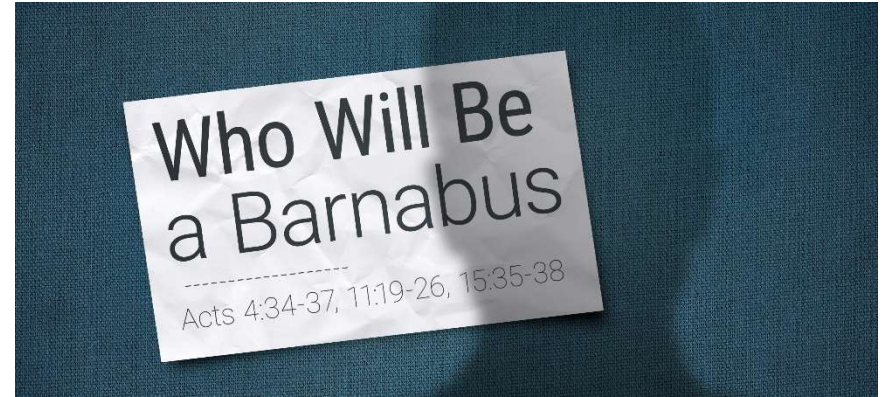


5. The _____ of Encouragement

- Encouragement helps _____.
Proverbs 12:25 *Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop but a good word maketh it glad.*
- Encouragement helps the _____.
Romans 15:1-2 *We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.*
- Encouragement helps the _____.
Ephesians 4:29 *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Have you ever been discouraged or downtrodden and needed a bit of encouragement? Maybe at this very moment, in this very service some of us are discouraged now?

Mighty men in the Bible were also discouraged, yet they went on to do great things for the Lord.

- Jeremiah was known as the weeping prophet
Jeremiah 20:14, 18 *Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed. Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?*
- Moses was discouraged over the sin of his people.
Exodus 32:32 *Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.*
- Job suffered tremendous loss and physical illness.
Job 3:11 *Why died I not from the womb? Why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?*
- Elijah was discouraged and depressed.
1 Kings 19:4 *It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.*

_____ : The act of giving someone support, confidence, or hope.

_____ : Strongly encouraging or urging someone to do something.

_____ : To instruct and improve especially in moral and religious knowledge: uplift, enlighten, encourage.

Encouragement is something that should be important to us because it is important to God. After all, He sent us the Holy Spirit, to “comfort” us.

John 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

John 14:26 *But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

John 15:26 *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*

Let’s take a deeper look into **the life of Barnabas** and see what we can learn from one of **the greatest encouragers** ever.

1. The _____ of his Encouragement

- Barnabas allowed God to lead him to be the _____ that he came to be.
- A man who wanted to do what was _____ (early disciple).
- A man who had a special talent of encouragement (son of consolation).
- He was given a name to match his _____.

2. The _____ of his Encouragement

- Barnabas stood beside _____.

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2 Timothy 4:11 *Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.*

- Barnabas encouraged the Local church. (Acts 11:19-26)

3. The _____ to his Encouragement

- He displayed his _____.

Philippians 1:20 *According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.*

- He practiced his _____.

Ecclesiastes 7:8 *Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.*

- He applied his _____.

Ephesians 4:32 *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

- He used his _____.

Ephesians 4:29 *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

4. The _____ to Encouragement (Acts 15:35-38)

- _____ (37-38)

- _____ (37-38)

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- _____ (banking term: insufficient investment or laying out of money with the expectation of profit.)