

# 1 Chronicles 28:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

## Analysis

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David's encouragement 'Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee' echoes God's words to Joshua (Joshua 1:5-9). This parallel is deliberate - as Joshua succeeded Moses in bringing Israel into the promised land, Solomon succeeds David in building God's house. The promise of divine presence ('will be with thee') grounds courage. The double negative ('will not fail... nor forsake') provides absolute assurance. This covenant faithfulness finds ultimate expression in Christ's promise to His church (Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5).

## Historical Context

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Building the temple was Israel's most ambitious project, requiring unprecedented resources, organization, and international cooperation. Solomon needed divine presence more than human wisdom or wealth to accomplish this sacred task.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What daunting task is God calling you to where you need His promise 'I will be with you'?
2. How does Christ's promise never to leave or forsake you provide courage for daily obedience?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר	וְדָוִד	לְשֹׁלֹמֹה	בְּנוֹ	חֲזָק	וְעִם		
said	And David	to Solomon	his son	Be strong	and of good courage		
H559	H1732	H8010	H1121	H2388	H553		
וְעַשׂ	אֵל	תִּירָא	וְאַל	תִּתַּח	כִּי	יְהוָה:	אֱלֹהֵי
and do	H408	it fear	H408	not nor be dismayed	H3588	for the LORD	God
H6213		H3372		H2865		H3068	H430
אֱלֹהֵי	ל	א	עִמָּךְ	יִרְפָּךְ	וְלֹא	יַעֲזֹבְךָ	
God	H5973	H3808	will be with thee	he will not fail	H3808	thee nor forsake	
H430			H7503			H5800	
עַד	לְכֹל	וְעַתָּה	כָּל	מְלַכְתְּךָ	עֲבוֹדָתְךָ	בֵּיתְךָ	
H5704	thee until thou hast finished		H3605	all the work	for the service	of the house	
	H3615			H4399	H5656	H1004	
יְהוָה:							
for the LORD							
H3068							

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 22:13** (Good): Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

**Isaiah 41:10** (References God): Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

**Romans 8:31** (References God): What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

**1 Corinthians 16:13** (Parallel theme): Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

**Hebrews 13:5** (Parallel theme): Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

**Isaiah 41:13** (References God): For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

**1 Chronicles 28:10** (References Lord): Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.