spaces where they influence lives by guiding students, supporting families, and making decisions that shape the future. However, there are many serving in education who quietly carry these heavy responsibilities. The work can feel isolating.

Scripture reminds us of a powerful truth: God never intended for His people to serve alone. From the earliest pages of the Bible to the life of the early church, God consistently calls His people into community. We are strengthened when we encourage one another, pray for one another, and share both burdens and victories.

These short devotionals were created to remind Christian educators of that truth. Whether you serve as a teacher, administrator, counselor, support staff member, or mentor, your role matters deeply. The relationships you build with fellow believers can sustain and strengthen you in ways you may not even realize.

These five devotionals explore what Scripture teaches about fellowship, encouragement, and shared strength. My hope is that they will remind you that God is present in your work and that He strengthens us through the people He places around us.

If you desire to live out your faith more intentionally in education, I encourage you to explore the message in my book, *Taking Jesus to School: The Fruit of the Spirit on Display*. Together, we can encourage one another to faithfully reflect Christ wherever God has placed us.

**Jackie**

# Day 1

## Designed for Community

READ ECCLESIASTES 4:9–10

Education is meaningful work, but it can also be isolating. Teachers close their classroom doors. Administrators privately bear the burden of difficult decisions. Support staff serve quietly behind the scenes.

From the very beginning, God designed His people for community. Serving in education was never meant to be a solo assignment. When we walk alongside other believers, we gain strength, encouragement, and perspective. Someone is there to celebrate victories, share burdens, and lift us when we stumble.

God often strengthens His people through His people. Today, remember an important truth. You do not have to carry your calling alone.



*Lord, thank You for placing people in my life who encourage and strengthen me. Help me seek out community and be a source of encouragement to others. In Jesus' name, amen.*

# Day 2

## Sharpened by One Another

READ PROVERBS 27:17

God often shapes our growth through the people around us. A trusted colleague may offer wisdom when you are unsure. A fellow educator may challenge you to grow in patience or leadership. A friend in Christ may speak truth when discouragement creeps in.

Sharpening is not always comfortable, but it is always beneficial. Christian community refines our thinking, strengthens our faith, and keeps our hearts aligned with God's purposes.

Believers who grow the most are those who allow others to sharpen them. We will stagnate in our Christian journey if we are unwilling to surround ourselves with honest voices.



*Father, thank You for the people who challenge and strengthen my faith. Help me listen with humility and grow through the wisdom of others. In Jesus' name, amen.*

# Day 3

## Sharing the Weight

READ GALATIANS 6:2

Every educator carries weight.

- Students with difficult stories
- Parents with deep concerns
- Staff needing support
- Decisions that affect many lives

These responsibilities are significant, but they were never meant to be carried alone. When believers support one another, the weight becomes lighter. A conversation, a prayer, or a word of encouragement can strengthen someone more than we realize.

Shared burdens create stronger communities.

Today, ask yourself this question: Whose burden might God be inviting me to help carry? God has placed someone in your life who needs support.



*Lord, give me eyes to see the burdens others are carrying. Help me reflect Your love by offering encouragement and support. In Jesus' name, amen.*

# Day 4

## Encouragement Protects the Heart

READ HEBREWS 3:13

Discouragement is one of the greatest challenges in education. Long days, demanding situations, and constant responsibilities can slowly wear down even the most faithful servant.

That is why Scripture calls believers to encourage one another regularly. Encouragement strengthens hearts, renews hope, and reminds us of God's faithfulness. Encouragement breathes life into those who have grown weary in their work.

Sometimes a simple word—"I appreciate you," "I'm praying for you," or "You're making a difference"—can restore someone's strength. Encouragement is more powerful than we realize.

Who is God calling you to encourage today?



*God, help me be intentional about encouraging others today. Use my words to strengthen hearts and remind others of Your faithfulness. In Jesus' name, amen.*

# Day 5

## Stronger Together

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

The body of Christ was never designed for independence. Every believer has a role. Every person brings unique gifts to the table. When those gifts work in harmony with each other, the entire body becomes stronger.

This is especially true in education. Administrators, teachers, aides, counselors, office staff, bus drivers, volunteers, and mentors—all play a part in shaping lives. When we support one another spiritually, emotionally, and professionally, the impact multiplies.

We cannot function as God intended when we work in isolation from one another. God's work is always stronger when His people walk and serve together. There is strength in unity.



*Lord, thank You for the many people serving in education. Help us work together with unity, humility, and encouragement. In Jesus' name, amen.*

## STAY CONNECTED



If these devotionals encouraged you, we would love to continue supporting you in your journey as a Christian educator.

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"LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS."

**HEBREWS 10:24**