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"THE WAY WE OFTEN USE ENCOURAGEMENT TODAY, IT COULD MEAN MERE COMFORT OR AFFIRMATION. 'YOU DID A GREAT JOB ON THAT PROJECT... YOU'RE A VERY GOOD MOTHER... EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY.' BUT BIBLICAL ENCOURAGEMENT, THOUGH OFTEN RICH WITH AFFIRMATION, OFFERS SOMETHING FAR STRONGER AND MORE INVIGORATING. WHILE POOR ENCOURAGEMENT MAY INFLAME PRIDE OR CODDLE SELF-PITY, REAL ENCOURAGEMENT CULTIVATES HUMILITY, COURAGE, AND, ABOVE ALL, HOPE IN GOD. WHILE POOR ENCOURAGEMENT MIGHT JUSTIFY PASSIVITY, REAL ENCOURAGEMENT INSPIRES FRESH VIGILANCE AND FAITHFULNESS... TRUE ENCOURAGEMENT IS NOT ABOUT MAKING OTHERS FEEL BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES, BUT PREPARING THEM TO KNOW, OBEY, AND ENJOY MORE OF GOD."

—MARSHAL SEGAL

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¹AND AS THEY WERE SPEAKING TO THE PEOPLE, THE PRIESTS AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEMPLE AND THE SADDUCEES CAME UPON THEM, ²GREATLY ANNOYED BECAUSE THEY WERE TEACHING THE PEOPLE AND PROCLAIMING IN JESUS THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD. —ACTS 4:1-2

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³NOW THE FULL NUMBER OF THOSE WHO BELIEVED WERE OF ONE HEART AND SOUL, AND NO ONE SAID THAT ANY OF THE THINGS THAT BELONGED TO HIM WAS HIS OWN, BUT THEY HAD EVERYTHING IN COMMON. ⁴AND WITH GREAT POWER THE APOSTLES WERE GIVING THEIR TESTIMONY TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS, AND GREAT GRACE WAS UPON THEM ALL. ⁵THERE WAS NOT A NEEDY PERSON AMONG THEM, FOR AS MANY AS WERE OWNERS OF LANDS OR HOUSES SOLD THEM AND BROUGHT THE PROCEEDS OF WHAT WAS SOLD ⁶AND LAID IT AT THE APOSTLES' FEET, AND IT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO EACH AS ANY HAD NEED. ⁷THUS JOSEPH, WHO WAS ALSO CALLED BY THE APOSTLES **BARNABAS** (WHICH MEANS SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT), A LEVITE, A NATIVE OF CYPRUS, ⁸SOLD A FIELD THAT BELONGED TO HIM AND BROUGHT THE MONEY AND LAID IT AT THE APOSTLES' FEET. —ACTS 4:32-37

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²³LET US HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE WITHOUT WAVERING, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL. ²⁴AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS,

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²⁵NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER, AS IS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER, AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR. —HEBREWS 10:23-25

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I. ENCOURAGEMENT REFLECTS GOD'S SPIRIT IN US

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¹⁶AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER, TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER...
²¹BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS AND BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE ALL THAT I HAVE SAID TO YOU...
²⁶BUT WHEN THE HELPER COMES, WHOM I WILL SEND TO YOU FROM THE FATHER, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER, HE WILL BEAR WITNESS ABOUT ME...
²⁷NEVERTHELESS, I TELL YOU THE TRUTH: IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THAT I GO AWAY, FOR IF I DO NOT GO AWAY, THE HELPER WILL NOT COME TO YOU. BUT IF I GO, I WILL SEND HIM TO YOU. —JOHN 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7

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³BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF MERCIES AND GOD OF ALL COMFORT, ⁴WHO COMFORTS US IN ALL OUR AFFLICTION,

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SO THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO COMFORT THOSE WHO ARE IN ANY AFFLICTION, WITH THE COMFORT WITH WHICH WE OURSELVES ARE COMFORTED BY GOD. —2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

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THERE IS ONE WHOSE RASH WORDS ARE LIKE
SWORD THRUSTS, BUT THE TONGUE OF THE WISE
BRINGS HEALING. —PROVERBS 12:18

GRACIOUS WORDS ARE LIKE A HONEYCOMB,
SWEETNESS TO THE SOUL AND HEALTH TO THE BODY.
—PROVERBS 16:24

DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE,
AND THOSE WHO LOVE IT WILL EAT ITS FRUITS.
—PROVERBS 18:21

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LET NO CORRUPTING TALK COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTHS,
BUT ONLY SUCH AS IS GOOD FOR BUILDING UP, AS FITS THE OCCASION,
THAT IT MAY GIVE GRACE TO THOSE WHO HEAR. —EPHESIANS 4:29

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DON'T USE FOUL OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE. LET EVERYTHING YOU SAY
BE GOOD AND HELPFUL, SO THAT YOUR WORDS WILL BE AN
ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE WHO HEAR THEM. —EPHESIANS 4:29 (NLT)

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2. ENCOURAGEMENT INVESTS IN AND INSPIRES OTHERS

- PEOPLE NEED US TO INVEST IN THEM
WITH USE OF MONIES (ACTS 4:37)

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- PEOPLE NEED US TO ENCOURAGE THEM THROUGH GIFTS OF TIME (ACTS 9:26-27)

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SO THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT ALL JUDEA AND GALILEE AND SAMARIA HAD PEACE AND WAS BEING BUILT UP, AND WALKING IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD AND IN THE COMFORT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT MULTIPLIED. —ACTS 9:31

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3. ENCOURAGEMENT OPENS DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR GREATER MINISTRY

¹⁹NOW THOSE WHO WERE SCATTERED BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTION THAT AROSE OVER STEPHEN TRAVELED AS FAR AS PHOENICIA AND CYPRUS AND ANTIOCH, SPEAKING THE WORD TO NO ONE EXCEPT JEWS... ²³WHEN HE CAME AND SAW THE GRACE OF GOD, HE WAS GLAD, AND HE EXHORTED THEM ALL TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE LORD WITH STEADFAST PURPOSE, ²⁴FOR HE WAS A GOOD MAN, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OF FAITH, AND A GREAT MANY PEOPLE WERE ADDED TO THE LORD. ²⁵SO BARNABAS WENT TO TARSUS TO LOOK FOR SAUL, ²⁶AND WHEN HE HAD FOUND HIM, HE BROUGHT HIM TO ANTIOCH. FOR A WHOLE YEAR THEY MET WITH THE CHURCH AND TAUGHT A GREAT MANY PEOPLE. AND IN ANTIOCH THE DISCIPLES WERE FIRST CALLED CHRISTIANS. —ACTS 11:19, 23-26

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4. ENCOURAGEMENT EXPRESSES FAITH IN GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

²WHILE THEY WERE WORSHIPING THE LORD AND FASTING, THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID, "SET APART FOR ME BARNABAS AND SAUL FOR THE WORK TO WHICH I HAVE CALLED THEM." ³THEN AFTER FASTING AND PRAYING THEY LAID THEIR HANDS ON THEM AND SENT THEM OFF. —ACTS 13:2-3

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³⁶AND 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." ³⁷NOW BARNABAS WANTED TO TAKE WITH THEM JOHN CALLED MARK. ³⁸BUT PAUL THOUGHT BEST NOT TO TAKE WITH THEM ONE WHO HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THEM IN PAMPHYLIA AND HAD NOT GONE WITH THEM TO THE WORK. ³⁹AND THERE AROSE A SHARP DISAGREEMENT, SO THAT THEY SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER. BARNABAS TOOK MARK WITH HIM AND SAILED AWAY TO CYPRUS, ⁴⁰BUT PAUL CHOSE SILAS AND DEPARTED, HAVING BEEN COMMENDED BY THE BROTHERS TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD. ⁴¹AND HE WENT THROUGH SYRIA AND CILICIA, STRENGTHENING THE CHURCHES. —ACTS 15:36-41

LUKE ALONE IS WITH ME. GET MARK AND BRING HIM WITH YOU, FOR HE IS VERY USEFUL TO ME FOR MINISTRY.
—2 TIMOTHY 4:11

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FATHERS, DO NOT PROVOKE YOUR CHILDREN TO ANGER, BUT BRING THEM UP IN THE DISCIPLINE AND INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD. —EPHESIANS 6:4

FATHERS, DO NOT PROVOKE YOUR CHILDREN, LEST THEY BECOME DISCOURAGED.
—COLOSSIANS 3:21

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