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Life Together And Encouragement



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Paul's Ministry Of Encouragement

vs 1-2

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Acts 14:21-22

²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, **they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,** ²² **strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith,** and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.



Acts 15:36

³⁶ And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “**Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are.**”



Acts 18:23

²³ After spending some time in Antioch, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, **strengthening all the disciples.**



The Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's word to him. He needs him again and again when he becomes **discouraged**. He needs his brother or sister as a bearer and proclaimer of the divine word of salvation. He needs his brother or sister solely because of Jesus Christ. The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brothers is sure.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer - 'Life Together'.



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‘What builds up the church more than anything else is the ministry of God’s word as it comes to us through Scripture and Sacrament (that is the right coupling), audibly and visibly, in declaration and drama.’

- J. Stott



“There will not be any great reformation in our churches or our personal lives if such a hunger is absent. If we are content to hear one sermon a week lasting twenty minutes, then we are displaying a condition of spiritual sickness.

Unless we cultivate an appetite for the exposition of scripture, we will never grow as Christians. Instead of being among those who are always wanting less exposition, we should be among those always desiring more.”

- Derek Thomas

