

# FATHER'S DAY



# Father's Hand

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**8 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us. 9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and**



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**uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; 11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, 12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.**



“I felt a hand...”

- Walking is wonderful:
  - We celebrate/boast about our kids walking
  - Means of communion, conversation
  - Paul was an amazing walker...
  - Barnabas, Timothy, Titus, Mark, Luke...  
Demas, Crescens, Tychicus, A&P,

# A “father’s” compassion

- “fond affection... so very dear to us”
  - Bond that touches...
  - Created touch: Genesis 2:7 *yatsar, 22 banah*
  - Paul touched and enjoyed fellowship
  - Father WANTS the “connection”



# Deuteronomy

**1:31 and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked until you came to this place.'**

**32:6 "Do you thus repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is not He your Father who has bought you? He has made you and established you.**



# A “father’s” comfort

- “others” focus

- Fathers store up for children...

- Paul worked with his own hands

- No burden to them – free Gospel truth!

- In good and bad, His hand “works” ...

- Seeing the “need” in others...



## **Psalms...**

**Psalm 10:12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand. Do not forget the afflicted.**

**Psalm 95:7 For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

**Psalm 31:15 My times are in Thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.**

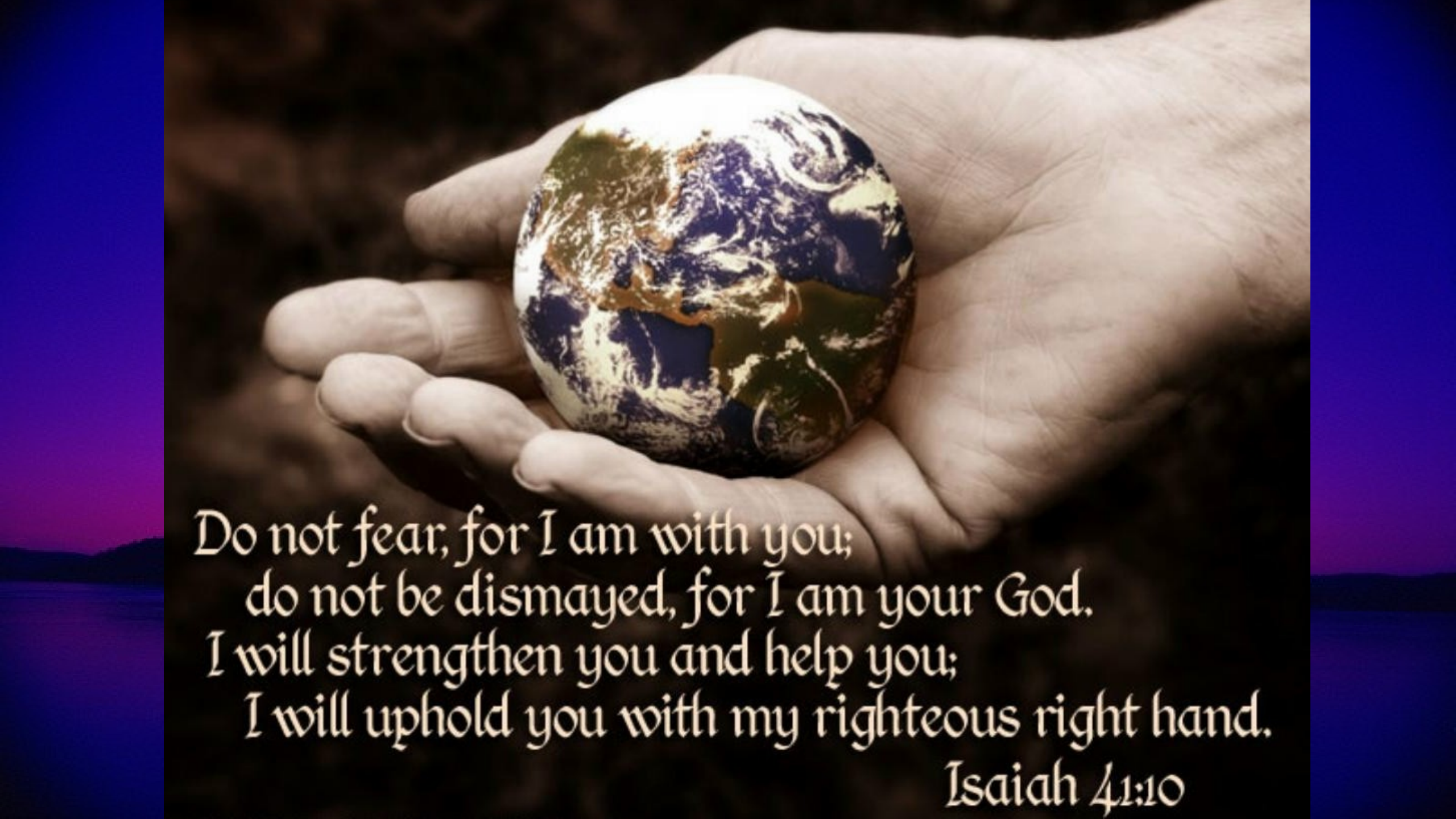
# A “fathers” concern

- Behavior = upright and blameless
- Living consistently:
  - exhorting, encouraging, imploring
  - To be doctors? Lawyers? Wealthy?
  - TO WALK WORTHY OF GOD WHO CALLS...
  - His KINGDOM and GLORY!



**Jeremiah 32:17 ‘Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,**

**Psalm 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.**

A close-up photograph of a human hand, palm up, holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The globe shows continents and oceans in detail. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

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