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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

ISAIAH 41:10

At the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, British runner Derek Redmond was a favorite for a medal in the 400m race. But just 150 meters into the semi-final, tragedy struck—his hamstring snapped, sending him crashing to the track in pain.

Redmond had already endured multiple surgeries and heartbreak, including being forced to withdraw from the previous Olympics. Yet this time, he was determined to finish.

Summoning all he had, Derek rose and began hobbling forward on one leg. Suddenly, the crowd gasped as a man broke through security—it was his father, Jim. Wrapping an arm around his son, Jim supported him every step of the way. Near the finish line, Derek released his father's arm and crossed alone—an unforgettable moment of courage and love.

Isn't that exactly what Jesus does for us? He runs to us when we fall, tenderly lifting us in our weakest moments.

God's promise in Isaiah 41:10 says it best: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Derek didn't win a medal that day, but he won something greater—the world witnessed a father's unwavering love. In the race of life, we have a Savior who does the same, carrying us when we cannot go on.

Life's race will have hurdles, injuries, and moments of utter weakness. But take heart—victory doesn't depend on our strength; it rests on Jesus Christ. He wore the crown. He paid the cost. And when you feel like you can't take another step, remember: you're never walking alone.

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