

**God is where  
courage comes from.**

**isaiah 41–42:9**

# The “BANI” world:

- Brittle
- Anxious
- Non-linear
- Incomprehensible

**How do we respond to that?**



“Adults keep saying we owe it to the young people, to give them hope, but I don’t want your hope. I don’t want you to be hopeful.

I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. ...

I want you to act as if the house is on fire, because it is.”

Reality is where **panic** comes from.

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Ultimate Reality is where courage comes from.

# Isaiah 41

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  - so if He is on your side,  
you can take courage (v8-20)
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- Exhibit A: raising up Cyrus (v2-4)
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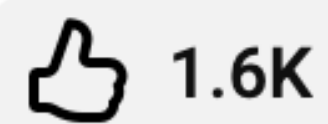
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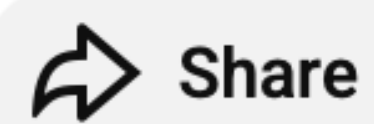
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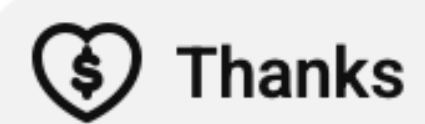
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(v8-20)

- Defeat of all enemies (v11-13)
- Removal of all obstacles (v14-16)
- Meeting of all needs (v17-19)

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- ▶ Jesus - see Matthew 3 & 12

Whoever you are,  
with Jesus  
there is hope for you.

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or barely hanging on,

Jesus is gentle with us.



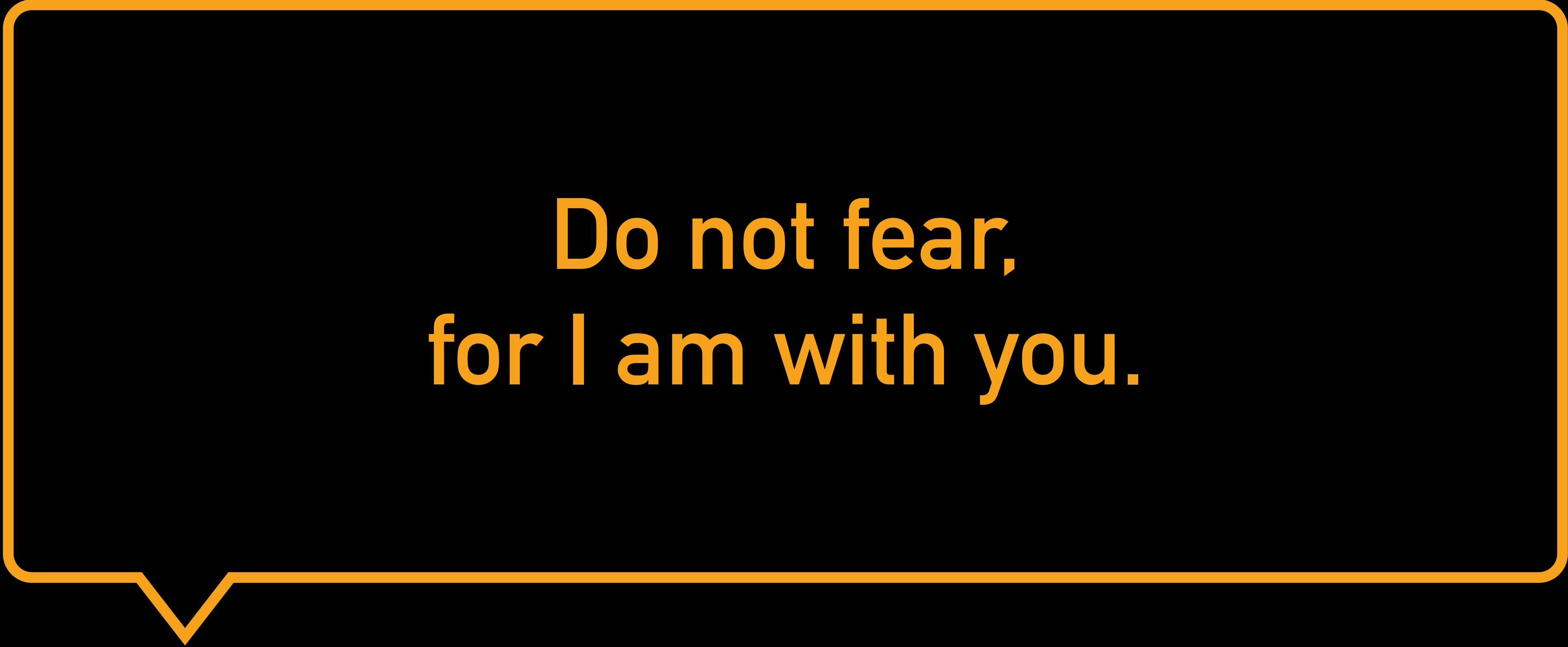
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because the Ultimate Reality is Jesus.



**Do not fear,  
for I am with you.**