

Isaiah 54: 4

Don't Be Afraid!

“Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace, for you will not be humiliated.”

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This verse was a major theme in my teaching career. So many of my students were afraid of math. So many students have been embarrassed, even disgraced and humiliated, in previous math classes and made to feel that they would NEVER be able to learn math. My goal as a teacher in the classroom was to NEVER embarrass or humiliate a student. Teachers should always encourage students and build their confidence. In all the years that I taught from my Basic, Intermediate, and College Algebra: One Step at a Time books, I placed this verse on a page near the beginning of each book! “Do NOT be afraid” is a major theme of the Bible, applying to many fearful situations—yes, even to MATH!

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