

Isaiah

Major Theme in Isaiah: *Do not be Afraid!*

Be careful, keep calm, and **don't be afraid.** 7:4

Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy, and **do not fear** what they fear, and do not dread it. 8:12

Therefore, this is what the Lord, the LORD Almighty, says: "O my people who live in Zion, **do not be afraid** of the Assyrians who beat you with a rod and lift up a club against you, as Egypt did. 10:24

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, **do not fear**; your God will come, he will come with vengeance . . ." 35:4

This is what the LORD says: "**Do not be afraid** of what you have heard—those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me." 37:6

So **do not fear**, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. . . . For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "**Do not fear**; I will help you." **Do not be afraid**, O worm Jacob, O little Israel. 41:10.13-14

This is what the LORD says—he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: **Do not be afraid**, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. 44:2

I, even I, am he who comforts you. **Who are you that you fear** mortal men, the sons of men, who are but grass . . . 51:12

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. **Do not fear** disgrace; you will not be humiliated. 54:4

What do you fear?

~~Red Sox curse striking again~~

Violence - (war, terrorist attacks, crime)

Election - (What if my candidate doesn't win?)

Health - (surgery, cancer, illness, medical costs, overcoming addictions)

Career/Job - (unemployment, stress, workplace politics)

Marriage - (marital problems, divorced/single-parent issues concerns about spouse, singleness)

Children - (educational, social, developmental, spiritual, or physical concerns, infertility)

Parents - (parents' marriage, caring for elderly parents, conflict with parents)

Relationships/Family

School - (grades, sports, friends, bullies, applications)

Finances - (bills, taxes, income levels)

Legal issues

Travel/Relocation

People - (fear of rejection, trust issues, need for approval)

Church - (facility needs, growing pains, ministry issues, conflict with other Christians, church shopping)

Failure

Death