

UNSUNG HEROES



We need heroes!

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**Heroes call us to the
best version of ourselves.**

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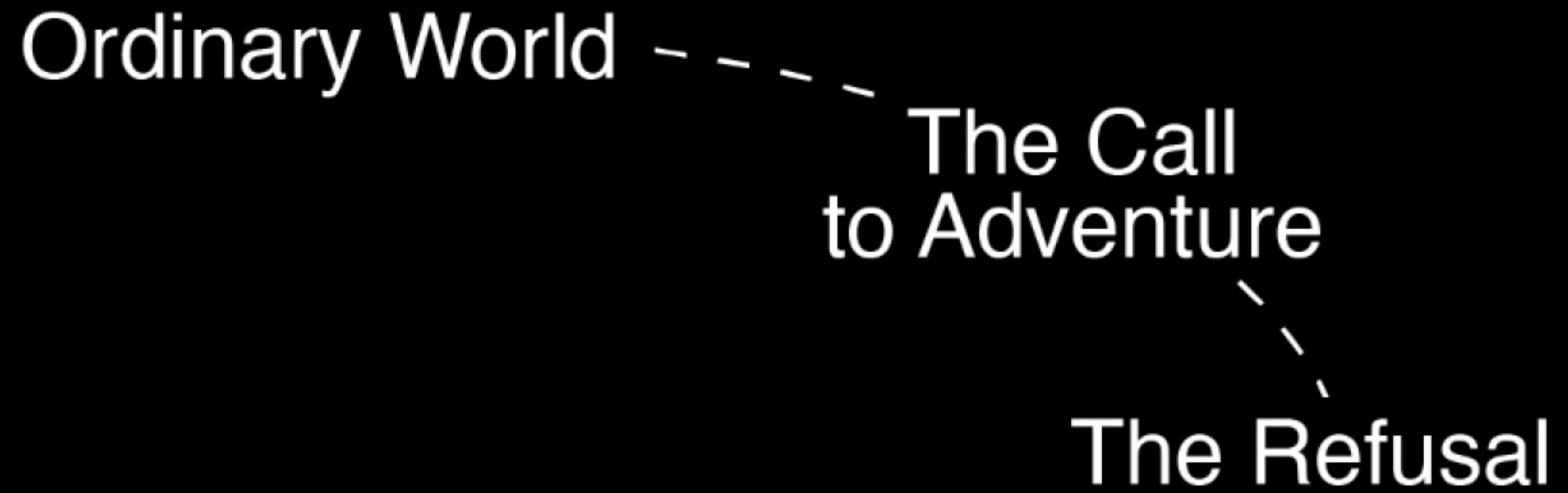
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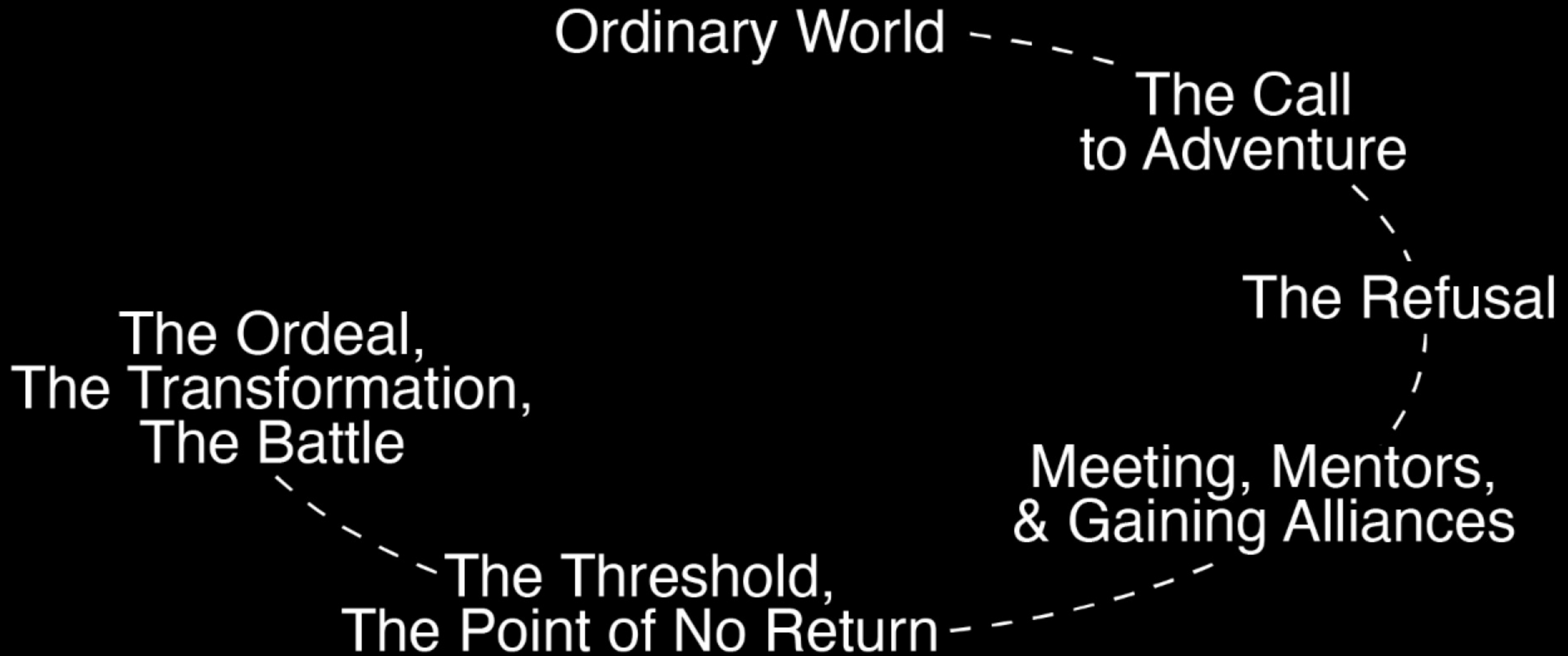
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Meeting, Mentors,
& Gaining Alliances

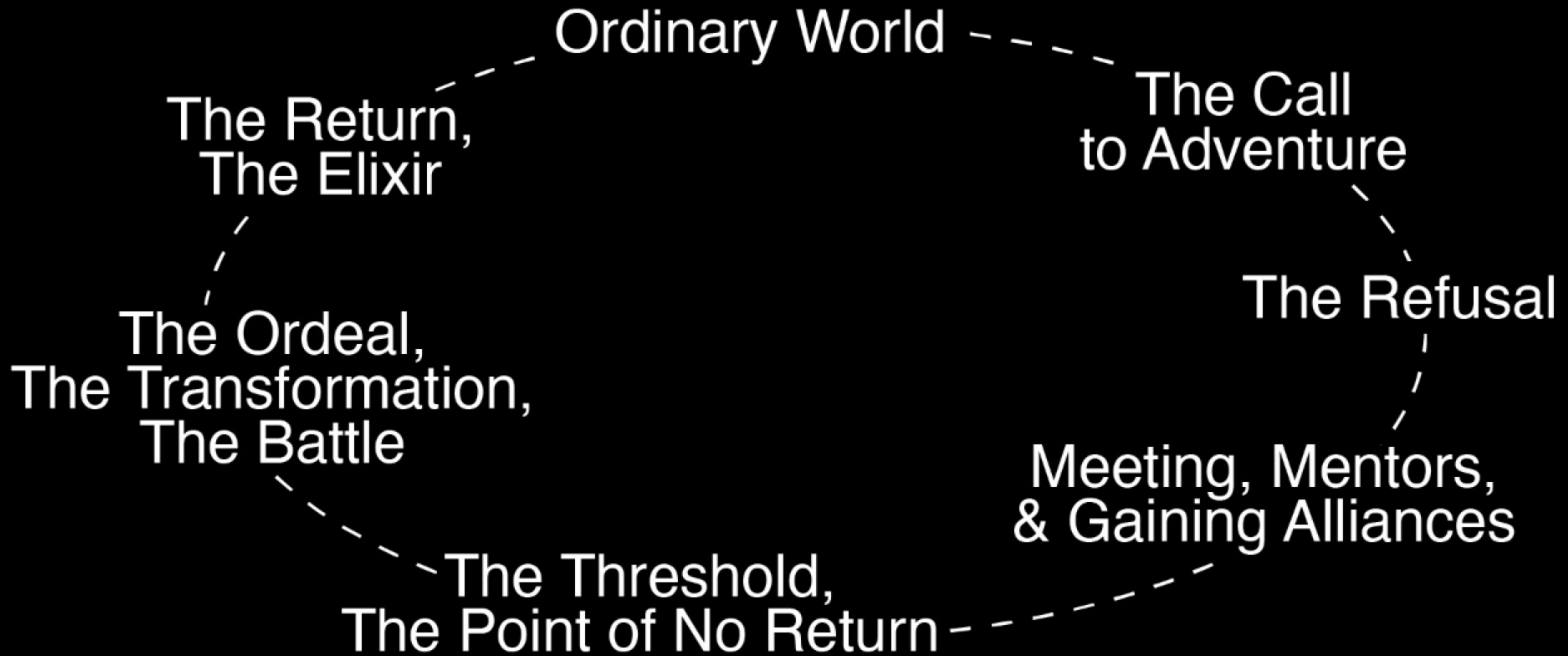
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Heroes sense an
obligation to greatness.

Joseph from Cyprus

“Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus,
whom the apostles called
Barnabas (which means “son of
encouragement”),

Acts 4:36 NIV

An Encourager

Someone who deposits life, hope, and courage into others in such a way it inspires them to be better and go further faster than they would have otherwise.

Everyone is someone who
needs encouragement.

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Fear, Frustration, Fatigue, Failure

“Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called **Barnabas** (which means “son of encouragement”), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.”

Acts 4:36-37 NIV

“When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were **all afraid** of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer!

Acts 9:26 NLT

Then...

Acts 9:27 NLT

Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and how the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them that Saul had preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus.”

Acts 9:27 NLT

Barnabas had no idea that his willingness to believe in someone and speak up for them would change the course of history.

“News of this reached the church
in Jerusalem, and they sent
Barnabas to Antioch.

Acts 11:22 NIV

When he arrived and **saw** what the grace of God had done, he was glad and **encouraged** them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.”

Acts 11:23 NIV

“Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, ‘Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.’

Acts 15:36 NIV

Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it **wise** to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

Acts 15:37-38 NIV

They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. **Barnabas** took Mark and sailed for Cyprus,”

Acts 15:39 NIV

Barnabas refused to allow someone's past to make him cynical about their future.

“Only Luke is with me. Bring **Mark** with you when you come, for he will be **helpful** to me in my ministry.”

2 Timothy 4:11 NLT

THE BARNABAS CODE

1. A Life of Gratitude

2. A Life of Contribution

3. A Life of Loyalty

4. A Life of Friendship

When you give your strength to others, invest your confidence in others, believe in others, give second chances to others, & leverage your influence & power for others... it's the heroic thing to do.

**What would being a heroic version
of Barnabas look like in your life?**