



CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A BROKEN WORLD

A Call To Encouragement

Hebrews 3:13

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

- **encourage** - *parakaleo* - come alongside
- **one another** - a necessity we get from being together
 - an individual responsibility we give
- **day after day** - daily, regularly
- *Every day is a good day to encourage someone!
- *Without encouragement our hearts become hard.

Hebrews 10:24-25

24. and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

25. not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

- **stimulate** - active voice - something I do
 - present tense - ongoing, repeatedly, continuously
- **assembling together** - Greek - where we get synagogue
- *We need to be together. We need a good reason to be absent.
- *If we are not assembling, we are disassembling our spiritual lives.
- **one another** - this is a two-way street
- **encouraging** - *parakaleo* - to come alongside (a relationship word)
 - implies interacting in a positive way

1. We encourage one another by setting an example of love & good deeds.

Acts 4:32-35

32. And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.

33. And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

34. For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales

35. and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 5:1-5

1. But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,
2. and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet.
3. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land?"
4. "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceded this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."
5. And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who hear of it.

Acts 4:36-37

36. Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement),
37. and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

2. We encourage each other by believing in people when no one else does.

Acts 7:58-60

58. When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.
59. They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"
60. Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8:1-3

1. Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.
2. Some devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him.
3. But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

Acts 9:1-4

1. Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,
2. and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
3. As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;
4. and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Acts 9:19-31

19. and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus.

20. and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

21. All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

22. But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

23. When many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together to do away with him,

24. but their plot became known to Saul. They were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death;

25. but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a large basket.

26. When he came to Jerusalem, he was **trying** to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing he was a disciple.

-imperfect tense - trying and trying

27. But Barnabas **took hold of** him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in that name of Jesus.

-he physically held on to him

-Luke 23:26, Acts 16:19, 18:17

28. And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

29. And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic Jews; but they were attempting to put him to death.

30. But when the brethren learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.

31. So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

3. We encourage by letting others join in God's work.

Acts 11:19-26

19. So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

20. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.

22. The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch.

23. Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;

24. for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

25. And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul;

26. and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.

4. We encourage by letting people blossom in their giftedness.

Acts 13:1-3, 6-7, 9

1. Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2. While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

3. Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

6. When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus.

7. who was with the proconsul, Bergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

9. But Saul, who was also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze on him,

-Acts 13:13, 43, 46, 50

Acts 13:52

And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 15:36-40

36. After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are."

37. Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them also.

38. But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

39. And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.

40. But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

5. We encourage when we remain friends even when we disagree.

2 Timothy 4:11

Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.



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