

The Power of Encouragement

1 THESSALONIANS

2:19–3:13



ROME

ASIA

AFRICA

A stylized map of the Eastern Mediterranean region. The landmasses are depicted in shades of green and brown, while the sea is a deep blue. A red dot is placed on the northern coast of Greece, indicating the location of Thessalonica. The word 'ROME' is written in white capital letters over the Italian peninsula. The word 'ASIA' is written in white capital letters over the Anatolian peninsula. The word 'AFRICA' is written in white capital letters over the northern part of the African continent. The word 'THESSALONICA' is written in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the map, partially overlapping the sea and the Greek coast.

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Seven habits of highly encouraging people:

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“And we urge you, brothers...
encourage the timid...” 5:14

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“I have great confidence in you; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds.”

(2 Cor. 7:4)

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“I am glad I can have complete confidence in you!”

(2 Cor. 7:16)

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“The best leaders are more than optimists. They are futurists.”

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Question:

“Am I expecting the **best** or the **worst** from the people around me?”

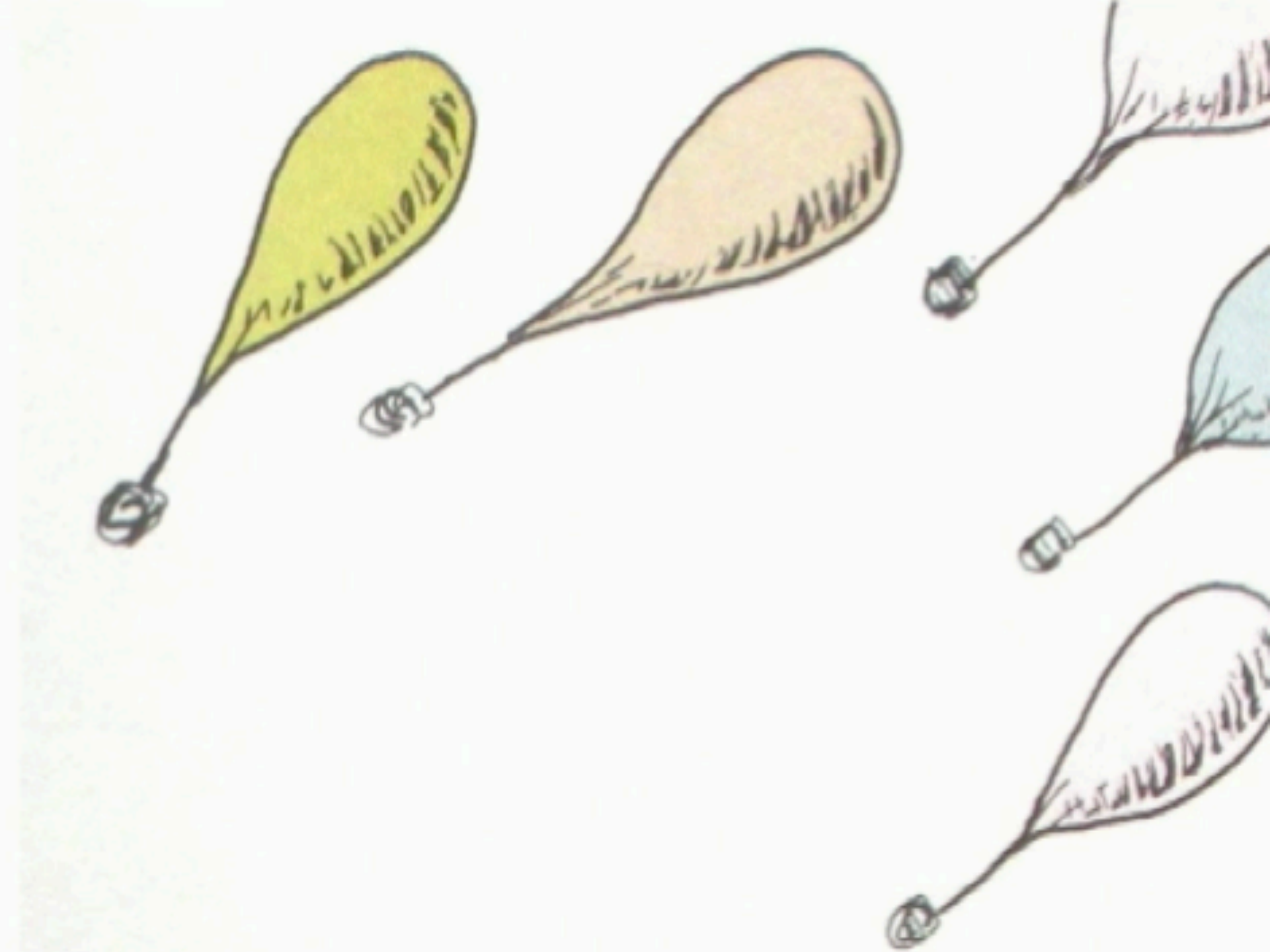
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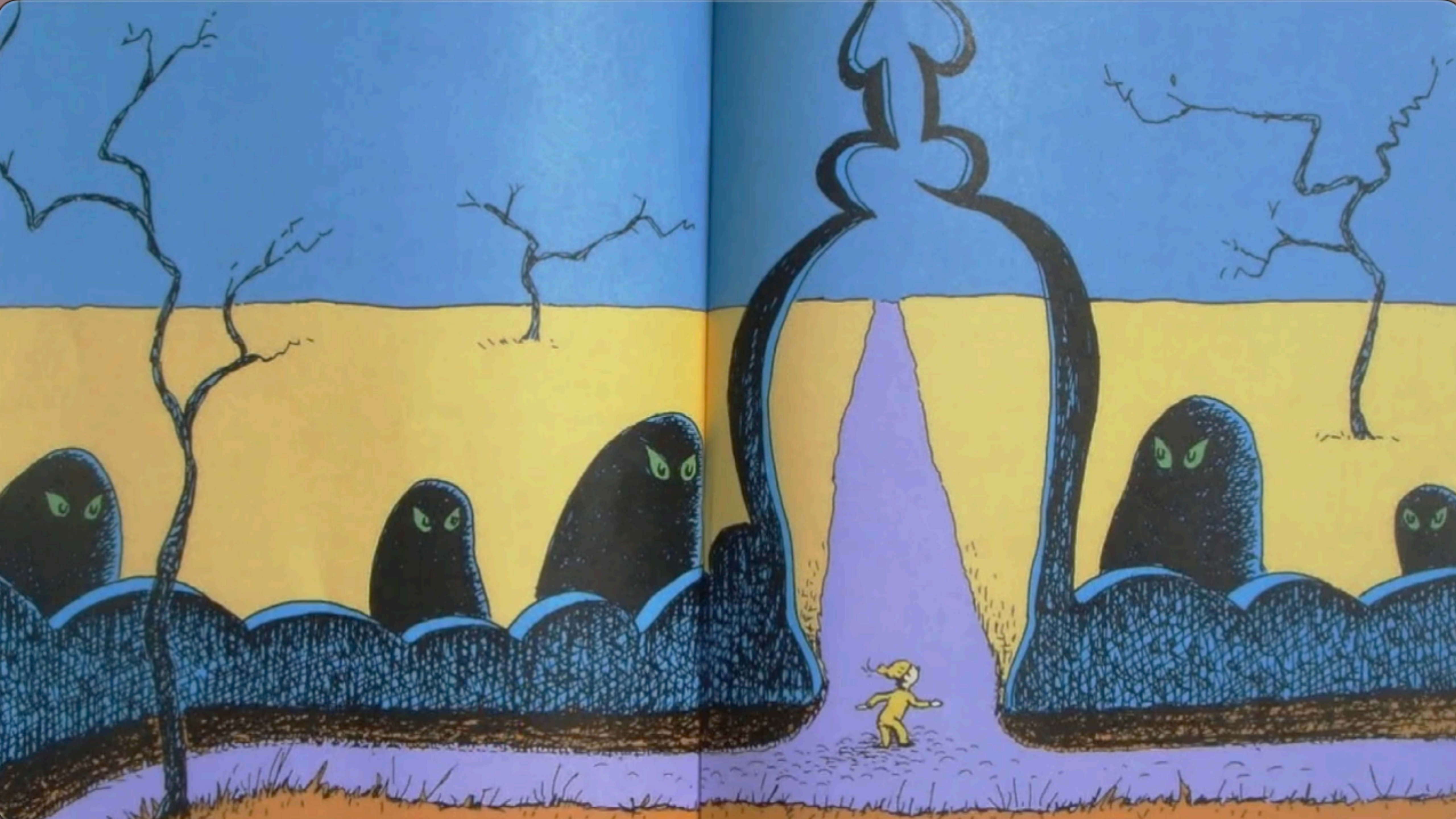
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Oh, the Places You'll Go!

By
Dr. Seuss







2. EXPLAIN PROBLEMS ARE NORMAL

“You know quite well that we were destined for them. In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know.” *(1 Thess. 3:2-4)*

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3. Expose **their**
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“Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your **faith and love**... therefore, brothers..., in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of **your faith.**” *(1 Thess. 3:6,7)*

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4. Express **your**
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“For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of God because of you?”

(1 Thess. 3:8,9)

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- Put it in writing

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5. Excel in prayer

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“Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again...”

(1 Thess. 3:10)

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6. Excite **with a challenge**

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bitter cold, long months of complete
darkness, constant danger, safe re-
turn doubtful, honor and recognition
in case of success.

Ernest Shackleton 4 Burlington st.

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pleasant...

6. EXCITE WITH A CHALLENGE

“May the Lord strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.”

(1 Thess. 3:12, 13)

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7. Exhibit **real love**

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“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.”

(1 Thess. 3:12)

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