

## NEVER ALONE: Five Promises for the School Year Ahead

As a new school year begins, your to-do list may feel endless—lesson plans, classroom setup, student needs, meetings. You might even feel a knot of anxiety about the unknowns. *What challenges will I face this year? Will I have the strength for all that's ahead?* Answers to these questions can be found in God's Word.

Read [Isaiah 41:10](#) in several translations.

This is God's personal reassurance in the midst of worries. Notice the **five promises** tucked into this verse.

1. *"I am with you."* You are never alone in your daily work.
2. *"I am your God."* He has full authority over your circumstances.
3. *"I will strengthen you."* When your energy runs out, His never will.
4. *"I will help you."* You don't have to do it all in your own ability.
5. *"I will uphold you."* Even when you feel like you're falling, His hand sustains you.

***Which of these promises do you need to embrace right now? Why?***

Isaiah 41 reminds us that **God is present, powerful, and personal**. He doesn't just rule nations. He walks into every situation and every circumstance with us. As educators, it's easy to rely on our own plans and experience. However, God invites us to lean on Him daily.

***What aspect of your teaching life do you need to surrender to God's strength today?***

Read [Isaiah 41:13](#).

In the ancient world (and throughout the Bible) the right hand represents strength, power, and authority. In **Isaiah 41:10** God assured His people that His full strength and authority—not their power—would sustain them.

***Why do you think he mentioned "our" right hand in verse 13?***

Here, the imagery becomes even more intimate. God not only uses His right hand to hold us up, but He also takes our right hand like a loving father leading a child. God is a relational God. He never lets go. This school year, let Isaiah 41:10 be your anchor. Write the verse on a sticky note for your desk. Post it inside your planner. Pray it over your classroom. The One who called you to teach will not leave you to do it alone.

*Father, thank You for Your promise to be with me. When I feel weak or afraid, remind me that You are my strength and my help. Hold me up by Your righteous right hand and guide me through this school year. Amen.*

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