

Encourage One Another

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

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Big Idea: Encourage one another in the faith with the Gospel.

I. What is biblical encouragement? (vv. 11-12)

Comfort/Console
(Solace – refresh)

Encourage/Exhort
(Urge – persuasive discourse)

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1. Examples of encouragement in the bible

- a. Moses and Joshua (Deut. 1:38; 3:27-28)
- b. King Hezekiah and his commanders (2 Chron. 32:6-8)
- c. Jonathan and David (1 Sam. 23:15-18)
- d. Barnabas (son of encouragement) and the church (Acts 4:34-37), Paul (Acts 9:26-27),
- e. Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:20-26), John Mark (Acts 20:1-2)
- f. Apostle Paul and Ephesian disciples, churches in Macedonia (Acts 20:1-2; 1Thess. 2:11-12)

2. Flattery is not encouragement (1 Thess. 2:5)

II. Why do we need encouragement? (v. 14)

1. Suffering (1 Thess. 1:6; 3:1-4; 2 Thess. 1:4)
2. Sorrow (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
3. Sin (Heb. 3:12-13)
4. Satan (1 Thess. 3:5)

III. How do we encourage one another? (vv. 6-8)

1. Live the gospel (Walk)
2. Speak the gospel (Word)
 - a. Point out the evidence of God's grace in others lives.
 - b. Point out the work of God's grace evident in the gospel.
 - c. Point to Jesus; encourage others to see his presence, promises, and power (Heb. 12:3; 2 Timothy 4:16-18).

IV. How can you grow as an encourager?

1. Pray for God to make you an encourager.
2. Daily encourage yourself in the Lord (Jude 17-21).
3. Be full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.
4. Faithfully pray for others.

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 | 16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort (*paraklesis*) and good hope through grace, 17 comfort (*parakaleo*) your hearts and establish (*sterizo*) them in every good work and word.